



November 7 – November 13, 1997

Friday, November 7

BJ Singles Retreat	Poyntelle, PA
Family Shabbat Service and Dinner	5:45 PM – 86 th
Street	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 th
Street	
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Street	

Saturday, November 8

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86 th
Street	
Parashah: Lekh Lekha, Genesis 12:1 – 17:27 Pg. 91	
Triennial: Genesis 16:1 – 17:27 Pg. 110	
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16 Pg. 330	

Minyan Hazzanut (ages 8-12)	10:15 AM –
Chapel	

Children's Services (all ages)	10:45 AM –
Chapel	

Following the service these minyanim meet:

Minyan HaK'tanim (pre-K, ages 2-4)	Parlor Room
Minyan Gan Aleph (ages 5-7)	Board Room

Aliyat Hatan veKallah	Marc Intrater
and	
Pamela Ostroff	

	Howard Fishman and Elissa
Bickoff	

Naming of	Alexandra Natania Helen
Cephas	

Speaker:	Dr. Amy Robbins
	Staff Physician, Montifiore Medical
Center	

“Family Violence: A Survivor's Perspective”

Kiddush	Following
Services	

Sunday, November 9

BJ COTS Meeting	6:00 PM – 86 th
Street	
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless	86 th
Street	

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, November 10

Introduction to Judaism	6:30 PM – 88 th
Street	
Beit Midrash	6:30 PM – 88 th
Street	
Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM – 86 th
Street	

Tuesday, November 11

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Process with Rabbi Bronstein
6:30 PM – 88th

Street
Employment Bank Support Group 6:30 PM –
Montana Apartment

Building

Wednesday, November 12

Kesharim, Film: *The Dancer* 2:00 PM – 88th

Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook with Rabbi
Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th

Street

Thursday, November 13

Lunch Program 9:00 AM – 88th

Street
BJ Blood Drive 5:00 PM – 86th

Street
Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – 86th

Street
Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards
6:30 PM – 88th

Street

Next Week's Parashah: Vayera

Torah: Genesis 18:1 – 22:24 Pg. 122

Triennial: Genesis 21:1 – 22:24 Pg. 138

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 – 37 Pg. 334

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88th Street

Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Volunteer Opportunities of the Week

BJ Lunch Program

We are thrilled to announce that the BJ Lunch Program will resume on Thursdays beginning **November 13th**. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts to participate in this wonderful, friendly, intergenerational effort to feed the hungry. To volunteer, please call Pamela or Amy at x338.

BJ Blood Drive

On Thursday, **November 13th**, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM BJ will be holding its fifth Blood Drive at SPSA. Donors and volunteers are needed. To sign up call, Pamela Cohn Allen at (212) 799-9232 or Ben at the BJ Office, x241.

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 Paul Deards and Sonia Taitz, Emma, Gabriel, and Phoele Deards on the death of Paul's beloved father, Rikki Deards.

Mazal Tov To:

- Marc Intrater and Pamela Ostroff on their upcoming wedding.
- Howard Fishman and Elissa Bickoff on their upcoming wedding.
- Derrick, Donna and Rachel Cephas on the naming of their daughter and sister, Alexandra Natania Helen.
- The BJ Life kids, BJ's new post-B'nai Mitzvah educational program, for leading the Friday Evening Kiddush.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Sol and Vita Abrams for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Howard Fishman and Elissa Bickoff on the occasion of their upcoming wedding.
- Derrick and Donna Cephas for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of their daughter's naming.

The Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help

With the colder weather approaching, the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs additional people to staff the Shelter. Volunteers are needed to prepare light snacks, set up the Shelter, and, most urgently, to sleep over. Please call John Morris at (212) 479-6228 or Barbara Blumenthal at (212) 265-0396 to volunteer.

Appointments with Shoshana Dworsky

Our new Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky is available for counseling, questions, or just to chat, Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM and 5:00 – 7:00 PM or by appointment. You can reach her at x337.

Usher's Softball Game Postponed

The Usher's Trophy Game was postponed due to bad weather. It will be rescheduled for a spring date. Details will be provided in the Kol Jeshurun and the Ushers voicemail box, x305.

English Teachers Needed

Volunteers are needed to teach BJ's Russian maintenance staff English. If you can help, please, call Ben at x241.

Torah and Haftarah Cantillation Classes

Cantor Deborah Togut is offering classes in Torah cantillation Mondays 6:30 PM at the BJ Office and Thursdays 5:30 PM in members' homes. She is teaching Haftarah cantillation Mondays 7:45 PM and Thursdays 6:30 PM. To register and for more information, please call

Deborah at x341.

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Heshvan

This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **canned vegetables** for City Harvest. Food drop-off points will be at the BJ Offices at 100A West 89th Street, or at the Hebrew School at 270 West 89th Street. Please do not bring any donations to the synagogue. Thank you for your support.

If You Liked BJ Softball, You'll Love BJ Volleyball

BJ is joining Ansche Chesed in sponsoring a weekly evening of volleyball and schmoozing (preferably not at the same time!). We will play Tuesday nights, 7:30 – 10:00 at Ansche Chesed (251 West 100th Street, at West End Avenue) throughout the winter. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. All levels of skill welcome. For more info, call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390.

November 8th Beit Kafe Postponed

The **November 8th** Beit Kafe featuring *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust* has, regretfully, been postponed. The re-scheduled date will be announced.

Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund

Established in memory of our beloved Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer in 1993, the purpose of this annual award is to fund and support projects or activities that contribute to *tikkun olam* (healing the world). The Fund Committee is now considering grant proposals for 1997. The annual award is approximately \$2500 and will be given to organizations or individuals for either new or on-going projects. Requests, together with a description and history of the project, should be no more than 2-3 pages and must be submitted no later than **November 15th** to the Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund, c/o the BJ office.

Volunteers Needed!

Please join the Special Events Subcommittee of the Development Committee to assist with this year's Night of 100 Dinners, **January 31, 1998**. Please contact Ellen Litt at x307.

Helping Hands

Join your fellow BJ psychotherapists by donating your time to work with a child. School referrals for pro bono therapy in your office available. Call Trudy Schwartz at 875-8152.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dialogue on Heschel

This year's Nostra Aetate Dialogue, cosponsored by the JCC of the Upper West Side, entitled "Abraham Joshua Heschel: Prophet of Social Activism," and featuring Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Susannah Heschel and Reverend Daniel Berrigan, will be held on Monday, **November 10th** at 6 PM at Fordham University's Pope Auditorium, Columbus Avenue and 60th Street. Admission is free.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Process

On three Tuesday evenings, **November 11th, 18th, and 25th**, from 6:30-8:00 PM at 88th Street, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein is offering a workshop for parents of 7th graders to help make the Bar/Bat Mitzvah a meaningful Jewish experience. This is a rare opportunity for parents to explore the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process with Marcelo, and to get to know other BJ parents who are going through the same experience with their children. There is no charge for this workshop. Please note that this is an important supplement to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah workshops offered for parents and children by the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School during the 6th grade.

Kesharim

On Wednesday, **November 12th** at 2:00 PM we will watch the film, *The Dancer*. Following the movie will be a discussion about life choices.

Support Human Rights in East Timor and Indonesia

Jews Against Genocide, Amnesty International, and the East Timor Action Network, along with numerous other human rights organizations, are sponsoring a rally in support of self-determination for East Timor on **November 12th**, 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Indonesian Consulate, 5 East 68th Street (between 5th and Madison Aves.). For more information, call Eileen Weiss at Jews Against Genocide, (212) 496-4550 or the East Timor Action Network at (718) 788-6071 or Kairos Community at (212) 234-2447.

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat

Join us for our next catered communal Shabbat dinner on **November 14th**, following the 6:00 PM service when we will be led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg and our new Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky. You may make a reservation by filling out the form at the back of this Kol Jeshurun and sending it with a check in the appropriate amount to the BJ office, noting that it is for the November 14th dinner. To volunteer, or for more info, call x304.

BJ Members Residing in New Jersey

Let's get to know each other. A special table has been reserved for us at the Shabbat B'Yachad Dinner at 88th Street on **November 14th**, immediately following the 6:00

PM Shabbat Service. Please RSVP using the form found in the Kol Jeshurun. Make sure to indicate on your form that you would like to sit at the New Jersey table.

Singles Square Dance

There will be a square dance Sunday, **November 16th**, at 7:30 PM at Ansche Chesed (100th St. & W.E.A.) co-sponsored by Ansche Chesed and BJ. Admission is \$10 for BJ & AC members, and \$15 for non-members. No advance registration is needed. Volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer for this event only, call Michael Brochstein at (212) 678-7881. Do not call after 9:00 PM or on Shabbat.

"What Do I Want To Be When I Grow UP?"

A crash course on identifying your career direction. The Employment Bank presents the first in its fall/winter Career Development Series on Monday, **November 17th** at 7:00 PM in the SPSA Parlor Room. (Note the date change from the original November 12th). Working with you to answer this perplexing question is noted Career Management Counselor and author, Ruth Shapiro. This 90-minute workshop will be interactive and concentrate on methods and exercises Don't miss this free seminar if you're ready to move forward in your life! Open to members and non-members. Register at x315 or bjempbank@webtv.net. Flyers are available at the back table.

Don't Forget to Remember

On **November 18th** at 8:00 PM at 88th Street, there will be an evening of study and discussion on the toll of memory and the blessing of remembrance: the Post-Holocaust Jewish experience with Amichai Lau-Lavie, and Ambassador Naphtali Lau-Lavi. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (212) 780-4704.

Megiddo: Uncovering Ancient Secrets

On Wednesday, **November 19th**, the Israel Committee is pleased to co-sponsor with the American Friends of Tel Aviv University a presentation by two renowned Israeli archeologists on their ongoing excavation of the ancient city of Megiddo. The program will be held in the **88th Street Frankel Hall**. Light snacks will be served at 6:30; the program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Admission is free.

Singles Shabbat Catered In-Home Dinner

Sign ups are now closed for the singles "at-home" dinners, to be held on Friday, **November 21st**, immediately following the 6:45 PM service. If you have already sent in your registration, your host will contact you early the week of the dinner (or we will notify you if we cannot accommodate you).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

BJCOTS will meet this Sunday, **November 9th** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at SPSA. Please bring \$20 – we're collecting money so we can have a food fund for the year. All those working on the newspaper will meet at 5:30. See you then. BJCOTs is the B'nai Jeshurun Council of Teens, and teens in 8th grade and above are encouraged to join. Call Felicia at x244 for more information. Also, save **November 14th – 16th** for the Teen Retreat. Don't miss this opportunity to go away with the teens of BJ, Susan Bodner, Felicia and Roly. Cost is \$150 for the bus, food, a place to sleep, and an excellent time. Call Felicia for info.

Teen Leaders/Counselors Needed

On **December 6th**, B'nai Jeshurun will be inviting all kids between the kindergarten and 6th grade (7th graders will be asked to be assistants) for a Shabbat afternoon of fun and games, concluding with Havdalah. All teenagers of BJ are invited to be leaders for this first time event. The kids will be broken into different age groups and we will plan games, races, activities etc. We will hold 2 more programs like this during the year...and then there are the BJ Retreats in the spring, for which you can also be counselors. If you are interested, please come to a meeting on **November 11th** at 7:30 PM in the conference room at the BJ Office – 100A West 89th Street. Call Felicia at x244 to let her know if you can come, or if you can't come but are interested.

BJ's Junior Youth Group

Save the Date: **November 16th!** The BJ Junior Youth Group will be holding its 3rd event. Almost 20 5th and 6th graders have had pizza and celebrated Havdalah together, gone ice-skating and rollerblading at Chelsea Piers, and now it is time

to give a little to others. Come make dinner for the BJ Shelter on **November 16th** from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Location to be announced. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 to RSVP.

Just for Kids!

Join the kids of BJ (grades kindergarden through 7) for a Shabbat afternoon of fun and games on **December 6th**, 3:30 – 5:30 PM at 86th Street. 7th graders are asked to be helpers and need to call x6. Parents are invited to join us for Havdalah at 5:00 PM. Please RSVP at x6.

Family Service and Dinner

Every month, BJ offers a special Family Service at 5:45 PM at 86th Street, geared toward children 2nd grade and under, followed by a catered Family Shabbat dinner. Part of making Shabbat a joyous experience is celebrating together. The next Family Service and Dinner will be Friday, **December 12th**. Call Felicia at x244 for more information. Flyers can be found on the back table.

A Moment to Receive Shabbat with the Rabbis

While the once-a-month Family Service caters to children in 2nd grade and below, we encourage children in 3rd grade and above to attend the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. This year we will inaugurate a new weekly ritual. At 5:45 PM in the Frankel Hall, all children in grades 3-7 will be invited to spend a special moment with the rabbi(s) who is/are leading the service. The time will be spent sharing a moment together in preparation for receiving Shabbat. We hope this sacred time will foster a connection with the rabbis, and help create community amongst the children.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Sara Litt and Jay Kramer are available during November to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Sara at 877-7987 or Jay at 753-5420.

Expanded Rabbinate, No Waiting!

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Mark Sameth (x319), by appointment and Tami Crystal (x334) by appointment, Mon.-Thurs. afternoons and evenings. Please 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, x320.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Interfaith Relationship Support Group

Are you involved in or considering being involved in an interfaith relationship? Are you dealing with issues related

to

interfaith? You are not alone. If you are interested in speaking with people who are dealing with similar issues, please call Marcy Pace at (212) 496-6407.

Film Screening

Filmmaker and BJ member Myriam Abramowicz’s award-winning documentary film on the rescue of Jewish children in Belgium during WWII, *As if it Were Yesterday*, will be shown at the Barnard campus of Columbia University on Sunday **November 9th** at 6:30 PM A discussion with Myriam will follow the screening.

Artists’ Panel on Family Violence

Esther (E.M.) Broner, noted author and BJ member will be moderating a panel of American and Israeli artists participating in Hebrew Union College’s Rage and Resolution art exhibition, From Family Violence to Healing. Sunday, **November 9th**, 3:00 PM at the HUC-Brookdale Center, 1 West 4th Street. For information, call (212) 824-2205. Sponsored by UJA-Federation’s Task Force on Family Violence.

Jews of the South

The *Jewish Week* is sponsoring a literary forum celebrating the Southern Jewish experience, featuring Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Alfred Uhry (*Diving Miss Daisy*) and noted author Eli Evans (*The Provincials*) and moderated by

BJ member Sandee Brawarsky, *Jewish Week* book critic, on Wednesday, **November 12th**, 7:00 PM, Park East Synagogue, 164 East 68th Street. The event is free, but reservations are necessary. Call (212) 843-9239.

Infertility Support Network

BJ members meet regularly to exchange knowledge and support, and to explore IUI, IVF/GIFT, Adoption, Social, Medical, and Jewish issues. The next meeting will take place on **November 13th** with speaker Diane Becker, Director of the Mind-Body Infertility Program. Because there is a speaker, it will cost \$10 per person for this meeting only. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. For more information or to attend Diane’s workshop, please call Patty at x240.

Israeli Art Expo

BJ member Seth Kaller is hosting the Israeli Art Expo, and an exhibit of original letters of David Ben-Gurion, Albert Einstein and others, through **November 23rd** at Kaller’s America Gallery at Macy’s, Herald Square Balcony Level. Call 494-1776 for information

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Paper, plastic and styrofoam packaging wastes natural resources and contributes to our garbage crisis. Buy food and other products with the least amount of packaging available.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pesukim of The Week

“Adonai said to Abram, ‘Go forth from you native land and from your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, And I will bless you; I will make your name great, And you shall be a blessing.’”
(Genesis 12:1 – 2)

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