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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Condolences:**

*The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to Franklin, Julie, Melanie and Adam Kern on the death of Franklin's beloved Grandmother, Esther Klein*

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Rebecca and David Hirsch on the naming of their daughter, Didi Grace Hirsch.
- Katharina and Jacob Bender on the birth of their daughter, Dalia Rosa Bender.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

The 19 hosts who generously opened their homes to welcome 52 BJ members as their guests for Pesah. A special thank you to Elaine Nevins and Barbara Simon for coordinating this year's community seder match.

## **BJ Havurot**

The following groups are in the process of being formed and need more participants. If you are interested in joining any of the following specific havurot, please fill out a havurah form found at

the back of the sanctuary or on the BJ website or call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x 222.

- Friday night study Havurah
- Bergen and Rockland County Havurah (please contact Lori Zimmerman at 201-840-0215).

Please contact Rabbi Sol if you have ideas for forming other Havurot

**Ark Curtain Fund:** In recent weeks, our Torah readings told about building the mishkan and how the Israelites gave willingly, in whatever way they could, to help beautify it. In that spirit, a fund has been started for a new curtain for the ark at SPSA. Making a contribution to this fund gives many members of the BJ community the chance to share in a project that will enhance our physical space and honor our spiritual connections. For more information contact Deborah Pinsky at x 254.

The Bikkur Holim/Special Needs Committee volunteers will visit the hospital, lend a hand and pray for healing. Please call us at x 308.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **ICC Subcommittee Meeting**

**Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join the ICC/International Human Rights subcommittee of the Social Action/Social Justice Committee. We hope to finish by 7:00, in time for the community-wide meeting. Also, mark your calendars for **Saturday night, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, when we'll be hosting a "percussion circle" fundraiser for the victims of the violence in Sierra Leone.

## **Yom HaShoah Commemoration**

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. BJ, Synagogues on the Upper West Side and the JCC on the Upper West Side will bring community members together for an all night reading of the names of Jews from Belgium killed in the Holocaust. In the past the reading has gone all through the night. However this year, in an effort to include schools and congregants who are unable to come at night, the reading will be extended-Beginning at 10:00 PM on April 18<sup>th</sup> and continuing until 6:00 PM on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our community however will begin at 6:45 PM with a reading of names of those family members we remember as well as a service. Following the service will be a presentation of act one of the acclaimed two act play, "I will Bear Witness: The Diaries of Victor Klemperer". At 9:30 PM we will all walk together to Stephan Wise Free Synagogue at 30 West 68<sup>th</sup> Street to join in the community wide reading of names. BJ will be reading names from 11:30 PM until midnight. If you would like to read at either BJ or Stephan Wise, please contact Miriam Abramowicz at 874-4417.

## **Renee Kaufman Memorial Program**

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us for a video and panel discussion on the topic of single mothers by choice. We will be screening, "And Baby Makes Two", a film by Judy Katz and Oren Rudavsky. Jane Mattis, Founder and Director of Single Mothers By Choice will moderate our panel discussion. Cost: free.

## **Shabbat B'Yahad/ Latin America Committees Shabbat Dinner:**

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** following 6:00 PM Shabbat services at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us for special Shabbat B'Yahad Shabbat dinner co-

sponsored with the Latin American Committee. Our scholar will be **Rabbi Emmanuel Viñas**, religious scribe and Director of Jewish Family Life and Education for the JCC in Tarrytown, N.Y. He will speak about the inspiring reconstruction of a Honduran synagogue and the restoration of a Torah salvaged after Hurricane Mitch. Members of his community involved in the project will be joining us. Dinner menu will be Latin inspired. Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. To make a reservation you **must** call voicemail x 304 **AND** send a check marked "4/20 Shabbat dinner" to the BJ office. Please see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary for details.

## **Hamidrasha Educators at BJ**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**: Twelve leaders from Hamidrasha in Israel will spend a week teaching, learning, and sharing with committees and groups at BJ. They will be hosted by BJ members. Hamidrasha responds to the dramatically growing demand for meaningful Jewish education for secular Israelis by providing a variety of educational programs. Their unique approach combines intellectual study, emotional involvement, social action and team building. A highlight of the week will be the Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'Atzmaut program, which they will lead on **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45 PM. Families, children, singles, and couples are all invited to take part in this service and celebration. Hamidrasha members will also join us for Shabbat services **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM, and Saturday morning, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, followed by a kiddush in their honor.

## **Rosh Hodesh Iyyar Women's Group**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30PM in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Parlor Room: Join Marshall T. Meyer Fellows, Rabbi Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous to welcome the month of Iyyar.

### **Yehudit Ravitz Concert**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: One of the leading artists of Israeli rock/pop, Yehudit Ravitz has established herself as a singer and songwriter for the past 25 years. Full of energy and passion, her voice has made an undeniable mark on Israeli music history. Don't miss this special concert in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Tickets are available at West Side Judaica. Cost: \$40 reserved seats/ \$30 general admission.

### **Cuban Documentary Film**

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: BJ's Latin America Committee presents a preview of "Adio Kerida/Goodbye Dear Love: A Cuban Sephardic Journey," a video documentary based on the life stories of Sephardic Cuban Jews living in Cuba, Miami, and New York at Filmmaker Ruth Behar, a MacArthur Fellow and professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan will speak about her work. No reservations needed. Cost: \$8 members/\$12 non-members, payable at the door. For further information, please call x371

### **Judgment At Nuremberg**

**Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the Longacre Theatre (220 West 48<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue): The ICC/

International Human Rights sub-committee of the SA/SJ Committee has arranged for a group of discounted tickets to the Broadway production of starring Maximilian Schell and George Grizzard, with a possible post-show discussion. Tickets are \$40 each, in the rear mezzanine and are available on a first-come/first-served basis. To reserve your seat, please email Amy Ravis (aravis@bj.org) by **Monday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>** and send a check payable to BJ to the BJ office attention Amy Ravis (100A West 89<sup>th</sup> Street, NY 10024). Include your name, address, phone, e-mail. You will be contacted to confirm your tickets and to arrange where to meet. A small portion of your payment will go to benefit BJ. Please call the SA/SJ Committee at x 310 or Eileen at 678-2408 for more information.

### **Moadon HaSefer Hatov**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM place TBD: BJ's Jewish Book Club, is marking its first anniversary and invites all members of the BJ community to read and take part in a discussion of "Shadows on the Hudson" by Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer. Dvorah Telushkin, who worked with Singer as his assistant, editor and translator will be joining us for the discussion.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

### **Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: This month, 6<sup>th</sup> grade BJ kids, their parents and siblings are invited to cook meals for guests of the Homeless Shelter. We are looking for one or two coordinators to help organize this event. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will prepare the last Family Life shelter dinner on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

### **Dalet Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:00 PM service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Hebrew School 4<sup>th</sup> grade families! Join us for singing, stories and welcoming Shabbat together. There will be a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Dalet students and their parents. In order to guarantee your reservation we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by **Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 5:00 PM. Call Tina Berger at x 225

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **SAVE THE DATE! Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us for this unparalleled mitzvah opportunity. Please call x 373 to schedule a time. Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call. Remember, we go through the effort to schedule so that you, and everyone else, will not need to wait.

### **Volunteers With Computer and Office Skills**

The BJ Office is always in need of help with data entry, filing and mailings. If you enjoy working in an office environment and you can spend one morning or afternoon a week helping out at BJ's 89<sup>th</sup> Street office, please contact Carol Dikman, Volunteer Coordinator, at x 255.

## **SINGLES ACTIVITIES**

### **Oslo: Why did it Fail and Where do we go from here? A Day of Study and Reflection**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 12:30 - 6:00 PM Please join the Social Action/Social Justice, Israel and Singles Committees for an important forum on the current status of the Israel-Palestinian conflict on. Program speakers include Stephen P. Cohen (Israel Policy Forum), Ken Jacobsen (ADL), Nadia Hijab (author and activist) and Allegra Pacheco (Israeli human rights lawyer). There will be a reception from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in honor of our guests from HaMidrasha in Israel. For more information, contact the SA/SJ committee at x 310 or at socialaction@bj.org.

### **Oneg Shabbat: Spring is in the Air!**

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:45 PM service at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Come celebrate the sweet smells of spring with an Oneg Shabbat Join for light fare, beverages and schmoozing.

### **Intimacy & Commitment: Workshop for Single Men & Women**

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Join clinician Anne Kohn for a ten-session workshop exploring and talking about that which we seek to understand and embrace. This workshop will include guest facilitators who will help clarify our own perspective on intimacy and commitment. Cost: \$150 BJ members/\$225 non-members. To register, look for information/application in the annual BJ Brochure or call x 306. Make the commitment - Sign up now!

### **At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings for Singles & Couples**

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:45 PM service: Take in the fresh scents of Spring and join us for an intimate 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, x 306 ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more

information and to register, fill out registration form found in the back of the sanctuary or on our website ([www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)) and send it to the BJ office.

## 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

### **Yom HaShoah Commemoration**

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the Chapel of The Good Shepherd, The General Theological Seminary (175 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 20<sup>th</sup> Street): The Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations Annual Interfaith Yom HaShoah Service Commemorating Victims of the Holocaust & Their Rescuers For further information, contact Alice Fisher at 243-5150 x 281

### **Children's Concert**

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM at Saint Agnes Library (444 Amsterdam Avenue) and **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 PM at Donnell Library Center-Central Children's Room (20 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street): BJ member Jody Prusan, will be presenting several children's concerts featuring sing-along, play-along, music and movement. Presented by the New York Public Libraries. All concerts are free.

### **Book Reading and Signing**

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at Barnes and Noble (82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway) and on **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at The KGB Bar: BJ member and author Emily Benedek will be reading from her new book, **Through the Unknown, Remembered Gate**. Save the date for her talk and book signing at BJ on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

### **Pathways to Understanding**

Pathways to Understanding, a program developed by member Rob Lederer, is concerned with improving race relations in the world. Due to tremendous interest and rapid growth, the organization is in need of administrative assistance in the following areas: office support and administrative work, program coordination and scheduling, grant writing and fundraising. People interested in volunteering should contact Rob Lederer at [Roblederer@yahoo.com](mailto:Roblederer@yahoo.com) or at 727-8592.

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**"Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels."  
(Exodus 15:20, Pg.490)**

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

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Emmanuel Viñas

AIDS WALK 2001

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Membership Packets

New Havurot Applications

Upcoming Singles Events

Upcoming Gay and Lesbian Events

Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community

Introduction to Bikur Holim

Information on Breast Cancer Havurah