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Feb. 13 - Feb. 20 2004

22 Shevat - 28 Shevat 5764

YITRO

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23

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

NEXT WEEK: MISHPATIM

ANNUAL: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 23:20 - 24:18

HAFTARAH: II Kings 12:1-17

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**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**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Shabbat Service
 Bat Mitzvah
 Aliyat Hatan veKallah
 Speakers

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Jordana Imershein
 Harry Schessel and Risa Turken
 Mary Wright, Eva Kor,
 CANDLES Holocaust Museum,
 Terre Haute, Indiana
 10:45 AM – 86th St.
 12:30 PM – 86th St.
 Lydia Singerman – 5:00 PM – 88th St.

Children's Service
 Community Kiddush
 Bat Mitzvah

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Morning Minyan
 Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman

**PRESIDENT'S DAY,
 OFFICE CLOSED**
 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Minyan
 Gesher and 8th Grade

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 5:00 PM – BJ Office

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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 19

Morning Minyan
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
 Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose
 Social Justice Leadership Action
 and Training Series (p. 1)
 Geneva and Israel (p. 2)

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 12:00 PM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 86th St.
 7:00 PM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV To the following members and their families:

- Jordana, Robert, Margie, Rachel and Julia Imershein on Jordana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Lydia, Jeffrey and Eric Singerman and Ruth Borchardt on Lydia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Harry Schessel and Risa Turken on their upcoming wedding.
- Anne Millman on the marriage of her daughter Ilana Tamar to William Charles Kriegsmann.
- Leslie, Moshe and Ayelet Horn on the naming of their daughter and sister Talia Mychal.
- Alisa Blum on the birth of her son Oliver Ezra Blum.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Richard Agler, Group Leader Dorothy Herman, and Pre-Confirmation Class, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, Florida.
- Rabbi Joel Levine and Confirmation Class, Temple Judea, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and Confirmation Class, New Reform Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Alison Lebovitz and the Chattanooga Jewish Federation Youth Group, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Rabbi Samuel Weinstein, Cantor Diane Yomtov and Confirmation Class, The Temple-Congregation Shomer Emunim, Sylvania, Ohio.

The kiddush and the flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Robert and Margie Imershein in honor of their daughter Jordana becoming a bat mitzvah.

• **BJ Seeking Assistant Principal**

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun is looking for an Assistant Principal for its 300+ afternoon Hebrew School program. The candidate should have a strong Judaic and administrative background. If you are interested or know of any good candidates, please let us know. Please e-mail your resume to hgauss@bj.org or fax it to 212-496-7600, attn. Hollis.

• **Beba Bronstein Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund Established**

A fund has been set up in memory of Rabbi Bronstein's beloved mother, Beba Bronstein. It will be called The Beba Bronstein Jewish Camp Scholarship Fund and will enable needy children within the BJ community to attend Jewish summer camps. If you wish to make a donation in her memory, please send a check for this fund to the BJ office. Beba Bronstein was a lover and supporter of Jewish summer camps in Argentina and this is a most fitting tribute to her.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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• **New Class With Rabbi Bronstein**

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, in the 88th St. Sanctuary. No cost, but registration required. To register, Call Dev at x221 or go to www.bj.org. **CODE: 467.**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Geneva and the Unfolding Political Events in Israel**

MK Yuli Tamir, former member of Absorption in the government of PM Barak, and one of the signers of the Geneva Initiative, will speak at BJ on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7PM at 88th St. Free.

• **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.

• **Women's Retreats**

We will be holding 2 women's retreats this year – one at Elat Hayyim in Accord, NY on **May 7-9** and one at Hamidrasha in Israel on **July 8-12**. For those interested in the women's retreat in Israel, Chen Tsfoni, a member of Hamidrasha will join Rabbi Felicia Sol on **March 1** from 7-8:30 PM to share a preview teaching of the retreat. Please RSVP to the rabbinic office at x234 or to pwilliams@bj.org for the exact location of the meeting. The retreat is only open to BJ members. Information for the retreat at Elat Hayyim can be found on the BJ website and in the March Kol Hadash.

• **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.

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

This year, Purim is on Saturday, March 6...get ready for our supersized kids' Purim Extravaganza and the Adult Mordy Gras part deux:

6:00 PM: Havdalah followed by tots costume parade, 88th St.

7:10 - 7:30 PM: Kids' service, 88th St.

7:30 PM: Megillah reading, 86th St.

7:45 - 8:15 PM: Kids' play, 88th St.

8:15 - 8:45 PM: Carnival for kids, 88th St.

9:30 PM: Adult program starts, 88th St.

• **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 Pageant**

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 Pageant 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!!!

• **"Night of 100 Dinners," March 20 – BJ's Annual Fundraiser** **Are you curious about N100D but reluctant to sign up?**

Last year, the newest Night of 100 Dinner committee member, Barbara Glassman, attended BJ's annual fundraiser for the first time. "My husband and I were reluctant to sign up for a dinner where we didn't know anyone, but all of our friends had already been assigned to other dinners. We decided to go anyway and had a fabulous time meeting new people. One of the best parts of the evening was sharing our experiences with our friends at the dessert reception afterward. I had such a good time that I joined the committee and I am helping to plan this year's event." If you want to attend Night of 100 Dinners, but are afraid to sign up blindly, please call the N100D hotline, x307. A N100D committee member will call you to speak about your interests, tastes and preferences, and will personally help you choose a dinner that best suits you.

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!

• **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

• **Family Kiddush**

Feb. 28, 86th St., Parlor Room: Please join us for a special family kiddush luncheon following Children's Services. We will have kid-friendly and adult-friendly food, some singing, and learning about Purim. This kiddush is sponsored by members of the Family Life Advisory Committee. If you would like to sponsor a family kiddush in the future, please contact Hollis Gauss, x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

• **BJ with a DJ Party**

Feb. 28, 8-11 PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: All of BJ's 10 to 12 year olds are invited to the second annual party with Jewish DJ Services. The cost is \$10 per child to participate, and you must sign up in advance. Sign-up sheets have been mailed to all families with children ages 10 to 12, and have also been distributed in the Hebrew School. For more info, please contact Amy at x248 or aberenson@bj.org.

• **Young Judaea Club Meetings**

The next Young Judaea club meetings are on Sunday, **Feb. 22** in Frankel Hall at BJ's 88th St. Sanctuary. Ofarim, kids in grades 2, 3, and 4, will meet at 1 PM. Tsofim, for kids in grades 5, 6, and 7, will meet at 3 PM. For more info, please contact Amy at x248 or aberenson@bj.org.

HEBREW SCHOOL

• **Kitah Vav (Sixth Grade) Friday Night Dinner**

Feb. 27: 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, send in a check to the BJ Hebrew School at the address below. For more info, contact Dalya at x241 or dlevy@bj.org.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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.

• **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 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 country's economic decline. 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.

• **Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed!**

Sundays, Feb. 29, March 14, April 4, May 16 from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM at the new Harlem location – West 134th St. site. Have you ever wanted to build a house? BJ is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to coordinate groups of volunteers to build homes at the new Harlem location once a month. We need 10 volunteers for each date. We are also looking for a volunteer to be the Team Leader for the day. Volunteers must be over the age of 16. No prior construction experience is necessary. Contact Cathy and Matt Silberstein, at the Habitat Voice Mail at x359, or cats@ix.netcom.com, to join the BJ team for any one of the spring dates. Please leave your name, email address, phone number, and the date(s) you wish to participate. Those without email addresses will be contacted by phone.

• **Beyond Shelter Coalition: 12th Annual Benefit Jewish Music Festival**

Monday, March 8, 7:30 PM at Symphony Space (Broadway at 95th): BJ is a member of Beyond Shelter, an alliance of 28 West Side synagogues, schools, and Jewish Institutions working for permanent affordable housing for low-income and homeless New Yorkers. Help us support the coalition by coming to a concert of The Gerard Eder Ensemble, Klezmer/Yiddish virtuosos! Flyers are in the back. Admission \$25, Students/Seniors \$15. For info, call BSC at 212-799-3923 or check out www.beyondsheltercoalition.org.

• **March For Women's Lives**

Sunday, April 25, Washington, DC: 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, go to www.bj.org, leave a message at x369 or mail the attached registration form by March 1.

• **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.

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....the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program, now in its 21st year of operation, feeds close to 200 guests on a weekly basis (a 50% increase from last year)? Your gift of \$2400 will help feed 600 people for one month, and \$600 will help feed 150 people for one week. Our homeless shelter welcomes guests four nights a week and reflects BJ's undying commitment to the mitzvah of caring for the stranger in our midst. Your gift of \$400 will provide a hot meal and a clean, safe place to sleep for 160 guests for one month.

• **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 for by buying our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Matalon and Bronstein and Cantor Ari Priven. 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. \$18.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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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? BJ is also 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

Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi often uses creative language within traditional prayers. For example, instead of referring to God as *Melech ha Olam* – literally, "King of the universe" – Reb Zalman refers to God as *Ruach ha Olam*, "Spirit of the universe."

At BJ, we have made some changes in liturgical language as well, to make some of our prayer language more inclusive. For example, we alternate the masculine and feminine *Oseh shalom bimromav* and *Osah shalom bimromeha* – "God who makes peace in the heavens will bring peace to earth."

How does changing the wording of our traditional liturgy change our experience of the prayers? Does it feel more or less accessible?

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

In February of 1970, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol died of a heart attack. New elections were already scheduled to be held in eighteen months. The Labor Party leadership decided to bring Golda Meir out of retirement to be their compromise leader.

Golda Meir had a long history as a committed and tireless worker for the Labor Party. One illustrative example of her zeal and effort took place immediately before the creation of the state. Ben-Gurion dispatched Golda to the United States to raise money from a then apathetic American Jewry. Her fiery style and fluent English helped her return with fifty-million dollars for the new struggling state. She was appointed the first Israeli Ambassador to the Soviet Union. Again her fiery style and fluent Yiddish helped energize an oppressed people. She always talked about how, on Rosh Hashanah 1948, she stood amazed at how thousands of Jews appeared at the crumbling Moscow synagogue to show their support for the newly established Jewish State.

Serving as Prime Minister proved to be a difficult and controversial task. The Yom Kippur War caught Golda and the entire overconfident nation by surprise. After the war, a nonpartisan investigative committee found the army, its Minister of Defense, Moshe Dayan, and the entire ruling Labor hierarchy responsible for Israel's ill-prepared state. Golda accepted her own personal responsibility and at the age of seventy-six resigned.

– The Israel Committee

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