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**TZAV**

SHABBAT HAGADOL

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 7:11 - 7:38

1: 7:11 - 7:15

2: 7:16 - 7:18

3: 7:19 - 7:21

4: 7:22 - 7:27

5: 7:28 - 7:31

6: 7:32 - 7:34

7: 7:35 - 7:38

Maftir: 7:35 - 7:38

**HAFTARAH** Malakhi 3:4 - 24

**NEXT WEEK: SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESAH**

**TORAH** Exodus 33:11 - 34:26

**MAFTIR** Numbers 28:19 - 25

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES**

▪ **Equality & Justice Day**

**Tuesday, April 28: Register Now!** Isn't your equality worth one day? Come to Albany to lobby our elected officials and demonstrate the commitment of this Jewish community to Marriage Equality. Equality & Justice Day 2009 will be the most important yet, because now, for the first time ever, we have a pro-LGBT Majority in the State Senate! Help us reach our goal of 100 B'nai Jeshurun members to Albany. Bus will leave from 88th Street at about 6:00AM and return around 8:30PM. Registration fee of \$40 covers bus, breakfast, and lunch. Visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to register now! For more info, contact Marlene Halpern, [jacobhw@msn.com](mailto:jacobhw@msn.com), or call x259.

▪ **The Nanny Conundrum**

**Sunday, April 19, 11:30AM-1:00PM, 88th Street:** Join us for a new workshop for BJ members who employ nannies and other domestic workers. Explore important issues that involve our Jewish and secular values. Most of us want to be ethical employers, especially to those so intimately connected to our families. Is it our responsibility to be well-informed about income tax, healthcare and vacation policies? Legal and financial experts will be with us to answer questions. Childcare provided for those who R.S.V.P. in advance. For more information, contact Susan at [susanolderman@yahoo.com](mailto:susanolderman@yahoo.com) or call x259.

**April 3-10, 2009**

**9-16 Nisan, 5769**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

**Family Tot Shabbat Service** 5:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.3)  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Young Families Shabbat Dinner** 6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**Shabbat Services** 9:30 AM - 86th St.  
**Junior Congregation** 10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
**Reach for Shabbat Lunch** Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88th St.

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

BJHS CLOSED

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\*** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Limud: The Book of Exodus\*** 8:30 AM - 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

BJ OFFICE CLOSSES AT 1:00PM

**Birkat HaHama** 6:30 AM - JCC in Manhattan (SEE P.2)  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Siyyum and Seudat Mitzvah** Following Morning Minyan - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**First Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** Cancelled this week  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** No class this week  
**Second Night Pesah Community Seder** 7:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Second Day Pesah Services** 9:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

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

## Announcements

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Ellen Landau on the death of her beloved mother, Pauline Landau.
- Aliza Felix on the death of her beloved father, Isaac Schwadron.
- Hilda Greenberg on the death of her neice, Shira Weiss.

### MAZAL TOV

- Jacob, Mark, Robyn, Isabel, Emanuela and Daniel Tsesarsky on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### YASHER KOAH

- To Daniel Kestin on being selected to appear in *The Jewish Week's* "36 under 36" list for 2009.
- To Anne Landsman, whose novel *The Rowing Lesson* was shortlisted for the \$100,000 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Dafna Yehudai and students from Ironi High School, Haifa, Israel.
- Wende Weinberg and the 7th Grade Class, Anne and Nate Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- Susan D. Morrel and Confirmation Class, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Massachusetts.

## Community Activities

• **Once-in-a-28-Year-Opportunity: Birkat HaHama/Blessing of the Sun Wednesday, April 8, 6:30AM** (pre-dawn Shahaarit option at 6:00AM), JCC in Manhattan (75th and Amsterdam): At sunrise on Erev Pesah, you are warmly invited to join Hazon, BJ, and the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan in a celebration of Birkat HaHama, Blessing of the Sun, on the roof of the JCC. This once-in-a-generation event will be co-led by MTM Rabbinic Fellow Ezra Weinberg. Included in the event will be a "hametz burning" and a siyyum for Ta'anit B'khorot.

• **National Healthcare Decisions Day: Important For All of Us Thursday, April 16:** Though difficult to do, preparing for your future health needs is truly important. The day after the national tax deadline has been established as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) to encourage every American to complete advance directives, healthcare choices written in advance so that medical professionals and family caregivers will know what choices the person wants if unable to communicate those wishes. Further information is available at [www.decideyourcare.org](http://www.decideyourcare.org). Contact Yaffa Garber, BJ's Life Cycle Coordinator, at [ygarber@bj.org](mailto:ygarber@bj.org) with any questions.

• **BJ Book Club Saturday, April 18, 2:00PM**, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join us in honor of Sholem Aleichem's 150th birthday. We will discuss "Tevya the Dairyman and the Railroad Stories," translated and with an introduction by Hillel Halkinln. It is also recommended that you read Ruth Wisse's analysis, "The Schlemiel as Modern Hero." Contact [zsucharney@verizon.net](mailto:zsucharney@verizon.net) or [dsdresner@aol.com](mailto:dsdresner@aol.com) for location.

• **Yom HaShoah Monday, April 20, 6:45PM**, 88th Street: Join us for our Yom HaShoah Service, as we read and hear names of relatives of BJ members who were murdered during the Shoah. Our commemoration service will be followed by a screening of "Photographer," produced and directed by Dariusz Jablonski, followed by remarks and Q&A by Professor Annette Insdorf of the Graduate Film Division of Columbia University's School of the Arts. The all-night vigil of the Reading of the Names will be at Congregation Shaare Zedek, 212 West 93rd Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue) starting at 10:00PM on Monday, April 20, and will continue until 8:30AM on Tuesday, April 21. The BJ reading slot will be at 11:00PM. Survivors and families of survivors are also welcome to join us on April 18 for a special aliyah.

• **Counting on God: Waiting as an Experience in Illness and Recovery A Bikkur Holim Teaching and Training Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-9:00PM**, 88th Street: Just as we count the days of the omer from Pesah to Shavuot in anticipation of revelation and renewal, we also try to understand the experience of counting and waiting in the lives of those who are ill in order to support and be with them through their journeys. BJ's Bikkur Holim Committee invites the entire BJ community to an evening of teaching and training with Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, LMSW, Spiritual Care Coordinator for the Shira Ruskay Center at JBFCS, as we explore these ideas in the Jewish tradition of Bikkur Holim. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Please R.S.V.P. to Yaffa Garber at [ygarber@bj.org](mailto:ygarber@bj.org).

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## Pesah 5769

• **Sale of Hametz Before Pesah**  
If you wish to sell your hametz, please email [hametz@bj.org](mailto:hametz@bj.org) with your name and address by Monday, April 6 at noon. It is customary to send a tzedakah donation for this service—please make your check out to B'nai Jeshurun and mark "Hametz" in the memo section.

• **Siyyum and Seudat Mitzvah Wednesday, April 8, 7:30AM**, 88th Street: Following morning minyan, all are welcome to join in a siyyum, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature, taught by Len Wasserman, followed by a seudat mitzvah, a meal accompanying the performance of a mitzvah (here the completion of study). All first-born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit Bekhorim).

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

**Friday, April 10**  
**Second Day Pesah\***  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

**Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Evening Service**  
88th Street .....6:00 PM  
88th Street .....7:30 PM

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Day Services**  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

**Sunday, April 12-Tuesday, April 14**  
**Hol Hamo'ed Pesah**  
88th Street .....7:30 AM

**Tuesday, April 14**  
**Seventh Evening Pesah**  
88th Street .....7:15 PM

**Wednesday, April 15**  
**Seventh Day Pesah\***  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

**Eighth Evening Pesah**  
88th Street .....8:15 PM

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Eighth Day Pesah\* (Yizkor)**  
88th Street .....9:30 AM

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

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

▪ **Looking into Tahara Texts and Songs: Hevra Kadisha Study Session**  
**Thursday, April 30**, 7:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: BJ's Hevra Kadisha Committee (comforting mourners) invites the entire BJ community to attend an evening of study at a member's home. We will look closely at the texts used during the Tahara, the ritual preparation of the deceased for burial. The texts recited during Tahara, a ritual that weaves together Biblical liturgy with modern songs, shed light on this ancient ritual that is still practiced today. No knowledge of Hebrew or Tahara necessary. Free; registration required and space is limited. Contact Yaffa Garber to R.S.V.P, ygarber@bj.org or x256.

▪ **Teacher in Residence: Nili Scharf Gold**  
**Friday, May 1**, following the 6:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Shabbat dinner and teaching, "The Holy Ark of his Father's Love: Yehudah

Amichai's Poetry." **Saturday, May 2**, 5:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary, lecture: "Hidden Between the Love-letters: The Story of a Poet and a Nation." Nili Scharf Gold is Associate Professor of Modern Hebrew Literature in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania. She has published extensively on Israeli fiction and poetry. Her recent book, *Yehudah Amichai: The Making of Israel's National Poet*, is the winner of the American Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) publication grant for 2008. Nili will be with us just a week after Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, and together we will have the chance to remember Israel's past and dream of her future. Cost for Shabbat dinner: \$36 members/\$41 non-members. Registration will be available soon at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Saturday lecture is free, no registration required. Contact Guy at x255 with questions.

## Creating Kehillah

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

▪ **NEW! Family Tot Shabbat Service and Dinner**  
**Friday, April 3**, 5:30PM, 88th Street: In our effort to create a very special Shabbat experience for families of young children, we are piloting a new Shabbat service. On the first Shabbat of the month in April and May there will be a Family Tot Shabbat service with stories and music at 5:30PM with one of the BJ rabbis, followed by the regular service at 6:00PM. At around 6:30PM, after Kabbalat Shabbat in the main service but before Ma'ariv, families with children under 5 can go downstairs to join together for a child-friendly Shabbat dinner to get to know one another. Registration for dinner is available on the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), and through our Young Families listserve. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at [rrosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rrosenthal@bj.org) or x243 with questions or for more information.

▪ **Special Needs Family Shabbat Morning Service**  
**Saturday, April 25**, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Parlor: BJ is excited about its very first Mishpaha Shabbat program for children with special needs and their families! Join us for a welcoming Shabbat morning service that is accessible to children with moderate to severe special needs. Siblings welcome! The service will be led by Rabbi Marcelo, BJ educators and Liz Lasky, LMSW. To R.S.V.P., and if you have any questions about whether this program is appropriate for your family, please contact, Elana, [eayalon@bj.org](mailto:eayalon@bj.org) or x260.

▪ **K-2 Children Shabbat Program**  
**Saturday, April 25**, following Community Kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Parlor: Children in K-2, no matter where they receive their Jewish education, are invited to participate in a Shabbat-oriented program with BJ educators. To R.S.V.P., please contact Elana, [eayalon@bj.org](mailto:eayalon@bj.org) or x260.

▪ **6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat**  
**Friday, May 8-Sunday, May 10**, Camp Ramah, Nyack, NY: The 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat is coming and it's just for kids! For all 6th graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education, who will become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at BJ. It's going to be an incredible experience! Questions? Contact Elana, [eayalon@bj.org](mailto:eayalon@bj.org) or x260.

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

▪ **Two Ways To Celebrate The End Of Passover**  
**Thursday, April 16**, 7:00PM: For eight long days you ditched bread, passed on pizza and swore off pasta. Reward yourself at a special two-part Mimouna, a traditional North African celebration marking the end of Passover. Part I, 7:00PM: Learn about Mimouna and end the holiday in style—with pizza. R.S.V.P. to [tzlimud@gmail.com](mailto:tzlimud@gmail.com) to receive the location. Part II, 9:00-11:00PM: The classic BJ-style Mimouna—open bar at our favorite Irish pub, The Parlour (86th between Broadway and West End). Enjoy unlimited drinks and unlimited company for \$25.

### BEKEF: 35+

▪ **Matzadalah: Pesah Havdalah**  
**Saturday, April 11**, 7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Bekef for the once-a-year Pesah Havdalah. We will celebrate this special havdalah with music, dessert and wine. The event is FREE with R.S.V.P. to Yosefa Galchen, [yosefa@galchen.com](mailto:yosefa@galchen.com). Please indicate if you are bringing kosher for Pesah wine or dessert.

### AFFILIATES

▪ **The Jewish Community Stands with Domestic Workers: The Shalom Bayit Public Forum**  
**Thursday, April 23**, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Please join BJ and Jews For Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) for this powerful event. Nannies, housekeepers and eldercare givers have long been excluded from labor protections, benefits, and fair treatment in their work that many of us take for granted. The proposed state legislation, entitled The Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights, will address this injustice by recognizing domestic work and setting fair labor standards for domestic workers in NY State. Let your voice be heard when the New York Jewish community demands that the state legislature pass the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights—the first in the country. Co-sponsored by American Jewish World Service, AVODAH, Uri l'tzedek, Congregation Ezrath Israel, Kolot Chayenu, and MET COUNCIL. For more information, contact Susan at [susanolderman@yahoo.com](mailto:susanolderman@yahoo.com) or call x259.

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

▪ **Towards a Jewish Theology of Justice**  
**Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek**  
**4 Mondays** (April 27, May 4, 11, 18) • 7:00-9:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. How can Jews contemplate the justice claims of gentiles? What, if any, is the philosophical basis for concern with those who aren't part of our ethnic or religious group? We'll examine classical concepts such as mipnei darkhei shalom and tikkun

olam, theological perspectives articulated by thinkers such as Levinas and Buber. Most importantly, we'll explore the theological framework that actually underpins our own conception of Judaism, and explore the implications of our beliefs on our political commitments. Rabbi Spodek is Rabbi-in-Residence/Director of Jewish Communal Relations for the American Jewish World Service and was a 2006-2008 Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow at BJ.

## 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.

• **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!

• **LinkIn to Help Out!**

In these difficult times, we are trying many ways to help members find jobs and network. *Join us in this very important effort* simply by joining "B'nai Jeshurun-New York City," the BJ group on LinkedIn, [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). There you can share your professional network, post jobs and respond to any ongoing discussions that are posted in the group.

**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. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## Discovering the Secret Bond of Spirits

*A delegation of 7 Israelis from the Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Study of Hamidrasha will be visiting BJ from April 16–26. We hope that you will join them for Shabbat dinners in members' homes, workshops at Kiddush and Havdalah, as well as at the Women's Retreat.*

Rabbi Pinhas said: "When a man is singing and cannot lift his voice, and another comes and sings with him, another who can lift his voice, then the first will be able to lift his voice too. That is the secret of the bond between spirit and spirit."

For much of Jewish history—and today in many places in Israel and around the world—the voices of women have been restricted to the private arena, excluded from the Beit Midrash, the synagogue and other public venues. This exclusion has been destructive to the community at large, for each voice is an integral part of the whole.

The Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Study was created in response to this void. The Institute aspires to help create an Israeli society in which women are influential partners in the renewal of Jewish-Israeli culture through study, ritual and community activism. This aspiration is founded, not only upon the value of the equality of men and women, but also upon the value of diversity, the recognition of the spectrum of voices which exist within our society, our communities, and even within ourselves. The Institute is working to create spaces where these voices can be voiced and heard, recognized and appreciated.

When only one voice is heard, conflict is only experienced as a power struggle between winners and losers, between the strong and the weak. But when we invite a dialogue of diversity, conflict can become an invitation and challenge to expand and enrich our identities and together to address the issues at hand.

From this perspective, the Institute is working to deepen dialogue between women from different sectors of Israeli society in order to create "tikkun," a repaired society where complex and varied identities exist together in harmony.

We look forward to visiting with many of you during the week!

—2009 delegation from The Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Studies  
at Hamidrasha Educational Center, Israel  
Anat Israeli, Devora Evron, Ma'ayan BenZvi, Ester Fisher, Nirit BarNahor, Sara Peleg, Hagit Akerman

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