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BEMIDBAR

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

TRIENNIAL Numbers 1:1 - 1:54

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HAFTARAH Hosea 2:1 - 22

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TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

TRIENNIAL Numbers 4:21 - 5:10

HAFTARAH Judges 13:2 - 13:25

May 27–June 3, 2011

23 Iyar–1 Sivan, 5771

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Cara Geser

Bar Mitzvah

Alexander Baren

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 40 (Hod Shebeyesod)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 41 (Yesod Shebeyesod)

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Minha Service and

5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Memorial Day Reflections

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

TUESDAY, MAY 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: More of the Rabbinic Mind and Imagination 12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 43 (Hesed Shebemalkhut)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 44 (Gevurah Shebemalkhut)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.

BJ Annual Meeting 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 45 (Tiferet Shebemalkhut)

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

ROSH HODESH SIVAN

Community Retreat

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 46 (Netzah Shebemalkhut)

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Summer Volunteers Needed at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Sunday through Thursday nights, 9:00PM-7:00AM, 88th Street and 86th Street: BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs volunteers who can spend the night so our shelter guests have a place to stay, especially over the summer when many other shelters close. Our shelter is open Sunday through Thursday so you are invited to pick the night that works best for you. This is your chance to fulfill the mitzvah of hospitality, feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger—all while sleeping through the night. For more information, contact Dava Schub at dschub@jccmanhattan.org.

• 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.

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 YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Larry and Malcom Fox on the death of Larry's beloved aunt, Sallee Gumbiner.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Cara, Louis and Amelia Geser and Ilene Rosenthal on Cara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Alexander, Richard, Lesley and Max Baren on Alexander becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jeff Levin, Andrew Goffe and Zachary Levin-Goffe on the birth of their son and brother, Justin George.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Louis Geser and Ilene Rosenthal in honor of Cara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Sharon Amster Brown and 8th Grade Class, Temple Israel of Long Beach, Long Beach, California.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Literally, Help Save a Life

A wonderful 6-year-old girl, Neshama Ryman, who goes to SAR Academy in Riverdale and is in the larger community of BJ members Sally Gottesman and Rachel Tiven, needs you to donate platelets to fight a very serious cancer. Any blood type can do this mitzvah. It takes 2 1/2 hours at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK), doesn't hurt, and makes all the difference in her world. Call Joe Licata at MSK 212-639-8177 for an appointment (evenings and Sundays available) and eligibility. To read more visit www.mskcc.org/blooddonations. General questions? Please contact Sally at sally@eleemosynary.net. Thank you.

• Minḥa Service and Memorial Day Reflections

Monday, May 30, 5:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for the afternoon service and reflections as we remember those who served in our armed forces and mark Memorial Day as a day of remembrance.

• 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!

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 including Torah study, 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.

• Aliyah and Kiddush in Honor of Roma's 20 Years at BJ

Saturday, June 11, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us as we honor BJ's maintenance director, Rome Serdtse, on his 20 year anniversary at BJ. Roma's innovations and dedication over the past two decades have allowed many events and special occasions to be realized successfully as BJ's facilities transformed. The aliyah will be followed by a Kiddush in the Social Hall.

• Yankee Game with Mekusharim

Thursday, June 16, 1:00PM, Yankee Stadium, The Bronx: You know summer is here when baseball is in the air. Join your Mekusharim friends for the Yankees/Rangers afternoon game. In order to receive the group rate of \$57/person, we need to confirm that we have enough people. Please contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org or x234 by Wednesday, June 1 to tell her you're interested.

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SHAVUOT AT BJ

• Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, June 7, 8:30PM service, 88th Street Sanctuary: **9:00-10:30PM**: "In the Shoes of Naomi and Ruth: A biblical-dramatic exploration of Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth," with Dr. Peter Pitzele. **10:30PM-midnight**: "Ma'amad Har Sinai: A Woman's Reading," with Dr. Alyssa Gray, Dr. Adriane Leveen, and Dr. Miriam Udel. **Midnight-5:00AM**: Study will continue through the night until the Sunrise Service with Rabbi Michelle Dardashti, Yair Harel (Hazmana le-Piyut-Israel), Rabbi Felicia Sol, Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Tuesday, June 7 • Erev Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary8:30-9:00PM
Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary.....9:00 PM-midnight
Study continues, 88th Street Frankel Hallmidnight-5:00AM

Wednesday, June 8 • First Day Shavuot

Sunrise Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....5:00AM
Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary.....10:00AM
Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall.....11:15AM
Community Picnic, Riverside Park (weather permitting)....Following Services

Wednesday, June 8 • Second Evening Shavuot

Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary.....8:30PM

Thursday, June 9 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)

88th Street Sanctuary.....9:30AM
Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall.....10:45AM

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• 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.

• Membership and High Holy Day Information

The 2011-2012 membership year begins on July 1. Membership renewal and High Holy Day materials will be mailed and available online as of June 1. New members are always invited to join our community. Please

visit www.bj.org to complete the online membership form and find updated High Holy Day information for 2011. Locations are assigned on a first-come first-served basis. Submit your application as soon as possible because some locations fill up quickly. Contact Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org for more information.

• Update Our Mi Sheberakh List

Every Shabbat, we recite a Mi Sheberakh and pray for the healing of those in our community and in our families who are ill. Twice a year (on Hanukkah and on Shavuot), we will renew the list. Therefore, we kindly ask that you let us know if you or any of your loved ones are still in need of healing so we can update the list and continue to pray for those who need it. Requests can be made to Sarah at sguthartz@bj.org.

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 YOUR Personal Message Now!

The official deadline has passed. This is your last chance to make sure your message will appear in the special book for Roly. Submit your message by May 31 and we guarantee it. Messages received after that date will be passed along to Roly, but may not appear in the book. Submit your message at www.bj.org/matalon25.

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. 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 for more information. All applications and Financial Aid applications are due by July 1.

• June Tot Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, June 3, 5:15PM, 88th Street: Join us for the last Tot Shabbat of the year! Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Dinner includes delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options available (dietary laws observed). While adults finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage chil-

dren in games and songs! Register at www.bj.org by Tuesday, May 31. Contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests.

• Bim Bam Summer Session

Friday, June 17-August 19, 10:45-11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under. Kids enjoy fun activities that connect song and motion to Jewish learning, as well as performing Shabbat blessings over the candles, kiddush and hamotzi. The cost is \$160 for members and \$235 for non-members per family (new members can register for free). Register at www.bj.org by June 14; contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Staten Island Yankees Game

Sunday, July 24, 4:00-7:00PM, Staten Island Yankees Ball Park (75 Richmond Terrace, adjacent to Staten Island Ferry): Join Tze'irim in

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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 (remaining classes May 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.

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Sivan

Wednesday, June 1, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share.

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.

YASHER KOAH

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



Yasher Koah Brad Hoffman! A BJ member since 2007 and former co-chair of Tze'irim, Brad Hoffman began a tutoring company entitled My Learning Springboard. MLS was recognized by New York Magazine in its "Best of New York 2011" feature. Brad created MLS almost two years ago as a company that offers a wide range of tutoring services, everything from weekend art appreciation to after-school tutoring to SAT prep. He assembled a diverse team

of instructors, including specialists for kids with learning disabilities and autism. To learn more, visit Brad's website at www.mylarningspringboard.com.

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

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

The idea of prayer is based upon the assumption of man's ability to accost God, to lay our hopes, sorrows, and wishes before Him. But this assumption is not an awareness of a particular ability with which we are endowed. We do not feel that we possess a magic power of speaking to the Infinite; we merely witness the wonder of prayer, the wonder of man addressing himself to the Eternal. Contact with Him is not our achievement. It is a gift, coming down to us from on high like a meteor, rather than rising up like a rocket. Before the words of prayer come to the lips, the mind must believe in God's willingness to draw near to us, and in our ability to clear the path for His approach. Such belief is the idea that leads us toward prayer.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

watching the Staten Island Yankees battle the Tri-City ValleyCats. \$10 buys a second or third row seat in a reserved Tze'irim section, SI Yanks' hat, and Wendy's meal voucher. See our group welcomed with a special message on the video board! Tickets are extremely limited, so sign up at the BJ website, www.bj.org.

BEKEF: 35+

• Tze'irim 30s and Bekef 40s ONLY Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 10, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as Tze'irim and Bekef come together for a shabbat dinner following the successful brunch we held for ages 31-49 ONLY with no exceptions. Enjoy a three course kosher dinner in an intimate setting together with your friends, and get a chance to meet new people! The program will include a

short discussion, music and lots of time to schmooze. \$29 member/ \$39 non-members. Register on the BJ website at www.bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• "Under the Cross" Onstage

Friday, June 3-Saturday, June 25, matinees and evenings, June Havoc Theatre, Abingdon Arts Theatre Complex, 312 West 36th Street: What would you do if you felt like the "other" no matter where you went? New Worlds Theatre Project (www.newworldsproject.org) presents this powerful tale of personal demons, familial discord and religious persecution in a rural Russian village in 1923 by I.D. Berkovitch in an English adaptation by BJ member Ellen Perelman. Tickets \$18, available at www.smarttix.com or call 212-868-4444.

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