



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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January 26 – February 2, 2001

Friday, January 26

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat 'Downstairs Minyan' 6:00 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Family Shabbat Dinner Following Family service - 88th Street

Saturday, January 27

Shabbat Parashat Va'era
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35, Pg.420
Triennial: Exodus 8:16 – 9:35, Pg. 438
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21, Pg. 696

Children's Services 10:45 AM
B'nai Mitzvah Augustin Peytchinov
 Eric Schultz
Kiddush Following services - 86th Street
B'nai BJ Reunion 1:00 PM - 86th Street
Bikkur Holim Study Following Kiddush - 86th Street

Sunday, January 28

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, January 29

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Prayer and Synagogue Skills 7:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, January 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, January 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim with speaker Fran Manushkin 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Perversion and Holiness: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Creating Modern Midrash with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, February 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Matchmaking for a Confused Society 7:00 PM - The Montana
Obligation, Mystery and Mortality - The Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim with Shoshana Jedwab 7:30 PM - 88th Street
Israel Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Friday, February 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Torah Guidelines to Becoming a Mentsh with Rabbi Sidney Greenberg 8:15 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Bo

Torah: Exodus 10:1 – 13:16, Pg.448
Triennial: Exodus 12:29 – 13:16, Pg.461
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 – 28, Pg.700

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK **Urge President Bush to Work for Mideast Peace**

The Social Action/Social Justice Committee urges all BJ members and friends to contact President Bush ASAP and strongly encourage him to commit his Administration's time and attention to the Middle East peace process. U.S. engagement in the peace process not only serves fundamental U.S. interests by bringing greater stability to the region; it also enhances the long-term security of both Israelis and Palestinians. We need to remind the incoming Administration that despite the recent violence, Israel and the Palestinians have made remarkable progress in negotiations towards a final status peace agreement over the last year and a half, thanks in great part to the efforts of the Clinton Mideast team. A draft letter we've adapted from a similar letter drafted by our friends at Americans for Peace Now – is available at the back of the sanctuary, and on the BJ website (www.bj.org).

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 To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our deepest condolences to Rosalie Sacks Levine and her family on the death of her beloved mother, Esther Sacks.

Mazal Tov To:

- Augustin, Violetta and Valentin Peytchinov on the occasion of Augustin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Eric, Jeffrey and Hannah Schultz and Judith Levine on the occasion of Eric becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Kenneth Gold and Marcy Felsenfeld on their recent engagement.

Kiddush Sponsorship:

This week's kiddush is sponsored by:

- Valentin and Violetta Peytchinov on the occasion of Augustin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- The Bikkur Holim Committee.

Brukhim HaBaim To:

- Rabbi Edward Cohn and the confirmation class of Temple Sinai, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Rabbi Jonah Pesner and the eighth grade class of Temple Israel, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Rabbis Stephen Fuchs and Elissa Cohen and their students from Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Todah Rabbah To: All those who opened their homes and welcomed guests for the Community Wide in-home kiddush.

PLEASE NOTE: For security reasons, the doors for services at all locations will open one-half hour prior to the beginning of services. No one can be admitted prior to this time, unless they are a listed usher for that particular service. Please try to arrive at the appropriate time; it will make work for the maintenance staff and ushers easier. Thank you.

RELIEF FOR EL SALVADOR

Those who attended services this past Shabbat, had the privilege of meeting and hearing from Father Jose "Chencho" Alas of El Salvador. Father Alas has devoted many years of his life to La Coordinadora, a grassroots social movement in El Salvador, creating communities of self-sufficiency. The disaster that has rocked this tiny country has devastated the people and the land. We can and must help at this hour of need. Please send contributions to the American Jewish World Service, 989 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018. You can also make a credit card donation by phone: 1-800-889-7146. Rabbi Matalon will be traveling to El Salvador next week to see what other help we can offer.

Stop Haman Now!!

How? By helping out to ensure this year's Purim spiel goes smoothly. (We all know Haman was behind last year's chaos.) Volunteers needed to help with lights, sound, sets and costumes. If you would like to help, email Michael Kelberg at kelberg@aol.com.

We are in the process of evaluating the adult learning opportunities at BJ. Please help us in this effort by filling out the survey found on our website (www.bj.org).

Please note: All announcements or registration forms for the next Kol Jeshurun are due on Tuesdays at noon (e-mail edited announcements to mrotstein@bj.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling out for Help

This Shabbat, January 27th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for a community-wide Bikkur Holim teaching with Rabbi Felicia Sol. See the flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

Kesharim

Wednesday, January 31st at 2:00 PM at 88th Street: Come join Kesharim where our guest speaker, Fran Manushkin, will talk about how to write children's books.

Shabbat B'yahad Community Dinner

Friday, February 2nd after 6:00 PM services at 88th Street: Please join us as we welcome visiting scholar, Professor Judith Hauptman to our next Shabbat B'yahad catered community dinner. Professor Hauptman who teaches Talmud at JTS, will be teaching on "Aging Parents, Aging Sages." Cost \$30 members/ \$40 non-members. IMPORTANT: Your reservation 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 marked 'SBY 2/2/01'. A detailed information and registration form is in the back of the sanctuary.

At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner for Singles and Couples Friday, February 2nd following the 6:45 PM service: See Singles events for more information.

New and Expecting Parents

Saturday, February 3rd at 1:00 PM in the 86th Street Parlor Room: BJ New and Expecting Parents' Group welcome Rabbi Felicia Sol who will speak on "Opportunities at BJ for Babies." Parents of newborns and expecting parents are encouraged to join us to discuss and meet. Bring a nosh to share, and ideas about Jewish parenting. For more information call Eddy and Ellen Bikales at 662-3787 or email at EBmetoo@aol.com.

Tu Bishevat Seder

Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join us as the BJ Environmental Committee hosts our 7th Annual Tu Bishevat Seder with Yitzhak Buxbaum. The Seder is an opportunity to reconnect our souls with nature in a very spiritual manner and to discuss current environmental concerns, here in the USA and in Israel. To register and for more details, please see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary. For information and to register, call Brenda at x 228.

An Evening in Rio

Saturday, February 17th from 8:00-11:00 PM at 88th Street: BJ's Latin America Committee will present "An Evening in Rio." Enjoy the samba, bossa nova and Brazilian jazz sounds of SABOR BRASIL, featuring BJ members Susan Davis Pereira and Vanderlei Pereira. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Admission is \$15 for BJ members/\$20 for non-members. For more information, please call x 371.

What does Purim have in common with BJ's 175th anniversary? The **BJ Purim Costume Ball! Saturday, March 3rd** at 9:00 PM at 88th Street. For more information, call Aviva at x250.

Breast Cancer Havurah

This havurah is opening to create a sanctuary for women with this disease. For more information, please contact Susan Rosenthal at x 377.

SAVE THE DATE: Moadon HaSefer HaTov

Sunday, March 11th at 7:00 PM in the Montana (247 West 88th Street on Broadway): Discussion on the book for February and March, "Genius of the World" by Alice Lichtenstein. It is a story of intergenerational connections, of the search for meaning and for identity and of spiritual yearning. It follows a family's Jewish history from Princeton, NJ to California, to a rebellious son's mysterious conversion to Buddhism. The book club will be meeting in March to discuss the book.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Sunday Dance Sensation Series:

Please Note: *This event has been canceled.* Due to the popularity of the Super Bowl and the New York Giants, the **January 28th** dance is canceled. Please join us at our next dance on **Sunday, March 11th** when we bring you: *SWING SOCK HOP.*

Matchmaking: Ethical & Personal Questions for a Confused Society

Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 PM at the Montana (247 West 88th Street on Broadway): Meet Leah Hakimian, Ph.D., as she discusses the recent trends and attitudes of dating, matchmaking and marrying. Dr. Hakimian is the coordinator of "Scopous", Jerusalem's esteemed matchmaking project. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call x306 by **Monday, January 29th** and leave your name and day/evening phone numbers.

At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings for Singles and Couples

Friday, February 2nd following the 6:45 PM service: Warm up from the chill outside 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 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voicemail at x 360. See the flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more details.

Sunday Brunch: With Author Wendy Orange

Sunday, February 11th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join us for brunch where our special guest lecturer will be author, Wendy Orange. Come hear Wendy share a timely personal, passionate and compelling journey of her life in Israel. In a review of Wendy's book, Letty Cottin Pogrebin writes: "Her heart beats within her words, whether she is dealing with events or personalities, facts or ideology, writing about Jews or Arabs..." Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members. Please send your check to the BJ office marked "2/11 Singles Brunch" by **February 5th**. Please include note with day/evening phone numbers, e-mail address and indicate your membership status. Please Note: if space is available, cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Shabbat Dinner – 2nd Grade BJHS

Friday, February 9th following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street: Attention BJ Hebrew School 2nd Grade students and their families! **To begin the festive Simhat Talmud Torah weekend,** please join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner including singing and story telling. In order to guarantee your reservation we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by **Monday, February 5th**. Call Tina Berger at x 225.

Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, February 13th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 88th Street: This month, 5th grade BJ kids, their parents and siblings are invited to cook meals for guests of the Homeless Shelter. Please call this month's coordinators, Marilyn Gurtman-Oppenheimer, at 721-8629, to volunteer and to find out which food ingredients to bring. Future dates are as follows: March 12th (1st grade) and May 22nd (7th Grade). Also, please look out for a rescheduled date for the 6th grade dinner. To maintain this program, we need one or two coordinators per month and a host of participating families. For more information, please call Beth Kern at 724-5336, Harriet Saltzman at 496-1892 or Donna Kahan at 362-9595.

B'nai BJ 2001

Registration is now open to BJ members and BJHS families for the summer of 2001! B'nai BJ is a wonderful summer program designed for children ages 4-7. It will begin July 2nd through August 2nd and run from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Due to space limitation and programming quality, we will accommodate a total of 36 participants. Our policy is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your registration will only be processed after a non-refundable security deposit of \$200 and the registration form are received. This year's tuition is \$1750 and \$1650 for siblings; payment plans and financial aid are available. For additional information call Guy at x 244.

WANTED: TALENTED CHILDREN and TEENS!



Purim is around the corner and we are on the lookout for talented actors, singers and dancers to star in our annual Family Service Purim Spiel. Auditions have begun. For more information, see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary or call Tina Berger at x 225

GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Needs/Reserved Seating

If you have special needs (physical, hearing, or visual) and would like assistance with seating for Shabbat services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please call x308.

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.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

German & Swiss Holocaust Settlement - Volunteers Needed

The Claims Conference (headed by BJ member Gideon Taylor) is looking for volunteers for one or more mornings or afternoons through February 28th to help Holocaust survivors who are

seeking compensation to fill out applications for the recent German and Swiss settlements. Volunteers will receive training. To sign up please call Joe Antenson 750 0800 x 188.

LAWS OF LASHON HARA

One may not praise someone in the presence of that person's enemy or in the presence of a person whom one has reason to assume is angry with the subject of the praise. If the speaker causes others to speak lashon hara, he is also culpable for having transgressed the Torah prohibition of 'you shall not place a stumbling block in front of the blind.'

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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(uf:z , una)

"Adonai said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, Thus said Adonai:
Let my people go that they may worship me'."
(Exodus 7:8)

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

February 2nd Shabbat B'yahad Dinner

February 2nd At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner

February 4th-11th BJ Winterfest

February 7th Tu Bishevat Seder

February 17th "An Evening in Rio"

At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner for Singles and Couples

Purim Spiel Auditions

Letter to President Bush – Urging Mideast Peace

Membership Packets

New Havurot Applications

Upcoming Singles Events

Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community

Information on Breast Cancer Havurah

Text Study on International Human Rights