



RABBIS

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VAYIGASH

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 46:28 - 47:27

HAFTARAH: Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI

ANNUAL: Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 49:27 - 50:26

HAFTARAH: I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**Pikuah Nefesh...Help Save the Life of
 BJ Member Anne Ziff's daughter.**

Deborah Ziff-Cook, age 35, is very ill with severe aplastic anemia, a rare blood disease. Often the only cure for this disease is a bone marrow transplant.

B'nai Jeshurun will be holding a bone marrow drive for Deborah on Thursday, January 22, from 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the BJ Sanctuary. Please come, bring friends....be tested.

Jan 2 - Jan. 9 2004

9 Tevet - 15 Tevet 5764

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Wandering Minyan

6:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Philip Richter and Julie Sissman

Speaker

Professor Zvi Bentwich, 86th St.

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 86th St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

College Student Mentor Program (p. 3)

6:30 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Purim Play Auditions (p. 3)

4:00 PM – 88th St.

Gesher and 8th Grade

5:00 PM – BJ Office

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

Purim Play Auditions (p. 3)

4:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Morning Minyan

MARSHALL T. MEYER YAHRZEIT

7:30 AM – 88th St.

NOTE: Special Children's Service Location January 10 and 17

On January 10 and 17, families will have a unique opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in a special space and do a great act of hesed, kindness, for our partner community at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew. We will come together for Shabbat morning services in the upstairs Theater at 86th Street, and following the Torah service, the breakout age groups will meet in the upstairs rooms. During those two weeks, the Church will be using the downstairs space where we usually meet. Aside from the change of scenery, the content and timing of services and kiddush will not be affected. There will be signs throughout the building to remind people about the different space.

As community partners, BJ and SPSA often make compromises and special arrangements to allow each other space to flourish and grow. The Kabbalists call this idea tzimtzum, which is the contracting and pulling back that God needed to do to make room for the World about to be created. We understand that it can be challenging to change long established routines, but hope that everyone can bear with us for these two Shabbatot. The Theater space is also a fantastic, dramatic venue, and we plan to use it to maximum advantage – who knows, maybe we'll miss being up there when we return to the Chapel on January 24!

Roly, Marcelo, Felicia, Ari and Hollis thank you in advance for your understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the loss of our beloved member, Sylvia Heim and extends sincere condolences to her husband, Stephen Heim and their family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to:

- Barbara Willinger and her family on the death of Barbara's beloved father, Edward Halin.
- Irwin, Arlene, Kyle, Mara and Avery Brandon and their entire family on the death of Irwin's beloved sister, Evelyn Schechter.
- Jack David Marcus and his family on the death of Jack David's beloved mother, Rose Marcus.
- Harriet Abraham and her family on the death of Harriet's beloved mother, Helen Abraham.

MAZAL TOV

to Philip Richter and Julie Sissman on their upcoming wedding.

• New BJ Office Address

2109 Broadway (The Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023. Same telephone, same fax. Enter the building on 73rd St. between Broadway and West End Aves. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor, make 3 right turns and go down the hall to the glass office door.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LIMUD

• Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Gershon Winkler

Feb. 6, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Gershon Winkler, part-time circuit-riding rabbi, and a volunteer chaplain for four state prisons. A renowned scholar and rabbinic trickster, Winkler authored 11 books on Jewish theology, folklore and mysticism, and co-founded the Walking Stick Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to the recovery of aboriginal, earth-honoring spirituality. Cost is \$25/\$35. To register call x304 with your name and phone AND send a check to the BJ office marked "2/6 Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Rabbi Gershon Winkler" no later than Jan. 30. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline. To register on-line go to www.BJ.org AND call x304 and leave your name and phone number.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's 10th Yahrzeit: In Celebration of His Life

Friday, Jan. 9 and Saturday, Jan. 10: Join us and the Meyer Family on Friday at 6 PM for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service in celebration of Rabbi Meyer's life, with a reading selected from his teachings. At morning services on Saturday, Marshall's son, Gabriel Meyer, will be our special guest speaker. At 6:30 PM at 88th St., we will hold a special Havdalah which will include a video about Marshall's life and work, a video message by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, a presentation by Aryeh Neier on human rights and social activism, and will conclude with musical offerings.

• BJ Book Group!

Sunday, Jan. 11, 7 PM, 88th St.: The BJ Book Group meets next to discuss *The Swine's Wedding* by Daniel Weiss. The novel is funny, daring, dark and profound, and deals with, among other things, the Inquisition, intermarriage, Sephardic history, love and the tug of Jewish consciousness. Mr. Weiss, who is now working on a screenplay based on the novel, will join us for the discussion.

• Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg to Speak at B'nai Jeshurun

Jan. 14, 7:30 PM, 88th St.: Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg will talk about his new book, *The Fate of Zionism*. Hertzberg, a Conservative rabbi, historian, public intellectual, and Talmudist, is the author of *The Zionist Idea*, the seminal 1959 text about the founding of Israel. He's written many books since, including last year's *A Jew in America*, which won a National Jewish Book Award. In his new book, Rabbi Hertzberg, an unapologetic Zionist, includes a history of Israel and the Palestinians, a clear-sighted description of where the two embattled peoples are now, and a prescription for the future. A crusty centrist, he gleefully takes on both the right and the left. The talk will be free; both *The Fate of Zionism* and *A Jew in America* will be sold, and Rabbi Hertzberg will sign copies. For info, call Deborah Pinsky at x254.

• B'nai Jeshurun's In-Home Community Catered Shabbat Dinner

Friday Evening, Jan. 16: Enjoy Shabbat in members' homes on the Upper West or East Side, where you'll share a catered Shabbat meal with other members of the BJ community. **To be a host:** Call x351 or email us at Welcome@bj.org and also fill out the attached form. On phone message, include your 1) name, 2) age, 3) exact address, (including apt. # with cross streets,) 4) phone # day/eve, 5) the maximum # of guests you can accommodate. *To be a host, you must be a BJ member. We are closed to new guests as of Jan. 2. Cost is \$25 for BJ adult members. See form for other fees.*

• BJ and the Dialogue Project

Jan. 21, 7 PM, 88th St.: The Dialogue Project and The B'nai Jeshurun Israel Program Committee are proud to announce a special evening of dialogue among Jews (American and Israeli), Palestinians (Muslim and Christian) and supportive others. Please join us!

• "Night of 100 Dinners" – BJ's Annual Fundraiser

Can my business advertise in Night of 100 Dinners songbook that accompanies our new CD, TekiYah, featuring songs from the High Holy Days?

We have excellent reasons for your business to place an ad in our songbook. The songbook reaches our entire BJ community of more than 3,600 members, as well as the greater community. Proceeds from the songbook and the evening event help support BJ's many programs, such as the homeless shelter, cultural activities and educational programs. We offer a number of options to get your message out, whether you are a sole practitioner, part of a small company, or a large organization. For example, space for a business card is \$180; a half-page is \$600 and a full page is \$1,000. For more information, contact Gayle Weiner at x261. When guests leave after March 20's Night of 100 Dinners, let them take home your ad in our songbook.

• BJ Goes to Argentina

Join us as we journey to Argentina, March 7-16, 2004 (new dates!), to explore the roots of BJ's spiritual leaders. Experience the flavors and rhythms of this special country. Tour historic Buenos Aires and the countryside. Meet the Jewish community and learn about its history. Spend Shabbat with our sister congregation, Comunidad Bet El. Due to space limitations, this trip is open to BJ members only. Detailed trip info and application are available on www.bj.org, or call x254 for info.

SINGLES

• Oneg Shabbat

Friday, Jan. 9, 88th St.: Your New Years resolution is to come to the singles' oneg. So let's do it. Food, fun and friends. Following 6:45 PM services at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. **Note the new location – 88th St. SEE YOU THERE!**

SINGLES

Co-sponsored Dance with B'nai Jeshurun and Ansche Chesed

Jan. 11, at Ansche Chesed, 100th & Broadway: Jump, jive and wail with Reba Perez of Empire Dance and a crowd of fun people ready to cut a rug! Get into the swing of things with a basic Swing lesson at 7 PM. No partner or experience necessary. We rotate partners during the class, to give you a chance to practice your new moves and meet everyone at the party. At 9 PM a fabulous dance show featuring "A Touch of Class" will knock your socks off. Cost is \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members). No reservations necessary. Volunteers are needed (in return for free admission). Call Michael B. (212-678-7881 before 9 PM) to volunteer.

YOU HAVE TO KISS A LOT OF FROGS Book Reading & Dating Game

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7:30 PM. 88th Street: Is He A Frog Or A Prince? *You Have to Kiss a Lot of Frogs*, the latest in chick-lit, will help you find out! Written by BJ member Laurie Graff, these tales span fifteen years of bad dates from the dating pond of single, Jewish, Upper West side actress Karrie Kline. Graff will read from her book and conduct an interactive dating game. All frogs, princes, and princesses will get the chance to meet and mingle at a reception that follows. Light refreshments served. Please RSVP to Michael at Mkelberg@BJ.org or x260 by January 29. Free.

FAMILY LIFE

• College Student Mentor Program

Monday, Jan. 5, 6:30 PM, in BJ's office: All of BJ's college students, along with high school juniors and seniors, are invited to attend the first meeting of our mentor program. Come and share your experience of choosing a college and creating a life there, or learn about how you might make those choices for yourself in the coming years. There will also be a chance to socialize, hang out, talk to one of the rabbis, and have dinner. Please RSVP to Hollis, hgauss@bj.org or x244.

• Kids Purim Play Auditions

Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Wednesday, Jan. 7: Be a part of the magic that is the Purim play again this year. Come either day, prepared to have some fun for a few hours of singing, acting and dancing from 4-6 PM at 88th St. Dress comfortably. Auditions are only required for children ages 7 and up. 5 and 6 year olds will automatically be placed in the chorus, though parents and children should stop in, any time between 4 and 6, on the 6th or 7th of January, to pick up an info sheet and conflict sheets and meet our production team. Questions? Contact Michael at Mkelberg@BJ.org or x260.

• Third Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 5-6:30 PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Third graders and their families are invited to cook for BJ's homeless shelter. After preparing a simple meal and decorating the table, families will come together for a study and discussion about the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ulrika Citron at u.citron@verizon.net or (212) 877-0880. Volunteering ahead of time makes it much easier for us to coordinate cooking for the shelter, as many people participate. Thanks for your understanding.

HEBREW SCHOOL

• CANCELLED: Kitah Hey Mishpahah, Jan. 5, due to the Mini-Ulpan which will be taking place in the school.**• Registration is open for two early childhood programs at BJ:**

1. BJ's "Shabbat Sing-along" (with BJ guitarist/vocalists & BJHS teachers Joel Stein & Shai Specht) runs on Fridays Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 2004. Ages 6-17 months come from 9:15-10:05 AM, 18-22 months from 10:15-11:05 AM, and 23-36 months from 11:15-12:05.
2. "A Magical Journey through the Parasha of the Week" (with BJ storyteller Shai Specht) runs on Sundays from Jan. 18-Feb. 22, 2004. Ages 2-3 years come from 10:30-11:30 AM.

For more info, please contact Dalya Levy at x241 or at dlevy@bj.org.

• Kitah Zayin Mishpahah & Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, Jan. 10: Join us for Mishpahah at 88th St., Frankel Hall (9:30-10:30 AM), Shabbat Morning Services at 86th St. (10:30 AM-12:15 PM), and lunch at 88th St., Frankel Hall (approx. 12:30 PM). Adults: \$20, Children: \$10. To register, mail in a check to B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School at our main office address. For more info, contact Dalya Levy at x241 or dlevy@bj.org.

• Kitah Dalet (Fourth) Friday Night Dinner

Jan. 23: Join us for Family Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th st., followed by dinner at the 86th St. Chapel at SPSA. \$20 adults, \$10 children. To register, mail in a check to B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School at our main office address. For more info, contact Dalya Levy at x241 or dlevy@bj.org.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Shabbat Visits To St. Luke's Hospital

In an effort to reach as many hospitalized people as possible with a Refuah Shlema and Shabbat Shalom, this year the Bikkur Holim Committee is planning twice monthly Friday afternoon visits to Jewish patients at St. Luke's Hospital. For those of us who have already been participating, it has been very rewarding. Now we need more volunteers. Anyone who would like to learn more about this project or join us in our visits should call Elaine Nevins at 212-799-1782 or e-mail her at ENE6695059@aol.com. We welcome new participants in helping us to perform this wonderful mitzvah.

• Access Computer Expert Needed For Panim el Panim!

We are looking for someone who can volunteer a few hours of time to create queries and reports for an important Social Action/Social Justice project on Access. Please contact Amanda at asilver@bj.org or x259.

• Volunteers Needed To Sleep Over At BJ/SPSA's Homeless Shelter

Our shelter feeds and houses up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein at Rimershein@capstarny.com or 212-339-4250.

The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Needs Volunteers

Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, 88th St., Kitchen: We are looking for people with flexible schedules to volunteer from 8:30-10:30 AM at our lunch program. Become an expert sandwich maker! Try out your culinary and dishwashing skills while helping to prepare lunches for 150 people. We invite you to be a part of this important community program. Preparing lunch begins at 8:30 AM and runs until 10:30 AM. Work for an hour or for the entire time. For more info, contact Susan Samuels at sssamuels@aol.com or call x338.

• Save Those Ink Jet Cartridges!

The BJ Latin America Committee and the Environmental Task Force are collecting used ink jet cartridges (the type used in home and small office printers) for our sister congregation, Bet El, in Buenos Aires. Bet El volunteers will refill the empty cartridges and resell them to help support their communal soup kitchen and food pantry. Start saving empty ink cartridges from your Canon, Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers now and spread the word. In late January, we will let you know where and when to drop them off. Your efforts will help feed the hungry and help the environment. For further information, please call x371 or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

YAD LYAD – HAND TO HAND

Each week, we will highlight some examples of how your dollars make a difference. Tzedakah connects us to our Jewish values and culture, spirituality and our community. The giving of Tzedakah to BJ helps make a difference. Did you know....Shabbat B'Yahad dinners occur five times a year for the community, following the 6 PM service, and include a program with the Scholar in residence for that weekend. Your contribution of \$2250.00 will fund a dinner for our typical attendance of 100-120. For funding opportunities, contact Gayle Weiner at x261 or gweiner@bj.org.

• **Volunteers Needed: Computer Nuts & Video Editors**

BJ is seeking "computer savvy" people with their own equipment to digitally scan a large number of photos. We will also need the help of video editors later. This is for a special project to mark the 10th yearzeit of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, z"l, which will take place on Friday evening, Jan. 9. If you can help us out, it would be a wonderful way to remember our beloved Rabbi. To volunteer, contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@BJ.org.

• **Do You Love The Music Of BJ's Shabbat Services?**

You can take it home with you by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein and Cantor Ari Priven. Cost: \$18. Buy online at www.bj.org, or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 2:30 on Friday.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun**

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Contact our new Membership Director, Belinda Lasky, at x224 or blasky@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 upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

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 Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.

D'VAR TEFILLAH

"Hareini M'zamein et Pi L'hodot U'l'hallel U'l'shabeich et Bori" (With this do I prepare my mouth to thank, praise, and glorify my Creator).

Immediately before the beginning of the Baruch Sh'amar, the start of the Pezukei D'zimra (Morning Psalms), there is a marvelous custom practiced by many Sephardic Jews (and Hasidic Jews). Here we see that it takes work and intentional thought to really Daven (pray) openly and to be in tune with all that we are about to say in the morning Tefillot (prayers). Rabbi Elliot Dorff suggests that, "Before we can enter into meditation 'about' God (the Sh'ma) and dialogue 'with' God (Amidah/Silent prayer), we must prepare ourselves for the encounter – just as we would if we were about to meet an important Person. God deserves no less."

– Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Klitel Rose

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