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**BEHAR**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 25:1 - 25:38

1: 25:1 - 25:3

2: 25:4 - 25:7

3: 25:8 - 25:13

4: 25:14 - 25:18

5: 25:19 - 25:24

6: 25:25 - 25:28

7: 25:29 - 25:38

Maftir: 25:35 - 25:38

**HAFTARAH** Jeremiah 32:6 - 27

NEXT WEEK: **BEHUKOTAI**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 26:3 - 27:15

**HAFTARAH** Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

**May 13–20, 2011**

**9–16 Iyar, 5771**

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

*B'nai Mitzvah Retreat*

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 25 (Netzah Shebenetza)

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

*B'nai Mitzvah Retreat*

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bat Mitzvah**

Atalya Sternoff

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**Community Minḥa Service**

6:00 PM – 88th St.

**Bar Mitzvah**

Henry Mandler

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 26 (Hod Shebenetza)

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

*B'nai Mitzvah Retreat*

**AIDS Walk**

9:00 AM – Central Park (SEE SIDEBAR)

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 27 (Yesod Shebenetza)

**MONDAY, MAY 16**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**BJ Prospective Parents Open House**

4:30 PM – 88th St.

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM – BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 28 (Malkhut Shebenetza)

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: The Book of Exodus**

8:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: More of the Rabbinic Mind**

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**and Imagination**

**Conversation About Recent Events**

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**in North Africa and the Middle East**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 29 (Hesed Shebehod)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Blood Drive**

3:00-9:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P. 3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 30 (Gevurah Shebehod)

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

**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 31 (Tiferet Shebehod)

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**

*Women's Retreat*

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 32 (Netzah Shebehod)

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

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.



**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 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](http://www.bj.org/aidswalk).

• **Submit Your Community Survey This Week!**

Check your inbox; it came on May 4. We want to hear from all members, whatever the character of your involvement with BJ. It will take only 20 minutes. What's it for? Strategic planning, resource allocation decisions, and more. Make a truly meaningful contribution to the BJ community and respond.

**Send Roly Your Personal Message  
by May 16!**

Go to [www.bj.org/matalon25](http://www.bj.org/matalon25).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Sandra Feldman and her entire family on the death of her beloved mother, Hannah Feldman.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Atalya, Daniel and Smadar Sternoff and Nancy Schwartz Sternoff on Atalya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Henry, Frederick and Charlotte Mandler and Paula Katz on Henry becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Barbara Dobkin on receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

### TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Nancy Schwartz Sternoff in honor of Atalya becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by BJ in honor of members who met their partner/spouse or got married at BJ.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Erin DeHart and students, York College, York, Nebraska.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Conversation About Recent Events in North Africa and the Middle East

**Tuesday, May 17, 7:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: The political turmoil that spans North Africa and the Middle East is presently of unpredictable outcome. What is certain is that the implications are bound to be significant. What are the causes of the revolts? What could be the repercussions for the region and for the world? What does it mean for Israel? Join us for a fascinating conversation between Jeffrey Goldberg, national correspondent for *The Atlantic* and Stephen P. Cohen, President of the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development. This is a unique opportunity to hear informed and thoughtful perspectives on these historic developments. The conversation will be moderated by Kathleen Peratis.

### • 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](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org).

### • Second Annual BJ Business Owners Networking Event

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30-9:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Are you a member of BJ and a business owner? Enjoy meeting your peers and hear an inspiring presentation on using social media to market your business from Nancy Shenker of [www.theonswitch.com](http://www.theonswitch.com). This event is open to BJ members only. Contact Les at 718-530-5074 or [lesjudd@aol.com](mailto:lesjudd@aol.com) by May 20 to reserve your seat.

### • BJ Annual Meeting 2011

**Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:30PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Want to know about BJ's progress in planning towards going back home to the 89th Street building? Join us for the Annual Meeting to learn about the strategic planning and updates from the building committee. Come early for some light refreshments, schmoozing and a picture presentation from the past year at BJ. We will hear messages from the rabbis and the president, elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees, and say goodbye to our outgoing president and welcome our new one.

### • 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](http://www.bj.org), or contact Guy at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org) or x255 for more information. Children are free of charge due to a scholarship donation.

### • 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](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org).

### • Men's Havurah

**Monday, June 20, 7:00-9:00PM**, City Hall Restaurant: Join Esther Perel in a conversation entitled "What Do Men Want? Men Speak Candidly About Today's Masculinity." Recognized as one of the world's most original and insightful voices on erotic intelligence, Esther Perel is the author of the international bestseller *Mating in Captivity: Reconciling the Erotic and Domestic*. Esther's bold new take on sex and intimacy has shaken up traditional thinking and ranked her as a top relationship expert among therapists and lay audiences alike. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will facilitate this event.

### • Context Information Session

**Wednesday, June 22, 7:00-8:30PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for an information session and mini-lesson about Context, the new premier adult Jewish learning program of JTS-The Jewish Theological Seminary. Exploring the span of Jewish civilization in four 8-session semesters, Context addresses two broad areas of study over two years. This intellectual journey is guided by leading Judaic Studies scholar-teachers from JTS and other prominent academic institutions, and provides students with a sophisticated understanding of Jewish history and thought. BJ will host one of the Context courses beginning in Fall 2011. Registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • BJ Softball

**18 Thursdays** (through 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](mailto:jpmazel@aol.com). See you on the field!

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • Register for BJ Hebrew School!

Registration for the 2011-12 year at BJ Hebrew School is now open! You can find both our online application and a PDF application on our website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Please note that our online application requires payment in full by credit card when registering. To pay by check or set up a payment plan, you may download the paper application and send it to the BJ Office, along with your \$300 deposit. Check out our Hebrew School Registration Page for questions concerning tuition, financial aid and membership status, or email Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) for more information. All applications and Financial Aid applications are due by July 1.

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • 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. Sign up online at [www.bj.org/blooddrive](http://www.bj.org/blooddrive) or call 212-787-7600 x373 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time slot for you. On the website you can also learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply.

#### • Panim el Panim Skills Training:

##### Campaign Action Planning and Power Analysis

**Wednesday, May 18**, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Looking for a way to be involved after the Community Cafes? This training will focus on the tools our new research groups will use to choose and develop actionable campaigns on new issues based on a Congregation Based Community Organizing model. Please R.S.V.P. to Channa Camins at [ccamins@bj.org](mailto:ccamins@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](http://www.bj.org).

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • Israel Film Festival

**Through Thursday, May 19**, AMC Loews 84th Street (2310 Broadway): BJ member Ronald Guttman is the Chairman of the 25th Anniversary Israel Film Festival, a unique festival spotlighting the best in Israeli cinema, encouraging growth of the film industry and enriching the American vision of Israeli life and culture, seen from a range of perspectives. The Festival has presented more than 800 Israeli feature films, documentaries, television dramas and student shorts. This year's Festival honors Stanley Donen, Liev Schreiber, and Micha Shagrir. Information and screening times are available at [www.israelfilmfestival.com](http://www.israelfilmfestival.com).

## 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 Now! May 16 Deadline Approaches!

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).

### Shine Your Light! Write An Article for the *Kol Hadash*

We would love your stories, articles and photos about BJ activities in which you have participated, or reflections on your involvement in the community. We are also going to be profiling BJ members, leadership, and volunteers. You may also choose to write about events like your trip to Israel, your child's bar/bat mitzvah, your experience at the lunch program, or anything else you would like to share. Articles will be subject to editing at the discretion of BJ staff for clarity and space considerations. For more information about process or deadlines, or to share your idea for an article, please contact [communications@bj.org](mailto:communications@bj.org).

## 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

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

• **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/minyan](http://www.bj.org/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

In those souls in which prayer is a rare flower, enchanting, surprising, it seems to come to pass by the lucky chance of misfortune, as an inevitable or adventitious by-product of affliction. But suffering is not the source of prayer. A motive does not bring about an act as a cause produces an effect; it merely stimulates the potential into becoming an actuality. Peril or want may clear the ground for its growth, stubbing up the weeds of self-assurance, ridding the heart of the hard and obdurate, but it can never raise prayer.

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.*

נִוְדָה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נִוְדָה לְאֲדוֹנֵנוּ, נִוְדָה לְמִלְכֵנוּ, נִוְדָה 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 שֶׁהַקְטִירוֹ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קְטָרֶת הַסַּמִּים.