

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
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SHABBAT and EIGHTH DAY PESAH

TORAH Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

- 1: 14:22 - 14:2
- 2: 15:1 - 15:18
- 3: 15:19 - 15:23
- 4: 16:1 - 16:3
- 5: 16:4 - 16:8
- 6: 16:9 - 16:12
- 7: 16:13 - 16:17

Maftir: Numbers 28:19 - 28:25

HAFTARAH Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6

NEXT WEEK: **SHEMINI**

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 10:12 - 11:32

HAFTARAH I Samuel 20:18 - 42

April 13-20, 2012

21-28 Nisan, 5772

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Shabbat and Eighth Evening Pesah Service 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

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

SEVENTH DAY PESAH

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Shabbat and Eighth Day Pesah Services

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

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

EIGHTH DAY PESAH (YIZKOR)

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Mekusharim Book Swap

11:00 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

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

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

BJHS Open House

5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – BJ Office

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Books of Torah

8:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

6:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Yom HaShoah All-Night Vigil

10:00 PM – Congregation Habonim and the JCC (SEE P.2)

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

EREV YOM HASHOAH

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

JJP Info Session

5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.4)

Limud: HaPetikha—The Opening:

7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)

Community Study of the Weekly Parashah

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

YOM HASHOAH

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

! SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening Service: PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF TIME! Beginning *Friday, April 13*, the Friday evening service will start at 7:00PM.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• The War on Women: What is at Stake, What You Can Do—An Evening with Cecile Richards

Monday, April 23, 7:00PM, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 7 West 83 Street: BJ is proud to co-sponsor an evening of dialogue presented by One Voice to Save Choice, an interfaith coalition advocating for women's reproductive rights. Join us as we hear from Keynote Speaker Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood and Planned Parenthood Action Fund in dialogue with The Reverend Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson, President of Auburn Seminary and Rabbi Robert N. Levine, D.D., and Senior Rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Shalom. R.S.V.P. to Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272, encouraged but not required.

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 YENAHM

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

- Alison Pepper on the death of her mother, Henrietta Roslyn Hochman Pepper.
- Bob Owens and Evie Klein, and their children Augusta and Henry Owens, on the death of Bob's mother, Fritzi Owens.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Aliyah for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families

Saturday, April 14, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: On the Shabbat before Yom HaShoah, BJ invites Holocaust survivors, their families and descendants for a special aliyah that commemorates those who perished, pays tribute to those who survived and marks our commitment to Jewish life into the future.

• The Mekusharim Book Swap: Bring a Book/Browse a Book/ Take a Book

Sunday, April 15, 11:00AM-12:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Need to make room on your bookshelves? Won't throw away a good book? Enjoy talking about books? Then come to the book swap. Bring up to three gently used books you loved. Browse around the books others have brought, and take home as many books as you donated. It's a simple, eco-friendly way to replenish your library. No textbooks, please. There will be refreshments, of course, and a prize. Mekusharim welcomes members of all ages to exchange books and ideas.

• Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Wednesday, April 18, 6:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Following services and the "Reading of the Names" we will present "From Generation to Generation: Holocaust Survivor Voices through the Generations," a conversation among panelists Dr. Eva Fogelman, Elenor Radzivilover, Caroline Benveniste, and Adam Fogelman Chanes and the audience about the psychological impact of a family history embedded in the near-destruction of European Jewry and how they channel their feelings into creative outlets, moderated by Myriam Abramowicz. Elenor and Caroline will discuss writing and speaking publicly about their experiences during

• In Memory of Ron Seitenbach

As our Director of Finance and Administration for 10 years, Ron Seitenbach cared deeply about the BJ community and had personal relationships with members, vendors and colleagues. His death from cancer on March 8, 2012, was a loss for the whole community. In his memory, we are collecting personal messages and reflections from BJ members, friends, colleagues, and others to include in a special book that will be presented to Ron's family in the spring. You can submit your message online at www.bj.org/ron.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Lauren and Daniel Juceam in honor of Ezra's first birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Karen Sober and Post-Confirmation Group (11th-12th grade), BEIT-RJ, Reisterstown, Maryland.

the Eileh Ezkerah portion of the Yom Kippur service this past October. David Weise will perform the world premiere of his original songs inspired by his grandparents' experience during the Shoah.

• Yom HaShoah All-Night Vigil

Wednesday, April 18, 10:00PM: The all-night vigil of The Reading and Hearing of the Names will be held at Congregation Habonim, 44 West 66th St., from 10:00PM to 7:30AM, with the BJ Reading slot at 7:00AM. The Reading will then continue at the JCC, Amsterdam at 76th Street, from 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

• Recipe Share and Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, April 24, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Kitchen: New members who joined since 2009 are invited to share favorite culturally Jewish (and previously secret) recipes and then cook for the BJ/SPSA shelter. Email your recipe to Jon now and he will create a packet of "New Member Recipes" to distribute at the event. Together, we'll tenderize, saute, broil, and steam! Closed-toe shoes required. All cooks will split the cost of groceries (\$8-10). R.S.V.P. and send recipes to Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org by Wednesday, April 18.

• The 10th Annual Women's Retreat:

Ani Tfilati L'kha: I am My Prayer for You—The Offering of Prayer
Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: Registration is open! We will be hosting a delegation of Israeli women from our partner community Nigun Halev led by our former MTM Fellow, Rabbi Chen Ben Or Tsfoni. Together we will explore Ani Tfilati L'kha: I Am My Prayer for You—The Offering of Prayer. Registration is required at www.bj.org.

• Special Needs Havdalah Service

Saturday, April 28, 5:45-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Celebrate the end of Shabbat with BJ spiritual leaders and musicians for an inviting musical Havdalah service. This sensory friendly service is designed to be inclusive of all children and adults with special needs. All are welcome, including members and non-members. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org, as we will provide preparatory materials in advance. Contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org with questions. Please note, Havdalah will be creatively explained since Shabbat will end later than the service.

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UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more information and to register.

• Parashat Hashavu'a Through the Eyes of Rabbi Sholom Noah Berezovsky, the Slonimer Rebbe Rabbi Felicia Sol

6 Tuesdays (April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office: Stop in the middle of the day to explore the weekly parasha with the Hassidic commentary of the Slonimer Rebbe, a 20th century Rabbi from Jerusalem, from his work *Netivot Shalom* (the paths of peace). Open up spiritual paths in connecting with the Torah, challenge yourself by being in its weekly rhythm, grow by asking deep and hard questions. Free: registration required at www.bj.org.

• HaPetikha—The Opening: Community Study of the Weekly Parashah

Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursday, April 19, 7:00-8:00PM, BJ Office: Rabbi Nahman of Breslev said: "Torah and Prayer strengthen and illuminate one another." Enter into Shabbat at BJ with a deeper sense of the profound depths of wisdom found in the weekly Torah portion. This free class meets every Thursday evening.

• **Junior Congregation Yom Ha'atzmaut Picnic**

Saturday, April 21, after Junior Congregation, Riverside Park: Celebrate Israel with a picnic after Junior Congregation in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut! Please join us at Riverside Park, down the hill just next to Hippo Playground, using the entrance at 88th Street. Bring a blanket and a kosher, dairy lunch for your family. We'll provide challah, dessert and fruit. Rain location is Frankel Hall. No cost, but R.S.V.P. at bj.org so we can count you in! For more information, contact Shoshi at srosenbaum@bj.org.

• **Yom Ha'atzmaut Party with the Rak Be'Ivrit Havurah**

Sunday, April 22, 5:00PM, 225 West 83rd Street: Join the Rak Be'Ivrit (only in Hebrew) *havurah* for a Hagigat Yom Ha'atzmaut party. While the party is open to anyone who registers in advance and contributes \$20 to cover costs, the event is oriented towards Hebrew speakers—the songs, the chit-chat, the schmoozing. R.S.V.P. to Yosefa Galchen at yosefa@galchen.com.



• **Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration**

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30-10:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, Amsterdam at 76th Street: BJ, Upper West Side synagogues, and the JCC in Manhattan invite you to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. From 6:30-8:00PM listen to music from Shira NYC, North

America's leading contemporary Israeli music cover band; check out Israeli cooking demos by Chef Shaya Klechevsky, owner of Brooklyn-based At your Palate LLC; and enjoy glasses of kosher wine at the Israeli wine bar by Tangled Vine. At 8:00PM there will be a screening of the film "The Matchmaker." Free entrance, cash bar. For more information contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org.

• **Israel in Short**

Thursday, April 26, 7:30-9:00PM, JCC in Manhattan auditorium: Israel is a small country with many faces and a thriving film industry. Join the JCC in Manhattan and BJ for the sixth annual view of Israel through the lenses of internationally acclaimed short films from Minshar School of Art in Tel Aviv. Films to be screened include: *The Tunnel*, *The Third Generation*, *Daydream*, and *Luna Park*. Buy tickets at the door or in advance at www.jccmanhattan.org/film. BJ members will receive tickets for \$5.50 by entering the code EFFBJ.

• **Israeli Delegation to Attend BJ Women's Retreat**

Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: A delegation of women from Nigun Halev, BJ's partner community in Israel, along with their rabbi and former MTM Fellow, Rabbi Chen Ben Or Tsfohi, will be attending the 10th Annual BJ Women's Retreat. For more details about the retreat and how to register, please see page 2.

• **Guest Speaker: Ido Aharoni**

Saturday, April 28, at the conclusion of Shabbat Services, 86th Street Sanctuary: Ido Aharoni is the Consul General of Israel in New York.

• **400 Miles to Freedom Film Screening and Discussion with Director Avishai Mekonen**

Monday, April 30, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: In 1984, the

Beta Israel, a secluded 2,500-year-old community of observant Jews in the northern Ethiopian mountains, fled a dictatorship and began a secret and dangerous journey of escape towards Israel. Co-director Avishai Mekonen, then a 10 year old boy, was among them. Join us for the screening of this riveting documentary, followed by a Q and A session with Avishai. To register, visit the BJ website at www.bj.org.

• **The Crisis of Zionism: Book Discussion with Peter Beinart**

Thursday, May 3, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Israel's next great crisis may come not with the Palestinians or Iran, but with young American Jews. Join us as we host Peter Beinart, an associate professor of journalism and political science at the City University of New York and a former editor of *The New Republic*, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, and the senior political writer for *The Daily Beast*, as he lays out in chilling detail the looming danger to Israeli democracy and the American Jewish establishment's refusal to confront it.

• **Community Shabbat Dinner with Israeli MABAL**

Friday, May 4, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we host officers from MABAL: Israel's National Defense College. Enjoy a three-course kosher buffet-style 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. \$33 member/ \$43 non-member; register at www.bj.org.

• **Guest Speaker: Narimund Salimaan**

Saturday, May 5, at the conclusion of Shabbat Services, 86th Street Sanctuary: Narimund Salimaan is from Israel and is the National Director of TEVET's Woman of Valor program for Minorities (or Rihadiya in Arabic).

• **Tze'irim and Birthright Alumni Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, May 11, following the 7:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Tze'irim and all Birthright alumni bring you dinner and discussion with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Michael Steinhardt, philanthropist and co-founder of Taglit-Birthright Israel which has sent over 220,000 young Jews to Israel. Together, we'll enjoy a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. This will be an interactive dinner and discussion to understand the meaning behind Birthright and to analyze its goals and effectiveness. Bring yourself, your friends, and your stories. Tze'irim can't wait to see you! Register online at bj.org.

• **Jewish Voters: Does Israel Make a Difference? A Conversation with Jeremy Ben-Ami and William Kristol**

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: What is the importance of the Jewish voter? Listen to a conversation about your vote with Jeremy Ben-Ami and William Kristol moderated by Jane Eisner of the *Forward*. Ben-Ami is the founder and President of JStreet and Kristol is editor of *The Weekly Standard* and a regular panelist on *Fox News Sunday*. Registration encouraged www.bj.org.

• **BJ at the Israel Day Parade**

Sunday, June 3, exact time and location TBD: Want to be surrounded by BJ friends at the world's largest celebration of Israel's existence? Then join us in attending the Israel Day Parade! R.S.V.P. to Amanda at aschanfield@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.
- **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• **BJ Softball**
18 Thursdays, (May 3 through August 30), 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 \$20 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!

• **Business Owners Networking Event**
Tuesday, May 8, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Do you own a business or want to meet business owners in the BJ community? Enjoy speed-networking, wine tasting, door prizes and light refreshments. Admission is \$5 for BJ members and \$10 for non-members. R.S.V.P. to Les at 718-530-5074 or lesjudd@aol.com by May 6. Doors open at 6:30PM.

• **Save the Date: BJ Community Retreat with Rabbi Roly Matalon**
Friday, June 8-Sunday, June 10, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: More details to follow shortly. Contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org for more information.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Capturing Our Stories Oral History Project**
Ongoing, flexible dates and times: All of our lives are full of important moments and events, creating a mosaic of fascinating stories. A team of BJ members is interested in capturing your story. Everyone has an interesting narrative and the Capturing Our Stories team is recording these vignettes on video. If you would like to be interviewed or to join our team of interviewers, please be in touch with Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org.

• **BJHS Open House**
Monday, April 16 and Thursday, May 3, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Thinking about Jewish education for your child for the 2012-2013 school year? Join us to learn more about the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School! Meet the Director of Education, Ivy Schreiber, and learn about the Hebrew School's vision and mission. Join us for a tour of the school and see classes in session. Hear about curricular goals and special programs, and meet other parents considering Hebrew School for their children. Please register at www.bj.org for either April 16 or May 3.

• **Jewish Journey Project (JJP) Info Session**
Thursday, April 19, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families with children entering fourth and fifth grade in the fall are invited to a special open house to learn more about the Jewish Journey Project at B'nai Jeshurun. This new, innovative Jewish education experience re-imagines

the after school model by enriching the program with participatory experiences, a flexible schedule, choice, and more familial and communal involvement. Come learn more about this pilot program for the 2012-13 school year.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Retreat for 6th Graders**
Friday, May 18-Sunday, May 20, Camp Ramah Nyack: The highlight of the year is just around the corner. Every 6th grader at BJ should plan to attend, and 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 will be provided. All meals are kosher, and include snacks on Friday through breakfast on Sunday. Register at www.bj.org by May 3, cost is \$250. Discount is \$200 for those who register by April 5. Please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Bring on the Bread! A Post-Passover Tze'irim Celebration**
Saturday, April 14, 8:15PM, Galway Hooker, 7 East 36th Street between 5th and Madison Avenues: Join Tze'irim for Maimouna, the post Passover celebration where we'll enjoy drinks, friends and lots of hametz. Festivities will take place at Galway Hooker. Bar is cash only and \$5 entrance fee will be collected at the door. Join the event on Facebook through "B'nai Jeshurun Tze'irim."

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