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SHABBAT PARAH

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

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11

- 1: 9:1 - 9:6
- 2: 9:7 - 9:10
- 3: 9:11 - 9:16
- 4: 9:17 - 9:23
- 5: 9:24 - 10:3
- 6: 10:4 - 10:7
- 7: 10:8 - 10:11

Maftir: Numbers 19:1 - 19:22

**HAFTARAH**

Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

NEXT WEEK: **TAZRIA**

SHABBAT HA<sub>H</sub>ODESH

MEVARKHIM HA<sub>H</sub>ODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 12:1 - 13:28

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

## March 25–April 1, 2011

19–26 Adar II, 5771

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat Dinner  
with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller**

Following Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
(SEE P.2)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**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

**Teacher-in-Residence Teaching  
and Men's Havurah**

5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Tze'irim 30s and Bekef 40s Brunch**

11:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.4)

### MONDAY, MARCH 28

**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 29

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Mekusharim at Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – SEE P.2

**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)

**Community Café: Talking, Listening,  
Envisioning Change**

6:15 PM – 88th St.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

**• Donate to the Japan Pacific Disaster Relief Fund**

BJ sends our deepest sympathy to the people affected by the terrible earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 12, and urges members to make a donation to the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund set up by UJA-Federation, [www.ujafedny.org](http://www.ujafedny.org), or to the Japan Pacific Disaster Relief Fund of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, [www.jdc.org](http://www.jdc.org).



**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE  
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**• Needed: New Literacy Tutors**

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We need new tutors to work at The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership program on Thursdays for the remainder of the school year. We work with young public school students from 1st-4th grade on a weekly basis. This is an opportunity to work one-on-one with a student and be part of a supportive and friendly community. Contact Ariel at x229 or [aschneider@bj.org](mailto:aschneider@bj.org) to learn more.

**CELEBRATE RABBI MATALON'S  
25TH ANNIVERSARY AT BJ!**



**Donate a Mahzor for the  
Yamim Nora'im**

We are honoring Roly's 25 years of spiritual leadership by purchasing the new *Mahzor Lev Shalem* for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Learn more and make your donation at [www.bj.org/mahzor](http://www.bj.org/mahzor).

**Send Rabbi Matalon a Personal Message**

We are also collecting your messages to Roly for inclusion in a special book to be presented to him on behalf of the BJ community. Submit your message at [www.bj.org/matalon25](http://www.bj.org/matalon25).

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Eve Glasberg, Amyas, Saskia and Tamzen Naegele on the death of Eve's beloved father, Bud Glasberg.
- Bess, Greg, Brenna and Brett Goldstein on the death of Bess' beloved mother, Selma Brodsky.

- Ellen Landsberger on the death of her beloved stepmother, Merna Landsberger.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Michael Davis and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanu-El, Wichita, Kansas.
- Mark Stolovitsky, Barbara Carr-Goodman and the 7th Gade Class, Nate Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Teacher-in-Residence Community 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](http://www.bj.org).

### • Shabbat Afternoon Teaching

**Saturday, March 26**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The entire BJ community is invited to 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.

### • Mekusharim Minyanim

Following up with our January event, Mekusharim aims to provide opportunities for all of our members 55+ to socialize with each other based on the neighborhoods where they were born and raised. Join us for morning minyan with time to schmooze and get to know one another. Choose a date: Tues., March 29: Bronx; Weds., April 6: Brooklyn; Tues., April 12: Queens; Weds., May 4: Manhattan; Tues., May 10: New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester and beyond. For more information, contact Belinda at x224.

### • Coming Back to our Home: A Tour of the 89th Street Building

**Sunday, April 3**, 3:00-4:00PM, 89th Street Heschel School: 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 at 3:00 and 3:30PM. The event is chaired by Beth Kern. R.S.V.P. required for the tours only to [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org). To be followed by the BJ Musicians concert at the 88th Street Sanctuary.

### • Coming Back to Our Home: A Celebration in Song

**Sunday, April 3**, 4:00-5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us as we get an update about the 89th Street building purchase and plans, and enjoy a musical celebration of Piyutim performed by the BJ musicians. The event is chaired by Beth Kern. 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.

### • 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](mailto:blasky@bj.org) by April 1.

### • Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza, Book Reading

**Sunday, April 10**, 4:00PM, JTS's Women's League Seminary Synagogue, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street): BJ and JTS are co-sponsoring a fascinating talk with Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, authors of *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*. *Sacred Trash* is a story of buried scholarly treasure that rivals in drama, scope, and importance the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and sheds profound light on 900 years of Jewish life. Dr. David Kraeme, JTS's professor of Talmud and Rabbinics will serve as moderator. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Hector at [hegzuzman@jtsa.edu](mailto:hegzuzman@jtsa.edu). Please arrive early and have photo ID available.

### • Men's Havurah

**Saturday, April 16**, 5:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Heschel School: Please join us for a conversation between JJ Goldberg and Robert Pollack. The Zionist narrative of the refugee from the Holocaust is drawing to a close. The Zionist narrative of the religious obligation to settle the land is felt by some but not all religious Jews. The heroic Zionism of the Six Day War has faded after almost three generations. Where are the new Zionist narratives going to come from? Discussion hosted by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein.

### • 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](mailto:helena_diamantglass@fitnyc.edu) as soon as possible.

### • Second Annual BJ Business Owners Networking Event

**Tuesday, May 24**, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This event is being organized by the BJ Mastermind Group and will feature a BJ Business Owners Fair, speed networking, and great presentations on marketing and social media. It's for BJ members only. For more information, contact Les Judd at [lesjudd@aol.com](mailto:lesjudd@aol.com).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **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](http://www.bj.org/csa).

• **Food Donors Needed for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**

**Sunday-Thursdays nights**, food arrives by 7:00PM, various locations: Enjoy cooking? Looking for a volunteer opportunity to work around your busy schedule? Volunteers are needed to donate food to the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Have your family, *havurah*, friends, or just you volunteer once a month and donate dinner for 10-12 women. You are welcome to prepare a meal yourself or buy the food and to stay and share the meal with our guests. For more details, contact Helen at [helenbjfoodshelter@gmail.com](mailto:helenbjfoodshelter@gmail.com).

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

• **K-2 Shabbat Family Program**

**Saturday, April 2**, 9:45-10:45AM, 86th Street Parlor: This program allows families to come together and meet other families while engaging in educational activities. Parents will learn with other parents, led by BJ's educators, while students and teachers interact. Families then attend Children's Services, followed by participation in Minyan Bet (for children ages 4-6), or Junior Congregation (grades 2-6). Other activities include family projects, learning, eating and lots more. Contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) for more information.

• **1st Grade Families Cook for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, April 5**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 1st graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students prepares a meal for the shelter guests. Together, we cook and set the table while engaging in study about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 1st graders may participate. R.S.V.P. to Heidi Slimm Dolman at [hjslimm@gmail.com](mailto:hjslimm@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 3.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Retreat for 6th and 7th Graders**

**Friday, May 13-Sunday, May 15**, Camp Ramah Nyack: All 6th and 7th graders, regardless of where they receive their Jewish education, won't want to miss this amazing retreat. Students will participate in exciting programs with others in their grade that bring them closer to becoming b'nai mitzvah while building community with each other. Transportation and

kosher meals will be provided. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by April 28; cost is \$225. Discount is \$175 for those who register by April 7.

**TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s**

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

**Monday, March 28**, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Tze'irim as they prepare dinner for the guests of the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM in the BJ kitchen (88th Street between Broadway and West End Ave). As usual, all the cooks will split the cost of the groceries (\$8-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 25 to the Tze'irim SASJ committee at [sasj@tzeirim.bj.org](mailto:sasj@tzeirim.bj.org).

• **Tze'irim: Learn How To Volunteer at the Shelter**

**Wednesday, April 6**, 7:00-9:00PM, The Parlour, 250 West 86th Street: Looking for an opportunity to volunteer at BJ? Have a busy schedule? The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is looking for you! Join Tze'irim to learn more about opportunities to volunteer with our shelter. We will be gathering for discounted drinks and an informal discussion with Rachel Alexander about the needs of the homeless in our community. Please email Ariel at [aschneider@bj.org](mailto:aschneider@bj.org) if you are planning to attend.

• **Tze'irim Heads to Broadway**

**Thursday, April 7**, 8:00PM, Shubert Theatre: Join Tze'irim for a fun filled night in going to see the Tony Award-Winning show "Memphis." Tickets will cost \$42.00 and seats will be located in the Rear Mezzanine. Please sign up using our online registration at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), and contact Jodi at [jodi\\_meisler@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi_meisler@yahoo.com) with any questions.

• **Opening to Freedom: A Pre-Passover Meditation Workshop**

**Sunday, April 17**, 6:00-8:00PM, 7 East 10th Street (between 5th Ave and University Place): Join Tze'irim in a meditation workshop in spiritual preparation for Passover. Co-sponsored by The Spirituality Project at NYU, we will explore ways to move out of our personal space and into places of redemption and freedom. Through meditation, text study and engaged discussion, we will prepare to experience Passover like never before. Cost is \$10; light refreshments will be served. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

**2011 Women's Retreat**

**Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22**

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center • Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)

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**UPCOMING LIMUD** Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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** (remaining classes March 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](http://www.bj.org).

• **Rosh Hodesh Nisan Women's Group:**  
**The Art of Cleaning Out—Getting to the Essence**  
**Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

**Monday, April 4**, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we receive the

wake up call that Pesah is just around the corner and clean up must begin. Please bring a dairy/kosher snack to share with the group.

• **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](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org).

## WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!

• **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. Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. For more information, contact Jon Wood, Membership Associate, at x250 or [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org).

• **A Note From the Ushers:** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. Both kippot and tallitot are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Photography, cell phone use, writing and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. Damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Ask an usher if you need one and please return the device when you leave.

• **Expand Your Social and Professional Network on LinkedIn and Facebook!** Hundreds of BJ members connect with each other through LinkedIn and Facebook. Become a member of the private "B'nai Jeshurun - New York City" LinkedIn group and benefit from your connection to this large community. You can share your professional information, post jobs, and be part of ongoing discussions. "Like" BJ's Facebook page, "B'nai Jeshurun NYC," and stay up-to-date with what's happening in the community.

**JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:** Find current Morning Minyan information at [www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan](http://www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan). To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

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

As a tree torn from the soil, as a river separated from its source, the human soul wanes when detached from what is greater than itself. Without the holy, the good turns chaotic; without the good, beauty becomes accidental. It is the pattern of the impeccable which makes the average possible. It is the attachment to what is spiritually superior: loyalty to a sacred person or idea, devotion to a noble friend or teacher, love for a people or for mankind, which holds our inner life together. But any ideal, human, social, or artistic, if it forms a roof over all of life, shuts us off from the light. Even the palm of one hand may bar the light of the entire sun. Indeed, we must be open to the remote in order to perceive the near. Unless we aspire to the utmost, we shrink to inferiority.

## CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

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

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Connect to Care Job Fair**

**Wednesday, April 6**, 10:00AM-2:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue (at 76th Street): Meet employers as well as legal, financial and employment and counseling specialists; participate in networking events; discover opportunities. Co-sponsored by BJ and UJA-Federation of NY's Connect to Care and partner organizations, JBFCS, JCC, FECS, NYLAG and Manhattan Synagogue. Pre-registration required. Call 646-505-5708 or visit [www.jccmanhattan.org](http://www.jccmanhattan.org) for more information.

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