

**May 2-9, 2008**

**27 Nisan-4 Iyar, 5768**

**KEDOSHIM**

MEVARKHIM HAHODESHEH  
**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27  
**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 19:1 - 19:37  
**HAFTARAH** Amos 9:7 - 15

NEXT WEEK: **EMOR**  
**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23  
**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 21:1 - 22:16  
**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

**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](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.

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Wandering Minyan  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Bekef Shabbat Dinner

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
6:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
Following 7:30 PM Service -  
88th St. Frankel Hall

**Friday Night Off-Broadway:**

Oneg Shabbat with Shakshuka 10:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

Shabbat Services  
Bar Mitzvah  
6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program  
Junior Congregation  
Children's Services

9:30 AM - 86th St.  
Nathan Wild  
9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)  
10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)  
10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Family and Teen Israel Conversations  
"Reach for Shabbat" Dalet/Hey Study & Havdalah  
Discussions: Our Relationship With Israel  
Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration

4:00 PM - Various locations (SEE P.3)  
6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
6:45 PM - Various locations (SEE P.2)  
9:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 14 (Malkhut Shebegevurah)

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

Morning Minyan  
For Families: Israel's 60th Birthday Extravaganza

9:30 AM - 88th St.  
12:00 PM - Riverside Park (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 15 (Hesed Shebetiferet)

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

Morning Minyan  
*Limud:* Introduction to Judaism\*  
*Limud:* Rosh Hodesh Women's Group\*  
*Limud:* The Poems of Abraham Joshua Heschel\*

**ROSH HODESH IYAR**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
7:00 PM - BJ Office  
7:00 PM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)  
7:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 16 (Gevurah Shebetiferet)

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

Morning Minyan  
*Limud:* The Book of Genesis\*  
*Limud:* Revelation According to Levinas\*

**ROSH HODESH IYAR**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
8:10 AM - 88th St.  
7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

Morning Minyan  
*Limud:* Engendering Judaism\*  
Yom Ha'atzmaut Service and Picnic

**YOM HAZIKARON**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
12:15 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)  
6:15 PM - Riverside Park (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

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

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
No class this week

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 19 (Hod Shebetiferet)

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

Morning Minyan  
Frankel Fridays

*6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat begins (through Sunday)*  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
10:30 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 20 (Yesod Shebetiferet)

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

## Announcements

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Nathan, Philip, Harris and Sammy Wild and Leana Moritt on Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Chen Ben Or Tsfonti, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow, on receiving her Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.
- Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow, on becoming a rabbi and receiving ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

### TODAH RABBAH

Thank you to the following BJ members who generously opened their homes to others in our community through our Pesach Seder Match: Shira Belfer, Kim and Arthur Birnbaum, Susan Bodnar and David Schatsky, Shirley Dorfman, Anne Ebersman and Dan Caligor, Barbara Goldman, Joyce Gottlieb, Jennifer Hirsch and

John Santelli, Laurel Kallen and Michael Piazza, Leah Peskin, and Judith Rosen.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Smadar Bar-Akiva, Executive Director of the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers and the Overseas Delegation Participants at the JCC Association Biennial Conference.
- Rabbi David Krishef and 9th grade group, United Jewish School, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Jessica Coffey and program participants from Metro International.
- Terri Ginsburg and 8th grade class, Temple Beth Emeth, Michigan.
- Dena Glasgow and Havayah participants, Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- Eduardo Judisman and parent group, Comunidad Bet-El, Mexico.

## Community Activities

### Friday Night Off-Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

**Friday, May 2**, 10:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services at our monthly Friday night Oneg, as we enjoy dessert and a performance by Shakshuka as a community. (Registration for the Bekef 35+ Shabbat dinner is now closed).

### 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.

### Renee Kaufman Lecture Series presents *Daughters of Wisdom*

**Tuesday, May 20**, 7:00PM, 88th Street: *Daughters of Wisdom* is a story of the Tibetan people, an experiential and transporting view of contemporary Tibet seen through the eyes of some of its most extraordinary women, the nuns of Kala Rongo Monastery of Nangchen, Kham. *Daughters of Wisdom* is an inti-

mate portrait of these women and their rare and exceptional spiritual community, one that couldn't have existed twenty years ago, but is thriving today. Some shy, some outspoken, all committed to the often difficult life they have chosen, the nuns graciously allowed the camera into their vibrant spiritual community and offer us brief flashes of insight into their extraordinary lives. Screening will be followed by Q & A with producer/director Bari Pearlman.

### Concert: "Libbi BaMizrah"—My Heart is in the East

**Wednesday, May 21**, 8:00PM, 88th Street: The evening will feature Academy for Jewish Religion's new Director of Cantorial Studies Hazzan Ramón Tasat, a student of Marshall T. Meyer; the Fiesta Sefarad Ensemble; and special guest artists including Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rolando Matalon. Hear Sephardic favorites from Syria, Morocco, Greece, Turkey, Iraq and Israel, new Jewish liturgical music, and selections from a rich but rarely-performed tradition of Italian Jewish music. Admission: \$20 at the door. Contact [concert@ajrsem.org](mailto:concert@ajrsem.org) or 718 543-9360 x18 for more information.

• **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

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## 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**, 6:15PM, 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 3-4 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.

## Community Activities *(continued from page 2)*

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.

### ▪ Ledor Vador Shabbat Luncheon: Jews in Theatre

**Saturday, June 7**, following Shabbat morning services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Start your summer off right with an intergenerational Shabbat Luncheon hosted by Ledor Vador. BJ members Ron Guttman and Gordon Edelstein will treat us to a talk about Jewish influence on their profession of choice: acting and the theatre. Please R.S.V.P. to [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) or x334. Also, send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 6/7" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

### ▪ 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 [jpmazel@aol.com](mailto:jpmazel@aol.com) 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](mailto:bikkurholim@bj.org) or x308 to get involved.

## Creating Kehillah

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### ▪ SAVE THE DATE: Blood Drive at B'nai Jeshurun

**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! Please email [TrudiL531@aol.com](mailto:TrudiL531@aol.com) or call x373 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time slot for you. Either Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### ▪ 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

**Saturday, May 3**, 9:30–10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Felicia and Ivy Schreiber for the final 6th grade B'nai Mitzvah learning program of the year. This program is for all 6th grade students (and their parents) who will become Bar/Bat Mitzvah at BJ.

#### ▪ 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](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 [rrosenthal@bj.org](mailto: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

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## Upcoming Limud *Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://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 (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. Please bring to class a copy of *The Ineffable Name of God: Man* by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

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

*Rabbi Felicia L. Sol*

**3 Tuesdays** (May 6, 13, 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](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.

**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.

## Creating Kehillah (continued from page 3)

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 [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@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 A.S.A.P. at [twilliams@bj.org](mailto:twilliams@bj.org) or x260.

### • Teens Take Action—Come Share in Their Experiences

**Wednesday, May 14, 7:00PM, 88th Street:** Come join our incredible teenagers as they share their experiences in Mexico and Louisiana through pictures, stories and question/answer. Learn about our partnerships with American Jewish World Service (AJWS) and Jewish Funds for Justice (JFSJ) and how they have impacted the lives of our teens and their families. Find out more about opportunities for teens in our community and how you can get involved. This is open to all members of our community whether you have teenagers or not! Contact Kerrith at [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org) with questions.

### BEKEF: 35+

### • 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.

## AFFILIATES

### • A World Without Genetic Disabilities: A Mixed Blessing?

**Monday, May 5, 7:30PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue:** UJA-Federation and *The Jewish Week* are sponsoring this timely panel discussion which will explore where we should draw the line between preventing genetic disabilities and accepting human diversity. Moderator: Amy Harmon, *The New York Times* reporter and Pulitzer Prize-winner. Panelists include: Adrienne Asch, director of the Center for Ethics at Yeshiva University; Nancy Neveloff Dubler, director of the Center for Ethics and Law at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Harry Ostrer, M.D., director of the Human Genetics Program at the New York University School of Medicine; and Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, father of Lior Liebling, subject of the film *Praying With Lior*. For information and to register, call the JCC in Manhattan at 646-505-5708.

### • 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](mailto: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](http://www.nif.org/sderot).

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