



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

**AHAREI MOT**

SHABBAT HAGADOL

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 16:1 -18:30

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 16:1 -17:7

**HAFTARAH** Malakhi 3:4 -24

NEXT WEEK: **PESAH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 13:17 -15:26

**TRIENNIAL** Numbers 28:19-25

**HAFTARAH** II Samuel 22:1 -51

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

▪ **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 prominent city leaders 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.**

\* Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), for more information and to register.

**April 18-25, 2008**

**13-20 Nisan, 5768**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

**Shabbat Services**  
**Junior Congregation**  
**Children's Services**

**FIRST SEDER PESAH**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

**First Day Pesah Services**  
**Children's Services**

**FIRST DAY PESAH—SECOND SEDER PESAH**

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 1 (**Hesed Shebehesed**)

**MONDAY, APRIL 21**

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Second Day Pesah Services**  
**Children's Services**  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\***

**SECOND DAY PESAH**

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
No class this week

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 2 (**Gevurah Shebehesed**)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Limud: The Book of Genesis\***  
**Action Assembly with Manhattan Together**

**1ST DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH**

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
8:10 AM – 88th St.  
7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 3 (**Tiferet Shebehesed**)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23**

**Morning Minyan**

**2ND DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 4 (**Netzah Shebehesed**)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24**

BJHS CLOSED

**Morning Minyan**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**  
**Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a\***

**3RD DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH**

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
7:00 PM – BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 5 (**Hod Shebehesed**)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

**Morning Minyan**

**4TH DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 6 (**Yesod Shebehesed**)

**Pesah Schedule of Services**

**Saturday, April 19**

**First Evening Pesah** .....No Service

**Sunday, April 20**

**First Day Pesah\***  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

**Second Evening Pesah** .....No Service

**Monday, April 21**

**Second Day Pesah\***  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

**Tuesday, April 22–Friday, April 25**

**Hol Hamo'ed Pesah**  
88th Street .....7:30 AM

**Friday, April 25**

**Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah**  
*Kabbalat Shabbat Service*  
88th Street .....6:00 PM  
*Kabbalat Shabbat Service*  
88th Street .....7:30 PM

**Saturday, April 26**

**Shabbat and Seventh Day Pesah\***  
86th Street .....9:30 AM

**Eighth Evening Pesah**

88th Street .....8:30 PM

**Sunday, April 27**

**Eighth Day Pesah\* (Yizkor)**  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

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

## Announcements

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Marcia Kaplan on the death of her beloved mother, Phyllis Kaplan.
- Sharon Messitte, Harvey, Matthew, Nicholas and Paul Greenberg and their entire family on the death of Sharon's beloved father, Sidney Messitte.

### YASHER KOAH

With apologies, we are reprinting this announcement with corrected information:

- To Amy Harmon, daughter of BJ member Barbara Harmon, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for her series "The DNA Age" published in *The New York Times*.

## Community Activities

### • BJ Softball 2008

**18 Thursdays, April 24–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, and write BJ Softball in the memo section. Contact Jody Prusan at [jpmazel@aol.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:interfaithpotluck@gmail.com) or x379.

### • 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](mailto:bikkurholim@bj.org) or x308 to get involved.

### • Hamidrasha Visit

In May we're expecting a visit from a group of fifteen women from the Elga Stulman Women's Center at Hamidrasha. They represent a wide rainbow of Israeli society, and will be with us from Yom Ha'atzmaut through the Women's Retreat. We are looking for host homes from May 8-16. If you have an extra bedroom and can host one of the women, contact Liz at [estone@bj.org](mailto:estone@bj.org).

## Creating Kehillah

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Marriage Equality is a civil rights issue.

**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. **Last chance to register**: Visit [www.prideagenda.org](http://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 New York City. Registration fee of \$40 covers bus, breakfast, and lunch. This is a full day trip. **For more information**, contact Amy Lavine at [alavine@gaycenter.org](mailto:alavine@gaycenter.org), Marlene Halpern at [jacobhw@msn.com](mailto: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](http://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. For more information on how you can be

involved in planning and mobilizing our community for this event, please contact Ellen at [ecorenswet@cov.com](mailto: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

#### • 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](http://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 [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@bj.org) or x243.

#### • BJ Families Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut

**Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4**: There are many exciting events for

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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,** 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](mailto: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. The registration deadline was April 15. If you have not yet registered, contact Theresa ASAP at [twilliams@bj.org](mailto:twilliams@bj.org) or x260.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

### ▪ Mimouna: Post-Passover Bar Night—Back By Popular Demand!

**Sunday, April 27, 8:30PM,** Parlour Pub (86th St. between Broadway and West End Ave.): Celebrate the end of Passover with a two-hour open bar for \$15. Bring a friend because it is going to be great! Be sure to stay for the world premier of the Tze'irim website.

### BEKEF: 35+

### ▪ Friday Night Off-Broadway: Shabbat at BJ—Bekef 35+ Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, May 2,** following the 7:30PM service, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. BJ members and non-members in their late 30s through early 60s, singles and couples, are invited to share an intimate Shabbat dinner together in Frankel Hall. Cost: \$10 for BJ members/\$15 non-members. Limited spaces are available, and the dinner is first-come, first-serve. Unless the dinner fills up beforehand, registration will close on Tuesday night, April 29. At 10:00PM, the entire BJ community will be invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat in the Sanctuary with Shakshuka, who will perform and lead us in Shabbat songs. Visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to register for the dinner. Contact [yhammerman@bj.org](mailto:yhammerman@bj.org) with any questions.

### ▪ Bekef Trivia Night at The Baggot Inn

**Tuesday, May 6, 6:45PM,** The Baggot Inn (82 West 3rd St., between Sullivan and Thompson Sts.): Join the BJ team; quiz begins at 7:30PM sharp. Show off your skills and expertise, have fun, a beer and laughs as we answer trivia questions and compete with other teams. This event is open to BJ members and non-members 35 and over, singles and couples. R.S.V.P. to Andrea Newman at [shelbynewman@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbynewman@yahoo.com) by Sunday, May 4.

### HAVUROT

### ▪ Coming Soon—Join A New BJ Havurah!

This spring, BJ will embark on a campaign to reinvigorate the Havurah experience at B'nai Jeshurun by creating a new cadre of Havurot. A Havurah is a small group of synagogue members who join together as part of an intimate community within the larger synagogue family. Information and an application to follow in the the *May Kol Hadash*.

### AFFILIATES

### ▪ Soaringwords Educational Outreach Program at P.S. 152

**7 Sundays** (April 7-June 2), 1:00-3:00PM, Washington Heights: Mentor 4th and 5th grade students to engage in hands-on community service curricula and activities that bolster core skills such as reading, writing and creative/expressive arts. The fables, stories, poems, and artwork that the students create through Soaringwords activities will be donated to ill children in Montefiore Hospital. R.S.V.P. to BJ member and Soaringwords' founder Lisa Buksbaum at [heal@soaringwords.org](mailto:heal@soaringwords.org) or 212-290-7627 x8. She'll send you a volunteer welcome kit.

### ▪ 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 [jllove3@nyc.rr.com](mailto:jllove3@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](http://www.nif.org/sderot).

### ▪ 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 9:00PM '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](http://www.dorchadashusa.org).

### ▪ New Worlds Theatre Project: *With the Current*, by Sholem Asch

**May 1-18, Wednesdays-Saturdays** at 8:00PM, **Sundays** at 3:00PM, Center Stage, 48 W. 21st Street, 4th fl.: *As the ice begins to thaw, an uncontrollable river of passion and desire sweeps everyone up with the current...* Directed by Marc Geller, a world-premiere English translation by Mark Altman and BJ Member Ellen Perceman. Tickets \$18 (\$15 seniors and students with valid ID), available at [www.newworldsproject.org](http://www.newworldsproject.org) or SmartTix, 212-868-4444. For more information on New Worlds Theatre Project, call 917-513-7620.

## Upcoming Limud Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), for more information and how to register.

### ▪ 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.

## 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](http://www.bj.org), or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto: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.

### Green Tip: TAKE THE ENVIRONMENT PLEDGE—BRIT ADAMAH—ON EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22, the third day of Pesah. As you celebrate the Festival of Freedom, make a pledge to free our planet from plagues on the environment. The Brit Adamah, composed by BJ's Environmental Action Hevra, is a list of 10 simple "greening" actions you can take—such as using energy-efficient light bulbs and taking a cloth grocery bag to the super market—to combat global warming and pollution and nurture a healthy, sustainable environment.

On Earth Day, please go to [www.bj.org/green/brit](http://www.bj.org/green/brit) and pledge to take as many of those steps as you feel you can. By joining the Brit Adamah, greening our homes and our personal practices, we are doing tikkun olam in its most literal sense. And, you'll get your name inscribed on a leaf of the Etz Hayim—the Tree of Life—that hangs in the lobby at 88th Street.

**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.

## 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 22.

### • Israel at 60 Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration

**Saturday, May 3**, 9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for an exhilarating party with great Israeli music from yesterday and today, delicious Israeli food, 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.

### Celebrate 60 With Hamidrasha's Delegation

• **Saturday, May 10**, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Explore Israel's six decades of challenges and creativity and how they impact our lives today. Including a premiere showing of photos from our "Israel Trail Encounters" hike.

• **Thursday, May 15**, 7:00PM, 88 Street: For those traveling with BJ to Israel in June and BJ's Social Action/Social Justice volunteers, please join the delegation of women from Hamidrasha for a discussion of the challenges of social justice in the ever-changing Jewish State from the eyes of women leading initiatives for social change.

See pages 2-3 for Yom Ha'atzmaut events for families, children, and teens, and [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for a complete listing of all Yom Ha'atzmaut events.

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