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BEMIDBAR

TORAH:	Numbers 1:1 - 4:20
TRIENNIAL:	Numbers 3:14 - 4:20
	1: 3:14 - 3:20
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HAFTARAH	Hosea 2:1 - 22

NEXT WEEK: NASO

TORAH:	Numbers 4:21 - 7:89
TRIENNIAL:	Numbers 1:1 - 7:89
HAFTARAH	Judges 13:2 - 25

May 14-21, 2010

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
BJHS Zayin Graduation Shabbat Dinner

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah
Bat Mitzvah

Junior Congregation
Children's Services
Community Kiddush
Men's Havurah
Community Mincha Service

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 47 (Hod Shebemalkhut)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

AIDS Walk 9:00 AM - Central Park (SEE SIDEBAR)
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.
Tze'irim Scavenger Hunt 2:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 48 (Yesod Shebemalkhut)

MONDAY, MAY 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School (LAST DAY) 4:00-6:00 PM
Israel Day Parade Preparation 6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)
Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 49 (Malkhut Shebemalkhut)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
First Evening Shavuot Service 8:30 PM - 88th St.
Tikkun Leil Shavuot—BJ Dialogue Series 9:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)
on the Jewish Future: What is Essential?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Sunrise Services 5:15 AM - 88th St.
First Day Shavuot Services 10:00 AM - 88th St.
Children's Services 11:15 AM - 88th St.
Community Picnic (weather permitting) Following Services - Riverside Park
Second Evening Shavuot Service 8:15 PM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Second Day Shavuot Services 9:30 AM - 88th St.
Children's Services 10:30 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Cancelled this week
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a No class this week

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Bim Bam 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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ROSH HODESH SIVAN

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

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Shira Spivak
Mica Bahn

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall
10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall
5:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
6:00 PM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 47 (Hod Shebemalkhut)

9:00 AM - Central Park (SEE SIDEBAR)
9:30 AM - 88th St.
2:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 48 (Yesod Shebemalkhut)

EREV SHAVUOT

7:30 AM - 88th St.
8:30 PM - 88th St.
9:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

1ST DAY SHAVUOT

5:15 AM - 88th St.
10:00 AM - 88th St.
11:15 AM - 88th St.
Following Services - Riverside Park
8:15 PM - 88th St.

2ND DAY SHAVUOT (YIZKOR)

9:30 AM - 88th St.
10:30 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Cancelled this week
No class this week

! 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 is 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Eva Frank, and we extend our sincere condolences to her family and all her loved ones.

MAZAL TOV

- Mica, Allan, Hallie and Jackson Bahn and Lori Pollan on Mica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Shira, Howard, Judith and Stuart Spivak on Shira becoming a Bat 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.

• 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 Yiddish 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 to the "soundtrack" of BJ music and great

- Sara Kippur and Josh Lambert, Susan and Stephen Kippur and Sabrina Kippur on the birth of their son, grandson and nephew, Asher Zachary Lambert.
- Kitah Zayin students and their families on their graduation from the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush and flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Howard and Judith Spivak in honor of Shira becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and Lori Pollan and Allan Bahn in honor of Mica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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.

• BJ Annual Meeting 2010

Thursday, June 3, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Want to know about BJ's efforts to go back home to the building on 89th Street? Join us for the Annual Meeting to learn about the prospect of acquiring the building and how it will enhance our synagogue life. Come early for snacks and to see the architect's renderings of how the new space will be used. We will hear messages from the rabbis and the president as well as elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees.

• 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.

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 will continue through the night until the Sunrise Service with Rabbi Michelle Dardashti, Rabbi David Silber, Rabbi Sam Feinsmith, Rabbi Ezra Weinberg, and Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Tuesday, May 18 • Erev Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary8:30-9:00 PM
Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary.....9:00 PM-midnight
Study continues, 88th Street Frankel Hallmidnight-5:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19 • First Day Shavuot

Sunrise Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....5:15 AM
Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....10:00 AM
Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall.....11:15 AM
Community Picnic, Riverside Park (weather permitting)Following Services

Wednesday, May 19 • Second Evening Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary.....8:15 PM

Thursday, May 20 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)

88th Street Sanctuary.....9:30 AM
Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall.....10:45 AM

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• BJ Revolutionaries Quiz Night

Monday, May 24, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Want to show off your knowledge of Jewish culture and food? Put on your thinking caps and join the BJ Revolutionaries Bike Team in a lively evening of pub trivia. If you have taken part in a BJ Quiz night before, whether at the Women's Retreat, Membership meetings or at a Bekef event, then you know you are in for a lot of laughs and some surprises! There will be prizes for the winning team and treats from our sponsor, Pop Chips. R.S.V.P. to Mark at remark1@gmail.com or Carol at cberfeld@gmail.com by May 23.

• 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.

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. Contact David Frankel at davidfrankel@gmail.com with any questions.

• Tze'irim Photo Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, May 16, 1:00PM, location given with R.S.V.P.: 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, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 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 djzagorski@hotmail.com with the subject "BJ Picnic" and indicate what you plan to bring.

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 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.

• 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 gfelixbrodt@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 Belinda Lasky, Assistant Executive Director, x224 or blasky@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.

Shabbat at Nigun Halev

By Elenor Radzivilover

On my first BJ trip to Israel in 2000, I became acquainted with Hamidrasha, an educational organization whose mission includes developing opportunities for Israelis to participate in pluralistic Jewish life. To that end, Hamidrasha, with BJ's support, started an experimental Kabbalat Shabbat service that year at Moshav Nahalal. No one knew what would happen, or who would attend. Fifty people came from the surrounding area, in addition to our BJ group. It was incredibly moving to be part of this spiritual activity in a very secular Israeli society.

I started travelling regularly to Israel, and whenever there was an opportunity to go for Shabbat to Nigun Halev, I did so, but the summer of 2008 was a real turning point. I spent the summer in Israel, and went every other Shabbat to Nigun Halev. I was welcomed so warmly, and started to know so many people, that much like I felt when I started going to BJ, I felt a need to join, and formalize my participation. I paid dues, but that was not the end of it. The next time I came, Beenie, a leader of the community, conducted a Kibbutz-style vote. While I will admit it was unanimous, I was finally an integral part of the congregation.

On our recent BJ delegation, I had the opportunity to go to Nigun Halev for a bar mitzvah in the Barnahor family, with whom I had developed a friendship over the past several years. Unbeknownst to me, fellow BJ'er Penny Dannenberg was also going to the Bar Mitzvah, and so we became a BJ contingent at Nigun Halev that Shabbat. Then, two weeks later, the entire BJ delegation spent Shabbat at Nigun Halev. There must have been 200 people there, a huge increase from our first Shabbat in 2000.

The highlight came for me, after Kiddush, when there was a planned "conversation" in which the BJ group was asked to sit on one side of the room and the Nigun Halev group on the other. I was overwhelmed by the idea that I belonged on both sides of the conversation, as a member of both Kehilot.

That Shabbat proved to me that joining Nigun Halev has expanded my relationship with Israel in a serious fashion: not only do I have real intimate connections with many people, I now also have a spiritual home when I travel l'aretz.

Elenor Radzivilover, a lawyer, who has just received a Masters Degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in Modern Jewish Studies, visits Israel regularly.

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

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