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Jan. 30 - Feb. 6 2004

8 Shevat - 14 Shevat 5764

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TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 12:29 - 13:16

**HAFTARAH:** Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

NEXT WEEK: BESHALAH, TU BISHEVAT, SHABBAT SHIRA

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 14:26 - 17:16

**HAFTARAH:** Judges 4:4 - 5:31

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK

PANIM EL PANIM: SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP  
 AND ACTION TRAINING SERIES, Jan. 22-March 2

Join us as we embark on phase two 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: 212.787.7600 x349. Questions? Email [asilver@bj.org](mailto:asilver@bj.org). For more info, check out [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 7-9 PM, 86th St., SPSA  
 TOPIC: Power

Thursday, Feb. 19, 7-9 PM, 88th St.  
 TOPIC: Choosing Issues

Tuesday, March 2, 7-9 PM, 88th St.  
 TOPIC: Action Planning

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Bat Mitzvah	Manuela Stalman
Bat Mitzvah	Risa Meyers
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman, Rabbi Shai Held (p. 2)	4:30 PM – 86th St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Tu BiShevat Family Sing-Along (p. 3)	10:00 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Yaakov Became Yisra'el, Rabbi Feldman	7:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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, FEBRUARY 4

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.
Social Justice Leadership and Action Training (p.1)	7:00 PM – 86th St.
You Have to Kiss a Lot of Frogs Book Reading and Dating Game (p. 3)	7:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
Class: Keva and Kavannah, Rabbi Sol	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose	7:00 PM – 86th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Micaela, Gabriela and Dana Bronstein, Juliana Neiman, on the death of Marcelo's beloved mother, Beba Bronstein.
- Virginia Bayer, Robert Hirt and David Slifka on the death of Virginia's beloved father, Merwin Bayer.
- Susan Newman on the death of her beloved mother, Lillian Newman.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Manuela, Pablo and Sebastian Stalman and Anita Meyer, and the Meyer and Miller families on Manuela becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Risa, Robert and Elana Meyers and Harriet Saltzman on Risa becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Dr. Bonnie Oglensky and Ira Schwarz on their recent engagement.
- Reena Keren, Hilda Greenberg, and the Liran, Ruskay, and Ruskay-Kidd families on the birth of Reena's grandson.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Andrew Vogel and Confirmation Class, Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, Massachusetts.

#### • Volunteer to Usher Shabbat Mornings

We always need volunteer ushers for Shabbat mornings. You only have to help for part of the service. Please contact Carol Dikman, x255, if you can offer help on a regular basis, such as one Shabbat a month, one every other month, etc.

#### • Please Respect "Reserved" Signs

At each service, some seats are reserved by prior request for ushers or other congregants, some of whom may have a disability, and some of whom will sit later in the service. If you see a "Reserved" sign or a tallit on a seat, please do not sit there, and please do not take any siddurim or humashim that you find there.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

#### • NOTE: Hovot Halevavot is Postponed

*Rabbi Bronstein's mother has recently passed away, and he is sitting shivah in Argentina. The February 3 session of Hovot Halevavot is therefore postponed. Please watch the KJ, website and community e-mail for the new start date to be announced.*

• **Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer Sherman, with Rabbi Shai Held**  
**Saturday, Jan. 31, 4:30 PM, 86th St. Chapel:** Join us for an afternoon of learning with Rabbi Shai Held, on the topic of "Creating the World and Ourselves: Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik and the Spiritual Life," 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,** after early services: 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 Aboriginal 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 \$35/\$45, after Jan. 30. 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. To register on-line go to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) AND call x304 and leave your name and phone number.

#### • Writers' Beit Midrash at Skirball

Join BJ member and renowned writer Thane Rosenbaum and BJ member Rabbi Leon Morris for an 8-week Writers' Beit Midrash beginning Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 7-9 PM. This small group of writers will explore Jewish texts and then write original pieces based on what we study together. For more information, contact the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at 212-507-9580 or [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org). Registration has already begun.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • 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.

#### • Ledor Vador Lunch – Get Smart While You Eat!

**Thursday, Feb. 12, 1 PM, 86th St., Board Room:** Join us for this informative and timely discussion entitled "How to Communicate More Effectively with Your Doctor," presented by Arleen Stern, CSW, a geriatric care manager, and facilitated by Susan Kalev, BJ social work consultant. Lunch attendees will be encouraged to share their own stories. Please bring your own lunch; BJ will provide beverages and dessert. All ages are welcome! For more info and to register, call Susan Kalev at x377.

#### • Hakhnasat Orhim presents.....BJ's Shabbat Pyramid Project Dinner

**Friday, Feb. 20:** Our goal is to de-mystify Shabbat ritual and to engage more members of the BJ community in bringing the beauty of Shabbat into the home. **Needed:** Experienced Shabbat hosts/coaches, to host a Shabbat dinner on Feb. 20, after the 6 PM service. Invite some of your own friends and be willing to host some assigned BJ members who want to learn how to host a Shabbat dinner themselves. **Also Needed:** Guests: BJ Members who would like to attend a Shabbat dinner in another member's home to learn more about how Shabbat is celebrated at home. In turn, you must be willing to host a Shabbat dinner in your home before June of this year. Help will be available! Hosts and guests, please fill out the form found at the back of the sanctuary or online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). The cut-off date for guests will be Feb. 6. For information, contact Elana Weinberg at x351 or [Welcome@bj.org](mailto:Welcome@bj.org).

• **"Night of 100 Dinners," March 20 – BJ's Annual Fundraiser**  
I've been looking forward to Night of 100 Dinners all year, but it falls on the one winter weekend I won't be home. What should I do? Fortunately, you can still host a dinner. We are inviting people to plan private dinners on any other evening that works for you. A few private dinners have already been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28. Guests are then welcome to attend the dessert and dancing at 88th Street on March 20 if they are in town. For further information about Night of 100 Dinners, and to sign up to be a host or a guest, log onto our website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or call Gayle Weiner, Director of Development at 212-787-7600 ext. 261.

• **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. 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.

• **At-Home Catered Dinner for Singles 20's to 50's Plus**

*Feb. 27:* Join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6 PM service. This has been one of people's favorite ways to make new friends and share Shabbat, in groups of 12-18. Houses are evenly split between men and women and are grouped by ages (i.e. 20's/30's, 30's/40's, etc.). BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should contact Michael ASAP at x260 or [mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:mkelberg@bj.org). The application deadline to be a host is Feb. 13 and to be a guest is Feb. 16. For more info and to register call x306, pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary or go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). \$25/\$35. \$10 late fee after the deadline, if space is available. Send a check to the BJ office, marked "2/27 at-home dinner" AND confirm your reservation with Michael at x260. \$10 cancellation fee after the deadline.

**FAMILY LIFE**

• **Tu BiShevat Family Sing-Along**

*Sunday, Feb. 1,* 10 AM, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Join songleader extraordinaire Shira Kline for singing and dancing to celebrate the trees. For more info or to RSVP, contact Hollis at [hgauss@bj.org](mailto:hgauss@bj.org) or x244.

• **Teen Shabbat Kiddush**

*Saturday, Feb. 7,* 86th St., the Parlor Room: All the teens who participated in Teen Shabbat, along with their families, are invited to a celebratory kiddush in their honor following services.

**HEBREW SCHOOL**

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

*Feb. 6:* Join us for Family Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th St., followed by dinner, for those who are registered, at the 86th St. Chapel at SPSA.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Matanot La-evyonim: Purim Mishloah Manot packages to help Israel**

Each year at BJ, we have an opportunity to hear the megillah. Once again, we also have a special opportunity to fulfill two of the other Purim mitzvot. This year, as we send mishloah manot packages to our fellow BJ members, we will use the proceeds collected to help our needy brothers and sisters in Israel, who continue to suffer the devastating effects of the demise of the country's economy. Last year's mishloah manot endeavor not only enabled us to share the holiday with our friends here at BJ, but it also raised over \$20,000 for Argentina. With your participation, we hope to match or even surpass this amount. For just \$12, you can send mishloah manot to two different people. All proceeds from this project will be sent to organizations in Israel that provide services to the needy. See attached flyer for complete details, or sign up on BJ's website by Feb. 20. For more info, contact Gayle Weiner, Director of Development at x261 or [gweiner@bj.org](mailto:gweiner@bj.org).

• **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.

• **Ink Jet Cartridge Collection – February 20-21 and 27-28**

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. Please bring your empty ink cartridges from Canon, Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers to Shabbat services at B'nai Jeshurun on Feb. 20-21 or 27-28. Your efforts will help feed the hungry and aid the environment. For further information, please contact x371, or [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....each week, we produce the Kol Jeshurun, our weekly newsletter that keeps the community up-to-date on upcoming classes, events, speakers, B'nai Mitzvah, and holidays, and which comes with a D'var Tefillah, D'var Torah, and a snapshot of a moment in Israeli history. Your contribution of \$280 allows us to print copies of one issue for more than 1,000 people attending Shabbat services. Your contribution of \$1120 allows us to do the same for 4 issues – a Hebrew month's worth.

• **Have a question about BJ?**

Do you have questions about B'nai Jeshurun and are not sure who to ask? After services, look for a representative from the Membership Committee. They will be glad to answer any questions you might have, whether you are a member of BJ or not.

• **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

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Contact our Membership Director, Belinda Lasky, at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org).

• **Visitors from out of town:** BJ is pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org).

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at 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 ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

*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

*Baruch atah Adonai elohenu melech ha-olam she asani Yisrael – Blessed are you, God, Ruler of the universe, who made me a Jew. We recite these words every morning in Birkot haShahar, the Morning Blessings. These words were changed from the traditional she lo asani goy, "who did not make me of one of the other nations." What does it mean to thank God each morning for making me a Jew? What privileges and responsibilities come with being a Jew?*

*– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman*

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

The PLO, the Palestine Liberation Organization, was established in January 1965, when it conducted its first operation. This was before the Six-Day War, when Israel captured the disputed 'territories.' The PLO's stated aim, as expressed in its founding charter, "was the destruction of the Zionist entity" by an armed Palestinian revolution. This revolution was a war against all Israeli civilians, not just soldiers. They stated that all Israelis, throughout the world, were not safe. During the 1970s the number of PLO-sponsored terror attacks accelerated. For example, in April of 1974, three Palestinians entered an apartment in the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shemona and began shooting, killing eighteen men, women and children. Soon afterwards, in May of 1974, Palestinian terrorists stormed into a school in Ma'alot, killing twenty children.

World reaction was conciliatory towards the PLO. The French agreed to take an anti-Israel foreign policy in exchange for a PLO promise not to conduct raids on its soil. Lufthansa paid the PLO blackmail money. Repeatedly, terrorist demands were accepted. Even when terrorists were captured, they were given minimal sentences. In one instance, Greek authorities actually helped a terrorist escape from jail.

The Israeli government felt compelled to strike back and bombed terrorist bases in Lebanon. The world responded by condemning Israeli attacks on Lebanon while never condemning Lebanon for harboring terrorists. Israel then adopted a policy of no negotiations with terrorists. Israel would not make any deals, regardless of the cost.

On May 8th, 1972, Palestinian terrorists hijacked a Sabena Airline plane en route from Belgium to Israel. Living up to its policy of not negotiating with terrorists, an Israeli commando unit, led by Ehud Barak, stormed the plane disguised as airport workers. In the ensuing battle the force killed the terrorists and rescued thirty-seven hostages. A young soldier, Binyamin Netanyahu, was wounded.

On the 10th of May, 1972, three PLO-trained Japanese gunmen opened fire at Israel's airport killing twenty-seven people. Twenty-one of the dead were Puerto Rican Christian pilgrims.

After almost 40 years of PLO-sponsored terrorism, Israel is still searching for a successful policy.

*- The Israel Committee*

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