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**EMOR**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 21:1 -20:27

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 22:17 - 24:23

1: 22:17 - 22:20

2: 22:21 - 22:25

3: 22:26 - 22:33

4: 23:1 - 23:3

5: 23:4 - 23:8

6: 23:9 - 23:14

7: 23:15 - 23:22

Maftir: 23:19 - 23:22

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

NEXT WEEK: **BEHAR-BEHUKOTAI**

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Leviticus 25:1 -27:34

**TRIENNIAL** Leviticus 25:39 - 26:46

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

**May 11-18, 2012**

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

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

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehod)

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

**Naming**

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah**

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**Children's Services**

**Community Kiddush**

**Minha Service**

**Bar Mitzvah**

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 36 (Hesed Shebeyesod)

**SUNDAY, MAY 13**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 37 (Gevurah Shebeyesod)

**MONDAY, MAY 14**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM - BJ Office

■ **OMER COUNT:** Tonight begins DAY 38 (Tiferet Shebeyesod)

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

**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 Voters: Does Israel Make a Difference?**

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

**A Conversation With Jeremy Ben-Ami**

**and William Kristol, Moderated by Jane Eisner of The Forward**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Renee Kaufman Lecture Series and Mekusharim**

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**Present: A Yiddish Literary Salon**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 17**

**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

**Limud: HaPetikha—The Opening:**

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**Community Study of the Weekly Parashah**

**Preparing for Long-Term Care**

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

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

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

**19-26 Iyar, 5772**

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Following Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall

(SEE P.3)

**Teen Shabbat**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Lily Brooke Hoffman

Eric Rosenstock and Alicia Samuels

Steven Dane and Olesya Bruneau

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

6:00 PM - 88th St.

Ezekiel Heller

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

• **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 or x259. R.S.V.P. for the workshop at www.bj.org/longtermcare (A later workshop in June will cover Medicare and Medicaid.)

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

**Three evenings, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**(May 29, 30, and 31), times vary (see below), 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 two of the Co-Chairs, Anne Millman at 88th Street on Tuesday from 6:00-7:00PM and Dava Schub at 86th Street on Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30PM, 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 with your preferred evening.

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 YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Amy Schindler, and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Albert Schindler, and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Barbara Petratos and her entire family on the death of her brother, Sender Schwartz.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Ezekiel, Ian, Lora, and Ossian Heller on Ezekiel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Dorothy and Jeannette Winter on the naming of their great-grandniece, Lily Brooke Hoffman.
- Wendy and Matt Waxman on the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Temma.
- Sawaka Norii-Katz and Michael Katz on the birth of their son, Jonathan Jacob Sei Katz.
- Cindy Wachenheim and Hal Bacharach on the birth of their son, Keston Aaron Bacharach.

- Susan, Stephen, Amy, and Joanna Samuels on the upcoming wedding of their daughter and sister, Alicia, to Eric Rosenstock.
- Steven Dane and Olesya Bruneau on their upcoming wedding.
- Rabbi David Vaisberg, Miriam Palmer-Sherman, Joanne Palmer, and Andrew Sherman on David's ordination from HUC on Sunday, May 6.
- Rabbi Leora Frankel, Andrew Sage, Miriam Sage, Jules, Susan, and David Frankel on Leora's ordination from HUC on Sunday, May 6.
- Cantor Julia Katz, Children's Service Leader, on her ordination from HUC on Sunday, May 6.
- Jennifer Hirsch on being awarded a 2012 Fellowship by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in the Natural Sciences category.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Louis and Rona Babbit in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Lily Brooke.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Lisa Delson and 8th Grade Religious School Class, Temple Beth Emeth, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Erin DeHart and students, York College, York, Nebraska.
- Dr. Yaacov Maoz and group from Even Yehudah Community Center, Israel.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

**Wednesday, May 16, 7:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Ready for a freilach evening full of laughter, learning, literature, and love of mama loshen? Then, join us as Jeremy Dauber, Director of the Columbia University Institute for Jewish Studies, illumines the relevance of Yiddish literature. Highlights include selections, in English and Yiddish, by Sholem Aleichem and Itzik Manger. Our own BJ talents present readings, and Basya Schecter provides musical magic. Wine and a nosh of course! Registration encouraged at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Picnic in the Park with BJ Revolutionaries

**Saturday, May 19 and June 2**, after Shabbat morning services, 88th Street: Join returning members of BJ Revolutionaries, our New York Hazon Bike Ride and Retreat team, to share a picnic in the park and learn more about the ride. We will meet after services in front of 88th Street and walk over to Central Park. Whether you've been on the team in the past, are looking to join the ride at the end of August, or just want to learn more, we'd love to meet you. Please pack your own lunch. R.S.V.P. to Mark at [remark1@gmail.com](mailto:remark1@gmail.com) or Larissa at [lwohl@bj.org](mailto:lwohl@bj.org).

### • Men's Havurah: GI Jew Concentration Camp Liberator Speaking

**Saturday, May 19, 5:00-7:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Murray Rothman grew up on the Lower East Side, and soon after marrying his life-long partner he answered the call to serve the US Army. He had no idea that this journey would lead him as an American Jewish man to become a Concentration Camp liberator. Join us for this rare opportunity to hear his fascinating story and keen recollection of this crucial time in American and world history. Hosted by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Mincha davening and schnapps will start us off.

### • Hebrew Marathon

**Sunday, May 20, 10:30AM-2:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Want to feel more comfortable in the prayer service but feel inhibited because you can't read Hebrew? Have you been meaning to learn the language but somehow never seemed to have the time? This unique seminar is perfect for you. Come for an intensive Hebrew marathon with teacher Michal Nachmany that will leave you wanting more. Learn the letters and vowels,

and by the end of the day you will be reading Hebrew. Cost: \$60 for members. Registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Davening Boot Camp with Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

**Wednesday, May 23, 7:00-9:00PM**, 88th Street: Learn the fundamentals of tefillah. There is a reason why codes of Jewish law tell us in great detail the proper way to position our bodies during the Amidah. Knowing when to "please rise" or "be seated," which hand to use to cover your eyes for the Shema, or the proper times to say amen are all elements that contribute to a heightened experience of prayer. Those new to davening (praying), or those who have been doing it their whole lives all stand to benefit from this two-hour class. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Jonah Geffen, [jgeffen@bj.org](mailto:jgeffen@bj.org) for more information.

### • BJ Musicians—Circle of Songs

**Wednesday, May 30, 6:00-7:30PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join the BJ Musicians in a Circle of Songs to sing and learn melodies new and old of the BJ repertoire. Free of charge. Registration is encouraged. Contact Ari at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org) for more information.

### • BJ Annual Meeting 2012

**Thursday, June 7, 7:00-8:30PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for the Annual Meeting to meet BJ's new senior staff and learn about future planning for our community. 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 as well as elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees.

### • Get Away with BJ (formerly known as the Community Retreat)

**Friday, June 8-Sunday, June 10**, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, PA: Imagine the beauty of Shabbat at BJ but with lake views, fresh air, boating, swimming, Israeli dance, BBQ, s'mores, and stars. Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Hazzan Ari Priven, BJ Rabbinic Fellow Jonah Geffen, and fellow BJ members as we retreat to nature. Get to know BJ spiritual leaders and community members in a more intimate setting. Bring your singing voice and learn new songs. Special interest programming. Contact Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org) with questions. Space is limited; register today at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). **(continued on page 3)**

• **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](http://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](mailto:aschanfield@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](http://www.bj.org).

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• **BJ Softball**

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

• **Updating the 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 Guthartz at [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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](http://aidswalk.net/newyork/participate/register) and 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.

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Another Neglected Yiddish Play Finds Its Voice Again**

**Wednesday, May 2-Sunday, May 20**, Wed.-Sat.: 8:00PM, Sun.: 3:00PM (May 13 also at 8:00PM), 45th Street Theatre, 354 West 45th St. (between 8th & 9th Avenues): Mordechai Maze was "somebody" in the old country. Now he works in a sweat shop in Manhattan's Garment District. Welcome to America. Another neglected play by H. Leivick presented in an English translation/adaptation by BJ member Ellen Perelman for a limited run. Directed by Stephen Fried. Tickets \$18 at [Smarttix.com](http://Smarttix.com) or 212-868-4444. For more information, visit the New Worlds Theatre Project.

## UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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 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](http://www.bj.org).

• **HaPetikha—The Opening: Community Study of the Weekly Parashah Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow**

**Thursday, May 17**, 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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Sivan**

**Tuesday, May 22**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: 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](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.

• **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](http://www.bj.org/minyan). To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## SHAVUOT 5772

### • Save the Date for Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**Saturday, May 26-Sunday, May 27, 9:00PM-6:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall:** Prepare to receive the Torah on Shavuot! Come for the evening service and stay for a night of study. The night of learning will conclude with a sunrise service at 5:00AM. Questions, contact Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org).

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

#### **Saturday, May 26 • Erev Shavuot**

*First Evening Service, 88th Street Sanctuary*..... 9:00PM

*Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 88th Street Sanctuary*..... 9:30PM

*Study through the night until the Sunrise Service, 88th Street Frankel Hall*

#### **Sunday, May 27 • 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*

#### **Sunday, May 27 • Second Evening Shavuot**

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

#### **Monday, May 28 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)**

*Morning Services, 88th Street Sanctuary*.....9:30AM

*Children's Services, 88th Street Frankel Hall* .....10:45AM

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