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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 - 7:20

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 17:8 - 19:14

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7 - 9:15

• **BJ Hased Genius Bar: Unleash the Power of Your Smartphone, Tablet, or Laptop Sunday, May 3, 12:00-2:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary:** Wondering how to use the features and functions of your mobile devices? Stop by anytime during the session and get one-on-one support from our teens. R.S.V.P. to hesed@bj.org or x264.

**Israel Dialogue Initiative Events
Through June 9 | 88th and 89th Street**

Please join us:

• **Speaking Across Conflict Workshop**

Workshops are currently full. Add your name to the wait list at www.bj.org/idi

• **Town Square** Sunday, May 3

• **Rabbis' Israel Reflections** Tuesday, June 9

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

See pages 2-3 or www.bj.org/services for details.

Every Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.

First Friday of the Month

Tot Shabbat May 1, June 5

Second Friday of the Month

Mindfulness May 8, June 12

Family Shabbat May 8

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i Kallah May 15

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) Shabbat April 24, May 22

April 24–May 1, 2015

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Minha Service

Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Shabbat Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah

Hazzak: Torah and Tefillah Trope

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

Minha Service

Bar Mitzvah

Havdalah and Pete Seeger Guitar-Themed Sing-Along

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Morning Minyan

Mission Mitzvah

Yom Ha'atzmaut Upper West Side Celebration

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Minyan

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

Creative Play Studio

Keshet and KesheTOT

Bikkur Holim: Caring and Connection

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Minyan

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

BJ Hebrew School

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

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

5-12 Iyar, 5775

6:40 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.3)

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Alexander Desch

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Jesse Liron Mackoff Lissaur

8:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

9:30 AM – 89th St.

Beginning at 10:30 AM – 88th St., 89th St., and other locations (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

4:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

8:30 AM – 89th St. Middle Room

3:15 PM – 89th St.

4:00 PM – 89th St.

6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.2)

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

4:00-6:00 PM

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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BJ's Ner Tamid at the 88th Street Sanctuary is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

To the following members and their families:

- Danny and Fern Flamberg, and Allison Flamberg, on the death of Danny's brother, Zachary Flamberg.
- Judith Stern Peck on the death of her mother, Charlotte Falk. We also extend condolences to Emanuel and Liz Stern, and their children, Eliana, Josephine, and Maxine; Edward Stern and Stephanie Rein, and their children, Avery, Benjamin, and Ezra; Andrea Stern and Ken DiPaola, and Andrea's son, Simon; Bradford and Kate Peck, and their children Oliver and Stephen; Jennifer Peck and her son Gabriel; and Suzanne Peck.
- Donald Fishbein on the death of his mother, Lillian Fishbein.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jesse Liron Mackoff Lissaur, his parents Michael and Debby Lissaur, and his sister Valerie Lissaur on Jesse becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Alex Desch, his parents Carolyn and Brad Desch, and his sisters Julia and Sammi Desch on Alex becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by friends of Shelly Ostro in celebration of his birthday.
- This week's Community Kiddush is also supported by Michael and Debby Lissaur in honor of Jesse becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Rabbi Howard Laibson and Adult Education group, Congregation Shir Chadash, Lakewood, California.
- Ross M. Levy and Confirmation Class, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.
- Rabbi Gesa S. Ederberg from Synagoge Oranienburger Strasse, Berlin, Germany.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Havdalah and Pete Seeger Guitar-Themed Sing-Along

Saturday, April 25, 8:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Pete Seeger's songs of freedom will help us keep the spirit of Pesah alive. Led by Yozma chair Craig Rosenberg and Jody Prusan. Song sheets will be provided. Sponsored by Yozma and free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events or contact Monty at mmiller@bj.org.

• Bikkur Holim: Caring and Connection

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Our BJ community is defined by the connection we feel to each other. When that connection is threatened by illness or confinement, it is our spiritual obligation to offer support. Please join the Hased Committee's Bikkur Holim Hevra and Chaplain Allison Kestenbaum for conversation and practical advice about how you can lift up other BJ members with acts of lovingkindness. Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

• Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

11 Saturdays (remaining sessions: May 2, 16, 30), 8:45-9:25AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Roly to open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers by singing piyutim and reflecting on kavannah.

• "And I Am a Stranger": Becoming Ruth, with Avivah Zornberg

Monday, May 4, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Ruth is a stranger in more senses than one. Who is this unknown woman destined to become mother of royalty? How does destiny come about? Co-sponsored by the William Alanson White Institute and BJ. For prices and registration, visit www.bj.org/zornberg. Discounts available for BJ members, students and early registrants.

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 8, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan, Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum and special guest Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org with any questions.

• President of Albania Plans Historic Visit to BJ

Friday, May 8, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Did you know Albania is the only European country to have more Jews after the Holocaust than before

the war? Albania's moral code, "Besa," requires them to provide shelter and safety to anyone in need—saving the lives of hundreds of Jews during the Shoah. Please welcome President Nishani to BJ's Kabbalat Shabbat service, where we will acknowledge Albania's extraordinary display of humanity and compassion.

• Parenting Teens to Lessen Your Child's Anxiety

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: The gap between who our children are and who they are supposed to be creates great anxiety in teens and parents—especially as the social/academic year draws to its frantic close. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel present spiritually- and scientifically-anchored child rearing strategies—seven keys to lessen anxiety during this time of transition and beyond, releasing children (and yourself) from the more destructive aspects of our pressured lives.

• Solomon's Couch: Deconstructing and Illuminating the Tahara Text

Saturday, May 9, 12:30PM, 86th Street: "And I will pour upon you pure water ..." Tahara, the ritual purification of the body, is accompanied by a fascinating liturgy woven from many sources. Led by two extraordinary teachers: Rabbi Jan Uhrbach, director of Liturgical Arts at JTS, and Amichai Lau-Lavie, spiritual leader of Lab/Shul. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org/events.

• Special Needs Minḥa

Saturday, May 9, 5:30-7:00PM, NEW LOCATION—89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Hazzan Ari Priven for an interactive, warm and inviting musical Minḥa service. As a demonstration of our commitment to inclusion, this will be an accessible experience, sensitive to children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. All are welcome, including members and non-members.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 15, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Roly and musician Dan Nadel. Soulful melodies, Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), poems and Psalms help us enter holy time at this monthly alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (continued from page 2)

• **Community Shabbat Dinner with the Gvanim Participants from Israel**
Friday, May 15, 7:30PM, location TBD: Welcome Shabbat with food, wine and interesting conversation as we host the Gvanim Program participants for services followed by Shabbat dinner. Created by the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the program promotes tolerance for diverse forms of Jewish religious expression in Israel. Contact Orli at omoss@bj.org with questions.

• **The 2015 Women's Retreat**
Friday, May 29–Sunday, May 31, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Spend a weekend surrounded by the voices of women exploring a common theme: "Parashat Naso: Lifting Up Purpose, Obligation and Blessing." Build deeper connections in the BJ community in beautiful services, a joyous Shabbat, and an incredible experience with Rabbi Felicia Sol and BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz. Member double room, \$330; Member single room, \$430; Non-members, \$500. Register at www.bj.org/womensretreat. For bus transportation, see www.bj.org/retreatbus. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Upcoming Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting**
Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-8:45PM, R.S.V.P. for location: We are proud to be part of a diverse coalition that supports the Transform Don't Trash NYC Campaign, which proposes systemic changes to the commercial-waste industry in NYC. Get involved in this local initiative to expand recycling diversion, improve job safety, and lower emissions. R.S.V.P. to Les, lesjudd@aol.com.

• **Upcoming Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**
Monday, May 4, 6:30-8:45PM, R.S.V.P. for location: Get involved in the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign. We're working to pass the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act to ensure that laborers who produce the food we depend on in NYS can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

• **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive**
Wednesday, May 13, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Twice a year, we have the opportunity to provide this very important service to the community. Sign up with Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 with your preferred time slot or questions.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, April 24, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum for a service full of singing, teen-led kavannot, mindfulness and spirit, followed by a Shabbat dinner. This event is just for teens! Email awasser@bj.org to register.

• **BJHS Open House**
Thursdays, April 30 and May 7, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Learn more about our Hebrew School in an informative session with Director of Education Ivy Schreiber. Please email ebedolla@bj.org to register.

• **Tot Shabbat**
Friday, May 1, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing, followed by a special Israeli dinner. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children. Email akapusta@bj.org to register.

• **Poster Making for the Celebrate Israel Parade**
Monday, May 11, 5:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Help us design and decorate the BJ banner that members carry in the Celebrate Israel Parade on May 31, or create your own poster to show your support during the parade. R.S.V.P. to omoss@bj.org so we can order you a slice, too.

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UPCOMING LIMUD/TEACHING Please visit www.bj.org for full course descriptions and more information.

• **Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur**
Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow
Mondays through May 4, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th St. Chapel: Talmudic rabbis call prayer "avodat ha-lev" (the service of the heart). Yet how can our hearts engage when we don't know what we're saying? We will study the siddur in Hebrew and English, alongside traditional and modern texts. Register at www.bj.org/events.



THE UPPER WEST SIDE CELEBRATES YOM HA'ATZMAUT TOGETHER!

BJ is once again proud to be a part of the Upper West Side celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Check out the full listing of events and register to attend at www.uwslsrael.org. Below are the events that will be hosted at BJ.

Sunday, April 26: Multiple Events

• **Journalism in a Land of Few Facts**
10:30AM-12:00PM, 89th Street Community House:

Join Jodi Rudoren, Jerusalem bureau chief for *The New York Times*, as she discusses her experience covering Israel and the Palestinians since May 2012. Co-presented by the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. Limited spaces; pre-register at www.uwslsrael.org.

• **Shirim LeYeladim**
11:30AM-12:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Song session for children, with Shira Averbuch and Yonatan Gutfeld, Keshet and KesheTOT leaders. Co-sponsored by the Israeli American Council (IAC).

• **Join the Israeli Scouts for a Day!**
2:00-4:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Shevet Tapuach, the Israeli Scouts of Manhattan, are setting up stalls for children ages 6-13 with fun activities centered around Israel, the land and her people. Coffee and book nook for younger kids in Frankel Hall.

• **Envisioning Israel: What Does the Future Hold?**
5:00-6:30PM, 89th Street Community House: Join us to hear Prof. Ruth Gavison discuss the issues of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

All events are thanks to, in collaboration with, and funded by UJA-Federation.

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 sliding-scale dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. Contact the Membership Department at x224 for more information.

• **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, cellphone 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 sanctuaries (88th Street and 86th Street). If you need a device, ask an usher for one, and please return it when you leave.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN

The morning minyan is an opportunity to experience BJ tefillah in a more intimate setting and a wonderful way to get to know one another. We'll have coffee waiting for you! Please help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at www.bj.org/minyan.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

• Jewish Journey Project Information Session

Thursday, May 14, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Learn more about the Jewish Journey Project at BJ for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. With JJP Director Lori Forman-Jacobi and BJ Director of Education Ivy Schreiber. Please email ebedolla@bj.org with questions or to register.

• Teen Spring Retreat

Friday, May 15-Sunday, May 17, Camp Ramah, Nyack, NY: Our first retreat went so well that we're doing another one! Please email Ayala at awasser@bj.org to register or for more information.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Building a Sustainable Israel: Lessons Learned Since Independence** **Saturday, April 25**, 1:00-2:15PM, Congregation Shaare Zedek (212 West 93rd Street): In a special event for Israel Independence Day, urban planner and land use specialist Kevin Dwarka, Ph.D., discusses contemporary environmental issues in Israel, with an emphasis on land use, transportation and housing development. Registration required at www.sznyc.org/dinners/863.

Erev shel shoshanim, netze na el habustan
mor, besamim ulevona, leraglekh miftan.
Laila yored le-at, ve ruah shoshan noshva,
hava elhash lakh shir balat, zemer shel ahava.
Shahar homa yona, roshekh male tlalim
pikh el boker shoshana, ektefenu li.

ערב של שושנים, נצא נא אל הבסטן
מור, בשמים ולבונה, לרגלך מפתן.
לילה יורד לאט, ורוח שושן נושבה,
הבה אלחש לך שיר בלאט, זמר של אהבה.
שחר הומה יונה, ראשך מלא טללים
פיך אל הבקר, שושנה, אקטפנו לי.

An evening of roses, let's go out to the spice garden; myrrh, spices, and frankincense, are as a carpet for your feet.

Night falls slowly, the rose wind blows; come, I will whisper to you a song, quietly, a song of love.

Dawn, the dove is cooing, your hair is full of dewdrops; your mouth is like a rose unto the morning, I will pick it for myself.

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