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TAZRI'A-METZORA

TORAH: ANNUAL	Leviticus 12:1 -15:33
TRIENNIAL	Leviticus 13:40 - 14:32
1:	13:40 - 13:46
2:	13:47 - 13:54
3:	13:55 - 13:59
4:	14:1 - 14:5
5:	14:6 - 14:12
6:	14:13 - 14:20
7:	14:21 - 14:32
Maftir:	14:30 - 14:32

HAFTARAH II Kings 7:3 - 20

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

TORAH: ANNUAL	Leviticus 16:1 -20:27
TRIENNIAL	Leviticus 17:8 - 19:14
HAFTARAH	Amos 9:7-15

April 27-May 4, 2012

5-12 Iyar, 5772

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Women's Retreat

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 21 (Malkhut Shebetiferet)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Women's Retreat

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

Bat Mitzvah Laura Schwarz

Speaker Ido Aharoni, Counsel General of Israel (SEE P.2)

Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Children's Kiddush Following Services – 86th St. Chapel

Community Kiddush Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Special Needs Havdalah Service 5:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 22 (Hesed Shebenetzah)

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Women's Retreat

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 23 (Gevurah Shebenetzah)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM – BJ Office

400 Miles to Freedom Film Screening/Discussion 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 24 (Tiferet Shebenetzah)

TUESDAY, MAY 1

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.3)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

Jewish Journey Project (JJP) Info Session 5:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Open House 7:00 PM – 86th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 3

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

BJHS Open House 5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

The Crisis of Zionism: Book Presentation 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

with Peter Beinart

Limud: HaPetikha—The Opening: 7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

Community Study of the Weekly Parashah

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

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

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

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• **Sign Up for the BJ Hazorim CSA: Registration is Extended to April 30**

Tuesdays, June 12 – November 6, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Sidewalk: Join us for our third season. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and is a chance for you to pick up fresh, organic food from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week beginning June 12 at 88th Street. Choose from vegetable, egg, and fruit shares. Registration can be found at www.bj.org/csa. For more information, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

• **BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Open House**

Wednesday, May 2, 7:00-8:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Ever thought of volunteering with the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter but weren't quite sure what to expect? Want to get a tour of the space and have your questions about volunteering answered? Join Jim Melchiorre, one of the Co-Chairs of the Homeless Shelter, at 86th Street for this wonderful opportunity to tour the space, have all of your questions answered, and meet some of our guests. R.S.V.P. to Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or x272 with your preferred evening.

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:

- Robert Gruenspecht on the death of his aunt, Inge Levine.
- Holly Schneier, Sanford Cohen, and their children Joanna and Alexander Cohen on the death of Holly's mother, Esther Schneier.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Laura, Glenda, Ray and Julia Schwarz on Laura becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Ricki and David Lieberman for David's film *Magic Camp* being accepted at the prestigious Newport Beach Film Festival in California.
- Eitan Lewittes, his parents Avi Lewittes and Lara Prince, and his siblings Daniella and Orly on Eitan becoming a Bar Mitzvah last Sunday in Chicago.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush and flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Glenda and Raymond Schwarz in honor of Laura becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- This week's Children's Kiddush is sponsored by James Stulman and Stacy Bolton in memory of Neil Mosesson.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Emily Messinger and 8th Grade Class, Temple Isaiah, Lexington, Massachusetts.
- Pam Rush and 9th Grade Jewish American Immigration group, United Jewish School, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ISRAEL CELEBRATIONS 5772



• 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 Tsfoni, will be attending the 10th Annual BJ Women's Retreat.

• 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 Presentation 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 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 a Bedouin woman from Israel who works for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee running programs to help Arab-Israeli women who want to join the workforce.

• 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 of JStreet and William Kristol of *The Weekly Standard*, Moderated by Jane Eisner of *The Forward*

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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• 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.

• Renee Kaufman Lecture Series and Mekusharim Present: A Yiddish Literary Salon

Wednesday, May 16, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Are you ready for a kvetch free evening? It will begin with a presentation from Dr. Jeremy Dauber, the Director of Columbia University Institute for Jewish Studies, about the importance and relevance of Yiddish Literature. His presentation will be followed by Yiddish and English dramatic and literary selections by poets and writers including Sholem Aleichem and Avrom Goldfaden. Familiar BJ talent will give the readings. There will be a musical interlude led by and a nosh. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• Save the Date: BJ Community Retreat with Rabbi Roly Matalon, Hazzan Ari Priven, and Rabbinic Fellow Jonah Geffen

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

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Let's Talk About Income Inequality

Wednesday, May 9, 7:00-8:45PM, 88th Street: BJ Asks: Could you live on \$7.25/hr? The Panim el Panim: Economic Justice Hevra invites you to join us for an evening with provocative speakers, including a key note presentation by Paul K. Sonn, Legal Co-Director of the National Employment Law Project (NELP), Jewish learning, and personal testimonies. Come hear about the fight for living wages in NYC, the work of this new B'nai Jeshurun Hevra, and how you can get involved. For more information, please contact Channa at [ccamins@bj.org](mailto:camins@bj.org) or x259. R.S.V.P. for this community education event at www.bj.org/livingwage.

• Planning for Long-Term Care: Preparing Yourself And Your Loved Ones

Part 2, Workshop 1: Aging Wisely Education Series

Thursday, May 17, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: This workshop will cover financial and legal preparation such as advance directives, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies; long term-care insurance; estate planning; and pooled income trusts. Speakers who are respected professionals in their fields will answer questions. For more information, contact Channa at [ccamins@bj.org](mailto:camins@bj.org) or x259. R.S.V.P. for the workshop at www.bj.org/long-termcare (A later workshop in June will cover Medicare and Medicaid.)

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Jewish Journey Project (JJP) Info Session

Tuesday, May 1, 5:30-6:30PM, 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 about this pilot program for the 2012-13 school year. Register at bj.org.

• BJHS Open House

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.

• May Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 4, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing. Services begin at 5:15PM followed by dinner at 5:45PM with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include choices for adults as well as children, with vegetarian options available; dietary laws observed. While adults finish their meals, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register at www.bj.org by noon on Wednesday, May 2 and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• AIDS Walk

Sunday, May 20, 8:30AM, Central Park (enter at 59th Street and 5th Avenue): Join the BJ Teens and walk together to support AIDS awareness. To sign up, go to aidswalk.net/newyork/participate/register and

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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 (remaining classes 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, May 3, 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.

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.

YASHER KOAH

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



Yasher Koah Mark Lehrman! When Mark first came to BJ in 1994, he could not read Hebrew or daven but now, every Friday at 7:30AM, you can find Mark leading the morning minyan, a mitzvah he has been performing for over ten years. An attorney by trade, Mark was transfixed and transformed by the passion and focus he found at BJ.

Mark was also one of two founding members of BJ's men's tahara group, who are responsible for preparing the body of a deceased person for burial. Organizing the men's tahara group (which complemented the existing women's tahara group), provided BJ men the opportunity to fulfill this most important mitzvah, rather than rely on resources outside of the community.

To fully complete the transformative nature of BJ, it was at a Kiddush where Mark met Dr. Marya Pollack who later became his wife at a ceremony performed by Rabbi Matalon in 1996. Yasher Koah to Mark for his years of dedication to truly making our community a kehillah kedoshah.

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

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

join the "BJ Teens". All community members, friends, and family are invited to join us! There is no cost for participation, however please consider donating \$18 when you register to help us raise money for this important cause.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

Monday, April 30, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join us as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM downstairs in the kitchen (88th Street between Broadway and West End). As usual, there is a suggested donation to help cover the cost of groceries (\$6-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 29 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

• Take Me Out to the Ballgame: A Yankee Game with Tze'irim

Wednesday, May 2, 6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Break out those pinstripes because Tze'irim is heading to see the Yankees play the Baltimore Orioles! The group will be meeting outside the stadium at 6:30 PM. Seats are in the grand stand and cost only \$10. Tickets are limited so register at www.bj.org.

• A Guggenheim Gathering

Sunday, May 6, 12:00PM, Guggenheim Museum, 1071 5th Ave at 88th St.: Join Tze'irim for a fun Sunday stroll through the Guggenheim Museum (1071 5th Ave at 88th St). We will critique new exhibits with our cultivated sophistication and collective expertise. Enjoy group-rate priced tickets at \$15 per person. Please register and pay online at www.bj.org. If you have any questions, contact Jodi at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

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