



## April 10 – April 16, 1998

<p><b>Friday, April 10</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</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 11</b>  <b>First Day of Pesa</b> □  <b>Shabbat and Pesa</b> □ Services 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup>            Street  <b>ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service</b>  <b>Parashah:</b> Pesa □, Exodus 12:21 – 51 Pg. 460  <b>Triennial:</b> Numbers 28:16 – 25 Pg. 1211  <b>Haftarah:</b> Joshua 5:2 – 6:1 Pg. 3</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>  <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>Kiddush</b> Following Services – 86<sup>th</sup>            Street</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mimi            Abramovitz            Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work</p> <p><b>Pesa</b> □ Service 7:45 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 12</b>  <b>Second Day of Pesa</b> □  <b>Pesa</b> □ Services 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street</p> <p><b>Monday, April 13</b>  <b>Third Day of Pesa</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, &amp; Thursday nights.</p>	<p><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 Rehearsal</b> 8:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup>            Street</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 14</b>  <b>Fourth Day of Pesa</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  <b>BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless</b> 88<sup>th</sup>            Street            Tuesday &amp; Wednesday nights.  <b>Increasing Kavanah with Rabbis Bronstein and Cowan</b>            6:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Arts &amp; Culture Meeting</b>            6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building</p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 15</b>  <b>Fifth Day of Pesa</b> □  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street  <b>Kesharim</b> 2:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street  <b>Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's  <i>The Prophets</i> with Rabbi Matalon</b> 6:45 PM –            88<sup>th</sup> Street</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 16</b>  <b>Sixth Day of Pesa</b> □  <b>Morning Minyan</b> 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street  <b>Judith Bernstein Lunch Program</b> Cancelled this            Week  <b>Pesah Service</b> 6:45 PM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street</p> <p><b>Friday, April 17</b>  <b>Seventh Day of Pesa</b> □  <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>Pesah Services</b> 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup>            Street</p>
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**Next Week's Parashah: Pesa**□

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 14:22 – 16:17 Pg. 1439

**Maftir:** Numbers 28:19 – 25 Pg. 1211

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 10:32 – 12:6 Pg. 8

**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**

**Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Nisan**

This month, the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **cans of tuna** 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.

# 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:*

- Judith, David, Rebecca, Julius, Jacob, and Belinda Birnbaum on the death of Judith's beloved mother, Agnes Spergen.
- Suzanne Ross and Clara Ross-Spiegel on the death of Suzanne's beloved mother, Malka Perle Weber.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

Original Ray's Pizza on Broadway (between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup>) for providing the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program with gift certificates (at a discounted rate) for our guests on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> because the program will be suspended during Pesa□.

## **Help SPSA Restore its Building**

Each month, the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew holds a bazaar, with profits going towards the restoration of their building. They are always in need of donations. If you have any old bric-a-brac such as china, glasses, ashtrays, vases, etc., used clothing, or any other items that can be sold, bring them to the church between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

## **BJ Sports Fans**

Due to popular demand, BJ's weekly evening of volleyball on Tuesday nights will continue further into the spring. In case you've forgotten, 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. New faces are always welcome. For more info, call BJ member Ulie Bardosh at (212) 665-1333. [Reminder: The warm weather means BJ softball – on Monday nights – is right around the corner. So get those bats, balls and gloves ready!]

## **Arts & Culture Meeting**

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Arts & Culture Planning and/or production teams, come to a meeting on Tuesday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Montana Apartment Building (Broadway between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Streets), 6:30 – 8:30 PM. We'll discuss past events and plans for the future, and start to establish committees for publicity, technical production, receptions, and other A & C assignments.

## **Be a Part of History (With the Israel Committee)**

As part of Israel's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the New Israel Fund is co-sponsoring a campaign in Israel called "Israel Signing Anew" to encourage Israelis to rededicate themselves to the values articulated in their Declaration of Independence. The NIF is also inviting Jews throughout the US to demonstrate support for this campaign by signing a Statement of Solidarity. A copy of the Statement of Solidarity is reproduced in this issue of the Kol Jeshurun. We encourage everyone to participate in this unique opportunity. After you and up to 13 others have signed the statement, please mail it to: New Israel Fund, 1625 K Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20006-1604. Signatures received by the NIF national office by Tuesday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** will be assembled for presentation to the President of Israel shortly after Yom Ha'Atzmaut, together with the hundreds of thousands of Declarations that have already been signed by Israelis.

## **BJ and Westside Judaica**

If you make a purchase of any kind from Westside Judaica on Broadway (between 88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> Streets) and mention BJ, the store will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to the synagogue.

## **Food Coordinator**

Carol Gelles handles all food needs for BJ's community events. So, if you are planning to sponsor a kiddush or are planning a BJ activity that will involve food (including meetings, concerts, etc.), please call Carol at x344.

## **Apartment Needed!**

Our Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Shoshana Dworsky will be joining the staff full time this summer and is looking for a one-bedroom or studio apartment within walking distance of BJ to rent or sublet for a minimum of one year. If you can help, please call x337.

## **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

## **Join us for a Special Shabbat Dinner**

Continue your celebration of Shabbat on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at a special catered communal Shabbat dinner cosponsored with the Social Action Committee in preparation for BJ's participation in this year's AIDS Walk. Featuring a performance by the AIDS Theatre Project, the dinner will be held in the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall following the 6:00 PM service. To reserve a place, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun. For further information, please call x304.

### Yom HaShoah

This year's commemoration at BJ of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, will include a special service, the reading of victims' names, and a film screening. The commemoration will take place at 88<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:45 PM on Wednesday, **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. See the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more information.

### Upper West Side "Make a Difference Day"

The JCC on the Upper West Side is sponsoring its third annual "Make a Difference Day" on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. More than 500 volunteers will come together to engage in hands-on work projects cleaning, painting rooms and murals, planting, entertaining seniors, reading to children in hospitals, etc. One of the projects we will be doing is clearing up and planting an area in Riverside Park. The BJ Environment Committee will be organizing a group from BJ to work in the park and have brunch afterwards; call x313 and leave your name, address and phone number if you are interested. Other registration forms, for other

projects, will be available in the BJ office and the back of the sanctuary. Call Ricki Segall at (212) 873-0198 or Helen Barer at the JCC at (212) 580-0099. Everyone must be registered to participate.

### 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. Coordinators are needed for food and data entry. For more 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

### **Special Pesa □ Torah Readings at Morning Minyan**

Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Exodus 13:1 – 16 and Numbers 28:19 – 25
Tuesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Exodus 22:24 – 23:19 and Numbers 28:19 – 25
Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Exodus 34:1 – 26 and Numbers 28:19 – 25
Thursday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Numbers 9:1 – 14 and Numbers 28:19 – 25

All morning minyan services are at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. *Hallel* and *Musaf* will be recited.

### Pesa □ Swinging Singing Model Seder

You are cordially invited to join a festive traditional swinging singing Model Seder lead by Cantor Priven and Rabbinic Intern Tami Crystal on Tuesday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** from

1:00 – 3:00 PM at Council Senior Center, 241 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street (between Broadway and West End Avenue). The fee is \$10 CSC and BJ members. For more information and reservations, call Naomi Abramowitz at (212) 799-7205.

# SINGLES ACTIVITIES

## 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 not be meeting this Sunday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** is rec week. Call Felicia for more details.

## Junior Youth Group

The last event of our Junior Youth Group was a smashing success! Twenty 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders made *mishloach manot* for residents at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Now it's time for the first annual Bread and Bowl. On Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, from 3:00 – 6:30 PM, the Junior Youth Group will celebrate the end of Pesa<sup>h</sup> with Pizza and Bowling. Drop off and pickup will be at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The cost for bowling, food and transportation is \$20. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 to RSVP.

## Family Shabbat for the Upper Grades

On **May 1<sup>st</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 you attend the Hebrew School or not. The dinner will be held in the Frankel Hall at 88<sup>th</sup> Street, following the 6:00 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 info.

## Family Shabbatot

The next Family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held on **May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5:45 PM. Join us for an informal Kabbalat Shabbat service in the sanctuary at 86<sup>th</sup> Street (recommended for families with children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and below) filled with singing, discussion and storytelling. There is a catered family style dinner following the service in the Frankel Hall at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. A flyer can be found on the back table or call Felicia for more information.

## 1998 Global Youth Village

BJ has been invited to send 2 youth representatives (ages 11-18) to the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Global Youth Village in Bedford, VA. For three weeks in July/August, BJ reps will enjoy international food and summer fun, build leadership and diplomacy skills, and share NY and Jewish culture with peers from 20+ countries. Make a difference locally and globally. Application deadline: **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and application call Abby Friedman at (212) 280-5259.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Questions for Board Members?

Jonathan Adelsberg and Aviva Hay are available during April to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Jonathan at (212) 592-1423 or Aviva at (212) 638-4306.

## Appointments with Rabbinic Interns and Fellows

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

## French WWII Bank Accounts

A class action suit has been filed in Federal Court in New York (Eastern District) against a group of French banks on behalf of clients who had assets and accounts expropriated or frozen in France during World War II. This is a class action lawsuit that is seeking to expand its group of plaintiffs. If you know of people who might be interested or affected, we would like to talk to them. It does not matter if they live in New York or if they are US citizens. Indeed, we are actively seeking several non-US citizens as plaintiffs. For more information or anyone interested can contact BJ member Claudia Carlin at (212) 222-1234 or Kenneth F. MacCallion at (212) 907-0870. No fees are involved in this class action.

## An Evening with Frank McCourt

Stories, readings, ballads, Klezmer music and the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Angela's Ashes* at SPSA, **April 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 – 11:00 PM. Reception to follow. Admission \$20 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Legal Defense Fund of BJ member Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman who faces eviction from his home. For more information, call (212) 362-3179 or (212) 666-9143.

## Peace and Pluralism in Israel

Naomi Chazan, MK (Meretz) and Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, will present "Peace and Pluralism in Crisis: A Call to the American Jewish Community" on Wednesday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at Beit Shalom, 114 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to (212) 989-8977.

## Children of Holocaust Survivors Group Expands Again

Due to continued growth in attendance, there will now be three monthly CHS gatherings. There will be a Thursday meeting on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, and a Tuesday meeting on **April 21<sup>st</sup>** (both at 7:00 PM). These gatherings are open to all people who wish to share their experiences of growing up with parents who were Holocaust refugees, hidden children, or camp internees. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 or Nathana Josephs at (212) 769-2198 for more information on the Tuesday and Thursday meetings. A third group, to meet on Mondays, will be limited to 12 people (BJ members only) who can attend on a regular basis. Call Tine Berger at (718) 768-8455 for more information on this group and to register. CHS is also pleased to announce its first potluck (just for fun) on Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**; all group members are

invited! Call Mark Schleisner to sign up and tell him what you plan to bring. And thanks, everyone, for making CHS such a success.

## Concert at SPSA

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew warmly invites its friends at B'nai Jeshurun to a presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria," featuring the SPSA Choir, soloists, orchestra, and dancers! Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM at the SPSA. No admission. Bring Friends!

## Latin American Jewry

The Jewish Museum is having a number of special programs focusing on Latin American Jewry. On Tuesday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 PM there will be a conversation entitled "The Hidden Diaspora: On Jewish Memory and Culture in Latin America" with Moacyr Scliar and Ilan Stavans. Tickets are \$10; \$8 students and senior citizens; \$7 Jewish Museum members. Also, the exhibition "Still More Distant Journeys: The Artistic Emigrations of Lasar Segall" will be on display until **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. For more info, call (212) 423-3224.

## BJ Eastsiders

Our next home Shabbat service and organized potluck dinner will be on Friday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. If you **are** on our list, you received a letter with information about how to reserve. If you are **not** on our list and would like to join us, please call Charlotte Schwab **only** on Mondays and Thursdays, and **only** between 7:00 and 9:00 PM at (212) 717-5234. You may come to either the service or the dinner, or both, and must reserve for either. You don't have to live on the East Side to join us.

## Summer Jewish Experience

Are you 18 – 26 and looking for a month long journey of personal discovery into your Jewish identity? Brandeis Collegiate Institute welcomes all regardless of affiliation or depth of Judaic knowledge. The campus is located at The Brandeis-Bardin Institute, a cultural and educational center for the Jewish People set on a rugged and beautiful 3000 acre ranch in Southern California. It offers 2 sessions: **June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>** and **July 21<sup>st</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in this experience please contact Felicia at x244. BJ has a Synagogue fellowship through which you can receive a 50% discount.

## Ecological Suggestion of the Week

You can often avoid using mailing envelopes by using a self-mailer. This saves paper, money and time. Just fold your document in thirds, leaving one blank panel on the outside. On the blank panel, put the mailing address, return address, and sufficient postage.

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

### **Pasuk of the Week**

“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, there shall be a passover sacrifice to Adonai, and on the fifteenth day of that month a festival. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days.”

(Numbers 28:16 – 17)

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