



## March 14 - March 20, 1997

### Friday, March 14

**BJ Teen Retreat** - New Fairfield, CT

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 P.M. - 88th Street  
 6:45 P.M. - 86th Street

**Gay/Lesbian Shabbat Dinner** - following 6:45 P.M.  
 service - 86th Street

### Saturday, March 15

**BJ Teen Retreat** - New Fairfield, CT

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

**Torah Reading:** Pekudei (Ex. 38:21-40:38) Pg. 681

**Triennial:** Ex. 38:21-39:21 Pg. 681

**Haftarah:** I Kings 7:51-8:21 Pg. 728

**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:** Hannah Rachel Kazis Taylor

### Sunday, March 16

**BJ Teen Retreat** - New Fairfield, CT

**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

**Shelter Volunteer Workshop** - 7:00 P.M. - 86th Street

### Monday, March 17

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

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

### Tuesday, March 18

**Purim Play Rehearsal** - 6:30 P.M. - 88th Street

**Parenting Session with Ron Taffel** - 7:00 P.M. - 86th St.

### Wednesday, March 19

**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 20

**Synagogue Skills with Tami Crystal** - 7:00 P.M. - BJ  
 Office

**Next Week's Parashah:** Vayikra Pg. 757

### 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:*

- Kathryn Wolfson, Howard Jacobson, Jennifer and Erica Jacobson, on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Sally Wolfson.
- Amy and Bob Pollack, Marya Pollack and Mark Lehrman, on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Evelyn Steinberg.

## **Mazal Tov To :**

*The following members and their families:*

- Debbie Kazis, Gideon Taylor, Judy and Earle Kazis, and Kerry Kazis, on the naming of their daughter, granddaughter, and niece, Hannah Rachel.
- David Silver and Rana Arons, on their upcoming wedding.
- Emily Benedek and Yonatan Zhukovsky on their engagement.
- Julie Cohen and Paul Strasberg on their wedding.

## **Employment Bank Volunteer Needed:**

The Employment Bank Committee is expanding to meet the growing needs of the community! We are looking for volunteers to do the gratifying job matching service and produce the career development seminars. Please leave your name and phone number in our mailbox: 315.

## **Archives Volunteer Needed:**

Volunteer needed to audio tape the BJ Annual Meeting on the evening of **Monday, May 19th**. Please call the Archives Committee at 787-7600, ext. 301 and leave a message with your name, phone numbers, and the best time to be reached.

## **BJ Softball Is Here!**

(Well, almost...) Assuming there is enough interest, we are considering starting a weekly, co-ed BJ softball game to run most of the Spring and Summer. If you are even remotely interested in playing on a regular basis, please call Craig Sumberg at 212-787-1390 and leave a message with your name, phone number(s) and any relevant equipment you own (i.e. gloves, bats, bases), whether you'd prefer to play at night during the week or on Sunday, and whether you'd be willing to help organize (make phone calls, etc.).

## **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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **The BJ COTS:**

The teens will be away on a retreat this weekend. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more information about the COTS.

## **Workshop for Homeless Shelter Volunteers**

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is holding a workshop on **Sunday, March 16th** at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the realities and myths at the shelter and to provide training. Current volunteers are 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).

## **Dr. Ron Taffel:**

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

## **Attention All New And Expectant Parents**

On **Saturday, 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)

## **The First BJ Purim Costume Ball Is Just One Week Away!**

BJ's first grand Purim Costume Ball will take place on **Saturday, March 22nd** following the 8:30 Service. Volunteers are still 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)

## **Community Forum:**

There will be a Community Forum **Monday, March 24th**, at 7:30 P.M., at 88th Street. All are welcome to attend.

## **Professor Moshe Lazar Lecture:**

The American Friends of Tel Aviv University and BJ's Israel Committee invite you to a special evening with Professor Moshe Lazar, noted lecturer on a range of subjects from Chagall to Western Iconography, who will speak on **Thursday, March 27th**, at 6:30 P.M. at The Harmonie Club, 4 East 60th Street. Call 212-687-5651 for reservations. Admission is \$12.50, and refreshments will be served.

**Continue Your Celebration Of Shabbat:**

Join us for a catered community Shabbat dinner on **Friday, 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 on the back table for more details or call voicemail box #304 for more information.

**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 will start on **Thursday, March 27th** at 4:00 P.M., and will continue weekly until May 1st. There is no charge. Call Janice Rous 877-9717 to make a preview appointment.

**Jewish Festival of Music:**

The Beyond Shelter Coalition (an alliance of West Side Synagogues and Jewish Religious Institutions for Permanent Housing for the Homeless) presents its 5th annual benefit **Monday, March 31st**, at 7:30 P.M. at Symphony Space (2537 Bdwy, at 95th St.). Call 662-3663 for more information.

**Singles Shabbat Dinner:**

The BJ Singles community will hold a catered Shabbat dinner at 88th Street after the 6:00 P.M. service on **Friday, April 4th**. Reservations MUST include full payment along with the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of all people in your group. Please Note: **You are NOT guaranteed a place**, as space is limited, and priority is given to BJ members. You will be contacted before the dinner only if we CANNOT

accommodate you. Checks and reservation information **MUST** be postmarked **NO LATER** than March 26th. Reservations are \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members; please make your check payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, at 100A W. 89th St., NY, NY 10024. For more information call 787-7600, ext. 306.

**Employment Bank Seminar:**

Our next seminar, "Tools for a successful Interview", will be presented **Monday, April 7th**, at 7:00 P.M. at 88th Street. RSVP voicemail #315. Bring your resume.

**The Kabbalah of Envy Talk and Book Signing:**

Negative emotions have much to teach us about ourselves and our relationships with others and the world at large. In his newly released book, The Kabbalah of Envy, Rabbi Nilton Bonder draws on the wisdom of the Talmud, Hasidic tales, and Jewish mystical lore in presenting insights into the effects of envy, jealousy, hatred, and anger. He shows that whether we are on the giving or the receiving end of these emotions, we can learn to transform them and live peacefully in the spirit of the biblical commandment "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Rabbi Bonder will be speaking **Tuesday, April 8th**, at 7:00 P.M., in the Chapel at 86th St. Admission is \$5 at the door.

**Benefit Concert For Seeds of Peace:**

Join Pete Seeger and other special guests for an afternoon of music and song, co-hosted by B'nai Jeshurun and The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, **Sunday, April 13th**, at 4:00 P.M. at 88th Street following the pre-Passover workshop. All proceeds benefit Seeds of Peace, the internationally acclaimed conflict-resolution camp that brings Arab and Israeli teenagers (and other young people from regions of conflict) to a summer camp and helps them transform their fear into friendship. See attached flier for more information.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Big-Print Prayerbooks:**

We have a limited number of large-print *Sim Shalom* Prayerbooks. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher.

## MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

**Vocal Ensemble:**

BJ member Devorah Davi will be giving a concert of Chassidic and Carlebach music, along with her small vocal ensemble on **Saturday, March 15th**, at 8:00 P.M., at *118 West 95th Street*. Tickets are available at the door. For information call 978-8878.

**Requiem in Song and Dance:**

The choir of the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew invites our friends from B'nai Jeshurun to a performance of John Rutter's *Requiem* for choir, chamber orchestra and dancers during our regular worship hour, **Sunday, March 16th**, at 11:00 A.M. All welcome!

**Piano Concert:**

Come hear BJ member, and soprano, Ilana Kochinska (Boin), **Sunday, March 16th**, at 3:00 P.M., at Christ & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (*120 W. 69th*). For more info call 787-2755 ext. 2.

**Class Recital:**

The B'nai Jeshurun community is cordially invited to the Senior Recital of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School Class of 1997, **Monday, March 17th**, at 7:30 P.M.. This recital will feature Melanie Fine, James Goth, and Deborah Togut, and will be held in the Feinberg Auditorium of the Jewish Theological Seminary, *3080 Bdvwy (122nd St.)*

**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. 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 input.

**Family Day in Central Park:**

Come celebrate the nature in our own backyard with your entire family and Shomrei Adamah/Keepers of The Earth. Participants will meet at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park on **Sunday, March 30th** at 11:00 A.M. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottles. All ages welcome. For more information, call 807-6376.

**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.

**Behind Closed Doors: The Impact of Serious Mental Illness on Siblings:**

On **Sunday, April 13th**, the Consortium for Advocacy, Research, and Education (CARE) will present an all day conference for siblings, families and professionals at the Robbins Auditorium, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The conference fee of \$15 includes lunch. Scholarships are available. For additional information call Rabbi Karen Sussan, BJ member and member of CARE at 914-342-5511, ext. 3645.

**Rally in Washington, DC:**

The American Association of Jews from the former Soviet Union (AAJFSU), along with other organizations - Jewish and non-Jewish - concerned with refugees and human rights, will hold a rally in Washington, DC on **Monday, April 14th**, from 2:30-2:00 P.M. The rally will be held to urge changes in last year's welfare legislation that threatens elderly and disabled Jewish refugees and other legal immigrants by denying them public benefits. For more info call AAJFSU at 779-0383.

**New Israel Fund Sponsored Study Tour to Israel:**

Learn about Pluralism and Diversity in the Jewish State with guest scholar Rabbi Gordon Tucker, the leading advocate of religious freedom and Rabbi of Temple Israel Center in White Plains. For details, call 750-2333.

**Ecological Suggestion of the Week**

March 20, the Spring Equinox, is "The Great American Meat-Out Day." This is a nationwide awareness day for healthful and environmentally conscious eating. Try not to eat any meat on this day!. If you can help us, please leave a message, at 787-7600 # 313.

### **Pesukim of The Week**

“When Moses had finished the work, the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled upon it and the Presence of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys; but if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such time as it did lift. For over the Tabernacle a cloud of Adonai rested by day, and fire would appear in it by night, in the view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.”

(Ex. 40:33-38)

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### **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**

**7:00 - 9:00 P.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.**

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THE BJ EMPLOYMENT BANK PROUDLY PRESENTS

### ***“TOOLS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW”***

with

*Stacey Prenner*

*Monday, April 7th*

*88th St. 7:00 P.M.*

*Donations to BJ Requested*

Ms. Prenner is the Senior Career Counselor at NYU as well as a consultant with Wisnik Career Strategies, LLC. She conducts private career counseling and ongoing training assignments in interviewing, networking and other job search topics.

**RSVP Voicemail # 315**

**See back table for flier**

**Bring resume to seminar.**

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