

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



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TZAV

SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 8:1 - 8:36

- 1: 8:1 - 8:5
- 2: 8:6 - 8:9
- 3: 8:10 - 8:13
- 4: 8:14 - 8:17
- 5: 8:18 - 8:21
- 6: 8:22 - 8:29
- 7: 8:30 - 8:36
- Maftir: 8:33 - 8:36

HAFTARAH Malachi 3:4 - 24, 3:23

NEXT WEEK: **SHABBAT H^{OL} HAMO'ED PESAH**

TORAH: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

March 26-April 2, 2010

11-18 Nisan, 5770

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Bernard Kessler

Naming

Isabelle Felberbaum

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Shabbat Teaching: Freedom Through Forgiveness

Following Kiddush - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Men's Havurah

5:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00PM

Morning Minyan, Siyyum, and Se'udat Mitzvah

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

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Limud: The Book of Exodus

No class this week

First Day Pesah Services

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St.

Second Night Pesah Community Seder

7:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Second Day Pesah Services

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

BJHS CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Cancelled this week

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM - BJ Office

"My Israel" Film Screening

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 3 (Tiferet Shebehesed)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Minyan

2ND DAY H^{OL} HAMO'ED PESAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 4 (Netzah Shebehesed)

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

• BJ Hazorim CSA

BJ is starting its very own CSA! CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It is a partnership between city residents and a local farmer that allows us city dwellers to enjoy fresh produce straight from the farm. Free Bird Farm will deliver organic vegetables and eggs to BJ Hazorim CSA members every Tuesday evening from June 1 until October 27 at 88th Street. Registration is open! Don't miss this opportunity to ensure a summer full of fun, healthy eating. Learn more at www.bj.org/csa. Registration is open for BJ members only until April 12. After this date, we will open it to any community member so get your share before we run out!

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Bernard, Barry, Maria and Eric Kessler on Bernard becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Robin Felberbaum on the naming of her daughter, Isabelle.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Robert Loewy and Confirmation Class, Congregation Gates of Prayer, Metairie, Louisiana.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Shabbat Teaching: Freedom Through Forgiveness

Saturday, March 27, following kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: The first step in the journey to forgiveness between the genders is to grow our understanding of each other, beyond what we have come to expect. This is a tough challenge when faced with the burden of history, culture and society's expectations. How, in the 21st century, can we come to learn and understand why and how we exist as two genders? Join Mary Noble and Feminenza on Shabbat Hagadol as we prepare for Pesah and learn how to liberate ourselves through forgiveness.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, March 27, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month features a conversation with the leaders of Feminenza about the relationship between gender inequality and human rights abuses in Africa. This program will include schnappsing and socializing.

• "My Israel" Film Screening and Q&A with Yulie Cohen

Thursday, April 1, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for a screening of Yulie Cohen's movie "My Israel," an account of remarkable courage and understanding set against the last turbulent decade of Israeli history. In "My Israel," Yulie Cohen revisits her critically acclaimed trilogy "My Terrorist" (2002), "My Land Zion" (2004) and "My Brother" (2007) with a new perspective and additional footage. Reflecting on the work she has

done in the last ten years, Yulie suggests looking at all conflicts through the lens of forgiveness; to come to term with who you are is to forgive. \$15 at the door.

• Finding Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Peace: Exploring "The Seven Pillars of Forgiveness"

Sunday, April 4, 1:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for an afternoon of reflection and discussion about the challenges of bringing remedy to a world torn by conflict and misunderstanding. What is the route to peace and greater humanity upon earth? Let us find this path together. Introduction by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein with special guest speakers Mary Noble, Yulie Cohen, and Reverend Lyndon Harris. Original music and song by Thalia's Whisper and Ensemble Phoenix. To R.S.V.P., contact info.fna@feminenza.org. Suggested donation \$10.

• Shabbat Teaching: A Hidden Child During the Shoah Remembers

Saturday, April 10, following kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Join us the day before Yom HaShoah when Myriam Abramowicz will introduce Regina English, a survivor of the Shoah born in Antwerp, Belgium, who was hidden in a convent in Italy by Dominican nuns. Regina English is the mother of BJ member Shelley English, whose artwork will be on display at 88th Street during the Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Sunday, April 11.

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PESAH 5770

• Pesah Mailing Gone Green

In an effort to save trees and money, we have decided to provide our usual Pesah mailing online. You will find everything that you may need to prepare your home and your spirit for Pesah including: the Rabbinical Assembly Guide, Hametz Sale Form, Social Action and Social Justice Opportunities, Community Seder Options, and the BJ Pesah CD and Cookbook. If you would prefer to receive these materials in the mail, contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org or call the BJ office.

• Morning Service, Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

Monday, March 29, 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 se'udat 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

Tuesday, March 30

First Day Pesah*

88th Street9:30 AM

Wednesday, March 31

Second Day Pesah*

88th Street9:30 AM

Thursday, April 1–Friday, April 2

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

88th Street7:30 AM

Friday, April 2

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Evening Service

88th Street5:45 PM

88th Street7:00 PM

Saturday, April 3

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah

Morning Services

86th Street9:30 AM

Junior Congregation:

86th Street10:30 AM

Sunday, April 4

Seventh Evening Pesah

88th Street7:00 PM

Monday, April 5

Seventh Day Pesah*

88th Street9:30 AM

Eighth Evening Pesah

88th Street8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 6

Eighth Day Pesah* (Yizkor)

88th Street9:30 AM

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

• **Yom HaShoah Service and Events**

Sunday, April 11, 6:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for our Yom HaShoah Service when we will be reading and hearing the names of relatives of BJ members who were murdered during the Shoah. Our commemoration service will be followed by a screening of "Out Of Europe," followed by remarks and Q&A by Richard Lerner, Director and Producer, moderated by Myriam Abramowicz. The all-night vigil of the Reading of the Names will be at the JCC in Manhattan starting at 10:00PM on Sunday, April 11 to 6:00PM on Monday, April 12. The BJ reading slot is at 2:30AM.

A special notice to Shoah survivors, their children and relatives: Please take a moment to submit the names (and stories) of your family members so we can add them to the list read by BJ members at the Reading of the Names. With so many of the survivors disappearing and the rise of Holocaust deniers, it is vital that the memory of those horrific years be documented and preserved. You may use the Shoah Names form at www.bj.org. If you prefer, you can email this information to Sarah at sguthartz@bj.org or fax it to 212-787-8529.

• **BJ Dialogue Series on the Jewish Future: What is Essential?**

Saturday, April 17, 4:30–6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: What questions should we be asking? What issues should we be addressing? How do we respond in a relevant way to the challenges of the future? Join us for a dialogue between Ruth Messinger and Tobi Kahn. Ruth Messinger is President of American Jewish World Service. Tobi Kahn is a painter and sculptor with works in major museums, corporate, and private collections. The dialogue will be followed by Minḥa at 6:00PM. Contact Sarah at sguthartz@bj.org for more information.

• **A Walking Tour of the Lower East Side in Memory of Phyllis Schatsky**

Sunday, April 18, 10:30AM–12:30PM, location given with R.S.V.P.: Explore the streets of the Lower East Side with BJ member Sam Schatsky, who

lived there for 25 years. Take a trip back to the years of the Depression, immigration and through the present day. Free; suggested \$15 contribution to BJ. R.S.V.P. required to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org.

• **BJ Softball**

16 Thursdays (April 29–August 26), 7:00-8:30PM, Field 12 North Meadow, Central Park (96th Street entrance): Hit a home run with BJ and step up to the plate for softball fun! These are friendly, lively, all-inclusive, self-governing pick-up games. Join for one game or 16, your choice. There is a one time \$18 Tzedakah donation for the season, collected at the field. Checks payable to BJ or cash. The rain number is 212-628-1036. Press 1 then 2 then 808 for North Meadow. For more information, contact Jody Prusan at jpmazel@aol.com. See you on the field!

• **BJ Mastermind Group Forming**

Attention BJ Entrepreneurs! Are you interested in meeting with other BJ entrepreneurs regularly to get free advice, encouragement, and inspiration for your business goals? We are forming a Mastermind Group for BJ entrepreneurs, facilitated by Pamela Judd. This group is for BJ members only! If interested, please contact Les Judd at 718-530-5074 or Les@greenboroughs.com by March 26.

• **New and Expecting Parents Group**

Mondays (no meeting on March 29 or April 5), 3:30PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Please join us for a new opportunity for New and Expecting Parents. All those expecting babies in the next 9 months or who have had children in the past year are invited to participate in this group to get to know one another, share ideas on Jewish parenting and begin to build community. The group is led by Sarah Guthartz, social work intern and mom. For more information, please call contact Sarah at x234 or sguthartz@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **2nd Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

Tuesday, April 13, 5:00–6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 2nd graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ/SPSA Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal for the guests of the BJ Shelter. Together, we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage in age-appropriate study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 2nd graders are invited to participate, no matter where your children receive their Jewish education. To R.S.V.P. and sign up for what you'll bring, please contact Ellen Bender at ellensam@aol.com. You must R.S.V.P. to participate.

• **BJHS Zayin Graduation Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, May 14, following the 7:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The BJ community will recognize the students graduating from the Zayin class with a special gift during services. We hope you'll join us afterwards for a Shabbat dinner for the Zayin class and their families. It is a great chance to get together with classmates and friends, and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by one of BJ's musicians. Register at www.bj.org until May 3.

• **BJHS Prospective Parent Open Houses**

Thinking about Jewish education for your child for the 2010-11 school year? Join us to learn more about the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School! Prospective Parent Open Houses: Thursdays, April 29 or May 6, or Monday, May 3. Each session meets from 4:00-5:00PM at 88th Street. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

AFFILIATES

• **Helen Suzman: Fighter for Human Rights**

Through March 28, Barnard College—Columbia University, 3009 Broadway: One of the most extraordinary women of the twentieth century, Helen Suzman devoted her career to the fight against apartheid and for human rights in South Africa. As a tribute to her exceptional efforts, the Isaac and Jessie Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research at the University of Cape Town has organized a graphic panel exhibition that captures her work, her courage, and her voice through photographs, personal letters, and journalism. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.helensuzmanexhibition.com.

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:** We invite you to become a member of our living, thriving community. The simple act of joining BJ is transformative. It is an acknowledgement that BJ is your community, its rabbis are your rabbis, and its sanctuary is your space. Membership at B'nai Jeshurun includes: admission to High Holy Day services; special rates for classes, dinners, and events; support for life cycle events and in times of difficulty; group orientations for new members; vibrant Hebrew School; and more! Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial considerations. For more information about becoming a member, please contact Sarah Verity, Senior Membership Associate at x250 or sverity@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:00PM 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 give the prayer book and the Torah text (the large red book) the respect they merit, we ask that they not be placed on the floor when not in use. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **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.

• **LinkIn and Network Out!**

Want to expand your network? Want to make more connections within the BJ community? Then join over 450 BJ members who already joined the "B'nai Jeshurun–New York City" BJ group on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. There you can share your professional network, post jobs, and respond to any ongoing discussions posted in the group.

• **We Want to See Your Face Every Day—on Facebook!**

Tired of knowing the faces in the crowd but not the names? Want to get to know more BJ members? Then join BJ's Facebook group, called B'nai Jeshurun NYC. You can see other members, post pictures and start discussions—all just a click away! We hope this tool will help build community at BJ from online to on-sight. Looking forward to seeing you there.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:

See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

It's NOT From Israel—It's From Here!

By Guy Felixbrodt

About a year ago I attended a Shabbat service before going down to one of the Shabbat dinners I was in charge of. I immediately noticed an unusual group attending that night; almost none of them were sitting down, but rather standing in the back checking everything out.

Of course, as I suspected, they were from Israel and were high-ranking officers from the Israeli Army. As it happens very often in such a small nation, I even knew a couple of them since we served together in the Israeli Navy, and one was even my direct commander! We started talking and he was very impressed with the service and its beautiful music. How different it was from the usual concept of religion and tefillah in Israel. He was curious to know about the origin of the music. When I said it was from here, he insisted that it had to be from Israel. When I reiterated that our rabbis, *hazzan*, and musicians created the music, and that our musical tefillah did, in fact, inspire communities in Israel, he assumed that the Israeli communities were the source.

In the end he did get it, but I can see why an Israeli would find it so hard to believe that praying can be a joyous experience. In Israel, so many secular Jews have been alienated from Judaism as a result of the Orthodox religious monopoly, which pervades politics, education and the Army. I am grateful to have been healed by my experience at BJ and I try to spread the word about this joyous renewal of Jewish life, especially back in my homeland.

Guy Felixbrodt, a native Israeli and former Israeli Naval Officer, is currently working as BJ's Program Director.

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

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