



March 6 – March 12, 1998

Friday, March 6		BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless	86 th
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88 th	Street	
Street		Monday, & Thursday nights.	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 th	Purim Play Rehearsal	6:00 PM – 86 th
Street		Street	
Vav Class Dinner	Following Services – 88 th	Introduction to Judaism	6:30 PM – 88 th
Street		Street	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86 th	Beit Midrash	6:30 PM – 88 th
Street		Street	
		Beyond Shelter Festival of Jewish Music	
		7:30 PM – Symphony Space (Broadway at 95 th St)	
Saturday, March 7		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM – 86 th
Shabbat Zachor Services	9:30 AM –	Street	
86 th Street			
Parashah: Tetzave, Exodus 27:20 – 30:10 Pg. 618			
Triennial: Exodus 29:19 – 30:10 Pg. 629			
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19 Pg. 1507			
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:1 – 34 Pg. 34			
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		
Bat Mitzvah	Jessica Schein		
Naming of	Mia Edelson		
	Maxine Aviva Stern		
Family Potluck Lunch	Following Services – 86 th		
Street			
Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group			
	5:00 PM – 430 West 119 th St, #47 (at Amsterdam Ave.)		
Sunday, March 8			
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88 th		
Street			
BJCOTs	6:00 PM – 86 th		
Street			
Monday, March 9			
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88 th		
Street			

Tuesday, March 10
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street
Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th
 Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th
 Street
 Tuesday & Wednesday nights.
Purim Play Rehearsal 6:00 PM – 88th
 Street
Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan
 6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Wednesday, March 11
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street
Kesharim Cancelled This Week
Family Purim Service and Play 5:30 PM – 88th
 Street
Purim Service and Play 7:00 PM – 88th
 Street

Thursday, March 12
Purim
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street

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

Next Week's Parashah: Ki Tisa
Torah: Exodus 30:11 – 34:35 Pg. 633
Triennial: Exodus 33:12 – 34:35 Pg. 657
Haftarah: I Kings 18:1 – 39 Pg. 722

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

Employment Bank Chair Needed
 A rare opportunity! The Employment Bank seeks a successor for Don Cohen, who is stepping down this spring after 5 years of hard work and dedication. If you have the energy and desire to perform this gratifying and important volunteer service, we would like to speak with you. Match your fellow congregants looking for work with those offering positions. Produce the new series of career development seminars for fall '98. Please contact Patty Goldstick at x240 if you are interested

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:

- David, Rafaella, Jordanna, and Solomon Birnbaum on the death of David's beloved father, Andor Jack Birnbaum.
- Herb and Marilyn Levy, Matthew Levy and Laura Goldin and Philip Levy on the death of Herb's beloved cousin, Hetty Berman.

Mazal Tov To:

- Robert, Isabel, and Jessica Schein on the celebration of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah.
- Matthew Levy and Laura Goldin, Herb and Marilyn Levy, Victor Goldin and Lila Greenwald, Amy Goldin and Nancy Lu, and Joseph Goldin on the birth of their son, grandson, nephew, and cousin, Philip Levy.
- Bill and Emma Edelson on the naming of their daughter, Mia.
- Manny, Liz, and Josie Stern, Judy and Stephen Peck, and Andrea, Eddie, Stephanie and Benjamin Stern, on the naming of their daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Maxine Aviva Stern.

Todah Rabbah To:

- The volunteers who helped paint the hallway of SPSA on March 1st.
- The people who hosted dinners for the Singles In-Home

Dinners on February 27th.

- Gertel's Uptown Bakery, 1468 2nd Avenue, and Orwashers, 308 East 78th Street for their generous weekly donations of delicious kosher bread, cake, and pastries for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

Mishlachat HaNoar, a group of 24 Israeli teens who will be spending the weekend with members of B'nai Jeshurun.

Increasing Kavanah

Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan will be held this Tuesday, **March 10th** at the **Montana Apartment Building (Broadway, between 87th and 88th Streets) at 6:30 PM.**

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Adar

This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **Kosher for Pesa** **Boxes of Matzah** 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.

New Food Coordinator

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

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

From the Israel Committee

Believe it or not, Israel turns the big 5-0 this year. What better way to celebrate than with a movie at the 14th Israel Film Festival? Join us this Sunday, **March 8th** for a 2:30 PM showing of *No Names on the Door*, about life on a present day kibbutz as it tries to adapt to modern values. For details, please call Estare Weiser at (212) 721-1507.

New Adult Education Classes

A new Adult Education class is about to start. The Problem of Evil and Suffering, part of the Beit Midrash, begins Monday, **March 9th** at 6:30 PM at 88th Street (code 18, \$75 Members; \$95 Non-members). To register, send your check to the BJ office. Be sure to include the code on your check. For more info, call x300.

Festival of Jewish Music

Beyond Shelter Coalition presents its 6th annual Festival of Jewish Music featuring an exciting lineup of performers, Monday, **March 9th** at 7:30 PM at Symphony Space. See the back of the Kol Jeshurun for details.

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; the second, at 7:00 PM for the rest of the community (American Sign Language interpreted, call (212) 396-9672 (TTY) for more information). 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.

Words of His Own

The Office of Cultural Affairs in the USA, Consulate General of Israel, in cooperation with the JCC on the Upper West Side and BJ's Gay and Lesbian Committee will present a group of Israeli actors in "Words of His Own," a dramatization of gay short stories exploring themes of unrequited love, life in and out of the closet and coming to terms with one's sexuality in Israel. Performances will be on Saturday, **March 14th** at 8:00 and 10:00 PM and on Sunday **March 15th** at 2:00 PM, at Loewe Theatre at NYU, 35 West 4th Street (corner of Greene near Broadway). \$20 general admission. For tickets, call Ticket Central at (212) 279-4200. See the back table of the Sanctuary for flyers.

SPSA Centennial Celebration

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew invites you to their Centennial Celebration, a spectacular evening of music, dance and reflection, Sunday, **March 15th**, 6:30 – 9:00 PM at 86th Street. A reception will follow at 88th Street.

Shabbat Study Luncheon with Devora Steinmetz

Join us for a catered communal Shabbat luncheon on Saturday, **March 21st** in the 88th Street Frankel Hall,

following services at 86th Street, when we will be led in study by Dr. Devora Steinmetz. For more information and to register, see the flyer in the back of this Kol Jeshurun.

Festival of Choirs

The Arts and Culture Series of B'nai Jeshurun invites you to a Festival of Choirs featuring many wonderful choirs from our area, Saturday, **March 28th**, 8:00 PM at 86th Street. See the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more details.

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 16th largest amount of money of all teams in the Walk. **We need your help to assure that we go higher into the top 20 teams this year! Volunteers are needed to walk, sponsor, and help organize the BJ AIDS Walk team.** For further information and to volunteer, please call Jack David Marcus at (212) 873-7567.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Comedy Tonight!

Keep the Purim spirit for as long as possible. Join the BJ Singles at a night of comedy entitled "Radical Menches and Maniacs" – a festival of new Jewish humor, performance and music. Saturday night **March 14th** at 10:00 PM at La Mamas, 74A East 4th Street. Tickets are \$12. BJ will be reserving a group spot, please RSVP at x306 to be a part of our group.

The Steps Move Indoors

You asked for it, here it is! Come to the second Singles Oneg Shabbat, following the 6:45 PM service on Friday, **March 20th**. Join us in the Social Hall for food and schmoozing.

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 for BJ are specially priced 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.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

This weekend, the BJCOTS are hosting a group of 24 teens from Israel. They will have a teen Shabbat lunch **March 7th** at the Lieberman's home following services. On Sunday **March 8th** at 4:00 PM at 65 West 95th St. #8G, the teens will be making hamantaschen for *mishloach manot* to give to the elderly of our community. Come join the BJCOTS for this exciting weekend. Any teen in grades 8-12 is welcome to participate in BJCOTS events. Call Felicia for more info at x244.

Spend This Shabbat Afternoon with Our Community!

This Shabbat, **March 7th**, following 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.

BJ's Junior Youth Group

Every BJ Junior Youth Group event has been a major success. Over 40 people attended the trip to see *The Diary of Anne Frank*. On **March 8th**, all the 5th and 6th graders of BJ are invited to make *mishloach manot*, Purim baskets and cards, and then deliver them to the residents of the Jewish Home. Meet in the lobby of the Home at **120 West 106th St.** at **3:30 PM**. Pick up will be at **5:00 PM** in the lobby. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 if you have any questions about the Junior Youth Group.

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 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.

Family Shabbat for the Upper Grades

On **March 27th**, there will be a Shabbat dinner for families with children in grades 3-6 (and siblings). This dinner is open to all families, whether or not your children attend the Hebrew School. The dinner will be held in the Frankel Hall at 88th Street, following the 6 PM Service. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together. A flyer can be found on the back table, or call Felicia at x244 for more information.

Parenting Workshops with Dr. Ron Taffel

You are invited to BJ's series of workshops on parenting with BJ member Dr. Ron Taffel. The **March 31st** workshop will deal with children ages 5-12, and the **April 7th** session will focus on children ages 12 and up. All meetings take place in the Parlor Room at 86th Street at 7:00 PM.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Millie Waldman and Marcy Grau are available during March to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Millie at (212) 799-1435 or Marcy at (212) 496-9063.

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

Study in Israel

Beit Midrash/A Liberal Yeshiva is a new yeshiva dedicated to the progressive and egalitarian study of Jewish text and tradition. The program is situated in the heart of Jerusalem and is now accepting applications for the coming year. Both year-long and single semester study options are available for college graduates. Participants can also choose between full and part time study. For a brochure or for further information, please contact BJ member Lev Robert Herrnson at 212-824-2294 or beitmidrash@huc.edu.

Taste an Authentic Israel Experience!

Participate in the Partnership for Jewish Life's Livnot U'Lehibanot Information Night on Monday, **March 9th**, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Lighthouse (111 East 59th St.). The program will include dinner, a brief class, a quick hike, a bite-sized community service project, and comments by past participants. RSVP required – please call Harry at (212) 339-6925.

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 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**.

BJ Children of Holocaust Survivors March Meetings

B'nai Jeshurun's Children of Holocaust group will now be meeting on a twice-a-month basis permanently (unless we expand again!). The next gatherings will occur on Thursday, **March 12th** and Tuesday, **March 24th** (both 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, then please come! Your participation helps everyone gain deeper insight. For more information,

call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 or Nathana Josephs at (212) 769-2198.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Use old envelopes, grocery receipts, and scrap paper for phone messages, memos, or rough drafts.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pesukim of the Week

“When Mordecai was told what Esther had said, Mordecai had this message delivered to Esther: ‘Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king’s palace. On the contrary, if you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter, while you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis.’ Then Esther sent back this answer to Mordecai: ‘Go, assemble all the Jews who live in Shushan, and fast in my behalf; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens will observe the same fast. Then I shall go to the king, though it is contrary to the law; and if I am to perish, I shall perish!’ So Mordecai went about [the city] and did just as Esther had commanded him.”

(Esther 4:12 – 17)

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