



## November 20 - November 26, 1998

### Friday, November 20

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Aleph Shabbat Dinner** Following Services – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Prozdor BJ-Life 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Dinner**  
 Following Services – Member's Home  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Singles In Home Shabbat Dinners** Following Services

### Saturday, November 21

**Shabbat Services led by BJCOTs** 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Parashah:** Toldot, Genesis 25:19 – 28:9 Pg. 173  
**Triennial:** Genesis 25:19 – 26:22 Pg. 173  
**Haftarah:** Malachi 1:1 – 2:7 Pg. 341

**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.**

**BJCOTs Shabbat Lunch** Following Services – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Afternoon of Shabbat Fun and Games and Havdalah**  
 3:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Arts and Culture Beit Kafe: Dance at BJ**  
 7:15 PM, Havdalah, 8:00 PM, Concert – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Sunday, November 22

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Singles Brunch** 11:00 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Monday, November 23

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Monday and Tuesday nights.  
**Strategic Plan Meeting: Education** 6:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Advanced Beginning Hebrew** 6:00 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Introduction to Judaism** 7:15 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Intermediate Hebrew** 7:15 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Choir Rehearsal** 8:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tuesday, November 24

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Introduction to Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman**  
 8:10 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Seldom Told Tales from the Book of Genesis with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein** 7:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Wednesday, November 25

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Prozdor BJ-LIFE - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** 5:00 PM – Member's Home  
**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.  
**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
 7:30 PM – Rutgers Presbyterian Church, 236 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> St.

### Thursday, November 26

**Thanksgiving Day**  
**Office Closed**  
**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Next Week's Parashah:** Vayetze

**Torah:** Genesis 28:10 – 32:3 Pg. 194

**Triennial:** Genesis 28:10 – 30:13 Pg. 194

**Haftarah:** Hosea 12:13 – 14:10 Pg. 344

### 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 Opportunities of the Week

#### Dorot Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

On Sunday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, you can participate with Dorot in its Thanksgiving Meal Delivery by bringing a Thanksgiving meal to an older person on the Upper West Side. To volunteer or for more info, call (212) 769-2850.

#### Shelter Holiday Volunteers Needed

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is in need of volunteers to staff the shelter on Thursday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>** (Thanksgiving Day), Thursday, **December 24<sup>th</sup>** (Christmas Eve), and Thursday, **December 31<sup>st</sup>** (New Year's Eve). If you can help on one of these two days, please call Estare Weiser at (212) 721-1507.



# 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 BJ members and their families:

- Ellen, Jonathan, and Hannah Litt on the death of Ellen's beloved sister, Rochelle Lindenauer.
- Mia and Noah Mazer on the death of their beloved grandfather, Simon Mazer.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Edward Brill and Michelle (Micki) Levin on their recent engagement.
- Richard Koffler and Lauren Skopov on their recent wedding.

## Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Henry Zoob and the teens of Temple Beth David from Westwood, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Azriel and his Confirmation Class from Omaha, Nebraska.

## 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 Monday - Friday and 5:30 - 9:00 PM Monday and Tuesday at 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 Ansche Chesed (251 West 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>** to the Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund, c/o the BJ Office.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Dance at BJ

This Saturday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, come to the first event of this year's Arts & Culture season - "Dance at BJ" featuring the works of three dancers/choreographers. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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

## Bikkur Holim Committee Meeting

On Monday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the second floor meeting room of the Montana Apartment (87<sup>th</sup> and Broadway) will be the next meeting of the Bikkur Holim Committee. If you are interested in visiting the ill at home

or in the hospital or if you would like to reach out to the elderly at home or at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, please come and help make life more meaningful for all involved.

### Hebrew Conversation Club

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A new club is forming for intermediate and advanced conversation in Hebrew (Israelis welcome!). The first meeting with Rabbi Shoshana Dworsky is Wednesday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Parlor Room of 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Potluck dessert. Come one, come all!

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 PM in Frankel Hall (88<sup>th</sup> Street). Please RSVP to x340 by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat

On the Shabbat of **December 4 - 5**, B'nai Jeshurun will welcome Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller who will teach on the topic "Toward a Meaningful Halakha" as part of BJ's Living a Jewish Life Series. The weekend will include two Shabbat meals. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

### Learners Minyan and Workshop

On Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky will continue his popular workshop on Prayer and Synagogue Skills. The morning will begin with a Learners Minyan at 9:30 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street and will be followed by breakfast and the workshop. The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Call x300 for more information.

### Employment Bank Seminar

The Employment Bank will conduct Session Two of its 1998-99 Career Development Seminar on Monday,

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> 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, advance registration and payment is required. Please see flyer in back of Kol Jeshurun for details.

### Save the Date: Community Forum

The next Community Forum will take place on Monday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The topic will be "Growing Toward Intimacy - How to Create Fellowship Groups at B'nai Jeshurun," with moderator: Ron Taffel.

### "Encore, Encore"

For those of you who missed the screening at its New York debut last spring, the B'nai Jeshurun Israel Committee and the American Friends of Tel Aviv University are pleased to present a special screening of *Out for Love...Be Back Shortly* (in Hebrew with English subtitles). This award-winning autobiographical love story documents the struggle of a young Israeli officer to find love and privacy amidst the reality of daily terror and hatred. It is an historic and captivating record of life in Israel before, during and after the Rabin assassination. The film will be shown at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 86<sup>th</sup> Street, admission is \$4. Immediately following the screening, Joel Siegel, Entertainment Editor of ABC New's *Good Morning America* will lead a discussion with the director, Dan Katzir.

### Dorot Package Delivery

On Sunday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### Seldom Told Tales from the Book of Genesis

The topic of this week's class is the story of Isaac and Ishmael. Refreshments will be served, including wine and beer (for a small charge). The class is held on Tuesdays at 88<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:30 - 9:00 PM.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Synagogue. The cost is \$10 for BJ members and \$15 for non-members. For more information call x306.

### Thanksgiving Oneg

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

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### Prozdor BJ LIFE Shabbat Dinner

This Friday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Shabbat dinner following services for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of Prozdor BJ

LIFE, our informal, experiential, post-B'nai Mitzvah education program that combines leadership training, Judaic study and community service.

### **BJCOTs**

This Shabbat is the Teen-led Shabbat morning service. Following the service there will be a luncheon in the Parlor Room. The BJCOTs will not meet this Sunday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** or Sunday **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. The BJCOTs will resume their meetings on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Save the date for the second annual Teen Dance on Saturday night **December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information on the BJ's Council of Teens please call Felicia at x244.

### **Afternoon of Shabbat Fun and Games**

Our first afternoon of Shabbat fun and games is rapidly approaching. Children of all ages are invited to 86<sup>th</sup> Street at 3:30 PM on **November 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup>** at 3:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

### **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, on Sunday,

### **Parenting Workshops - Please Note The Time Change!**

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. **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, children age 5-12. All meetings are in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> Street at **8:00 PM**.

### **Tot Shabbat is beginning again...**

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

### **Justice, Justice you shall pursue!**

On **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, Seventh Graders and their families are invited to prepare dinner for guests of our homeless shelter. 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 for the Seventh Grade date on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call Linda Hirsch at (212) 795-6306. To volunteer to be a coordinator in coming months please call Beth Kern at (212) 724-5336. The schedule is as follows: **January 12<sup>th</sup>**-First Grade, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**-Sixth Grade, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**-Second Grade, **April 27<sup>th</sup>**-Fifth Grade, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**-Third Grade, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**-Fourth Grade.

### **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.

### **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.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:00 PM in the Stern Auditorium at Mt. Sinai Hospital on Madison Avenue (at 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**It's Time to Give Blood**

If you were unable to donate blood at BJ's annual drive, you can still do so at Congregation Ohab Zedek's annual Blood Drive Sunday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at 118 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street. To schedule an appointment, call Lisa at (212) 663-6064.

**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 104<sup>th</sup> Street, every Sunday at 8:00 PM for open sessions. Classes from 7:00 - 8:00 PM start **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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, special Class registration on November 22<sup>nd</sup> required for reduced rate of \$7/class (includes entry to open session). Single classes \$9, space permitting. 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**New Generations Benefit**

New Israel Fund/New Generations invites you to a festive evening of eating, drinking and dancing featuring the Sultana Ensemble's *Mediterranean Collage*. Tuesday,

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the Angel Orensanz Foundation. Tickets begin at \$125. Information and reservations can be made at the NIF office: (212) 750-2333.

**Queens BJ Chavurah Hanukkah Party**

On Saturday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 6:30 PM, the Queens BJ Chavurah, the Queens Independent Chavurah, and the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights will celebrate Chanukah together. We will have kosher food, singing, dancing and candle lighting. The party will take place in the Methodist Church Community House at 81-10 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Jackson Heights and will cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Your paid reservation must be received by **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please send a check, payable to the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, 87-15 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Feel free to bring your own instruments and song sheets! For more info, call Eileen Pentel at (718) 672-6399.

**New Israel Fund/New Generation Tour to Israel**

A few spaces remain for the **December 24 - January 3** NIF trip to Israel. Join an international New Generations delegation for an intellectually challenging and rigorously fun experience in Israel. Go beyond the headlines to examine the social and ideological realities of contemporary Israeli life. This journey will introduce you to some of Israel's finest leaders, academics and activists, and present a wide range of opinions on democracy, coexistence and pluralism in Israel. The price, including airfare, hotels, and meals is \$2100. For more information and to register, contact Bruce Temkin at (212) 750-2333.

**Ecological Suggestion of the Week**

Install water saving showerheads, faucets, aerators and toilet dams to conserve water.

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

**Pasuk of the Week - gucav euxp**

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Jacob then gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and he rose and went away.

Thus did Esau spurn his birthright.

(Genesis 25:34)

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