

**March 20 – March 26, 1998**

<b>Friday, March 20</b>		<b>Introduction to Judaism</b>	6:30 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88 <sup>th</sup>	Street	
Street		<b>Beit Midrash</b>	6:30 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:00 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup>	Street	
Street		<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	8:00 PM – 86 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:45 PM – 86 <sup>th</sup>	Street	
Street			
<b>Singles Oneg Shabbat</b>	Following Services – 86 <sup>th</sup>		
Street		<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	
		<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88 <sup>th</sup>
		Street	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>		<b>Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman</b>	8:10 AM – 88 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Shabbat Parah Services</b>	9:30 AM – 86 <sup>th</sup>	Street	
Street		<b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b>	88 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Parashah:</b> Vayakhel-Pekudei, Exodus 35:1 – 40:38 Pg. 668		Street	
<b>Triennial:</b> Exodus 39:22 – 40:38 Pg. 683		Tuesday & Wednesday nights.	
<b>Maftir:</b> Numbers 19:1 – 22 Pg. 1145			
<b>Haftarah:</b> Ezekiel 36:22 – 36 Pg. 1651			
<b>Mevarkhim HaHodesh</b>			
<b>Minyan Hazzanut</b> (ages 8-12)	10:15 AM –		
Chapel			
<b>Children's Services</b> (all ages)	10:45 AM –		
Chapel			
<b>Following the service these minyanim meet:</b>			
<b>Minyan HaK'tanim</b> (pre-K, ages 2-4)	Parlor Room		
<b>Minyan Gan Aleph</b> (ages 5-7)	Board Room		
<b>Aliyat Hatan veKallah</b>	Merrill Halpern and Ronnie Siegel		
<b>Shabbat B'Yachad Luncheon with Dr. Devora Steinmetz</b>	Following Services – 88 <sup>th</sup> Street		
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>			
<b>Morning Minyan</b>	9:30 AM – 88 <sup>th</sup>		
Street			
<b>BJCOTS</b>	6:00 PM – 86 <sup>th</sup>		
Street			
<b>Monday, March 23</b>			
<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88 <sup>th</sup>		
Street			
<b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b>	86 <sup>th</sup>		
Street			
Monday, & Thursday nights.			

**Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan**  
6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Committee Chairs Meeting**  
6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

**Wednesday, March 25**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**Kesharim** Cancelled This Week  
**Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's**  
***The Prophets* with Rabbi Matalon** 6:45 PM –  
88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Singles Chamber Music Concert**  
8:00 PM – Merkin Concert Hall, 129 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street

**Thursday, March 26**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 8:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
**BJLIFE** 5:00 PM  
**Parashat HaShavuah** 6:30 PM – BJ Office  
**Advanced Beginner Hebrew** 6:30 PM – Heschel  
School  
**Choir Rehearsal** 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
Street

**Next Week's Parashah:** Vayikra  
**Torah:** Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26 Pg. 757  
**Triennial:** Leviticus 4:27 – 5:26 Pg. 771  
**Second Scroll:** Number 28:9 – 15 Pg. 1210  
**Maftir:** Exodus 12:1 – 20 Pg. 458  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 45:16 – 25 Pg. 1653

**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**  
**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 extends its sincere condolences to the following members and their families:*

- Sarah Sternklar and Marvin Davis and Benjamin Sternklar Davis on the death of Sarah's beloved grandmother, Annette Hittman.
- Anne, Ron, Jason, and Nanci Paltrowitz on the death of Anne's beloved father, Arthur J. Marschark.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Merrill Halpern and Ronnie Siegel on their upcoming wedding.

## 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.

## Last Chance[s] to Play Volleyball

BJ's weekly evening of volleyball on Tuesday nights is winding down. Our last night will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, so if you've been meaning to check it out, what are you waiting for? (An invitation maybe?) We play from 7:30 – 10:00 PM at

Anshe Chesed (251 West 100<sup>th</sup> St, at WEA), and the cost is \$3 members/\$5 nonmembers. For more info, call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390. [BJ sports fans: keep an eye out for BJ softball info coming to a Shabbat near you in April!]

## 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 (**you must be a BJ member**) at a seder.

## 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.

## Increasing Kavanah

Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan **will not be held March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## 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

## This Shabbat's Study Luncheon with Devora Steinmetz

There may be room for this Shabbat's catered communal luncheon with Dr. Devora Steinmetz, author of *From Father to Son: Kinship, Conflict and Continuity in Genesis*. If you have already made a reservation, please join us in the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall, following services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have not signed up in advance, see Lenny at 88<sup>th</sup> Street after services to see if we can accommodate you. Our next communal Shabbat lunch will be on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, when Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses will join us.

## Video Series on Islam

For those planning to go on the upcoming SPSA-BJ interfaith visit to the Islamic Center of New York and mosque on March 29<sup>th</sup>, or for those interested in learning more about other faith traditions, the SPSA Interfaith Committee will be hosting a viewing of a video series on Islam in the Parlor room at SPSA on Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:00 PM. All from BJ are welcome, and there is no charge.

## 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.

## 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, 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.

### 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 flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for more info.

### Environment Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be Wednesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00 PM at 315 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St., #10H. For more information, call x313.

### Israel Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Israel Committee will be held on Thursday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30 PM in the Board Room at 86<sup>th</sup> Street (first floor, room at the end of the hall).

### Special Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi David Lazar

All are welcome to attend a special Shabbat B'Yachad catered communal dinner on Friday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 88<sup>th</sup> Street, following the 6:00 PM service when Rabbi David Lazar will join us. \$20 members; \$30 non-members; \$10 children. Checks should be marked "4/3 Dinner" and mailed to the BJ Office. See the 'Israel at 50' flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more information. Also Rabbi Lazar will be speaking on Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM at the Mathilda Schechter Dormitory (415 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St.) of JTS. He will be speaking as part of Tnuat AM, the Movement for Conservative Aliyah. The event is free. Please RSVP to (212) 533-7800, x2021.

### 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.

### The Steps Move Indoors

You asked for it, here it is! Come to the second Singles Oneg Shabbat, following the 6:45 PM service this 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.

### 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.

### From the Israel Committee

Join the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam (NW/WAS) on Tuesday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center for a fund raising gala featuring the U.S. premier of the first joint Israeli/Palestinian children's program: a bilingual co-production of Sesame Street, supported by the Children's Television Workshop. See the flyer on the back table of the Sanctuary for more info. For tickets and/or if you want an opportunity to participate in making it all happen, call (212) 226-9246.

### 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.** FAST TRACK AIDS WALK REGISTRATION: Either email jackdavidm@aol.com or call the AIDS Walk voicemail box at x335. Leave the name of each walker, including children, plus address and phone number. Registration forms can also be found in the back of the sanctuary.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### Shabbat Dinner on Pesa

The BJ Singles Committee, in conjunction with the Anshe Chesed Young Professionals, will be sponsoring a dinner on Friday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, at Anshe Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> Street and WEA). This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a Kosher for Pesa dinner on Shabbat, which this year falls on the last night of Pesa. The dinner begins at 7:30 PM and will be followed by a musical program and discussion on "More Songs of Solomon: Salamone Rossi's Songs for the Synagogue." The talk will be given by BJ member David Eisenberg, and will feature a live performance of Rossi's music by an *a cappella* ensemble. Reservations are limited and due no later Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 BJ/AC members, \$25 non-members. Vegetarian dinners are available. Please see the application form on the back table of the Sanctuary for more details.

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## BJCOTS

It is Rec Week for the BJCOTS. On Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will be meeting at 5:00 PM (sharp) in front of the movie theatre on Broadway and 84<sup>th</sup> Street to see *U.S. Marshals*. If you're planning to come, call David O'Leary at (212) 662-5388. Don't forget to bring money for the movie and snacks!

## 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 6:00 PM Service. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together. **There are only a couple of more days to sign up.** 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.

## Save the Date!

On Saturday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>**, the entire BJ community will come together in preparation for Pesach. A special program for children beginning at 5:00 PM will include various stations of activities from song to dance to meditation exploring the themes of the Pesach story. Children will be divided into age appropriate groups. Following the children's program everyone (adults and children) will gather for Havdalah. The adult program will take place after Havdalah (babysitting will be provided). See the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for more details. Call Felicia at x244 if you have any questions.

# 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.

## 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.

## Jewish Communities Around the World

Learn about Jewish history and culture through personal accounts of those who grew up abroad. Wednesday, **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.

### **Escaping Warsaw**

Come see Escaping Warsaw, a play set in Warsaw and Croatia during the Democratic revolutions and civil war in 1991-2, written by playwright Jennifer Bloomfield, as part of the New Playwright's Festival presented by Frank Calo in association with Sage Theatre Company. The performance is at the Abingdon Theatre (432 W 42<sup>nd</sup> St.), **March 25<sup>th</sup>** and **26<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 PM, **March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM and **March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$12. Call (212) 929-3423 for reservations.

### **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.

### **The Play's the Thing**

Eight tales by award-winning fantasist Harlan Ellison about his Jewish childhood in a small Ohio town have been adapted by director Robert Armin into a new play called "Stalking the Nightmare," playing through **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at

the West End Theatre on the second floor of the Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew. All proceeds from this Equity production benefit the Church. Call (212) 582-0241 for more information and reservations.

### **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.

### **Translating the Bible**

The Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations presents its annual lecture: Everett Fox: "Translating the Bible: Interpretation, Aesthetic, Audience" at the General Theological Seminary (175 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.) on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at 8:00 PM. Reception following the lecture. Free and open to the public. For more info, call Alice Fisher at (212) 243-5150, x281.

### **BJ Queens Chavurah Passover Seder**

The BJ Queens Chavurah is planning a Passover Seder to be held on the first night of Passover, Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates, Queens. The cost is \$35. 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**

Use return envelopes from fundraising mailings instead of buying new envelopes. Cover the printed address with a computer label and voila! you have a perfectly good envelope. Make sure you cover the pre-printed mailing code.

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

### **Pesukim of the Week**

"The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks entailed in the work that Adonai has commanded to be done.' Moses thereupon had this proclamation made throughout the camp: 'Let no man or woman make further effort toward gifts for the sanctuary!' So the people stopped bringing: their efforts had been more than enough for all the tasks to be done."

(Exodus 36:5 – 7)

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