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SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 16:1 - 17:7

- 1: 16:1 - 16:6
- 2: 16:7 - 16:11
- 3: 16:12 - 16:17
- 4: 16:18 - 16:24
- 5: 16:25 - 16:30
- 6: 16:31 - 16:34
- 7: 17:1 - 17:7
- Maftir: 17:5 - 17:7

HAFTARAH Malachi 3:4 - 24, 23

NEXT WEEK: **SHABBAT H^{OL} HAMO'ED PESAH**

TORAH Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

April 15–22, 2011

11–18 Nisan, 5771

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Naming

Anna Rose Metz

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 – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Men's Havurah

5:00 PM – 89th St. Heschel School (SEE P.2)

Minḥa Service

5:30 PM – 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Benjamin Perelson Gross

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Cooking for the Community Second Seder Morning Minyan

10:00 AM – 88th St. Kitchen
9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

BJ OFFICE CLOSING AT 3:00PM

Morning Minyan, Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

FIRST SEDER PESAH

7:30 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

FIRST DAY PESAH—SECOND SEDER PESAH

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Limud: The Book of Exodus

No class this week

First Day Pesah Services

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 88th St.

Second Night Pesah Community Seder

6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 1 (Hesed Shebehesed)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

SECOND DAY PESAH

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Second Day Pesah Services

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 2 (Gevurah Shebehesed)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

1ST DAY H^{OL} HAMO'ED PESAH

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM – BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 3 (Tiferet Shebehesed)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

2ND DAY H^{OL} HAMO'ED PESAH

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

No classes this week

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 4 (Netzah Shebehesed)



SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening Service:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, May 6**, the Friday evening service will start at 7:00PM.

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.

Messages will be accepted until May 16. 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

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Ruth and Malcolm Sheldon on the death of Ruth's beloved mother, Doris Cohen.
- Mimi Lox on the death of her beloved aunt, Dorothy Weinberg

MAZAL TOV

- Benjamin, Hannah, and Sarah Perelson Gross, Stewart Gross and Lois Perelson-Gross on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Alexandra and Joshua Metzl on the naming of their daughter, Anna Rose.
- Lauren and Daniel Juceam on the birth of their son, Ezra Simon.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Rabbi Felicia Sol in honor of Aiden's first birthday, and by David and Emma Ohana in honor of Emma's journey to Judaism, and by Ali and Josh Metzl in honor of Anna's baby naming.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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.

Real-Life Story of "Defiance": Bielski Brothers, the WWII Jewish Resistance Fighters

Thursday, April 28, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street: Zvi Bielski, son and nephew of the Bielski Brothers featured in the 2008 film "Defiance", will speak about his family's fight against the Nazis and how they escaped persecution. The BJ Hebrew School invites the entire community to this event. Bielski will share stories of his father and uncles, show video clips, and engage in a Q and A dialogue. Hebrew School parents and other community members may R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

Glimpses of Passover, our very own BJ cookbook, is available in the office for \$18.00. It's a great source of new recipes for your seder and a great house gift if you are going to someone else's home.

Book Swap with Mekusharim

Sunday, May 1, 9:30-11:30AM, 88th Street: No need to judge a book by its cover again, or overpay for one. Instead, get a book or two for free, recommended by like-minded readers. Join your fellow Mekusharim friends for morning minyan, a book swap and light refreshments. Bring two gently used books you loved to read, but no more. And no textbooks, please. When you arrive, we'll help you exchange for the same number of books you brought. R.S.V.P. to Belinda at blasky@bj.org.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration 2011/5771

Sunday, May 1, 6:45 PM, 88th Street: Once again we come together to commemorate Yom HaShoah, when the BJ community and their family and friends are invited to participate in the Reading and Hearing of the Names of those killed during the Shoah. The Reading will follow the 6:45PM evening service. After the reading there will be a screening of the film "Algunos Que Vivieron (Some Who Lived)" by filmmaker Luis Puenzo, produced by Spielberg/Shoah Foundation. It tells a story about survivors who emigrated to Argentina and Uruguay after the war and explores the connections between Nazism and the darker chapters in modern Argentine history. We encourage you to add to the list of names that will be read by completing our Shoah Names form at www.bj.org/shoah-names. The all-night vigil will be held at The Carlebach Shul, 305 West 79th Street, from 10:00PM to 7:30AM. The BJ reading slot is at 4:30AM. The Reading and

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PESAH 5771

Everything Pesah is Online

We're delighted to provide BJ's schedule of services and everything else you need to prepare your home and your spirit for Pesah online at www.bj.org/pesah, including the Rabbinical Assembly Guide, Hametz Sale Form, Social Action and Social Justice Opportunities, Community Seder Options, BJ's CD, *The Music of Pesah at BJ*, and *The BJ Pesah Cookbook*. New this year, you can listen to all the tracks on the CD. If you would prefer to receive the printable materials in the mail, contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org or call the BJ office.

Morning Service, Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah

Monday, April 18, 7:30AM, 88th Street: Following Morning Minyan, all are welcome to join in a siyyum, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature, taught by Len Wasserman, followed by a se'udat mitzvah, a meal accompanying the performance of a mitzvah (here the completion of study). All first born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit Bekhorim).

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)*

Hearing of Names continues at the JCC, 334 Amsterdam Ave. (76th Street) from 9:00AM-6:00PM on Monday, May 2.

• We Have Questions For You!

On May 2 we will be sending you an online survey created with Sustainable Synagogues, a project of the UJA-Federation of New York. This survey will assist BJ with strategic planning which we will be entering into shortly and with making resource allocation decisions for the 89th Street building and other programs. A survey is only as valuable as the participation of our members. The 20 minutes it will take to answer are as meaningful a contribution to the community as any other. Please respond when the time comes. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

• 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., May 4: Manhattan; Tues., May 10: New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester and beyond. For more information, contact Belinda at x224.

• Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 6, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we celebrate Shabbat together in an intimate setting with Rabbi Roly Matalon. The evening will include a three-course dinner, wine and some of the all-time favorite z'mirot and Piyutim. \$33 members/ \$43 non-members/ \$13 child. Register at www.bj.org.

• Israel from Behind the Camera—Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

Monday, May 9, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we see Israel through the eyes of renowned photographer Gil Lavi, who will present his work. Gil holds an IAA Silver award for excellence in Commercial, Advertising & Fashion photography, and was chosen by Forbes Magazine as one of the

most promising Israeli talents. The presentation will be followed by an Israeli dinner. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• 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.

• 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.

• BJ Community Retreat is Back!

Friday, June 3–Sunday, June 5, Block & Hexter Vacation Center: After a two-year hiatus, we are pleased to tell you about the return of the BJ Community Retreat! Join Roly, Shoshi, and Matt Turk for an amazing opportunity to retreat together to celebrate Shabbat, find our strength, and reconnect within this Kehillah Kedosha. We are planning many wonderful activities around Piyutim including music, games, children's programming, shows and more. We look forward to seeing you there. Register on the BJ website at www.bj.org, or contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 for more information. Children are free of charge due to a scholarship donation.

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

• 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, along with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Jason Fruithandler, 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.

• Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 18, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: 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 any restrictions that may apply at www.bj.org/blooddrive.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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.

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

• Roots on Both Sides of the Sea:

Rosh Hodesh Iyar Women's Group with Devora Enron

Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Michelle Dardashti

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: In this month of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, join Rabbis Sol and Dardashti with special guest Devora Enron, co-director of the Elga Stulman Women's Institute in Israel, to explore the meaning of having roots in two places through texts and conversation. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian snack to share (Israeli foods are encouraged).

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

4 Tuesdays (May 17, 24, 31, June 7), 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 teaches us what to aspire to. So often we do not know what to cling to. Prayer implants in us the ideals we ought to cherish. Redemption, purity of mind and tongue, or willingness to help, may hover as ideas before our mind, but the idea becomes a concern, something to long for, a goal to be reached, when we pray: "Guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile; and in the face of those who curse me, let my soul be silent."

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

• Kindergarten Families Cook for the Shelter

Tuesday, May 3, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Kindergarten students 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 kindergarteners may participate. R.S.V.P. to Sara Spinnell at sarapold@gmail.com by Sunday, May 1.

• BJHS Prospective Parents Open House

Saturday, May 7, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel; **Thursday, May 12**, 4:30-5:30PM, 88th Street; **Monday, May 16**, 4:30-5:30PM, 88th Street: Considering Jewish education for the 2011-2012 school year? Join us to learn more about the BJ Hebrew School! Meet with Acting Director of Education, Emily Walsh, and learn about our vision and mission. Hear about curricular goals and special programs, and take a tour of the school. Register online at www.bj.org.

• 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 by April 28; cost is \$225.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• 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.

• Tze'irim Maimuna Celebration

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00PM, The Parlour, 250 West 86th Street: Join Tze'irim at The Parlour (250 West 86th Street) for the last night of Passover. We'll celebrate by consuming an inordinate amount of hametz and enjoy a happy hour special or two. \$5 at the door for food and cash bar; register at www.bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• The Rose Haggadah at the New York Public Library

Through Sunday, May 1, McGraw Rotunda, 3rd floor, New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. and 42nd Street: The Rose Haggadah, in reality the guest books of Passover dinners held and attended by the descendants of Joseph and Anna Rose and Samuel B. and Belle Rose and their guests over a period of eighty years, will be on display. The three volumes were illustrated each year on Passover themes by artists such as Chaim Gross, Frank Stella, Larry Rivers, Leonard Baskin, Joseph Hirsch, David Levine, Mark Podwal, Mimi Gross, Harvey Dinerstein, Judy Chicago, Al Hirschfeld and Will Barnet. The display shows one open book. An electronic presentation will allow viewers to see the other books and pages at leisure. The family continues the tradition in a fourth volume that is still a living illuminated manuscript.

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