



February 20 – February 26, 1998

Friday, February 20

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th
Street
Shabbat B'Yachad Following Services – 88th
Street
Aleph Class Dinner Following
Services
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th
Street

Saturday, February 21

Shabbat Shekalim Service 9:30 AM – 86th
Street
Parashah: Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 – 24:18 Pg. 556
Triennial: Exodus 23:20 – 24:18 Pg. 589
Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16 Pg. 632
Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 – 17 Pg. 714
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

Sunday, February 22

Singles Brunch 11:00 AM – Montana Apartment
Building

BJCOTs 6:00 PM – 86th
Street

Monday, February 23

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th
Street

Monday, & Thursday nights.

Purim Play Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 86th
Street

Introduction to Judaism 6:30 PM – 88th
Street

Beit Midrash 6:30 PM – 88th
Street

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th
Street

Tuesday, February 24

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

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th
Street

Tuesday & Wednesday nights.

Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan
6:30 PM – 88th Street

Wednesday, February 25

**Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's
The Prophets with Rabbi Matalon** 6:45 PM –
88th Street

Thursday, February 26

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

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM – 88th
Street

BJ LIFE 5:00 PM

Purim Play Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 88th
Street

Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – BJ Office

Advanced Beginner Hebrew
6:30 PM – The Heschel School

Introduction to ASL 7:00 PM – The Heschel School

Israel Committee Meeting 7:30 PM – 86th
Street

Next Week's Parashah: Teruma

Torah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19 Pg. 604

Triennial: Exodus 26:31 – 27:19 Pg. 609

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13 Pg. 717

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

Babysitter Needed!

A volunteer is needed to watch an 18-month-old boy during the Purim Play rehearsal Monday, **February 23rd** and Thursdays, **February 26th** and **March 3rd**, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at 86th Street. If you can help, please call Ben at x241.

Hosts Needed!

On the weekend of **March 6th – 8th**, our community will be hosting the group *Mishlahat HaNoar*, a group of 24 Israeli teens. We would like as many families from BJ to take part

in this special opportunity (especially if you are or have a BJ teen). Families will be responsible for spending Shabbat dinner together and providing a place for 2 or more teens to sleep from Friday night through Monday morning. If you are interested, please call Felicia at x244 as soon as possible.

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 members and their families:

- Myriam Abramowicz on the death of her beloved mother, Lea Abramowicz.
- Dale Bernstein and Sara Meyer on the death of Dale's beloved mother, Gertrude Bernstein.
- Cathy Schwartz on the death of her beloved grandmother, Helen Nass Coffey.
- Jay Finkelstein on the death of his beloved father, Maurice Finkelstein.
- Phyllis Henche Katz on the death of her beloved mother, Helen Katz.

Mazal Tov To:

- David Chalfin and Joy Brownstein, and Alexandra Chalfin on the birth of their son and brother, Harry Steven Chalfin.
- Walter Scott and Malka Margolies on their recent engagement.

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 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.

BJ Celebrates Israel at 50

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel, BJ is planning a series of events over the next few months culminating with a special service and evening of music and dancing on **April 29th**, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Shortly, you will be receiving detailed information in the mail. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the programs, please call Patty Goldstick at 787.7600, x240. Please do not call Committee Chairs at home or work but rather leave messages for them in their voice mailbox. Mailbox numbers are listed in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

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

Tonight's Shabbat Dinner

There may still be a little room for tonight's catered communal Shabbat dinner, following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street, and led by Marcelo. If you have not made a reservation, please see Lenny downstairs in the Social Hall ASAP after services.

Israel Committee

The next meeting of the Israel Committee will be held on Thursday, **February 26th** at 7:30 PM in the Board room at 86th Street (first floor, room at the end of the hall).

Havdalah with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Join Rabbi Seidler-Feller, director of the UCLA Hillel, for Havdalah and study on "Most Delightful of Days: Shabbat as the Intersection of Spirituality and Sexuality," **February 28th** at 5:00 PM in the 88th Street Social Hall. Admission is free. Please register by phone by calling x345.

Environment Committee

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Monday, **March 2nd** at 7:00 PM at 923 5th Avenue,

#5F (at 73rd Street).

Purim

In order to assure the safety of all who attend, this year a ticket will be needed to guarantee entrance to the Purim Service and Play. There will be two Purim Services and two performances of the play, both on Wednesday evening, **March 11th**. The first at 5:30 PM for families, and the second, at 7:00 PM for the rest of the community. A flyer was sent to every BJ member that must be used as a ticket for entrance to each service. Non-members will be let in if space permits.

Save the Date: AIDS Walk

Plan on walking (and singing) with the BJ team on Sunday morning, **May 17th**, in the annual AIDS Walk. Last year's team raised the 15th largest amount of money of all teams in the Walk. Let's do even better this year! For further information and to volunteer, please call Jack David Marcus at (212) 873-7567.

Shabbat Study Luncheon with Devora Steinmetz

Join us for a catered communal Shabbat luncheon on Saturday, **March 21st** in the 88th Street Social Hall, following services at 86th Street, when we will be led in study by Dr. Devora Steinmetz, author of *From Father to Son: Kinship, Conflict and Continuity in Genesis*. The cost

is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members and \$10 for children. Mail your check marked "3/21 Lunch" to the BJ office. Space is limited and early reservations are recommended. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Additional contributions to help subsidize others are welcome. To volunteer or for more information, call x304.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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 22nd** at 11:00 AM in the Montana Apartment Building (Broadway between 87th and 88th). Brunch will be served. Space is limited so reserve early. Absolutely no reservations will be taken after Thursday, February 19th. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Send checks to the BJ office marked "2/22 Singles Brunch."

11:00 AM. Lunch and light refreshments will be served. If you can join us, please leave your name and phone number on the Singles voice mail (x306) by Wednesday, February 25th so we will know how many people to expect.

Come Explore the Singles Trip to Israel

All who are interested in or who have registered for the first BJ Singles Trip to Israel, **May 4 – 17, 1998** are invited to the Montana (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets) at 7:00 PM, **March 5th** to hear about the trip. Bring a friend – this is a great opportunity to see Israel with the BJ community! See the flyer on the back table of the sanctuary for details on the trip and a registration form.

Next Singles Catered In-Home Shabbat Dinner

The next Singles Catered In-Home Shabbat Dinner on Friday, **February 27th** is now full. We are sorry, but no more reservations can be accepted. If you have already sent in a paid reservation for the dinner, your host will call you no later than Tuesday, February 24th. The dinner will take place following the second (6:45 PM) service. Note: if you have sent in a paid reservation and we are unable to accommodate you due to space limitations, you also will be called no later than Tuesday, February 24th. If your paid reservation was received after the February 12th deadline, we will try our best to contact you, but there is no guarantee. If we are unable to accommodate you, your check will be destroyed.

Chamber Music: Encore!

Back by popular demand! We would like to invite the singles community to enjoy an evening of music making by The Festival Chamber Music Society. These internationally acclaimed musicians are renowned as much for their good humor and beginner-friendly ambiance as they are for their artistry. The concert features the music of Mozart, Soong, Chopin, and Schubert. After the concert, sip champagne, meet the artists, and mingle with friends, old and new. The concert will take place on Wednesday, **March 25th** at 8:00 PM, at Merkin Hall in the Abraham Goodman House, 129 West 67th Street. Tickets are specially priced for BJ at \$15. For information or to reserve tickets, please call Ruth Sommers at (212) 678-6970. Ticket availability is limited, and reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 18th.

Color Me Freshly Painted

The Singles Committee invites you to dig up your paintbrush (if you own one), put on your old jeans and a tee shirt and join us as we give SPSA's downstairs hallway a fresh coat of paint. The fun begins on Sunday, **March 1st** at

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

The BJCOTs, our community's Council of Teens, will meet this Sunday, **February 22nd** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. Just a reminder: **February 27th** is the BJCOTS Shabbat dinner, immediately following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. Bring \$10 to the next meeting or send a check to the office. If you have any questions about the COTS, call Felicia at x244.

Shabbat Afternoon Fun and Games – JUST FOR KIDS!

On Saturday, **February 28th** at 4:30 PM at 86th Street, we will be holding our 2nd 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. 7th graders and teens are asked to be leaders. If you are interested please call Felicia at x244.

Family Life Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, **February 24th** at 7:00 PM in the office conference room, there will be a Family Life Committee meeting to address growing together as a community of families and as part of the greater BJ community in the areas of social action and community building. All those interested in participating in these areas or in the family life committee please join us.

Parenting Workshops with Dr. Ron Taffel

You are invited to BJ's series of workshops on parenting with BJ member Dr. Ron Taffel. On **March 3rd**, the workshop will address issues facing children aged 0-5. The **March 31st** workshop will deal with children aged 5-12,

and the **April 7th** session will focus on children aged 12 and up. All meetings take place in the Parlor Room at 86th Street at 7:00 PM.

Come Spend Shabbat Afternoon with Our Community!

On **March 7th**, following Shabbat morning services (approximately 12:30 PM), there will be a potluck Shabbat lunch for families in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish (bagels and cream cheese, salads etc.) and take this time to continue your celebration of Shabbat. BJ will provide the drinks and paper goods. For more information, call Denise Dolny at (718) 601-6179.

Family Shabbatot

The next Family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held on **March 13th** at 5:45 PM. Join us for an informal Kabbalat Shabbat service in the sanctuary at 86th Street

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 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.

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.

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

Dedication of the First Torah Scroll

You are cordially invited to join us for the Dedication of the First Torah Scroll of the Columbia Jewish Community to be presented by Ira and Ingeborg Rennert and Family. Sunday, **February 22nd** at 3:00 PM in the Rotunda of Low Memorial Library at Columbia University.

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 gathering will occur on Tuesday, **February 24th** (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.

BJ Eastsiders

Our next home service and dinner is **February 27th**. If you are on our list, you have already received a mailing about how to reserve. If you are not on our list and want to join us, please call Charlotte Schwab at (212) 717-5234 any evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please do not call on Shabbat.

Hunger Teach-In

All those who feed the hungry or are concerned about the growing problem of hunger in New York City are invited to a free teach-in on Monday, **March 2nd** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. "Making New York City Pay Attention to Hunger" will be hosted by the Village Temple, 33 East 12th Street (between University Pl. and Fifth Ave.). Sponsored by Interfaith Voices Against Hunger, a project of the NYC Coalition Against Hunger. Please bring your own sandwich, drinks and snacks provided. Information: (212) 227-8480.

Workshops on Early Childhood Education

On Friday, **March 6th** from 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM at The Graduate School of Education at Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street, Room 1106, join Dr. Regis Bernhardt and BJ member Bobbye S. Goldstein, Project Director, for workshops on “Using Newspapers in Early Childhood Education.” The workshop is free but space is limited. Call (212) 873-1339 for registration information.

Essay Contest

May our voices unite! A call for essays and poems inspired by your relationship to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel for a journal to be distributed at the 25th Anniversary Conference of A.J. Heschel to be held at JTS on March 22nd – 23rd. Please submit up to 5,000 word essays and any poetry in Microsoft Word for Windows 95 format, double-spaced, with footnotes (not endnotes or citations in the body of the text), your name and address, a hard copy, and a short bio. Send your submission to Joshua Levine Grater, 666 West End Avenue, #2G, New York, NY 10025. Email: jolevgrater@jtsa.edu, (212) 496-5457. Deadline is Monday, **March 9th**.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Always write/type on both sides of the paper.

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

Pasuk of the Week

“Then Moses took the record of the covenant and read it aloud to the people. And they said, ‘All that Adonai has spoken we will do and we will listen!’”
(Exodus 24:7)

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