



## February 6 – February 12, 1998

### Friday, February 6

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Bet Class Shabbat Dinner**  
Following 6:00 PM Service – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Gay and Lesbian Potluck Shabbat Dinner**  
Following 6:45 PM Service – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

### Saturday, February 7

**Shabbat Shirah Service** 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Parashah:** Beshalah, Exodus 13:17 – 17:16 Pg. 478

**Triennial:** Exodus 14:26 – 17:16 Pg. 481

**Haftarah:** Judges 4:4 – 5:31 Pg. 703

**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

**Bet Simhat Talmud Torah**

**Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group**  
5:00 PM – 430 West 119<sup>th</sup> St., #47

### Sunday, February 8

**Meeting Martin Buber: Special Celebration – 120<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday of Martin Buber** 10:30 AM – 151 CPW,  
#3W

**Junior Youth Group Trip to *The Diary of Anne Frank***  
2:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJCOTs** 6:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

### Monday, February 9

**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

Monday, & Thursday nights.

**Purim Play Rehearsal** 6:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Introduction to Judaism** 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Beit Midrash** 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Choir Rehearsal** 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

### Tuesday, February 10

**Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 8:10 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

Tuesday & Wednesday nights.

**Family Tu B'Shevat Celebration** 5:45 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**Tu B'Shevat Seder** 7:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Wednesday, February 11**  
**Purim Play Rehearsal** 6:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook with Rabbi Matalon** 6:45 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Thursday, February 12**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 8:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**BJ LIFE** 5:00 PM  
**Parashat Hashavuah** 6:30 PM – BJ Office  
**Advance Beginner Hebrew** 6:30 PM – The Heschel School  
**Introduction to ASL** 7:00 PM – The Heschel School

**Next Week's Parashah: Yitro**  
**Torah:** Exodus 18:1 – 20:23 Pg. 508  
**Triennial:** Exodus 19:1 – 20:23 Pg. 522  
**Haftarah:** Isaiah 6:1 – 13; 7:1 – 6; 9:5 – 6 Pg. 710

**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 – 88<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Volunteer Opportunities of the Week**

**Purim Play Alert**  
 Hear Ye! Hear Ye! King Ahasuerus is looking for members to volunteer to sew for an afternoon for the Purim Play. If you have time, please leave a message at x343.

**Shelter Co-Chair Needed**  
 After many years of hard work and dedication, our outstanding Chairs of the Homeless Shelter, John Morris and Barbara Blumenthal are stepping down. We need someone who will supervise the night coordinators and help recruit and train volunteers. Call Patty at x240 for more information or if you are interested in being a Co-Chair of the Shelter.

# 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 mourns the death of our beloved member, Bluma Zadeh and extends sincere condolences to her family.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Craig Pellis and Tamara Silberman on the birth of their son.
- Liz, Manny, and Josie Stern, Judy and Stephen Peck, and Andrea, Eddie, Stephanie and Benjamin Stern, on the birth of their daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Maxine Aviva Stern.
- Warren Kozak and Lisa Krenzel on their upcoming wedding.
- Robert Goldaber and Marcy Hirschfeld on their recent engagement.

**Due to the class with Arthur Green and the Tu B'Shevat Seder, *Increasing Kavanah* with Rabbi Bronstein and Rabbi Rachel Cowan will resume on February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## New Food Coordinator

Carol Gelles will now be handling all of BJ's food needs. If you are planning to sponsor a kiddush, please call Carol at x344.

## Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Shevat

This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **Cans of Fruit** for City Harvest. Drop-off points will be at the BJ Offices at 100A West 89<sup>th</sup> Street, or at the Hebrew School at 270 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street. Please do not bring any donations to the synagogue. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## 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

## Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner

Please join us as the Gay and Lesbian Committee begins its 1998 schedule with a potluck dinner this Friday, **February 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> Street immediately following the 6:45 PM service.

## Celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the Birthday of the Trees!

There will be a Tu B'Shevat celebration for the entire BJ community on Tuesday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. A children's workshop will begin at 5:45 PM, followed by a full length seder at 7:00 PM with four cups of wine, different kinds of fruits and nuts, and lots of singing. This year, the Tu B'Shevat Seder will be led by Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky and Rabbinic Intern, Mark Sameth. Cost of admission for the Seder is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for children. Please make a reservation in advance by sending your check to the BJ office. For more information, call the Environment Committee at 787-7600 ext. 313.

## Service of Love

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew will host New York City's Service of Love and Re-Commitment, which will take place on Saturday, **February 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM. The service, "Commitment to Love," is an interfaith ecumenical service incorporating music, dance, scripture, and testimonies. The evening will open with Havdalah led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Recording artists Jane Kelly Williams and Danton Bankay will be among the guest musicians, and Rev. Amy Gregory and Bonnie Platt will perform liturgical dance. A ritual "Re-Affirmation of Vows" will be offered to couples, including gay, lesbian, and bisexual partners whose relationships are not currently recognized by the United Methodist Church. Admission is free and a reception will follow the service.

### Spiritual Autobiography Series Continues

Continuing our BJ/SPSA interfaith series on Spiritual Autobiography, we welcome Dr. Chung Hyung Kyung, a controversial feminist theologian working in the area of interfaith dialogue. Currently Professor of Ecumenics at Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Chung taught for several years in South Korea, exploring the ways Christianity can relate to Buddhism, Shamanism, and other indigenous Asian religions, and the way faith can empower women. This work earned her a number of death threats from conservative elements in Korea. She will speak to us about her own faith journey on Thursday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM in the SPSA Chapel hosted by the Rev. K Karpen. Admission is free.

### Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat

Join us on Friday, **February 20<sup>th</sup>**, after the 6:00 PM service, for schmoozing, singing and some Torah study, at our next catered communal dinner, which will be held at 88<sup>th</sup> Street, as we welcome Marcelo and his family. See the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for further details. Early reservations are recommended, as space is limited. If you are mailing your check after February 12<sup>th</sup>, you must leave a message at x304 to indicate that it is en route. For further info or to volunteer, call x304.

### Save the Date: AIDS Walk

Plan on walking (and singing) with the BJ team on Sunday morning, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, in the annual AIDS Walk. Last year's team raised the 15<sup>th</sup> largest amount of money of all teams in the Walk. Let's do even better this year!

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### Benefit for Camp Cummings

Join us for a special fund raising event on Saturday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** to benefit Camp Cummings, a residential camping program for inner city children and adults with developmental disabilities. The evening begins at 8:30 PM with Havdalah led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg and is followed at 9:00 PM by the eclectic, funky, folky, jazzy psychedelic sounds of the Matt Turk Band. The event will be held at the Angel Orensanz Foundation for the Arts, 172 Norfolk Street (between Houston and Stanton Streets). The cost for the event is an \$18 contribution to Camp Cummings and will be collected at the door. Wine, beer and refreshments will be served.

### Singles Square Dance

There will be a square dance Sunday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at Ansche Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> St. & West End Avenue) co-sponsored by Ansche Chesed and BJ. Admission is \$10 for BJ & AC members and \$15 for non-members. No advance registration is needed.

### Bagels and Lox and What's in the Black Box

Join Dr. Mitchell Flaum, author of *Ascending the Tree of Life, A Text on Kaballah and Personal Growth* for a mystical and meditative journey into the world of tefillin, on Sunday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:00 AM in the Montana Apartment Building (Broadway between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup>). Brunch will be served. Space is limited so reserve early. Absolutely no reservations will taken after Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Send checks to the BJ office marked "2/22 Singles Brunch."

### Singles Shabbat Catered In-Home Dinner

The Singles Committee is organizing another round of informal, at-home catered dinners on Friday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 on the back table of the sanctuary for details and a registration form.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### New and Expecting Parents

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

### BJCOTS

The BJCOTs, our community's Council of Teens, will meet this Sunday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have any questions about the COTS, call Felicia at x244.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting at 86<sup>th</sup> Street at 2:00 PM for the 3:00 PM performance and return by 6:30 PM. This event is full. If you have any questions about the Junior Youth Group, please contact Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918. The next event will be the Shabbat afternoon of games on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Family Shabbatot**

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

### **Shabbat Afternoon Fun and Games – JUST FOR KIDS!**

On Saturday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street, we will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat afternoon program of the (Jewish) year! In December, almost 60 children in grades

K-7 participated in this exciting afternoon of games, hanging out, and snacks that concluded with Havdalah. Parents are invited to conclude the afternoon with Havdalah at 6:20 PM. Please RSVP to Lori at x6. 7<sup>th</sup> graders and teens are asked to be leaders. If you are interested please call Felicia at x244.

### **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?**

Mark Tsesarsky and Debby Rauch are available during February to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Mark at (212) 783-3618 or Debby at (212) 605-8027.

### **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 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**

### **Benefit Concert Launches Fundraising Effort**

On Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Les Violons du Roi David (The King David String Ensemble) held an outstanding benefit concert at BJ to raise money for a park to be built in memory of the children who were killed in the Ben Yehuda terrorist attack on September 4, 1997. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make your checks of \$75 and above out to P.E.F. (write King David String Ensemble in memo section) and send them to 317 Madison Ave, NY, NY 10016. Donations of less than \$75 should be made out to King David String Ensemble, P.O. Box 8422, Jerusalem.

### **Brazilian Jazz**

On Sunday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>**, BJ member Susan Davis Pereira and Sabor Brasil, a Brazilian Jazz group featuring BJ member Vanderlei Pereira, Kip Reed, and Kimson Plaut will be playing at Cleopatra's Needle, 2485 Broadway (between 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets); (212) 769-6969. Sets at 9:00 PM, 10:30 and Midnight. No cover, \$10 minimum at

tables, \$7 minimum at bar.

### **Poetry Reading**

Swiss-German poet and BJ member, Irene Speiser will give a poetry reading on Tuesday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the German House, Columbia University. The address is 420 West 116<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Plant Propagation**

Get the plants you want for only pennies each! Learn about techniques and equipment – all you need to start plants from seeds, cuttings, or divisions. Led by Park Tender and BJ member David Goldstick. This free evening workshop takes place on Wednesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive (enter at 61

Claremont Avenue at 119<sup>th</sup> Street).

**Children of Holocaust Survivors Meetings for February**

Because of rapid growth, the B'nai Jeshurun Children of Holocaust Survivors group will now be meeting on a twice a month basis permanently. The next gatherings will occur on Thursday, **February 12<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday, **February 24<sup>th</sup>** (both dates beginning at 7:00 PM). If your parents were refugees, hidden children, or camp internees, and you are curious if others have shared your experiences and feelings as children of survivors, please come! Your participation helps everyone gain deeper insight. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for more info.

**JTS Heschel Conference**

JTS is holding a conference, "From Piety to Polity: The Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel", on Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** and Monday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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).

**Adoption Symposium**

On Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Networking Adoption Program of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York will be holding its "Fourth Annual Symposium: Adoption and the Family." This all day conference will feature a variety of workshops for participants to choose from, including *Legal and Financial Issues Facing Adoptive Families* led by BJ member Robin Fleischner, Esquire and *Communicating with Your Child* with BJ member Catherine Unsino, CSW. For additional information, registration materials and fees, please call Arianna Koransky at (212) 303-4722.

**Ecological Suggestion of the Week**

Try to avoid take-out food. Bring your own lunch to work in a re-usable container.

You will save money while helping to save the planet!

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

**Pesukim of the Week**

"I will be standing there before you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will issue from it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and because they tried Adonai, saying, 'Is Adonai present among us or not?'"

(Exodus 17:6 – 7)

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