



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Rabbis: Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) • J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Cantor & Music Director: Ari Priven

March 17 – March 24, 2000

Friday, March 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
B'not Torah Dinner After 6:00 PM service - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Gay & Lesbian Potluck Dinner with guest speakers from Orthodoxy After 6:45 PM service - 86th Street

Saturday, March 18

Shabbat Zakhor Parashat Vayikra
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26, Pg.757
Triennial: Leviticus 3:1 – 4:26, Pg.766
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 – 19, Pg.1507
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:1 – 34

Children's Service 10:45 AM

Beit Café: Laughter is the Best Medicine 7:30 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, March 19

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Children's Purim Prep 1:00 - 5:00 PM - 88th Street
Junior Youth Group Event 2:30 PM - meet at 88th Street

Monday, March 20

FAST OF ESTHER
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Tots Service 5:00 PM - 88th Street
Family Service 6:30 PM - 88th Street
Adult Service 8:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, March 21

PURIM
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Minhah Healing-Contemplative Time 6:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Rabbi Rachel Cowan 7:30 PM - 86th Street
Volleyball 7:30 PM - Anshe Chesed

Wednesday, March 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Drishat Shalom: Rabbinic Stories in the Search for Peace with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:30 PM - 86th Street
The Weekly Potion: "Guilt, Shame and General Angst: The Why's and How's of the Sacrificial System." with Amichai Lau-Lavie 8:30 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, March 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Class with Rabbi Felicia Sol 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Friday, March 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Next Week: Parashat Tzav Shabbat Parah

Torah: Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36, Pg.780
Triennial: Leviticus 7:11 – 7:38, Pg.785
Maftir: Numbers 19:1 – 22, Pg.1145
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 – 36, Pg.1651

Social Justice Opportunity of the Week

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is raising funds for emergency relief in Southern Africa, following three weeks of severe flooding in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Botswana and Mozambique. At least 350 people have died and over 650,000 are homeless including almost 1000 children who may be orphaned. Send checks to: American Jewish World Service/South African Relief, 989 Avenue of the Americas, 10th floor, NYC, NY 10018. Credit card donations are accepted on-line at www.ajws.org or by phone at either 1 (800) 889-7146 or (212) 736-2597.

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.

Condolences:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its deepest condolences to the following members and their families:

- Tracy Kash on the death of her beloved father, Joseph Leonard Kash.
- Laurie Davis on the death of her beloved father, Neil Davis.
- Ann Shapiro on the death of her beloved mother, Jeanette Rabinowitz.

Mazal Tov To:

- Ulrika, Joel, Tobias and Maya Citron on the birth of their daughter and sister, Clara Lili.
- Beth Brodsky, Amir, Nadav and Karen Shaviv on the birth of their son and brother, Natan Lior.
- Laurie Basch, Alex and Adam Nacht on the birth of their daughter and sister, Sophie.

B'rukhim Ha'Baim To:

- Rabbi David Bockman, Jannette Weiss, head of the Religious School, and the Beth Meyer Confirmation Class from Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Members of Orthodykes, who will be speaking tonight at the Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner.

B'rukhah Ha'Baah to Deborah Pinsky, BJ's new Executive Director, who started this week. Welcome Deborah in person at the kiddush on **Saturday, March 25th**.

Havurot (small fellowship groups of 15-20 people) at BJ

- **Men needed:** The following singles havurot are in the process of being formed and need more male participants: 20's-30's, 30's-40's and 50's-60's.
- **Families with children needed** to form more family havurot.

You can find the havurot form on the BJ website (www.bj.org) for in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, please call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

Please note:

- The **Saturday, April 1st** Peace Concert with David Broza is being rescheduled. Please watch this space for more information.
- Don't forget to sign up for the BJ Study Trip to Israel! Applications can be found in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, please call x326.

An active member of our congregation needs to schedule foot surgery. She lives in a walk-up building and will need to be off her feet for 6-8 weeks. If you have an extra room in an elevator building that she could use for this period of time, please call the rabbinic office and leave your name and number.

Moadon HaSefer HaTov - BJ's New Book Club:

The book for March and April is *Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels. This is the Book-of-Every-Other-Month-Club. Every 8 weeks, we'll announce "The BJ Book." All are encouraged to take part and read. Tied in with each book, we'll hold a community-wide forum to learn more about the book and its context, and most importantly, to talk to each other about the ideas raised in the book. The first forum will be held on **Sunday, April 30th** at 6:30 PM (location TBA). Look out for future information about the book and discussion on the website. Copies of *Fugitive Pieces* are available at West Side Judaica.

Additional information on events can be found in the *Kol Hadash* (mailed to members only), on our web site (www.bj.org) and in the back of the sanctuary at 86th and 88th Streets.

Please note: *All announcements or registration forms for the next Kol Jeshurun are due at the BJ office on the Tuesday before printing at 12:00 noon.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beit Café: Laughter is the Best Medicine!

Saturday, March 18th at 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30 PM) at 88th Street: As we get into the spirit of Purim, join BJ singles and young couples for an evening of music and laughter featuring a hot and funky Doo-Wop group called "SPANK" followed by the spontaneously funny TOM SOTER Improv group. Admission includes a glass of wine or beverage. Lite refreshments will be served. The cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

Upcoming BJ COTS Event

Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 PM: Working on the "Homelessness in New York City" documentary. For more information, please call Tracy or Mordecai at x368.

Purim Preparations Continue!

Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 PM at 88th Street: Anyone interested in volunteering to help make props and costumes for the Purim extravaganza, please come to the Purim Prep. For more information, call Robin at x365.

And Then There Was Purim...

Sunday, March 19th at 2:30 PM meet at 88th Street at the top of the stairs: The BJ Junior Youth Group will be delivering mishloah manot to the residents at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged (120 West 106th Street). Please RSVP ASAP to the Junior Youth Group hotline at x378.

Shabbat Senior Luncheon

Saturday, April 1st at 1:00 PM at 86th Street: Once again, the BJ Membership committee is pleased to invite the senior members of the community (70 years young or older!) to share a Shabbat afternoon lunch. Please RSVP by sending \$12 to the BJ office by Monday, March 20th, indicating "Shabbat Senior Lunch." This event continues to be a joyous way for our senior members to share Shabbat together with food and song and our special guest, storyteller Peninnah Schram.

A Passion for Waiting: The Jewish Messianic Idea

Friday, March 24th after 6:00 PM services at 88th Street: Please join the Shabbat B'Yahad and Singles committees for our next catered dinner. Our featured speaker will be Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller (Director, UCLA Hillel). Cost \$20 per person for members/\$30 for non-members if you sign up by Friday, March 17th (add a \$10 late fee after that date). IMPORTANT:

Your reservations will be accepted only if you leave a message in the SBY voice mailbox x304, with your name(s) and phone number **AND** send a check to the BJ office. Due to a generous anonymous grant, we have a limited number of scholarships available for new members and those with limited financial resources. Look for the flyer in the back of the sanctuary for a response form.

The Sanctity of the Land of Israel: Holy Matter or Sacred Space?

- **Saturday, March 25th** at 86th Street: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller will speak during Shabbat morning services; open to all without charge.
- **Saturday, March 25th** 5:00 PM at 88th Street: Rabbi Seidler-Feller will lead a study and havdalah. Cost is free for BJ members; \$10 for non-members, advance registration is required.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

J. Civ: Jewish Texts with The Experts

Beginning this month, learn with the best and the brightest young teachers in New York. During this semester of J. Civ, the focus will be on texts (in English) from the Biblical, rabbinic and medieval period. All are welcome in this stimulating environment for study and discussion. No prior knowledge is required. Co-sponsored by the JCC, Ansche Chesed, B'nai Jeshurun, Rodeph Sholom, SAJ and West End Synagogue. Cost: \$85 for members and co-sponsors/\$100 for non-members, for each 5 session course. For more information, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099.

Kabbalat Shabbat Class

Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM at 88th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for the last session in a workshop on the history and structure of the Kabbalat Shabbat service. We will try to understand its meaning and look into midrashim about the Kabbalat Shabbat experience. The class is free for members and \$10 for non-members. Please call x379 to register.

Talmud Introduction

Tuesdays through May 23rd at 8:10 AM at 88th Street: Rabbi Hillel Friedman teaches Talmud Introduction after morning minyan. Cost per semester: \$100 for members and \$145 for non-members. For more information, call x241.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Beit Café: Laughter is the Best Medicine!

See Upcoming Events for details.

A Catered Shabbat Dinner: A Passion for Waiting: The Jewish Messianic Idea

See Upcoming Events for details.

Oscar Night Party

Sunday, March 26th beginning at 8:30 PM at Makor's Cafe (35 W. 67th St.): Celebrate your favorite films of the year as BJ co-sponsors Makor's First Annual Oscar Night Party. The party features four televisions, a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Cost is \$10 and includes one complimentary soft drink and a chance to win prizes in our Oscar Winners Raffle. For more information and to register call Makor at (212) 601-1000. Bring your friends!

Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings

Friday, March 31st following the 6:45 PM service: Take out the chill of winter and join us for our next At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner for singles and couples. These gatherings of 12 - 18 people are a great way to meet and share a Shabbat meal! BJ members who live on the Upper West Side (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voice mail (x306) ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is March 21st. To register, see flyer in the back of the sanctuary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Needs/Reserved Seating

If you have special needs (physical, hearing, or visual) and would like reserved seating for Shabbat services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please call 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 will 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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Israeli Folkdance Purim Party with Live Music

Sunday March 19th at 7:00 PM at Bridge for Dance, 2726 Broadway @ 104th Street: Annual Purim Party with live music, hamentashen, special guests and best costume prize. Contribution: \$10 (\$5 with costume). For more information, call (212) 620-0535.

Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of Greater New York

Thursday, March 23rd: BJ member, Sheila Myers is leading a bowling event for Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club of Greater New York, a Jewish outdoors club. Join them for a fun-filled evening of bowling at a convenient midtown location. For more information call (212) 288-6707 or e-mail samyers@concentric.net.

A New Initiative for American Jews and Israelis

The American Jewish-Israeli Book Club is a new program launched for the purpose of bridging the cultural gap between American Jews and Israelis. People 20-45 year olds from both countries will come together on a monthly basis to read and discuss the literature of each culture. For more information, call Rebecca Neuwirth at (212) 751-4000, x403.

Green Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd: The Jewish National Fund of Greater New York needs volunteers for its Green Sunday phone-a-thon. Featuring food, fun and prizes for all volunteers, the event will raise money to relieve the current water crisis in Israel. For more information, call (212) 879-9300, x251.

"FIBROIDS: The Complete Guide To Taking Charge of Your Physical, Emotional and Sexual Well-Being"

(Marlowe&Co, NY) BJ member Johanna Skilling's new book is now available at Barnes & Noble. A number of women from the BJ community contributed their stories to the book; BJ member and photographer Ellen Fisher Turk took the author photo that appears on the back cover. The book explores the medical, emotional, and sexual implications of a fibroid diagnosis; explains what fibroids are, what influences their growth, and how to live with fibroids if surgery isn't chosen; the book discusses traditional and alternative treatments and the mind-body connection. For more information, e-mail Johanna at FibroidGde@aol.com.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Cut up plastic rings from your 6-pack drinks to prevent birds and other creatures from getting strangled by them.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pasuk of the Week

"The same days on which the Jews enjoyed relief from their foes and the same month which had been transformed for them from one of grief and one of mourning to one of festive joy. They were to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor."
(Megillat Esther 9:22)

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Please see the back of the sanctuary for flyers and registration forms for the following events and opportunities:

March 24th Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Pesah Seder Match

May 26th – 29th Retreat

BJ Study Trip to Israel 2000

Havurot Applications

Employment Bank Listings

Upcoming Singles Events