



March 28 - April 3, 1997

Friday, March 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M. - 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted
 6:45 P.M. - 86th Street

Shabbat B'Yachad - following 6:00 P.M. Service - 88th St.
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted

Saturday, March 29

Shabbat Parah Service 9:30 A.M. - 86th Street
Torah Reading: Tzav (Lev. 7:11-8:36) Pg. 785
Triennial: Lev. 7:11-7:38 Pg. 785
Maftir: Num. 19:1-22 Pg. 1145
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

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.

Aliyat Hatan veKallah: Steve Friedman and Julie Siegmund

Kiddush - Following Services

Sunday, March 30

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.
BJ COTS - 6:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Monday, March 31

Folkdancing - 7:00 P.M. - 88th Street
Jewish Festival of Music to benefit Beyond Shelter - 7:30 P.M. - Symphony Space
BJ Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

Professor Moshe Lazar Lecture - 6:30 P.M. - 4 E. 60th St.
Jewish Healing Circle - 4:00 P.M.

Next Week's Parashah: Shemini Pg. 798

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.

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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 the following members and their families:

- Andrea Lieber, on the death of her beloved grandfather, Harold Eidenoff.
- Joy Sardinsky, on the death of her beloved aunt, Sylvia Skolnick.
- Jon Krupp and Ellen Malaver, on the death of Jon's beloved grandmother, Ida Ketey Rauch.

Mazal Tov To :

The following members and their families:

- Julie Siegmund, Steve Friedman, Joanne and Fred Siegmund, Stephanie Siegmund, Nan Siegmund, Roslyn and Albert Friedman, on the occasion of Julie and Steve's wedding.
- Miriam Spiro and Ariel Feldman on their wedding.
- Ronnie Miller's daughter, Wendy Miller, on her engagement to Steve Weigler.
- Carol Gelles, a finalist for the Julia Child Award, presented by the International Association of Culinary Professionals, in the health and nutrition category, for her book 1000 Vegetarian Recipes; as well as a finalist for the James Beard House Award in the vegetarian cuisine category for the same book.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Albert and Roslyn Friedman, for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Julie and Steve's wedding.
- The Cast and Crew of the Purim Shpiel for providing such a wonderful presentation. The play was a great success due to all their hard work, talent, and dedication!
- All the vendors: Launderall, Party Time, Fairway and The TDF Costume Collection, who not only provided us with great party decorations, costumes and food -- but were also willing to take their goods back when the ball was canceled.

Brukhim Haba'im:

We welcome:

- Rabbis Michael Feshbach and Leonard Lifshen and Jan Lifshen and Jan Mandel, Educator, and the confirmation class from Temple Anshe Hesed and Congregation Brith Sholom, Erie PA

- Rabbi Morley T. Feinstein, and the confirmation class of Temple Beth-El, of South Bend, IN.
- Rabbi Ari Magid, and the confirmation class of Temple Emanu-El, Hawaii.

Fundraising Committee Call for Volunteers:

Without funds to support BJ, much of what makes this community special to all of us ceases to happen. If you'd like to help raise money for BJ, please call Ruth Jarmul, VP of Finance, home 362-3960 or work 372-9134.

Singles Committee Call for Volunteers:

We need volunteers to man the door at another champagne dance party to be held on **Sunday May 4th**, at 7:00 P.M. If you would like to offer your time for one shift during the party please call Jill Howard (874-9643) or Ezra Teitelbaum (662-4025) as soon as possible.

The BJ/St. Lukes AIDS Brunch:

This brunch takes place on the 1st Sunday of every month. Due to overwhelming support from the BJ community, we currently do not need any additional volunteers. Thank you for your support.

Passover Meal Match:

We still need hosts! Please fill out the form in this Kol Jeshurun and mail (or fax) to BJ, 100A W. 89th St., NY, NY 10024; fax 496-7600. No one should be alone this Pesah.

Expanded Rabbinate, No Waiting!

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Regular hours: Yael Ridberg (ext. 235) Thursday, 2:00-7:00 P.M., Friday, 9:00-1:00 P.M.; Mark Sameth (ext. 319), Wednesdays 2:30-6:30 P.M.; Tami Crystal ext. 334) Tuesdays 1:00-2:30 P.M., 4:30-7:00 P.M., and Wednesdays, 10:45-1:45 P.M. Other times are also available by arrangement. Please call.

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.

BJ Study Trip to Israel July 14-27, 1997

It's not too late to join Rabbi Roly Matalon on this 12-day exploration combining study and prayer with lots of free time. Participants, joined by Israelis, will have the opportunity to study Jewish texts each morning, followed by free time in the afternoons for your individual interests. Classes will be taught by Israelis who will also lead discussions on Jewish identity and Jewish spirituality. **This**

special trip is limited to 45 members - first come, first served! A deposit of \$200 per person should be made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and mailed to Pamela Cohn Allen at Hearts of Pam Tours, *148 West 80th St., #3R, NY, NY 10024* A registration form is in the latest Jeshurun Journal, and should be completed and mailed to the same address. For further info call Pamela at 799-9232.

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 interested in playing 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*) and SPSA on March 28th and 29th during Shabbat Services. Let us, as a community, help fill the seder tables of the elderly in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Continue Your Celebration Of Shabbat:

There may be some room available for tonight's catered communal dinner following the 6:00 P.M. service at 88th Street. Those interested should see Lenny in the social hall after services. If you have a reservation, please join us as soon as possible. Our next dinner will be on May 2nd, when we will cosponsor a special dinner with the Social Action Committee.

The BJ COTS:

We will be meeting **Sunday, March 30th**, at 6:00 P.M. at 86th Street. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more information.

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:

There are a few more spaces available (for men only!) at our catered Shabbat dinner at 88th Street **Friday, April 4th** (after the 6:00 P.M. service). Please send a check immediately, or drop your check off at the BJ office. Again, we cannot guarantee a place, as space is limited. You will be contacted before the dinner only if we CANNOT accommodate you. 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.

Shabbat Dinner With our Methodist Friends:

On **Friday, April 4th**, a delegation from the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concern of the United Methodist Church will join with some members of SPSA to attend the 86th Street, 6:45 P.M. BJ Kabbalat Shabbat service. Afterward, we will be having a very small Shabbat dinner with them in the SPSA chapel. There is no charge for the meal, but we will need volunteers to help set up and clean up, and also to sit with our Methodist friends during the service. Space for the dinner is unfortunately limited to only ten BJ members, so please call BJ Interfaith Committee Chair Katherine Kurs at 769-1102 to sign-up ASAP (do NOT call the BJ Interfaith voicemail.)

Defying Gravity:

What do you get when three creative and spiritual storyteller/musicians join forces? A concert of stories and music from the heart of three great religious traditions! In a remarkable blend of the sacred and light-hearted, storytellers Ibrahim Gonzalez, Marcia Lane, and Ron Sopyla present Defying Gravity: Touching Solid Ground! A program of spiritual and mystic stories, songs, legends, and music from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions. The program starts at 8:00 P.M. **Saturday, April 5th**, following Havdalah service at 7:15 P.M. (at 88th Street).

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.

Hevra Kadisha:

There will be a Hevra Kadisha Tahara Workshop, led by Myriam Abramowicz, **Thursday, April 10th**, at 7:00 P.M.

in the SPSA Parlor Room. Call 787-7600, #333 for more info.

Singles 55 - Plus or Minus...

The BJ Singles Committee presents an evening of chamber music with the Alaria Chamber Ensemble, at the Weill Recital Hall (Carnegie Hall), **Thursday, April 10th**, at 8:00 P.M.. A reception will follow at a private home, where guests can meet the artists. For more info. call Trudy Schwartz, at 875-8152.

Pre-Passover Workshop:

Join us for an afternoon of study and pre-Passover activity on **Sunday, April 13th**, at 1:30 P.M. at the Heschel School for adults and children of all ages. The workshop topics include: How to be Joyously Single in a Family Holiday, Counting the Omer, Preparing for Pesah, Text study of Miriam, Moses and Aaron, as well as the Music of Pesah with Ari Priven. See attached flier for further information, and to make reservations.

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.

The Annual BJ/SPSA Model Seder:

Our annual model seder, with congregation members from BJ, SPSA, and West Park Presbyterian, is a wonderful, enriching interfaith event, filled with discussion and song. It enables us to share with our Christian friends the meaning of the seder and themes of deliverance and freedom so central to the

Passover season and to Jewish liberation theology. Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein, along with cantor Ari Priven, will once again lead the model seder on **Tuesday, April 15th**, at 7:30 P.M. at 88th Street. Attendance is free, but seating is limited and is therefore for BJ members only.

Please call Lucy at the BJ office (787-7600) no later than Friday, April 11th for reservations. For any additional information, please call Katherine Kurs, BJ Interfaith Committee Chair, at 769-1102 (do not use Interfaith voicemail box).

Havdalah Groups:

Save **Saturday, April 26th** for a special study session and panel discussion sponsored by the Havdalah study groups in conjunction with the Archives Committee. See upcoming Kol Jeshurun for more details. Attention all Havdalah Groups! Please make sure at least one member of your group calls Ilene Richman (787-7970) for important information re: Havdalah Group meetings.

ONGOING EVENTS

Amnesty International Urgent Action Appeal: Albania:

Alfred Peza, legal correspondent for the newspaper Koha Jone, has been released by the Fier police, but was allegedly

severely tortured while in detention. Journalists in Albania are being threatened, including death threats, and a number have gone into hiding. Please see attached letter, and send.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Help Prepare for The Pesah Workshop!:

On **Thursday, April 3rd**, at 7:00 P.M. in the SPSA Parlor Room, all those interested in working together to prepare the children's program. Artistic talent needed! Call Felicia at 787-7600, ext. 244 for more information.

New Schedule for the Mommy and Daddy Minyan:

The FIRST Shabbat of every month we will be having a minyan (led by BJ member Michael Schram) for parents of children below the age of 2 who want to participate in an

intimate adult service in a baby friendly environment. Upcoming dates are **Saturday, April 5th**, and **Saturday, May 3rd**, at 11:00 A.M. in 86th St. Nursery.

Family Shabbat Service and Dinner:

The next Family Shabbat Service will be **Friday, April**

11th, at 5:45 P.M. at 86th Street. Following the service there will be a catered Shabbat dinner in the Social Hall. Seating is limited, and the deadline for registration is April 4th. Flyers can be found on the back table. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Shabbat through prayer, song and community building. Set up for the dinner will begin at 5:00 P.M. in the social hall, where all are welcome to decorate the tables (don't forget to bring in the tablecloths from last time), set the tables, and begin Shabbat with the lighting of candles.

Talent Search:

Do you have a talent you would like to share with the families of B'nai Jeshurun? Anyone who would like to tell a story, teach a dance, or do drama at our family Shabbat dinners, please call Felicia at x244.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Bob Baum and Merle Ginsburg are available during April to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Bob at 744-4773 or April 799-1378.

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.

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

Queens BJ Havurah:

Unfortunately, the March service is full. Please call Ken Karan at 718-268-1580 if you are interested in hosting either the April or May service.

Family Day in Central Park:

Join the BJ Environmental Committee and Shomrei Adamah/Keeper of the Earth for a fun filled day of games, stories and song in Central Park on **Sunday, March 30th**. For more information call 807-6376.

Art Exhibit:

BJ member Jill Nathanson will be exhibiting her paintings at the June Kelly Gallery (591 Bdwy) through April 2nd. The show includes abstract paintings and works that synthesize a form of Judaica with abstraction.

BJ Eastsiders:

Our next Shabbat home service and pot luck dinner will be **Friday, April 4th**; the service is at 7:00 P.M.; the dinner is at 8:30 P.M.. You may come to either or both. If you are not on our list, or if you are interested in leading services (we train), play music, host events, or serve as organizer of the month (help with callings, mailings...) please call Charlotte Schwab at 717-5234 (from 7:00-9:00 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays only).

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.

A Life in Poetry:

Yehuda Amichai, Israel's world renowned poet will read from his work **Tuesday, April 8th**, at 7:30 P.M. at SAJ (15 W. 86th). Call 724-7000 for more information.

Cantoral Recital:

Come hear BJ member and cantoral student Mark Perman in his senior masters recital, entitled Hasidut: A Spiritual and Musical Journey, on **Wednesday, April 9th** at 11:00 A.M. The recital will be held at Hebrew Union College, (*corner of W. 4th, & Bdwy*), in the chapel. Admission is free.

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.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Recycle: glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, steel and aluminum cans, aluminum foil and trays, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books and corrugated cardboard (flattened boxes) are recycled by the New York City Sanitation Department from residential addresses. In addition, white paper in office buildings is required to be recycled by private carters. If you can help us, please leave a message, at 787-7600 # 313.

Pasuk of The Week

“And I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit into you: I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh.”

(Ezekiel 36:26)

From the Haftarah for Shabbat Parah

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

PUBLIC LECTURE

PROFESSOR ERIC MEYERS

Professor of Religion

Duke University

In Memory of Rabbi Ben Zion and Professor Baruch M. Bokser

Jews, Christians and Pagans at Ancient Sepphoris

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
2:00 P.M.
WINGATE AUDITORIUM**

3080 BROADWAY, CORNER OF 122ND
NEW YORK, NY

The Kabbalah of Envy
a talk and book signing
by Rabbi Nilton Bonder

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 Sanctuary at SPSA.
Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

ALBANIA: THIS WEEK'S URGENT ACTION APPEAL CASE

Dr. Sali Berisha FAX; 01 1 355 4233761
President i Republikes se Shquiperise Zyra e Presidences,
Tirana
Republic of Albania.

Dear President Berisha;

I am gravely concerned about allegations that legal correspondent, Alfred Peza, was severely ill treated during his recent detention in Fier police station and urge that these allegations be promptly investigated and that any police officer found responsible be brought to justice. I am also concerned about reports of threats made against journalists, among them the journalist Frrok Cupi, and urge authorities to ensure that journalists are able to carry out their duties without fear of attack or intimidation from any quarter.

Respectfully,