

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

**B'nai
Jeshurun**
בני ישורון

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BEHAR-BEHUKKOTAI

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH: Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 27:1 - 27:34

1: 27:1 - 27:4

2: 27:5 - 27:8

3: 27:9 - 27:15

4: 27:16 - 27:21

5: 27:22 - 27:25

6: 27:26 - 27:28

7: 27:29 - 27:34

Maftir: 27:32 - 27:34

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:4

NEXT WEEK: **BEMIDBAR**

TORAH: Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

TRIENNIAL: Numbers 3:14 - 4:20

HAFTARAH Hosea 2:1 - 22

May 7-14, 2010

23 Iyar-1 Sivan, 5770

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Tot Shabbat

5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Young Families Shabbat Dinner

5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Community Shabbat Dinner

Following 7:00 PM Service –
88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Samuel B. Zieve-Cohen

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 40 (Hod Shebeyesod)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 41 (Yesod Shebeyesod)

MONDAY, MAY 10

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 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: BJ Salon

7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 43 (Hesed Shebemalkhut)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
(SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 44 (Gevurah Shebemalkhut)

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJHS Final Assembly

5:00 PM – 88th St

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM – BJ Office

Renee Kaufman Lecture Series:

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Michael Rosen

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 45 (Tiferet Shebemalkhut)

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 46 (Netzah Shebemalkhut)

ROSH HODESH SIVAN

! 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 OPPORTUNITIES

• 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.

• Hebrew School Registration Opens

Hebrew School registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now open. Learn more and register at www.bj.org.

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

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Katherine Kurs on the death of her beloved mother, Pearl Rodin/Reynolds Kurs.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Samuel, Harry and Mariana Zieve-Cohen, Joel Cohen and Karyn Zieve on Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Dan Schreiber and Caroline Jeanjot on the birth of their son, Max Gaston Jeanjot-Schreiber.

- Sabrina, Susan, Stephen and Sara Kippur and Joshua Lambert on Sabrina's recent engagement to Craig Herman.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Karyn Zieve, Joel Cohen, and Harry and Mariana Zieve-Cohen in honor of Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Update Our Mi Sheberakh List

Every Shabbat, we recite a Mi Sheberakh and pray for the healing of those in our community and in our families who are ill. Twice a year (on Shavuot and Hanukkah), we will renew the list. Therefore, we kindly ask that you let us know if you or any of your loved ones are still in need of healing so we can update the list and continue to pray for those who need it.

Requests can be made to Yaffa at ygarber@bj.org.

• Renee Kaufman Lecture Series Presents: Author Michael Rosen

Thursday, May 13, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for a reading and discussion of Michael Rosen's *What Else But Home: Seven Boys and an American Journey Between the Projects and the Penthouse*. The Rosens' journey across boundaries of race and class began when their son joined a baseball game. He was the only white player. He invited his teammates home afterwards. Five boys—African American and Latino, from public housing, with loving moms and no fathers home—moved in with the Rosens and became family. The Rosens became committed to breaking the cycle of poverty.

• Last Haknusat Orhim Dinners of the Year at Members' Homes

Friday, May 14, following the 7:00PM service: You are welcome at other members' homes on this Shabbat before summer comes in! BJ members only may register and be matched on first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending, please contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 by Tuesday, May 11. Preference will be given to members who have not yet been hosted—space is limited!

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, May 15, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month features a conversation with Professor Bob Pollack of Columbia University.

He will be speaking on "DNA and Neshama." Is there any scientific basis for the Yiddishe Neshama? This program will include schnappsing and socializing.

• Israel Day Parade Preparation

Monday, May 17, 6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us as we prepare our banner and other fun props for the BJ group marching in the Israel Day Parade the following Sunday. Come with your art skills, creativity and good spirit to help us create a colorful presentation of BJ's theme of "Playing Judaism's Soundtrack" as part of the overall parade theme this year. To R.S.V.P., contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• BJ at the Israel Day Parade

Sunday, May 23, 1:30PM, 54th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues: Want to be surrounded by BJ friends at the world's biggest celebration of Israel's independence? Then join us as BJ participates the Israel Day Parade! The parade's theme this year is "Lights... Camera... Action... Israel," and so we will march up 5th Avenue with Ari and other BJ musicians to the "soundtrack" of BJ music and great ruah. Bring yourself, family, friends and any musical instrument you can. To R.S.V.P., please visit the BJ website at www.bj.org.

• Movie Screening of "Departures"

Thursday, May 27, 6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The Hevra Kadisha Committee invites the community to a screening of this Japanese film about death, which won the 2009 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. A discussion of the film's implications will follow. Free; registration not required. Contact Yaffa at ygarber@bj.org with any questions.

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Shavuot at BJ

• Tikkun Leil Shavuot—BJ Dialogue Series on the Jewish Future: What is Essential?

Tuesday, May 18, 8:30PM service. 88th Street Sanctuary.

9:00-10:30PM: Dr. Deborah Lipstadt and Jonathan Rosen.

Deborah Lipstadt is an author and Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. Jonathan Rosen, author and former columnist for The Forward, is the editorial director of the Nextbook/Shocken Jewish Encounters series.

10:30PM-midnight: Rabbi David Ellenson and

Dr. Devora Steinmetz. David Ellenson is President of Hebrew Union College. Devora Steinmetz is the founder of Beit Rabban, a teacher of rabbinic literature, and a faculty member at Yeshivat Hadar. **Midnight-5:00AM:** Study continues with the BJ Rabbis, Fellows and other great teachers.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Tuesday, May 18 • Erev Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary8:30-9:00 PM

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary9:00 PM-midnight

Study continues, 88th Street Frankel Hallmidnight-5:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19 • First Day Shavuot

Sunrise Services, 88th Street Sanctuary5:30 AM

Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary10:00 AM

Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall11:15 AM

Community Picnic, Riverside Park (weather permitting)Following Services

Wednesday, May 19 • Second Evening Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary8:15 PM

Thursday, May 20 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)

88th Street Sanctuary9:30 AM

Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall10:45 AM

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **Interfaith Film Series Part 3: "Amreeka"**

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The final movie of the BJ Interfaith Committee's 2009-10 Film Series "Strangers in a Strange Land" is "Amreeka." This touching tale of a mother and son who

emigrate from the West Bank to a small Midwestern town highlights the challenges new arrivals face in America. It will be followed by a panel of BJ members sharing their own immigration stories. This free event is open to the entire community. Contact blasky@bj.org for information.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Blood Drive**

Wednesday, June 2, 4:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Give the gift of life and sign-up now for the BJ Blood Drive! Please call x373 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time slot for you. Learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply on our website www.bj.org/blooddrive. Contact Ariel at aschneider@bj.org or x229 with any questions.

• **Affordable Housing Community Walk-Through**

Sunday, June 6, 12:30-4:00PM, meet at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Save the date! Concerned about having places to live in our neighborhood that are affordable? For you? For your elderly parents or grown kids? For friends in our community? Join members of BJ's Affordable Housing Campaign Team for a fun community event where we will walk the Upper West Side and adjacent neighborhoods and gather information about potential opportunities and sites where affordable housing could be created, where there is stalled or in progress development. This promises to be a fun day for the whole family and an opportunity to see our neighborhood in a new way! Please contact Josh at jweisstuch@yahoo.com with any questions.

• **BJ Hazorim CSA**

BJ is starting its very first CSA this season and membership is filling up fast! CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a chance for you to pick up fresh, organic vegetables from BJ once a week beginning June 1st at 88th Street. Registration is open until May 9! Don't miss this opportunity to ensure a summer full of fun, healthy eating. Learn more at www.bj.org/csa.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Ultimate Frisbee**

Saturday, May 15, 2:00PM, Central Park: Join Tze'irim for an awesome game of Ultimate Frisbee. Don't know how to play? No problem. Expert frisbee teachers will be on hand to assist you with throwing and the fundamentals of the game. We are meeting in the grassy area just beyond the west side entrance of Central Park at Central Park West and 86th street. Bring closed toed shoes and athletic wear.

• **Tze'irim Scavenger Hunt**

Sunday, May 16, 1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Let's kick off summertime with BJ's 2nd Annual TZ Scavenger Hunt around NYC! Try to accomplish as many tasks as possible in 5 short hours. We will all gather back together for drinks after the hunt. Plans will proceed whether it's sunshine or rain, so be prepared and dress for the weather! Cost to participate is \$5. For more details and to register, contact Wendy at kehilah@tzeirim.bj.org by May 10.

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner 30s ONLY**

Friday, May 21, following the 7:00PM service, location given with R.S.V.P.: Join us for a 30s ONLY dinner including a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by one of BJ's musicians. Register at www.bj.org.

BEKEF: 35+

• **Bekef Picnic in the Park**

Saturday, May 22, 1:00PM, Riverside Park at 91st Street: Bekef invites you to an "It's Almost Summer" Picnic following Shabbat morning services! Enjoy an afternoon outdoors with new and old friends. Please bring blankets or beach chairs, food or beverage to share, balls and frisbees, and board games or card games. R.S.V.P. to David at djagorski@hotmail.com with the subject "BJ Picnic" and indicate what you plan to bring.

AFFILIATES

• **Literary Tea Honoring Rebecca Stead, Winner of the 2010 Newbery Award**

Wednesday, May 12, 4:00-6:00PM, Fordham University, McMahon Hall Lounge, 155 West 60th Street, Main Floor: The Annual Spring Literary Tea honoring Rebecca Stead, Winner of the 2010 Newbery Award, is sponsored by The Center for Children's Poetry & Literature at the Graduate School of Education, Fordham University at Lincoln Center. There is no fee for this event. However, since space is limited, pre-registration is suggested. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Please respond by May 9 to Bobbye S. Goldstein at mothergoose1@att.net.

UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit www.bj.org for more information and to register.*

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

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesdays (May 11 and 25), 7:00-9:00PM, location provided upon registration. 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. 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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Sivan: Approaching the Torah**

Michelle Dardashti, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Usher in the month of the giving of the Torah by exploring the biblical story of the daughters of Tzlophchad. These women boldly drew near by ques-

tioning the law. How will we draw near to Torah this Shavuot? Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher offering to share.

• **Rest and Restlessness, Faith and How to Live a Meaningful Life: Book Readings and Discussion**

Tuesday, May 25, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for a spirited conversation between Dani Shapiro, author of *Devotion: A Memoir*, a spiritual detective story about her Orthodox Jewish upbringing, yoga retreats and her quest to find peace in a chaotic world, and Judith Shulevitz, author of *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*, a blend of memoir, philosophy and analysis, as they discuss their lives and values. Moderated by Sandee Brawarsky, book critic of *The Jewish Week* and editor of *Text/Context*. The program will be followed by a reception and book signing. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Guy at guy@felixbrodt@bj.org.

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.

• **LinkedIn 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

Building Bridges Over the Ocean and In Myself

By Guy Felixbrodt

Two Israelis meet each other in New York City (no, it's not the beginning of a joke) and usually the conversation goes something like this.

"Where are you from, Israel?"

Followed by the inescapable question: "And how many years have you been here?"

The answer to this second question is usually accompanied by a sigh.

For Israelis like me who are living in the United States, longing for Israel does not abate, no matter how long one has been away. In the last decade every visit back to Israel brings up many mixed feelings about this enigmatic land. I simultaneously experience emotions such as love and longing for the people, and contradictory negative feelings about rudeness and lack of privacy.

Something happened, though, during my last visit in December, when I simply asked myself: "Why can't I enjoy the best of both worlds and cease this ongoing inner fighting?"

Can I embrace the down-to-earth attitude and spontaneity of Israel, together with the free spiritedness and independence that New York has to offer? Can I gain self-acceptance and celebrate the differences, rather than anguish over the endless, impossible comparison and competition? I see my struggle to build an inner bridge between these countervailing longings as lying at the heart of what I am doing at BJ. I hope to help these two huge Jewish communities to understand each other better from across the ocean and inspire each other to work towards a more peaceful co-existence with their precious, complex 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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