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KEDOSHIM

MEVARKHIM HAHOESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 19:1 - 20:7

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 19:1 - 19:37

1: 19:1 - 19:4

2: 19:5 - 19:10

3: 19:11 - 19:14

4: 19:15 - 19:18

5: 19:19 - 19:22

6: 19:23 - 19:32

7: 19:33 - 19:37

Maftir: 19:35 - 19:37

HAFTARAH

Amos 9:7 - 15

NEXT WEEK: **EMOR**

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 21:1 - 22:16

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

April 29–May 6, 2011

25 Nisan–2 Iyar, 5771

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

BJHS Zayin Graduation Shabbat Dinner

Following Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Livia Bokor

Bat Mitzvah

Cassandra Kopans-Johnson

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 12 (Hod Shebegevurah)

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Mekusharim Book Swap

Following Minyan – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Yom HaShoah Service and Commemoration

6:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 13 (Yesod Shebegevurah)

MONDAY, MAY 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 14 (Malkhut Shebegevurah)

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus

8:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 15 (Hesed Shebetiferet)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Panim el Panim Relational Meetings

6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 16 (Gevurah Shebetiferet)

THURSDAY, MAY 5

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

! 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Livia, Peter and Sophie Bokor and Jeannie Blaustein on Livia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Cassandra and Helena Kopans-Johnson and Nancy Kopans on Cassandra becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Jeannie Blaustein and Peter Bokor in honor of Livia becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Nancy

Kopans in honor of Cassandra becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Stephen Stulman in honor of his 80th birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Eric Linder and high school class, Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Viki Shayna and 8th grade class, Temple Beth Emeth, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATING ISRAEL AT BJ

• Roots on Both Sides of the Sea:

**Rosh Hodesh Iyar Women's Group with Devora Evron
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 Evron, 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).

• Taglit-Birthright Israel

Friday, May 6, at the Kabbalat Shabbat service, 88th Street: May is Birthright Israel month. Jon Wood, BJ's Membership Associate, will speak about his experience both as a Birthright participant and leader. Hear about how Birthright Israel impacted his life, transforming him from a non-youth group, non-Jewish camp teen into a young adult who devotes his professional and personal life to numerous Jewish ideals and undertakings. Find out what all the Birthright hype is really about.

• Yom Ha'atzmaut 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 all-time favorite z'mirot and piyutim. Speaking at this dinner in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut is Michael Steinhardt, philanthropist and co-founder of Taglit-Birthright Israel, which has sent over 220,000 young Jews to Israel on 10-day trips, absolutely free. Register at www.bj.org. Cost: \$33 members/ \$43 non-members/ \$13 child.

• Operation Solomon 20th Anniversary Celebration with Dr. Rick Hodes

Saturday, May 7, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Operation Solomon, which airlifted 14,325 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 36 hours on 34 non-stop flights, we are honored to welcome guest speaker Dr. Rick Hodes, an extraordinary American doctor who was responsible for the care of 25,000 Ethiopians during that Operation. He has continued to serve in Ethiopia, currently as the Medical Director of Ethiopia for the American Jewish Joint

Distribution Committee (JDC). The recipient of numerous awards, he is the subject of an HBO documentary "Making the Crooked Straight" and the author of a new book *This is a Soul: The Mission of Rick Hodes*.

• Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut at BJHS!

Monday, May 9, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street: Travel to Israel without leaving the Upper West Side! Parents of our Gimmel, Dalet, and Hey students are invited to join their children for a unique Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) learning event. Students and their parents will experience Israeli culture through the lenses of sports, music, commerce, dance, and more. Please register at www.bj.org. Don't forget to pack sunscreen!

• 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.

• Festive Morning Minyan

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30AM, 88th Street: In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the morning services will include Hallel and the Torah Service with Hafatarah.

• The BJ Office will be closed on May 10 in observance of Yom Ha'atzmaut.

• 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

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.

• 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.

• 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.

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

• 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 ccamins@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 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.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 20, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for the last Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner of the year with Rabbinic Fellow Jason Fruithandler for a fully catered meal and 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.

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

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.

YASHER KOAH

Yasher Koah: A new column running at the end of each month, highlighting a BJ member's recent achievement.



Yasher Koah Samuel Bruce! A member of Membership's Education and Communications Team and Tze'irim Shabbat programming, Samuel Bruce was recognized by the NYPD and Central Park Community Council for saving the life of a park patron in cardiac arrest in November 2010. He was also recognized for working to supplement the city's emergency medical services during and after the December, 2010 blizzard. Samuel works a regular nine-to-five job, mostly in an office cubicle, but once or twice a month, he dons a navy blue uniform, steel-toe boots and a stethoscope to board an ambulance as an emergency medical technician for the Central Park Medical Unit. For more than three decades CPMU has provided free emergency care to sick and injured patrons of Central Park, with fast response and transport times due to their thorough knowledge of the park's unusual geography. Yasher Koah to Samuel Bruce, who bravely fulfilled the mitzvah of Pikuah Nefesh: saving a life.

If you know of a BJ member who deserves a yasher koah, contact Sue Daniels at bd4fan@gmail.com.

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

However, prayer is no panacea, no substitute for action. It is, rather, like a beam thrown from a flashlight before us into the darkness. It is in this light that we who grope, stumble, and climb, discover where we stand, what surrounds us, and the course which we should choose. Prayer makes visible the right, and reveals what is hampering and false. In its radiance, we behold the worth of our efforts, the range of our hopes, and the meaning of our deeds. Envy and fear, despair and resentment, anguish and grief, which lie heavily upon the heart, are dispelled like shadows by its light.

אֵין כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין כְּאֲדֹנָינוּ, אֵין כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, אֵין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

מִי כְּאֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִי כְּאֲדֹנָנוּ, מִי כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, מִי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

נֹדֶה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נֹדֶה לְאֲדֹנָנוּ, נֹדֶה לְמִלְכֵנוּ, נֹדֶה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדֹנָנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מִלְכֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַתָּה הוּא אֲדֹנָנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מִלְכֵנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

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

אַתָּה הוּא שְׁהַקְטִירוּ אַבוֹתֵינוּ לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קִטְרֵת הַסַּמִּים.

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