



January 23 – January 29, 1998

Friday, January 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street

Gimmel Class Shabbat Dinner
Following Services – 86th Street

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Saturday, January 24

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

Parashah: Va-era, Exodus 6:2 – 9:35 Pg. 420

Triennial: Exodus 8:16 – 9:35 Pg. 438

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21 Pg. 696

Mevarkhim HaHodesh

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 Ariel Akabas Kaminsky

Kiddush – Farewell to Amichai Lau-Lavie
Following Services – 86th Street

Shabbat B'Yachad Lunch with Rabbi Mychal Springer
1:00 PM – 88th Street

Sunday, January 25

Meeting Martin Buber 10:30 AM – 151 CPW, #3W

BJCOTs 6:00 PM – 86th Street

Monday, January 26

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street

Monday, & Thursday nights.

Purim Play Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 86th Street

Introduction to Judaism

6:45 PM – Heschel School, 270 W. 89th St.

Beit Midrash 6:45 PM – Heschel School, 270 W. 89th St.

Choir Audition 7:45 PM – 86th Street

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Concert – King David String Orchestra
8:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, January 27

Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street

Tuesday & Wednesday nights.

Increasing Kavanah with Rabbi Bronstein
6:30 PM – 88th Street

BJ LIFE Open House 7:30 PM – 11 Riverside Dr, #14MW

Wednesday, January 28

Rosh Hodesh Shevat
Purim Play Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 86th Street

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

Thursday, January 29

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street

BJ LIFE 5:00 PM

Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – 86th Street

Introduction to ASL 7:00 PM – The Heschel School

Next Week's Parashah: Bo

Torah: Exodus 10:1 – 13:16 Pg. 448

Triennial: Exodus 12:29 – 13:16 Pg. 461

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 28 Pg. 700

Regarding Mourners

It is our custom to usher in mourners after Lekha Dodi at

Friday evening services at each location. Seats marked as “Reserved for Mourners” should not be used by adults or children.

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

Daily Bread

The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program needs volunteers with a car (or cab!) to pick up bread donated by a bakery on the Upper East Side. Pick up is on Thursday mornings by 8:00 AM, and the bread must then be brought over to BJ on West 88th Street. If you can help out even once a month, please leave a message at x338.

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:

- Tami Crystal on the death of her beloved mother, Sophie Crystal
- Sam, Maureen and David Mann on the death of Sam's beloved mother, Jennie Mann.

Mazal Tov To:

David Kaminsky and Miriam Akabas, Aaron and Sheila Akabas, Seth, Meg, Shoshana, Shai, and Tal Akabas on the naming of their daughter, granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Ariel Akabas Kaminsky.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Irwin, Arlene, Kyle, Mara, and Avery Brandon for the restoration of the *Ner Tamid* in the sanctuary at 88th Street in honor of Irwin and Arlene's 36th Wedding Anniversary.
- BJ members Dov Bronner and Shula Wiener of By Special Arrangement who are generously donating flowers for community BJ events. If you have any flower needs, call them at (212) 873-9189.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

Rabbi Debra Zucker and the Hevra of the Southern Berksires.

Nesi'ah Tovah

We would like to thank Amichai Lau-Lavie, who has been a teacher-in-residence for the past five months, for the wonderful spirit he brought to the BJ community. He is returning to Israel and we wish him a safe trip.

Purim Play Alert

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! King Ahasuerus is still looking for members to participate in a Purim procession before the play begins. Jugglers, shofar blowers, and revelers, please leave a message at x343.

Apartment Needed

An Argentine Jewish female architecture student living in Germany needs a room with a Jewish family anywhere in Manhattan while working on an internship here from March through August. If you can help, please contact the Rabbinic office at x234.

Search for a Missing Child

In November, a 5-month-old baby named Sabrina Aisenberg was taken from her crib in her home in Tampa. The parents would like as many people as possible to be alert and looking for a child who may have been recently adopted, or who may have come into the care of someone that was not pregnant, or someone who may have reason to want a child. If you have any information, please call 1 (800) THE-LOST.

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.

Apartment Needed!

Our Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Shoshana Dworsky will be joining the staff full time this summer and is looking for a one-bedroom or studio apartment within walking distance of BJ to rent or sublet for a minimum of one year. If you can help, please call x337.

BJ Choir

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

Dress For Success New York

Help out women in need by donating business suits so that they can have interview-appropriate clothing when they search for jobs. Needed are: skirts & pant suits, blouses, dresses, shoes, handbags, scarves, belts, jewelry, and unused pantyhose. All clothes must be clean, in good condition, and ready to wear. Undergarments, used cosmetics, used pantyhose, men's clothing, and non-interview appropriate clothing are not accepted. Please bring clothing to Shabbat services, **January 30th – 31st** at 86th Street **only**. For further information, call BJ member Rochelle Friedlich at (212) 603-3525 (day) or (212) 794-9693 (evening).

Absolute Last Chance to Sign Up for BJ's 2nd Annual Night of 100 Dinners **January 31, 1998**

Time is running out! Don't miss out on BJ's major fundraising event of the year! Dinner, dancing, cocktails, dessert, and a silent auction all come together to make an unforgettable evening. Invitations have been mailed. Please respond quickly. If you are not a member, we would love to have you! Invitations can be found in the rear of the sanctuary or at the BJ office. **Volunteers are needed to donate wine and to clean finials for sale at the event.** Please contact Ellen Litt at (212) 787-7600, x307 with further questions regarding this event, or Sharon at x228 to volunteer.

Kesharim

Kesharim is now on hiatus, but will return soon. If you have any questions, call x342.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat Luncheon with Rabbi Mychal Springer

There may still be a little room for this Saturday's catered communal lunch 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. If you have not made a reservation, see Lenny at 88th Street after services to see if there is any space. Our next communal Shabbat dinner will be on Friday, **February 20th**, at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service, when we will be joined by Marcelo and his family, and our next communal Shabbat lunch will be on **March 21st**, when we will be joined by Dr. Devorah Steinmetz. For further information, call x304.

Benefit Concert

"Les Violons du Roi David," the King David String Orchestra, will present a benefit concert in the sanctuary at 88th Street at 8:00 PM on **January 26th**. The international prize winning violinist, Emil Israel Chudnovsky, will be soloist with the critically acclaimed Israeli string ensemble in a performance of pieces by Bach and Paganini. Also included in the program will be works by Mozart, Ben Haim, Grieg and Bartok. All members of the ensemble

made aliyah from the former Soviet Union and all proceeds from this concert will help finance the creation of a park in Jerusalem in memory of the child victims of the September 1997 attack on the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall. No tickets will be sold but donations are requested.

BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **February 1st** 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 our new coordinator Merril Feinstein-Feit at (212) 744-2349 for more information.

Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner

Please join us as the Gay and Lesbian Committee begins its 1998 schedule with a potluck dinner on Friday, **February 6th** in the Parlor Room at 86th Street immediately following the 6:45 PM service. Please bring a dairy or vegetarian dish or dessert to share that can serve 5-6 people. For further information, call x325.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

A Little Night Music!

The Alaria Chamber Ensemble concert and reception on Thursday, **February 5th** at 8:00 PM is now full but tickets for the concert only may still be available through Carnegie's Weill Hall. Call the box office directly. Confirmation for those who have already reserved space will be given by telephone by February 3rd. If you have any questions, call Elga at (212) 724-8286.

Singles Square Dance

There will be a square dance Sunday, **February 8th**, at 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th St. & W.E.A.) co-sponsored by Anshe 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.

Singles Shabbat Catered In-Home Dinner

The Singles Committee is organizing another round of informal, at-home catered dinners on Friday, **February 27th**, following the 6:45 PM service. These gatherings of 12 - 18 people are a great way for single members to meet and share a Shabbat meal! BJ members who live on the Upper West Side are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles extension (x306) ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is **February 12th**. For more information and to participate, see the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun.

Singles Trip to Israel

Save the Date for the first BJ Singles Trip to Israel, **May 4 - 17, 1998**. See the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for details and a registration form.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

The BJCOTs, our community's Council of Teens, will meet this Sunday, **January 25th** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at SPSA. We'll be "going out" so if you don't receive the flyers in the mail call, please call Felicia at x244.

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 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.

New and Expecting Parents

The New and Expecting Parents will not be meeting on **February 7th**. Please call Felicia at x244 if you are interested in being a part of this group.

BJ's Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group is going on a special trip to see *The Diary of Anne Frank* on Sunday, **February 8th**. All 5th and 6th graders are invited to see the new production of this special play. Tickets are a discounted to \$25 for kids; parents can come for \$40.50. Checks should be made out to

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and must be received by Monday, January 26th. Please specify on the check that it is for the Junior Youth Group event. We will be meeting at SPSA at 2:00 PM for the 3:00 PM performance and return by 6:30 PM. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 for more information.

Family Shabbatot

The next Family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held on **February 13th** at 5:45 PM. Join us for an informal Kabbalat Shabbat service in the sanctuary at 86th Street filled with singing, discussion and storytelling (recommended for families with children 2nd grade and below). Following the service is a catered family style dinner in Frankel Hall at **88th Street**. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Shabbat as a family community. Flyers can be found on the back table.

Shabbat Afternoon Play Dates - and More!

If you and your family are interested in arranging play dates with other BJ families, please leave your name, phone number and name and age of your child/children on Felicia's voice mail (x244). We will be compiling a list to hand out to families so you can enjoy one another's company on Shabbat and any other day of the week.

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.

Special Needs/Reserved Seating:

If you have special needs (such as physical, hearing, or visual disabilities) and are in need of reserved seating for Shabbat Services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), 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

French WWII Bank Accounts

Harriet Tamen is one of three lawyers who has filed suit in Federal court in New York (Eastern District) against a group of French banks on behalf of clients who had assets and accounts expropriated or frozen in France during World War II. This is a class action lawsuit that is seeking to

expand its group of plaintiffs. If you know of people who might be interested or affected, we would like to talk to them. It does not matter if they live in New York or if they are US citizens. Indeed, we are actively seeking several non-US citizens as plaintiffs. Anyone interested can contact Harriet at (212) 583-1453. No fees are involved in this class

action.

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) 630-1059 (work) or (212) 678-6393 (home).

New Women's Group Forming

A new women's group is forming at BJ to share and explore meaningful passages and personal milestones in our lifecycles (such as relationships, birth and rebirth, midlife crises, menopause, and loss) and uncover women's voices in the spiritual. Dates and times to be determined by group response (possibly 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM or Saturday afternoons). If you are interested or would like more information, please call BJ member Maxine Wolf at (212) 831-4151.

Divorce Support Groups

The JCC on the Upper West Side is forming support groups for those who are recently divorced or separated. The sessions begin **January 26th** and run for the next 7 Mondays. The cost is \$75 JCC members/\$90 non-members. For more information, call (212) 580-0099, x205.

Jewish New York

BJ member Professor David Kaufman is teaching a course entitled "The New York Jewish Experience" at the New School, 66 West 12th Street. The class follows the historical progress of the Jewish community in New York from the first settlement during the colonial period to the current revival of Jewish life. The course begins **January 29th** and runs for the next 6 Thursdays from 5:50 – 7:35 PM. The cost is \$175. To register, call (212) 229-5690 or fax (212) 229-5648. Refer to course #0944. For information, call (212) 229-5117

Poetry Reading

Swiss-German poet and BJ member, Irene Speiser will give a poetry reading on Tuesday, **February 10th** at 8:00 PM at the German House, Columbia University. The address is 420 West 116th Street (between Amsterdam and Morningside). Through her work, she captures subjects such as the relationship between man and nature, female identity or her Jewish identity and relationship to the German language and culture. She will mostly be reading in English.

JTS Heschel Conference

JTS is holding a conference, "From Piety to Polity: The Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel", on Sunday, **March 22nd** and Monday, **March 23rd**, featuring presentations and study groups led by Susannah Heschel, Ismar Schorsch,

Arthur Green, Eugene Borowitz, Neil Gillman, and others.
Space is limited. To receive registration form, call (212)

678-8802 (24 hours).

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Donate unwanted books, art supplies, computers and other office equipment to a local charity such as
Materials for the Arts Program, (212) 255-5924.

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

Pesukim of the Week

““I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession, I
Adonai.’ But when Moses told this to the Israelites, they would not listen to Moses, their spirits crushed by cruel bondage.”

(Exodus)

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