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Jan 16 - Jan. 23 2004

23 Tevet - 29 Tevet 5764

**SHEMOT**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 4:18 - 6:1

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 29:23

**NEXT WEEK: VA-ERA**

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 8:16 - 9:35

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

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

B'nai Jeshurun will be holding a bone marrow drive for Anne Ziff's daughter, Deborah, this Thursday, January 22, from 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM in BJ's Frankel Hall at the 88th Street synagogue. Donors must be under 60 years young. Please see flyer attached to this Kol Jeshurun for details.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Bat Mitzvah Amalia Safran  
 Bar Mitzvah Gabriel Sub  
 Aliyat Hatan veKallah Scott Cynamon and Katey Wolf  
 Speaker Rose Weinberg, Machsom Watch, Israel  
 Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St. (see below)  
 Mevarkhim HaHodesh Israel Learning, Rabbi Sol (p. 2) after services – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

Morning Minyan

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY  
 OFFICE CLOSED**  
 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Gesher and 8th Grade 5:00 PM – BJ Office  
 Class: Hovot Halevavot , Rabbi Bronstein **POSTPONED (p. 2)**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Class: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis, Rabbi Matalon 6:30 PM – 88th St.  
 BJ and the Dialogue Project (p. 2) 7:00 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Bone Marrow Drive (p. 1) 4:30 PM – 88th St.  
 Social Justice Leadership Training (p. 3) 6:30 PM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
 Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose 7:00 PM – 86th St.  
 Rabbi Ohad Ezrahi, Hamakom, Israel (p. 2) 7:00 PM – 88th St.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**NOTE: SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SERVICE LOCATION JANUARY 17**

On January 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, The Church of St. Paul & 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. This week, 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. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Rachel, Richard, Jonathan and Jeremy Robbins and to Isaac, Nathan and Abigail Finkle and Kim Shafer on the death of Rachel and Isaac's beloved mother, Bess Finkle.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Amalia, Robert, Judith, Elana and Matthew Safran on Amalia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Gabriel, Seymour and Julia Sub and Angelique Sonderop on Gabriel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Scott Cynamon and Katey Wolf on their upcoming wedding.
- Our new BJ members participating in the New Member Orientation Program tonight.
- Carolyn, Brad, Julia and Alex Desch, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Samantha Elizabeth.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

- **NOTE: Hovot Halevavot First Session is Postponed**  
*Because of a family illness, the January 20 session of Hovot Halevavot has had to be postponed. Please watch the KJ, website and community e-mail for the new start date to be announced.*
- **Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning – Eretz Israel: Through the Eyes of Her Beholders**  
*Saturday, Jan. 17, 88th St., after services: Each Mevarkhim HaHodesh, we join together to study a text selected by an Israeli teacher or leader as a foundational text in his/her understanding of Israel, as well as that person's commentary on the text. The Shabbat Mevarkhim learning is made possible through the generosity of Jonathan and Orli Silver in honor of their parents Rochelle and Maks Etingin, Carol Silver and their children Elliot, Ben and Leah.*
- **Rabbi Ohad Ezrahi: What is "Spiritual Work" in Jewish Mysticism?**  
*Thursday, Jan. 22, 7 PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: In today's spiritual supermarket, we are overwhelmed with dozens of practices, paths, and advice on how to make our life more spiritually valuable. One can get lost in this abundance. In this lecture, Rabbi Ohad Ezrahi, founder and teacher of "Hamakom Intentional Community and Retreat Center, for the study and experience of Jewish Wisdom," from Israel, will try to make it clearer. We will go back to some very basic forms of the Hebraic spiritual tradition, and see how those terms can help us map all the practices of spirit in any tradition, and make our way with the divine clearer and more focused. Free; No registration required.*

### • Looking Toward Shabbat Shira

*Saturday, Jan. 31, 4:30 PM, 86th St. Parlor Room: Join us for an afternoon of learning with Rabbi Shai Held, in memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z"l. Free; No registration required.*

- **Tu Bishevat/Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Gershon Winkler**  
*Feb. 6, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner/Tu Bishevat seder where Rabbi Gershon Winkler will talk on the subject, "Wheel of the Four Winds: A Celebration of Tu Bishevat Through the Rites of Aborigines Judaism." Rabbi Winkler will introduce us to teachings that herald trees and grasses as imbued with divine spirit and passion, and will guide us into an unforgettable frolic in what he calls "The Garden of Paradox." 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](http://www.BJ.org) AND call x304 and leave your name and phone number.*

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by the Safran and Sub families in honor of their children, Amalia and Gabriel, becoming b'nai mitzvah.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Mark Shapiro and Confirmation Class, Sinai Temple, Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Merle Singer and 11th and 12th grade students, Temple Beth El, Boca Raton, Florida.

### • 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

- **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday: A Community Celebration**  
*Monday, Jan. 19, 6:30 PM, Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway at 95th St.: Join us for an evening of choir singing and inspirational readings, featuring choral performances by Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorus, Kol Echad Multiracial Jewish Children's Choir, St. John's Baptist Church, St. Joseph's of the Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and The Society for the Advancement of Judaism. For more info, call 646-505-5708.*
- **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! Free Admission. For info, call Deborah Pinsky at x254.*
- **Samy y Yo (Argentine film)**  
*Saturday, Jan. 24, 8:30 PM, 88th St.: The BJ Latin America Committee presents Eduardo Milewicz's film, Samy y Yo (Samy & I). In this colorful comedy, a nebbishy screenwriter (Samy Goldstein) is miraculously transformed into a television star by a voluptuous twentysomething. In Spanish with English subtitles. Admission is \$10 at the door; reservations are not necessary. Proceeds benefit the BJ Argentina Fund. For further info, please call x371 or email [BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com](mailto:BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com).*

**NOTE: The Shabbat Pyramid Scheme Dinner Scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30, has been canceled, and rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 20.**

- **Community B'nai Mitzvah Information Sessions January 28 and 30**  
Over the past year, our rabbis, staff, and a group of lay leaders undertook a process of study and reflection to review our b'nai mitzvah program. The ideas and reflections that came from this process have helped to inform a new vision for the program. The community is invited to one of two information sessions about the new aspects of the b'nai mitzvah program on Wednesday, January 28 at 7 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary or Friday, January 30 at 8:30 AM in BJ's Office. While the content of these meetings may be of greatest interest to families with children, everyone is encouraged to attend. For info, call x244.

• **Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch**

**Saturday, Feb. 7,** 88th St., Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: BJ members of all ages are welcome to join us as Ira Wolfman, BJ member and author of the recently published *Jewish New York: Notable Neighborhoods and Memorable Moments*, talks about *350 Years of Jewish New York: Beyond the Lower East Side*. Lunch attendees will be invited to share their own memories about Jewish New York. Please RSVP by Feb. 2 at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$12 per person (\$15 for non-members), marked Ledor Vador Luncheon, to the BJ office. Children attend free of charge.

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

**I hear that BJ's latest CD, *TekiYah*, to debut at Night of 100 Dinners, is amazing. How can I get my hands on it?**

"TekiYah," a selection of High Holy Day music on CD, promises to be extra-special. All guests attending Night of 100 Dinners on March 20 will receive a complimentary songbook, and we will be selling the CD for \$18 each at 88th Street during the post-dinner festivities. You can also take the opportunity to fill out your collection of BJ CD's, since we'll be selling our other popular recordings at the dessert hour as well. Or, take a chance and call Gayle Weiner at x261 to see if we can still get you in past the January 16 deadline for an ad in our songbook; people who advertise with us will receive a complimentary CD and songbook. A note to hosts: In previous years, some dinner hosts have purchased CDs as gifts for their dinner guests.

• **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](http://www.bj.org), or call x240 for info. Only a few spots left – sign up fast!

**SINGLES**

• **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](mailto:Mkelberg@BJ.org) or x260 by January 29. Free.

• **Oneg Shabbat**

**Friday, Feb. 20:** Stay inside where it's warm after shul and meet, great upbeat people in the Social Hall of SPSA (86th Street) following services at 6:45 PM at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

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

**Feb. 22:** SALSA SENSATIONAL! Experience a tropical heat wave in February with the hottest Latin moves and music! The basic Salsa/Merengue lesson at 7 PM is a blast! Absolutely no partner or experience is necessary. We rotate partners to give you a chance to practice your new moves and meet everyone. At 8 PM the music plays and you can mingle, relax, or dance the night away! Party highlights include a great salsa DJ, fun dance mixers, and a salsa dance show. Free refreshments. 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.

**HEBREW SCHOOL**

• **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](mailto:dlevy@bj.org).

• **Kitah Aleph (First Grade) Friday Night Dinner**

**Feb. 6:** Join us for Family Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th St. Synagogue, followed by dinner at the 86th Street Chapel at SPSA. \$20 adults, \$10 children. To register: Send in a check to B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School, 2109 Broadway, Suite #203, New York, N.Y. 10023. For more info: contact Dalya at x241 or [dlevy@bj.org](mailto:dlevy@bj.org).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **BJ SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP AND ACTION TRAINING SERIES**

**Beginning Thursday, Jan. 22,** 6:30 – 8:30 PM, with additional dates TBA **Please note location change to the SPSA Chapel and Parlor!!**

Join us as we embark on phase 2 of Panim el Panim: ACTION. Through this exciting 4 part training we will learn how to make a difference utilizing community organizing tools and strategies.

RSVP REQUIRED: x259. Questions? Email [asilver@bj.org](mailto:asilver@bj.org).

• **Looking For Volunteers**

**Sunday, Jan 25, 3-5 PM:** We need volunteers to join us for our second annual Music Havurah concert at the Jewish Home & Hospital (120 W. 106th, between Amsterdam and Columbus). We need you to transport residents to the auditorium and to give out refreshments to help everyone enjoy the show. We got a rousing reception last year and residents are really looking forward to this event! To volunteer please leave a message by Tuesday, Jan 20, for Susan Kalev, at x377.

• **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](mailto:ENE6695059@aol.com). We welcome new participants in helping us to perform this wonderful mitzvah.

• **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](mailto:Rimershein@capstarny.com) or 212-339-4250.

• **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](mailto: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....B'nai Jeshurun enhances our Shabbat learning opportunities by bringing visiting scholars for Shabbat teachings throughout the year, and by gathering congregants for Mevarkhim HaHodesh learning one Shabbat each month. Your contribution of \$5000 makes a weekend with a scholar in residence possible, and your contribution of \$1000 makes a Shabbat Mevarkhim lunch possible.

• **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](http://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](mailto: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

"Naar Hayiti V'Gam Zakanti, V'lora'iti Zaadik N'ezav v'zaro mivakesh lachem." "I have been young and now I am old: yet I have not seen a righteous person forsaken or her children begging for food" (Psalm 37:25). Traditionally this is the concluding line of the Birkat Ha'Mazon (grace after meals). It is one of the most challenging statements about God and the situation of people in God's world. Is it really true that righteous people do not have to beg for food? Some have the practice of not saying this line at all. However heretical this may seem, they cannot bring themselves to utter these words. Others view this as a request, as an idea that will one day come true. May it happen speedily in our day!

– Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Klief Rose

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

On a cool January evening in 1957, over 3,000 people crammed into the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv's newly finished concert hall. They waited in complete silence as a shaggy-haired Leonard Bernstein raised his baton and led the Israeli Philharmonic through a program of Beethoven and contemporary Israeli composers. After two magical hours, Leonard Bernstein lowered his baton and bowed, as the audience jumped to its feet to give the orchestra a standing ovation. Previous concerts and master classes were led by Arthur Rubenstein and Isaac Stern. Many world renowned musicians spent time with Israeli students. After only nine years of existence, the state of Israel was creating its own style of music. This unique music was part of a new emerging Israeli culture.

By the mid 1950's, Israeli artists were actively experimenting with new and ancient motifs to form a national identity. Further invigorating the mix was the fact that most Israelis were immigrants from different ethnic and geographical backgrounds. These artists were also inspired by the country's diverse and beautiful natural landscape. Nachum Gutman created mosaics contrasting ancient Jaffa with modern Tel Aviv. Mordechai Ardon painted the wide-ranging Israeli landscape. Anna Ticho drew new and old Jerusalem in detail. Others, such as Nathan Rappaport and Moshe Safdi, designed and sculpted with Jewish historical themes.

The emerging theatre reflected the concerns of the citizens of the newly created state, such as the Arab-Israeli conflict and religious tensions. Habima was designated the national theatre with a corresponding subsidy, while the more experimental Camari Theatre became Tel Aviv's municipal company.

Literature filled the shelves of libraries and bookstores. Modern Israeli poets and authors, such as Lea Goldberg, Chaim Hazar, Devora Baron and Sy Agnon, rejuvenated the newly revived Hebrew language. The Israeli population was witness to the highest volume of books published per capita in the world.

For the first time in two thousand years, Jews were able to create a national identity in their own land and in their own ancient language. This new culture was shaped by many ethnic backgrounds and by Jewish emissaries from many of the world's cultures. As a result, Jews all over the world have benefited from and been inspired by this new Israeli and Jewish culture.

- The Israel Committee

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