



March 7 - March 13, 1997

Friday, March 7

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner- 5:45P.M.

- 86th Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service - 6:00 P.M. - 88th Street

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service

6:45 P.M. - 86th Street

Saturday, March 8

Shabbat Shekalim Service 9:30 A.M. - 86th Street

Torah Reading: Vayakhel (Ex. 35:1-38:20) Pg. 668

Triennial: Ex. 37:17-38:20 Pg. 673

Maftir: Ex 30: 11-16

Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17 Pg. 726

Minyan HaK'tanim (Pre-K) - 10:45 A.M.

Minyan Gan Aleph (Grades K-1) 10:45 A.M.

BJ Hazanoots (Grades 2-7) - 10:45 A.M.

Naming of: Isabel Mira Besthof

B'not Torah: Susan Margolis, Irma Radus and Joyce Rosenfeld

BJ Hebrew School's Simchat Talmud Torah

Kiddush - Following Services

Sunday, March 9

Rosh Hodesh Adar II

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

BJ COTS -6:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Monday, March 10

Rosh Hodesh Adar II

Executive Committee - 7:00 P.M.

Folkdancing - 7:00 P.M. - 88th Street

BJ Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Tuesday, March 11

Purim Play Rehearsal - 6:30 P.M. - 86th Street

Wednesday, March 12

Kesharim - 2:00 P.M. - 88th Street

Prayerbook and Prophets Class with Rabbi Matalon -

6:45 P.M. - 88th Street.

The Meaning of Jewish Observance with Rabbi

Bronstein - 8:15 P.M. - 88th Street

Purim Play Rehearsal-6:30-88th Street

Thursday, March 13

Bat Torah Meeting- 7:00P.M. Office

Relationship Workshop-7:00P.M. SPSA

Next Week's Parashah: Pekudei Pg. 681

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

Monday - Friday - 7:30 A.M. - 88th Street

Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 A.M. - 88th Street

It Is Our Custom:

Quiet is the proper setting for prayer and meditation. Kindly refrain from conversation while the organ is playing prior to the beginning of services. Families are requested to be responsible for their children throughout the Service.

Shortly before the beginning of Service, music signals that our tefillot are about to begin. These few minutes preceding the opening of services are intended as a bridge between the clamor of daily pursuits and the quiet devotion of prayer and Shabbat tranquility.

We encourage you to participate in the liturgy and to sing with the congregation. If the melodies are not familiar, try to sing along and you will quickly learn them. For those of you who do not read Hebrew, we have prepared phonetic transliterations of the services that are in a special booklet appended to the Prayerbook. Our congregation's participation enhances the experience of prayer and the study of Torah for all. If you are unfamiliar with our services, and would like to sit with someone who can help orient you, our ushers will be happy to direct you to such a person.

If you have any questions or comments, the ushers or members of our membership committee will be glad to assist you. Membership application forms are available on the back table.

Shabbat Shalom

Fellow Congregants:

We would like to gently remind you that members of the BJ staff come to services to pray just as all of us do. Shabbat, for them, as for ourselves is a holy and spiritual time. Although we know that no harm is intended, in the spirit of Shabbat, please do not ask them about business matters on Shabbat. Whatever questions you may have should be directed to the office Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call our office to let us know about family events such as births, celebrations, illness, or death, so that we can inform the Rabbis and make the appropriate announcement to our Community.

Attention: All announcements, blurbs or flyers for the next Kol Jeshurun are due at the BJ office on the Tuesday before printing at 12:00 noon.

Condolences:

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to:

Arlene, Irwin, Kyle, Mara, and Avery Brandon and their entire family, on the death of Arlene's beloved father, Nathan Barnett.

Mazal Tov To :

The following members and their families

- Susan Margolis, Irma Radus and Joyce Rosenfeld, and their families, on the occasion of their Bat Torah celebration.
- Judy Stern Peck, Stephen Peck and Diane Karnet on the engagement of their children, Andrea Stern and Adam Pelzman.
- Ronnie Miller and Julian Gaa on their engagement
- Roberto and Debra Besthof on the naming of their baby Isabel Mira Besthof

Todah Rabbah To:

- Susan Margolis, Irma Radus and Joyce Rosenfeld for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of their Bet Torah celebration.

Workshop for Homeless Shelter Volunteers

As part of our continuing effort to attract new volunteers for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter, we are holding a workshop on Sunday, March 16th at 7:00P.M. to discuss the realities and myths at the shelter and to provide training. Current volunteers are also invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the important work being done to assist people in need. For further information, please call Barbara Blumenthal, at 265-0396 (h); 977-8200, ext. 3088 (w) or John Morris, at 595-2812 (h); 479-6228 (w).

Questions for Board Members?

Fred Goldstein and Penny Dannenberg are available during March to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Fred at 877-3132 or Penny at 496-0616.

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:

If you have been attending BJ regularly and feel that this community is important to you, we invite you to make a commitment to the ongoing work of our community and become a member. Membership packets and applications are at the back of the sanctuary, or you can call the BJ Office (787-7600 press five). For additional information call Penny Dannenberg (496-0616) or Sandi Borger (721-2846).

Special Needs/Reserved Seating:

If you have special needs (such as physical, hearing, or visual disabilities) and are in need of reserved seating (aisle, close to the front, etc.) for Shabbat Services, please let us know. Call the BJ Office voice mailbox ext. 320.

Appointments With Yael Ridberg:

B'nai Jeshurun has a Rabbinic intern, Yael Ridberg, who is available every Thursday, 2:00-7:00 P.M., and Friday, 9:00-1:00 P.M. to meet with members for counseling, who have questions, or just to chat! Her extension is 235; leave a message she will return your call.

Damaged Prayerbook?

If you find a siddur or Chumash that is in shabby condition, or damaged in any way (torn pages, etc.), please give it to an usher so that it can be repaired. Thank You.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lesbian and Gay Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner:

Join us at a pot luck dinner sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Committee on **Friday, March 14th**, in the SPSA Parlor Room immediately following the 6:45 P.M. service. Please bring a dairy or vegetarian dish that can serve 5-6 people. For further information, leave a message on voicemail box #325.

Relationship Workshop:

BJ, SPSA and The Counseling and Human Development Center present **When Relationships Work and When They Fail**, an inter-faith, inter-disciplinary exploration of

the spiritual and psychological roots of love and hate in couple relationships. **Thursday, March 13 7P.M.-10P.M.** Admission Free.

Matzah For The Elderly:

The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School will be collecting Matzah to be donated to Dorot. There are three matzah drop off points: The B'nai Jeshurun office (100A W.89th Street) the Hebrew School office (270 W.89th Street) Let us, as a community, help fill the seder tables of the elderly in our community

The First BJ Purim Costume Ball:

Save the following date for BJ's first grand Purim Costume Ball on Saturday, March 22nd following the 8:30 Service. Volunteers are needed to make this spectacular event a big success. Don't miss out on the excitement!! Call Shoshana Avner at (718)-268-5177 to volunteer. (No calls on Shabbat)

Dr. Ron Taffel:

The response to the Parenting Sessions with Dr. Ron Taffel has been overwhelming. Don't miss the last of this series of sessions which has been rescheduled for **March 18th at 7:00P.M.** in the chapel at SPSA. The discussion will focus on **The 10 Realities Today's Parents Must Know About Their Teens.**

The BJ COTS:

Our next meeting is this **Sunday, March 9th.** If you would like to know more about BJCOTS call Felicia at ext. 244.

Continue Your Celebration Of Shabbat:

Join us for a catered community Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, March 28th after the 6:00 service when we welcome Roly and his family. Space is limited and early reservations are recommended. Please see the flyer in this weeks Kol Jeshurun for more details or call voicemail box #304 for more information.

Attention all New and Expectant Parents

On **March 22nd**, the New and Expectant parent group will be meeting for a pot-luck lunch in the parlor room. Please call Andrea Weinstein for more information 344-1600 (day) 721-0736(night)

Singles 35+:

Join us in planning a big event which is scheduled for **May 31st.** If you would like to get involved in this segment of the community, please call Miriam Perrin at 650-9800

Jewish Healing Circle:

Susan Halpern and Janice Rous are offering a second six week support and education group for people who are facing death or a serious illness and want an opportunity to talk. The group's purpose is to explore ways of engaging with a sense of well being in difficult times using theological exploration, Jewish chants, prayers and teachings. The group will start on **Thursday, March 27th** at 4:00 P.M., and will continue weekly until May 1st, from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.. There is no charge. Call Janice Rous 877-9717 to make a preview appointment

Never Celebrated Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah?:

A Class is forming to study towards Ben/Bat Torah in 1998. There will be another preliminary meeting with Yael Ridberg on **Thursday, March 13th at 7:00P.M.** in the BJ Office Conference room. Please call Yael if you are interested even if you can't make this meeting. (x235)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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BJ Kiddush:

On the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month, there will be a kiddush following Shabbat services in the downstairs social hall of SPSA. If you would like to sponsor a congregational kiddush at any time to celebrate a happy event in your life with your community; as well as help support the BJ Kiddush Fund, please contact Amy at the BJ Office.

Transliterations:

For those of you attending Shabbat services who are not completely comfortable reading the Hebrew but still want to join in the singing and chanting, we have inserted transliterations in our siddurim.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Queens BJ Havurah:

The Next Meeting will be Friday, March 28th at the home of Bev Fishkin in Rego Park. Light Kosher fare will be served. The cost is \$5 per person payable in advance. Please call Ken Karan at (718) 268 1580 to RSVP, for payment information and directions. Space is limited to 15 participants. The first two events were a great success. The hosts agreed that having Friday night services was a satisfying and enjoyable experience. Take your turn. Ideally we want to issue a 4 to 6 month calendar and need hosts who can commit to a date of their choice. If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please call Ken at the above number. Also, watch for the upcoming survey and give us your impute.

Member In Need:

A member of the congregation is about to undergo a stem cell transplant and needs donations of blood platelets. The procedure takes approximately 1 hour and can be done at either Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center or at the New York Blood Center (E. 67th). For further details please call Judy Rabinor at (516) 431-5397 or (516) 889-3404

Adoption and the Jewish Family:

On Sunday, April 6th the Networking Adoption Program of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, will be holding it's third annual symposium: **Adoption and The Jewish Family** This all day conference will feature a keynote address as well as 3 different workshop sessions to choose from. For additional information, registration materials and fees, please call Nadine Sasson at 303-4722.

New Generations Study Session:

Separating Religion and State: Safeguarding Pluralism In Israel with Professor Hillel Shuval. Prof. Shuval is the chair of HEMDAT-Council for the Freedom of Science, Religion and Culture in Israel. He is a leader in the struggle against religious coercion and a longtime advocate for both peace and environmental justice. Join us on **Wednesday, March 12th** at 7:0P.M. For additional information contact Bruce at 750-2333, or by email : Bruce@nifny.org

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Buy in bulk. You will save money and reduce wasteful packaging. If you can help us, please leave a message, at 787-7600 # 313.

Pesukim of The Week

“Moses thereupon had this proclamation made throughout the camp: “Let no man or woman make further effort toward gifts for the sanctuary!” So the people stopped bringing : their efforts had been enough for all the tasks to be done..”

(Ex 36: 6-7)

Adult Education

Shira Betzibur: Singing Together - Taught by Ari Priven. Become familiar with the songs and nigunim (melodies) of BJ services. No musical background is needed. The class will be held on eight Thursdays, beginning Feb. 20th; the cost is \$85 for members and \$100 for non-members, and will be held at Dorot (171 W. 85th) **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!!!** For more information call Shoshana Avner at 718-268-5177.

Israeli Folkdancing with Tamar This class will feature old and new dances for the novice dancer as well as students with a basic knowledge of Folkdancing. It is held on Mondays at 88th Street at 7:00 PM for beginners and 8:00 PM for advanced beginners. The cost is \$65 for members; \$80 for non-members. For more information call Tamar, at 201-836-2655.

Synagogue Skills 101: The Basics

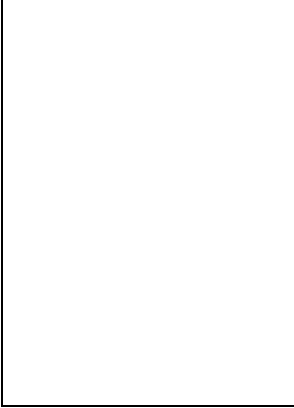
Learn when to stand , when to sit, and when to sing....

Join BJ Rabbinic intern Tami Crystal for a user friendly tour of Friday evening and Saturday morning services. Bring your questions and your friends.

Two Thursdays- March 20 and 27

7-9P.M. in the BJ Office.The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Call Tami at Voicemail box 334 for

information and registration.



Join us for a catered community Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, March 28th. The dinner will start promptly after the first service at 88th Street. Eat, sing, schmooze, and study a little Torah in a relaxed atmosphere with Roly and his family. The cost is \$20 per person for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children

Additional contributions to help subsidize others are welcome. Space is limited. No phone reservations will be taken. Volunteers are needed to help out on the night of the dinner. To volunteer, or for further information, please call 787-7600, ext. 304.

I would like to attend the Shabbat B'Yachad dinner on March 28th.

Name(s): _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Number of People attending:: Members: _____ Nonmembers: _____ Children: _____

Additional donation: _____ Total enclosed: _____

*Please send your check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th street, NY, NY 10024
Please write on your check 'for Shabbat B'Yachad 3/28.'*