



**SHELAH-LEKHA**

**ANNUAL:** Numbers 13:1 - 15:41  
**TRIENNIAL:** Numbers 15:8-41  
**HAFTARAH:** Joshua 2:1-24

**NEXT WEEK: KORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Numbers 16:1 - 18:32  
**TRIENNIAL:** Numbers 17:25 - 18:32  
**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 66:1-24

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**PANIM EL PANIM:  
 WOMEN'S RIGHTS VOTER REGISTRATION  
 CAMPAIGN  
 THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 13 – SIGN UP  
 IMMEDIATELY!**

The Women's Rights Hevra is moving forward with its efforts to do voter registration. Join us this **Sunday, June 13** for our first bus trip to Pennsylvania. We need 15 more people to fill the bus this weekend! We will participate in non-partisan voter registration in PA, an important swing state in the November election. Round-trip bus fare for the day trip is \$25. Sign up now – call the Women's Rights Hevra voicemail at x369\*\* or email Rabbi Pam Wax at pwax@bcn.net to reserve your spot on the bus and get more information. Bring a check for \$25 made out to "Citizen Action NY" with you to the bus pick up on Sunday.

\*\*Please note – we will not return calls on Shabbat.

**RABBIS**

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)  
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Rabbi Meir Feldman • Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman • Rabbi Kliel Rose

**June 11 - June 18, 2004**

**23 Sivan - 29 Sivan 5764**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Bat Mitzvah Isabel Bernstein  
 Bar Mitzvah Guy Tabachnick  
 Aliyat Hatan veKallah Ira Schwarz and Bonnie Oglensky  
 Naming Isabel Sara Intrater  
 Speaker Susan Baer, HAZON Jewish Environmental Bike Ride  
 Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning and Lunch (p. 2) 12:30 PM – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.  
 BJ's Annual Meeting (p. 2) 7:00 PM – 88th St.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES:  
 CHANGES IN TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

Our summer service schedule begins soon and we NEED USHERS for the summer. If you can donate your time either for one or two Friday evenings or Shabbat mornings, the entire community will be most grateful. Contact: Deborah Pinsky, x254. Todah rabbah.

Starting **Friday, June 25**, instead of our regular schedule of two Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Services, we will shift to our summer schedule of one Friday night service, at 7 PM, at 88th Street. That same weekend, starting **Saturday, June 26**, Shabbat morning services (Adult's and Children's) will move from 86th Street to 88th Street (at 9:30 and 10:45 AM respectively, as usual). This summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 3-4, when we will resume our regular Shabbat service schedule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Elie and Elaine Housman and their family on the death of Elie's beloved mother, Tovah Housman.
- Toby Waldman on the death of her parents, Morris and Channah Waldman.
- Francesca and Michael Raskin on the death of their beloved husband and father, Eugene Raskin.
- Susan Rudofsky and David Schwartz on the death of Susan's beloved mother, Louise Rudofsky

This Shabbat, we commemorate the 50th yearzeit of Cantor Rev. Jacob Schwartz, beloved father of Bobbye Goldstein and grandfather of Freddy Goldstein, who became Cantor of B'nai Jeshurun in 1914 and continued until his death in 1954.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

#### • Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning and Lunch – Eretz Israel: Through the Eyes of Her Beholders

**Saturday, June 12**, 88th St., after services: Each Mevarkhim HaHodesh, we join together to study a text selected by an Israeli teacher or leader as a foundational text in his/her understanding of Israel, as well as that person's commentary on the text. **The Shabbat Mevarkhim learning is made possible through the generosity of Jonathan and Orli Silver in honor of their parents Rochelle and Maks Etingin, Carol Silver and their children Elliot, Ben and Leah. This Mevarkhim HaHodesh kiddush is sponsored by Bernice Levine in honor of Morty Levine's 83rd Bar Mitzvah Birthday.**

#### • Rabbi Steven Greenberg at BJ

We are privileged to have Rabbi Steven Greenberg at the final Shabbat B'Yahad of the year 5764 at BJ. Rabbi Greenberg is the author of the recently-published *Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*, and is the first openly gay Orthodox rabbi. We are honored to have him as guest speaker at our dinner, **Friday evening, June 25**, as we once again recognize Gay Pride Shabbat. Rabbi Greenberg's book explores a deeply faithful path for reconciliation between traditional Judaism and homosexuality. Cost: \$30, members; \$40 non-members. **TO REGISTER:** Go on-line to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) OR you may send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In the memo section of the check, write "SBY 6/25/04". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at x260. Mail checks to: Attn: Michael, at our office address. Please include a phone number. Deadline: **June 18**. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations after the deadline.

#### • Summer Hebrew Classes

Whether you're planning to travel with BJ to Israel, want to get an early start on the High Holy Days, or, are finally getting to last year's New Year Resolution, you are welcome to join our Hebrew classes for Modern as well as Prayerbook Hebrew. Call Michal Nachmany at 212-865-4050.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • BJ's Annual Meeting

**June 17, 7 PM** at 88th St.: Please join us for the election of our new board members and a review of this past year. As part of the agenda, we will have small group discussions envisioning BJ's future and ways of strengthening our community. We hope that you will join us.

### MAZAL TOV

- To the following members and their families:
- Isabel, Matthew, Elissa and Anna Bernstein on Isabel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
  - Guy and Kenneth Tabachnick and Yael Mandelstam on Guy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
  - Marc, Pamela, Zachary and Jacob Intrater on the naming of their daughter and sister, Isabel Sara Intrater.
  - Reena Keren, Hilda Greenberg and the Keren, Greenberg, Liran and Ruskay families on the birth of Reena and Hilda's grandson and great-grandson, Jonah Zachariah King.
  - Bonnie Oglensky and Ira Schwarz on their upcoming wedding.
  - Alicia Rose Gottfried and Benjamin Judah Serebin on their upcoming wedding.

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Yael Mandelstam and Ken Tabachnick and Elissa and Matthew Bernstein in honor of their children, Guy Tabachnick and Isabel Bernstein, becoming B'nei Mitzvah.

#### • SPSA's Gay Gotham Chorus Concert

**Saturday, June 19**, 8 PM, 86th St.: Come to the rousing summer concert of The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew's Gay Gotham Chorus as they perform "Songs of America," featuring works of Barber, Billings, Copland, Hageman, Ives, Thompson, and the world premiere of Marvin Gaspard's "Shenandoah." Cost: \$20 (\$15 seniors/students). For info, call 212-362-3179 or go to [www.gaygothamchorus.org](http://www.gaygothamchorus.org).

#### • Summer Programs In Israel

For information on our two Israel Programs in July, **Ethical Dilemmas in the Renewed State of Israel: An introspective look at Israeli Society – Summer Study in Jerusalem, July 2-8**, and our **Women's Retreat at Hamidrasha, Israel, July 8-12**, please call Anne at x240. There are still a few spots available.

#### • New Gay Men's Havurah Introduction Planning Meeting

**Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7 PM:** Havurah is Hebrew for fellowship group. For all ages. Now in the planning stage and scheduled to commence after Labor Day (September 6). Monthly events will include Shabbat celebrations, dinners, lectures, retreats and trips. For additional details, contact Jonathan Baron at 212-663-6702 or [designbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:designbaron@hotmail.com).

#### • Sulha Peace Project: Healing The Children Of Abraham

**Aug. 17-19:** Come to the 4th annual Sulha Peace Project gathering with Naomi Meyer, in Park Shuni (near Binjamina), Israel. The Sulha Peace Project is an indigenous Middle Eastern way of reconciliation, aiming to rebuild trust among neighbors, Arabs and Jews, people to people, by organizing community-oriented gatherings between Arabs and Jews in their own towns and villages. These gatherings are set in familiar cultural environments rich in food, dance, music, dialogue circles and sacred ritual from Arab and Jewish traditions. Deadline for registration is **June 18**.

**Aug. 19-22:** Following the Sulha gathering, we will journey to the home of our friends at Hamidrasha for a special Shabbat of home hospitality and study. Joining us will be Rabbi Claudia Kreiman. Approximate cost: \$500 + airfare. More details to follow, go to [www.metasulha.org](http://www.metasulha.org), or call Anne at x240 for info.

#### • Research on the Genetics of Bipolar Disorder

Johns Hopkins is currently conducting research on the genetic roots of bipolar disorder. If interested, please call 1-888-289-4095.

• **BJ Softball**

For people in their 30's and 40's. No skill necessary. WHERE: All games are at the North Meadow ball fields in Central Park. COST: \$10 for the season. REMAINING DATES & TIMES **June** : 17 & 24 at 5:30 PM. **July** : 6, 15 (Field #1) & 29 at 7 PM. **Aug** : 3, 17, 24 and 31 and **Sept.** 2 at 7 PM. (All games are at Field #5 except the 7/15 game at Field #1, as noted.) No need to RSVP. Just show up. Questions only: please contact Phil Gross at PGross@KKWC.com.

**SINGLES**

• **Shabbat Dinner at Darna**

**Friday, June 25**, following the 7 PM service (approx. 8:30 PM): The first Darna dinner was so great we're having another!!! Meet, eat and socialize!! Members \$30 / Non-Members \$40. **TO REGISTER:** Go on-line to www.BJ.org or register with a credit card by calling Michael at x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles' Dinner, 6/25," but you must confirm the check was received with Michael to be registered. **DEADLINE: June 18.** \$10 Late fee applies after the deadline if space is available. NO EXCEPTIONS. There are limited spaces for Men and Women for this event so register early.

• **Yankees Game**

**Sunday, July 11**, 1:05 PM, Yankee Stadium: Take me out to the ball game...Yankees vs. the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Don't miss a great game and a great opportunity to meet great people on a summer day enjoying our favorite past-time. \$20/mem; \$25/non-mem. These are Tier Box seats on the 3rd base side and seating is limited. TO PURCHASE TIX: Contact Michael at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org to pay with a credit card. There will be NO RSVPs for this event and tix must be paid for in advance. Tix will be mailed up until one-week prior to the game or call Michael to arrange to pick them up at the BJ office. Meet us at the game (at our seats), or meet us at the synagogue (257 W. 88th St.) no later than noon and we'll take the subway together. (4 or D train to 161 street/Yankee Stadium) Rain or shine.

**HEBREW SCHOOL AND FAMILY LIFE**

• **June 15 Meeting Postponed**

The meeting for parents of children who receive their Jewish education outside of BJ's Hebrew School, scheduled for June 15 at 7 PM, has been postponed. Please watch the website and Kol Jeshurun for the new date later this summer.

• **BJHS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-2005**

BJHS Registration applications for 2004-05 school year were sent out a few weeks ago. Please send in your application to reserve your space for next year. If you haven't received an application in the mail, let us know (by calling us at x241) and we will send you one or you can download the forms from www.bj.org, Hebrew School, BJHS Registration Form 2004-2005.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **HAZON 4th Annual NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride**

**Labor Day weekend, Sept 3-6**, from Falls Village, CT to New York City: Join our bike team, the BJ Revolutionaries, in this fantastic opportunity to get great exercise, make new friends, and raise money for Jewish Environmental causes in the US and Israel. We need people who haven't ridden in years but who want a good challenge, as well as avid cyclists looking for a great ride; all ages welcome! No experience necessary; there will be training rides throughout the summer to prepare. Participants will ride 110 miles over a two day time period on a beautiful route from Connecticut to New York. The optional Pre-Ride Shabbat Retreat, on the Friday and Saturday, will be at the beautiful Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in CT. To register, contact BJ Team Captain Susan Baer at x392. Register online at www.hazon.org.

• **The Healing Hand Percussion Circle**

**Monday, June 21**, 7 PM, 88th St.: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Jews Against Genocide, The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew, West End Synagogue and musician Vernon Reid of Living Colour, all invite you to the Healing Hand Percussion Circle to benefit the people of the Sudan. An exhilarating musical evening including performances by African, Latino and Middle Eastern percussionists. Bring drums and percussion instruments to participate! Special report on the Sudan from expert Jerry Fowler of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Committee on Conscience, upon his return from Africa. Tax-deductible minimum donation \$20. Info: 212-496-4550. Admission will benefit the work of Doctors Without Borders and Human Rights Watch in the Sudan.

• **New York City PRIDE March**

**Sunday, June 27:** Years from now, when your grandchildren ask where you were during the historic struggle for civil marriage rights, what will you say? Tell them you marched. This year, for the first time, the Straight Alliance for Marriage Equality (SAME) will march in support of the legal right to marry for all loving couples, gay and straight. SAME is the first organization founded by and for heterosexual activists specifically to win marriage freedom for all. Stand up and be counted among those who believe love and commitment are positive family values. Tell the world your marriage doesn't need protecting. Take a positive step toward tikkun olam, and sign up to march: www.sameproject.org, info@sameproject.org or 1-866-550-SAME.

• **Volunteers Needed: "Counter-Leaf" the Missionaries**

The Task Force on Missionaries and Cults, a project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, needs help this summer working against missionaries who come to NYC to convert Jews. The effort begins with a training program **July 1**. Volunteers are needed to hand out leaflets in the parks and subways during morning, lunch, and evening rush hours during the month of July. For further information, please contact Karen Sackville at 212-983-4800 x127.

• **Panim el Panim Environmental Action Fair Trade Coffee Campaign**

Get involved with Panim el Panim's first action campaign and help promote the availability and consumption of fair-trade coffee in our neighborhood! Our campaign began with BJ's pledge to serve fair-trade coffee and tea at all events. As the campaign gains momentum over the next few weeks, there will be numerous opportunities for action. You can start now by asking your regular food stores to carry fair-trade coffee. We will be canvassing the major food stores and restaurants on the Upper West Side to persuade them to offer fair-trade coffee, and the more requests they get, the more likely they are to agree. Get involved and call us at BJ's Environmental Action Hotline at x310. Learn more about fair trade at www.transfairusa.org.

• **AJWS Responds To Floods In Haiti And Dominican Republic**

American Jewish World Service (AJWS), a non-sectarian international development and relief organization, is sending humanitarian aid to the people affected by the floods in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. AJWS is assisting those partners who work in the affected areas by providing the critical needs of food, shelter and medicine to the flood victims. Donations can be sent to: American Jewish World Service, Haiti/DR Flood Relief, 45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Or call 1-800-889-7146 or visit their Web site at www.ajws.org.

• **Ink Jet Cartridge Collection**

The BJ Latin America Committee is continuing to collect used ink jet cartridges (the type used in home and small office printers) for our sister congregation, Bet El, in Buenos Aires. Bet El volunteers will refill the empty cartridges and resell them to help support their program for the deaf community. If you have empty ink cartridges from Canon, Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers, please contact Ellen at 212-995-0434 or eftuck@bway.net.

**• WANTED: People Who Love To Knit And Crochet, for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

This winter we distributed 150 holiday gift packages for our lunch program guests. Each package included a warm hat, scarf, or gloves, many hand-made and contributed by BJ members and friends. We want to do even better this year! If you like to knit or crochet, we hope you'll make hats and scarves for our holiday packages. For info, contact Susan at x338 or sssamuels@aol.com. Bring finished items to the BJ Office, c/o Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

**• Membership Renewal Information**

Please note that, as of June 1, High Holy Day seating is closed at the 88th Street Sanctuary. Therefore, when completing your membership application, please select either 86th Street (SPSA) or Symphony Space. If you have not received an application, or have questions about High Holy Day locations, please contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224 or blasky@bj.org. To pay by credit card, please apply online at www.bj.org under 'Membership'. We look forward to having you rejoin the B'nai Jeshurun community.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Kol Jeshurun Layout and Editing: David Ebenbach**

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? BJ is also pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or blasky@bj.org.

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

*We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.*

D'VAR TEFILLAH

On Shabbat, we recall and reenact God's plan for creation. Six days of divine work, one day of tranquility. The six days created the possibility and the foundation for true rest. And how did God do it? God created it all with the mystical powers of letters, all of them. *Bereishit bara elohim . . . et.* "In the beginning, God created . . . et. *Et* in Hebrew is spelled *aleph-tav*, the first and last letters of the alphabet. Thus, God's first creation represents the basis for all human interaction, the letters of the alphabet. So it may be when we pray, "*El Adon . . . Tiferet . . .*"

Rabbi Meir Feldman

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

*As an outgrowth of our mission to make Israel a central focus of BJ and to further the vision of Israel as a modern Jewish, pluralistic democracy, we are beginning a new column in the Kol Jeshurun, "Focus on Israel." We hope to present a variety of topics, including speaker profiles, information about our Israeli partnerships, excerpts from and commentary about texts on Israel, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.*

*Chochmat Halev*, "wisdom of the heart," is an exciting new initiative in Israel inspired by the BJ model. Eduardo Shoval, the leader of this project, was born and raised in Argentina, grew up in Bet-El, and made aliyah when he was 18. Now, more than 30 years later, he is involved in the creation of this innovative Jewish community in Israel.

When Eduardo started his spiritual journey, Marcelo put him in contact with me, and we began a *hevrutah* study together. In our learning and in our searching, we talked a great deal about the meaning of Jewish identity in Israel, and raised many questions about how to inject Jewish meaning into secular Israelis' lives. It is a real challenge to engage a community which believes that Judaism is only about Orthodox observance, and to convey that Judaism is for everyone and can be accessed in non-Orthodox ways.

I feel extremely proud to be the spiritual leader of this new community, which is among the first of its kind in the traditionally secular Tel Aviv area, located in the suburb of Ramat Hasharon. We'll focus on learning together and gathering for Tikkun Olam projects. *Chochmat Halev* is only at the beginning of its existence, but offers people who are searching for meaning and looking for their roots an opportunity to be part of a community, a *kehillah*, which can transform them spiritually.

May be we blessed with *Chochmat Halev*, wisdom from deep within our hearts, to reach the hearts and the minds of the many people looking for meaning and Jewish identity in the Land of Israel.

*Rabbi Claudia Kreiman, Rabbinic BJ Fellow in Israel, Rabbi of Noam, Youth Movement of the Masorti Movement in Israel.*

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