

**SHELAH LEKHA**

MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH

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ROSH ḤODESH TAMMUZ

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### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

#### Call in Support of Comprehensive Sex Education in NY Schools

New York State spends nearly \$12 million a year on abstinence-only-until-marriage programs that multiple studies have shown do not work; yet we have no funding for comprehensive sex education. Is it any wonder that New York City's teen pregnancy rate is nearly 30% higher than the US rate and our sexually transmitted disease rates are among the highest in the country?

#### You can help! *This week:*

- Call Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno (518-455-3191) and say: "Pass the Healthy Teens Act (S.1342) before the end of the legislative session." (This act provides a funding stream for comprehensive sex education in NY schools.) If voted on, it has an excellent chance of passing.

- Call 311 to ask that the Department of Education mandate comprehensive sex education in New York City's schools.

A few minutes of your time could mean a huge difference for the health and welfare of kids throughout New York.

June 8 - 15, 2007

22 - 29 Sivan, 5767

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

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7:30 PM – 88th St.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bar Mitzvah

Sam Blum

Bat Mitzvah

Anna Blum

Aliyah Ḥatan VeKallah

Jonathan Adelsberg and Anita Sibony  
Daniel Rosan and Shira Hanlon  
Max Klau and Beverly Statland

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Minḥa

5:00 PM – 88th St.

Bat Mitzvah

Tanya Niesvizky-Kogan

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

**MONDAY, JUNE 11**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

#### ALL TOGETHER NOW: SUMMERTIME KABBALAT SHABBAT

Beginning *Friday, June 22* at 7:00PM at 88th Street, and through Labor Day weekend, we will join together to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat at one service. As of *Saturday, June 23*, all Shabbat morning services will be held at 88th Street.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Andrea, Joanna, and Mark Siegel on the death of their beloved mother and wife, Karen Siegel.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Anna, Sam and David Blum and Terri Minsky on Anna and Sam becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- Tanya and Itamar Niesvizky-Kogan, Ruben Niesvizky and Esther Kogan on Tanya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Shira Hanlon and Daniel Rosan on their upcoming wedding.
- Anita Sibony and Jonathan Adelsberg on their upcoming wedding.
- Beverly Statland and Max Klau on their upcoming wedding.
- Susie Kessler on being honored by The Carlbach Shul for her dedicated work in the Jewish community.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Beverly Statland and Max Klau in honor of their upcoming wedding; Susan Resnick in honor of her daughter Eliana Jessica's Bat Mitzvah; and Terri Minsky and David Blum in honor of their son Sam and daughter Anna becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Terri Minsky and David Blum in honor of their son and daughter, Sam Blum and Anna Blum, becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Melanie Gendrey and the Omaha Group.
- Rabbi Alberto Zeilicovich and Confirmation Class, Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Professors participating in the annual Faculty Development Seminar convened by Auburn Seminary's Center for Multifaith Education.
- Rabbi Wendy Ungar and 9th Grade Class, Congregation Tifereth Israel, Columbus, Ohio.
- Cultural Leadership participants from St. Louis, Missouri.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • An Evening of Fiction with Jonathan Safran Foer

**Thursday, June 21, 7:30PM**, 88th Street: Join BJ, Moment Magazine, and the Karma Foundation for an evening with Jonathan Safran Foer, author of *Everything is Illuminated: A Novel* and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. We will also hear from up-and-coming fiction writers and winners of this year's short fiction contest sponsored by Moment Magazine. Wine and cheese will be served. The cost is free. Please RSVP to lholtzblatt@bj.org

### • Membership & High Holy Day Information

Our new membership year begins on July 1. Membership renewal information was mailed to the BJ community in late May. We welcome new members to join our community at this time. Please remember that all applications must be received by July 20 to be processed before the High Holy Days. You may choose to attend High Holy Day services at 86th Street (SPSA), 88th Street, or Jazz at Lincoln Center. You may also renew via our brand-new online membership form at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) (click on "Membership"), or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 for an application. Entrance cards will be mailed in late July.

### • High Holy Days Flower Fund

This year, the High Holy Days are at the beginning of September. One way to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Erzsebet at x228.

### Contemplative Practice at BJ: CREATING SPACE FOR QUIET

#### • Pre-Shabbat Meditation

**Friday, June 15, 6:00PM**, for meeting location see the Contemplative Listserv or contact Naomi Goodhart at [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org): Group meditation in Riverside Park before the late service. No experience necessary.

#### • Silent Nature Walk

**Sunday, June 24, 11:00AM**, meet by the Central Park entrance at 85th Street and Central Park West: Spend time with BJ friends in Central Park listening to the birds, trees, and wind.

#### • Silent Dinner

**Monday, July 16, 7:00PM**, 60 East End Ave, Apt. 4C: Contemplative dinner eaten in intentional silence. There will be minimal, community building-oriented talking over dessert. RSVP required. Please RSVP to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org)

## UPCOMING LIMUD

### • Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Facilitated by Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Lauren Holtzblatt, and Chen Ben Or Tsfoni

**Saturday, June 16 • 12:30PM • 86th St. Social Hall • Cost:** Free, registration not required. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Registration is not required. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share with the group as part of the celebration of Rosh Hodesh.

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Last Chance! Register for the Stonewall Seder**  
**Sunday, June 17, 5:00–8:30PM**, 88th Street: Please join the Marriage Equality Hevra for The Stonewall Seder: a Celebration of LGBT Pride. This ritual dinner invites everyone to join us, gay and straight of any faith, for a wonderful evening of song and celebration, with special guest Obie-award winning actress and playwright Lisa Kron. The evening will feature a kosher dinner with choice of fish or vegetarian entrée. Cost: \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers, limited number of reduced rate tickets available. Please register at [www.bj.org/stonewall\\_seder\\_061707.php](http://www.bj.org/stonewall_seder_061707.php) or call Barbara Fonseca at the BJ office, x250.

• **Yasher Koah to our Blood Donors!**  
 A record 77 people came to give the gift of life through blood donation at our semi-annual drive.

• **Environmental Action Hevra presents: Summer GreenTip #2**  
 Now that hot weather has descended upon us, here are some tips from the Environmental Action Hevra for saving energy while keeping cool:

- Set the air conditioner's thermostat as high as you can comfortably tolerate.
- To have a cool home when you return from work or a trip, install a programmable thermostat that can turn on a central air system 30 minutes before your arrival.
- Check the air filter often, cleaning or replacing it when necessary.
- For room/wall units, unplug and vacuum clean the interior heat exchanger. Hose off the exterior heat exchanger. Run a stiff wire through the drain channel to remove clogs, and use a fin comb to straighten bent coil fins.

• **Komen for the Cure (formerly Race for the Cure)**  
**Sunday, September 9:** Join Team Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Central Park as we once again raise funds to fight breast cancer and demonstrate our support for all who suffer from this disease. All money raised goes to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation's fight against breast cancer. You can register online with a credit card at [www.komennyc.org](http://www.komennyc.org); go to Race for the Cure, and click on Join a Team. We are team Bnai Jeshurun. Please register early and recruit your friends. In addition, we need volunteers to help organize our team and plan for the event. Please contact Glenda Frank at [glfrank@verizon.net](mailto:glfrank@verizon.net) or 212-749-0160.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Children's Services For The Summer**  
 Summer children's services for children of all ages will begin on Saturday June 23, at 10:45AM at 88th Street Frankel Hall and will continue every Saturday until after Labor Day. These services are for all children—there will be no groups or Junior Congregation. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at [rrosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rrosenthal@bj.org) or x243 with questions.

## TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S

• **End-of-Year Shabbat Celebration**  
**Friday, June 22**, following the 7:00PM service: Join us for our biggest Shabbat celebration yet! Sign up online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and click on Tze'irim 20s and 30s to register for our potluck Shabbat. This is our end-of-year celebration to welcome in our new Tze'irim leadership and to say goodbye to those who are leaving, including Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Lauren Holtzblatt who are finishing their rabbinic fellowship at BJ. For the first time ever, we will be hosting a **Tze'irim Tisch**. A tisch literally translates as "table"—kitchen table, pool table, periodic table of elements—you get the point. After the meal, we'll sit down to share songs and words of Torah. It will be joyous and rowdy, sweetened by chocolate and schnapps, filled with good friends, great music, and plenty of drumming... on the table. Save the date and sign up now!

• **Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**  
**Monday, June 25, 6:00PM:** No cooking experience is necessary, and the cost of groceries will be split between all the volunteers (about \$8–\$10 per person). Please RSVP to Susan and Rebekah at [tzvolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:tzvolunteers@yahoo.com)

## AFFILIATES

• **Voices of Reason in Unreasonable Times: An Evening with The Dialogue Project**  
**Thursday, June 14, 7:00PM**, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.: Please join us for a dialogue with a panel of those committed to conflict transformation through neighbor-to-neighbor conversations and encounters throughout the city as part of The Dialogue Project. Panelists include Jewish and Muslim educators, clergy, and community leaders. Audience members and panelists will create dialogue exercises that model how we can gain an understanding of the "other" in face-to-face gatherings, and develop skills for reflection and active listening. A conversation among panelists and audience members will follow. Admission: \$7.00 member, \$10.00 non-Member

**JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:** See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/schedule.php](http://www.bj.org/schedule.php) where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

### *TekiYah—Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ*

Celebrate the Yamim Nora'im with the beautiful and profound music of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This CD features our cantor and rabbis and a cast of acclaimed instrumentalists and singers praying and singing and engaging our hearts. The CD and songbook are \$18.00 each (price does not include shipping and handling). Available at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) (click on "BJ CDs & Songbooks").

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information on becoming a member? BJ is pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org)

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:30PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and remember to return the devices when you leave.

### REMEMBERING HESCHEL

*In this centennial year of Abraham Joshua Heschel's birth, it's good for us to remember not only his original and challenging ideas, but also the breathtakingly beautiful language in which he couched them. This year in the Kol Jeshurun we will periodically print short quotations from Rabbi Heschel's works.*

**In fact, only he who truly understands the justice of his own rights is capable of rendering justice to the rights of others. Moral training consists in deepening one's passionate understanding for the rights and needs of others in a manner equal to the passionate understanding of one's own rights and needs.**

—*God in Search of Man*

## FOCUS ON ISRAEL

*The "Focus on Israel" column presents information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.*

*Elizabeth Langer and Richard Chused spent a sabbatical in Jerusalem from September, 2004 through February, 2005. A photo exhibit is on display in Frankel Hall, 88th Street. This is the sixth in a series, chronicling their life in Israel.*

### JERUSALEM DIARY 6: YAMIN NORAIM IN JERUSALEM

Dear Family and Friends,

Rosh Hashanah will be upon us in about two hours. It is the only holiday that is observed for two days in both Israel and the Diaspora. This year we will have three consecutive days of observance, since Shabbat follows immediately after Rosh Hashanah. Shops will be closed, newspapers will not be delivered, and buses will not run from this evening until after sunset on Saturday. Everyone stocked up on groceries today before Jerusalem shut down at 2:00PM.

During the last week, the pleasant words "Shanah Tovah" (good year) have echoed in our ears so often that they have become part of the rhythm of our lives. Almost everyone we meet in non-Arab areas of Jerusalem uses the phrase as a goodbye—grocery store clerks, staff at the exercise club, students, staff and faculty at Hebrew University. It makes the impending holidays and their meaning an integral part of one's daily existence during the weeks leading up to the Yamim Noraim—Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

That there are religious strata in Israeli culture cannot be questioned. Jerusalem, with a population of between 500,000 and 600,000, is about a third Muslim, a third Haredim (ultra Orthodox) and a third non-Haredim or "secular" Jews. The remainder of the country is much more non-Haredim. Though many in the third of Jerusalem who are secular are not regular synagogue goers, it is hard to know how large a proportion of them have rejected all religious connections. This raises lots of intriguing questions about the role of religion in Israeli culture and the well known rifts between the ultra Orthodox and the rest of the population. But regardless of the degree of ritual observance among the non-Haredim, the widespread understanding of Jewish holidays and the common usage of greetings used only by the observant in the US affects our sensibilities about the coming period of atonement in somewhat dramatic ways. The fact that most of the population around us is aware of the significance of the holidays—even if they do not attend synagogue—raises the level of the experience. It is a special pleasure to be here in Jerusalem for Yamim Noraim.

Shanah Tovah,

Elizabeth and Richard

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