



**RABBIS**

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**MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS**

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**January 24 – January 31, 200**

**14 Shevat – 21 Shevat 5763**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

|                               |  |
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| Kabbalat Shabbat Service      | 6:00 PM – 88th St.                     |
| <i>ASL Interpreted</i>        |  |
| BJ Hebrew School Dalet Dinner | after 6:00 PM service – 86th St.       |
| Kabbalat Shabbat Service      | 6:45 PM – 86th St.                     |
| Tze'irim 20s/30s Dinner       | after 6:45 PM service – by reservation |

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

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| Shabbat Services                    | 9:30 AM – 86th St.  |
| Bat Mitzvah                         | Emma Kingsberg      |
| Bat Mitzvah                         | Jennifer Barsky     |
| Baby Naming                         | Radia Simcha Craig  |
| Children's Services                 | 10:45 AM – 86th St. |
| Community Kiddush                   | 12:30 PM – 86th St. |
| Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch | 12:30 PM – 88th St. |
| Yale Strom Film and Concert         | 7:30 PM – 88th St.  |

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

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| Morning Minyan | 9:30 AM – 88th St. |
| Gesher         | 5:00 PM – 88th St. |

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

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| Morning Minyan    | 7:30 AM – 88th St. |
| Standup for Peace | 8:30 PM – 88th St. |

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

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| Morning Minyan                        | 7:30 AM – 88th St. |
| Talmud Introduction                   | 8:15 AM – 88th St. |
| Purim Play Auditions - Children       | 4:00 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 29**

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Morning Minyan                  | 7:30 AM – 88th St.              |
| Purim Play Auditions - Children | 4:00 PM – 88th St.              |
| Rosh Hodesh Girls' Group        | 7:00 PM – BJ Office at 89th St. |
| Creating Modern Midrash         | 7:30 PM – 86th St.              |

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

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| Morning Minyan                         | 7:30 AM – 88th St.  |
| Judith Bernstein Lunch Program         | 12:00 PM – 88th St. |
| Memorial Plaque Ceremony               | 7:00 PM – 88th St.  |
| Hebrew Class: <i>Advanced Beginner</i> | 8:00 PM – 86th St.  |
| Parashat HaShavu'a                     | 7:00 PM – 86th St.  |

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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>       |                     |

**Parashat Yitro**

**TORAH**

Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

**TRIENNIAL**

Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

**HAFTARAH**

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

**Next week: Parashat Mishpatim**

**TORAH**

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

**TRIENNIAL**

Exodus 22:4 - 23:19

**HAFTARAH**

I Samuel 20:18 - 20:42



**Social Justice Opportunity of the Week!**

**BJ Reads at PS 166**

What do Harry Potter, Curious George, and Madeline have in common? Join BJ READS at PS 166 and find out. Catch up on your favorite childhood stories while you help promote literacy among 1st – 3rd graders at a local public school. Pair up with a student and meet once a week in the morning to read together. Volunteers are needed Monday or Wednesday mornings. For more info, contact Amanda Silver at x259.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Emma Kingsberg, Susan Davis, and Alan and Abigail Kingsberg on Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jennifer, Cindy, Daniel and Jordan Barsky on Jennifer becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- William Craig and Laurie Gerber on the naming of their daughter, Radia Simcha Craig.

### This Week's Kiddush is Sponsored By:

- Cindy and Dan Barsky in honor of Jennifer Barsky becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### 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](http://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.**

### The Election of the People of Israel: Who's voting?

**Three Tuesdays, starting February 25**, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: What is the origin of the chosen-ness and our role in being "a light to the nations"? Through a study of classical and contemporary texts, we will learn about the roots of the election of the people of Israel and how that notion has been developed and refuted over time. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 331.

### Prayer and Synagogue Skills

**Two Thursdays, starting February 27**, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: In this workshop, we will explore the choreography and structure of services and address such questions as - how can we find meaning in the rigidity of daily prayer? Cost: free for members /\$30 non-members. Code: 323.

### WINTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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| <b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>                              | 6:00 PM – 88th Street |
| <b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>                              | 6:45 PM – 86th Street |
| <b>Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b><br><i>Friday, February 7</i> | 6:00 PM – 88th Street |
| <b>Wandering Minyan</b><br><i>Friday, February 7</i>                | 6:00 PM – 88th Street |
| <b>Tot Shabbat</b><br><i>Friday, February 21</i>                    | 5:45 PM – 86th Street |
| <b>Saturday Shabbat Service</b>                                     | 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

### 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.

### Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

**Monday, February 3**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women for singing, praying, and studying together. Registration not required. For more info, call Rabbi Sol at x222.

### Beit Midrash Patuah

**Thursday, February 13**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for the on-going 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

## •Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

**Saturday January 25**, 1:00 PM, at 88th Street, in Frankel Hall: For those who pre-registered, please join us for Shabbat lunch, a discussion on genealogy with Lucille Guidis, and music by Matt Fried and Noah Hoffeld. If you have not signed up in advance but want to attend, join us and we will register you after the event.

## •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. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

## •Standup for Peace

**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.

## •Memorial Plaque Ceremony

**Thursday, January 30**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Each year, BJ offers the members of our community the opportunity to honor the memory of loved ones and to link one generation to another by inscribing names on a black granite plaque, which is then placed in the sanctuary. Donations for the plaques are used to support our community in which we pray, study and serve together. Join us for a ceremony to remember those whose names have been inscribed.

## •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. To be a guest, sign up online or fill out a flyer available at the back of the sanctuary by **January 31**. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members; \$10 late fee after deadline, if space is available. If you are still interested in hosting, call Michael at x260. 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.

## BJ Goes to Argentina: Informational Meeting

**Monday, February 3**, 7:30 PM, at 86th Street, in the Board Room: Pack your bags and join us as we journey to Argentina March 22 - March 30 to explore the roots of BJ's spiritual leaders. Experience the flavors and rhythms of this once vibrant country. Tour historic Buenos Aires and the countryside. Meet the Jewish community and learn about its history. Spend Shabbat with our sister congregation, Bet El. Due to space constraints, this trip is open to BJ members only. Detailed trip information and an application will be available shortly at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or from the Latin America Committee at x371.

## HEBREW SCHOOL

## •BJHS Kitah Dalet (Fourth Grade) Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, January 24**, at 88th Street (following the 6:00 PM service): For those who signed up, please join us.

## •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

## •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. Five and six years-old children who want to participate can be in the chorus and should call Michael at x260 for info.

## •Kolot's Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing

**Wednesday, January 29**, 7:00 PM, at the BJ Office, 100A West 89th Street: Girls in 9th and 10th grades and their parents are invited to an information session about our new Rosh Hodesh Girls' Group. Join Hollis Gauss, Director of Family Life, and Kim Blumenthal, the group leader, to learn more about this monthly program designed around the rituals of Rosh Hodesh to celebrate and empower Jewish girls. For more information, please call x368.

## SINGLES

## •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: PSHABUFW3. To register, call the JCC at (646) 505-5708.

## •Shake it on the Dance Floor with Reba Perez

**Sundays, February 2 and 16**, 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](http://www.empiredance.com) for more info.

## •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!**

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

**Sunday, February 9**, 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.

## •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. RSVP to Michael at x260 by **February 3**.

**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 forman@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. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that 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.*

**D'var Tefillah: The Barhu**

The Barhu is the call to the congregation to formally join together in communal prayer. The psalms of the Kabbalat Shabbat service focus us on our personal emotions, and on the condition of our individual souls. From the Barhu on, the congregation prays as a unified community. We interweave our personal prayers with our prayers for our community, for Jews across the globe, and *al kol yoshvei teivel* - for those who dwell on earth.

Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan taught: When we worship in public we know our life is part of a larger life, a wave of an ocean of being - the first-hand experience of that larger life which is God.

**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