



December 12 – December 18, 1997

Friday, December 12

Family Service and Dinner 5:45 PM – 88th
Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th
Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th
Street
Oneg Shabbat Following Services – 86th
Street

Saturday, December 13

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th
Street
Parashah: Vayishlah, Genesis 32:4 – 36:43 Pg. 217
Triennial: Genesis 35:16 – 36:43 Pg. 233
Haftarah: Hosea 11:7 – 12:12 Pg. 349

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

Naming of Joshua Harris Jacobson

Kiddush Following Services – 86th
Street

New and Expecting Parents Luncheon

Following Services – 86th Street

Teen Dance Party 8:00 PM – 88th
Street

Singles Night at the Theatre 6:15 PM –
Theatre East, 211 East 60th Street

Sunday, December 14

Bet B'Yachad 10:00 AM – 88th
Street
BJCOTs Cancelled this
week

Monday, December 15

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th

Street
Monday, & Thursday nights.
Introduction to Judaism 6:30 PM – 88th
Street
Beit Midrash 6:30 PM – 88th
Street
Shelter Holiday Party 7:15 PM – 86th
Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th
Street

Tuesday, December 16

Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th
Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th
Street
Tuesday & Wednesday nights.
Volunteerism vs. Professionalism with Rabbi Bronstein
6:30 PM – 88th Street

Wednesday, December 17

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th
Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook with Rabbi Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th
Street
Love and the Kabbalah with Rabbi David Aaron
7:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Thursday, December 18

Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th
Street
BJLIFE (BJ's Post B'nai Mitzvah Program) 5:00
PM
Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – 86th
Street
Pre-Hanukkah Happening 5:45 PM – 88th
Street

Next Week's Parashah: Vayeshev
Torah: Genesis 37:1 – 40:23 Pg. 244
Triennial: Genesis 39:1 – 40:23 Pg. 257
Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8 Pg. 352

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN
Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Kislev
This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **Shabbat and/or Hanukah candles** for Dorot. 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

Donate a Book

Come to BJ's Pre-Hanukkah Happening at 88th Street on **December 18th** at 5:45 PM and bring a board book for infants to 4-year-olds to donate to children in a new literacy program at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital Clinic. Then stay for study, singing, dancing, refreshments, and fun!

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 BJ members and their families:

- Gene, Laurel, Sasha, and Rachel Eisner on the death of Laurel's beloved father, Meyer Weinstein.
- Aaron, Marcia, Dahlia, and Elan Naveh on the death of Aaron's beloved mother, Elka Weisman.

Mazal Tov To:

- Jennifer and Eric Chait, Sheldon Ostro, Lawrence and Phyllis Chait, Mollie Ostrowsky, Randy Ostro, and Stephanie and C.J. Waskiewicz on the birth of their son, grandson, great-grandson, and nephew, Evan Andrew Chait.
- Howard Jacobson and Kathryn Wolfson, Jennifer and Erica Jacobson, on the naming of their son and brother, Joshua Harris Jacobson.
- David Brune and his entire family on his becoming a member of the Jewish People.
- Warren Kozak and Lisa Krenzel on their recent engagement.
- Rabbi Mark Finkel and Abby Rosen on their recent engagement.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Howard Jacobson and Kathryn Wolfson for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of the naming of their son, Joshua Harris Jacobson.
- Warren Kozak and Lisa Krenzel for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of their recent engagement.
- The BJ SHARE-A-WALK Team. BJ mobilized quickly and was very well represented at SHARE's seventh annual walk to raise funds for and awareness of breast and ovarian cancer programs. Over 50 people participated in a BJ minyan at Bethesda Fountain, collected sponsorship from 262 people, and raised over \$4,000. A group of people from the congregation and the Bikkur Holim and Social Action Committees are planning follow-up.

Apartment Needed

A senior, out-of-town couple wishes to be near their daughter who is ill. They are seeking an apartment close to BJ for intermittent use now and in the foreseeable future (please inquire of friends who may be away for all or part of the winter). Call and leave a message at (212) 724-9197.

Help Make BJCOTs Annual Toy Drive a Success!

BJCOTs is collecting toys for boys and girls, ages 4 to 12, at the Grosvenor Neighborhood House. Toys should be new, wrapped in Hanukkah paper, and securely marked with the appropriate age and sex. No guns or weapons, please; if your toy is a doll, an ethnic doll would be appreciated. Drop off toys at Shabbat services from **December 12th** through **January 10th** or at the BJ Hebrew School from **December 8th** through **January 8th**.

Two Hours a Month, Two Hundred Mitzvah Points

For several years, we have provided a monthly brunch for people with AIDS at St. Luke's Hospital. The committee needs your help – we are looking for a coordinator and volunteers to assume responsibility for this extremely worthwhile project. It's the first Sunday of every month and all it takes is some phone calling, menu planning, and volunteer coordination. Please call Patty at x240 to discuss the project in greater detail and to arrange a meeting with the current committee leaders.

The Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter has returned to the Synagogue at 88th Street on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. With the colder weather approaching, we need 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.

Modern Hebrew

Join our on-going beginner and intermediate levels of Modern Hebrew with a Touch of Israeli Culture. Beginners: Thursdays, 8:00 PM; Intermediate: Thursdays: 6:30 PM. Morning classes are being organized. Call Michal Nachmany at (212) 865-4050.

Hanukkah Gift for BJ Music Lovers

The CD *Celestial Wedding*, by the Israeli musical group Sheva, one of whose members performed at Friday Evening Services on November 7th, is available for purchase at the BJ office for \$18. A perfect gift for Hanukkah, this CD features the popular song "Salaam" (Od Yavo Shalom). If you would like to purchase one, bring a check or cash to the office, but call (212) 787-7600 first to check on availability.

Help a Young Child Become a Reader

The BJ/PS 166 Tutoring Program is in need of tutors to work individually with children who need help in reading. Training, materials and supervision will be provided. We need volunteers who can to teach on Mondays (12:30 – 1:30) and/or Wednesdays (12:30 – 1:30). Please call Audrey Sieger at (212) 595-8756 or Beth Handler (212) 316 –1168.

Volleyball Players Wanted

(Experience helpful but not necessary). BJ has joined Anshe Chesed in sponsoring a weekly evening of volleyball. We play every Tuesday night – through rain or snow or gloom of night, 7:30 – 10:00 at Anshe Chesed

UPCOMING EVENTS

You Asked for it, You Got it!

The Singles and Membership Committees of B'nai Jeshurun cordially invite you to an Oneg Shabbat after the late service this Friday, **December 12th**. Please join us in the Social Hall of SPSA where you will have the opportunity to meet and eat, as well as learn more about the BJ community and the sanctity of membership.

The Holocaust and Reparations

The Training Institute for Mental Health presents the Milton Kestenberg Holocaust Memorial Lecture, "The Holocaust and Reparations: Political, Legal and Psychological Issues." The lecture will take place on Sunday, **December 14th**, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at the Stern Auditorium of Mt. Sinai Hospital (Madison Ave. and 100th St.). Participants include New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney, Ursula Duba, Saul Kagan, Rabbi Israel Singer, Menachem Rosensaft, and Dr. Eva Fogelman. For more information, call (212) 889-0870. Fee: \$30, senior citizens and students \$25.

Attention Homeless Shelter Volunteers

If Hanukkah is coming . . . so is our annual Holiday Party! Monday evening, **December 15th** – please reserve the date. All volunteers or perspective volunteers are welcome. Please arrive by 7:15 PM and bring a desert to share (4-6 people) for the pastry table. This is a chance for all of us to share with our guests a festive meal, songs, and conversation. The party will be held in the SPSA social hall. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Bernard at (212) 724-5168.

Come Volunteer and Hear the Rottenberg Chorale

The famous Rottenberg Chorale will be presenting a Hanukkah concert on Tuesday, **December 16th** at 7:00 PM at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Volunteers are needed to serve cookies and soda at the reception after the 45-minute program and to help the residents and patients of the Home

(251 West 100th Street, at WEA) throughout the winter. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. All levels of skill and relationship status welcome. For more info, or to confirm if we are playing on any particular Tuesday, call BJ member Craig Sumberg on Tuesday at (212) 787-1390.

"meet the artists." Please come at 6:45 PM for 90 minutes to help the residents enjoy a great concert and enjoy it yourself. To sign up, please call Tami Crystal at (212) 870-4959.

Kesharim

At our next session, Wednesday, **December 17th**, Kesharim is going on the road to the Council Senior Center at 241 West 72nd Street for a Hanukkah Party. We will meet at the Center. Kesharim is going on a two-week vacation beginning **December 24th**. We will resume **January 7, 1998**. Everyone is welcome at Kesharim, and there is always discussion and refreshments.

Pre-Hanukkah Happening

Join the BJ community on Thursday, **December 18th**, 5:45 PM at 88th Street for an evening of study, singing, dancing, food and fun. Please bring a board book for infants to 4 year-olds to donate to children in a new literacy program at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital Clinic. For more information, see the flyer at the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

Neshama Carlebach

BJ welcomes Neshama Carlebach and Friends for a wonderful pre-Hanukkah concert, Saturday, **December 20th**, 7:30 PM at 88th Street. Neshama's musical "soul" comes from her father, Reb Shlomo Carlebach, and her own style is a blend of a variety of musical traditions. Tickets are \$15. See the flyer at the back of this Kol Jeshurun.

Adult Education

In January, two new adult education classes will begin. The first, Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL), taught by Marla Berkowitz, will start on **January 8, 1998** at 7:00 PM and run for 8 Thursdays. The second, Meeting Martin Buber, taught by Steven Stulman, will start on **January 11, 1998** at 10:30 AM and will run for 6 Sundays. Call x300 for more information.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Swinging Singles!

Get into the swing on **December 14th**! BJ and Anshe Chesed pair up for a night of Swing dancing. Bring your dancing shoes to Anshe Chesed (100th and WEA). Instruction by Dance Pro Debbie Elkins from 7:30 – 8:30 PM then open dancing till 10:00 PM. Cost: \$10 BJ/AC members; \$15 non-members. No pre-registration necessary but admission limited to first 150 people.

Love and the Kabbalah

On Wednesday, **December 17th**, the Singles Committee hosts a lecture – followed by a book signing and a wine and cheese reception – by Rabbi David Aaron, author of *Endless Light: The Ancient Path of the Kabbalah to Love, Spiritual Growth, and Personal Power*. Rabbi Aaron interprets Jewish texts with particular emphasis on questions of how to live a meaningful life and the process of love. The program to be held at the Montana, Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets, begins at 7:30 PM. \$10 members, \$15 non-

members.

Singles Shabbat Dinner

BJ Singles will hold their next catered Shabbat dinner on Friday, **December 19th** at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service. The cost is \$20 for BJ members; \$25 for non-members (priority is given to members and is on a first come, first serve basis as space is limited). Please send your check, marked "12/19 Singles Dinner" to the BJ Office. Please include a day and evening phone number, email

address and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by noon on Monday, **December 15th**. No exceptions can be made. You will only be contacted if we cannot accommodate you. For more information, call x306.

Singles Trip to Israel

Save the Date for the first BJ Singles Trip to Israel, tentatively **May 7 – 17, 1998**. Details to follow.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

New and Expecting Parents

The next New and Expecting Parents Luncheon will be in the Parlor Room at SPSA, Saturday, **December 13th** following Shabbat morning services. Please bring lunch for you and your family and arrive by 12:45 PM. Call Judith Kahn at (212) 769-3681 for more information.

B'nai Jeshurun Council of Teens, and teens in 8th grade and above are encouraged to join. Call Felicia at x244 for info.

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, **January 9, 1998** and reservations are honored on a first come first served basis. Call Felicia at x244 for more information. Flyers can be found on the back table.

BJCOTs

BJCOTs will have their first Dance Party this Saturday, **December 13th** at 88th Street at 8:00 PM. All teens are welcome. We will not meet on Sunday, **December 14th**. The next BJCOTs meeting will be Sunday, **January 4, 1998** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. BJCOTs is the

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Liz Stern and Herb Levy are available during December to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Liz at (212) 724-1904 or Herb at (212) 370-4950.

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.

Expanded Rabbinate, No Waiting!

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Mark Sameth (x319), by appointment Wed. afternoons, Tami Crystal (x334) by appointment, Mon.-Thurs. afternoons and evenings, and Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky (x337), Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM and 5:00 – 7:00 PM or by appointment. Please call.

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.

New to BJ?

If you are unfamiliar with our services and would like to sit with someone who can help orient you, our ushers would be happy to direct you to such a person.

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

Divorce Support Group for Men

In response to the great discussions that began on the Single's Retreat, a new support group is forming at BJ for divorced men. Please call Harvey Friedman at 787-8233 to participate or if you would like further information.

Older Adult Psychotherapy

The highly trained, caring staff of OATS (Older Adult Treatment Service) Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, dedicated to the mental health and well being of adults over age 60, can provide psychotherapy at a clinic, private offices, or your home. Medicare accepted. Call Laura Clines at (212) 333-3444

New Book, New Play

BJ member Arthur Sainer's *New Radical Theatre Notebook* is in bookstores now. His play, *The Burning Out of 82*, set on the beach at Wellfleet and the Soviet Gulag, has opened and is running through **December 20th**. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, 8:00 PM, and Sunday, **December 14th** at the Theater for the New City, First Avenue, between 9th and 10th Streets. Tickets are \$10; for reservations, call (212) 254-1109.

Museum on the Move: Have Fun, will Travel!

Come to *From Home to Home: Jewish Immigration to America*, and interactive children's exhibit, geared to 7 – 12 year-olds at the 92nd Street Y (1395 Lexington Ave.), Sunday, **December 14th**, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Cost is \$4 per person; call (212) 415-5600 for more information.

Being Jewish

In *A Symposium on Being Jewish*, filmmaker Jonathan Perlman travels around the world speaking with renowned Jewish poets, philosophers, theologians, and public figures. Some of these segments feature our beloved Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer. The second part of the film will be shown on WLIW, Channel 21 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM on Sunday **December 14th**.

Holocaust Stories

BJ member Rachel Wineberg is co-directing *Holocaust Stories*, a haunting dance/theater production conceived and choreographed by Gabriella Lansner, text by Bertolt Brecht and Cynthia Ozick. Performance dates are Wednesday **December 17th** – Saturday **December 20th** at 8:00 PM and Sunday, **December 21st** at 4:00 PM at HERE, 145 Sixth Avenue (South of Spring Street at Dominick). Tickets: \$12. Call for reservations: (212) 647-0202.

BJ NJ Hanukkah Party

BJ members from New Jersey will be holding a Pre-Hanukkah Party on **December 21st** at 4:00 PM at the home of Ellen Landsberger in Fort Lee. All are welcome. If you are interested, call Ellen at (201) 944-3934.

Rabbi Nilton Bonder

The Blanton-Peale Counseling Center is sponsoring a lecture and luncheon featuring Rabbi Nilton Bonder, author of the *Kabbalah of Money* and the *Kabbalah of Envy*, on "Livelihood, Business, and all Forms of Economic Behavior," and "Transforming Hatred, Anger, and Other Negative Emotions." Wednesday, **January 7, 1998**, 10:30 AM, 3 West 29th Street. There is no cost for the lecture, but a voluntary contribution will be accepted for Rabbi Bonder. An optional kosher lunch (\$12) will follow the lecture. RSVP to (212) 725-7850, x106 by December 30th. For more information, call BJ member Rabbi Karen Sussan at (914) 342-5511, x3645.

BJ Eastsiders

BJ Eastsiders is having a musicale on Sunday, **January 11, 1998** from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the home of one of our members. The program will include performances by members of our havurah, such as Shari Wagner, a professional jazz singer and acoustic guitarist, Richard Seaman, a pianist/composer/singer, Gail Buchwald, and Barry Carman, a pianist. Homemade refreshments will be served. Donation to cover the cost is \$10. For reservations, location, payment, and more info, please call Charlotte Schwab at (212) 717-5234 any evening but Shabbat, between 7:00 and 9:00 PM ONLY. You do not need to be a member of our havurah to attend. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

To keep you refrigerator at maximum energy efficiency, clean the cooling coils and defrost regularly.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pesukim of the Week

"So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Rid yourselves of the alien gods in your midst, purify yourselves, and change your clothes. Come, let us go up to Bethel, and I will build an alter there to the God who answered me when I was in distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.'" (Genesis 35:2-3)

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