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KOL JESHURUN

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Jeshurun**
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TAZRIA

SHABBAT HA^HODESH

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 12:1 - 13:28

1: 12:1 - 12:4

2: 12:5 - 12:8

3: 13:1 - 13:5

4: 13:6 - 13:17

5: 13:18 - 13:23

6: 13:24 - 13:28

7: 13:29 - 13:39

Maftir: Exodus 12:1 - 12:20

Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

HAFTARAH

NEXT WEEK: METZORA

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 14:1 - 15:32

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 14:1 - 14:32

HAFTARAH II Kings 7:03 - 20

April 1-8, 2011

26 Adar II-4 Nisan, 5771

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

5:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Gabriella Ruskay-Kidd

K-2 Shabbat Family Program

9:45 AM - 86th St. Parlor

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Coming Back to Our Home:

3:00 PM - 89th St. Heschel School

A Tour of the 89th Street Building

(SEE P.2)

A Celebration in Song

4:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, APRIL 4

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

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)

BJ Israel Salon

7:00 PM - (SEE P.3)

The Gift of Grief: Bikkur Holim Teaching

7:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

with Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Mekusharim at Morning Minyan

7:30 AM (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Rabbi David Silber Discusses

6:45 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

His New Haggadah

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM - BJ Office

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM - 88th St.

**! 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.

**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.

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.

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:

- Gabriella, Scott, Ilana, Emma and Daniel Ruskay-Kidd, and to the Ruskay, Kidd, Greenberg, Liran and Bernstein families, on Gabriella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sheila and Norman Bleckner on the upcoming marriage of their son Andrew to Guin Lee.
- Jane and Robert Baum on the birth of their grandson, Simon Ronne Buster Baum
- Terry Rosenbaum on the birth of her grandson, Anderson Jacob Rosenbaum.

- Brent, Alison and Noa Spodek on the birth of their son and brother, Abraham Isaiah.
- Ben Ross and Liz Bennett on their upcoming wedding.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Scott and Ilana Ruskay-Kidd in honor of Gabriella becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Cantor Leah Holland and high school students, Temple Beth EL, Tacoma, Washington.
- Josh Frankel and the G'vanim group from Jerusalem, Israel.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Donate to the Japan Pacific Disaster Relief Fund

BJ sends our deepest sympathy to the people affected by the tragic events in Japan and urges members to donate to the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund set up by UJA-Federation, www.ujafedny.org, or to the Japan Pacific Disaster Relief Fund of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, www.jdc.org.

• 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. 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.

• 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: 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.

• 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.

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PESAH 5771

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, April 18

Morning Minyan Followed by Siyyum Bekhorim and Breakfast
88th Street7:30 AM

Tuesday, April 19

First Day Pesah*
88th Street9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 20

Second Day Pesah*
88th Street9:30 AM

Thursday, April 21–Friday, April 22

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah
88th Street7:30 AM

Friday, April 22

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Evening Service
88th Street6:30 PM

Saturday, April 23*

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Morning Services
86th Street9:30 AM
Junior Congregation
86th Street Social Hall10:30 AM

Sunday, April 24

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah
88th Street9:30 AM

Seventh Evening Pesah

88th Street7:30 PM

Monday, April 25

Seventh Day Pesah*
88th Street9:30 AM

Eighth Evening Pesah

88th Street8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26

Eighth Day Pesah* (Yizkor)
88th Street9:30 AM

*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **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 heguzman@jtsa.edu. Please arrive early and have photo ID available.

• **Marriage Equality Hevra Meeting**
Tuesday, April 12, time and location given upon R.S.V.P.: The BJ Marriage Equality Hevra invites you to attend their next meeting to learn about how we are working to achieve marriage equality for gay couples in New York State. For more information, please contact Dale at bernstein.dale@gmail.com or Lisa at lsafier@yahoo.com.

• **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 as soon as possible.

2011 Women's Retreat

Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center • Register at www.bj.org

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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 to learn more.

• **Join the BJ AIDS Walk Team**
Sunday, May 15, 9:00AM-2:00PM, Central Park: Please join the B'nai Jeshurun AIDS Walk Team: Praying with Our Feet. The Teen Leadership group promises an exciting and fun day of walking, chatting and meeting new people in the beautiful Central Park. Money raised will be contributed 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 on the BJ website, www.bj.org/aidswalk.

• **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.

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 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 by Sunday, April 3. *(continued on page 4)*

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

• **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.

• **More of The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer**
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol
5 Tuesdays (remaining classes 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.

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.

• **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/minyan. To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

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

Prayer is our attachment to the utmost. Without God in sight, we are like the scattered rungs of a broken ladder. To pray is to become a ladder on which thoughts mount to God to join the movement toward Him which surges unnoticed throughout the entire universe. We do not step out of the world when we pray; we merely see the world in a different setting. The self is not the hub, but the spoke of the revolving wheel. In prayer we shift the center of living from self-consciousness to self-surrender. God is the center toward which all forces tend. He is the source, and we are the flowing of His force, the ebb and flow of His tides.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

• **Inclusive Cooking for the Shelter**

Wednesday, April 6, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Young members of our community (16 and younger) with developmental disabilities are invited to join Hebrew School students to cook for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Additionally, we will work to create an inclusive environment for children in our community who have developmental disabilities. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Ariella Rosen at ayrosen@gmail.com. Please let us know if your child has any needs that we can accommodate.

• **BJHS Zayin Graduation Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, April 29, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The BJ community will recognize the students graduating from the Zayin class with a special gift during the Kabbalat Shabbat Service. We hope you'll join us for a Shabbat dinner for the Zayin class and their families. It will be a great chance to get together with classmates and friends, and celebrate our students' achievements. Register at www.bj.org until April 25.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **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 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, and contact Jodi at 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.

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 for more information.

• **17th Annual Adoption and the Family Conference**

Sunday, April 10, 8:45AM-5:00PM, UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street: Sponsored by the Jewish Child Care Association's Ametz Adoption Program. Workshops cover everything you could want to know about adopting domestically or internationally, or living as an adoptive family. Speakers include pediatricians, social workers, members of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, representatives from adoption agencies, adult adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents. BJ member Robin Fleischer, Esq. will be a featured speaker. Register online at www.jccany.org/ametzconference.

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