

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN

**B'nai  
Jeshurun**  
בני ישראל

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## SHEMINI

MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 11:1 - 11:47

- 1: 11:1 - 11:8
- 2: 11:9 - 11:12
- 3: 11:13 - 11:19
- 4: 11:20 - 11:28
- 5: 11:29 - 11:32
- 6: 11:33 - 11:38
- 7: 11:39 - 11:47
- Maftir: 11:45 - 11:47

**HAFTARAH** II Samuel 6:1 - 19

NEXT WEEK: **TAZRIA-METZORA**

**TORAH:** Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

**HAFTARAH** II Kings 7:3 - 20

## April 9-16, 2010

25 Nisan-2 Iyar, 5770

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Community Kiddush** Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**Shabbat Teaching: A Hidden Child** Following Kiddush - 86th St. Chapel

**During the Shoah Remembers** (SEE P.2)

**Minḥa Service** 5:45 PM - 88th St.

**Bat Mitzvah** Cody Goldberger

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

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

**Yom HaShoah Commemoration and Screening of "Out of Europe"** 6:45 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 12

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School** 4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: The Book of Exodus** 8:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: BJ Salon** 7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: Rosh Ḥodesh Women's Group** 7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**BJ Hebrew School** 4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam** 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

## ! SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening Service: PLEASE NOTE

**CHANGE OF TIME!** Beginning *Friday, May 7*, and through October 1, there will be only one Friday evening service starting at 7:00PM.

## ! 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org).

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

*The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Avital D'Lugoff, and extends sincere condolences to her entire family.*

*The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Alison Pepper on the death of her beloved aunt, Gloria Pamm.*

### MAZAL TOV

- Cody, Jeffrey, Laurie, Perry and Sydney Goldberger on Cody becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Alan Mnuchin and Alessandra Rampogna on the birth of their daughter, Arielle Elaine Mnuchin.
- Susan Kalev, BJ's Social Worker, on the birth of her granddaughter, Swan Kalev Lewis.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Survivors' Aliyah

**Saturday, April 10**, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: We invite BJ members who are Holocaust survivors or descendants of survivors and victims to participate in a special aliyah the Shabbat before Yom HaShoah. Please come and bring your family. Let's make a powerful statement that Jewish life grows ever stronger with commitment and renewal from one generation to the next, despite the best efforts of the Nazis' to destroy us and, in so doing, let's stand up against genocide wherever it is found today.

### • 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.

### • Yom HaShoah Commemoration

**Sunday, April 11**, 6:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for our Yom Hashoah commemoration 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](http://www.bj.org). If you prefer, you can email this information to Sarah at [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) or fax it to 212-787-8529.

### • First and Third Shabbat at Members' Homes—Hakhnasat Orĥim

**Friday, April 16**, following the 5:45PM service: You are welcome at other members' homes every 1st and 3rd Shabbat of the month! We are happy to let you know that after a few successful runs of BJ members opening their homes to host Shabbat dinners as part of the Hakhnasat Orĥim (welcoming guests) initiative, we are continuing it though the spring! BJ members only may register and be matched on first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Guy, [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) or x255 by Tuesday, April 13 for the April 16 dinner. Preference will be given to members who have not yet been hosted yet—space is limited!

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Debra Fine and Martin Schneider, Mira Rivera and Jerry Korman, Rachel and Mark Klein, and Julie and Israel Lowy in honor of Teen Shabbat.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Emily Messinger and Eighth Grade Class, Temple Isaiah, Lexington, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Eric Linder and High School Class, Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Rabbi Lev Baesh and Middle School students, B'nai Or, Boston, Massachusetts.

### • Men's Havurah

**Saturday, April 17**, 3:00-4:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month features Andrea Siegel speaking on "Wrestling with Masculinity in Zionist Thought." Andrea is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Purchase College SUNY in the Jewish Studies Program. She spent last year in Jerusalem and Istanbul working for the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and formerly served on the BJ staff as the coordinator of BJ's 180th Anniversary trip to Israel. This program will include schnappsing and socializing.

### • 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 Minĥa at 6:00PM. Contact Sarah at [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto: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](mailto:blasky@bj.org).

### • Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration and Movie Screening

**Monday, April 19**, 6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Want to celebrate Israel's birthday but can't make it there? Then join the festivities right here at home! Following a short commemoration in honor of Israel's Yom Hazikaron, we will celebrate Yom Ha'atzma'ut by watching the Israeli movie "The Beetle" and enjoying an Israeli buffet dinner. The night will conclude with some Shira Be'Tzibur, Israeli dancing and a special surprise treat from Israel. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Guy at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) by Friday, April 16.

### • 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. 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. More info: Jody Prusan, [jpmazel@aol.com](mailto:jpmazel@aol.com). See you on the field!

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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

### • Piyut Concert Lecture

**Sunday, May 2**, 3:00PM, Museum of Biblical Art, 1865 Broadway at 61st Street: Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon will present a program of liturgical poems of medieval Spain by R. Abraham ibn Ezra, R. Yehuda Halevi, R. Shelomo ibn Gavirol and others, in conjunction with the Museum of Biblical Art's exhibit "Uneasy Communion: Jews, Christians and the Altarpieces of Medieval Spain". Rabbi Matalon will be accompanied by musicians Basya Schechter, Dan Nadel, Daphna Mor, and David Buchbut. This concert is free but pre-registration is required through MoBIA. Please contact 212-408-1251 or [rsvp@mobia.org](mailto:rsvp@mobia.org).

### • From "Women of the Wall" to "Savta Bikorta": Active Jewish Feminism in Israel Today

**Monday, May 3**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join women from the Elga

Stulman Women's Institute of Jewish Studies at Hamidrasha in Israel to talk about how women in Israel today are working to enhance knowledge, raise consciousness and bring about change in their public and private Jewish lives. Free; registration not required.

### • Join the BJ AIDS Walk Team!

**Sunday, May 16**, 9:00AM-2:00PM, Central Park: Please join the B'nai Jeshurun AIDS Walk Team this year! The Teen Leadership team is taking the lead on planning this year's walk and are excited to welcome the entire community to walk and fundraise with them. They would like to raise \$1,944 to contribute to the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) and all other AIDS Walk beneficiaries so if you cannot walk with the BJ Team, please consider making a donation. Sign up and learn more at [www.bj.org/aidswalk](http://www.bj.org/aidswalk).

## 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 shelter guests. 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, contact Ellen Bender at [ellensam@aol.com](mailto: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'mirov led by one of BJ's musicians. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) until May 3.

#### • Bim Bam

**Friday mornings, April 16-May 2**, 9:30-10:20AM or 10:45-11:35AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under to sing Hebrew and Shabbat-related songs, hear stories, and give tzedakah. Each class is led by an experienced song-leader/educator, and kids enjoy fun activities that connect song and motion to Jewish learning. We end every class with Shabbat blessings including lighting the candles, kiddush and hamotzi. Registration for the spring session is now open. The cost is \$72 for members and \$118 for

## UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and to register.*

### • BJ Salons: Engaging Members in an Intimate Setting

**Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein**

Building on the importance of reaching members where they live and creating small, intimate groups, Marcelo will facilitate Beit Midrash Salons in lieu of teaching traditional classes.

**April Salons: Tuesdays** (April 13 and 27) • 7:00-9:00PM • Location provided upon registration. April Salons are targeted for members who joined BJ before 1990. We will talk about the effects of aging and sage-ing in our community. Limited space is available; please respond to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

**May Salons: Tuesdays** (May 11 and 25) • 7:00-9:00PM • Location provided upon registration. May Salons are targeted for members who joined BJ between 2006-2008. We will talk about our personal relationship with nature. Limited space is available; please respond to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

### • Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Iyar: The Counters Who Are Not Counted

**Wednesday, April 14** • 7:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall. Join MTM Fellow Michelle Dardashti in welcoming the month of Iyar by examining the relationship of women to the Counting of the Omer and to counting in general. We will explore ways in which Jewish women have traditionally been associated with and excluded from mitzvot related to time and counting. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher offering to share. Come and be counted! Contact Yaffa at [ygarter@bj.org](mailto:ygarter@bj.org) to be added to the Women's Group email list.

### • DNA and Neshama

**Bob Pollack**

**Wednesdays** (April 28 and May 5) • 6:00-7:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary. During this two-session class, BJ member Bob Pollack will discuss this quote from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel in the light of modern science: "The greatest problem is not how to continue but how to exalt our existence. The call for a life beyond the grave is presumptuous, if there is no cry for eternal life prior for our descending to the grave. Eternity is not perpetual future but perpetual presence. He has planted in us the seed of eternal life. The world to come is not only a hereafter but also a herenow." Free, no registration required. For more information, contact Naomi at [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

### • The Complete Psalms in a New Translation: Book Reading and Discussion with Author Pam Greenberg

**Thursday, April 29**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us as we welcome Pamela Greenberg, a poet and translator, and author of *The Complete Psalms: The Book of Prayer Songs in a New Translation*. Greenberg has received awards in both writing and Jewish Studies, including a Shoolman Fellowship from Hebrew College, where she also received an award in Hebrew Literature. In her new translation, Greenberg approaches the psalms as a poetic and prayerful act, rekindling their relevance to our lives. Praised by Arthur Green as "an act of courage" and with a foreword by Susannah Heschel, this translation will awaken you to new ways of using the psalms in your spiritual life.

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

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non-members per family (early bird rates apply to those who register by April 8, and new members can register for free). Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for the 9:30 or 10:45 session by April 16; please note space is limited. Email [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) with any questions.

### AFFILIATES

• **Radical Judaism: Rethinking God and Tradition, A Book Event with Dr. Arthur Green**

**Sunday, April 25, 10:00AM-12:00PM**, The JCC in Manhattan, Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.: How do we articulate a Judaism for the 21st century?

Pathbreaking Jewish scholar Dr. Arthur Green draws on the Jewish mystical traditions of Kabbalah and Hasidism to re-think what we mean by God, the origins and meaning of existence, and the nature of Torah and the Jewish people. In doing so, he creates a new and up-to-date message that will resonate with seekers from all corners of the Jewish community and beyond. Dr. Green's new book, *Radical Judaism: Rethinking God and Tradition*, will be available for sale and signing. A light breakfast will be served. This event is co-sponsored by BJ and Hazon. Admission: \$10. For more information or to register, please call 646-505-5708.



• **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) in Conversation with the BJ Community**

**Sunday, May 2, 6:00–8:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: **Save the date!** This is a special opportunity for our U.S. Senator and BJ to get to know each other through a discussion about issues of concern to our community. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

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