



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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# קול ישורון

## KOL JESHURUN

**EMOR**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23  
**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 22:17 - 23:22  
 1: 22:17 - 22:20  
 2: 22:21 - 22:25  
 3: 22:26 - 22:33  
 4: 23:1 - 23:3  
 5: 23:4 - 23:8  
 6: 23:9 - 23:14  
 7: 23:15 - 23:22  
 Maftir: 23:19 - 23:22

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

**NEXT WEEK: BEHAR-BEHUKOTAI**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34  
**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 25:39 - 26:46  
**HAFTARAH** Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES**

• **SIGN UP NOW: Blood Drive at BJ**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 4:00-9:00PM, 88th Street:**  
 Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. **It does not hurt!** People are often reluctant to give because they are afraid and think it will be painful or unpleasant, but it isn't any of those things. It is really easy and can be a big help to somebody else. Give the gift of life. This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all! Please contact 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. Go to [www.bj.org/blooddrive](http://www.bj.org/blooddrive) for information about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply.

• **Join BJ for AIDS Walk New York 2009!**  
**Sunday, May 17, 9:00AM-12:00PM:** This is BJ's 16th year in this annual event that raises money for the Gay Men's Health Crisis and over 50 other HIV/AIDS organizations. To get started with your fundraising, go to [www.aidswalk.net/newyork/](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/). Click on "Register to Walk," select "Join a Team," and pick Congregation B'nai Jeshurun/Tehillah - 1017 in the dropdown menu. For more information please contact team leader, Ruth Jarmul at [rjarmul@gmail.com](mailto:rjarmul@gmail.com) or call x259.

\* 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.)

**May 8-15, 2009**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
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**Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday Night Off-Broadway with the Sheba Ensemble**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 30 (Gevurah Shebehod)

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**Shabbat Services**

**Bar Mitzvah**

**Children's Services**  
**Community Kiddush**  
**Piyutim Singing**

**Community Minḥa and Havdalah**  
**Bar Mitzvah**  
**Seudat Simḥa**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 31 (Tiferet Shebehod)

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

**Morning Minyan**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 32 (Netzah Shebehod)

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

**Morning Minyan**

**Limud: Towards a Jewish Theology of Justice\***

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\***

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 33 (Hod Shebehod)

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

**Morning Minyan**

**Limud: The Book of Exodus\***

**Limud: Interfaith Family Workshop\***

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 34 (Yesod Shebehod)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

**Morning Minyan**

**BJ/SPSA Blood Drive**

**Limud: BJ Beit Midrash\***

with Rabbis J. Rolando Matalon and Felicia L. Sol

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehod)

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**Morning Minyan**

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

**Unemployed or Underemployed?**

**Teen Activity Fair**

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a with Julie Seltzer\***

**Redirecting Yourself, Part 1**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 36 (Hesed Shebeyesod)

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**Morning Minyan**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 37 (Gevurah Shebeyesod)

**6th Grade Retreat**

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
 Following 7:30 PM Service -  
 88th St. Frankel Hall  
 10:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

**6th Grade Retreat**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary  
 Joshua Wakefield  
 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
 Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall  
 6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

7:45 PM - 88th St.

Charles Frankel  
 Following Services - 88th St.

**6th Grade Retreat**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:00 PM - BJ Office

**LAG BA'OMER**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

8:30 AM - 88th St.

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

4:00-9:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

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

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

1:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

5:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

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

7:30 AM - 88th St.

## Announcements

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Philip Davidson, and extends sincere condolences to his entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Karen, Jeff, Jack, Mathew, Ryan, and Samuel Tyler Hogan on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, David Hanovice.

### MAZAL TOV

- Joshua, Jerome, Lisa and Zachary Wakefield on Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Charles, Oliver and Miles Frankel and Judith Leibholz Colon on Charles becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Cindy Wachenheim and Hal Bacharach on their wedding.
- Jennifer Klass on the birth of her daughter.
- Bill Mosca and Emily Shapiro on the birth of their daughter.
- Rabbi Jill Cozen Harel on her Rabbinical ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion this past Sunday.
- Penny Dannenberg on her "Dances For A Variable Population" debut.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Jerome and Zachary Wakefield and Lisa Peters in honor of Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- This week's Seudat Simcha following the Community Mincha is sponsored by Judith Leibholz Colon, Oliver Frankel, and Miles Frankel in honor of Charles becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## Community Activities

### Friday Night Off-Broadway: Oneg Shabbat

**Friday, May 8**, 10:00PM, 88th Street: The entire BJ community is invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat together with the Sheba Ensemble, who will perform and lead us in joyful Shabbat music. Contact Guy at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) or x255 for more information.

### Piyyutim Singing

**Saturday, May 9**, 6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join Ari and Roly to sing the beautiful songs that were recently taught in the Piyyutim of Shabbat class. No experience necessary. Following the class, you are invited to join us at the Community Mincha service that will begin at 7:45PM and conclude with Havdalah. Please R.S.V.P. to Sarah, [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org).

### Unemployed or Underemployed?

**Thursday, May 14**, 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. For more information, contact [skalev@bj.org](mailto:skalev@bj.org).

### Redirecting Yourself—A Two-Part Career Transition Event

**Thursday, May 14** and **Thursday, May 21**, 7:30–9:00PM, 88th Street: Are you unemployed? Underemployed? Seeking practical tools on how to make that career transition you've been longing for? Join the BJ Employment Task Force and the BJ Career Development & Networking Initiative as they host two experts who will help you discover your professional value and how to tap into it with clarity and success. **Part 1, May 14**, is with Robyn Barsky, a career development professional who will provide strategies for discovering and articulating the unique personal attributes that fuel your successful performance. **Part 2, May 21**, is with Rafi Haham, an international speaker, organizational consultant and life coach who will present the 5 Human Intelligences Model and provide practical tools for exploring your own personal brilliance and advancing your career. R.S.V.P. IS REQUIRED to Guy Felixbrodt, [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) (please indicate your profession and/or industry to which you are seeking to transition).

### BJ Softball 2009

**Thursdays (remaining dates May 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)**, 7:00–8:30PM, Central Park Field 12 North Meadow (96th St. entrance): Pray with your feet: step up to the plate and hit one out of the park for BJ! Please contribute a one-time donation for the season—one game or 16, it's your choice—of \$18.00, payable to B'nai Jeshurun. Friendly, lively, all-inclusive, self-governing-pick-up games. More information: Jody Prusan, [jpmazel@aol.com](mailto:jpmazel@aol.com).

### BJ Community Retreat 2009 is Back!

**Friday, June 5–Sunday, June 7**, Block & Hexter Vacation Center: After a four-year hiatus, we are pleased to tell you about the return of the BJ Community Retreat! In these challenging times, we are grateful for the opportunity to retreat together to celebrate Shabbat, find our strength, and reconnect within this Kehillah Kedosha. We are planning many wonderful activities, including music, games, shows, and more. We look forward to seeing you there. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or contact Guy, [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) or x255, for more information.

### Students! Summertime Help in the BJ Office

Summertime is a busy season at the BJ office. We are offering opportunities to reliable people who can assist with computer data entry, interesting projects, and general office assistance in the Membership Department. An ideal experience for high school or college students available in June, July and/or August. Community service hours available. Please contact Belinda Lasky at [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) or x224 for more information.

### The BJ Jewish Skills Bank

Every BJ member has a "Jewish Skill"—whether it is baking challah or laying tefillin—that another BJ member would like to learn. The BJ Jewish Skills Bank will pair BJ members through an online system, creating opportunities for members to learn from each other and build community. The system is expected to be online by the fall. Let us know what you would like to teach—as well as what you would like to learn! Contact David Karnovsky, [davidkarno@aol.com](mailto:davidkarno@aol.com) or Harriet Goren, [harriet@goren.com](http://harriet@goren.com), to learn more and help build the online BJ Jewish Skills Bank.

## Creating Kehillah

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### BJ Hebrew School Open House

**Monday, May 11 or Thursday June 4**, 4:00PM, 88th Street: Thinking about your child's Jewish education? Do you know about the Hebrew School at BJ? Come to either of these B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School prospective parent meetings. Meet Ivy Schreiber, Director of Education for Youth and Family

and learn about the Hebrew School's vision and curriculum. Contact Elana Ayalon, [eayalon@bj.org](mailto:eayalon@bj.org) or x260, for more information.

#### Help us Dedicate the New Junior Congregation Ark

**Saturday, May 16**, 10:30AM service, 86th St. Social Hall: Help us celebrate our new Junior Congregation ark as we dedicate it as a community. We hope to see everyone there. If you would like to lead a prayer on that day, please sign up on the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). *(continued on page 3)*

## Creating Kehillah (continued from page 5)

▪ **Bim Bam with BJ: Pre-Shabbat Class for Babies and Toddlers**  
**7 Thursdays** (June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16) or **7 Fridays** (June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17), 10:45AM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Celebrate Shabbat early with your child at B'nai Jeshurun as we sing those catchy BJ songs, say traditional blessings, eat challah, and teach our children (and remind ourselves) all about Shabbat. Children will learn about Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) by giving tzedakah (charity), so please bring your coins each week. Members with all levels of observance are encouraged to register. We will create community and start Jewish traditions in our homes. Children ages 0-3 and their parents or caregivers are encouraged to attend. Sign up at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### HAVUROT

▪ **Join a Havurah**  
Are you interested in a small group setting where you can get to know more like-minded people within the BJ community? Then a Havurah is the right thing for you! There are currently quite a few active Havurot in our community and the following ones are open for new members: Baking Havurah, Book of Genesis Study Havurah, Care Givers Havurah, Empty Nesters Havurah, Havurah Haverim Tovim, Rak Be'ivrit Havurah, and the Single Parent Havurah. For more information about a specific Havurah and how to join it, contact Guy Felixbrodt at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org).

### BEKEF: 35+

▪ **Bekef Lag Ba'Omer Hike and Picnic**  
**Sunday, May 17**, 10:30AM, meet in front of the circular information booth at

Grand Central Station: Join Bekef as we celebrate the holiday of Lag Ba'Omer with a short hike to a beautiful setting overlooking the Hudson. Meet at 10:30 AM for a train ride of about an hour along the Hudson to the picturesque town of Cold Spring. We'll take a short drive before an easy to moderate uphill hike of about a half hour. We'll then have lunch and learn more about the holiday. After the hike back down, we'll browse the Main Street shops and have a drink in a local pub before heading back to the city. To R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, May 12 and for further questions, contact Craig Rosenberg at [crosenberg6@optonline.net](mailto:crosenberg6@optonline.net).

### AFFILIATES

#### ▪ Forever Families Weekend

**Friday, June 12-Sunday, June 14**, Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, Milford, PA: For Jewish families touched by adoption. Families will have the opportunity to think consciously about their roles in both the Jewish community and the adoption community while enjoying a weekend at one of the largest Jewish summer camps in North America. Parents will have the option to participate in workshops such as "Children's Books and Stories of Adoption," "Identity Issues for Adoptees Approaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah," and "Acceptance of Transracial Families in the Jewish Community," while their children participate in age-appropriate activities such as "W.I.S.E. Up workshops" or "Teen Adoptees Advocating for Adoption." Contact Debbie Schwartz at 203-622-1881 or [dschwartz@jfsgreenwich.org](mailto:dschwartz@jfsgreenwich.org). Camp website: [njycamps.org/families/html/forever\\_families.html](http://njycamps.org/families/html/forever_families.html).

## 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** (remaining classes May 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 underpins our own conception of Judaism, as well as 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 Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow at BJ from 2006-2008.

#### ▪ Interfaith Family Workshop

**Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein**

**4 Tuesdays** (remaining classes May 12, 19, 26) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. Join us for one of the following workshops, or all four! The first will guide young interfaith couples on building meaningful relationships. The second workshop will cater to families with school-age children, and will cover important topics such as celebrating holidays in an interfaith family. The topic of the third workshop, significant for older couples, will be end-of-life issues that affect interfaith religious practices. The theme of the fourth workshop will be announced closer to its date. Marcelo will facilitate group discussions each week. These workshops are appropriate for all, including dating couples, married couples, singles, grandparents, and newlyweds.

#### ▪ BJ Beit Midrash

**Rabbis J. Rolando Matalon and Felicia L. Sol**

**4 Wednesdays** (remaining classes May 13, 20, 27) • 6:30-8:00PM •

88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. The essence of Torah learning is built around the relationship of *hevrotot* (study partnerships). BJ is striving to incorporate this model of learning within the community and encourages all members to commit to study in *hevruta*. In order to help those newer to this model of studying as well as support more seasoned learners, we will have a BJ Beit Midrash. The theme will be Pirkei Avot, which is typically studied between Pesach and Shavuot. Each session will begin with a 30-minute shiur (teaching) followed by *hevruta* study. Rabbis Matalon and Sol will guide the *hevrotot* with questions to focus their learning as well as give support to individual *hevrotot* during the beit midrash section of the class. Participants are encouraged to find a *hevruta* partner in advance of the class, but we will match people up in the class as well.

#### ▪ Parashat Hashavu'a: Special Guest Teacher!

**Julie Seltzer, Soferet**

**Thursday, May 14** • 7:00-8:30PM • BJ Office • Free; registration required. Julie Seltzer is a Soferet (scribe) and one of the first women to ever work on writing a Torah. (She is a student of Jen Taylor Friedman, the first to complete a Torah). Come learn about the weekly Torah portion through the eyes of a Torah Scribe. An accomplished baker as well, Julie will also talk about her "Challah Parsha Project." This is a one-time only event.

#### ▪ Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Sivan

**Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

**Sunday, May 24** • 11:30AM • 86th Street Parlor • Free; registration not required. Following morning minyan, which begins at 9:30AM, join Rabbi Felicia Sol as we welcome in the month of Sivan and prepare to stand again at Sinai. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher dish to this potluck brunch. Note: Morning Minyan is at 88th Street; the Rosh Hodesh Group will meet at 86th Street.

## 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).

### 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](http://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](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) for further information.

### Shine Your Light! Write An Article for the *Kol Hadash*

We would love your stories, articles and photos 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](mailto:communications@bj.org). ■

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