



## February 26 – March 5, 1999

### Friday, February 26

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Hebrew School Hey Class Shabbat Dinner**  
 Following Services – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Gay and Lesbian Potluck Shabbat Dinner**  
 Following Services – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

### Saturday, February 27

**Shabbat Zakhor Services** 9:30 AM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Parashah:** Tetzave, Exodus 27:20 – 30:10 Pg. 618  
**Triennial:** Exodus 27:20 – 28:30 Pg. 618  
**Maftir:** Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19 Pg. 1507  
**Haftarah:** I Samuel 15:01 – 15:34 Pg. 34

**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** Mimi Pasternak Levine

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah** Ken Katzman and Nicole Petrovic

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

### Sunday, February 28

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Junior Youth Group Mishloach Manot Delivery** 12:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Purim Play Rehearsal** 12:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Purim Play Performance** 3:30 PM – Jewish Home and Hospital, 120 W. 106<sup>th</sup> St.  
**BJCOTs** 4:00 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Monday, March 1

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Family Purim Service** 5:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Purim Service** 8:30 PM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tuesday, March 2

### Purim

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Beginning Hebrew** 6:30 PM – BJ Office  
**Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan** 6:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ Volleyball** 7:30 PM – Anshe Chesed  
**"Sex on the Table" Text Study with Amichai Lau-Lavie** 8:30 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

### Wednesday, March 3

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

### Thursday, March 4

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

### Friday, March 5

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Preschool Shabbat Class #1** 10:00 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Preschool Shabbat Class #2** 11:00 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Next Week's Parashah:** Ki Tisa

**Torah:** Exodus 30:11 – 34:35 Pg. 632

**Triennial:** Exodus 30:11 – 31:17 Pg. 632

**Maftir:** Numbers 19:1 – 22 Pg. 1145

**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 36:22 – 36 Pg.

### 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 Opportunity of the Week

#### Sit Down Lunch Program Resumes

Beginning Thursday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program will be offering a sit down lunch for our guests. Rather than handing out sandwiches in the cold, we will invite guests inside to warm up and enjoy a sit down lunch. Many more volunteers are needed to help set up

|| tables, welcome our guests and serve and prepare the food. ||

|| Please call Amy at x338 to help. ||

# 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:*

- Jill Nathanson and Alan Astro, Raphael and Aliza Astro on the death of Jill's beloved father, Arnold Nathanson.
- Fred and Joanne and Julie Siegmund on the death of Fred's beloved father, Marcus M. Siegmund.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Matthew, Sara, Mimi, Max, and Joseph Levine, and Albert and Naomi Levine on the occasion of Mimi's Bat Mitzvah.
- Ken Katzman and Nicole Petrovic on their upcoming wedding.

## Todah Rabbah To:

Matthew and Sara Levine for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of Mimi's Bat Mitzvah.

## Mishloach Manot Sale for Tzedakah

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class of the Hebrew School will be selling Mishloach Manot packages (Purim gifts with candy and fruit) at both Purim services to raise money for *tzedakah*. Don't miss this great opportunity to perform two *mitzvot*, by buying a package and at the same time helping to raise money for Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, a Bronx-based group which organizes young people to press for economic and social change. If you would like to order in

advance, call Lori at the BJ office at x6. Or just buy a few when you go to see the Spiel!

## A Plea for Passover

Perform a mitzvah for our elderly friends at the Jewish Home and Hospital on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. We need 14 volunteers to lead an abbreviated seder (20 minutes). We also need 30 people to join the residents for a dinner that evening. Do one or both. Bring the family! Call Susan Weston at (212) 727-1622.

## Shabbat Mitzvah

Volunteers are needed to assist with Shabbat Services and kiddush on Fridays at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Services: 4:00 - 5:10 PM. Kiddush (flexible schedule a possibility): 5:10 - 7:00 PM. Call Jeff Segall (not on Shabbat) at (212) 501-9564 for details.

## The Employment Bank Needs You . . .

To help us expand and follow-up on job listings and matching, setting up web listings, database entry and management, and running career development seminars. To volunteer please call x315.

## Space Needed

The BJ Employment Bank needs space to conduct Career Development sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 PM. If you can offer space, please call x362.

## BJ Flowers

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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Gay and Lesbian Shabbat Potluck Dinner

This month's lesbian and gay pot luck Shabbat dinner will be held tonight, **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, following the 6:45 PM service at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. As always, please bring a vegetarian / kosher entree to share with 4-6 people. Potluck will be held in the Social Hall.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 8:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Admission is free. Open to all. For info, call x355.

## Shabbat B'Yachad Dinner

Shabbat B'Yachad is filling up!! BJ's next catered community dinner on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** - with Rabbi Shosh Dworsky, Rabbi Yael Ridberg, and Anne Ebersman - seems to be a popular one. So if you've been thinking about attending, please call the voicemail box x.304 ASAP and then send your check in. See the ad in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more details.

## Eldercare Roundtable

BJ Member Ellen Lurie Polivy, a social worker who has been a professional geriatric care manager for eighteen years is offering a monthly roundtable in which people can bring their eldercare issues, concerns and questions. The meetings will take place from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street

on the following dates: **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, and **June 14<sup>th</sup>**. The service is free but you must RSVP to Ben at x241.

### **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. The retreat will focus on spiritual preparation for Pesah. Silence, chanting, and meditation will be used to help us “clean up” the *hametz* in our lives.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Please note:** if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$25 for all. For information, call x306.

### **Make Shabbat Special**

Join BJ singles for our next catered Shabbat dinner on Friday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>** at 88<sup>th</sup> 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

Information was included in a recent mailing, but if you missed it or have questions, please call Robin at x365.

### **Shalom My Dream**

Join us on Saturday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** for a screening of *Shalom My Dream*, co-sponsored with West End Synagogue. This Israeli film explores life and death, the price of peace and loss of innocence. The evening begins with Havdalah at 7:30 PM, followed by the film, promptly at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. The event will take place at West End Synagogue, 190 Amsterdam Avenue (at 69<sup>th</sup> Street). For more information, call 877-2322.

address and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by noon on Friday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**. No exceptions can be made. You will be contacted the week of **March 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 - 11:00 PM at Ansche Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **Passover Package Delivery**

Mark your calendars and join other BJ Singles as we make Passover package deliveries to the elderly on Sunday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**. This is an opportunity to do a *mitzvah* and spend time with friends new and old. There will be a group orientation beginning at 11:00 AM at Brandeis High School (85<sup>th</sup> Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Ave.). Following orientation we will pair up in teams to make our visits/deliveries to the elderly on the Upper West Side. We will re-group for lunch at about 1:00 PM (place TBD). Stay tuned for reservation details in upcoming Kol Jeshurun.

## 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.

### **Teens**

On Sunday **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, the BJCOTs will meet at 4:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street to bake *hamantaschen*, create *mishloah manot* and then deliver them to the Jewish Home and Hospital. Drop off at 88<sup>th</sup> Street at noon, pick up The Home at 106<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> Street for young children. The dates for the year are as follows: **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. The 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 info call Felicia at x244.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Questions for Board Members?**

Mark Tsesarsky and Debby Rauch 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 Mark at (212) 783-3618 and Debby at (212) 605-8027.

#### **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

#### **Member's Book**

*The Family Haggadah*, written by BJ member Ellen Schecter, invites you and your family to make your Passover Seder come alive; to delve into the meanings and mysteries of this beloved holiday; and to experience the Exodus as if it is happening right now . . . to you. A Jewish Book Club and Book-of-the-Month Club selection, it is now available in local bookstores, on-line through Amazon.com, or by ordering directly at 1-800-988-6262.

#### **J. Civ**

Explore the ideas, texts, and personalities of Jewish History with noted scholars from top New York universities at the JCC's J. Civ adult education program, co-sponsored by BJ among others. Two classes beginning now or soon are "Enlightenment and Emancipation" and "The American Jewish Experience". For more information, call (212) 580-0099. Classes are held at the JCC, 15 W. 65<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Get Ready for Pesah**

Come to an evening with Florence Fabricant, food columnist for the New York Times, "Putting a New Spin on Traditional Seder Dishes," Thursday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed, 251 West 100<sup>th</sup> Street. Sample Kosher for Pesah wine and Nibbles. \$20 for Anshe Chesed members, \$25 for non-members.

#### **Artist Retrospective**

"A Life in Print" is the title of the retrospective exhibition to be held by Robert Broner, BJ member, at the Art Gallery of Hebrew Union College, 1 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. To celebrate his work, a panel will discuss "Flight and Falling in Art and Analysis," and in Broner's oeuvre on Sunday, **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 PM. There will also be an opening Reception on Tuesday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

**Fast for the Working Poor**

The Greater New York Labor - Religion Coalition is calling for a fast for New York's working poor who are "Working Harder, Earning Less," **March 8 - 10**. For more information, contact Michael Feinberg at (212) 406-2156, x237.

**Benefit Concert**

The Gerard Edery Ensemble, winner of the 1997 Sephardic Heritage Award for his CD *Linda Amigo*, is giving a full concert of songs from around the world in over ten languages to benefit BJ member Adina Ruskin's new Human Rights play, *Oigo* (I Hear, in Spanish), about the history of Argentina in the 1970's. Tuesday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 PM at SPSA. Suggested tax-deductible donation: \$40 (min. \$30).

**Dorot Passover Package Delivery**

Dorot's annual Passover Package Delivery will be held on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at 171 W. 85<sup>th</sup> St. If you would like to participate by delivering Passover packages to the elderly on the Upper West Side, call (212) 769-2850.

**Upcoming Conference**

The Foundation for Ethics & Meaning, and The Open Center are sponsoring "Re-imagining Politics & Society at the Millennium Moving Towards a Caring, Ethical & Ecologically Sustainable Society," a conference on Sunday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Speakers include Michael Lerner, Alisa Gravitz (Co-op America) Peter Gabel, Sharon Green (NPR), David Korten. For info, call (212) 704-0888, for registration call (212) 219-2527.

**Ecological Suggestion of the Week**

Are you tired of junk mail? Remove you name from most national mailing lists by sending you name and address to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

**Pasuk of the Week – gucav euxp**

**:shn, rb , kgvk rutnk , h, f lz , lz ina lhkt uj ehv ktrah hbc-, t vum, v, tu**

You shall further instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly. (Exodus 27:20)

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Rabbi Zera Said: Why was Esther compared to a gazelle? To tell you that just as a gazelle has a narrow womb and is desirable to her mate at all times as at the first time, so was Esther precious to King Ahasuerus at all times as at the first time. Rabbi Assi said: Why was Esther compared to the dawn? To tell you that just as the dawn is the end of the whole night, so is the story of Esther the end of all the miracles.

Babyloni an Talmud Yoma 29

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 PM

86<sup>th</sup> Street

Admission is free. Open to all.

For info, call x355.