



**March 27 – April 2, 1998**

<p><b>Friday, March 27</b>  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b> 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b> 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, March 28</b>  <b>Rosh Hodesh Nisan</b>  <b>Shabbat HaHodesh Services</b> 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Parashah:</b> Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26 Pg. 757  <b>Triennial:</b> Leviticus 4:27 – 5:26 Pg. 771  <b>Second Scroll:</b> Number 28:9 – 15 Pg. 1210  <b>Maftir:</b> Exodus 12:1 – 20 Pg. 458  <b>Haftarah:</b> Ezekiel 45:16 – 25 Pg. 1653</p> <p><b>Minyan Hazzanut</b> (ages 8-12) 10:15 AM –                  Chapel  <b>Children's Services (all ages)</b> 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</p> <p><b>Festival of Choirs</b> <b>Havdalah</b> 7:15 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  <b>Concert</b> 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 29</b>  <b>Meditation Retreat</b> Elat Chayyim – Accord, NY  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Dalet Passover B'Yachad</b> Cancelled  <b>Interfaith Visit to Mosque</b> 1:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Religious Tolerance Study</b> 3:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>BJCOTS Brunch</b> 10:30                  AM</p> <p><b>Monday, March 30</b>  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Street  <b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b> 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street                  Monday, &amp; Thursday nights.  <b>Introduction to Judaism</b> 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Beit Midrash</b> 6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Choir Auditions</b> 7:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>                  Street</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 31</b>  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street  <b>Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman</b> 8:10 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>                  Street</p>
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**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 88<sup>th</sup>  
 Street  
 Tuesday & Wednesday nights.  
**Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan**  
 Cancelled this week  
**Parenting with Dr. Ron Taffel** 7:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
 Street

**Wednesday, April 1**  
**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  
**Environment Committee Meeting**  
 7:00 PM – 315 West 70<sup>th</sup> St., #10H

**Thursday, April 2**  
**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  
**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class** 5:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>  
 Street  
**Parashat HaShavuah** 6:30 PM – BJ Office  
**Advanced Beginner Hebrew** 6:30 PM – Heschel

School  
**Concert with Rabbi Shefa Gold** 7:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
 Street  
**Israel Committee Meeting** 7:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>  
 Street

**Next Week's Parashah: Tzav**  
**Torah:** Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36 Pg. 781  
**Triennial:** Leviticus 8:1 – 8:36 Pg. 795  
**Haftarah:** Malakhi 3:4 – 24 Pg. 1654

**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.**

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Julian Gaa and Ronnie Miller on their recent wedding.
- Helen and Robert Stark on the celebration of Helen's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Paula Rackoff who is reading from the Torah and in whose honor the kiddush is being sponsored.
- Kallia Bokser who was awarded the Spectre Award for lifetime achievement by the National Conference on Aging.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

- Robert Stark for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of his wife Helen's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The sponsor of the kiddush in honor of Paula Rackoff who is reading from the Torah.
- The wonderfully talented directors, producers, writers, cast, and crew of this year's BJ Purim Play who played their heart and soul out to the elders at the Jewish Home and Hospital. The reviews were raves. What do you have for Shavuot?

## **Brukhim HaBa'im To:**

- Lois Feldhendler, who joins the office staff as our new comptroller.
- The members of congregations from the East Harlem Partnership for Change (the sister organization of Westsiders Together (WEST) on the East Side), Mike Gecan of the Industrial Areas Foundation and his family, and Marsha Flowers, a leader in WEST from West-Park Church.

- Rabbi Michael Davis and the Confirmation Class from Wichita, Kansas.

## **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!]

## **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

## **Festival of Choirs**

The Arts and Culture Committee 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.

## **Choir Auditions**

If you would like to be in the choir, come to auditions, Monday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>** and **April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:45 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information call x303.

**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).

**Concert – Songs of Spiritual Transformation**

You are invited to a special concert featuring Rabbi Shefa Gold, leader of BJ’s Meditation Retreat, and Judy Ribnick and Steve Cramer on Thursday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 7:30 PM (Tickets go on sale at 7:00), at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The music will be original songs of spiritual transformation, and the cost is \$5.

**Special Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi David Lazar**

Come to a special Shabbat B’Yachad 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. The event will be ASL interpreted. \$20 members; \$30 non-members; \$10 children. Additional contributions to subsidize others are always welcome. Checks should be marked “4/3 Dinner” and mailed to the BJ Office. If you are sending your reservation in after March 29<sup>th</sup>, you must call x304 and leave your name, phone numbers, and the number of people in your party. 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.

**BJ/St. Luke’s Hospital Brunch**

The next BJ/St. Luke’s Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. If you are interested in volunteering for the brunch, please call our coordinator Merril Feinstein-Feit at (212) 744-2349.

**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. For further info, call Jack David Marcus at (212) 873-7567.

**PESA □ INFORMATION**

**Pesa □ Service Schedule**

First Evening Pesa □	Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street
	(Please note: there is only one service this week)		
First Day Pesa □	Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	86 <sup>th</sup> Street *
Second Evening Pesa □	Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 PM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street
Second Day Pesa □	Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street
Seventh Evening Pesa □	Thursday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 PM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street
Seventh Day Pesa □	Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street
Eighth Evening Pesa □	Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	88 <sup>th</sup> Street *
		6:45 PM	86 <sup>th</sup> Street
Eighth Day Pesa □ – <i>Yizkor</i>	Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	86 <sup>th</sup> Street *

Children’s Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning there are Adult Services.  
\* ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service

**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.

**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.

### Mekhirat Hametz – Sale of Hametz

During Pesach, the ownership of *hametz* is prohibited. Before the holiday begins, you can have all of your *hametz* sold to a non-Jew by the Rabbis, and at the end of Pesach, they will transfer ownership back to you. If you would like your *hametz* sold, please sign up at the Pre-Pesach Gathering on **April 4<sup>th</sup>**, or call x345 and leave your name and address.

### 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.

### Pesach Tales

BJ member and storyteller Peninnah Schram and singer/guitarist Gerard Edery will present a Pesach family program for all ages, "On Eagle's Wings: Carrying Passover Tales," at the Jewish Museum (1109 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.) on Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM. This intergenerational program will interweave themes of freedom, peoplehood, Elijah the Prophet and renewal from Ashkenazic and Sephardic Pesach stories and songs. Admission: \$8 general public; \$5 Jewish Museum members.

### Pesach Rabbinic Dialogue

Explore the themes and texts of Pesach in a vibrant, cross-denominational setting with Rabbi Matalon, Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor of Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, and Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter of the Jewish Center. Monday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, 7:15 PM at the JCC (15 W. 65<sup>th</sup> St). The event is free. Call (212) 580-0099, x216 for more info.

### Seudat Mitzvah

On Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 AM, following Morning

### Shabbat Dinner on Pesach

The BJ Singles Committee, in conjunction with the Ansche Chesed Young Professionals, will be sponsoring a dinner on Friday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, at Ansche Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> St and WEA). This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a Kosher for Pesach dinner on Shabbat, which this year falls on the last night of Pesach. The dinner will begin at 7:30 PM, and will be followed by a musical program and discussion entitled: "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* quartet. Reservations are limited, and are due no later than Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 BJ/AC members, \$25 non-members. To register, please send a check payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun to the BJ office. Please mark the envelope 'Attn: 4/17 Singles Dinner.' You MUST include your name, full address, and

Minyan, all are welcome to join in a *siyyum*, completion of a tractate of rabbinic literature, followed by a *seudat mitzvah*, a meal accompanying the performance of a *mitzvah* (here the completion of study). All first born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn (Ta'anit B'khorim).

### Volunteers Needed

The Jewish Home and Hospital needs as many volunteers as possible Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 – 7:00 PM to allow its residents and patients to enjoy a seder. Volunteers are needed to transport, serve and sing along. You should be finished just in time to make it to your own seder in the neighborhood. Because it's Shabbat, we'll also be doing a Ma'ariv service before the seder, so you can get in your Shabbat davenning with all your favorite BJ melodies. To help, please call Tami Crystal at (212) 870-4959.

### BJ Queens Chavurah Pesach Seder

The BJ Queens Chavurah is planning a Pesach Seder to be held on the first night of Pesach, 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.

### Children's Pesach Story

BJ member Fran Manushkin has written a children's picture book called *Miriam's Cup: A Passover Story*, published by Scholastic Hardcover. It tells the story of the prophet Miriam and her contributions to the Exodus story. Fran dedicated her book to BJ, with love and gratitude, for being a part of this congregation.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

home and work telephone numbers along with your check. Please also indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal. If we are unable to accommodate you, you will be called the week of the dinner. However, neither the committee nor the BJ office can notify you if your application arrives after April 9<sup>th</sup>. Application forms are also available in the back of the Sanctuary. Call x306 for more info. Sign up today!

### Memorial Day Weekend Getaway

Looking for something special to do Memorial Day weekend? Camp Ramah will once again be having a getaway in the Berkshires. Spend Shabbat and a weekend full of activities and entertainment away from the city, with a group of terrific people in their late 20s to 40s. Space is limited (Last year sold out). For more information call (212) 678-8000 x8155 and see brochures on the table in the back.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### **BJCOTS**

The BJCOTS will be meeting for brunch on Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Come to Felicia's at 65 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St, #8B at 10:30 AM for a bagel brunch and our monthly discussion. We will meet at our regular time and place (6:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street) on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **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

### **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 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.

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**

### **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 in mid-April and May. 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.

### **Study in Jerusalem**

Beit Midrash/A Liberal Yeshivah is a new yeshivah 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](mailto:beitmidrash@huc.edu).

### **Seminary of Judaic Studies**

Rabbi Benjamin J. Segal, one of the teachers at this Sunday's forum on "Religious Tolerance," is president of the Seminary of Judaic Studies (Bet Midrash) in Jerusalem, the academic arm of Masorti (Conservative) Judaism in Israel. The mission of the Bet Midrash is to insure the integration of Judaism, Zionism, and modernity. It seeks to change the face of Israeli society by sharing the values of Masorti Judaism through academic and leadership programs, support of primary Jewish education and adult outreach programs in Israel and the Diaspora. By training Israel's future leaders, rabbis and educators, the Bet Midrash extends a hand of welcome to Jews who seek reacquaintance with their roots. For more information about how you can support the work of Bet Midrash, please see the flyer at the back table.

### **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. Also, on Sunday **March 29<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM join Rabbi Weintraub for a Holiday Memorial Service at Congregation Anshe Chesed (251 W. 100<sup>th</sup> St). For more info, call (212) 580-0099, x205.

**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.

**Religious Pluralism in Israel**

Beit Shalom coalition for peace and religious pluralism, is

proud to present “Joining Forces for Pluralism in Israel: A Panel Discussion with Leaders of Israel’s Kibbutz Movements.” Join a high-ranking delegation of Israel’s Kibbutz leadership for a presentation and discussion on building an activist coalition on religious pluralism in Israel. Tuesday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at 6:00 PM; Beit Shalom, 114 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St. (between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.), 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. Admission is free; please RSVP to (212) 989-8977.

**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.

**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**

While doing your Pesach/spring cleaning, go through your closets and remove all the old clothes you never wear. You can bring used clothes in good condition to Congregation Ohav Zedek at 118 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

**Pasuk of the Week**

“You shall observe the [Feast of] Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the ages as an institution for all time.”  
(Exodus 12:17)

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