



November 13 – November 19, 1998

Friday, November 13

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Shabbat Dinner with Professor Hava Tirosch Samuelson
 Following Services – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, November 14

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
ASL Interpreted Service
Parashah: Hayei Sara, Genesis 23:1 – 25:18 Pg. 156
Triennial: Genesis 23:1 – 24:9 Pg. 156
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 – 31 Pg. 338
Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Minyan Hazzanut (grades 1-3) 10:15 – Chapel
Junior Congregation (grades 4-6) 10:15 – Library
Minyan HaK'tanim (ages 3 and under) 10:45 – Parlor Room
Minyan Gan Alef (ages 4-5) 10:45 – Board Room
All children (except Junior Congregation) will meet at 10:45 for the main Children's Service in the Chapel.

Bat Mitzvah Katherine Elkin
Naming of Claire Rose Kozak
 Caroline Nelson

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Joseph Godin and Hillary Kessler
 Marc Landis and Judith Enteles

Kiddush Following Services – 86th Street

Havdalah and Study with Prof. Hava Tirosch Samuelson
 4:00 PM – 88th Street

Sunday, November 15

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Teensgiving 9:30 AM – 92nd Street Y
Singles Square Dancing with Ansche Chesed
 7:30 PM – Ansche Chesed (100th Street and WEA)

Monday, November 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street
 Monday and Tuesday nights.

Advanced Beginning Hebrew 6:00 PM – 86th Street
Environment Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM – 315 West 70th Street, #10H
Introduction to Judaism 7:15 PM – 86th Street
Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM – 86th Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, November 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Introduction to Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman
 8:10 AM – 88th Street
Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards
 6:30 PM – 88th Street
Parenting Workshop with Dr. Ron Taffel
 7:00 PM – 86th Street

Seldom Told Tales from the Book of Genesis with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein
 Cancelled

Wednesday, November 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street
Prozdor BJ-LIFE - 8th Grade 5:00 PM
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Strategic Plan Meeting: Social Action
 6:00 PM – 88th Street

Hebrew Hevruta Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM – 86th Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Rolando Matalon
 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, November 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Prozdor BJ-LIFE - 9th Grade 5:00 PM
Introduction to American Sign Language with Marla Berkowitz
 6:00 PM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Toldot
Torah: Genesis 25:19 – 28:9 Pg. 173
Triennial: Genesis 25:19 – 26:22 Pg. 173
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 – 2:7 Pg. 341

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN
Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88th Street

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 Monica Georgiadis on the death of her beloved mother, Anne Georgiadis.

Mazal Tov To:

- Allen Elkin and Elizabeth Wells, Joshua and Katherine Elkin on the occasion of Katherine's Bat Mitzvah.
- Bruce, Karen, Noah, Eitan, Mickey, and Ari Zivan, and Sy and Karen Zivan on the birth of their son, brother, and grandson, Eli Shalom.
- Warren Kozak and Lisa Krenzel on the naming of their daughter, Claire Rose Kozak.
- Erica, Tina, and Nathaniel Nelson on the naming of their daughter and sister, Caroline.
- Joseph Godin and Hillary Kessler and their families on their upcoming wedding.
- Marc Landis and Judith Enteles and their families on their upcoming wedding.
- Steven and Elga Stulman on their 45th wedding anniversary.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Warren Kozak and Lisa Krenzel for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Claire Rose Kozak.
- Erica, and Tina Nelson for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Caroline.
- Natalie Godin for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Joe and Hillary's upcoming wedding.
- Marc Landis and Judith Enteles for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of their upcoming wedding.

Dorot Package Delivery

On Sunday, **December 13th**, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Dorot will have its annual Hanukkah Package Delivery. Deliver a holiday package and visit an older person on the Upper West Side. To volunteer or for more info, call (212) 769-2850.

Urgent Action

In the back of this Kol Jeshurun is a sample letter that has been sent to President Clinton about the situation of Chilean General Augusto Pinochet. Please read it, sign it, and send it to the President at the White House.

Arts and Culture Chair Needed

A volunteer is needed to coordinate B'nai Jeshurun's Arts and Culture program starting next year. This year, the volunteer will be mentored and trained by the current chair. If you are interested, please call Patty at x240.

BJ Volleyball

If it's cold out it must be time for volleyball: BJ's weekly evening of co-ed, not particularly competitive, volleyball on Tuesday nights is back! We are playing every Tuesday night from 7:30 - 10:00 PM at Anshe Chesed (251 West 100th Street, at WEA), and the cost is still \$3 members; \$5 non-members. No permanent teams, just a fun pick-up game each week. For more information, call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390.

Disaster Relief in Central America

The American Jewish World Service, 989 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10018 (212) 736-2597, is accepting checks or credit card contributions to help victims of the destruction caused by hurricane Mitch in Central America. In addition, all next week BJ will be collecting emergency relief items: powdered milk, baby food, baby formula, rice (in bags, not minute rice), beans in cans or bags, clothing, and blankets. Bins for the collection will be available 9:00 - 10:30 AM Sunday, 7:00 - 9:00 AM and 5:30 - 9:00 PM Monday - Friday at 88th Street, and at all Shabbat Services next week. In addition, AJWS needs volunteers to help with mailings and packing supplies. If you can help, call Sharon Miller at (212) 736-3450.

Toward a Holy Community

To date, we have received more than 500 spiritual pledges. Mazel Tov to everyone who has made a commitment to study more, increase observance and participate in acts of loving kindness! To assist in making the pledges a reality, we need volunteers to enter the information into the computer. If interested, please call Patty at x240. Training will be provided.

Third Annual Night of 100 Dinners - DATE CHANGE!

Due to a scheduling issue, the date of BJ's party of the year has been changed to **February 6, 1999!** Last year's benefit raised over \$70,000. Help us to make this year's event the biggest yet. Join the committee (non-members as well as members welcome) and get to know the community while participating in an event that directly supports BJ. Volunteers are needed to serve as host captains and to assist in planning the silent auction, matching guests and hosts, and helping the night of the event with check-in and bartending. Please leave a message at x307.

Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund Grant

Established in memory of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer in 1993, the purpose of this annual award is to fund and support group or individual hands-on projects and activities that contribute to social justice and *tikkun olam*. Proposals for 1998 are now being considered. The annual non-

denominational award is approximately \$2,500 for either new or on-going projects. Requests should include a short description and history of the project, and not exceed 2-3 pages. Please submit before **December 30th** to the Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund, c/o the BJ Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher-In-Residence

B'nai Jeshurun is honored to welcome to our community Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan, who will teach on "Two Modes Of Jewish Spirituality: Philosophy & Kabbalah," this Shabbat, **November 13 – 14**. Dr. Tirosh-Samuelsan, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington is the author of *Between Worlds - The Life and Work of Rabbi David ben Judah Messer Leon* and teaches courses in Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and mysticism, and Western religions. Tonight's dinner with Dr. Tirosh-Samuelsan is full and walk-ins cannot be accommodated, but she will speak during Shabbat morning services and teach during a Shabbat afternoon study session and Havdalah, 4:00 PM, Saturday, **November 14th** at 88th Street.

New Havdalah Groups

If you are interested in helping to form a new Havdalah group, there will be an opportunity to do so after this weekend's Teacher-in-Residence Havdalah event (see above). If you can't attend but would still like to form a new group, please call x329.

To all BJ/SPSA Shelter Volunteers

Meet the people who are treating our shelter guests. You are invited to a ceremony to recognize ten years of service by the Open Door Drop-In Center, which is where our shelter guests receive assistance during the day. The event will take place on Tuesday, **November 17th** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Open Door, 402 West 41st Street off 9th Avenue. Refreshments served. Formal presentation at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Hilary Hersh, (212) 769-4670.

Risk-Taker Awards

You are invited to the Fourth Annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards, Tuesday, **November 17th**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at 88th Street. This year's awards will go to the Southside Fair Housing Committee and Martin S.

Needelman and will feature performances by Cicus Amok and Los Rumberos de Musica. Tickets: \$50 (\$25 students, seniors, low income). For more info, call (212) 647-8966.

Hebrew Hevruta Potluck

Those interested in meeting and joining the ranks of people who teach and learn Hebrew informally, one-on-one, are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday, **November 18th**, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, at (86th Street). The evening will include a short presentation and discussion, led by Rabbi Shoshana Dworsky, on the topic *Giving Thanks, Singing Praise - in Hebrew*. RSVP to x345. Bring Something dairy/vegetarian to share.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place at Rutgers Presbyterian Church, 236 West 73rd Street on Wednesday, **November 25th** at 7:30 PM. All are invited.

Shelter Meeting and Party

All current and prospective volunteers for the BJ Homeless Shelter are invited to a general meeting and pre-holiday party on Wednesday, **December 2nd** at 7:00 PM in Frankel Hall (88th Street). Please RSVP to x340 by **November 30th**.

Employment Bank Seminar

The Employment Bank will conduct session two of its 1998-99 Career Development Seminar on Monday, **December 7th** at 6:00 PM at 86th Street. Session two, "Aligning Who You Are With What You Do" - Using the Myers Briggs Indicator, will be conducted by Jeanmarie Alessi, MS, Vice President of Training and Development at Prudential Securities. Since space is limited and materials will have to be ordered, registration and payment in advance is required. Please see flyer in back of Kol Jeshurun for details.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Seldom Told Tales from the Book of Genesis - Cancelled!

This week's class normally held on Tuesdays at 88th Street from 7:30 - 9:00 PM is being cancelled due to the Marshall T. Meyer Risk Taker Awards. The next class will be November 24th.

Gonna Square the Nite Away!

On Sunday, **November 15th** from 7:30 - 10:00 PM, the BJ Singles Committee and Ansche Chesed will be co-

sponsoring an evening of high energy square dancing at Ansche Chesed (100th Street and WEA). The dance will feature caller Allen Brozek who will provide instructions. No experience necessary. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10 for BJ/AC members; \$15 non-members. No reservations are necessary, but volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer call x306.

Singles In Home Dinners

The Singles In Home Dinners on **November 20th** are now full. All guests and hosts will be contacted next week.

Sunday Brunch Series: Dreams Unfolded . . .

The Talmud states that a dream forgotten is like a letter unopened. Join the Singles Committee for a brunch as we examine the world of dreams through the study of biblical, Talmudic, midrashic, kabbalistic and liturgical sources. The workshop will compare ancient views on the meaning of dreams with current findings from neuropsychological research; from the dreams of Joseph to the analyses of Freud. The workshop will be led by Dr. Mitch Flaum on

Sunday, **November 22nd**, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the 88th Street Synagogue. The cost is \$10 for BJ members and \$15 for non-members. Advance registration is strongly encouraged. Please send a check marked "11/22 Brunch" payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024 by Wednesday, November 18th. For more information call x306.

Thanksgiving Oneg

Celebrate Thanksgiving with an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Singles Committee on Friday, **November 27th** following the 6:45 PM Service. Join us in the Social Hall of 86th Street for food and schmoozing.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTs

The next BJCOTs meeting will be Sunday, **November 15th** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. Anyone involved in the teen service on **November 21st** should be sure to attend. If you would like to participate in the service please call Felicia at x244.

Parenting Workshops

Bring your experience and wisdom, bring your concerns and questions to BJ's Parenting Workshops series with BJ member Dr. Ron Taffel. This year's workshops will focus on the theme of *Nurturing Good Children Now*, Ron's latest work. **November 17th**, children age 12+; **December 1st**, children age 5-12. All meetings are in the Parlor Room at 86th Street at 7:00 PM.

Tot Shabbat is beginning again...

On a monthly basis we will hold a Tot Shabbat service at 5:45 PM at 86th Street for young children. The dates for the year are as follows: **November 13th**, **December 4th**, **January 8th**, **February 5th**, **March 5th**, **April 16th**, and **May 14th**. This short service will be filled with singing, stories and dancing.

Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue!

On **November 17th**, several BJ parents and their children are planning to prepare dinner for guests of our Homeless Shelter, launching a new social action program that gets the whole family involved. The first gathering includes the ages five-and-under crowd along with their parents and siblings.

Each month following, a different grade level will step up to the plate. We'll need volunteers and coordinators for each month's dinner. We especially need volunteers and coordinators for the 7th grade date on **December 8th**. For information or to volunteer to be a coordinator, please call Beth Kern at (212) 724-5336. The schedule is as follows: **December 8th** - Seventh grade, **January 12th** - First grade, **February 9th** - Sixth grade, **March 16th** - Second grade, **April 27th** - Fifth grade, **May 11th** - Third grade, **June 1st** - Fourth grade.

Afternoon of Shabbat Fun and Games

Our first afternoon of Shabbat fun and games is rapidly approaching. Children of all ages are invited to 86th Street at 3:30 PM on **November 21st** to have a great time with their youth leaders (divisions are pre-K and K, grades 1 - 2, grades 3 - 4 and grades 5 - 6). Following the fun we will all join together (parents too!) for Havdalah at 5:15 PM. The Junior Youth Group will "stay after" for pizza and a movie.

What's up for the Junior Youth Group in November?

The Junior Youth Group will be participating in the Shabbat afternoon of fun and games on **November 21st** at 3:30 PM at 86th Street, and following Havdalah will stay for pizza and a movie. Parents should bring \$5 for dinner after Shabbat, when they pick up their child. RSVP to Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Eric Levine and Earle Kazis are available during November to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Eric at (212) 541-8330 and Earle at (212) 255-7550.

Rabbinic Fellow Available for Appointments

Joshua Levine Grater, the Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, is available for spiritual/pastoral counseling on all levels. If you have a religious, personal or spiritual issue that you would like to discuss, please call for an

appointment at x337. Joshua is available on Thursday afternoons.

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.

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.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Supportive Housing in New York

The Corporation for Supportive Housing is asking for people to send letters to Governor George Pataki in support of the Campaign for New York/New York II, which would build 10,000 units of supportive housing for mentally ill New Yorkers that are, or at risk of, being homeless. Copies of a sample letter are available in the back of the sanctuary.

For Women: A Question of Health

Fibroids, benign tumors of the uterus, affect one woman in five. And now we learn that Jewish women are more prone to fibroids than the average. If you have had fibroids and would like to discuss your experience for a new book being written on the subject, please contact Johanna Skilling at (212) 877-5192 or JSkilling@aol.com.

New Classical Piano CD

BJ member and Pianist Donald Isler has released a new CD on the KASP label featuring the great D Major Piano Sonata of Schubert, and the first ever recording of the solo piano works of Louis Spohr (1784-1859). For information, call (914) 591-6298 or email islerd@aol.com.

Bikkur Holim Workshop

The Coordinating Council of Greater New York for Bikkur Holim is holding its 11th Annual Conference on the topic "Perpetuating the Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim for the Future." Sunday, **November 15th**, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street. Eli Wiesel will speak and Blu Greenberg will give the keynote address. Eight workshops will also be held. Registration fee is \$20. For more info and reservations, call (212) 836-1197.

Israel Lecture

Join Beit Shalom for a lecture with MK Amnon Rubinstein, former Minister of Education on "Post Wye Memorandum: What's Next?" Thursday, **November 19th**, 6:30 PM at 114 West 26th Street, 10th Floor. RSVP to (212) 989-8977.

The Jew in the Lotus

The JCC on the Upper West Side presents the New York premiere of *The Jew in the Lotus*, a new film by Laurel Chiten that is based on the best-selling book by Rodger Kamenetz. The film follows Kamenetz as he chronicles a meeting between the Dalai Lama and a group of rabbis -

Lost and Found

If you find a lost item before, during, or after services, please take it to one of the ushers at the back of the sanctuary. If you have lost something at BJ, please call (212) 787-7600, ext. 0 and speak to Madelyn.

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.

and begins an intense personal journey that leads him back to his Jewish roots. **November 19th**, 7:30 PM, Symphony Space, Broadway & 95th Street. A discussion with the director will follow the film. \$25 general admission to benefit the JCC. Student discount tickets available. Call the JCC at (212) 580-0099 or Symphony Space at (212) 864-5400 for tickets. Cocktail reception for sponsors: \$180 includes two tickets.

Holocaust Families in Displaced Persons Camps

The Milton Kestenberg Holocaust Memorial Lecture invites you to a forum on Identity Development of Displaced Persons. Distinguished panelists will include eyewitness American Army leaders of the camp, social workers, children born in the camp, and scholars. Sunday, **November 22nd** at 1:00 PM in the Stern Auditorium at Mt. Sinai Hospital on Madison Avenue (at 100th Street). Sponsored by the Training Institute for Mental Health in cooperation with Child Development Research. Registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Call (516) 883-7135.

Israeli Folk Dancing in the Neighborhood

If you have been yearning to do Israeli dances that you haven't done since camp or college, come to "Bridge for DANCE," 2726 Broadway, at 104th Street, every Sunday at 8:00 PM for open sessions. Classes from 7:00 - 8:00 PM start **November 22nd** for four weeks with master teacher Danny Pollack (known to BJ from last year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration and the Singles Retreat). Contribution \$5 for open sessions, \$7 for special events or classes. Pre-registration required, call (212) 620-0535.

A World Free from Violence

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) is pleased to invite you to a reading and concert on **November 24th** from 4:30 - 7:00 PM in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium at the UN. Writers who will read include BJ member E.M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley, Michelle Landsberg, and Carol Jenkins. The concert will include works by Bach, Faure, Thea Musgrave, Shostakovich, Joan Tower. The event is free and open to the public, but you must leave your name in advance at (212) 666-1678 to ensure entry.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Install a water saving toilet.

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at (212) 595-6650 for information on the toilet exchange rebate program.

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

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I am a resident alien among you.

(Genesis 23:4)

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