



## December 25 – December 31, 1998

### Friday, December 25

Office Closed

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

### Saturday, December 26

**Shabbat Services** 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Parashah:** Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 – 47:27 Pg. 281  
**Triennial:** Genesis 44:18 – 45:27 Pg. 281  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 37:15 – 28 Pg. 357

**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.**

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah** Ted Merwin and Andrea Lieber

**Kiddush** Following Services – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

### Sunday, December 27

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Monday, December 28

**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.  
**Choir Rehearsal** 8:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tuesday, December 29

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Wednesday, December 30

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.

### Thursday, December 31

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 8:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Next Week's Parashah:** Vayehi

**Torah:** Genesis 47:28 – 50:26 Pg. 302

**Triennial:** Genesis 47:28 – 48:22 Pg. 302

**Haftarah:** I Kings 2:1 – 12 Pg. 359

### 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

#### **Employment Bank Volunteers Needed**

Help us expand and follow up on job listings and matching, enter data into database, conduct career counseling and assist us with setting up and running seminars. To volunteer please call x315.

#### **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 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.

#### **The Search is On for Hosts!!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- David and Deedy Goldstick, and Patty, Diane, and Caleb Goldstick on the birth of their granddaughter, niece, and cousin, Annie Elizabeth.
- Victor and Hope Gany and Arthur and Hannah Margulies on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Nicole Alexis Gany.
- Roger and Meryl Hirsch and Arthur and Hannah Margulies on the birth of their sons and grandsons, Jordan Lawrence and Spencer Morrison Hirsch.
- Edward Klaris and Robin Pogrebin and Bertrand and Letty Pogrebin on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Maya Pogrebin Klaris.
- Alon and Jennifer Markowitz and Laurence and Stephanie Levy on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Talia Simone Markowitz.
- Ted Merwin and Andrea Lieber and their families on their upcoming wedding.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

- Philip and Alice Merwin for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Ted and Andrea's upcoming wedding.
- Jo Godin for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Ted and Andrea's upcoming wedding.

## **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.

## **Career Counselor Available for Appointments**

The Employment Bank is happy to announce that a volunteer is available for free career counseling, (i. e. resume evaluation and interview skills) twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. This service is available for BJ members only and by appointment only. Please call for an appointment at x362.

## **New Havdalah Group Forming . . .**

For people living 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and below. Contact Kate Hartnick 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 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.

## **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

## **5<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer**

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

## **BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch**

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **January 3, 1999** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. If you are interested in volunteering for the brunch, please call our coordinator Merrill Feinstein-Feit at (212) 744-2349.

## **Stop Haman Now!**

How? With fun, revelry and the BJ Purim Play! We need an assistant costume designer, an assistant stage manager, jugglers, dancers, singers, actors, and anyone who wants to have a great time. Auditions - Tuesday, **January 5, 1999** from 5:00 - 6:00 PM for children and 6:00 - 8:00 PM for adults at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Anyone between ages 7 - 97 can audition. For more information, call Rachel Wineberg at (212) 874-1168 or the Purim hotline, x343.

## **Training Session for Bikkur Holim Volunteers**

With Rabbi Mychal Springer (Chaplaincy, Beth Israel Hospital). 86<sup>th</sup> Street Parlor Room, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, **January 6, January 20, and February 3, 1999**. If you are

interested in reaching out to the ill, elderly in the BJ community, please be sure to attend. It is recommended that you attend all 3 sessions, but if you miss one, it is still okay to attend the others.

### Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook

Rabbi Matalon's Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook class will resume for the final two courses on **January 6 and 20, 1999**.

### 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 88<sup>th</sup> 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."

### 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 88<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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 (100<sup>th</sup> 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. A group will gather immediately following the 6:00 PM BJ service, and will walk up to Ansche Chesed together for the 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. 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 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

**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 86<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

**10, 1999** from 7:30 - 10:00 PM at Ansche Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> Street for young children. The dates for the year are as follows: **January 8, 1998, 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!

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 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.

## 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

### Tutoring and Mentoring Opportunities

Are you interested in participating in a relationship with nearby Brandeis High School? Multiple action opportunities requiring a broad range of expertise. Urgent service needs in tutoring and mentoring. Please respond ASAP. Email barbara.goldman@gte.net or fax J. Friedman at (212) 246-0076.

### 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 through

**January 31, 1999.** The play, set in the 1990'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 Klezmatics). 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. 55<sup>th</sup> St. (off 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.).

### Members' Performace

Sabor Brasil, a Brazilian Jazz group featuring BJ members Susan David Pereira and Vanderlei Pereira, will be performing at Cleopatra's Needle (2485 Broadway, between 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Sts.) at 9:00, 10:30 PM and Midnight on Tuesday, **December 29<sup>th</sup>**. No cover, \$10 min. at tables, \$7 min. at bar.

**Entering the Orchard**

BJ's Scholar-in-Residence, Amichai Lau-Lavie will be teaching a class at the New York Kollel entitled "Entering the Orchard: 4 Interpretations of Jewish Texts", **January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1999**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. The class will focus on the Talmudic tale of four sages who entered the Orchard and the ancient Jewish art of deconstructing, or "undressing" texts. For registration and more info, contact the Kollel at (212) 824-2272, kollel@huc.edu or www.huc.edu/kollel.

**Jewish Camp for a Day**

Warm up your winter day, meeting old friends and new at the Association of Jewish Sponsored Camps' Summer Fun in January. Enjoy an afternoon sampling of the best of summer camps. Sunday, **January 10, 1999**, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at UJA Federation, 130 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St. (between Lexington and Park). Free for all ages. For more information, call (212) 751-0477.

**Member Book Signing**

BJ member Samuel J. Mann, MD (New York Hospital - Cornell) will be discussing his new book, *Healing Hypertension: Uncovering the Secret Power of your Hidden Emotions* at the Barnes and Noble bookstore, Broadway and 82<sup>nd</sup> Street on Sunday, **January 10, 1999** at 3:00 PM. All are welcome (there is no charge).

**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 54<sup>th</sup> 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**

Recycle motor oil. Bring used motor oil to service stations that change oil or to large retailers that sell oil. They are required to accept up to five gallons at no charge. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

**Pasuk of the Week – guca v euxp**

**ו, ת חַי תּוֹרֵס יִפְ הַרְי תּוֹ וּבִקֵּג לְחַי חַי ת־כִּפְק עֲבֹהוּ**

He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; only then were his brothers able to talk to him. (Genesis 45:15)

**VOICE MAILBOXES OF BJ COMMITTEES AND SERVICES**

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