



## March 13 – March 19, 1998

<p><b>Friday, March 13</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Family Service</b> 5:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Family Dinner</b> Following Services – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b> 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service</b></p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b> 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 14</b></p> <p><b>Shabbat Services</b> 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service</b></p> <p><b>Parashah:</b> Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11 – 34:35 Pg. 633</p> <p><b>Triennial:</b> Exodus 33:12 – 34:35 Pg. 657</p> <p><b>Haftarah:</b> I Kings 18:1 – 39 Pg. 722</p> <p><b>Minyan Hazzanut</b> (ages 8-12) 10:15 AM – Chapel</p> <p><b>Children's Services</b> (all ages) 10:45 AM – Chapel</p> <p><b>Following the service these minyanim meet:</b></p> <p><b>Minyan HaK'tanim</b> (pre-K, ages 2-4) Parlor Room</p> <p><b>Minyan Gan Aleph</b> (ages 5-7) Board Room</p> <p><b>Bar Mitzvah</b> Benjamin Sarlin</p> <p><b>Aliyat Hatan veKallah</b> David Kaufman and Marjorie Greenspan</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Sharon Shenhav Chair, NA'AMAT Overseas Division – "Women's Rights"</p> <p><b>Kiddush</b> Following Services – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 15</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>SPSA Centennial Celebration</b> 6:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Street</p> <p><b>Reception</b> Following SPSA Celebration – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Monday, March 16</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b> 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p>Monday, &amp; Thursday nights.</p> <p><b>Introduction to Judaism</b> 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Beit Midrash</b> 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 17</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman</b> 8:10 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b> 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday nights.</p> <p><b>Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan</b> 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 18</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Kesharim</b> Cancelled This Week</p> <p><b>Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's The Prophets with Rabbi Matalon</b> 6:45 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Employment Bank Seminar</b> 7:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 19</b></p> <p><b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Judith Bernstein Lunch Program</b> 8:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>BJLIFE</b> 5:00 PM</p> <p><b>Parashat HaShavuah</b> 6:30 PM – BJ Office</p>
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**Advanced Beginner Hebrew** 6:30 PM –Heschel  
School

**Next Week's Parashah:** Vayakhel-Pekudei  
**Torah:** Exodus 35:1 – 40:38 Pg. 668  
**Triennial:** Exodus 39:22 – 40:38 Pg. 683  
**Maftir:** Numbers 19:1 – 22 Pg. 1145  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 36:22 – 36 Pg. 1651

**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 Opportunity of the Week**

**Stretch Your Seder Table**

Again this year, BJ is running its Pesa□ Seder Match program. If you have room at your table to host people for one (or both!) seders, please fill out the form in the back of this Kol Jeshurun and return it to the office by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Also fill out and return the form if you would like to be a guest at a seder.

# 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:*

- Ron, Anne, Jason, and Nanci Paltrowitz on the death of Ron's beloved mother, Helen Paltrowitz.
- Seth Kasten on the death of his beloved father, Saul Kasten.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Robert, Marguerite, Katherine, Benjamin, and Jonathan Sarlin on the celebration of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah.
- Shoshana Avner on the birth of her 40<sup>th</sup> grand-niece/nephew, Shaked Khava Adler.
- Marylin and Joseph Stone on the birth of their grandson, Luke Tyler Stone.
- David Kaufman and Marjorie Greenspan on their upcoming wedding.

## Todah Rabbah To:

- David Kaufman and Marjorie Greenspan for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of their upcoming wedding.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 and 10:00 PM and on Sunday **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 PM, at Loewe Theatre at NYU, 35 West 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 – 9:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. A reception will follow at 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Shabbat Study Luncheon with Devora Steinmetz

Join us for a catered communal Shabbat luncheon on Saturday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>** in the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall, following services at 86<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. See the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more details.

## Meditation Retreat

Space is still available for the first BJ Meditation Retreat to be held midweek, **March 29<sup>th</sup>** – **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at Elat Chayyim retreat center in Accord, NY. Join Rabbi Shefa Gold along with Rabbis Matalon and Bronstein and Cantor Priven for an exciting experience of Jewish chanting, meditation, and silence in a beautiful Upstate New York setting. If you have a registration form, send it in by **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you do not have one but would like to go, call Ben at x241.

### Interfaith Visit to Mosque

The Interfaith Committee of SPSA has organized a visit for SPSA and BJ to the Islamic Center of New York and their mosque, located at 96<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, for Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 PM. We will meet at SPSA at 1:00 PM at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and travel together as a group. Space is limited to 12 from each congregation, so sign up ASAP (there is no charge). Women are requested to dress modestly, wearing long skirts and a head covering. For more information or to sign up (no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>), please contact SPSA Interfaith Co-Chair Amy Jo Scott Frischling at (212) 426-7027 or by email at [ajs5@columbia.edu](mailto:ajs5@columbia.edu).

### Religious Tolerance

Join the Israel Committee for an afternoon of study on the problems of Israel-Diaspora relations with three distinguished rabbis, Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 3:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. See the 'Israel at 50' flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for more information.

### Pre-Pesa □ Gathering

Help prepare as a community for Pesa □ through song, art, dance, meditation, and study on Saturday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 88<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at 5:00 PM. See the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for details.

### Passover Package Delivery

Volunteers are needed to deliver hundreds of packages and

to visit with our older friends in the neighborhood as part of Dorot's Passover Package Delivery, Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM at Dorot, 171 W. 85<sup>th</sup> St. If you have any questions, call Dorot at (212) 769-2850.

### Riverside Park Clean-up Day

The JCC of the Upper West Side is sponsoring a clean-up day in Riverside Park on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The BJ Environment Committee is organizing a BJ contingent to clean an area near BJ. The entire BJ community is invited to join us for a couple of hours, starting about 10:00 AM. We will go out for brunch together afterward. We need to know in advance who will be joining us. If interested, please call x313 by April 15<sup>th</sup> with your name and phone number.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>** (meet at 9:30 PM) at La Mamas, 74A East 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 25<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM, at Merkin Hall in the Abraham Goodman House, 129 West 67<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### Family Shabbat for the Upper Grades

On **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Frankel Hall at 88<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>** workshop will deal with children ages 5-12, and the **April 7<sup>th</sup>** session will focus on children ages 12 and up. All meetings take place in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> 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

## Jewish Bereavement Support Groups

The JCC on the Upper West Side is sponsoring support groups for people who have experienced loss within the last few years. These seven session groups beginning in March, April and May are facilitated by Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, CSW, Rabbinic Director of the New York Jewish Healing Center, and Greta Mogel, CSW. For more information, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099, x205.

## Senior Ballroom Dance

Come dance the afternoon away, light refreshments will be served. Wednesdays from 1:30 –3:30 PM (except the last Wednesday of the month). Held at JASA Westside Senior Center, 120 W. 76<sup>th</sup> St. \$1.50 suggested donation.

## Jewish Communities Around the World

Learn about Jewish history and culture through personal accounts of those who grew up abroad. Wednesdays, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**: Bruce Halev – South Africa; **March 25<sup>th</sup>**: Toby Fleuk – Poland; 7:00 –8:30 PM. Held at the JCC, 15 W. 65<sup>th</sup> St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Call (212) 580-0099 for more information.

## 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 may 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](mailto:beitmidrash@huc.edu).

## Champagne Reception

A champagne reception to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Committee of the JCC on the Upper West Side will be held on Thursday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 – 10:00 PM at the Wessel &

O'Connor Gallery at 242 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St. A contribution of \$54, \$72 for a family, includes a year's membership to the JCC. Please call (212) 580-0099, x205 for reservations.

## Manuscript Reading

Come to a reading by BJ member Amy Ziff, from her manuscript, *How My Cat Found My Mother's Tumor and Other Portentous Realities* at Gilda's Club, 195 Houston St., Thursday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM.

## 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).

## BJ Children of Holocaust Survivors March Meetings

BJ'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 Tuesday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## BJ Eastsiders

Our next home Shabbat service and organized potluck dinner will be Friday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you are on our list, you receive 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 on

Mondays and Thursdays only and between 7:00 and 9:00 PM only. We limit attendance to the first 30 people, and we always have a waiting list, so be sure to call ASAP.

**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.

**Divorce Support Groups**

The JCC on the Upper West Side is sponsoring support groups for the recently divorced or separated. Facilitated by Judy Levitan, MSW, family therapist, senior supervisor of the JBFCS Borough Park office and Gloria Demby, a psychotherapist in private practice. These seven session groups begin **March 31<sup>st</sup>** and in mid-April. For more information, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099, x205.

**BJ Queens Chavurah Passover Seder**

The BJ Queens Chavurah is planning a Passover Seder in Queens, to be held on the first night of Passover, Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. For reservations, please call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260 or Aliza Felix at (718) 459-7334.

**Summer Interns Needed**

Elat Chayyim, the Jewish Renewal Retreat Center in Accord, NY, is looking for summer interns for the period from **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Interns are on a work-study program in which Elat Chayyim provides room, board (kosher vegetarian, mostly organic food), and amazing classes, activities, and prayer experiences each week in exchange for a seven-hour workday, five-and-a-half days a week. For a full packet of information write to elatchayyi@aol.com or call 1 (800) 398-2630.

**Ecological Suggestion of the Week**

Don't buy aerosols. They create more waste, they are harmful to the environment, they are more expensive than non-aerosols, and the containers cannot be recycled or reused.

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

**Pesukim of the Week**

“But Moses implored Adonai his God, saying, ‘Let not Your anger, O Adonai, blaze forth against Your people, whom You delivered from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand. Let not the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that God delivered them, only to kill them off in the mountains and annihilate them from the face of the earth.’ Turn from Your blazing anger, and renounce the plan to punish Your people.”

(Exodus 32:11 – 12)

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