



February 12 – February 19, 1999

Friday, February 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, February 13

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Shabbat Shekalim Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Parashah: Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 – 24:18 Pg. 566
Triennial: Exodus 21:1 – 22:3 Pg. 566
Maftir: Exodus 30:11 – 16 Pg. 632
Haftarah: II Kings 12:5 – 16 Pg. 1647
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.

Kiddush Following Services – 86th Street

Sunday, February 14

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
BJCOTs 6:00 PM – 86th Street

Monday, February 15

President's Day

Office Closed

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street

Monday and Tuesday nights.

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, February 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Introduction to Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th Street

Purim Play Rehearsal 6:30 PM – 88th Street
Beginning Hebrew 6:30 PM – BJ Office
Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan 6:30 PM – 86th Street

BJ Volleyball 7:30 PM – Anshe Chesed
"Sex on the Table" Text Study with Amichai Lau-Lavie 8:30 PM – 86th Street

Wednesday, February 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street

Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's The Prophets with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, February 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Purim Play Rehearsal 6:30 PM – 88th Street

Friday, February 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Teruma

Torah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19 Pg. 604

Triennial: Exodus 25:1 – 25:40 Pg. 604

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13 Pg. 717

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88th Street

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

PURIM SERVICES UPDATE

Thank you to those members who followed the procedures for obtaining entrance cards for our upcoming Purim celebration. Look for them in next week's mail. The 5:30 PM service is completely full; however, limited space is still available for the 8:30 PM service. If you are a member who has not yet returned your form and would like to attend the late service, please fax your request to (212) 496-7600 or send it to the BJ office. Requests will not be taken by phone and will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. Again, we apologize for the need for these procedures, but our goal is a safe and joyous Purim. Questions? Call Robin at x365.

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 Matt Fried, Millie Waldman, Carrie Fried Sutton and Lia Sutton on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Helen Fried.

Mazal Tov To:

Shoshana Avner on the birth of her 41st grandnephew/niece, Yechiel Rosenberg.

Todah Rabbah To:

Dov Bronner and Shula Weiner for providing flowers for events at B'nai Jeshurun. If you need to order flowers, please call them at By Special Arrangement at (212) 873-9189. If you mention that you are affiliated with BJ, they will donate 10 % of your purchase price to the synagogue.

Sponsor Kiddushim

If you would like to sponsor a kiddush after Shabbat Morning Services in honor of a *simcha* on the second or fourth Shabbat of the month, please call Robin at x365.

Donations Needed

Donations for earthquake relief in Colombia can be made to the American Jewish World Service, 980 Avenue of the Americas, 10th Floor, NY, NY 10018, (212) 736-2597.

Bagels and Buber

There will be no Bagels and Buber class this Sunday, **February 14th**. The next and final class will be, Sunday, **February 21st**.

Behind God's Mask

Legends and laws in preparation for Purim. Havdalah and study. Save the date: Saturday, **February 20th**, 5:00 PM at 88th Street.

Save the Community Gardens!

The next meeting of the Environment Committee will take place on **February 24th** at 7:30 PM at 315 West 70th Street, #10H. The community garden crisis will be discussed. Call x313 for more info.

Jewish-Christian Spiritual Journeys Dialogue Group

Members from four West Side congregations - B'nai Jeshurun, St. Paul & St. Andrew United Methodist, West Park Presbyterian, and the Society for the Advancement of

Help Out at the BJ Office

Volunteers are needed to do a major mailing at the BJ Office the week of **February 16th**. If you have time and would like to help any day between 9 and 6 that week, please call Patty at x240.

Shabbat Mitzvah

Volunteers are needed to assist with Shabbat Services and/or kiddush on Fridays from 4:00 - 5:30 PM at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Call (212) 501-9564 for details.

Dancers Needed

Can you do the Mamba, Cha Cha, and Merengue? We are looking for a couple to perform in a presentation sponsored by the Arts & Culture Committee on March 13th about the life of Bella Abzug. Call Susan Weston, (212) 727-1622.

Tutors Needed

Tutors are needed for the PS 166/B'nai Jeshurun Tutoring Program. Enjoy tutoring second and third graders in reading on a one to one basis Wednesday and/or Friday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. No experience needed. Training is provided. Call Beth Handler at (212) 316-1168.

BJ Members Forum on the Web

The B'nai Jeshurun web site, <http://www.bj.org>, now features a members only area for members to exchange ideas and opinions. To obtain a username and password, BJ members must register by sending their name and email address to bboard@bj.org. The office will reply within a few days. Then you can sign on and add your ideas, thoughts and opinions to a growing body of material that is there already.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Judaism - will come together for five Jewish and Christian dialogue sessions to explore our spiritual journeys starting Wednesday, **February 24th** at West Park Church, Amsterdam Avenue at 86th Street from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. The five sessions will be facilitated by the Rev. Bob Brashear of WP, the Rev. Dr. Jay Rock of the Interreligious Program Dept. of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. Katherine Kurs. Sessions are free, but advance registration is required and members must be willing to commit to all five Wednesday sessions. To sign up, email to Mim Warden, BJ Interfaith Committee Chair, at MimWarder@aol.com.

Secrets from Queen Esther's Bedroom . . .

A "Sex on the Table" Text Study Purim Special with guest star Rebbetzin Hadassa Gross, president of the Alliance for Ko-Share Sex. **March 2nd**, 8:30 PM at 86th Street. Admission is free. Open to all. For info, call x355.

BJ Members Eating Dinner in Silence?!

Come experience this for yourself at the second annual BJ Meditation Retreat, **March 21 – 24** at Elat Chayyim in Accord, NY. Join the rabbis and other members for an inspiring teaching by scholars-in-residence, Rabbis David and Shoshana Cooper, which will focus on spiritual

preparation for Pesah. Silence, chanting, and meditation will be used to help us “clean up” the *hametz* in our lives. Information was included in a recent mailing, but if you missed it or have questions, please call Robin at x365.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Join the Crowd

Come in from the cold for an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Singles Committee on Friday, **February 19th** following the 6:45PM service. Join us in the Parlor Room and Chapel of 86th Street for lite fare, hot beverages and schmoozing.

"So, You Thought You Had A Bad Day?"

Sit down, relax, have a drink and join us for a Beit Kafe of laughter and music featuring comedian Scott Blakeman with cabaret singer Ann Harvey and The Best Fed Band on Saturday, **February 20th** at 8:00 PM 88th Street. *Jewish Week* called Scott "The King of Comedy at Jewish singles events". Scott has made over 50 national television appearances including co-host of NBC's Funny People. Ann Harvey, who most recently performed at Don't Tell Mama, introduces songs by some of today's best songwriters with covers that create a mood uniquely hers. Armed with a dry sense of humor, Ann and the Best Fed Band will be with you on a rollicking good trip down the road of life. The cost for the evening's performances, sponsored by the Singles Committee, is \$15 members/\$20 non-members and includes a complimentary glass of wine. Lite refreshments will be served. To register, please send your check marked "2/20 Singles Beit Cafe" to the BJ office by no later than February 15th. Please include a day/evening phone number and indicate your membership status. **Please note:** if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$25 for all. For information, call x306. **Volunteers are needed to help with this event. To volunteer and receive a reduced admission leave your name and phone number on the singles voice mail.**

Turbulent Souls

"When Florence Greenglass and Sol Dubner converted from Judaism to Catholicism during World War II, it was as though a gate banged shut; neither looked back. Embracing Catholicism zealously, they broke with their families as well as their religion . . . Decades later, their son Stephen, the youngest of eight children, unlocked the gate, opening to a renewed future." (*Jewish Week*) Join the BJ Singles Committee as we host our next Brunch/Lecture and Book

Signing on **March 7th** at 11:00 AM at 88th Street. Our special guest will be writer and editor at the *NY Times Magazine* Stephen Dubner whose intimate recounting of his reclaiming of his Jewish faith is sensitively narrated in his book *Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family*. The cost for the brunch is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Please send your check marked "3/7 Singles Brunch" to the BJ office. Please include a day/evening phone number, e-mail address and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by March 1st. **Please note:** if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$25 for all. For information, call x306.

Make Shabbat Special (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE)

Join BJ singles for our next catered Shabbat dinner on Friday, **March 12th** at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service. 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). Please call our voice mail to make your reservation **AND** send your check marked "3/12 Singles Dinner" 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 Friday, **March 5th**. No exceptions can be made. You will be contacted the week of **March 8th** only if we cannot accommodate you. For information, call x306.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Join the BJ Singles Committee and Ansche Chesed as we co-sponsor an evening of Israeli Folk Dancing on Saturday, **March 13th** from 8:00 - 11:00 PM at Ansche Chesed (100th Street and West End Ave). No experience is necessary! Instructions will be provided by expert instructor, Danny Pollack. Free refreshments will be served. The cost is \$15 (\$10 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).

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Expansion of Family Participation at the Shelter

While several grades of children (and their parents) wait their turns to don chef's hats on behalf of our Homeless Shelter guests, response to the new Family Life Committee program has been gratifyingly positive. **Several participants have already asked about expanding the program beyond once a month.** As a result, in tandem

with the current schedule, we're looking to add additional dates but we need coordinators and volunteers. Coordinators keep a list of the families, volunteer to assist in preparing a meal on the designated evening, decide on a menu, assign a few ingredients for each family to bring, and divide up chores among the assembled cooks. The Family Life Committee, working with Felicia Sol, the Director of

Family and Youth programs, will help you pick the date and get the word out. For further info, please call Beth Kern at (212) 724-5336.

Do You Have Summer Plans?

BJ has been invited to send 2 youth representatives (ages 11 - 18) to the 21st annual Global Youth Village in Bedford, VA. For three weeks in July/August, participants will enjoy international food and summer fun, build leadership and diplomacy skills and share New York and Jewish culture with peers from 20+ countries. For information and an application call Abby Friedman (212) 280-5259. Deadline: **February 15th**.

Teens

The BJCOTs will meet on Sunday **February 21st** in the Parlor Room at 86th Street at 6:00 PM. On Sunday **February 28th**, we will meet at 4:00 PM at 88th Street to bake *hamantaschen* and deliver *mishloah manot* to the elderly in our community. Finally, reserve the weekend of April 9 - 11 for the second teen retreat of the year. Registration has already been sent out. The retreat will be held in Brewster, NY. Questions? Call Felicia at x244.

Junior Youth Group Mishloah Manot Delivery!

Come join us on Sunday, **February 28th** at 12:00 PM at 88th Street to bake *hamantaschen*, create *mishloah manot* and

then deliver them to the Jewish Home and Hospital. Drop off at 88th Street at noon, pick up The Home at 106th St. between Columbus and Amsterdam at 3:00 PM. Cost is \$1.50 for the bus, and a good ingredient for the *mishloah manot*. Last year over 25 people came to the event! Let's make it even bigger this year!. Please RSVP ASAP to Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918.

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: **March 5th**, **April 16th**, and **May 14th**. This short service will be filled with singing, stories and dancing.

Come Spend the Summer Making a Difference

Meytiv is a six-week program designed to combine the challenge of volunteer work, the commitment to *tikkun olam*, the joy and depth of Jewish living and the excitement of a summer of fun and adventure. Meytiv begins and ends at Camp Ramah in California and is open to high school junior and seniors. For more information about this exciting program call Felicia at x244.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Ron Taffel and Arnon Mishkin are available during February to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Ron at (212) 877-9680 and Arnon at (212) 446-2811.

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

Buy Books by Waskow and Berman

Books by last weekend's Teachers-in-Residence, Rabbi Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman can be purchased for a discount online from www.SeferSafari.com. All net proceeds from any sales through Purim will be donated by Sefer Safari Online Jewish Books to the BJ Environment Committee.

Oy! A New Comedy

BJ member Larry Hirschhorn, artistic director of the Melting Pot Theatre Company, presents a new play called *Oy!*, a comic celebration of Jewish life. *Oy!* is now playing at Theatre 3, 311 W. 43rd St. Call (212) 279-4200.

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 show: Singles and the Search for Love in Jewish New York. With Mordechai Moore of Shalom Ink; Ted Merwin, who met his wife at a BJ Singles Retreat; and others. We will look at singles seniors, single lesbian and other singles scenes. For more information, call JFREJ, (212) 647-8966.

Pre-Pesah Program at the JTS Lehrhaus

Save the Date! JTS's Lehrhaus Institute will be holding a pre- Pesah program on Sunday afternoon, **March 7th**, "From Generation to Generation: A Passover Mosaic" exploring the Haggadah, midrash, music, and food of Passover. For more information, please call (212) 870-3177 or 870-3181.

March of the Living

The March of the Living in 1999 will have a special contingent of Second Generation (parents and spouses included). The March will take place **April 10 - 25**. For itineraries, applications, and further information, contact Dr. William L. Shulman, Association of Holocaust Organizations, (718) 225- 0378 or hrcaho@worldnet.att.net.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Always write/type on both sides of the paper.

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

Pasuk of the Week – g u c a v e u x p

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You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 23:9)

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Carry the BJ Spirit to Shabbat Dinner at

Prixé Fixe Shabbat Dinner

**\$30 per person (tax and tip included)
consisting of:**

- Chips and Salsa
- Challah and Wine for Kiddush
- Choice of Soup **OR** Salad
- Choice of Sizzling Chicken or Beef Fajitas **OR** Vegetarian Fajitas

**NOTE
NEW
DATE**



**502 Amsterdam Avenue
(between 84th and 85th Streets)
(212) 799-1434**

Finally, an alternative to taking Friday off to cook or hanging out on the steps trying to figure out which neighborhood restaurant might have a table open for six at 8:30 on a Friday night. And for many of us, an answer to the dilemma of wanting to share a Shabbat meal with friends but not wanting to carry money on Shabbat.

Starting Friday, **February 19th**, BJ will have the opportunity to provide Shabbat dinner for BJ members and guests at Polanco (under Rabbinic supervision). Here's how it works:

Call Polanco at (212) 799-1434 during the week to make your reservation. Give your credit card number to the restaurant. They will charge you for the number of reservations you make. (Or stop by the restaurant and drop off cash). All reservations must be made by **Tuesday, February 16th**.