



BESHALAH, TU BISHEVAT, SHABBAT SHIRA

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 14:26 - 17:16

HAFTARAH: Judges 4:4 - 5:31

NEXT WEEK: YITRO

ANNUAL: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6, 9:5 - 6

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES, Sunday, April 25,
 Washington, DC**

BUS REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 1

SIGN UP NOW!!

Be a part of history and join the BJ delegation for the National March for Women's Lives and Reproductive Choice in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 25! To register for the bus or for more information, leave a message at x369 or mail the registration form (see attached flyer) by March 1.

RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

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

CANTOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ari Priven

MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

Rabbi Meir Feldman • Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman • Kliel Rose

Feb. 6 - Feb. 13 2004

15 Shevat - 21 Shevat 5764

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service,

ASL Interpreted

Wandering Minyan

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner

with Rabbi Gershon Winkler (p. 2)

Kitah Aleph Dinner (p. 3)

6:00 PM – 88th St.

6:00 PM – Heschel School

6:45 PM – 86th St.

after services – 88th St.

after services – 86th St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Teen Shabbat Service

Children's Service

Teen Shabbat Kiddush

(for teens and their families) (p. 3)

Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch (p. 2)

Shabbat Learning with Rabbi Gershon Winkler

TU BISHEVAT, SHABBAT SHIRA

9:30 AM – 86th St.

10:45 AM – 86th St.

12:30 PM – 86th St.

12:30 PM – 88th St.

4:30 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Morning Minyan

Class: Yaakov Became Yisra'el, Rabbi Feldman

7:30 AM – 88th St.

No class this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Morning Minyan

Gesher and 8th Grade

Class: Hovot Halevavot, Rabbi Bronstein

7:30 AM – 88th St.

5:00 PM – BJ Office

CANCELLED for this year (p. 2)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Morning Minyan

Kesharim

Class: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis,
 Rabbi Matalon

7:30 AM – 88th St.

2:00 PM – 88th St.

6:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Ledor Vador Lunch (p. 2)

Class: Keva and Kavannah, Rabbi Sol

Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St.

1:00 PM – 86th St.

7:00 PM – 88th St.

7:00 PM – 86th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Donald Sussis on the death of his beloved aunt, Belle Sussis.
- Jonathan Memmert and Susan Miller on the death of Jonathan's beloved father, David Memmert.
- Susan Zinder on the death of her beloved aunt, Marilyn Zinder.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Alan Bruce Slifka and Riva Golan Ritvo on their upcoming wedding.
- Victor Brener and Stephanie Hiram on their recent engagement.
- Harold and Sandra Grunfeld on the recent engagement of their son Jason to Jessica Erdos.
- Dorothy and David Harman on the engagement of their daughter Danna to James Harding.
- All of the teenagers who participated in Teen Shabbat.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Sharon Youngmarcus and Confirmation Class, Park Synagogue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
- Rabbi Marc Sack and 10th grade Confirmation Class, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Tampa, Florida.
- Rabbi Daniel Nevins, Education Director, Alissa Burg, Asst. Director, Marc Kay and Confirmation Class, Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

• 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 arrive 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 Cancelled For Year

Rabbi Bronstein's class, Hovot Halevavot, will be cancelled for this year. It will be rescheduled for next year.

• New Class With Rabbi Bronstein

This spring, Rabbi Bronstein will be offering a new 3-session class, *Confronting the Death of our Parents: Facing our Own Mortality*, on 3 Tuesdays: Feb. 24, March 2, March 9, 7-8:30 PM 88th St. Sanctuary.

• 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." If you have not registered and would like to attend, please come to Frankel Hall after services, and, if there is space, you will be seated. Bring a card or slip of paper with your name and address on it, so that we can contact you for payment after Shabbat. Cost is \$35/\$45.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, Feb. 7, 88th St., Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: BJ members of all ages who have registered 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 call x334 for info.

• 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.

• Haknusat 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 on your seats or online at www.bj.org. For information, contact Elana Weinberg at x351 or Welcome@bj.org.

• Pizmon: A Night of Jewish A Cappella

Saturday, Feb. 21, 8 PM, 88th St.: Join Columbia University's premier Jewish a cappella group, Pizmon, for a concert to benefit the Jewish communities of Argentina and Uruguay. Co-sponsored by the BJ Latin America Committee. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (12-21 or with student ID), free for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door or, for preferred seating, at www.pizmon.org.

PURIM IS COMING – SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 6!!!

• Volunteers Needed For Purim

Ever wanted to spin cotton candy onto its cone? How about being dressed up to the Purim nines to be a greeter at our next extravaganza? Get into the action and be a part of our Purim team. All sorts of people needed to work a shift throughout the night, for the family and/or adult programs. No experience necessary. Low stress, high fun!!! Contact Michael at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org ASAP for more information and to volunteer.

• Purim Pagent

Do you have a great talent, short act or special skill (30 seconds or less) that might be up our Purim alley? Do you think your costume is the best thing since the Megillah? Register for our Purim Pagent and become our next BJ Purim King and Queen. Prizes to the winners. Hosted by the Rabbis. Contact Michael now at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org for more information and to register!!!

• **BJ Goes to Argentina**

March 7-17, 2004. For detailed trip info, please contact Anne at x240.

• **"Night of 100 Dinners," March 20 – BJ's Annual Fundraiser**

So you can't make Night of 100 Dinners on March 20?

How about if we offered you a different night? Several members are hosting dinners on evenings prior to the March 20 date. If you would like to be part of BJ's biggest fundraiser of the year, log onto www.bj.org and check out the dinners being presented on alternative dates. Don't forget – no matter what night you attend a dinner, you are still invited to the dessert portion of the evening that begins at 9 PM at 88th St. on March 20. If you have any questions, please call Gayle Weiner, Director of Development, at x261.

• **Were You At The WTC On 9/11?**

If you worked, lived or were near the WTC site on September 11, 2001, it's critical that you step forward and enroll with the World Trade Center Health Registry. Your participation will make a valuable contribution to the understanding of the long-term health effects of 9/11. For further information in NYC, call 311. To enroll, call 1-866-692-9827 or go on-line to www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/index.htm.

SINGLES

• **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!

• **Film Screening: Hiding and Seeking**

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8 PM, Quad Cinema – 34 West 13th St (5th-6th): Come to a benefit screening and forum for the long-awaited film by Menachem Daum and Oran Rudavsky, co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun and the The Carlebach Shul. A Shlomo Hasid returns to Poland a half century after the Shoah and experiences a profound sense of connectedness to every single human being. Featuring Reb Shlomo's teachings and scenes from a 1989 concert in Poland. After the screening, there will be a forum with the filmmakers, led by Rabbi Naftali Citron. Tickets, film and forum: \$25 ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY! Please call Daniel Goldschmidt at 212-362-1826 for tickets. For info, please contact Michael at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org.

• **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. 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. \$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

• **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-eyvonim: 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 decline 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.

• **Support the Fresh Air Fund**

Make a difference in a child's life this summer, and have fun doing it! The Fresh Air Fund sends nearly 5,000 children from New York City each summer to host families throughout the northeast for one- and two-week vacations. Transportation is provided by The Fund and your family provides the rest; play time in your backyard, picnics, swimming at the community pool, bike riding or anything else that your family likes to do. If you own, rent or borrow a home outside the city for part of the summer – whether you have kids or not – and would like to learn more about the Fresh Air Fund's amazing work, please contact Fresh Air Fund hosts and BJ members Paul and Michelle Grobman at 212-983-5880, or Grobtown@aol.com.

• **Panim el Panim: Social Justice Leadership Action and Training Series**

Join us as we embark on phase two of Panim el Panim: ACTION. Through this exciting 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. For more info, check out www.bj.org.

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

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

• **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.

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....Ledor Vador strives to build community among the generations at B'nai Jeshurun. The BJ community is invited to join the committee five times a year for Shabbat luncheons featuring guest speakers, music, and lively discussion. Additional lunches and events throughout the year bridge the gap from generation to generation...*ledor vador*. \$800 will fund Ledor Vador Shabbat luncheons or guest speakers. \$500 will provide a bus to bring members to special Ledor Vador programs in the city. \$100 will supply refreshments for Ledor Vador programs about elder health, the arts and the holidays.

• **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.

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.

• **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.

• **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

"It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it..."

These words, from Proverbs 3:18, are the words we sing when we return the Torah to the ark. "It is a tree of life" refers to the Torah itself. The Torah sustains us and gives us spiritual nourishment. Like a tree, its roots and history give it strength.

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Prime Minister Perez stood at the head of a large delegation of dignitaries waiting on the tarmac as a large plane taxied up to the reception area. When the door opened, a short, balding man with poor teeth stepped out. On February 11, 1986, Anatoly Scharansky came home. He had spent years in the Russian prison system for his desire to practice Judaism and move to Israel. Israelis watched on television as Scharansky hugged his wife after not seeing her for 13 years. Scharansky was a true Jewish hero who struggled hard to achieve what most Israelis took for granted. His struggle and achievements inspired the whole nation.

Yet Scharansky's account would only be the beginning. As the Iron Curtain fell, a flood of immigrants poured into Israel. In the 1990s, more than 700,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union arrived in Israel, changing the demographic complexion of the country dramatically. One out of every seven Israelis would now be a native Russian speaker. With this immigration, Israel received a highly educated, well-trained work force. When this flood of immigrants came, Zionism was at an ebb. War and economic crisis had made Israelis cynical and depressed. People were moving out of Israel. This tremendous influx of Jews who came to Israel to be free re-energized the nation. Part of the Zionist dream was coming true; there was an ingathering of the exiles. These new Zionists renewed the spirit of Zionism in the country.

– The Israel Committee

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• Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications