



January 2 – January 8, 1998

Friday, January 2
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th
 Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th
 Street

Saturday, January 3
Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th
 Street
Parashah: Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 – 47:27 Pg. 281
Triennial: Genesis 46:28 – 47:27 Pg. 294
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28 Pg. 357

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 Allison Mae Boyar

Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group
 5:00 PM – 430 West 119th Street (at Amsterdam Ave.), #47

Sunday, January 4
BJ/St. Luke's Brunch 11:00 AM – 86th
 Street
BJCOTs 6:00 PM – 86th
 Street

Monday, January 5
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

Tuesday, January 6
Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th
 Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th

Street
 Tuesday & Wednesday nights.
Opening Your Inner Eye with Arthur Green 7:30 PM
 –
 Congregation Ansche Chesed, 251 West 100th Street

Wednesday, January 7
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th
 Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook with Rabbi Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th
 Street

Thursday, January 8
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th
 Street
Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – 86th
 Street
Introduction to ASL 7:00 PM – The Heschel School

Next Week's Parashah: Vayehi
Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26 Pg. 302
Triennial: Genesis 49:27 – 50:26 Pg. 310
Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 12 Pg. 359

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/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch
 The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **January 4th** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. Volunteers, food donations, and entertainers are needed. Food donations will be picked up at SPSA (86th Street side) between 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Please call Hella Moritz at (212) 288-1846 for more information.

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Tevet
 This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **Cans and Boxes of Soup** for City Harvest. 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. ||

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:

- P'ninah Stein on the death of her beloved grandmother, Janet Gussin.
- Shoshana Avner on the death of her beloved uncle, Mordecai Lichtenstein.
- Robin Sacknoff Glasser on the death of her beloved mother, Lillian Sacknoff.
- Rachel Yehoshua on the death of her beloved mother, Malka Yehoshua.

Mazal Tov To:

- Eric, Debbie, Matthew, and Jeremy Lerner on the birth of their son and brother, Daniel Jack.
- Gabriel and Katherine Boyar on the naming of their daughter, Allison Mae.
- Mark Kurlansky and Marion Mass on their recent engagement.

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 **January 2nd** through **January 10th** or at the BJ Hebrew School from **January 5th** through **January 8th**.

BJ Choir

If you are interested in being a part of the Choir, come to our auditions on Monday, **January 19th** and **26th** at 7:45 PM in the Sanctuary of SPSA.

Purim Play Alert

Creative types needed to either write or rewrite the Purim play. Also, musical composers are needed for possible

original music. Rehearsals will start the end of January. Look in next week's Kol Jeshurun for audition dates. Call Joanie Siegel at (212) 587-6918 for further information.

Night of 100 Dinners

Please join the Special Events Subcommittee of the Development Committee to assist with this year's Night of 100 Dinners, **January 31, 1998**. Hosts as well as volunteers are still urgently needed to help at beverage stations and front door check-in. For more information, see the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

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.

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 (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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Education

Two new adult education classes are about to begin. The first, Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL), taught by Marla Berkowitz, will start on **January 8, 1998** at 7:00 PM at the Heschel School and run for 8 Thursdays. The

second, Meeting Martin Buber, taught by Steven Stulman, will start on **January 11, 1998** at 10:30 AM at 151 Central Park West, #3W and will run for 6 Sundays. Call x300 for more information.

Remembering Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

On Monday, **January 12th**, join B'nai Jeshurun for the Commemoration of the Fourth Yahrzeit of our beloved Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer. The program will begin at 8:00 PM at the synagogue at 88th Street and will include special guest Robert Cox, former Editor of the *Buenos Aires Herald*.

Career Change: Overcoming Barriers & Forging Ahead

Many people experience 2, 3 or more entirely different careers in their lifetime. The transition time in-between can often be lengthy and confusing until the new career emerges. Career management experts, Leslie Ziegler, CSW, and Wendy Landers-Lee, will help you move forward as they lead a workshop on the emotional, psychological and pragmatic aspects of career change. **January 14th** in SPSA's Parlor room. \$5 donation to BJ requested. RSVP to (212) 787-7600 x315.

Remembering the Message of Abraham Joshua Heschel

To mark the 25th Yahrzeit of Abraham Joshua Heschel, a series of activities is planned for the Shabbat of **January 16th – 17th**. Professor Susannah Heschel will join us for a communal Shabbat meal following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. Reservations are required and space is limited. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. If you would like to sign up, please send a check to the BJ

Office with the names of all those in your party, marking on the check that it is for the "1/16 Dinner." No telephone reservations will be accepted. Rabbi Arthur Waskow, of the Shalom Center will give the Dvar Torah during Shabbat morning services. Shabbat evening and morning services as well as Shabbat dinner will be ASL interpreted. For more information call Marla Berkowitz at (212) 396-9672 TTY (Relay (800) 421-1220). On Shabbat afternoon, at 4:30 PM, Professor Edward Kaplan of Brandeis University will give a lecture on "The Poetics of A.J. Heschel" at 88th Street followed by Havdalah and a video presentation. After Shabbat, at around 5:45 PM, there will be a panel featuring the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Senator Paul Wellstone and Professor Susannah Heschel. Call x304.

Shabbat Luncheon with Rabbi Mychal Springer

Please join us for a catered communal Shabbat lunch on **January 24th** in the 88th Street Social Hall following services. We will be joined by Rabbi Mychal Springer, Assistant Director of the Department of Pastoral Care and Education at Beth Israel Medical Center and Associate Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education at the Health Care Chaplaincy. To attend, please fill out the form in this Kol Jeshurun and mail it to the BJ Office ASAP, as space is limited. No phone reservations will be accepted. For further information or to volunteer, call x304.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Gonna Rock This Town!

On Saturday, **January 10th** from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM, the BJ Singles Committee and Ansche Chesed will be co-sponsoring an evening of good old-fashioned Rock 'n Roll at Ansche Chesed (100th St. & WEA). The dance will feature the live band Sami Feldman & The Bluesberry Jam,

and a DJ. The cost is \$15 BJ/AC members; \$20 non-members. Refreshments (including free beer) will be available. No reservations are necessary, but volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer for this event only, call Michael at (212) 678-7881, but please do not call after 9:00 PM or on Shabbat.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTs

The BJCOTs will resume their Sunday meetings on **January 4th** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. We'll be having pizza, so if you haven't brought in the \$20 for the food fund, please do so. The BJCOTs will also be visiting Grosvenor House, a settlement house on the Upper West Side, on Monday, **January 12th**. We'll be meeting at the Hebrew School at 4:00 PM. For more information about BJ's Council of Teens, please call Felicia at x244.

Family Shabbatot

The next Family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held on **January 9th** at 5:45 PM. Join us for an informal Kabbalat Shabbat service in the sanctuary at 86th Street (recommended for families with children 2nd grade and below) filled with singing, discussion and storytelling with one of the rabbis and Felicia. Following the service there is a catered family style dinner in the Frankel Hall at **88th Street**. Flyers can be found on the back table.

New and Expecting Parents

Started in early 1997, the group provides a wonderful forum for sharing the magical, alarming, aspects of early parenthood. The next New and Expecting Parents meeting will be held on Saturday, **January 10th** in the Parlor Room at SPSA, following Shabbat morning services. Please arrive no later than 12:45 PM and bring a lunch for you and your family. All people who are expecting a baby or who have a child below the age of one are invited to attend. Call Judith Kahn at (212) 769-3681 for more information.

BJ's Junior Youth Group

The junior youth group is in full swing! All fifth and sixth graders are encouraged to join this amazing group which has fun, does *gemilut hasadim* and celebrates Shabbat together. On Sunday, **January 11th** the Junior Youth Group will be taking a trip to the Lower East Side. They will visit the Tenement Museum and have dinner at a kosher deli. The cost is \$19 per person. Call Daniel Barash for more info and to RSVP at (212) 388-2918.

Attention Parents of 7th Graders!

We'd like to introduce you to BJLIFE, our post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah educational program and give you information on how your children can participate next year. Come to an open house sponsored by the parents of BJ 8th graders

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Ron Taffel and Judy Love are available during January to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Ron at (212) 877-9680 or Judy at (212) 724-5303.

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.

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.

participating in BJLIFE. The open house is on Tuesday evening, **January 27th** at 7:30 PM at the home of Robin Fleischner, 11 Riverside Drive (entrance on 73rd Street between West End and Riverside), Apt. 14MW, (212) 874-1775.

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

Sibling Bereavement Group

The HealthCare Chaplaincy, a multifaith pastoral education center for health-related spiritual care, is offering a Sibling Bereavement Group, beginning Thursday, January 29th. The group will provide an opportunity to find comfort and support with others who are also grieving the loss of a sibling, and to share thoughts and emotions in a safe, supportive environment as you proceed through grief toward healing. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please call the group leader, BJ member Lin Saberski, at (212) 630-1069 (work) or (212) 678-6393 (home).

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

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 7th**, 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.

Children of Holocaust Survivors Group

The December 11th meeting of Children of Holocaust Survivors (CHS) was so well attended that, starting in January, the group will meet on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of every month (generally). People may choose to attend only Tuesdays or Thursdays, or come to both if they wish. CHS is open to anyone whose parents were refugees, hidden children or camp detainees. If you are curious whether your experiences as a child of Holocaust survivors were shared by others, and you are willing to share those experiences in a comfortable, healing environment, then please come! The next meetings will be on Tuesday, **January 8th** and Thursday **January 20th** at 7:00 PM. Please call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for locations or questions.

BJ Eastsiders

BJ Eastsiders is having a musicale on Sunday, **January 11th** 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. For more information, see the flyer at the

back of this Kol Jeshurun. Our next home service and organized potluck dinner will be Friday, **January 16th** at 7:00 PM. If you are on our list, you received a mailing with information about how to reserve. If you are not on our list and wish to join us, please call Charlotte Schwab at (212) 717-5234. Please call only from 7:00 – 9:00 PM any evening but Shabbat.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Recycle motor oil. Bring used motor oil to service stations that change oil or to large retailers that sell oil. They are required to accept up to five gallons at no charge.

This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pesukim of the Week

“Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants and he cried out, ‘Have everyone withdraw from me!’ So there was no one else about when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. His sobs were so loud that the Egyptians could hear, and so the news reached Pharaoh’s palace.”

(Genesis 45:1-2)

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Don't Miss Out on BJ's 2nd Annual Night of 100 Dinners
Saturday January 31, 1998

We have an exciting evening planned. Cocktails, dinner, desert, dancing and a fantastic silent auction. Some items included are tickets to New York sporting events, a weekend getaway, Grammy tickets, and a catered dinner for four.



Invitations have been mailed, please respond quickly.

If you are not a member, we would love to have you. What a wonderful opportunity to meet BJ members and feel a part of our community! Invitations can be found in the rear of the sanctuary or at the BJ office.

Hosts and volunteers for the evening are still needed to assist at beverage stations and front door check-in.

Please contact Ellen Litt at (212) 787-7600 x307 with further questions regarding this event.