



March 12 – March 19, 1999

Friday, March 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Singles Shabbat Dinner Following Services – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, March 13

Shabbat HaHodesh Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Torah: Vayakhel-Pekudei, Exodus 35:1 – 40:38 Pg. 668
Triennial: Exodus 35:1 – 37:16 Pg. 668
Maftir: Exodus 12:1 – 20 Pg. 458
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 45:25 Pg. 1653
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.

Bat Mitzvah Juliet Litman

Naming of Talia Simone
 Markowitz

Kiddush Following Services – 86th Street

Arts and Culture Beit Kafe: Celebrating Bella!
 8:00 PM (Havdalah at 7:15 PM) – 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted

Singles Israeli Folk Dancing with Ansche Chesed
 8:00 PM – Ansche Chesed, 100th St. and West End Avenue

Sunday, March 14

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Monday, March 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street
 Monday and Tuesday nights.
Intermediate Hebrew 6:00 PM – BJ Office
Introduction to Judaism 7:15 PM – 86th Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, March 16

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

8:10 AM – 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 – Ansche Chesed
"Sex on the Table" Text Study with Amichai Lau-Lavie
 8:30 PM – 88th Street

Wednesday, March 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street
Prozdor BJ-LIFE - 8th Grade 5:00 PM – Member's Home
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, March 18

Rosh Hodesh Nisan
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Prozdor BJ-LIFE - 9th Grade 5:00 PM – Member's Home
Israel Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Montana Building

Friday, March 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Preschool Shabbat Class #1 10:00 AM – 88th Street
Preschool Shabbat Class #2 11:00 AM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Vayikra
Torah: Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26 Pg. 757
Triennial: Leviticus 1:1 – 2:16 Pg. 757
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23 Pg. 978

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
Sit Down Lunch Program Needs Help
 The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program is now offering a sit down lunch for our guests. Rather than handing out sandwiches in the cold, we 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. Volunteers are especially needed from

11:45 - 12:30 PM to serve the guests. 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:

- Alan Bernstein and Carol Bowen and Benjamin Bernstein on the death of Alan's beloved father, Seymour Harold Bernstein.
- Diane Kaston on the death of her beloved adopted grandmother, Esther Opalsky.

Mazal Tov To:

- Alfred Litman and Betty Jacobs and Joseph and Juliet Litman on the occasion of Juliet's Bat Mitzvah.
- Alon and Jennifer Markowitz on the naming of their daughter, Talia Simone.
- Andrew Gelman and Laura Sorokoff, Stephen, Eda, and Peter Sorokoff, and Peter Stearn and Caroline Sorokoff on Andrew and Laura's recent engagement.

Todah Rabbah To:

Ben Adler who has worked at BJ for the past year and a half in the Programming Department. In addition to compiling the weekly Kol Jeshurun, Ben has managed space requests, worked on our website and assisted Chairs on their committee work. We will miss Ben and wish him good luck at his new job at MaMaMedia.

Kiddush Sponsorship

This week's kiddush is sponsored by:

- Alon and Jennifer Markowitz on the occasion of the naming of their daughter Talia Simone.
- Rollene Saal in honor of the wedding of Theodora Saal to Laurence Gurwitch.

Help Preserve the Sabbath

In order to preserve the sanctity of Shabbat, please remember that the following are prohibited during Shabbat Services: eating, drinking, writing, coloring, and photography. Thank you for helping make our services a sacred experience.

Pesah Seder Match - Last Call

If you would like to be a guest (members only) or to be a host (all are welcome) for a seder, please complete the form in the back of the Kol Jeshurun and send it to the office. Deadline is **March 17th**, 5:00 PM. Questions? Call Shoshana Avner at (718) 847-0765.

Volunteers Needed

Help is needed to set up the bimonthly BJ kiddushim in the 86th Street Social Hall, 9:00 - 9:30 AM every second and fourth Shabbat of the month. If you would like to volunteer, please call Helen Lehrman at x311.

AIDS WALK IS SUNDAY, MAY 16 VOLUNTEER FOR PHONE CAMPAIGN NOW TO HELP US SIGN UP 1000 WALKERS

One of the many reasons BJ is walking: To help raise awareness & money for GMHC, the oldest and largest non-gender based organization providing meals, clinical & legal services as well as loving support to persons of all sexual orientations living with HIV/AIDS.

Register To Walk by e-mail at BJAOWNY99@hotmail.com. Be sure to give your full name, address, zip code, phone numbers and e-mail as well as the names of any family members who'll be walking. Call x335 to Walk and/or Volunteer. You Can Make a Difference!

Apartment Needed

A German student who will be doing research at YIVO and the New York Public Library this summer is looking for low budget accommodation. If you can help, please email ziesemer@uni-dusseldorf.de.

We Don't Have an Academy Award for You . . .

But we are desperately seeking a videotape of both Purim Services. If you were there and caught all the action on tape, please call Robin at x365. The Sisterhoods of Budapest, Canarsie, and Havana thank you!

A Plea for Passover

Perform a mitzvah for our elderly friends at the Jewish Home and Hospital on **March 31st** 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 Ronette Koster at (212) 870-4940.

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. Enhance your Shabbat by having flowers delivered to your home or the home of loved ones. Mention that you are affiliated with BJ, they will donate 10% of your purchase price to the synagogue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ABZUG-lutely!

On Saturday, **March 13th**, BJ will be Celebrating Bella! The Arts and Culture Committee and Ma'yan present a multi-media tribute to the sometimes flamboyant, outspoken and vibrant politician, social activist, Seder-sister, (and BJ member) Bella Abzug. Performers include Yiddish singer Adrienne Cooper, feminist writer and speaker Gloria Steinem, actress Debra Winger, Rabbi Yael Ridberg, performance artist Jenny Romaine, opera singer Helen Matsos, and a host of BJers. A video presentation by Jacob Bender and the personal reminiscences of Abzug's daughters, Eve and Liz Abzug, promise to make this an extraordinary evening. 8:00 PM at 88th Street. Tickets (at the door only) \$15 for members of BJ or the JCC, \$20 for non-members. Havdalah at 7:15 PM and reception follows.

Kosher Sex

Come meet Shmuley Boteach, author of the book Kosher Sex, on **March 16th** at 8:30 PM as part of Amichai Lau-Lavie's weekly text study series, Sex on the Table. Please note that the class will meet at 88th Street this week. For more info, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

Israel Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Israel Committee will take place on Thursday, **March 18th**, 7:00 PM at the Montana Apartment Building, Broadway between 87th and 88th Street. For more information, call x326.

March Gay & Lesbian Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, **March 19th**, after the 6:45 PM services at 86th Street, we'll hold this month's potluck dinner. Our guest speaker will be Tamara Cohen from the JCC's Mayan. As is our custom, please bring a vegetarian/kosher entree to share with 4-6 people. The potluck starts immediately after services, at about 8:00 PM, in the Parlor Room. If you have any questions, please call x325.

Environment Committee Meeting

The Environment Committee will be holding its next meeting on **March 24th**, 7:30 PM at 315 West 70th Street, #10H (off of West End Avenue). For more info, call x313.

Clean Up Your Hametz

Your spiritual *hametz*, that is. There's still time to sign up for the second annual BJ Meditation Retreat to be held from **March 21 - 24** at Elat Chayyim in Accord, NY. Join the rabbis for an inspiring teaching by scholars-in-residence, Rabbis David and Shoshana Cooper, which will focus on spiritual preparation for Pesah. Limited space is available, but applications must be at the BJ Office by **Wednesday**. Questions? Call Robin at x365.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Make Shabbat Special

This evening's Shabbat dinner is full. For those with reservations please join us at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service.

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.

Join Our Growing Crowd

Come in from the chilling March winds for an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Singles Committee on Friday, **March 19th**, following the 6:45 PM service. Join us in the

Social Hall of SPSA (86th street) for lite fare, hot beverages and schmoozing.

Passover Package Delivery

Mark your calendars and join other BJ Singles as we make Passover package deliveries to the elderly on Sunday, **March 21st**. 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 (85th St., between Columbus and Amsterdam). 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 (on your own) at about 1:00 PM at Kosher Roma Pizzeria on Amsterdam at 91st Street. Reservations must be made for both the group orientation and lunch by **March 16th**. To make a reservation call x306.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Important Information about The High Holy Days...

As we begin to plan for the *Yamim Nora'im 5760*, we have begun discussing the option of holding a Family Service for parents and children (ages 6-12). The service would be held in the 88th Street sanctuary and seek to create an experience which transmits the power of the High Holy Days in a form that is relevant, meaningful, appropriate and inspiring for both parents and children. Families could then explore the themes of the Holy Days together. We would still hold a younger children's service and will explore alternative programs for those not participating in the Family Service. Please call Felicia at x244 with your thoughts on this issue and either she or a member of the Family Life Committee will get back to you. Our thinking is that this service would take place on the mornings of the First Day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.

2nd Grade Shelter Night...5th Grade Coordinator Needed!

The Family Life Committee has made a commitment to preparing dinner for the BJ/SPSA Shelter on a monthly basis. On Tuesday, **March 16th** at 5:00 PM at 88th Street all second graders and their families will gather together to participate in this mitzvah. All second grade families should RSVP to Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496-1892. It is important that you RSVP so you receive a food assignment. We need a coordinator for the 5th grade for **April 27th**.

Please call Beth Kern if you are interested at (212) 724-5336.

Family Shabbat with Marcelo on March 19th

Marcelo will be joining us on **March 19th** for a special Family Shabbat following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. The focus of the evening will be on how to teach our children (and ourselves) to reach out to the larger community while maintaining our unique Jewish identity. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis and can be made by sending a check to the office. There will be a late fee for those signing up after the deadline of **March 12th**. During Family Shabbat the youth leaders provide activities for children during the 6:00 PM service. Following the singing of *Lekha Dodi* all children are invited to the Frankel Hall for activities. They will rejoin the main service for *Kiddush*.

Junior Youth Group Shul-in

All 5th and 6th are invited to spend the night at 88th Street on Saturday, **March 27th** beginning at 5:00 PM. The evening will begin with a pre-Pesah program, followed by Havdalah with the entire community. Following Havdalah, the junior youth group is on its own in Frankel Hall, playing games, eating pizza and more. Pick up will be at 10:00 AM on **March 28th**. Cost is \$15 and checks can be made payable to B'nai Jeshurun. The registration deadline is **March 19th**. Any late registration will be subject to an additional \$5 fee. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 for more info.

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.

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

A Place for Healing

The JCC on the Upper West Side offers a number of support programs, including Jewish Bereavement and Divorce Support Groups, a Drop In Group for Recently Divorced or Separated, a Recently Single Support Network, and other Jewish Support Groups. For more information, call (212) 580-0099, x205.

Resources Wanted for WEST's Partnership

The following are now needed at Brandeis High School: tutors (all subjects, any hours - orientation **March 17th**, 7:00 PM); grant writers, current or former employees of IBM; computers, 486 or current Pentium; printers; copiers; overhead projectors; large amounts of paper; books;

dictionaries; encyclopedias; charts and maps. If you have access to any of these items or can volunteer, please call Nancy Mostow at (212) 799-3303.

Adoption Support Group

A support group is forming for those who have adopted children or are in the process of adoption. If interested, please call Vera Edelstein at (212) 316-2854 in the evening or weekends.

Beyond the Pale: The Progressive Jewish Radio Hour

Beyond the Pale is a Sunday, 11:00 AM - noon radio show on WBAI 99.5 FM that addresses Jewish cultural and political issues from a progressive perspective. This week, radio archivist and ethnomusicologist Henry Sapoznik will discuss forty years of Yiddish and Jewish radio programming. For more info, call JFREJ, (212) 647-8966.

Speak-Out

Council members Ronnie M. Eldridge and Philip Reed announce a Speak-Out on Police Conduct, an open forum on Monday, **March 15th**, 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Ave., at 88th St. For more info, call (212) 765-4339 or (212) 828-9800.

Dorot Passover Package Delivery

Dorot's annual Passover Package Delivery will be held on Sunday, **March 21st**, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at 171 W. 85th 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 21st**, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Speakers include

Michael Lerner, Alisa Gravitz (Co-op America) Peter Gabel, Sharon Green (NPR), David Kortzen. BJ Member Meryl Zegarek will be representing Jews Against Genocide as a speaker at the Religion, Ethics & Grassroots Transformation workshop. For information, call (212) 704-0888, for registration call (212) 219-2527.

Member's Book

BJ member Ellen Schechter will be signing and reading from her new book, *The Family Haggadah* at the Bank Street Bookstore, 112th St. and Broadway, on Sunday **March 21st** at 1:00 PM.

Eastiders

The next Eastiders home Shabbat service and organized potluck dinner will be on **March 26th** at 6:45 PM. If you are on the mailing list, you received a letter with information on how to reserve. If you are not on the list and would like to join, call Charlotte Schwab at (212) 717-5234 any evening but Shabbat between 7:00 and 9:00 PM **only**. You may come to either the service or the dinner, or both, and must reserve for either. The services and dinners take place in homes on the East Side and include a traditional BJ-style service with music. (This time there will be two pianos!) You do not have to live on the East Side, or even in Manhattan to join.

Queens Chavurah

Do you wish there was a BJ in Queens? Then join the Queens Chavurah for our next Kabbalat Shabbat service and light dinner on Friday, **March 26th** at 7:00 PM at the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates. You must make a paid reservation by March 17th. Please send a check for \$14 per person, payable to Adrienne Simons, 67-33 152nd St., Flushing, NY 11367. For info, call (718) 793-2442.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Use return envelopes from fundraising mailings instead of buying new envelopes. Cover the printed address with a computer label and voila! you have a perfectly good envelope. Make sure you cover the pre-printed mailing code.

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

**Pasuk of the Week – gucav euxp
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This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you (Exodus 12: 2)

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