



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

PESAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 13:17 -15:26

TRIENNIAL Numbers 28:19-25

HAFTARAH II Samuel 22:1 -51

NEXT WEEK: **KEDOSHIM**

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 19:1 -20:27

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 19:1 -19:37

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7 -15

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

• **REGISTER NOW!** 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. 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 or Channa Camins at x261.

Pesah Schedule of Services

Friday, April 25

Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah

Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah Service
88th Street6:00 PM

Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah 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.

April 25 - May 2, 2008

20-27 Nisan, 5768

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah Service

SEVENTH EVENING PESAH

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Shabbat and Seventh Day Pesah Services

SEVENTH DAY PESAH

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Eighth Evening Pesah Service

8:30 PM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 7 (Malkhut Shebehesed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Eighth Day Pesah Services (Yizkor)

EIGHTH DAY PESAH

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 8 (Hesed Shebegevurah)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

BJHS CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Memorial Lecture: "Lessons from the Life of

7:00 PM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg" by Rabbi Dov Elkins

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 9 (Gevurah Shebegevurah)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Marriage Equality Lobby Day in Albany (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Genesis*

8:10 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 10 (Tiferet Shebegevurah)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Minyan

EREV YOM HASHOAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Yom HaShoah Service and Film Screening

6:45 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance

10:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 11 (Netzah Shebegevurah)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Morning Minyan

YOM HASHOAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a*

7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 12 (Hod Shebegevurah)

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 13 (Yesod Shebegevurah)

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

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Amy Wachtel on the death of her beloved aunt, Betty F. Edelstein.

- Susan Goldberg on the death of her beloved cousin, Linda Levine.
- Susan, Stephen, Sara and Sabrina Kippur and Joshua Lambert on the death of Susan's beloved aunt, Bebe Lavin.

Community Activities

- **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 or x379.

- **Lag Ba'Omer Featuring Neshama Carlebach's Newest CD Release Concert**
Thursday, May 22, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Neshama Carlebach, one of the leading superstars in Jewish entertainment, is continuing the legacy established by her father, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. His deep spirituality and love of all humanity filled every song he wrote and touched every person he encountered as he changed the face of Jewish music. This event will celebrate the release of Neshama's sixth CD with a performance featuring Neshama and the Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir. This newest recording, *One and One*, consists of all original music with English lyrics. \$15 admission at the door.

- **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.

- **BJ Softball 2008**

18 Thursdays, through 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 jpamaz@aol.com for more information.

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.

- **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 for a complete listing of all Yom Ha'atzmaut events.

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 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, Marlene Halpern at jacobhw@msn.com, or Guy Austrian, x259.

▪ 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

▪ Shabbat Dinner for BJ/AJWS Teen Program Participants

Friday, April 25, following the 6:00PM service, Marcelo's apartment: The participants of this year's BJ/AJWS Teen Delegation are invited to Marcelo's for Shabbat dinner to reminisce, reflect and rejoice as we continue our year together. Contact Kerrith with questions at ksolomon@bj.org or x253.

▪ Class for Parents of BJ/AJWS Teen Program Participants

Tuesday, April 29, 7:00PM, please contact Kerrith for exact location and directions: Parents of this year's BJ/AJWS Teen Program participants are invited to join Marcelo and Kerrith for an evening of conversation, learning and sharing. We will study some of the texts that the students used in the field and work together to gain further understanding of the incredible group that developed out of this program. Contact Kerrith with questions at ksolomon@bj.org or x253.

▪ Israel-Themed Junior Congregation

Saturday, May 3, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: We hope all children in second to seventh grade will join us at our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. We will be celebrating Israel's 60th birthday with an Israel-themed d'var Torah and some Israeli singing. We are also looking for leaders and participants for Junior Congregation. You can 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,** 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. The registration deadline was April 15. If you have not yet registered, contact Theresa ASAP at 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.

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

▪ Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Iyar

Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol and Chen Ben Or Tsfoni, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Monday, May 5 • 7:00PM • 86th Street Chapel • 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.

▪ 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.

▪ Revelation According to Dr. Emanuel Levinas: In Preparation for Shavuot

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

4 Tuesdays (May 6, 13, 20, 27) • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary

• Free; registration required. In a chapter in his book *Beyond the Verse*, Dr. Levinas explores the nature and meaning of Revelation. Together we will do a close read of this chapter, which opens up a gate into the philosophy of Dr. Levinas as well as a perspective on Revelation and its demands on us. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to buy the book.

▪ 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.

Z'man Kabbalat Torateinu: Preparing for Shavuot through Text Study and Song

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

3 Wednesdays (May 21, 28, June 4) • 7:00–8:15PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. As spiritual preparation for Shavuot, we will learn relevant classical texts, as well as piyutim (liturgical poems) and biblical verses set to melodies from different parts of the Jewish dispersion.

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.

Creating Kehillah (continued from page 3)

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 to register for the dinner. Contact 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 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

• **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.: Directed by Marc Geller, a world-premiere English translation by Mark Altman and BJ Member Ellen Perecman. Tickets \$18/\$15 for BJ members, available at www.newworldsproject.org or SmartTix, 212-868-4444.

• **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.

קרב יום (ויהי בחצי הלילה)

קרב יום אשר הוא לא יום ולא לילה
רם הודע כי לך היום אף לך הלילה
שומרים הפקד לעירך כל היום וכל הלילה
תאיר כאור יום חשבת לילה

Karev Yom

The day is near which is neither day nor night

High One, make it known that to You belong both day and night.

Appoint watchmen over Your city all day and all night.

Illuminate like the light of day the darkness of the night.

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