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KOL JESHURUN

TETZAVEH

SHABBAT ZAKHOR

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

TRIENNIAL Exodus 28:31 - 29:18
 1: 28:31 - 28:35
 2: 28:36 - 28:38
 3: 28:39 - 28:43
 4: 29:1 - 29:4
 5: 29:5 - 29:9
 6: 29:10 - 29:14
 7: 29:15 - 29:18

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19

HAFTARAH

I Samuel 15:1 - 34

NEXT WEEK: **KI TISSA**

SHABBAT PARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 31:18 - 33:11

MAFTIR Numbers 19:1 - 22

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 36:16 - 36

March 6-13, 2009

10-17 Adar, 5769

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Wandering Minyan

6:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall

Purim Cast Shabbat Dinner

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Challah and Schmooze

Following 7:30 PM Service -
88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM - 86th St.

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Bar Mitzvah

Robert Borkow

Bar Mitzvah

Corey Schiff

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Carnival and Play

12:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Morning Minyan

EREV PURIM

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

No class this week

Family Purim Celebration

5:45 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Adult Megillah Reading and Celebration

7:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)



TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Morning Minyan with Megillah Reading

PURIM

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

No class this week

Limud: The Rabbinic Mind on Sinai*

12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

Limud: Five More Conversations About Israel*

7:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Piyyutim of Shabbat*

6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Perversion and Holiness*

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM - BJ Office

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam with BJ for Babies & Toddlers

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and to register. (Registration for *Introduction to Judaism* is closed.)

Purim Celebration at BJ!

Monday, March 9, 7:30PM, 88th Street: Join the BJ community for an unforgettable reading of the Megillah! Count on live comedy, dancing, DJ, hamantaschen and drinks. Come one, come all—in costume and dancing shoes! It happens only once a year, don't miss out!

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Shelter Sleepover Volunteers Needed!

Many homeless shelters close their doors 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. We need new sleepover volunteers to help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for up to ten 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 call 212-787-7600 x340.

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

- *The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Thomas Reiner, and we extend sincere condolences his wife, Susan Viuker Landau, and their entire family.*
- *The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Judith and Carl Felsenfeld and their entire family on the death of their beloved brother-in-law, Stanley Greenberg.*

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Corey, Frank and Samantha Schiff and Andrea Feirstein on Corey becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Robert, Allan, Renee and Daniel Borkow on Robert becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbis Joshua Caruso and Arturo Kalfus, Cantor Sarah Sager, and Confirmation students, Anche Chesed Fairmount Temple Religious School, Beachwood, Ohio.
- Rabbi Isaac Serotta and Confirmation students, Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park, Illinois.

Community Activities

▪ Every Friday at BJ!

Fridays in March, following Shabbat services, 88th Street: We want to update you about our four ongoing monthly activities on Fridays, which together make an activity every week at BJ. Starting this month we will have an "88th Street Kitchen-made" Challah and Schmooze opportunity on **Friday, March 6** following the second service; an Oneg Shabbat dessert and performance at 10:00PM on **Friday, March 13**; a Community Shabbat Dinner following the early service on **Friday, March 20**; and Hakhnasat Or^him (welcoming guests) dinners at members' homes following the early service on **Friday, March 27**. This is in addition to our bi-weekly community kid-dushim and Shabbat teachings, and many more activities to come. We hope to see you at many of these community events. Any questions, please contact Guy Felixbrodt at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

▪ Unemployed or Underemployed?

Wednesday, March 11, 4:00PM, location given after R.S.V.P.: Join BJ Employment Help Task Force members Joan Westreich, LCSW and Ian Miller, PhD, MBA at small groups where we will explore your needs surrounding securing employment. As a community, we hope to assess our members' concrete needs and barriers to securing work as a first step to matching them to available resources within BJ and beyond. Groups will meet March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 4:00PM. For additional information, please contact Joan Westreich at jwestreich@earthlink.net.

▪ Friday Night Dinner: Singles 30s/40s

Friday, March 13, following the 7:30PM service, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. Following the 7:30PM service, BJ member and non-member singles in their 30s/40s ONLY are invited to share an intimate Shabbat dinner together in Frankel Hall. Please visit www.bj.org to register. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. For more information, contact Guy Felixbrodt at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

▪ Friday Night Off-Broadway: Oneg Shabbat

Friday, March 13, 10:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The entire BJ community is invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat together with Cantor George Mordechai, who will perform and lead us in joyful Shabbat music. For more information, contact Guy Felixbrodt at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

▪ Aliyah for BJ Trip Participants

Saturday, March 14, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: Whether it was Israel, Argentina, Guatemala, or Cuba, all members who have participated on BJ trips are invited to celebrate their commitment to travel with the community with the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah. A community Kiddush in your honor will follow—bring photos and stories to share!

▪ Teacher in Residence: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Saturday, March 14, 4:00PM lecture, 88th Street Frankel Hall: "**Decade at Bernie's—The Ethical Crises in Contemporary Jewish Life**" and **Sunday, March 15**, 10:30AM brunch, 88th Street Frankel Hall: "**On the Killing of Innocents: The Legacy of Shimon and Levy**." Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller has worked as Director at UCLA Hillel for over 25 years. He is a lecturer in the Sociology Department at UCLA, an instructor in Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, and a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Saturday lecture: free, no registration required. Sunday brunch: \$15 members/\$20 non-members, register at www.bj.org. Contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 with questions.

▪ Fourth Annual Concert: The Music of the BJ Musicians

Sunday, March 15, 5:00PM, 88th Street: Celebrate with our resident musicians as they gather to present their own original music and amazing artistry. The different bands will offer an eclectic mix of styles including Middle Eastern, folk-rock, jazz, classical and traditional Jewish song. Tickets: \$15/\$10 students and seniors, available at the door only.

▪ Volunteers Needed for the Fourth Annual Concert:

The Music of the BJ Musicians

Sunday, March 15, various times, 88th Street: Volunteers are needed for early afternoon set-up, ticket sales and ushering for this outstanding event. All volunteers will be granted free admission. Please contact Liz, estone@bj.org for more information.

▪ Jewish Meditation Practices for Everyday Life: Awakening Your Heart, Connecting with God

Monday, March 16, 7:30–9:00PM, 88th Street: Based on twenty-five years of bringing meaningful spiritual practice to the Jewish community, well-known meditation teacher and practitioner Rabbi Jeff Roth presents Jewish contemplative techniques that foster the development of a heart of wisdom and compassion. This contemporary approach to meditation—accessible to both beginners and experts alike—is a way to learn from life experience. The program will include teaching and meditation. For more info, contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org.

▪ Getting Your Doctor To Listen

Tuesday, March 17, 3:00–4:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Is your doctor addressing your concerns? Can your doctor really be your medical partner? Come and learn how to communicate with your health care provider. Get enlightened, educated and entertained while becoming the wisest health care consumer you can be. Specific guidelines will be offered about how to be a more confident, better-informed patient. Free; registration required by contacting Susan Kalev at skalev@bj.org.

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▪ Shabbat B'Yahad

Friday, March 20, following the 6:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join the B'nai Jeshurun community for an intimate Shabbat B'Yahad dinner and musical journey with Ari. Cost: \$36 members/\$41 non-members. To sign up, please visit www.bj.org or contact Guy, x255.

▪ Shabbat Luncheon: Ledor Vador Presents Author Warren Adler

Saturday, March 21, following Shabbat morning services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This very special intergenerational Shabbat luncheon features world-renowned novelist, short story writer and playwright Warren Adler. His books have been translated into more than 25 languages and two of his novels, *The War of the Roses* and *Random Hearts*, have been made into popular movies. Join us as Adler shares tales of growing up in New York City and reads from his latest writings. Please R.S.V.P. at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 3/21" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

▪ Annual Interfaith Lecture: "The New Muslim Anti-Semitism," with Professor Mark R. Cohen

Monday, March 23, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Anti-Semitism is rampant today in certain segments of the Muslim communities in the Middle East and Europe. Where does it come from? Is it endemic in the Islamic religion, going back to the Qur'an, as many believe, or is it something new? In his lecture Mark R. Cohen, Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University and a noted historian of the Jews in the medieval Islamic world, will explore these questions from a historical perspective. Professor Cohen is the author of several books including *Under Crescent and Cross: The Jews in the Middle Ages*, which has been translated into Turkish, Hebrew, German, Arabic, and French, and will appear in Spanish and Romanian next year. Free; please register at x379.

▪ The Job Search Advantage Event

Thursday, March 26, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Join BJ volunteer members from the field of human resources for a panel and breakout groups. Topics to

include: How to Begin a Job Search, Resumes, Interviews, First Impressions, Networking, Changing Careers, more. Bring your questions for the panel. The event is free, but R.S.V.P. is required to Susan Singer at singer1515@gmail.com.

▪ Community Pesah Cleanup of our Spiritual Home

Sunday, March 29, 10:30-1:30PM, 88th Street: Pesah is coming, and so is the cleaning for it! Join us for a Community Cleanup event of our spiritual home at 88th Street. The program will include cleaning and tidying up of the sanctuary and Frankel Hall, a special tour of the building's architecture and art, and a family-style meal at the conclusion. All are welcomed regardless of age, gender, marital, social or financial status! The event is free, but R.S.V.P. is required to gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

▪ Cooking for Second Night Community Seder

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5, 8 and 9, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Cooks needed for the Second Night Community Seder, both in advance and during the meal. Without your help we won't be able to produce this special evening. Please contact ngoodhart@bj.org or x240 for details.

▪ Women's Retreat

April 24-26, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Join us for our eighth BJ women's retreat, led by Rabbis Felicia Sol and Esther Lederman. Be part of a Shabbat weekend devoted to encountering the tradition and ourselves through kol nashim (the voice of women). **Registration is now open.** Visit www.bj.org for more information.

▪ Are You LinkedIn?

BJ encourages all members to join LinkedIn, the social networking site, and then to join the "B'nai Jeshurun-New York City" LinkedIn group. LinkedIn has fast become the place of choice for individuals and organizations looking for employees and consultants. By joining, you expand the network of all members. For more information, visit www.linkedin.com or contact communications@bj.org.

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

▪ Piyyutim Of Shabbat

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon with Hazzan Ari Priven, Yosef Goldman and Basya Schechter

5 Wednesdays (remaining classes March 11, 18) • 6:30-8:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. We will examine the texts and learn extraordinary music for several beautiful liturgical poems that grace the Shabbat prayers and the Shabbat table.

▪ LUNCH AND LEARN: Perversion and Holiness

Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis in Bava Metzi'a Chapter 7

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6 Thursdays (remaining classes March 12, 19) • 12:30-1:45PM • Location to be announced • Free; registration required. We will study one of the pearls of Talmudic literary creativity. **Registration is now closed for this class.**

▪ The Rabbinic Mind on Sinai

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes March 10, 17, 24) • 12:30-1:45PM • BJ Office • Free; registration required. Beginning with a close read of the biblical story, we will then take a step-by-step look at three different midrashic texts on the revelation on Mount Sinai: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer, Mekhilta deRabbi Ishmael and Exodus Rabbah. Come to understand how

the rabbis think, and explore different explanations and understandings of the story and the ability to experience Sinai through studying it. No Hebrew reading necessary.

▪ Five More Conversations About Israel

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

5 Tuesdays (remaining classes March 10, 17, 24, 31) • 7:00-8:30PM • 86th Street Parlor • Free; registration required. Marcelo, in partnership with HaMakom, the Israel Engagement Network, will present five short documentaries and text that will be the basis of our conversations.

▪ Prayer and Synagogue Skills

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

3 Tuesdays (March 17, 24, 31) • 7:00-9:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. For those longing to have a deeper understanding of the Shabbat and weekday prayer service, this class will address questions such as: What is the structure of the service? What is the choreography of the service? How can we balance personal spontaneous prayer with the fixed text of the siddur? Each class will be comprised of three elements: (1) the study of a text to uncover the essence and meaning of prayer; (2) the chanting/davening of a particular prayer or psalm; and (3) the study of the liturgy and its structure and choreography. No Hebrew reading necessary.

Community Activities *(continued from page 3)*

• Shine Your Light! Write An Article for BJ!

We would love your stories, articles and photos for the *Kol Hadash* and the BJ website about BJ activities in which you have participated, or reflections on your involvement in the community. We are also going to be profiling BJ members, leadership, and volunteers. You may also choose to write about events like your trip to Israel, your child's bar/bat mitzvah, your experience at the lunch program, or anything else you would like to share. Articles will be subject to editing at the discretion of BJ staff for grammatical errors and space considerations. For more information about process or deadlines, or to share your idea for an article, please contact communications@bj.org.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Know Your Rights!

New York State is poised to be the newest frontier for same sex marriage legislation. The Marriage Equality Hevra is working hard to demonstrate why equality is so important, and to carry the voice of BJ to Equality & Justice Day on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with your help. From now until that time, this Marriage Equality Series will reveal some of the rights available to married couples but not to same-sex couples, for whom marriage is illegal.

Susan's landlord refused to renew the lease to their apartment after Fiona died, because only Fiona's name was on the lease. Why wasn't Susan protected? Because Susan and Fiona were same-sex partners, and therefore not afforded protection by the State. What if you were forced out of your home because the State does not recognize your relationship as valid, and therefore warranting protection?

Marriage Equality Hevra members will be identifiable at services by their "Marriage" buttons to talk with BJ members and visitors. If you have any questions or want to join the Marriage Equality Hevra, contact co-chairs Amy Lavine, alavine@gaycenter.org or Marlene Halpern, jacobhw@msn.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

Saturday, March 7, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Felicia for an exciting hour of learning before Junior Congregation. The program is for all 6th graders, and their parents, who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Elana, eyalon@bj.org or x260.

• Family Purim Celebrations!

Purim Carnival and Play, Sunday, March 8, 12:30PM, 88th Street

Family Purim Service, Monday, March 9, 5:45PM, 88th Street

Come celebrate Purim with BJ kids and families of all ages. Join us for one or both of these joyful celebrations! Costumes encouraged. For more information, contact Rebecca at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Limud: Heroine or Villain? The Untold Story of Haman's Wife**
Sunday, March 8, 8:00PM, The Parlour, 250 West 86th (between Broadway and West End Avenue): Join Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Ezra Weinberg as we learn together about the untold stories in Megillat Esther, the text we read each year on Purim. We will examine how minor moments and characters can play major roles in Jewish texts, Jewish history, and in our lives. To R.S.V.P., please contact tzlimud@gmail.com.

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. Consider writing in honor or in memory of a family member or friend, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. 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 Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org for further information.

BEKEF: 35+

• Bekef Purim Drinks & Trivia Night

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30PM, The Parlour's Back Room, 250 West 86th (between Broadway and West End Avenue): Join Bekef for a Jewish Trivia Night to celebrate Purim. Come for laughs and drinks as you test your Jewish Trivia knowledge. R.S.V.P. to Andrea Newman, andrea_newman@verizon.net. Space is limited.

HAVUROT

• Intimate 45+ Havurah

For individuals open to giving and receiving feedback in a group setting, and who have the commitment to attend meetings regularly. We are a small group that meets bi-weekly for the opportunity to have conversations that cannot usually be shared with family and friends, and to get to know other members of the community. Contact Sonny at 212-769-0350 or sonnyfit@aol.com for more information.

• Book of Genesis Study Havurah

This Havurah is forming to read and discuss the remarkable stories of the Book of Genesis, and try to find new ways to encounter the profound wisdom embedded in these mysterious and wondrous stories. If you are interested, please contact Neal Aponte, a BJ member and a licensed clinical psychologist, at nealaponte@earthlink.net.

AFFILIATES

• West End Synagogue Annual Blood Drive

Sunday, March 8, 10:00AM-3:00PM, West End Synagogue, 190 Amsterdam Avenue at 69th Street: Nearly 2,000 blood donations are needed daily to meet the needs of 200 hospitals in the New York/New Jersey area. Blood donations often help a cancer patient to be treated, an accident victim to survive, a premature baby to live, or a transplant candidate have their life-giving surgery. Please consider donating blood at this year's blood drive. For information and to make an appointment, contact WES member Mark Misener, markmise@nyc.rr.com or 646-567-0701.

• Volunteer With The Jewish Big Brother Big Sister Program

You can make a BIG difference in the life of a child. Become a Jewish Big Brother Big Sister with the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. Be a positive influence on a child! JBFCs matches Jewish volunteers with Jewish children ages 7 to 16 from single-parent homes or from families with special needs. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older, available to spend two weekend afternoons a month with a child and a minimum one year commitment. Spending time with a child can include playing ball, visiting a museum, or just getting pizza and talking. Find out more about how you can change a child's life for the better. For more information, contact Dana Mindlin at 212-582-9100 x1860, dmindlin@jbfcs.org, or voldiv@jbfcs.org.

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.

• **Silver Name Badges:** New to BJ? Have questions about membership? Look for people wearing silver name badges—feel free to approach them with your questions or even just to introduce yourself—they can help!

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. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Services in a Bomb Shelter in Gan Yavneh

By Orly Kenneth, *Gan Yavneh, Israel*

For more than a year, thirty "secular" families have been on a "spiritual quest" to create an authentic Jewish-Israeli communal life in Gan Yavneh, located 35 kilometers north of Gaza in the "fire zone" during the recent war in Gaza.

During the year, we gathered for Friday night and holiday services in a large classroom in the local high school, but since it is not bomb proof, we could not use it for Friday night services during the war. The search for a place to hold services was not easy, but we finally found one—a filthy bomb shelter. While cleaning it, we felt a bit like the Maccabees, who had to purify the Holy Temple. The experience of preparing the bomb shelter for services gave new meaning to the idea of creating a sacred place in totally unsacred surroundings and creating an island of holy time in a time of war. Fifty people came to services in our newly purified space. That is about 50% of our community—an impressive number of people, considering the fact that the sirens sent us to the shelters three times a day.

It is hard to describe holiness in words, but I can say that for the adults and children, the Friday night services in the shelter will be a memory not to be forgotten. The words of the prayers, the chanting and, even more, being together was a unique and sacred experience. While praying in a bomb shelter, I could not stop thinking of the verse from Psalm 130: "Out of the depths have I called Thee, O LORD."

We prayed for our troops in Gaza, for the families of the fallen soldiers, for the wounded soldiers, for the people of Sderot, and also for ourselves. We added a special prayer for the Palestinian children in Gaza, hoping they would not be hurt and praying for them to grow up in a totally different reality of peace!

I pray that a connection with whomever reads this in the United States will be created through our mutual spiritual quests. The war might be the starting point of a relationship, but I do hope that it will continue in a different path. You are most welcome to join our services when you come to Israel. It would be our pleasure to be in touch with communities like ours in the United States. You can reach me at orlyken@gmail.com.

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischner, a Vice President of BJ's Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of BJ's Israel Steering Committee.

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NODEH UNHALLEL

Node unhallel letzur uzenu she'asa nisim la-avoteinu.

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Yamim shenayim be-oto z'man Ish tzar ve-oyev harasha Haman Nilkad berishto asher li taman Velo natan Tzur lamot raglenu	(2)		(2)	יָמִים שְׁנַיִם בְּאוֹתוֹ זְמַן אִישׁ צָר וְאוֹיֵב הִרְשָׁע הָמָן נִלְכַּד בְּרִשְׁתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר לִי טָמֵן וְלֹא נָתַן צוּר לְמוֹט רַגְלֵינוּ
Al ken baliala nikra megilah Gam bayom nishneh otah begilah Lefarsem nisei nora alilah Rav et rivenu dan et dinenu	(2)	נוֹדָה וְנִהְלֵל ...	(2)	עַל כֵּן בְּלִילָה נִקְרָא מְגִילָה גַּם בַּיּוֹם נִשְׁנֶה אוֹתָהּ בְּגִילָה לְפָרְסָם נִסֵּי נוֹרָא עֲלִילָה רַב אֶת רִיבֵנוּ, דָּן אֶת דֵּינֵנוּ
Beḥasdakh ḥon edah nedudah Vetirdof be-af kol tzar bah radah Nifle-otekha azai nagida Yishtabaḥ shimkha la'ad malkenu.	(2)	נוֹדָה וְנִהְלֵל	(2)	בְּחֶסֶדְךָ חֵן עָדָה נְדוּדָה וְתִרְדּוֹף בְּאָף כָּל צָר בַּה רָדָה נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ אֲזִי נִגִּידָה יִשְׁתַּבַּח שִׁמְךָ לְעַד מְלַכְנוּ

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נוֹדָה וְנִהְלֵל לְצוּר ר' יַעֲקֹב אֲבֵן צוּר (יַעֲב"ץ) לַחֵן: מְרוֹקוֹ

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מְעַמְלֵךְ רֹאשׁ צָרֵינוּ כִּי בְרַפְיֵדִים נִלְחַם בָּנוּ	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ בְּרוּךְ אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ
לֹא עֲזַבְנוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְהַפִּיר בְּרִיתוֹ אֲתָנוּ	יְתְרוֹמֵם שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַנּוֹקֵם אֶת נִקְמָתֵנוּ
בִּימֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲשֵׁרוּשׁ יְיָ הוּא מְשַׁגֵּב לָנוּ	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ ...
בְּעֶצֶת הַצּוֹרֵר הָמָן אֲזִי חַיִּים בְּלַעֲנוּ	וְאִף גַּם זֹאת בִּהְיוֹתֵנוּ גּוֹלִים בְּאֶרֶץ אוֹיְבֵינוּ
לְהַשְׁמִיד כָּל הַיְהוּדִים לוֹלֵי יְיָ שֶׁהִיא לָנוּ	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ ...
זִמְר חֲדָשׁ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲשֶׁר עַד הַנְּהָ יְיָ עֲזָרְנוּ	סִתַּר הִיטָה לְרֹאשׁ אֵל מֶלֶךְ גָּדוֹל וְקָדוֹשׁ
וְנִרְאָה עֵינַי בְּעֵינַי בְּשׁוֹב יְיָ אֲתָנוּ	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ ...
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	שְׁלַח רְצִים דְּחוּפִים אֵל שְׁבַע מְאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים
	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ ...
	לְבַשׁ נֶגֶם וְלִי חֶסֶה עַל יַד יְמִינִי וְהִדְסָה
	פּוּרִים פּוּרִים פּוּרִים לָנוּ ...
	וַיִּצְיָאֵנוּ לְרִנָּה וּמִיָּגוֹן וְאֲנַחָה
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	מְלָאוּ גְבִיעֵכֶם יַיִן וְשִׁלְחוּ מְנוֹת לְאֵינַן
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