

# קול ישורון

# KOL JESHURUN

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בני ישורון

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## BEMIDBAR

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Bemidbar 1:1 - 4:20

**TRIENNIAL** Bemidbar 2:1 - 3:13

1: 2:1 - 2:09

2: 2:10 - 2:16

3: 2:17 - 2:24

4: 2:25 - 2:31

5: 2:32 - 2:34

6: 3:1 - 3:4

7: 3:5 - 3:13

Maftir: 3:11 - 3:13

**HAFTARAH** Judges 13:2 - 25

NEXT WEEK: **NASO**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Bemidbar 4:21 - 7:89

**TRIENNIAL** Bemidbar 5:11 - 6:27

**HAFTARAH** Hosea 2:1 - 22

## May 25-June 1, 2012

4-11 Sivan, 5772

### FRIDAY, MAY 25

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 26

**Shabbat Morning Services**

### EREV SHAVUOT

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

**D'var Torah**

Rabbi David Vaisberg

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah**

Adam Roffman and Shira Wallach

**Children's Services**

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

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**First Evening Shavuot Service**

9:00 PM - 88th St.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

9:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### SUNDAY, MAY 27

**Sunrise Services**

### 1ST DAY SHAVUOT

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.

### MONDAY, MAY 28

### 2ND DAY SHAVUOT (YIZKOR) • Memorial Day

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Second Day Shavuot Services**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah**

David Frankel and Donielle Lavintman

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 29

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: The Books of Torah**

8:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Open House**

6:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Open House**

5:30 PM - 86th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

**BJ Musicians—Circle of Songs**

6:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### THURSDAY, MAY 31

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Open House**

5:30 PM - 86th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

**Get Ready to Celebrate Israel—**

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

**Help Create Our Parade Banners**

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:30 and 10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
(SEE P.3)

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

### • 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.*

### • 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 with questions. Register at www.bj.org. Registration closes on June 1 at 9:00AM.*

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

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- BJ Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman on his upcoming marriage to Shira Wallach.
- Susan and Jules Frankel, Leora Frankel, Andrew Sage, Miriam Sage, and David Frankel on David's upcoming marriage to Donielle Lavintman.
- Amy Levine Murray and Jerry Kohn on their recent marriage.

### TODAH RABBAH

- The Community Kiddush on Shavout is sponsored by Susan and Jules Frankel in honor of the aufruf of their son, David, and Donielle Lavintman.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

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

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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 for more information.

### • Picnic in the Park with BJ Revolutionaries

**Saturday, 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 or Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

### • 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.

### • A Taste of a Retreat in Nature

**Monday, June 25**, 6:30-9:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Come to experience a little taste of our past Costa Rica Retreat and of next year's retreat taking place January 20-27. Try three of our retreat's core practices: meditation (Rabbi Rachel Cowan), contemplative prayer (Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein) and creative movement (Sol Gonzalez). Please bring/wear comfortable clothing for sitting, moving and praying. We'll serve light refreshments. Contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org for more information.

### • 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.

### • 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. See you on the field!

## SHAVUOT 5772

### • Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**Saturday, May 26, 9:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: Evening service. **9:30-11:00PM**: "Answered Prayers and Welcome Surprises in the Torah," with Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, assistant professor of Bible at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Explore birth narratives found in the Torah and the insight these narratives offer about family dynamics and the divine-human relationship. **11:30-12:45PM**: "It's Not Right but It's Okay: A Characterization of Wisdom and Halakha," with Rachel Rosenthal, Drisha Scholars Circle graduate and PhD candidate in Rabbinic Literature at The Jewish Theological Seminary. What happens when our vision for an ethical world conflicts with the halakhic system? Examine how the rabbis reconcile stories such as Ploni Almoni (in Ruth) and Yehuda and Tamar. **1:00AM-5:00AM**: Study will continue through the night until the Sunrise Shavuot Service at 5:00AM with Rachel Rosenthal, BJ Rabbinic Fellows Adam Roffman and Jonah Geffen, and Rabbi Felicia Sol.

### 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

## ISRAEL PARADE 5772

### • Get Ready to Celebrate Israel—Help Create Our Parade Banners

**Thursday, May 31**, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Are you creative and/or crafty? Do you want to spend a fun evening with other BJ members, giving back to our community and showing your support for Israel? Then we need you to help make our Celebrate Israel Parade banners! The theme for this year's Celebrate Israel Parade is "Israel Branches Out." Get excited about the parade as you help create banners related to this theme. Come to decorate and also pick up your parade shirts. R.S.V.P. to Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org).



### • March with BJ at the Celebrate Israel Parade

**Sunday, June 3**, 10:30AM, 5th Avenue between 54th and 55th Streets: Bring your friends and family, Israeli flags, and musical instruments and join BJ as we march to show our love and support of Israel. Every person marching in our group must wear the official BJ parade t-shirt. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) so that we can make sure to have a shirt waiting for you. Contact Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org) with questions.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • June Tot Shabbat

**Friday, June 1**, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing. Services begin at 5:15PM in the main sanctuary followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults as well as children, and vegetarian options will be available; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register by noon at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) on Wednesday, May 30 and contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with any questions or specific dietary requests.

#### • Bim Bam Summer Session

**Friday Mornings, June 1–August 17**, 9:30AM and 10:45AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under to sing Hebrew and Shabbat related songs, hear stories, and give tzedakah. Each class is led by an experienced songleader/educator, and kids enjoy activities that connect song and motion to Jewish learning. We end class with Shabbat blessings including lighting the candles, kid-dush and hamotzi. \$120/members and \$170/non-members per family (new members can register for free). Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Emily at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) with questions.

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Planning for Long-Term Care: Navigating Medicare and Medicaid – Part 2 Workshop 2: Aging Wisely Education Series

**Monday, June 18**, 7:00–9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We know that many people struggle to navigate Medicare and Medicaid as they care for themselves or a loved one. Come to this workshop for answers. Our speakers are knowledgeable about the broader policy issues related to these programs as well as specific benefits and services. This workshop will feature speaker, Doug Goggin-Callahan and Fred Riccardi of the Medicare Rights Center in addition to, Valerie Bogart from Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. This event is a part of the Aging Wisely Education Series. For more information contact Channa at [ccamins@bj.org](mailto:ccamins@bj.org). R.S.V.P. for the workshop at [www.bj.org/medicare-medicaid](http://www.bj.org/medicare-medicaid).

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • Honoring the Memory of Rabbi Judah Nadich z"l on the 100th Anniversary of His Birth. An Evening of Learning with Erica Brown.

**Thursday, May 31**, 7:00PM, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street: Master Narratives/Modern Stories: How a Biblical Past Informs a Literary Present. Dr. Erica Brown is the scholar-in-residence for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and consults for the Jewish Agency and other Jewish non-profits. Rabbi Judah Nadich, z"l, was rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue from 1957-1987. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, May 30. Visit [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) and click on Adult Education, then Events, or call 212-369-2600 x12.

## 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.

## YASHER KOAH

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



**Yasher Koah Marc Yassky!** When Marc Yassky first came to BJ six and a half years ago, he was in his words "smitten." He was instantly drawn to the community, but it was when Robert, his third child, became a Bar Mitzvah last January that Marc felt the urge to get involved. He joined the Building Committee where he was able to offer his 30-plus years of experience in the real estate field. When his son started learning to read Torah for his Bar Mitzvah, Marc decided to learn along with him. He conquered this new challenge when he read from the Torah with Robert at his Bar Mitzvah. It was a very proud moment for him and his entire family. Chanting from the Torah sparked Marc's new passion. Now he explores this passion by attending Minyan twice a week in addition to participating in Shabbat services. Marc feels proud of his role in the BJ community and feels it is his way of giving back.

If you know a BJ member who deserves a yasher koah, email Sue Daniels at [bd4fan@gmail.com](mailto:bd4fan@gmail.com).

**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).

Amar Rabi Akiva:  
veahavta lere'akha kamokha, ze klal gadol baTora.

Ilu haya li koah hayiti yotze lashuk  
hayiti tzo'ek ve-omer shabbat hayom laAdonai.

Rabbi Akiva said: "Love your neighbor as yourself" is the greatest principle in the Torah.  
If I had the strength, I would go out to the streets, I would scream saying Shabbat is Adonai's day.

Hamalakh hago-el oti mikol-ra  
yevarekh et-hane'arim veyikare vahem shemi  
veshem avotai Avraham veYitzhak  
veyidgu larov bekerev ha-aretz.

— Genesis 48:16

The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm  
Bless the lads. In them may my name be recalled,  
And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,  
And may they be teeming multitudes upon the earth.

אָמַר רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא:  
וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כַּמֹּךָ, זֶה כָּלֵל גָּדוֹל בְּתוֹרָה.

אִלּוּ הָיָה לִי כֹחַ הָיִיתִי יוֹצֵא לְשׁוּק  
הָיִיתִי צוֹעֵק וְאוֹמֵר שַׁבָּת הַיּוֹם לִי.

הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִּי מִכָּל־רָע  
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים וַיִּקְרָא בְּהֵם שְׁמֵי  
וַשֵּׁם אֲבוֹתָי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק  
וַיְדַגּוּ לְרֵב בְּקֶרֶב הָאָרֶץ:

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