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KOL JESHURUN



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VAYIKRA

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26
Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16
1: 1:1 - 1:4
2: 1:5 - 1:9
3: 1:10 - 1:13
4: 1:14 - 1:17
5: 2:1 - 2:6
6: 2:7 - 2:13
7: 2:14 - 2:16
Maftir: 2:14 - 2:16
HAFTARAH Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

NEXT WEEK: **TZAV**
SHABBAT ZAKHOR

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36
Leviticus 6:1 - 7:10
HAFTARAH I Samuel 15:1 - 34



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Celebration and Report Back on Panim el Panim Community Cafés

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street:
We invite the entire BJ community to celebrate and hear a report back that captures the work of all three Cafés where we explored social justice issues that affect us. After the stories, issues, and concerns that were shared at each Café are reviewed, we will be looking at what is most deeply and broadly felt by the congregation. This evening will be an opportunity to assess the energy around issues so we can begin to strengthen current work or develop new directions. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/communitycafes.

CELEBRATING RABBI MATALON'S 25 YEARS AT BJ

We will be honoring Roly's 25 years of spiritual leadership by purchasing the new *Mahzor Lev Shalem* for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, published by the Rabbinical Assembly. To honor Roly, you are invited to donate one or more copies of the 4,000 mahzorim we will need in order to use them during the Yamim Nora'im. A bookplate with the name of the donor will be placed in each mahzor. At the same time, we will be collecting your messages to Roly for inclusion in a special book he will be given. Donations can be made at www.bj.org/mahzor, and messages to Roly can be sent from www.bj.org/matalon25.

March 11-18, 2011

5-12 Adar II, 5771

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Tze'irim 20s Only Shabbat Dinner Following Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah Jenni Pietromonaco
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Community Kiddush Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall
B'nai Mitzvah 4th Grade Opening Program 4:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
3rd-5th Grade Havdalah & Movie Night 6:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.
Mekusharim Event: 97 Orchard Brunch and Discussion Panel 11:30 AM - City Hall Restaurant (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: The Book of Exodus 8:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: More of The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination 12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a 7:00 PM - BJ Office

TA'ANIT ESTHER

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Bim Bam 9:30 and 10:45 AM - 88th St.

2011 Women's Retreat

Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22 • Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jenni, Richard and Stephanie Pietromonaco on Jenni becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Ivy, David and Brady Schreiber on the birth of their son and brother, Micah Henry.
- Bernice Todres on the engagement of her son, Jonathan Todres to Alison Laing.
- Lenore Rubin on the upcoming wedding of her daughter Danielle Spiegel to Jonathan Feld.
- Marcy Grau for being honored by the IGH (Independent Group Home Living) Foundation on March 10.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Ellen Kenigsberg in honor of her granddaughter, Jenni, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Joel Levine, Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik, Lesley Levine, and Confirmation Class, Temple Judea, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- Rabbis Franzel and Eizen and Confirmation Class, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.
- Rabbis Caruso and Nosancuk, Cantor Sarah Sager, and Confirmation Class, Anshe Chesed Fairmont Temple, Beechwood, Ohio.
- Rabbi Mitchell Delcau and students, Temple Emanuel, Denver, Colorado.
- Rabbi Rachel Gartner (former MTM Fellow), Kimberly Wagner, and participants on the Multifaith Service trip, Miami University, Ohio.
- Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's 2011 Urban Pilgrimage participants from around the United States.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Mekusharim Event: 97 Orchard—Brunch and Discussion Panel**
Sunday, March 13, 11:30AM-2:30PM, City Hall Restaurant: Mekusharim is for ages 55+. After a casual brunch, we will hear from the author, Jane Ziegelman. Jane will be joined for discussion by BJ members Henry Meer and Sam Schatsky, moderated by BJ member Sandee Brawarsky. *97 Orchard* is an edible history of five immigrant families in one New York tenement. Space is limited; registration required; BJ members only. For information contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org or x234.

• **Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat Dinner**
Friday, March 25, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community dinner with teacher-in-residence Chaim Seidler-Feller. Is exile a punishment or a gift? How do we explain Jewish survival when other, arguably, greater cultures faded from the historical scene? Through a variety of texts—Biblical, Rabbinic, Hasidic and Homiletic—we will explore an alternative and innovative theological framework for understanding Jewish history. To register, please visit www.bj.org.

• **Shabbat Afternoon Teaching and Men's Havurah**
Saturday, March 26, 3:00-4:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join the Men's Havurah for a conversation with Teacher-in-Residence Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller entitled "Anticipation vs. Fulfillment: Elijah's Cup and the Messianic Idea in the Passover Haggadah." Rabbi Seidler-Feller is in his

36th year as director of UCLA Hillel, has taught Kabbalah and Talmud, and is a member of many acclaimed Jewish educational institutes. This event is open to the community. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be hosting this event.

• **Coming Back to Our Home: A Celebration in Song**
Sunday, April 3, 3:00-5:30PM, 89th Street Heschel School and 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us as we celebrate 25 years of the renewal of BJ and the historic event of the reacquisition of BJ's community home. The festivities will begin at the Heschel School on 89th Street with light refreshments and tours of the building, leaving every 15 minutes from 3:00-3:45PM. The event will conclude at the BJ sanctuary with an update about the building purchase and plans, and a musical celebration of Piyutim performed by the BJ musicians. The update and concert will begin at 4:15PM. The event is chaired by Beth Kern. R.S.V.P. required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org for the tours only. Free of charge.

• **The Gift of Grief—A Paradoxical Journey Toward Our Light Within**
Tuesday, April 5, 7:30-9:00PM, 88th Street: Please join us for the annual Bikkur Holim Teaching with Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz. Rabbi Gewirtz is a regular contributor to numerous professional publications, including the *CCAR Journal* and *The American Rabbi*. He is the author of *The Gift of Grief: Finding Peace, Transformation and Renewed Life after Great Sorrow*. He began his tenure as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, NJ in July 2006. Previously he served as Senior Associate Rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom.

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PURIM 5771

Saturday, March 19, 88th Street:

Family Service • 7:00PM: Families with children of all ages can join BJ Rabbis and Ari for a joyous telling of the Megillah.

Adult Megillah Reading • 8:15PM: Purim masquerade extravaganza like never before. Costumes encouraged!

Sunday, March 20, 88th Street:

Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading • 9:30AM

Tot Costume Parade • 11:00AM: Children ages 6 and under should come dressed in their finest Purim costumes and be ready to sing, play games, and eat delicious hamentaschen as we bring in Purim!

Carnival and Purim Play • 11:45AM: Come in costume, play games, win prizes, and watch the play. The play will begin at approximately 12:30PM.



• Mishloah Manot

"And Mordecai wrote these things ... the month which has turned unto them from sorrow to gladness and from mourning unto a good day ... they should make them days of ... sending portions one to another and gifts to the poor." (Esther 9:20-22)." From the Megillah we learn the customs of mishloah manot, sending packages to loved ones, and matanot l'evyonim, gifts to the poor. Leket Yisrael, a wonderful organization that feeds hundreds of thousands of needy people in Israel each year, offers a way to do both with the Leket Israel Purim E-card, which you can find at www.leket.org.il/english. So, in addition to making your own mishloah manot packages for a few close friends and giving tzedakah, consider sending this virtual Purim E-card to all your friends and family. It's a great way to prevent food waste and say Purim sameah (happy Purim)!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• Rabbi David Silber Discusses His New Haggadah

Thursday, April 7, 6:45PM, 88th Street: Rabbi Silber of Drisha will talk about his recently published Haggadah, *A Passover Haggadah: Go Forth and Learn*. Rabbi Silber, along with Rachel Furst, has given us two books in one: the Haggadah itself, with an under-the-line commentary, and a collection of essays that provide close readings of the Biblical and Rabbinic texts that inform seder-night ritual. *A Passover Haggadah* provides new sources of insight that deepen the Passover experience for today's readers.

• Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

Saturday, April 9, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: The BJ community thrives on the activity and support of over one thousand volunteers. Volunteers personify one of the three pillars upon which BJ was

built and demonstrate commitment to serving our community through many meaningful initiatives. We invite you to join together for the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah during services, with a special Kiddush in your honor at the 88th Street Sanctuary immediately following. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org by April 1.

• Did You Meet and/or Get Married at BJ?

Saturday, May 14, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: Calling all members who met their partner/spouse at BJ and/or got married in the Sanctuary. We will honor you at Shabbat services. Please identify yourselves by contacting Helena Diamant Glass at 212-217-3826 or helena_diamantglass@fitnyc.edu as soon as possible.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Meet the Hazorim CSA Farmers

Saturday, March 19, following Shabbat morning Kiddush, 86th Street Chapel: Don't miss Ken and Maryellen of Free Bird Farm who will join us to answer questions and help kick off another delicious season of the Hazorim CSA! Find out everything you wanted to know about our fabulous farmers and how they grow the delicious produce they will bring this summer. New this year are fruit and cheese shares from 5 Spoke Creamery and ADAMAH who will be providing free samples during the meeting for interested members. More information at www.bj.org/csa.

• Special Purim Habitat for Humanity Service Opportunity

Sunday, March 20, 9:00AM-4:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join a group of BJ volunteers for a day of service on Purim to fulfill the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim, or taking care of the poor. Through Habitat for Humanity, we will be working on homes with the Brush with Kindness project at DeHostos Community Center in West Harlem. We will be painting a community space with bright colors and murals. Please only R.S.V.P. if you can attend for the entire day. Everyone over age 16 is invited to participate. R.S.V.P. to volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org.

• BJ Hazorim CSA

Tuesdays, June 7-November 1, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Sidewalk: Join us for our second season! CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a chance for you to pick up fresh, organic food from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week beginning June 7 at 88th Street. New this year choose from vegetable, egg, fruit, and cheese shares! Registration is open! Learn more at www.bj.org/csa.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner 20s ONLY

Friday, March 11, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a dinner with Rabbinic Fellow Jason Fruithandler, and a fully catered meal with wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot. \$23 members; \$28 non-members. To register, visit the BJ website at www.bj.org.

• Limud: The Things We Never Learned—Finding our Way into Shabbat

Thursdays, March 24 and 31, 7:30-9:15PM, address given upon R.S.V.P.: Uncover the mysteries and keys to Shabbat in order to make it meaningful and accessible today. Come to understand how the layers of tradition built the Shabbat experience, and together we will discuss the challenge of how to build a Shabbat life and community in 2011. Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead this class for 20- and 30-somethings in her home. R.S.V.P. to Liz Rosenblum at erosenblum@bj.org.

BEKEF: 35+

• Tze'irim 30s and Bekef 40s ONLY Brunch

Sunday, March 27, 11:00AM- 2:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as Tze'irim and Bekef come together for a Sunday brunch for ages 31-49 ONLY with no exceptions. Enjoy a magnificent kosher buffet-style brunch in an intimate setting together with your friends, and get a chance to meet new people! The program will include a short discussion, music and lots of time to shmooze. \$20 members/ \$25 non-members; register on the BJ website, www.bj.org.

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

• More of The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

5 Tuesdays (March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Continue to explore the way the Sages understood the Torah through the close textual reading of the 9th century midrashic work Pirke deRabbi Eliezer. Come to know how the rabbis thought, their creative imagination, and their responses to questions in the Torah. No Hebrew reading necessary. New students welcome. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

9 Thursdays (remaining classes March 17, 24), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location TBA, Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch): We will study of stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fan-

tasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• BJ Israel Salons

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesdays, April 5 and 12, 7:00-9:00PM, Upper West Side location: Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons. All the Salons will be dedicated to Israel. We'll be looking into Israeli society through documentary films, text and sometimes a guest speaker to foster meaningful conversations about Israel, its beauty and complexity. Each Salon is a 2-session series. April salons are targeted to members celebrating their 10-year anniversary at BJ. Location provided upon R.S.V.P. to ngoodhart@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: *There is now one Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service.*** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. As the weather cools, please time your arrival accordingly. After services on Friday nights, please leave siddurim (prayer books) on the seats. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. To give the siddurim and humashim (Torah text) the respect they merit, they should not be placed on the floor

when not in use. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary after Shabbat 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.

Excerpts from *Man's Quest for God*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel

However, we often lack the strength to be grateful, the courage to answer, the ability to pray. To escape from the mean and penurious, from calculating and scheming, is at times the parching desire of man. Tired of discord, he longs to escape from his own mind—and for the peace of prayer. How good it is to wrap oneself in prayer, spinning a deep softness of gratitude to God around all thoughts, enveloping oneself in the silken veil of song! But how can man draw song out of his heart if his consciousness is a woeful turmoil of fear and ambition? He has nothing to offer but disgust, and the weariness of wasting the soul. Accustomed to winding strands of thoughts, to twisting phrases in order to be successful, he is incapable of finding simple, straight words. His language abounds in traps and decoys, in shams and tricks, in gibes and sneers. In the teeth of such powerful distractions, he has to focus all the powers of his mind on one concern. In the midst of universal agitation, how can there be tranquility?

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Sacred Chants: Global Piyutim Concert**

A Double Bill: Divahn & The London/Berkson/Slingh Trio

Sunday, March 13, 8:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.:

Connect to these beautiful global musical gems updated with a contemporary New York musical sensibility. A trio made up of music mavens Frank London (The Klezmatiks), Judith Berkson, and tabla virtuoso Deep Singh tackle the Hasidic and Ashkenazic tunes while Persian songstress Galeet Dardashti and her band Divahn give us a new spin on the Sephardic and Mizrahi Piyutim. Pre-concert Piyut workshop at 6:30PM with Galeet Dardashti. For tickets, call 646-505-5708 or visit www.jccmanhattan.org/performances.

• **Hebrew Language Class for Children**

Mondays beginning March 14, 4:30PM, Book Culture, Broadway and 114th St.: A new Hebrew language class for children ages 1-6 is being offered by Bilingual Birdies. For further more information, visit bilingualbirdies.com or contact Emily Shapiro at Shapiro.emily@gmail.com. To enroll, please call Book Culture directly at 646-403-3000.

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