

Kol Jeshurun



תורה ומושבה Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows: Rabbi Eric Solomon • Rabbi Sharon Brous • Rachel Gartner

April 5th - April 12th 2002

Friday, April 5

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Sanctuary

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, April 6

Shabbat Parashat Shemini Mevarchim HaHodesh

Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street

Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47, Pg. 798

Triennial: Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11, Pg. 798

Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17, Pg. 986

Bat Mitzvah Daphne Barbanel

Bat Mitzvah Remy Nelson

Minḥa Bat Mitzvah Melanie Wallner

5:30 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, April 7

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Rally in Support of Israel 11:00 AM - Israeli Consulate
42nd Street & 2nd Ave

BJ's Latin America Committee Presents: 5:30 PM -
88th Street

Scattered Among the Nations

Monday, April 8

Erev Yom HaShoah

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Uptown Parashat HaShavu'a 6:30 PM - 86th Street

Yom HaShoah Service and 6:45 PM - 88th Street

Reading of Names

Yom HaShoah Greek films screening 8:00 PM - 88th
Street

Yom HaShoah all-night reading of names 10:00 PM -
JCC

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 76th St. & Amsterdam
7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, April 9

Yom HaShoah

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM - 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, April 10

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, April 11

Midtown Parashat HaShavu'a 12:00 PM - 135 E. 55th
Street

Torah Tales Untold 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group 8:00 PM - 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, April 12

Rosh Hodesh Iyar

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Parashat Tazri'a-Metzora

Torah: Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33, Pg. 826

Triennial: Leviticus 12:1 - 13:39, Pg. 826

Maftir: Numbers 28:9 - 28:15, Pg. 121C

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 - 66:13 and 66:23, Pg. 1684

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Help the BJ CUBA trip perform a mitzvah!

The Jewish Community Pharmacy in Havana is in URGENT need of these supplies, which the BJ Cuba Trip participants will deliver during their visit in May.

Synagogue: 257 West 88th Street, Office: 100A West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024

Tel: 212.787.7600 Fax: 212.496.7600 <http://www.bj.org>

•baby vitamins in dropper form •children's vitamins •adult vitamins •allergy & cold sprays •Desitin cream •Zantac •Pepsid
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Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and Advil for adults and children

*All medications must be in unopened boxes, and have expiration dates of 2003 or beyond.

Please deliver these supplies to the BJ office between **Monday, April 8th and Friday, April 19th** between the hours of
9:00 AM and 4:30 PM

**Also visit BJ's website and under the upcoming events link, click to donate to victims of
Afghanistan's recent earthquake - or go directly to www.ajws.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Daphne, Joshua, Dove, and Daisy Barbanel and Anemona Hartocollis on the occasion of Daphne becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Remy, Leslie, and Micah Nelson and Jill Hayman on the occasion of Remy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Melanie, Barbara and Robert Wallner on the occasion of Melanie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Stephanie Denmark and Adam F. Simon on their recent engagement.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Eric Gurvis and the 9th Grade Class, Temple Shalom, West Newton, MA.
- Rabbi Donald Tam and the Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, GA.
- Rabbi Eric Bram and teenagers, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, IN.
- Educational Director Doreen Gray and past president Bill Gray, Rabbi Aaron and Kelly Spiegel, Dr. Norman and Ado Fogle and the Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-El Zedek, Indianapolis, IN.
- Rabbi Deborah Bravo; Executive Director Simon Jaffe; and the Confirmation Class, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, NJ.

Spring Service Schedule

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
6:45 PM - 86th Street

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
First Friday of the Month

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM - 88th Street in Frankel Hall
First Friday of the Month

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Third Friday of the Month

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street

East Side Havurah

A new havurah group has been formed for BJ members living in zip codes 10028, 10128 and 10021. We plan to meet every eight weeks after the Friday night 6:00 PM service for a potluck dinner and a teaching by one of our members. If you are interested, please call Rise Dimson at (212) 249-2629.

Please note: the Torah Tales Untold class will not meet on Thursdays April 18 and 25 and May 2 and 23. The last class will be May 30.

We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.

YOM HASHOAH 5762/2002

Yom HaShoah 5762/2002

Monday, April 8th, 6:45 PM at 88th Street: There will be a service and a reading of the names of Jews who perished in the Shoah by BJ members and friends. If you wish to read your family's names at BJ, please contact Anne Kohn at akohn@bj.org or x240.

Yom HaShoah Greek Jewry Film Screenings

Monday April 8th, 8:00 PM, at 88th Street, after the Yom HaShoah service and reading of names, join us for two very special films of about Greek Jewry. *Farewell My Island* is the story of one of the last transports during the Shoah when Greek Jews were removed the island of Korfu. *Kehila Kedosha: A Sacred*

Community examines the odyssey of this Romaniote Jewish community from Greece to the Lower East Side of Manhattan. There will be a question and answer session with filmmakers Isaac Dostis and Ed Askinazi following the screenings.

Yom HaShoah All Night Hearing and Reading of Names

Monday, April 8th, 10:00 PM and continuing until **Tuesday, April 9th**, 6:00 PM, at the JCC Auditorium, 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street: Join members of neighborhood congregations and other institutions for an all-night recitation of names from Yad Vashem's *Onto Every Person There is a Name*. BJ's slot is from 2:30 AM - 3:15 AM Tuesday morning.

YOM HAZIKARON/YOM HA'ATZMAUT 5762/2002

Yom HaZikaron / Yom Ha'Atzmaut Service

Tuesday, April 16th
6:45 PM at 88th Street

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration:

Remembrances & Dreams With Ruth Gruber

Tuesday April 16th, 6:45 PM, at 88th Street: Come as we gather

together as a community to celebrate Israel's 54th day of independence. Join us as we welcome renowned foreign correspondent and award-winning author Ruth Gruber for an evening of stories, memories, songs, poems, and images of Israel through the years. Program will follow the Yom Ha'Zikaron and Ha'Atzmaut service. Refreshments will be served. Cost: free.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Thursday, April 11th, 8:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbi Sharon Brous as we welcome in the month of Iyar.

Finding a Meaningful Relationship: For Single Men and Women

Ten Thursdays, starting April 18th, 7:00 PM: This participatory workshop is open to single men and women (anyone in a relationship is also welcome to join). The course will explore individual perspectives on intimacy and commitment, help clarify what we're looking for, articulate what we bring to the table, and define ways to create what we wish for in a relationship. Taught by Anne Kohn, CSW. Cost: \$150 members/\$225 non-members (priority will be given to members). Code: 278. For more info and the location, call x240.

Kashrut

Three Tuesdays, April 23rd - May 7th, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street:

This class focuses on the exploration of the Jewish dietary laws in the traditional sources. Included in our discussion will be a focus on Eco-Kashrut. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 263.

Hebrew Reading Marathon

Sunday, April 28th, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM, at 88th Street:

Learn the basics of Hebrew reading in one day! By the end of the program, you will be able to read and sing a number of songs and prayers. Taught by Rabbi Noah Golinkin, founder of the Hebrew Literacy Campaign. Cost: \$50 (\$40 tuition; \$10 materials). Code: 292.

Registration required. A light lunch will be served.

SOCIAL JUSTICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BJ Responds: Economic Help

Please leave a message on the BJ Career Resources Line at x315 or email slachow@hotmail.com if you have work opportunities or if you are currently looking for work.

BJ Responds: Volunteers Needed to Sit Shemira at NYU

Sitting *shemira* or 'guarding the dead' is one of the greatest *mitzvot* a Jew can perform. We need volunteers to participate in this 24/7 effort at NYU Hospital, where bodies of WTC victims are still being brought. For further info, please contact Carol Dikman at cdikman@bj.org or x255.

Special Spring Concert at The Jewish Home and Hospital

Sunday, April 14th, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, at the Jewish Home and Hospital, in the auditorium: Join the BJ Choir and the Bikkur Holim Committee for a Spring Concert with residents. To participate, please call Donny Lee, BJ's Team Leader, at (212) 316-4423.

Volunteer Opportunity For People With Computer Skills

If you have computer skills and some time to volunteer at the BJ office, we are very much in need of help with data input. For more info, please contact Carol Dikman at x255.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Families Cook for the Shelter

Tuesday, April 16th, 5:00 PM, 88th Street: Sixth graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for guests of our Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 88th Street to assemble the meal and set the table together, and will enjoy a brief learning discussion about this most special mitzvah. If you are interested in participating, please call Harriet Saltzman at 496-1892, Beth Kern at 724-5336, or Donna Kahan at 362-9595 in advance. We also need a parent volunteer for that evening. The next shelter gathering is scheduled for May 21st for 7th Graders.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 19th, 5:45 PM, at 86th Street: Join Hollis Kramer and Jody Prusan for a Shabbat service created especially for families with children 4 and under. For more info, contact Hollis at x244.

B'nai BJ 2002: Applications Available Online!

B'nai BJ 2002 Summer Program: Is your child registered? Applications are now being accepted for this fun program for children entering kindergarten, first, second, and third grade. If you would like more information, please call the B'nai BJ Information Line x380.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BJ Women's Retreat

Friday, April 19th - Sunday, April 21st, at Elat Chayyim: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous on the first BJ Women's Retreat. The *Shabbat* and weekend will be devoted to encountering the tradition and ourselves through *kol nashim* (the voice of women). Take this sacred time to retreat from the city for a weekend of building community, being in nature, and

finding our voices together. Applications are available on BJ's website.

BJ's Latin America Committee Presents:

Scattered Among the Nations - A Photographic Presentation

Sunday, April 7th, 5:30 PM, at 88th Street: BJ's Latin America Committee will present *Scattered Among the Nations*, a photographic presentation on the Inca Jews in

Peru, Jungle Jews in the Amazon, and Argentina's Gaucho Jews by world traveling speaker, writer and photographer Bryan Schwartz. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. This event is open to the public and reservations are not required. To join the Latin America Committee's email list, please send an email to: BJ LatinAmerica-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or call us at x371.

Shabbat B'Yahad with Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue

Friday, April 12th, after the 6:00 PM service, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: Join us as we welcome the Lower East Side Greek Romaniote Congregation for Greek cuisine and traditional Romaniote nigunim. Hy Genee, President of the Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue, and film maker Isaac Dostis, the synagogue's museum director, will speak on their Congregation's history and will lead us in song with BJ's Mordechai Schram. Cost: \$35 members/\$45 non-members if there is room. To make your reservation, please call x304 with your name and number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "4/12 Dinner".

Paths to Peace

Sunday, April 14th, 10:00 AM, at Drisha, 131 West 86th Street: Join BJ Rabbi Sharon Brous, Jeremy Gordon, and others for a day of study examining voices of non-violence, conflict resolution, forgiveness, and paths to peace from the Jewish tradition. We will also discuss practical approaches to personal, communal and international conflict. Cost: Sliding scale. **Please RSVP by Thursday, April 11th** to Jonathan Crane at (718) 643-2717 or jkcrane1@aol.com or to Devorah Shubowitz at (212) 665-0252 or devorahshubowitz@yahoo.com

Renee Kaufman Memorial Program: Trembling Before G-d

Monday, April 15th, 7:00 PM at 88th Street: Following its enormously successful theatrical run at the Film Forum, we are privileged to present a screening of the acclaimed film, *Trembling Before G-d*. Sandi Dubowski, the director of the film, Rabbi Roly Matalon, and participants in the film will be present for a panel discussion following the viewing of this compelling and moving documentary about Orthodox gays and lesbians. Cost: free.

Sunday Night Fever Dance Series

Sunday, April 7th, 7:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed, 100th Street and WEA: Swing, Funk, R&B, Reggae and House Dancing! Cut loose to an unbeatable DJ mix of dance party favorites. Drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a free lesson at 7:30 PM will be provided. Cost \$15 members/\$20 non-members, payable at the door. Volunteer and get in free! To volunteer, call Michael at 678-7881 before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat. This event is co-sponsored by BJ and Anshe Chesed.

Chava Alberstein Concert

Wednesday, April 17th, 8:00 PM, at 88th Street: BJ will be hosting celebrated Israeli musician Chava Alberstein to benefit SchoolsOnline-Israel, a non-profit organization that uses the internet to promote connection and interaction between a diverse group of young people from different religious, cultural, ethnic and economic communities in Israel. Seating is extremely limited. Cost: \$40, \$75 (reserved seats) or \$150 (includes pre-concert reception). Please call (800) 252-2192 to purchase tickets.

Intimate At-Home Community-Wide Shabbat Dinners

Friday, April 19th, following the 6:00 PM Service: Share Shabbat with others at an At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner. These gatherings of 12-18 people are a great way to meet and share a Shabbat meal with your community. To sign up, send in an application form which can be found on BJ's website under the singles and members links **AND** mail in your check for \$25 members/\$35 non-members made payable to BJ and marked "4/19 At-Home Shabbat Dinner" by **April 10th**. We are also looking for BJ members who live on the Upper West Side within a 15-block radius of BJ to host a dinner. To host a dinner, please sign-up online or call x351 by **April 10th**. Co-sponsored by the Singles and *Hakhnasat Orhim* (welcoming guests) Committees.

Calling all BJ Artists!

Monday, May 13th, 7:30 PM, place to be determined: All BJ artists - writers, painters, dancers, singers, actors, musicians - and if you're a lawyer by day and play the sax or take photographs by night, this still means you! - the Theatre and Interfaith Committees of SPSA and BJ are having a BIG PARTY to create a network between artists in our joint communities for future productions and round table discussions. Snacks will be served. Musicians who wish to bring instruments for a group jam session must contact Matt Fried c/o interfaitharts@yahoo.com and everybody who wants to attend, must also RSVP to interfaitharts@yahoo.com or call Eileen Weiss at (212) 496-4550.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Singles Oneg: Spring is in the air!

Friday, April 12th, following the 6:45 PM service, at 86th Street in the Social Hall: Come share the sights and smells of spring with new and old friends at an Oneg Shabbat. Join us and meet and greet old and new folks in the casual environment of the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Finding a Meaningful Relationship Workshop: For more info, please see the Limud Section.

Intimate At-Home Community-Wide Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 19th: For more info, please see the Upcoming Events Section.

A Teaching from *Parashat Shemini*

Aaron's sons, Nadav and Avihu, each took a fire pan and placed a fire in it and incense on it, and they offered before the Lord a strange fire, which had not been commanded of them. And fire came forth from the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

-Leviticus 10:1-2

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Commentators have struggled for centuries to understand the tragic deaths of Nadav and Avihu. What could one possibly do to warrant such an uncompromising punishment? Responses range from assertions that the two were simply negligent (Rashi), or arrogant (Sanhedrin 52a) to the claim that they were fomenting revolt against Moshe and Aaron (Vayikra Rabbah 20:10). Some argue that their sin was that they appeared before God drunk (Zevachim 17b). While none of the responses offer satisfying justifications for their untimely deaths, they do offer us insight into the essential values of our rabbinic tradition. Consider the opinion of R. Levi: *They were conceited and disgraceful. Many women lived as agunot, deserted wives, waiting for them. What did [Nadav and Avihu] used to say? "The brother of our father is a king, the brother of our mother is a prince, our father is the High Priest, and we are two deputy priests. There are no women deserving of us!"*

-Vayikra Rabbah 20:10

R. Levi seems to suggest that their crime ultimately need be nothing more than refusing to recognize the dignity, beauty and value of each person, created in the image of God.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they ωνφκν σνγ υσονκη τκυ χρφ ηυδ κτ ηυδ τση τκ

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