



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

METZORA

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 14:1 -15:33

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 14:1 -32

HAFTARAH II Kings 7:3 -20

NEXT WEEK: **AHAREI MOT**

SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 16:1 -18:30

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 16:1 -17:7

HAFTARAH Malakhi 3:4 -24

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

▪ **This Passover, Tell the Next Mayor: WE WANT AN AFFORDABLE MANHATTAN**

ACTION ASSEMBLY with Manhattan Together coalition

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00PM, 88th Street: We'll pack the Sanctuary with 700 people from the entire borough, across race, class, and faith, to send a clear message to the declared candidates for mayor: We need Manhattan to stay affordable and diverse! City Comptroller William Thompson has already committed to attend; other candidates have been invited to join us. Your presence counts! Help BJ to demonstrate our power and passion as a community in action! Please R.S.V.P. to panim@bj.org or x432.

This Passover, celebrate our liberation story with concrete action in our own generation, in our own lives.

April 11-18, 2008

6-13 Nisan, 5768

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Shabbat Services
Children's Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.
10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)

Shabbat Study with Rabbi Jill Hammer

1:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.2)

Minha/Havdalah
Bat Mitzvah

7:15 PM – 88th St.
Eliana Langer

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Morning Minyan
Purim Cast Party

9:30 AM – 88th St.
3:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Morning Minyan
Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:30 AM – 88th St.
7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Minyan
Limud: The Book of Genesis*
Limud: Israel Through Music and Literature*

7:30 AM – 88th St.
8:10 AM – 88th St.
7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Morning Minyan
Limud: Ilu Hotzianu: Preparing for Pesah*

7:30 AM – 88th St.
6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

BJHS CLOSED
Morning Minyan
Siyyum and Seudat Mitzvah

7:30 AM – 88th St.
Following Morning Minyan – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a*

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and to register.

Announcements

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Eliana, Gary and Gavriela Langer and Catherine Rice on Eliana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Rae-Ann Kershner and Scott Allen on their upcoming wedding.

YASHER KOAH

• To BJ member Barbara Harmon, who has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for her series "The DNA Age" published this year in *The New York Times*.

TODAH RABBAH

• Today's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Meredith Berkman, Daniel Mintz and their children, Noa, Caleb, Avital and Yael, in honor of the 30th anniversary of Meredith's Bat Mitzvah. They are also sponsoring Shabbat in Sderot through Merkaz Hesed, a soup kitchen Meredith and Sarah Sternklar recently visited that distributes Shabbat food packages to the needy. For more info about Merkaz Hesed and to help, contact Meredith at MBerkman@olympuscap.com.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Jordan Friedman and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanuel, Denver, Colorado.
- Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth Israel, Carmel, California.
- Rabbi Carey Brown, Emily Messenger and Confirmation Class, Temple Isaiah, Lexington, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and Confirmation Class, The New Reform Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Wende Weinberg and 7th graders, Ann and Nate Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- Susan Morrel and students, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Eric Gurvis, Julie Vanek, and Jeremy Simons and the 9th Grade Class, Temple Shalom of Newton, West Newton, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Michael Moskowitz and high school students, Temple Shir Shalom, West Bloomfield, Michigan.
- 8th Grade Class, Yavneh Day School, Los Gatos, California.
- 8th Grade Class, Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, Massachusetts.

Community Activities

• **Community Kiddush and Shabbat Study with Rabbi Jill Hammer**
Saturday, April 12, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Social Hall and Parlor: Please join us for a family-friendly Kiddush! Help make Kiddush a time and space for creating stronger connections in our community by coming to Kiddush with old friends and meeting new people. **At 1:00PM, please join us in the Parlor as Rabbi Jill Hammer teaches about "Passover as the Jewish New Year."**

• **BJ Softball 2008**
18 Thursdays, April 22–August 28, 7:00–8:30PM, Central Park, North Meadow, Field 12 (entrance at 97th St.): Hit a home run with BJ and step up to the plate for softball fun! One time tzedakah donation of \$18 for the season. Please send a check to the BJ office, made payable to B'nai Jeshurun. Contact Jody Prusan at jpmazel@aol.com for more information.

• **Memorial Lecture Marking the 5th Yartzheit of Rabbi Sidney Greenberg**
Monday, April 28, 7:00PM, 86th Street Chapel: Rabbi Dov Elkins will deliver a talk entitled "Lessons from the Life of Rabbi Sidney Greenberg." Rabbi Greenberg, a member of BJ, was a renowned congregational rabbi, preacher and author. Rabbi Elkins is Rabbi Emeritus of The Jewish Center of Princeton, NJ and author of 35 books on psychology, Jewish values and spirituality including *Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul*. An admiring disciple of Rabbi Greenberg's, Rabbi Elkins also became a close colleague and friend. Admission is free, no registration required.

• **Yom HaShoah**
Wednesday, April 30, 6:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Following services, join us for the annual Reading and Hearing of the Names of relatives of BJ members and friends who were murdered during the Shoah. Our commemoration

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Pesah 5768

• Sale of Hametz Before Pesah

If you wish to sell your hametz, please email hametz@bj.org with your name and address by April 15 at noon. It is customary to send a tzedakah donation for this service—please make your check out to B'nai Jeshurun and mark "Hametz" in the memo section.

• Siyyum and Seudat Mitzvah

Thursday, April 17, 7:30AM, 88th Street: Following morning minyan, all are welcome to join in a siyyum, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature, taught by Rabbi Hillel Friedman, followed by a seudat mitzvah, a meal

accompanying the performance of a mitzvah (here the completion of study). All first born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit B'khorim).

• *Ilu Hotzianu*: Preparing for Pesah through Study and Song

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

3 Wednesdays (remaining class April 16) • 6:30-8:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. As spiritual preparation for Pesah, we will study relevant classical texts and learn piyutim (liturgical poems) and Haggadah selections set to melodies from different parts of the Jewish dispersion.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 19
First Evening PesahNo Service

Sunday, April 20
First Day Pesah*
88th Street9:30 AM

Second Evening PesahNo Service

Monday, April 21
Second Day Pesah*
88th Street9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 22–Friday, April 25
Hol Hamo'ed Pesah
88th Street7:30 AM

Friday, April 25
Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
88th Street6:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
88th Street7:30 PM

Saturday, April 26
Shabbat and Seventh Day Pesah*
86th Street9:30 AM

Eighth Evening Pesah
88th Street8:30 PM

Sunday, April 27
Eighth Day Pesah* (Yizkor)
88th Street9:30 AM

*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

Community Activities *(continued from page 2)*

service will be followed by a screening of the award-winning film *Rene and I: From Auschwitz to America* followed by Q & A, moderated by Myriam Abramowicz, with film subject Irene Hizme. The all-night vigil of The Reading and Hearing of the Names will be held at the 88th Street Sanctuary from 10:00PM-8:00AM. The BJ reading slot will be at 10:30PM. The vigil will continue on Thursday, May 1 from 9:00AM-6:00PM at the JCC, 76th St. and Amsterdam Ave.

▪ Green Feast: An Interfaith Potluck Dinner

Monday, May 19, 6:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us as we share an organic, vegetarian potluck dinner with SPSA, West Park Presbyterian Church, ASMA Society, and the Muslim Consultative Network. We will hear Jewish, Muslim, and Christian teachings about honoring the environment, enjoy live music by musicians from each tradition, and strengthen the community that we've built at our interfaith Yom Kippur/Ramadan break-fasts. Space is limited and priority will be given to BJ members. Registration will close once all spaces have been filled. Registration is not complete until you receive a confirmation. Register by Monday, May 12 to interfaithpotluck@gmail.com or x379.

▪ Immediate Help Needed in BJ Office

A volunteer is needed to help the Communications Committee analyze data. 10-15 hours of work requested. Must know Microsoft Excel and its chart/graph function. Please contact Aviva Raichelson at araiichelson@bj.org or x244 for more information.

▪ Students! Summertime Help in BJ Office

Summertime is a busy season at the BJ office. We are searching for reliable people who can help with computer data entry and general office assistance in the Membership Department. An ideal opportunity for high school or college students available in June, July and/or August. Hourly wages available. Please contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org or x224 for more information.

▪ Volunteers Needed for Bikkur Holim (Visiting the Sick)

Participate with us in reaching out to members of our BJ community who are ill or incapacitated and members who may be alone, elderly, or frail. If you can make a phone call, then you can do this great mitzvah! Contact the BH Committee at bikkurholim@bj.org or x308 to get involved.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

▪ **Marriage Equality is a civil rights issue. New York has a responsibility to treat all its citizens equally. Yet LGBT couples in our state are clearly discriminated against when it comes to marriage.**

Tuesday, April 29: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and members of the Marriage Equality Hevra in Albany as we lobby the Senate in support of Marriage Equality. Help us keep the pressure on. **To register:** Visit www.prideagenda.org and click on "Register Now for LGBT Equality & Justice Day." Be sure to enter "B'nai Jeshurun" under Organizational Affiliation. Buses will leave from the Upper West Side and other locations in NYC. Registration fee of \$40 covers bus, breakfast, and lunch. This is a full day trip. A bus will leave at about 6:00AM from BJ, 257 West 88th St., and will return in the evening. Other buses will leave from other convenient locations across the city. **For more information, contact Amy Lavine at alavine@gaycenter.org, Marlene Halpern at jacobhw@msn.com, or Guy Austrian, x259.**

▪ **SAVE THE DATE: Join BJ in the AIDS Walk!**

Sunday, May 18, 9:00AM-12:00PM, Central Park: Join BJ for AIDS Walk New York 2008. This is BJ's 15th year in this annual event that raises money for the Gay Men's Health Crisis and over fifty other HIV/AIDS organizations—let's show our spirit and commitment in a major way. To get started with your fundraising go to www.aidswalk.net/newyork and click on "Register to Walk." Then select "Join a Team" and pick Congregation B'nai Jeshurun/Tehillah-1017 in the drop down menu. To help plan and mobilize our community, please contact Ellen at ecorenswet@cov.com or Channa Camins at x261.

▪ SAVE THE DATE: BJ/SPSA Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. Give the gift of life. This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all!

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

▪ Purim Cast Party

Sunday, April 13, 3:30-5:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Parents and kids are all invited. Please R.S.V.P. to Kelberg@aol.com or x243.

▪ Junior Congregation

Saturday, April 19, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: We hope all children in second to seventh grade will join us at our next two Shabbat morning Junior Congregations. We are also looking for leaders and participants for Junior Congregation. Sign up on www.bj.org; click on "Families" and then on the date that you want to lead. If you have questions, or would like help learning to lead a prayer, contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

▪ BJ Families Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4: There are many exciting events for families celebrating Israel's 60th birthday. **Saturday May 3:** Israel-themed children's services (10:45AM, 86th St. Chapel and Parlor) and Junior Congregation (10:30AM, 86th St. Social Hall). **Saturday, May 3**, 4:00PM,

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Upcoming Limud *Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.*

▪ Israel through Music and Literature (for Hebrew speakers)

Chen Ben Or Tsfonti, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

2 Tuesdays (remaining class April 15) • 7:00-8:30PM • BJ Office • Free; registration required. The role of the Land of Israel has provoked both criticism and boundless love. In this course we will meet poets, composers, rabbis and others who have addressed the Land of Israel in their work.

▪ The Poems of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

3 Mondays (May 5, 12, 19) • 7:00-9:00PM • 86th Street Parlor Room (5/5, 19), Board Room (5/12) • Free; registration required. During the last High Holy Days, we explored the theology of our teacher Rabbi Abraham

Joshua Heschel. He also wrote poetry, and during these three sessions we will read his poetry and attempt to connect it to his theology. The last two sessions will be co-led with Basya Schechter, who has set many of these poems to music.

▪ A MONTHLY LUNCHTIME ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Engendering Judaism: What Is At Stake?

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

7 Wednesdays (remaining class May 7) • 12:15-1:15PM • BJ Office • Free; registration required. Meet monthly to discuss Dr. Rachel Adler's book *Engendering Judaism*, which raises the deep questions of what it means to sustain and create a Judaism that is alive, relevant and inclusive.

members' homes: Guided conversations about Israel. There are three options for these conversations: **1. Adult learning for families with young children** (up to age 5): Adult study and schmoozing while the kids play. **2. Family learning for families with school-aged children:** Guided parent/child learning about Israel. **3. Teen learning:** teens only! **Sunday, May 4, 12:00PM-3:00PM, Riverside Park** (rain location 88th Street): Israel's 60th Birthday Extravaganza. Art, music, dancing, games and food. R.S.V.P. to Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

• 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat

Friday, May 9-Sunday, May 11, Camp Ramah, Nyack, NY: This retreat is for ALL of BJ's 6th graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. Registration deadline is April 15. For registration materials, contact Theresa at twilliams@bj.org or x260.

HAVUROT

• 40+ Havurah Second Seder

Sunday, April 20, 5:45PM: The 40+ Havurah is hosting a seder on the second night of Passover which will be lead by Rabbi David Ingber and rabbinical student Nina Redi. The 40+ Havurah is a group of men and women, single and married, established to promote sharing of friendship, social activities, spirituality and Jewish religious events. It is intended to provide an opportunity to meet, network and connect with like-minded individuals to create the spirit of havurah encouraged by BJ. For more information, please contact havura40plus@yosefa.galchen.com.

AFFILIATES

• Home Hospitality Needed

Home hospitality is needed for ten high school basketball players from Sderot,

Israel, for six days between July 13 and July 23. We need places for one or two in a room. Please contact Jules Love at jlove3@nyc.rr.com or 212-724-5303.

• Support the People of Sderot

In recognition of the desperation and desolation of the community in Sderot, the New Israel Fund and SHATIL spent the last six months gearing up to begin an intensive community organizing initiative in the city. The project includes outreach to nurture residents' interests and abilities. To support these initiatives, donate online at www.nif.org/sderot.

• A Free Jewish Genetic Disease Carrier Screening Day in Westchester

Sunday, April 13, 10:00AM-2:00PM, JCC Mid-Westchester in Scarsdale: The Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium has planned a FREE carrier screening day for Jewish genetic diseases. Appointments for free testing will be limited to 100 participants, with pre-registration required. There will also be a limited number of walk-in appointments. More information: www.jewishgeneticdiseases.org.

• Salute to Israel Parade Evening Event

Wednesday, May 7: At Radio City Music Hall: 8:00PM Memorial Service, featuring the IDF Musical Ensemble and Ambassadors Dan Gillerman and Asaf Shariv. 8:30PM concert, featuring Rami Kleinstein, David Broza, Idan Reichel, Matisyahu, Habanot Nechama, Paul Shaffer and John Zorn's Masada. **At Tavern on the Green:** All-night dance party from 9 'til ?. The best Israeli and American music with DJ Van. Many other surprises! Due to state law, only those who are 21 and over will be admitted. For tickets and information, visit www.dorchadashusa.org.

Upcoming Yom Ha'atzmaut Events

Intimate Gatherings and Discussion: A Complex Love Story—Our Relationship With Israel

Saturday, May 3, 6:45PM, various locations: Members will host guided conversations in their homes, concluding with Havdalah. To participate, please register by calling x408 by April 14.

• Israel at 60 Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us at 88th Street for an exhilarating party with great Israeli music from yesterday and today, delicious Israeli Foods, dancing and more. Guest DJ will be BJ

member Steve Greenberg, former Kol Hashalom Radio Station DJ and current CEO of S-Curve Productions.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Service and Picnic

Wednesday, May 7, 7:00PM, Riverside Park: Please join the BJ community in Riverside Park (enter at 91st Street) for a Yom Ha'atzmaut service and celebration. Please bring your own picnic and drinks. In case of rain, the event will take place at 88th Street and BJ will provide light snacks.

See page 3 for Yom Ha'atzmaut events for families, children, and teens, and www.bj.org for a complete listing of all Yom Ha'atzmaut events.

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:** You've attended services, you're inspired by social action, and you love the community... now consider joining BJ as a member! With membership packages for local and out-of-town visitors alike, there is one that is right for you. Special new member orientation included! Visit the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or blasky@bj.org for more information.

• **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 please remember to return the devices when you leave.

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.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR MORE INFO: Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Bikkur Holim