



MISHPATIM, SHABBAT SHEKALIM

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 23:20 - 24:18

MAFTIR: Ex 30:11-15

HAFTARAH: II Kings 12:1-17

NEXT WEEK: TERUMAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 26:31 - 27:19

HAFTARAH: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

Sunday, April 25, Washington, DC:

Register for the BJ bus by **MARCH 1** at www.bj.org or pick up a registration form in the back of the sanctuary.

Be a part of history and join the BJ delegation for the National March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC, on Sunday April 25. Hundreds of thousands of people will converge on DC to express support for reproductive choice and women's lives. The BJ delegation will leave very early on April 25 and return late on the same day. Don't miss out on this historic opportunity to make your voice heard. Reserve your seat on the bus now!

For further information, please contact the BJ Women's Rights voicemail at x369, or email Rabbi Pam Wax at pwax@bcn.net.

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Feb. 20 - Feb. 27 2004

29 Shevat - 5 Adar 5764

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Tot Shabbat Service (p. 3)
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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 Singles Oneg (p. 3)

5:45 PM – 86th St.
 6:00 PM – 88th St.
 6:45 PM – 86th St.
 after later service – 86th St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Shabbat Service
 Aliyat Hatan veKallah
 Children's Service
 Mevarkhim HaHodesh Lunch and Learning (p. 2)
 Pizmon Concert (p. 2)

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Daniel Resnick and Julie Haest
 10:45 AM – 86th St.
 12:30 PM – 88th St.
 8:00 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Morning Minyan
 Rosh Hodesh Women's Group Brunch (p. 2)
 Young Judaea Club Meetings (p. 3)

ROSH HODESH ADAR

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 10:30 AM – 88th St.
 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Minyan
 Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman
 Class: Yaakov Became Yisra'el, Rabbi Feldman

ROSH HODESH ADAR

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Morning Minyan
 Gesher and 8th Grade
 Class: Confronting the Death of Our Parents,
 Rabbi Bronstein (New class, p. 2)

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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 26

Morning Minyan
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
 Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose
 Class: Keva and Kavannah in Prayer, Rabbi Sol

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHĒM

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

- Vanderlei and Susan Pereira on the death of Vanderlei's beloved sister, Dulcirene Pereira Da Silva.
- Paula and Maya Rackoff on the death of Paula's beloved uncle, Howard Lessch.
- Esther and Robert Broner, Nahama and Alexandra Broner and Stacy Lamon on the death of their beloved brother, uncle and great-uncle, Monte Masserman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Henry Weinberger and Allison Topilow on their recent engagement.
- Daniel Resnick and Julie Haest on their upcoming wedding.
- Michael and Abby Goldman on the birth of their son, Benjamin Oren Goldman.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Daniel S. Brenner, Auburn Theological Seminary, Tiffany Puett, The Temple of Understanding, and Seminary students in the program, *Spiritual Journey: Interfaith Perspectives*.
- Rabbi Keith Stern, Education Director Ron Saykin, Temple Beth Avodah, Newton, Massachusetts.
- Members of a Havurah, Temple B'nai Shalom, East Brunswick, New Jersey.

• 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.

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.**

• Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning – Eretz Israel: Through the Eyes of Her Beholders

Saturday, Feb. 21, 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.**

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group Brunch

Sunday, Feb. 22, 10:30 AM, 88th St.: Join Rabbi Pam Wax to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Registration not required. For info, call Rabbi Zimmerman at x253.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

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

I'm new to BJ and don't have many acquaintances there, but would still like to be included in a dinner. Any ideas?

Participating in Night of 100 Dinners is a great way to meet members of the congregation. Check out the descriptions of dinners being offered at www.bj.org, list a few dinners you would like to attend in order of preference, and you'll be assigned a place to go where you're sure to be welcomed. Some dinners offer the opportunity to meet people with common interests or situations. Remember, BJ members who sign on to be dinner guests are required to make a minimum contribution of \$100 per person if registered by **March 1**, and \$150 after that (for non-members the contribution is \$125, or \$175 after March 1). Another great way to meet new people is to host a dinner. You set the theme and the menu, and we'll send you the guests. Go to www.bj.org to register. If you are not a BJ member, but are interested in hosting, please contact Gayle Weiner at x261 or gweiner@bj.org.

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.

• **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 a favorite way to make new friends and share Shabbat, in groups of 12-18. Houses are evenly split between men and women and are grouped by age groups. BJ members who live within a 15 block radius of BJ are also needed to host. Host volunteers should contact Michael ASAP at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org. Space still available for men only. For more info and to register call x306, pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary or go to www.bj.org. 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.

• **Oscar Night Party!**

Sunday, Feb. 29, 7:30 PM: Come celebrate your favorite films of the year at Makor's Fifth Annual Oscar Night Party. Watch the 76th Annual Academy Awards spectacle on 4 screens while enjoying the company of good friends and exciting raffle prizes in the Makor café. Not to be missed – 275 people attend this party every year! This program is co-presented with B'nai Jeshurun. \$15 general public; \$12 BJ members.

FAMILY LIFE

• **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.

• **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.

• **Tot Shabbat Service**

Friday, Feb. 20, 5:45 PM, 86th St.: Families with children 5 and under are invited to a short, sweet Kabbalat Shabbat service with musician Jody Prusan on . A light kiddush will follow. Tot Shabbat is on the third Friday of every month.

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**

BJ is 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 and 27-28 AND** at the Pizmon concert on **Feb. 21** (see p. 2). Your efforts will help feed the hungry and aid the environment. For info, please contact x371, or BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

• **Matanot La-eyyonim: 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. 25**. 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. Have you ever wanted to build a house? BJ is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to coordinate groups of volunteers to build homes once a month. We need 10 volunteers, over the age of 16, for each date. We are also looking for a volunteer to be the Team Leader for the day. 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 will be contacted by phone.

• **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, using community organizing tools and strategies. RSVP REQUIRED: x349. Questions? Email asilver@bj.org or check out www.bj.org. Next session: **Tuesday, March 2, 7-9 PM, 88th St., TOPIC: Action Planning.**

• **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.

• **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/htm/wtc/index.htm.

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....Our B'nai Mitzvah Program helps nearly 70 families make the journey to bar or bat mitzvah each year. \$2000.00 will fund a family beit midrash program where children and parents can study together. \$400.00 will provide resources for b'nai mitzvah tutor development. \$36.00 will purchase one book for our b'nai mitzvah resource library, available to all the children as they write their divrei Torah.

• **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, payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. Beba Bronstein was a lover and supporter of Jewish summer camps in Argentina and this is a most fitting tribute.

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

"The meaning of observance... its purpose is not essentially to serve hygiene, happiness or the vitality of man; its purpose is to add holiness to hygiene, grandeur to happiness, spirit to vitality.... To say that the mitzvot have meaning is less accurate than saying that they lead us to wells of emergent meaning, to experiences, which are full of hidden brilliance of the holy, suddenly blazing in our thoughts." *Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

How does Judaism help our lives to be meaningful?

– *Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman*

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

On February 17, 1949, on an unusually hot February day in Jerusalem, the Knesset elected Chaim Weizman to be Israel's first president. In addition to his official state responsibilities, Weizman continued to dedicate part of his time to scientific research at Machon Ziv in Rehovot, an institution that subsequently was renamed the Weizman Institute of Science.

Chaim Weizman was born in White Russia and received a general and traditional Jewish education. Weizman emigrated to Britain in 1904 where he received a professorship in chemistry at the University of Manchester. During World War, I he invented TNT, which helped Britain win the war. This brought him to the attention of Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and his close friend ex-Prime Minister Arthur James Balfour. Chaim Weizman consistently preached the need for a Jewish homeland in Palestine to his high political acquaintances. In 1916, just before Britain conquered Palestine, there was a change of government in Britain and Balfour became the new Foreign Secretary and Lloyd George the Prime Minister. With much prodding from Weizman, Arthur Balfour issued the Balfour Declaration which became official government policy. It stated: "His majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." The Balfour Declaration invigorated the Zionist movement which led to the creation of the State of Israel.

Throughout his scientific and political work, Weizman was involved in international Zionist activities. He was a delegate at most World Zionist Congresses and held many senior positions in the Zionist movement. After the establishment of the State of Israel, he made aliyah and became Israel's elder statesman. Chaim Weizman was known to say that the Jewish State would not be delivered on a silver platter but would only become a reality with hard work, dedication and sacrifice.

– *The Israel Program Committee*

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