



December 18 – December 24, 1998

Friday, December 18

Sixth Night of Hanukkah

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Singles Shabbat Dinner Following Services – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street
Gay and Lesbian Potluck Shabbat Dinner
 Following Services – 86th Street

Saturday, December 19

Rosh Hodesh Tevet

Seventh Night of Hanukkah

Shabbat Hanukkah Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Parashah: Genesis 41:1 – 44:17 Pg. 264
Triennial: Genesis 41:1 – 41:52 Pg. 264
Rosh Hodesh: Numbers 28:9 – 15 Pg. 1210
Maftir: Numbers 7:42 – 47 Pg. 1072
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7 Pg. 30

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.

Naming of Emma Hochman Mitnick
Speaker: Rabbi David Lazar
 Kehilat Ya'ar Ramot

Singles Hanukkah Party 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Sunday, December 20

Rosh Hodesh Tevet

Eighth Night of Hanukkah

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Monday, December 21

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

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, December 22

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

Wednesday, December 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Street
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, December 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Vayigash

Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27 Pg. 281

Triennial: Genesis 44:18 – 45:27 Pg. 281

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28 Pg. 357

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

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

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

The Search is On for Hosts!!

The 3rd Annual Night of 100 Dinners, BJ's party of the year on **February 6, 1999**, is rapidly approaching and we're still looking for volunteers to host dinners that evening. If you haven't already signed up to host, please consider doing so now. Hosting a dinner is a wonderful opportunity to meet members and to get creative in the kitchen. Remember that if you are hosting a dinner, your donation for the evening is waived. Host sign-up sheets can be found in the rear of the sanctuary or at the BJ office. For further information, please call Ellen Litt or Liz Stern at x307.

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.

Condolence

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Rae Drath, Larry Drath, Valerie and Alex Crane, and Nina Priven on the death of their beloved daughter, sister, mother, and aunt, Ronnie Crane.

Mazal Tov To:

Joel Mitnick and Marcia Hochman on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Emma Hochman Mitnick.

Space Needed

The Employment Bank needs space on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 PM to conduct free Career Development sessions for members. All we need is a small room with a telephone. If you can offer us space, please call x315.

New Havdalah Group Forming . . .

For people living 42nd Street and below. Contact Kate Hatnick at (212) 725-9177, or khartnick@feedmag.com.

New Havdalah Study Group

A Talmud study group, focusing on the original Hebrew text and taking place weekly, invites new participants to join. If interested, please call Yehudah Cohn at (212) 877-1893.

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 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.

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

Gay & Lesbian Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner / Party!

Friday, **December 18th** after the 6:45 PM service at 86th Street, we'll be holding our regular potluck dinner, in the Parlor Room. All are welcome. Please bring a vegetarian/kosher dish to share with 4-6 people. For more information about committee events, call x325.

A.J. Heschel Shabbat Dinner

On Friday, **January 8, 1999** the Shabbat B'Yachad Committee will be hosting a dinner and speaker in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. The cost is \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers. To register, send a check in the proper amount to the BJ office marked "1/8 Heschel Dinner."

5th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

Save the date for the commemoration of the 5th Yahrzeit of our beloved Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer on Saturday **January 2, 1999**, 7:30 PM at 86th Street. The evening will begin with Havdalah. Watch for details.

Sex on the Table

Amichai Lau-Lavie, B'nai Jeshurun Scholar-in-Residence, will be leading a weekly study workshop on ancient texts and new perspectives in the search for sacred intimacy,

called "Sex on the Table." Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:00 PM, (beginning **January 12, 1999**) at 88th Street. There is no charge for this course. For more info, call x355. Co-sponsored by the Partnership for Jewish Life.

Getting More Out of the Your Havdalah Experience

Delegates from all the BJ Havdalah groups are invited to join Rabbi Shoshana Dworsky and Amichai Lau-Lavie on **January 13, 1999**, 6:30 - 8:00 PM for a study, chat, and check-in session at the BJ office. Please RSVP to x355.

Employment Bank Career Development Seminar

Session three of the Employment Bank's 1998-99 Career Development Seminar "Aligning Who You Are With What You Do Part II, Using The Strong Interest Inventory" will take place on Thursday **January 21, 1999** at 6:00 PM, at 86th Street. Each participant will use the Strong Interest Inventory along with the Myers Briggs Indicator to get a comprehensive profile of career possibilities suitable for them. It will be facilitated by Dr. John O'Leary. Since it is necessary to receive materials and fill out inventory before the seminar, advance registration and payment is required to attend. Please see flyer in back of Kol Jeshurun for details.

Third Annual Night of 100 Dinners

Save the date. This year's Night of 100 Dinners, BJ's party of the year, is **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

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Seeking Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers to help plan and facilitate our Singles programs. It is a great way to meet new people while contributing to the community. We need people to help with the Hanukkah Party as well as with Shabbat onegs, Shabbat dinners, and many other upcoming events. If you have an hour or endless time, we would appreciate your help. To volunteer, please call x306.

Seldom Told Tales from the Book of Genesis

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's class is held on Tuesdays at 88th Street from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be served, including wine and beer (for a small charge). Join us for this thought provoking class and chance to mingle with friends, new and old.

Make Shabbat Hanukkah Special

Our catered Shabbat dinner this evening is full. Individuals with pre-paid reservations are invited to join us following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street.

I Have a Little Dreidel...

What're you doing on the seventh night of Hanukkah? Join other BJ singles as we kindle the Hanukkah lights on Saturday, **December 19th**, at 6:45 PM at 88th Street. We invite you to bring your own menorah and candles so we can all light together. We ask that you bring a wrapped gift for a "Maccabean" auction (to be explained). Feel free to exercise your sense of humor while keeping your gift in good taste (please spend no more than \$10). PLEASE NOTE: admission at the door will be \$10 for both members and non-member. The program will begin with Havdalah and refreshments will be served.

Fine Tune Your Shabbat

The BJ Singles Committee, in conjunction with the Ansche Chesed Young Professionals, will be sponsoring a Shabbat dinner and musical program on Friday, **January 8, 1998**, at Ansche Chesed (100th St and WEA). The dinner will begin at 7:30 PM; the program begins at 8:45 PM. Singers David Eisenberg, Steve Friedman (both BJ members), Eric Brenner, and Ellen Schorr will present a program of a cappella Psalm settings by many composers and from many musical periods. These singers gave a very well-received performance last Pesah of the music of Salamone Rossi, which was sold out: don't be disappointed, sign up now! A group will gather immediately following the 6:00 PM BJ service, and will walk up to Ansche Chesed together for the

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 on the night of the event with check-in and bartending. Please leave a message at x307.

dinner. The cost is \$20 for BJ members; \$25 for non-members (priority will be given to members and is on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited). Admission for the program only: \$8 BJ members, \$10 non-members. Please send a check, marked "1/8 AC Singles Dinner" to the BJ office. (It is very important that you write this on your check!) Please include your name, your day and evening phone numbers, your e-mail address, indicate your membership status, and indicate if you require a vegetarian meal. Checks must be received by noon on Wednesday, **December 30th**. No exceptions can be made. You will be contacted only if we cannot accommodate you. For more information, please call x306.

Swing the Night Away . . .

Join the BJ Singles Committee and Ansche Chesed as we co-sponsor a night of Swing Dancing on Sunday, **January 10, 1999** from 7:30 - 10:00 PM at Ansche Chesed (100th Street & West End Avenue). No experience is necessary. Expert instructions will be provided by Debbie Elkins from 7:30 - 8:30 PM followed by open dancing and additional instructions until 10:00 PM. Free refreshments will be served. The cost is \$15 (\$10 for BJ/AC members). No reservations are necessary. Volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer, call Michael at (212) 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat). For further information call (212) 613-0999.

Basherte - Finding Your Beloved

Ever wonder how you are keeping love out of your life? Join the BJ Singles committee as we host our next brunch/workshop on **January 17, 1999** from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Our special guests will be Rosalie and Efram Eisen, founders of the Basherte Workshop. The workshop theme will be: "Connecting in the Four Worlds and Beyond" and will explore how to bring a loving and committed partner into your life. Come explore how to begin to be able to say "Hineni" - Here I am. The cost for the brunch is \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Please send your check marked "1/17 Singles Brunch" to the BJ office. Please include a day and evening phone number and e-mail address and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by noon on Monday **January 11, 1999**. Please note: If space is available, the cost at the door will be \$25 for all. For information, call x306.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Tot Shabbat

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: **January 8, 1998, 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!

The Family Activities Committee has made a commitment to preparing dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter on a monthly basis. The First Grade will be responsible for the

month of January and on Tuesday, **January 12, 1999** will gather together to engage in this mitzvah. Interested First Grade families should call Lizzie Kraiem at (212) 831-6089. If you or your family would like to participate or you would like to be a coordinator for one of the other months please call Beth Kern at (212) 724-5336. The schedule is as follows: **February 9th**- Sixth Grade, **March 16th**- Second Grade, **April 27th**-Fifth grade, **May 11th**- Third Grade, **June 1st**- Fourth Grade.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Sara Litt and Jay Kramer are available during December to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Sara at (212) 877-7987 and Jay at (212) 753-5420.

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.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Treatment Program for Holocaust Survivors

The Mount Sinai Specialized Treatment Program for Holocaust Survivors and Their Families provides short-term group therapy for survivors and children of survivors who seek to understand how the Holocaust continues to influence their lives. If interested in joining a group, please call Ilana Breslau at (718) 584-9000, x6567. Groups are now forming for the winter and spring.

The Play's the Thing

Zise Khaloymes (Sweet Dreams), a new play in Yiddish at the Folksbeine Yiddish Theater, is running from **December 5 - January 31, 1999**. The play, set in the 1900's, is about a young New York woman on the fast track of career and romance who is also haunted by the memory of her mother, a Holocaust survivor. The star is the legendary Mina Bern and the music is by Zalmen Mlotek and Frank London (of the Klezematics). English and Russian translations are available. Ticket prices are \$25 and \$30 (\$10 with student ID). Performance times: Wednesday and Thursday - 2:00

and 8:00 PM, Saturday - 8:00 PM, Sunday - 2:00 and 5:30 PM. Theatre Four, 424 W. 55th St. (off 9th Ave.).

Hanukkah Party

You are invited to attend the Alliance for Judaism and Social Justice's Hanukkah Party on Saturday night, **December 19th** at 8:00 PM. The party will be at Bridge for Dance (2726 Broadway, at 104th St.) and the cost is \$10, proceeds go to the HUC Soup Kitchen. For more information and to RSVP, call Shifra at (973) 838-5566.

Beyond the Pale: The Progressive Jewish Radio Hour

Beyond the Pale is a Sunday, noon - 1:00 PM radio show on WBAI 99.5 FM that addresses Jewish cultural and political issues from a progressive perspective. This week's program is "Thirty Years After Oceanhill-Brownsville: Revisiting the New York City School Wars, Part I." For more information, call JFREJ, (212) 647-8966.

Winter Frolic

The JCC of the Upper West Side is sponsoring a "Winter Frolic" on Sunday, **December 20th**, 7:00 PM at the Crane Club, 408 Amsterdam (between 79th and 80th Sts.) for singles aged 39+. There will be music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, complete with Hanukkah candle lighting. Admission is \$18 for members, \$23 for nonmembers who prepay by **December 17th**; \$30 at the door. Please bring canned food to be donated to City Harvest. For more info and to register, call (212) 580-0099.

Celebrate Hanukkah at Carnegie Hall

On Sunday **December 20th** at 8:00 PM (the eighth night of Hanukkah), the Zamir Choral Foundation will present a concert of choral music at Carnegie Hall entitled "Ancient Wonders, Modern Miracles: Israel at 50 -- A Hanukkah Celebration". The concert features legendary Israeli artist Shoshana Damari, as well as Cantors Alberto Mizrahi, Nathan Lam, Lorna Wallach, and Charles Osborne. BJ members David Eisenberg and Susan Deikman will be singing with the National Jewish Chorale. Also performing will be Hazamir: the National Jewish High School Choir, including BJ member David Lieberman. The concert will be directed by Matthew Lazar. For info or tickets, call (212) 362-3335 or e-mail ZamirFdn@aol.com.

Benefit Concert

West-Park Church (86th St. and Amsterdam Ave.) invites its BJ friends to its annual "Comfort Ye" concert to benefit the homeless. Lauren Flanigan and her friends from the Metropolitan and City Operas as well as the Ecumenical Gospel Choir directed by Betty Forbes will present an evening of music beginning at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, **December 22nd**. Admission is five non-perishable food items, two packages of diapers, one warm coat or \$40. All food donations go to the Westside Campaign Against

Hunger at SPSA, all cash donations go directly to the Interfaith Assembly on Housing and Homelessness, and all coats will be donated to New York Cares.

Christmas Eve at SPSA

The congregation of the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew invite its friends from BJ to join them for their traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service, **December 24th** at 10:45 PM in the 86th Street sanctuary.

SALSA SENSATION (for singles - ages 30 - 50)

Atid/Vanguard/Hadassah cordially invite single Jewish professionals, ages 30 to 50, to Salsa Sensation, Thursday, **January 21, 1999** from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at Bistro Latino (1711 Broadway at 54th St.). Featuring dancing, music, exotic hors d'oeuvres and a drink. Events include Salsa and Merengue demonstrations and a dance lesson. \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door. Dress is festive/business. RSVP ASAP to (212) 751-7050, x240 to guarantee entrance as a sell out is expected or mail a check addressed and payable to NY Chapter of Hadassah, 575 Lexington Ave., Ste. 530, NY, NY 10022-6102 by **January 13, 1999**. Include your telephone number. We'll contact you only if sold out.

Summer Study at Beit Midrash/A Liberal Yeshivah

Beit Midrash/A Liberal Yeshivah in Jerusalem is offering its first summer intensive, "God, Torah, Israel: 3 Concepts, 2 Weeks, 1 People." The program will run from **July 1-17, 1999**, during which time participants will study and pray in our egalitarian and pluralistic setting. Join us and experience the richness of Jewish learning. Housing and meals are included. For info contact BJ member Lev Robert Herrnson at (212) 824-2294 or www.huc.edu/liberalyeshivah/.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Support local farmers by buying fresh produce in season. It tastes better and is more nutritious than food grown far away. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

**Pasuk of the Week – gucav euxp
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Pharaoh woke up agitated. He sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt and told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them.
(Genesis 41:8)

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