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SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED PESAH

TORAH	Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
1:	33:12 - 33:16
2:	33:17 - 33:19
3:	33:20 - 33:23
4:	34:1 - 34:3
5:	34:4 - 34:10
6:	34:11 - 34:17
7:	34:18 - 34:26
Maftir:	Numbers 28:19 - 28:25
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

NEXT WEEK: **KEDOSHIM**

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 19:1 - 20:7

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 19:1 - 19:37

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7 - 15

April 22-29, 2011

18-25 Nisan, 5771

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Evening Service
Shabbat Dinner for International Service Learning

2ND DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
Following Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Morning Services
Children's Services

3RD DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary
10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 5 (Hod Shebehesed)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Morning Minyan

4TH DAY HOL HAMO'ED PESAH

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Seventh Evening Pesah Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 6 (Yesod Shebehesed)

MONDAY, APRIL 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Seventh Day Pesah Services

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

Eighth Evening Pesah Service

8:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 7 (Malkhut Shebehesed)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Limud: The Book of Exodus

No class this week

Eighth Day Pesah Services (Yizkor)

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 8 (Hesed Shebegevurah)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 9 (Gevurah Shebegevurah)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Real-Life Story of "Defiance"

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

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 10 (Tiferet Shebegevurah)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 11 (Netzah Shebegevurah)

! 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.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **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 con-

tributed 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.

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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• BJ Softball

18 Thursdays (April 28-August 25), 7:00-8:30PM, Field 12 North Meadow, Central Park (96th Street entrance): Hit a home run with BJ and step up to the plate for softball fun! These are friendly, lively, all-inclusive, self-governing pick-up games. Join for one game or 18, your choice. There is a one time \$18 Tzedakah donation for the season, collected at the field. Checks payable to BJ or cash. The rain number is 212-628-1036. Press 1 then 2 then 808 for North Meadow. For more information, contact Jody Prusan at jpmazel@aol.com. See you on the field!

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

• Oy vey! Survey!

Yes, we will be sending you a survey online on May 2. This survey will assist BJ with strategic planning. It will also help us to make the best resource allocation decisions as we move forward with the 89th Street building and with other programs. We want to hear from everyone, whatever the character of your involvement with BJ. It will take only 20 minutes of your time. It will be a truly meaningful contribution to the BJ community. Thank you very much.

• 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'mirots 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.

• Renee Kaufman Lecture Series and Mekusharim Present: Baseball Memories

Monday, May 23, 7:00PM, 88th Street: This annual lecture series, in its 21st year, is in memory of our beloved member, Renee Kaufman. Mekusharim is delighted to co-sponsor this year's event, featuring clips of the film "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg" and discussion with filmmaker Aviva Kempner. Cotton candy, cracker jacks and mini hot dogs await you as we celebrate the influence of baseball on Jewish American

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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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 22

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Evening Service
88th Street 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 23*

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Morning Services
86th Street 9:30 AM
Junior Congregation
86th Street Social Hall 10:30 AM

Sunday, April 24

Hol Hamo'ed Pesah
88th Street 9:30 AM

Seventh Evening Pesah

88th Street 7:30 PM

Monday, April 25

Seventh Day Pesah*
88th Street 9:30 AM

Eighth Evening Pesah

88th Street 8:30 PM

Tuesday, April 26

Eighth Day Pesah* (Yizkor)
88th Street 9:30 AM

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

culture. Bring your favorite baseball cap. For more information, contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org.

• 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 at the Israel Day Parade

Sunday, June 5, 11:00AM-1:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Want to be surrounded by BJ friends at the world's largest celebration of Israel's existence? Then join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and MTM Fellow Rabbi Michelle Dardashti in attending the Israel Day Parade! The precise location will be provided upon R.S.V.P. to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• 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

BJ Hazorim CSA sign-up deadline extended to April 29

See www.bj.org/csa

• Panim el Panim Skill Training: Relational Meetings

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Looking for a way to be involved after the Community Cafés? This training will focus on how to conduct a one-to-one relational meeting, the basis for Congregation Based Community Organizing. Please R.S.V.P. to Channa at camins@bj.org.

• 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.

• 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

• 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.

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 is the essence of spiritual living. Its spell is present in every spiritual experience. Its drive enables us to delve into what is what beneath our beliefs and desires, and to emerge with a renewed taste for the infinite simplicity of the good. On the globe of the microcosm the flow of prayer is like the Gulf Stream, imparting warmth to all that is cold, melting all that is hard in our life. For even loyalties may freeze to indifference if detached from the stream which carries the strength to be loyal. How often does justice lapse into cruelty, and righteousness into hypocrisy. Prayer revives and keeps alive the rare greatness of some past experience in which things glowed with meaning and blessing. It remains important, even when we ignore it for a while, like a candlestick set aside for the day. Night will come, and we shall again gather round its tiny flame. Our affection for the trifles of living will be mixed with longing for the comfort of all men.

אֵין כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין כְּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ, אֵין כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, אֵין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Non como nuestro Dio, non como nuestro Señor, non como nuestro Rey, non como nuestro Salvador.

מִי כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִי כְּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ, מִי כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, מִי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Quien como nuestro Dio, quien como nuestro Señor, quien como nuestro Rey, quien como nuestro Salvador.

נֹדֶה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נֹדֶה לְאֲדוֹנֵנוּ, נֹדֶה לְמִלְכֵנוּ, נֹדֶה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Loaremos a nuestro Dio, loaremos a nuestro Señor, loaremos a nuestro Rey, loaremos a nuestro Salvador.

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מִלְכֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Bendicho nuestro Dio, bendicho nuestro Señor, bendicho nuestro Rey, bendicho nuestro Salvador.

אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מִלְכֵנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Tu sos nuestro Dio, tu sos nuestro Señor, tu sos nuestro Rey, tu sos nuestro Salvador.

אַתָּה הוּא שֶׁהִקְטִירוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קִטְרֵת הַסַּמִּים.