



Shabbat Parashat B'Shalah • Shabbat Shira

TORAH

Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

TRIENNIAL

Exodus 14:15 - 16:10

HAFTARAH

Judges 4:4 - 5:31

Next week: Parashat Yitro

TORAH

Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

TRIENNIAL

Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 9:6



Social Justice Opportunity of the Week!

Tikkun Olam on Tu BiShevat:
Help Slow Global Warming

Urge Your Senators to Support the *Climate Stewardship Act of 2003* sponsored by Senators Joe Lieberman and John McCain - a bipartisan step towards reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and protecting our environment. Insist that the final draft of the bill is strongly worded. For more info, read the attached flyer sponsored by the Environmental Committee on *Global Scorching* or visit <http://mccain.senate.gov/globalwarmintro.htm>.

RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

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Ari Priven

MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

Rabbi Rachel Gartner • Meir Feldman • Jessica Zimmerman

January 17 – January 24, 2003

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Tot Shabbat	5:45 PM – 86th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Shabbat B'Yahad Tu BiShevat Dinner with Melila Hellner-Eshed	after 6:00 PM service – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Bar Mitzvah	Noam Eitan Liran
Baby Naming	Fiona Beth Jacobson-Yang
D'var Torah	Melilah Hellner-Eshed
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Shabbat In-home Lunches	12:30 PM – at BJ members' homes
Shabbat Learning with Melila Hellner-Eshed	4:00 PM – 86th St.
<i>Spiritual Practices of the Zohar</i>	

Tu BiShevat • Shabbat Shira

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
MYAJD/JDRC Workshop	9:00 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

BJ Office/Hebrew School Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Talmud Introduction	8:15 AM – 88th St.
Families Cook for the Homeless Shelter	5:00 PM – 88th St.
Hebrew Classes:	
<i>Intermediate</i>	6:30 PM – 86th St.
<i>Advanced</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.
Revelation: The Act of Learning Torah	7:00 PM – 86th St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis	6:30 PM – 88th St.
Creating Modern Midrash	7:30 PM – 86th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
Tallit and Tefillin	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Hebrew Classes:	
<i>Beginner</i>	6:30 PM – 86th St.
<i>Advanced Beginner</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.
Parashat HaShavu'a	7:00 PM – 86th St.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Early Childhood Shabbat Sing-Along	9:15 AM – 88th St.
<i>6 months - 18 months</i>	
Early Childhood Shabbat Sing-Along	10:15 AM – 88th St.
<i>18 months - 22 months</i>	
Early Childhood Shabbat Sing-Along	11:15 AM – 88th St.
<i>23 months - 36 months</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Noam Liran, Adena Greenberg and Shlomi Liran, Omri and Katie Green, Ira, Lynn and Maya Liran, and Rabbi Sidney and Hilda Greenberg on Noam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Howard Jacobson, Kathryn Wolfson, Jennifer Jacobson and William Yang on the naming of their granddaughter and daughter, Fiona Beth Jacobson-Yang

B'rukhim haba-im To:

- Rabbi Adam Raskin and the Confirmation Class, Congregation Shearith Israel, Dallas, Texas.

New Havurah Forming: Empty Nesters

A havurah is forming for BJ couples who want to study, celebrate Shabbat, and form a small community in this "new" stage of life. An initial meeting will take place on February 5 at 7:00 PM. Please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222 or fsol@bj.org if you are interested.



LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

To Register, visit www.bj.org.

Revelation: The Act of Learning Torah from Sinai to the Present

Five Tuesdays (started January 7), 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: By studying classical and contemporary texts, we will explore how our tradition came to understand the word *Torah*, the great moment of revelation (Exodus 19), and its implications for learning and living out of Torah today. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free. Code: 324.

Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Seven Wednesdays (started January 15), 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies of our Talmudic sages. Hebrew not required. New participants welcome. Taught by Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free. Code: 306. Note: no class January 29.

Tallit and Tefillin: I Betroth Myself To You . . .

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Tallit and tefillin are intended to generate a tangible experience of God. Join us for a learning on the rituals of tallit and tefillin. Taught by Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Meir Feldman. Cost: Members - free; non-members, \$20. Code: 387.

Siddur (Prayerbook) Hebrew

Ten sessions (started January 14), at 86th Street: Siddur Hebrew classes will be offered at four levels (see below). **Advanced registration is requested.** For questions about level placement, contact the teacher Jeni Friedman at (212) 678-8895 or jeffriedman@jtsa.edu. Cost: \$100 members / \$150 non-members. Not too late to sign up!

Beginner: 6:30 PM Thursdays. Code: 326.

Advanced Beginner: 8:00 PM Thursdays. Code: 330.

Intermediate: 6:30 PM Tuesdays. Code: 327.

Advanced: 8:00 PM Tuesdays. Code: 329.

WINTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, February 7

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, February 7

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Friday, February 21

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

Tax deductible contributions in memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen may be made out to the *Carlos Aisen Scholarship Fund*, which provides scholarships to the Summer Camp of Comunidad Amijai of Buenos Aires. Mail your check to Susan Zemsky, Kehila Chadasha, 1622 Martha Terrace, Rockville, MD, 20852.

ACTIVITIES

Shabbat B'Yahad Tu BiShevat Dinner with Melila Hellner-Eshed

•**Friday, January 17**, after the 6:00 PM service, at 88th Street: For those who signed up, please join us for a catered Tu BiShevat Shabbat dinner with Mehilla Helner-Eshed. Co-sponsored by the Environmental Task Force Committee.

•**Saturday, January 18**, 4:00 PM, at 86th Street: Join us for Shabbat learning on spiritual practices of the Zohar with Melila Hellner-Eshed. Registration not required.

Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Saturday, February 1, 12:30 PM, at 88th Street: In anticipation of the beginning of a new Hebrew month, join us for a special kiddush and learning, singing, and storytelling led by Shoshana Jedwab.

Storahtelling: The Edifice Complex

Saturday, February 1, 4:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join Amichai Lau-Lavie and the Storahtelling Troupe for a ritualized presentation of the week's Torah portion. Cost: free.

Beit Midrash Patuah

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for the ongoing study of Masekhet Kiddushin.

Book Club

Sunday, March 9, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: The BJ Book Club is reading *How I Came Into My Inheritance* by Dorothy Gallagher

Second Annual BJ Women's Retreat

April 4 - April 6: Hold the date! Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbi Rachel Gartner on BJ's Second Annual Women's Retreat. Visit BJ's website for more information and an application form. Information will also be sent in the mail.

COMMUNITY

•BJ Community In-Home Shabbat Luncheon

Saturday, January 18, after morning services, at 12:30 PM: For those who signed up, we hope you find the experience of Shabbat at home fulfilling and enjoyable.

•Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday:

A Jewish Community Commemoration

Monday, January 20, 6:30 PM, at the JCC: Through memories and stories, song and speech, the community will gather to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and renew our commitment to his vision. The program features Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Leonard Fein, Peter Geffen, Ruth Messinger, State Senator David Paterson and the words of Dr. King read by Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields, among others. Cost: free. Registration not required. Co-sponsored by many organizations and synagogues.

•Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday January 25, 1:00 PM, at 88th Street, in Frankel Hall: Please join us with friends and family to celebrate Shabbat with Lucille Gudis of the Jewish Genealogy Society, who will help us discover our family tree and discuss her visit to her family's home in Eastern Europe. Then Matt Fried will present original songs and niggunim, accompanied by Noah Hoffeld. Please RSVP by sending a check for \$12 members/\$15 non-members (per person) to the BJ office, attention LDVD Lunch 1/25.

•L'Chayim Comrade Stalin! - Film and Concert with Yale Strom

Saturday, January 25, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for the NY premier of Yale Strom's latest film, *L'Chayim Comrade Stalin!*, a film about the Jewish Autonomous Region, better known as Birobidzhan, in the far eastern Soviet Union, followed by a special *leybedik* dance concert with Yale Strom's band, Hot P'stromi. Yale Strom's CDs and his book *The Book of Klezmer* will be available for purchase. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. To register, send your check to the BJ office marked *1/25 Yale Strom Program* or register online.

•Standup for Peace: A Mitzvah for Mitzna

Monday, January 27, 8:30 PM, at 88th Street: Scott Blakeman, who has performed his political humor around the world, hosts an evening of New York's top Jewish and Arab-American comedians in a show of support for Amram Mitzna for Prime Minister of Israel, and a call for a non-violent solution in the Middle East. Cost: \$5 donation benefits Seeds of Peace.

•At-home Catered Dinner

Friday, February 7, after the 6:00 PM service, at BJ members' homes: Take your pick and join us for a Singles, Couples, or Community at-home Shabbat dinner. Members living in a 15-block radius of BJ are needed to host and should call x306 or email hospitality@bj.org. To be either a guest or host, sign up online or fill out a flyer available at the back of the sanctuary by **January 24**. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members; \$10 late fee after deadline, if space is available. Co-sponsored by the Hakhnasat Orhim and Singles Committees.

•Night of 100 Dinners: The Countdown Has Begun

Saturday, March 1: First, BJ members and friends will enjoy a main course and conversation in BJ members' homes around the city. Then, at 9:00 PM we will meet at 88th Street for scrumptious desserts and lively music by the Shalom Orchestra. Be a part of this special event – volunteer to host a dinner or go as a guest to someone's home. We'll also launch Ari's new CD and Songbook. Visit BJ's website to sign up for a dinner and make a Songbook donation. Songbook donors will be listed in the Songbook.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•BJHS Kitah Dalet (Fourth Grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 24, at 88th Street (following the 6:00 PM service): Celebrate Shabbat together with dinner for all Kitah Dalet students and their parents. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. To sign up, Call Dalya Hertzberg at x241.

•BJHS Kitah Bet (Second Grade) Simhat Talmud Torah

Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8: BJHS Kitah Bet families are invited to celebrate Simhat Talmud Torah, which marks a child's achievement of learning the Hebrew alphabet. Festivities begin with Shabbat dinner on Friday at 86th Street after the 6:00 PM service, and continue with a Shabbat morning service and a special Kiddush on Saturday, February 8. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. RSVP by **Wednesday, January 29** (no exceptions). To RSVP, call Dalya at x241.

FAMILIES

•Families Cook For the Homeless Shelter

Tuesday, January 21, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street: Children in second grade and their families are invited to participate in this important mitzvah. To sign up, please call Beth Kern at (212) 724-5336.

•Town Hall Meeting for Parents of 6-12 Years Old Children

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 PM, at the BJ office, 100A West 89th Street: If you are the parent of a child between the ages of 6 and 12, help us find the right place for them by sharing your thoughts and ideas. This meeting is for parents only (kids will be heard later). To RSVP, please contact Hollis at x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

•Kids Purim Play Auditions

Tuesday, January 28 and Wednesday, January 29, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, at 88th Street: Come prepared to sing, act, and dance either day. Four and five years-olds who want to participate can be in the chorus and should call Michael at x260 for info.

SINGLES

•Shake it on the Dance Floor with Reba Perez

Sunday, January 19, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, 127 West 25th Street, buzzer #17: Co-sponsored by BJ. Cost: \$15 non-members/\$18 non-members. Call (212) 645-2441 or visit www.empiredance.com for more info.

•Co-sponsored Dances with B'nai Jeshurun and Ansche Chesed

Sunday, January 26, 7:15 PM, at Ansche Chesed: Hosted by Reba Perez and Eric Hollman. Cost: \$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members/\$20 non-members. Volunteers needed - call Michael B. at (212) 678-7881.

•Shabbat Dinner and Speaker

Friday, January 31, after the 6:00 PM service, at the JCC: Cissy Blumberg, author of *Remember the Catskills*, joins us to recall her days as the Inn Keeper of the Green Acres Hotel. Cost: \$35/BJ & JCC members; \$40/non-members; or \$15 just program & dessert. Code: PSHABUFSW3. To register, call the JCC at (646) 505-5708.

•Chamber Music Concert and Party at Merkin Hall

Thursday February 6, 8:00 PM, Merkin Hall, 129 West 67th Street: Join us for Erwin Schulhoff's *Five Pieces for a String Quartet*, followed by a reception and an opportunity to meet the artists. Cost: \$20. For tickets, call (212) 678-6970 - mention BJ for the special price and group seating. Deadline is **January 29!**

•Career Choices and Changes

Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: In today's challenging times, it is important to reassess our career goals. This interactive workshop with Eileen Sharaga, career coach, will help you explore and expand new career options, transfer your skills to new industries and develop a focused resume. Cost: \$5.

Same Difference

Through January 19, The West End Theater at SPSA, 86th Street: **Same Difference** is a theatrical event with original music and dance based on interviews with Christians, Muslims and Jews in New York City before and after 9/11. For performance times and to reserve your seats, call the Theatre Outrageous box office at (212) 539-6506. Interfaith dialogues follow performances on January 9, 12, 16, and 19. Suggested donation: \$15. (Not suitable for very young children).

Stand Up for Your Synagogue – Be a BJ Usher

Want to make BJ an even more welcoming community? Well, then, don't just sit there! Help greet and seat your fellow members as a BJ usher. To volunteer, call x254. Or see one of the Head Ushers in the back after services: Friday at 6:00 PM: Jeff Yablonka; Friday at 6:45 PM: Michael Miller; Saturday Morning: - Glenda Frank.

A Mitzvah You Can Do in Your Sleep!

It's so simple, you don't even have to be awake! The BJ/SPSA Shelter needs more volunteers to sleep at the shelter once a month. Help support one of BJ's longest running social justice programs. Contact us at x340.

Learn to Serve at the BJ Judith Bernstein Lunch Program!

Put your culinary and dishwashing skills to work at the BJ Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. We need volunteers to serve our guests on Thursdays from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM and assist with clean up from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Contact x338 if you are interested.

UJA-Federation of NY Presents VDay 2003: Benefit Performance

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 PM, at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street: Join us for a one-night only performance of *The Vagina Monologues*. Proceeds benefit several UJA domestic violence projects as part of VDay 2003, a worldwide effort to end violence against women and girls. For event info and ticket price range, call (212) 836-1554 or email formanl@ujafedny.org.

Let it Be Me: A Celebration of Women Songwriters

Tuesday, January 21, 8:30 PM, at Don't Tell Mama, 343 West 46th Street: Attend a benefit concert for NY Jobs with Justice with singer/actress Olivia Jane Greer. **Let it Be Me** records and celebrates the history of social movements in America through

songs written by women. Cost: \$12 cover, plus 2 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. To reserve, call (212) 757-0788.

Holocaust Insurance Claims Extended

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims has extended the deadline to obtain benefits from Holocaust-era insurance policies to **March 30, 2003**. For help or more info, contact the New York Holocaust Claims Processing Office at (800) 695-3318.

Blood Donations Needed: Pikuah Nefesh (Saving a Life)

Hugo Frank, the grandson of a BJ member, needs blood donations to fight leukemia. You must be 17-75 and in good health. Please call Marion Novack at (212) 639-8177 for complete details.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email Hillary at hoberstein@bj.org.

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

A Note from the Ushers

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Please place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that all men wear kippot during services.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services. To avoid a lengthy wait outside as the temperatures drop, we ask you to please time your arrival accordingly.

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. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Rachel Gartner at x253.



PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events • Yale Strom Concert • Night of 100 Dinners Sign-up Form • Haknasat Orhim/Singles In-home Dinner • LeDor VaDor Lunch