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29 Sivan - 6 Tammuz, 5767

KORAH

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

TRIENNIAL Numbers 17:25 - 18:32

MAFTIR Numbers 28:9 - 15

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1 - 24

NEXT WEEK: HUKKAT

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

TRIENNIAL Numbers 20:22 - 22:1

HAFTARAH Judges 11:1 - 33

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.

This action is brought to you by the Women's Rights Hevra, part of Panim el Panim: BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

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7:30 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel

Bat Mitzvah

Simone Levine Policano

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah

Barry Waldman and Elain Calmon

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

12:30PM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)

Minha

4:45 PM – 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Isaiah Frankel

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

BJ Israel Trip Orientation

6:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

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

An Evening of Fiction

with Jonathan Safran Foer

7:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Simone and Gabrielle Levine Policano and Shari Levine on Simone becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Isaiah, Bruce, Elizabeth, Alex and Zach Frankel on Isaiah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Elain Calmon and Barry Waldman on their upcoming wedding.
- Glenn Marlowe for receiving the 2007 Teacher of the Year Award, with a citation in math, from the Blackboard Awards of Manhattan Media this week on his 60th birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Leonard Lifshen, Jan Mandel and Judi Hines and the Confirmation Classes from Shalom Academy and The Gesher School, Erie, Pennsylvania.

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

• All Together Now: Summer Shabbat Fridays Are Here!

Beginning **Friday, June 22** at 7:00PM and through Labor Day, we join together to celebrate Shabbat at one service. To preserve the sanctity of Shabbat and to accommodate as many congregants as possible, we ask you to kindly observe the following guidelines:

- Please turn off cell phones and other devices before entering the synagogue and keep them turned off the entire time you're inside.
- Please arrive on time.
- Please do not save seats.
- Please honor the Reserved Seats signs.

• This summer, stand up for your synagogue! Be a BJ usher!

While many of our regular ushers are on their summer breaks, we urgently need YOU to volunteer to meet, greet and seat your fellow congregants. To fulfill this important mitzvah, contact Deborah Pinsky at the BJ office, x254 or dpinsky@bj.org. Or at services, speak to our head ushers: Jeff Yablonka on Fridays and Glenda Frank on Saturdays.

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. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share with the group as part of the celebration of Rosh Hodesh.

• Membership & High Holy Day Information

Our new membership year begins on July 1. We invite members to renew and we welcome new members to join our community at this time. High Holy Day locations fill up very quickly, so we encourage you to send in your application as soon as possible. You may choose to attend holiday services at 86th Street (SPSA), 88th Street or Jazz at Lincoln Center. You may also renew with our brand-new online membership form at www.bj.org (click on "Membership") or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, 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.

• B'nai Jeshurun E-mail Announcements

If you are currently a member of B'nai Jeshurun and would like to receive e-mail announcements about upcoming events, the *Kol Jeshurun*, and community information, please contact Barbara Fonseca at bfonseca@bj.org to be added to the mailing list. Please note that due to issues of confidentiality, this list is open only to members.

Contemplative Practice at BJ: CREATING SPACE FOR QUIET

• Pre-Shabbat Meditation

On **Friday, June 15**, join us to sit/walk before the 7:30PM Shabbat service. Let's meet at 6:15PM at Riverside Park at 91st Street. For more info, contact Naomi Goodhart at x240 or ngoodhart@bj.org.

• 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.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Summer Shelter Volunteers Needed!**

Many homeless shelters close their doors during the summer because they cannot find enough volunteers. Not the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter! We stay open all year round, five nights a week. However, to do so we need your help. While many of our regular volunteers are away for well-deserved vacations, we need to fill gaps in the schedule with temporary volunteers who can set-up, sleep over or donate a meal. Even if you can volunteer only one night this summer, you will help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for up to 10 women who come to our shelter nightly. If enough kind-hearted people volunteer, we could all sleep more soundly. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or x340.

• **Join the BJ Revolutionaries on the Hazon Jewish Environmental Bike Ride to the Beach**

Sunday, June 24: 200 bicyclists, including BJ members, will ride from various points in NYC, Westchester and New Jersey to Coney Island for a day of fun in the sun. We hope to see you there! For more information, including the best starting location for you, please contact BJ Revolutionaries team captain Elissa at emm2@cornell.edu or visit www.hazon.org.

• **Komen for the Cure (formerly Race for the Cure)**

Sunday, September 9: What could be better than a late summer walk with friends and colleagues to raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer? 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 will support the Susan G. Komen Foundation's fight against breast cancer. You can register online with a credit card at 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 or 212-749-0160.

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 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

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at 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 (click on "BJ CDs & Songbooks").

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 rosenthal@bj.org or x243 with questions.

Would you like to be published in the weekly KJ?

Many weeks a D'var Torah, written by a member of the BJ community, is published in the weekly *Kol Jeshurun*, posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, and sent out via email with the BJ community email. We invite and encourage you to participate in this growing circle of BJ Torah teachers. No experience necessary! This teaching will allow each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Sarah Michelson at smichelson@bj.org for further information.

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

• **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.

The Prophets dwell not upon what goes on in heaven, but on what happens on earth. The heavens are God's, but the earth God gave to humans. Prophetic thought is characterized by humility, as it confronts the Supreme Mystery of the world.

—Torah min HaShamayim

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 seventh in a series, chronicling their life in Israel.

JERUSALEM DIARY 7: SHABBAT DINNER AT THE DEAN'S HOME

Dear Family and Friends,

Food is a serious business in Israel. Just as the Exodus was marked by manna and other culinary surprises from above, the calendar here is marked by Shabbat and holidays, which in turn are defined by food. After all—Reform, Conservative or Orthodox—we are all gastronomic Jews—and we all celebrate at the table.

Invited to attend a Shabbat dinner after Rosh Hashanah by Maly Lichtenstadt, the administrative dean of the Law Faculty at Hebrew University, we arrived early. The dean's husband invited Richard to join him for evening services at his neighborhood Orthodox shul in Rahavia. Richard accepted the invitation, and they walked to a small, crowded building full of every kind of (male) Orthodox Jew imaginable. Regalia of all sorts were visible—black suits, wide brimmed black hats, very large fur black hats resembling vastly overgrown hockey pucks, furry black hats that seem to come from the Russian steppes, kippot of all varieties, as well as a few men in casual slacks and dress shirts. Quite a scene. Many different groups davened in the shul; at least five prayer sessions were held simultaneously that evening—three downstairs and two more above. The divisions were not by religious sect, surprisingly enough, but apparently by politics. One minyan was Zionist, another was more "rabbinic." The shul, we learned, was very tolerant of different groups, though others in Jerusalem were not always as open minded.

The dinner following the service was no less than twelve courses, including baked whitefish in spicy tomato sauce, home made chicken soup with boiled carrots, onions, potatoes and pasta, baked chicken with mushrooms and vegetables, challah, Persian rice and eggplant casserole with pine nuts, artichokes stuffed with spiced ground lamb, pomegranate relish, vegetable-potato kugel, mashed potatoes, tongue simmered with raisins, fruit, apple cake, home made parve ice cream and Turkish coffee. Each time we thought the meal had ended, our hostess brought forth another tempting dish. The dean of Hebrew University's Law Faculty is legendary for her culinary, as well as her administrative, skills. We were truly and thoroughly welcomed.

L'hitraot and Shalom,

Elizabeth and Richard

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischner, Co-Chair of BJ's Israel Steering Committee (robin.fleischner@verizon.net)

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