

# קול ישראל

# KOL JESHURUN



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**NEXT WEEK: BEHA'ALOTEKHA**

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<b>HAFTARAH</b>	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

**June 3-10, 2011**

**1-8 Sivan, 5771**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

*Community Retreat*

**Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

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

**ROSH HODESH SIVAN**

5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

*Community Retreat*

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bat Mitzvah**

Alexandra Cohen

**Bat Mitzvah**

Rachel Bass

**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 47 (Hod Shebemalkhut)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

*Community Retreat*

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Israel Day Parade**

11:00 AM (SEE SIDEBAR)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 48 (Yesod Shebemalkhut)

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 49 (Malkhut Shebemalkhut)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: More of Rabbinic Mind & Imagination**

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**First Evening Shavuot Service**

8:30 PM – 88th St.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

9:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**EREV SHAVUOT**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Sunrise Services**

5:00 AM – 88th St.

**First Day Shavuot Services**

10:00 AM – 88th St.

**Children's Services**

11:15 AM – 88th St.

**Community Picnic (weather permitting)**

Following Services – Riverside Park

**Second Evening Shavuot Service**

8:30 PM – 88th St.

**1ST DAY SHAVUOT**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Second Day Shavuot Services**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

Cancelled this week

**2ND DAY SHAVUOT (YIZKOR)**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**! 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, 5th Ave.** between 64th and 65th Sts., on the East side of the street: 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! R.S.V.P. to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

**! SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Shabbat Morning Service: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!** Beginning **Saturday, June 18**, Shabbat morning services will start at 9:30AM at 88th Street. Children's services will start at 10:45AM at 88th Street Frankel Hall.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Judith, Martin, Lauren and Lily Weinberg on the death of Judith's beloved brother, Ephraim Karpel.
- Marcia Kaplan on the death of her beloved father, Walter Kaplan.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Rachel, Richard, Laura, Joshua and Jessica Bass on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Alexandra, Rodney, Sheryl and Mira Cohen on Alexandra becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Laura and Richard Bass in honor of Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Rodney, Sheryl and Mira Cohen in honor of Alexandra becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Miriam Halachmi and 11th Grade Class, West End Synagogue Religious School, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Rabbi Amy Feder and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Rabbi Flip Rice and Julie Greenberg and Confirmation Class, Congregation Micah, Brentwood, Tennessee.

## 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](http://www.mskcc.org/blooddonations). General questions? Please contact Sally at [sally@eleemosynary.net](mailto:sally@eleemosynary.net). Thank you.

### • 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.

### • Muslim Consultative Network's Annual Gala: Connecting Communities, Creating New Spaces for Engagement Honors BJ and SPSA

**Sunday, June 12**, 5:30-9:00PM, Turkuaz Restaurant, 2637 Broadway: Maria M. Ebrahimji, Co-Editor of "I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim," will deliver the Keynote. Comedians Dean Obeidallah and Asie Mohtarez will perform. Awards will be presented to BJ and SPSA, Nadia Roumani, Founder of American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, and the

Muslim Day Parade, Muslim Foundation of America. The proceeds will help support MCN's youth leadership program, MY NYC and interfaith work for the year. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [muslimconsultativenetwork.ticketbud.com](http://muslimconsultativenetwork.ticketbud.com).

### • Marriage Equality Hevra Meeting

**Tuesday, June 14**, location and time given upon R.S.V.P.: The BJ Marriage Equality Hevra invites you to attend their next meeting to learn about how we are working to achieve marriage equality for gay couples in New York State. For more information, please contact Dale at [bernstein.dale@gmail.com](mailto:bernstein.dale@gmail.com) or Lisa at [lsafier@yahoo.com](mailto:lsafier@yahoo.com).

### • 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](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) or x234 by Monday, June 6 to tell her you're interested.

### • 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

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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 bibliodramatic exploration of Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth," with Dr. Peter Pitzele. **10:30PM-midnight**: "Ma'amad Har Sinai-A Woman's Reading: The Voice Grows Louder and Louder." Join Dr. Alyssa Gray, Dr. Adriane Leveen and Dr. Miriam Udel-Lambert as they unfold the Voice that spoke at Sinai through Biblical, Aggadic (legend) and Halakhic (law) texts interweaving voices of past and present to access revelation. **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 Sanctuary .....8:30-9:00PM  
Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary.....9:00 PM-midnight  
Study continues, 88th Street Frankel Hall .....midnight-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)

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).

### • "Family in Captivity" Film Screening

**Thursday, June 23, 7:00-9:00PM**, 88th Street: Join us as BJ sponsors the screening of "Family in Captivity," marking the 5th year anniversary of Gilad Shalit's capture in Gaza. The film is an intimate story that follows the day to day efforts of the Shalit family to cope and bring Gilad home. Through their story, we exit the political realm and see the human angle of this difficult ordeal that is relate-able to everyone. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Guy at [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org).

### • Membership and High Holy Day Information

The 2011-2012 membership year begins on July 1. Membership renewal

and High Holy Day materials are currently available online and as hard copy. New members are always invited to join our community. Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bj.org/mahzor).

### Send Rabbi Matalon YOUR Personal Message Now!

We will continue to add your messages to Roly's special book as long as time permits. Those that don't make it into the book will be passed on to Roly. Submit your message at [www.bj.org/matalon25](http://www.bj.org/matalon25).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Mitzvah in Your Sleep:

##### Meeting for Current and Prospective Shelter Volunteers

**Thursday, June 23, 6:30-8:30PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: We invite all current shelter volunteers and anyone looking for an opportunity to get involved to this important meeting. We have taken on a new challenge in our shelter hosting five more women a night over the summer at SPSA. This change is a response to an increased need for women's beds in the city. Come find out how you can help us meet this new challenge, discuss ongoing shelter issues, or become a new volunteer. This is your chance to fulfill the mitzvah of hospitality, feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger—all while sleeping through the night. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/sheltermeeting](http://www.bj.org/sheltermeeting).

#### • Hazon NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride

**Friday, September 2-Monday, September 5**, ride from Camp Kinder Ring to NYC: Join the BJ Revolutionaries Bike Team for the NY Ride! The Hazon NY Ride over Labor Day weekend is more than a bike ride, it is a four-day event that includes a Shabbat retreat, a 2-day Ride and so much more. During the retreat you can enjoy yoga, hiking, study, swimming, education sessions, spirited prayer services, and delicious communal meals (kosher and organic). The Hazon community is inclusive of participants of all ages, cycling skill level, and religious backgrounds including a wide range of Jewish observance. Register now at [www.bj.org/bike](http://www.bj.org/bike) and send questions to Mark at [remark1@gmail.com](mailto:remark1@gmail.com) or Andrea at [andrea\\_newman@verizon.net](mailto:andrea_newman@verizon.net).

#### • Komen Race for the Cure

**Sunday, September 18, 8:00AM**, Central Park: Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Komen Race for the Cure. It only takes a minute to register and you will be part of building a large BJ community team and contribut-

ing to the fight against breast cancer. Visit [www.komennyc.org](http://www.komennyc.org), click on "Join a Race Team," and select "B'nai Jeshurun." We will start the day with breakfast and prayer, and then walk together to join the race. For more information contact Andrea Bigelisen Riskin at [andmugs@aol.com](mailto:andmugs@aol.com).

### 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.

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## 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** (remaining class 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).

## 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](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

Prayer is not a soliloquy. But is it a dialogue with God? Does man address Him as person to person? It is incorrect to describe prayer by analogy with human conversation; we do not communicate with God. We only make ourselves communicable to Him. Prayer is an emanation of what is most precious in us toward Him, the outpouring of the heart before Him. It is not a relationship between person and person, between subject and subject, but an endeavor to become the object of His thought.

## CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

### • **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](http://www.bj.org) by June 14; contact Emily Walsh at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.smarttix.com) or call 212-868-4444.

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