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March 16 - 23, 2001

Friday, March 16

Meditation Retreat Accord, NY
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Teen Shabbat Dinner
 following the 6:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services - 86th Street

Saturday, March 17

Meditation Retreat Accord, NY
Parashat Ki Tisa
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Exodus 30:11 – 34:35, Pg. 632
Triennial: Exodus 32:12 – 34:35, Pg. 647
Haftarah: I Kings 18:01 – 18:39, Pg. 722

Children's Services 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah Ari Pena

Sunday, March 18

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Singles Brunch 11:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, March 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
ICC/International Human Rights Sub-committee Meeting 8:30 AM - TBA
Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, March 20

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM - 86th Street
A Torah Soup for the Jewish Deaf Soul with Marla Berkowitz 7:00 PM - 89th Street
Mideast Teach-In Task Force Meeting 6:30 PM - TBA
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, March 21

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Hasidic Approaches to the Study of Torah with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Social Justice Wednesday 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

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

NEXT WEEK

Parashat Va'Yakhel

Torah: Exodus 35:1 – 40:38, Pg. 668
Triennial: Exodus 39:22 – 40:38, Pg. 683
Haftarah: I Kings 7:40 – 7:50, Pg. 726

SOCIAL ACTION/ SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

A Living Wage for NYC?

Please join the Social Action/Social Justice Committee **Wednesday, March 21st** at 8:00 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary for our March Social Justice Wednesday event. This is our first opportunity to learn in depth about the citywide living wage campaign, one of our congregation's two priority issues for this year. We will hear from Rabbi Michael Feinberg (NY Labor Religion Coalition), Bertha Lewis (NY ACORN), Robert Pollin (co-author of "The Living Wage: Building a Fair Economy"), and Paul Sonn (Brennan Center for Justice, NYU Law School). Please see the flyer in the back of the sanctuary or visit the social action pages of the BJ website for more information. Contact us at socialaction@bj.org or at x 310 with questions or to get on the SA/SJ committee email list.

For those interested, please see the display case in the back of the sanctuary for a study sheet on "Jewish Approaches to the Treatment of the Poor and Fair Labor Practices."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member, Marcia Lipson and extends sincere condolences.

Mazal Tov To:

- Sandy Panster on the engagement of her son, Michael Panster to April Cohen.
- Ari, Richard, Maya, Lita Pena and Karen Soren on Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Rob Morais and the Youth Group of Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rochester, New York.
- Teens from the Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice and the teens from Project Operation Understanding who will be joining the BJ teens for Kabbalat Shabbat services and tonight's teen Shabbat dinner.

HOSTS NEEDED!

Living the Mitzvah of Hakhnasat Orhim

On **March 31st**, following Shabbat morning services, we hope to have enough hosts so that any person who comes to Shabbat

services has a place to go for kiddush. Therefore, we need 15-20 hosts to invite guests to their home for a light lunch. We hope to have hosts from different parts of the city (Upper East, Downtown, Upper West) to enable all guests to attend a kiddush near their home. Host will be asked to invite people on their own in the weeks preceding the kiddush. Please fill out an on line host form or leave a message on x382 with how many people you can host, your name, your phone number and address and e-mail. All kiddushim must be dairy/vegetarian.

Attention Families of Children with Special Learning Needs

The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School is creating a forum for dialogue and discussion for families with children who may or may not be enrolled in the BJ Hebrew School. We are specifically seeking families of children with differences in learning styles, whether or not they have been officially classified as having a specific learning need. We are planning to hold focus group meetings during Spring 2001 to assess the range of educational needs in our community. For more information, please call Allison Rosenblith at x 259.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SA/SJ Committee Meetings

Monday, March 19th, from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, place TBA: Join us for the ICC/International Human Rights sub-committee of the SA/SJ committee.

Tuesday, March 20th, from 6:30 PM - 8:00PM, place TBA: Join us for the Mideast Teach-In task force of the SA/SJ committee.

If you're interested in attending either of these meetings, please e-mail Craig at csumberg@att.net and we will let you know where the meetings are taking place.

Shabbat B'Yahad

Friday March 23rd- Saturday March 24th With Dr. Alice Shalvi
See Learning Opportunities for more information.

Community Seder Match

If you have room at your seder this Pesah or would like to be a guest, please fill out a seder match form found at the back of the sanctuary, at the BJ office or on our website at www.bj.org. Forms are due at the BJ office on **Friday, March 23rd** no later than 3:00 PM. To be a guest, you must be a BJ member. All are welcome to host. For more information, please call Elaine Nevins at 799-1782 or e-mail Barbara Simon at bsimon99@aol.com

Rosh Hodesh NISAN Women's Group

Sunday, March 25th following morning minyan (10:45 AM) at 88th Street: Join Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows Rabbi Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous on Rosh Hodesh Nisan to usher in the new month, the holiday of Pesah and spring. Study and discussion followed by breakfast.

A Report from Havana

Wednesday, March 28th at 6:15 PM at 88th Street Frankel Hall. Come hear Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and BJ member Hadassah Weiner talk about their recent trip to Havana, and BJ's ongoing relationship with the Jewish community of Cuba: For more information, please BJ's Latin America Committee at x 371.

L'dor V'dor Lunch

Saturday, March 31st at 12:45 PM at 86th Street: We continue to celebrate Shabbat with BJ members, 70 years young or older, as well as guests of any age, to our intergenerational, pre-Pesah lunch. We will be hosted by Jeremy Gordon, BJ's Teen Program Leader as well as members of the Rottengberg Chorale (directed and conducted by Carol Goldberg) whose music includes Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs. Cost: \$12. Checks should be at the BJ office by **Thursday, March 22nd**.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Sunday Dance Sensation Series: SPRING SALSA SENSATION!

Sunday, March 18th at 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th Street and West End Avenue): Join us as our dance sensation series continues when we help welcome spring breezes with a night of

tropical fever. Mini-lessons will focus on salsa and cha cha! Sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed and Reba's Dance Connections the dance will include a free mini-lesson (beginners & advanced) and a professional showcase. To volunteer, call Michael at 678-

7881 (before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat). Cost: \$15 BJ/AC members/ \$20 non-members.

Sunday Brunch: Klezmer - Jewish Jazz Through the Ages

Sunday, March 18th from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM at 88th Street: Join us for a special brunch as our guest performer will be Klezmer historian and musician **Henry Sapoznik**. Come listen as Henry, using both live and recorded music, weaves the colors and textures created from the current sounds and history of this most innovative and engaging music. Cost at the door: \$30.

Oneg Shabbat - Join the Crowd

Friday, March 23rd following the 6:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat services at 86th Street. Come in from the chilling March winds for an Oneg Shabbat. Join us for lite fare, beverages and schmoozing

Oscar Night Party

Sunday, March 25th beginning at 7:30 PM at Makor (35 West 67th Street): Come celebrate your favorite films of the year as BJ

co-sponsors Makor's Second Annual Oscar Night Party. Watch the 73rd Annual Academy Awards spectacle on 5 big screens while enjoying great food and drinks in Makor's café. Cost: \$10. Includes a free drink and raffle. For information and to register call Makor at 601-1000.

SAVE THE DATE: Dorot Passover Package Delivery

Sunday, April 1st beginning at 11:45 AM at Dorot (171 West 85th Street): Join other BJ singles as we make our annual package deliveries to the elderly. This event, sponsored by Dorot, will include a group orientation following which we will pair up in teams to make our visits/deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. We will regroup at around 2:00 PM for lunch (on your own) at Café Roma's Kosher Pizzeria (Amsterdam Avenue at 91st Street). Reservations are required. Please call x 306 by **March 27th** and leave your name and day/evening phone numbers.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Talmud Mini-Course

Tuesday, March 20th from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join us as we welcome Rabbi Saul Berman to BJ. Rabbi Berman will lead a study session on a passage in the Talmud, Bava Metziah 58b on the topic of prohibition against verbal oppression.

Shabbat B'Yahad: Dr. Alice Shalvi Visiting Scholar

Friday March 23rd - Saturday March 24th

- **Friday, March 23rd** following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat services at 88th Street: Join us for our next catered Shabbat dinner when Dr. Alice Shalvi will be discussing: "Closing the Gender Gap - Issues of Talmud Torah for Women." She will be addressing the status of women in the synagogue, the community, in Israel and in the Diaspora. If space is

available, Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. To make your reservation you call voicemail x304 **AND** send a check marked "3/23 Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner" to the BJ office.

- **Saturday, March 24th**: Dr. Shalvi will be giving a Shabbat morning d'var Torah. She will also lead a Shabbat afternoon study and havdalah at 5:00 PM at 88th Street. The study, entitled, "A Voice of One's Own," will discuss the development of Jewish women's rituals over the past two decades.

For Shabbat B'Yahad registration forms and more information, please see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJHS Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 30th following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at 88th Street: BJ Hebrew School 3rd Grade families! Join us for singing, stories and welcoming Shabbat together. There will be a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Gimme! students and their parents. In order to guarantee your reservation we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by **Monday, March 26th** at 5:00 PM. No exceptions. Call Tina Berger at x 225.

Seeking Counselors for B'nai BJ

We are looking for experienced, responsible creative, dynamic counselors aged 20 and older to work for B'nai BJ, the BJ summer program. If you have experience working with kids aged 5-7 in informal Jewish settings and would like to be a part of our summer program, please contact B'nai BJ Director Mark Blitz at x 389.

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

Storahelling

Saturday, March 17th at 4:00 PM at The Village Temple (33 East 12th Street): Join us for a ritual celebration of sacred storytelling and live music. "The Original Edifice Complex": How God Got A New Home, with BJ Members Amichai Lau-Lavie, Mordecai Schram and Matt Fried. Followed by Havdallah. Cost: free.

Rhythm and Song: The Journey Through the Red Sea

Monday, March 26th at 7:30 PM at the White Institute (20 West 74th Street): Come hear Avivah Zornberg, PhD. and Paul Lippmann, PhD analyze and interpret the story of the exodus from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea and the wilderness journey, as a unique transformational event. Registration is required. For more information, contact BJ member Jill Howard at 874-9643.

Elder Care: Thinking about the Future

Tuesday March 27th at 7:00 PM at the JCC on the Upper West Side (15 West 65th Street): Join an important sessions with Elder Law Attorney Aytan Y. Bellin. entitled, "Personal Control Over Medical Decisions: Tools to Help Assure That Your Treatment Wishes are Followed." Cost: Free. Contact the JCC on the Upper West Side at 580-0099 for more information.

Pesah Mitzvah Opportunity

Sunday, April 8th at 3:00 PM at The Jewish Home and Hospital: Volunteers are needed to help lead seders for residents of The Jewish Home & Hospital. There will be training at the nursing home beginning at 3:00PM that day and then volunteers will be assigned to lead seders on various floors of the institution. Expertise in seder skills is less important than kavanah, warmth and the desire to perform a great mitzvah. For more information please contact Ronete Koster at The Jewish Home and Hospital at 870-4940.

Laws of Lashon Hara

One who does whatever possible to guard their tongue and exhort others to be careful in this regard is deemed most worthy. They shall receive a great reward and the merit of the community will be considered to be dependent on them. (Shmirat HaLashon, Volume One).

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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(tf:dk , una)

"And Adonai said, 'See there is a place near Me. Station yourself on the rock'"
(Exodus 33:21 Page 658)

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

AIDS WALK 2001

Social Justice Wednesday Flyer

March 23rd and 24th – Dr. Alice Shalvi Shabbat B'Yahad and Study

Community Pesah Seder Match

Letter to President Bush – Urging Mideast Peace

Membership Packets

New Havurot Applications

Upcoming Singles Events

Upcoming Gay and Lesbian Events

Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community

Information on Breast Cancer Havurah

Text Study on International Human Rights