



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

SHEMINI

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 10:12 - 11:32
1: 10:12 - 10:15
2: 10:16 - 10:20
3: 11:1 - 11:8
4: 11:9 - 11:12
5: 11:13 - 11:19
6: 11:20 - 11:28
7: 11:29 - 11:32
Maftir: 11:29 - 11:32

HAFTARAH II Samuel 6:1 - 6:19

NEXT WEEK: **TAZRIA-METZORA**

ROSH HODESH IYAR

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 12:1 - 15:23

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 13:40 - 14:32

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24, 23

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 we now 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 at 8:30PM. Registration fee of \$40 covers bus, breakfast, and lunch. Visit www.bj.org to register now! More info: Marlene Halpern, jacobhw@msn.com or x259.

▪ **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 fair treatment in their work. Proposed state legislation will address this injustice by recognizing domestic work and setting fair labor standards for domestic workers in NY State. Let your voice be heard to help pass the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. Co-sponsored by American Jewish World Service, AVODAH, Uri l'tzedek, Congregation Ezrath Israel, Kolot Chayeinu, and MET COUNCIL. More info: susanolderman@yahoo.com or x259.

April 17-24, 2009

23-30 Nisan, 5769

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Teen Shabbat Dinner Following 6:00 PM Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

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
Junior Congregation Kiddush Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
Men's Havurah 5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
The Nanny Conundrum 11:30 AM – 88th St.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

EREV YOM HASHOAH

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Introduction to Judaism* No class this week
Yom HaShoah Service and Film Screening 6:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance 10:00 PM – Congregation Shaare Tzedek (SEE P.2)

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

YOM HASHOAH

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bikkur Holim Teaching 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Unemployed or Underemployed? 1:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
The Shalom Bayit Public Forum 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a 7:00 PM – BJ Office
Screening of Encounter Point 7:30 PM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

ROSH HODESH IYAR

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

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

Announcements

MAZAL TOV

• Daniella, Jeffrey and Judith and Michael Nevid on Daniella becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel.

TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Junior Congregation Kiddush is sponsored by Micki, Jonathan, Teddy and Sophia Reiss in honor of Teddy's upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

• Youth group participants from Shir Chadash, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Community Activities Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for complete descriptions of these events as well as upcoming Limud.

• 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 Halkin. Contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for location.

• Men's Havurah—Open Invitation to the BJ Community

Saturday, April 18, 5:00–7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: "A snake, a candle, a boy and a girl" —*Oh, the things that can happen when men and women study Torah!* This month the Men's Havurah invites the BJ community to their April meeting for an unforgettable evening of study and dialogue with guests from Hamidrasha's Elga Stulman Women's Institute for Jewish Study. Do men and women study Torah differently? How does gender affect Torah learning? For more info, contact ngoodhart@bj.org.

• 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. The service will be followed by a screening of *Photographer*, produced and directed by Darius Jablonski, and remarks by Professor Annette Insdorf. The all-night vigil of the Reading of the Names will be at Congregation Shaare Zedek, 212 West 93rd Street, from 10:00PM on Monday, April 20 to 8:30AM on Tuesday, April 21. The BJ 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, we also try to understand the experience of counting and waiting in the lives of those who are ill. BJ's Bikkur Holim Committee invites the entire BJ community to an evening of teaching and training as we explore these ideas. Please R.S.V.P. to ygarber@bj.org.

• Unemployed or Underemployed?

Thursday, April 23, 1:00PM, 88th Street: Join BJ Employment Help Task Force members for weekly facilitated meetings where we will explore your needs surrounding securing employment, networking and simply being there for each other. Groups will meet between Pesah and Shavuot on Thursdays, April 23 and 30, and May 7, 14 and 21. For more info, contact skalev@bj.org.

• Screening of *Encounter Point*

Thursday, April 23, 7:30PM, 86th Street: The Parents' Circle will present Ronit Avni's groundbreaking film, *Encounter Point*. The Parents' Circle, a group composed of Israelis and Palestinians who have lost family members to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is dedicated to fostering a nonviolent solution to the conflict.

• 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. Free; registration required and space is limited. R.S.V.P. to 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: Yehuda 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 at the University of Pennsylvania. Nili will be with us just a week after Yom Ha'atzmaut, 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. Register online at www.bj.org. Saturday lecture free, no registration required. For more info, contact Guy at x255.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Special Needs Family Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, April 25, 9:30–10:30AM, 86th Street Parlor: BJ is excited about its very first Mishpa'ha 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 rosenthal@bj.org or x243.

• 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, eyalon@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, eyalon@bj.org or x260.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

Monday, April 27, 6:00–7:30PM, 88th St. kitchen: Join us as we make dinner at BJ for the shelter. All the cooks will split the cost of the groceries (\$8-10); no cooking experience necessary. R.S.V.P. by April 24 to tzvolunteers@yahoo.com.

• Tze'irim Friday Night Dinner

Friday, May 8, following the 7:30PM service, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. BJ members and non-members in their 20s/30s ONLY are invited to share an intimate Shabbat dinner. Visit www.bj.org to register. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 for more info.