



TERUMAH

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 26:31 - 27:19

HAFTARAH: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

NEXT WEEK: TETZAVE

ANNUAL: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

TRIENNIAL: Exodus 29:19 - 30:10

HAFTARAH: I Samuel 15:2-34

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK

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

Tuesday, March 2, 7-9 PM

BJ Sanctuary, 88th St.

Join us for the last of our training sessions on community organizing and social justice! Over the past 8 weeks, over 70 participants within each of the Panim el Panim action *hevras* (women's rights, seniors, economic hardship, healthcare access, environmental justice, children-at-risk) have been educating one another about a range of opportunities for BJ to take action. At this last training and strategy meeting, each *hebra* will summarize its work thus far and present an overarching campaign, distinct action, or decision to work together with another *hebra*. We hope you will join us for the final training session!

To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Silver at x259.

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. 27 - Mar. 5 2004

29 Shevat - 5 Adar 5764

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
At-Home Catered Dinner for Singles (p. 3)	after early service
Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner (p. 3)	after early service – 86th St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Bat Mitzvah	Abigail Friedman
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Community Kiddush	12:30 PM – 86th St., Social Hall
Family Kiddush (p. 3)	12:30 PM – 86th St., Parlor Room
BJ With a DJ Party (p. 3)	8:00 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Habitat for Humanity Build (p. 3)	8:30 AM – W. 134th St.
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Oscar Night Party (p. 3)	7:00 PM – Makor

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Class: Yaakov Became Yisra'el, Rabbi Feldman	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Women's Retreat Meeting (p. 2)	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Gesher and 8th Grade	5:00 PM – BJ Office
Social Justice Leadership Action and Training Series	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Class: Confronting the Death of Our Parents, Rabbi Bronstein	7:00 PM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Psalms, Rabbi Sol (p. 2)	12:30 PM – BJ Office
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Class: Tallit & Tefillin, Rabbi Feldman (p. 2)	7:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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SAVE THE DATE!

Beyond the Movie: Reflections on 'the Passion' by People of Faith

Monday, March 29, 7PM, 88th St.: Stimulated by the controversy surrounding the release of the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, a panel consisting of Senior Pastor Robert Brashear, (West Park Presbyterian Church), Reverend Doctor James Karpen (The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew, UMC) and Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon (Congregation B'nai Jeshurun) will discuss the significance of 'the Passion.' Rabbi Bronstein and Rabbi Sol will moderate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Bonnie Roche and her family on the death of Bonnie's beloved grandmother, Jen Cohen.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Abigail and Emanuel Friedman and Nancy Kahn on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Klitel Rose and Doris Kosmin and Toviel on the birth of their son and brother.
- Susan and Stephen Samuels on the engagement of their daughter Rabbi Joanna Samuels to Jeremy Hockenstein.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Stan Miles, Temple Shalom, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Rabbi Lucy Dinner and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Rabbi Fred Reiner, Associate Rabbi, Shena Potter and Confirmation Class, Temple Sinai, Washington, D.C.
- Stephanie Fingerth, organizer and rabbinical student at Jewish Theological Seminary and students from American Jewish World Service, cross denominational rabbinical student delegation.
- Chen and Guy Tsfoni from Hamidrasha, Israel
- New members to BJ.

Todah Rabbah to the following members of the Family Life Advisory Committee and their families for sponsoring this week's family kiddush: Penny Arons, Susan Bodnar, Beth Kern, Lizzie Kraiem, Ilene Rosenthal, Harriet Saltzman, Kim Shafer, Sarah Shifrin and Sarah Sternklar.

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Nancy Kahn and Emanuel Friedman in honor of their daughter Abigail becoming a bat mitzvah.

The kiddush is sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun on behalf of the community.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LIMUD

• Course Location Change: "Confronting the Death of our Parents"

The **March 2** session of Rabbi Bronstein's class has been moved from its usual location at 88th St. This session is going to be held downstairs in the Social Hall at 86th St. The March 9 session will again be at 88th St.

• PSALMS: A VEHICLE FOR SOUL SEARCHING

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol: The Psalms reveal the complex nature of the human condition. We turn to psalms as the basis for our liturgy, in times of mourning, when we need healing and even for reading on the subway. What is so powerful about these words imbued with so much emotion? Together we will study how the tradition understands the psalms and how the text of the psalms can be used for our own soul searching. Each week a different psalm will be studied. 5 Wednesdays: (**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**), 12:30-1:45 PM, BJ office. Free; registration required; **CODE: 431**

• TALLIT & TEFILLIN – "I BETROTH MYSELF TO YOU . . ."

Rabbi Meir Feldman: If ever there was an enticing moment for the God-seeker in each of us, this is it. As reported by Hosea, God has promised to become betrothed to us. So often we crave a tangible experience or a discernable encounter with God. Life might feel so much different, if only we could regularly relate to God. Every morning, it might truly be possible. Come join us for a one-time learning session on the beautiful and inspiring rituals of donning ourselves in the tallit and wrapping ourselves with tefillin. Wednesday, **March 3, 7 - 8:30 PM**, 88th St. Frankel Hall. Free for members, \$20 non members; **CODE: 487**

• Hassidic Teachings About Pesah

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon: This class will explore Hassidic approaches to the meaning, observance and rituals of Pesah. **Note** change in number of classes: 3 Wednesdays (**March 17,24,31**). 6:30-8 PM, 88th St., Frankel Hall. Free; registration required; **CODE: 411**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Women's Retreats

We are holding 2 women's retreats this year – one at Elat Hayyim in Accord, NY, **May 7-9**, and one at Hamidrasha in Israel, **July 8-12**. For those interested in the retreat in Israel, Chen Tsfoni, a member of Hamidrasha, will join Rabbi Felicia Sol **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 location of the meeting. The retreat is only open to BJ members. Info 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!!!

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

Kids:

- 6:00 PM: Tots costume parade followed by Havdalah, 88th St.
- 7:10 - 8:30 PM: Kids' service and Play, 88th St.
- 8:30 - 9:30 PM: Carnival for kids, 88th St.

Adults:

- 7:30 PM: Adult Megillah reading, 86th St.
- 9:30 PM (Approximately): Adult program starts, 88th St.

• BJ Book Group

The BJ Book Group will meet next on **Sunday, March 14** at 7 PM at 88th St. to discuss *Snow in August* by longtime New York journalist and novelist Pete Hamill. Set in a working class Brooklyn neighborhood in 1947, the novel revolves around the friendship between an Irish Catholic boy and a rabbi who's a refugee from Prague. The book is also about the power of words. "And love," as the fictional rabbi notes, "it's almost always about words."

• "Night of 100 Dinners," March 20 – BJ's Annual Fundraiser You haven't signed up yet? What are you waiting for?

Hosted dinners for Night of 100 Dinners are filling up fast. If you want to get your first choice of the appetizing dinners offered on **Saturday evening, March 20**, go now to www.bj.org and sign up to be a guest, or pick up forms at the back of the sanctuaries. Don't forget: members signing up before **March 1** are asked for a minimum contribution of \$100 per person (non-members donate a minimum of \$125). After that, the contribution increases by \$50 per person. For additional info, call the Night of 100 Dinners Hotline at x307, or email gweiner@bj.org.

• **BJ Summer Trip to Israel**

July 2-8 at Kolot: Ethical Dilemmas in the Renewed State of Israel

As a continuation of the seminar held last summer, which dealt with the mythical, theological, and historic aspects of the Land of Israel, this summer's seminar will take an introspective look at Israeli society. Join Rabbi Roly Matalon to study with Rabbis Moti Bar-Or and Shlomo Fox, Professors Uriel Simon, Rachel Elior, Amnon Rubinstein and others. The trip will include a number of important site visits. Approximate cost will be \$1500 (study, hotel and some meals) plus airfare. More details will be available soon.

SINGLES

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

Feb. 27: Those who have registered should join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6 PM service.

• **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 by B'nai Jeshurun. \$15 general public; \$12 BJ members.

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.

HEBREW SCHOOL

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

Feb. 27: Those who have registered should join us for Family Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th St., followed by dinner at the 86th St. Chapel at SPSA. For more info, contact Dalya at x241 or dlevy@bj.org.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Head it up: Israel AIDS Task Force**

Tal Korman, Executive Director of IATF, spoke at BJ last Shabbat. Interested in getting further information about the Israel AIDS Task Force? Contact Lisa Schachner at schachner55@msm.com or call at 212-628-7061

• **Ink Jet Cartridge Collection – February 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. 27-28**. Your efforts will help feed the hungry and aid the environment. For info, please contact x371, or BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

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

This year, as we send mishloah manot packages to our fellow BJ members for Purim, 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. 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 the flyer on the seats for complete details, or sign up on BJ's website by **March 2**. 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.

• **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. 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 info, please contact the BJ Women's Rights voicemail at x369, or email Rabbi Pam Wax at pwax@bcn.net.

• **Fellowships Available: Israel Community Service Program**

Livnot U'Lehibanot is offering 15 Fellowship awards for a two week Community Service Program in Israel this summer. This program is open to Jewish adults between the ages of 25-35 from the New York metropolitan area and will be held at the Livnot campuses in Tzfat and Jerusalem from Monday, July 19, 2004 - Sunday Aug. 1, 2004. The fellowship covers the entire cost, including airfare, except for \$250. Participants will spend 4 to 6 hours per day on the volunteer projects and 2 to 4 hours in study sessions. Throughout the program, Livnot U'Lehibanot will present a series of hikes, visits, classes, discussions and workshops relating to the themes of Tikkun Olam, Responsibility, and Jewish Values. Applications are due **March 5**. For more info, go to www.livnot.com/wexner/index.htm.

• **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 Ederly 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.

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.... 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, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, 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.

• 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. You can also purchase our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," or the Pesah songbook, for \$18 each. 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.

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 Aleynu can be a difficult prayer. 'We are to praise God, who did not make us like the other nations of the earth and did not place us as He/She placed [other] families of the earth.' Why is it that this is often a troubling statement? Because we shouldn't feel especially distinguished. Because we reject the notion that we're better than others. But, is it possible to turn this on its head. We're different, special – mamash because we know that we're inherently not better. (The next 3 divrei tefillah also will address the Aleynu.)

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

On March 1, 1881, Tsar Alexander II was assassinated. His assassination is one of the great turning points of Jewish and Zionist history. Tsar Alexander II was influenced by the new liberal ideas seeping into Russia from the West. These ideas of liberty and human rights spurred on the French and American revolution and gave Russian Jews hope that things would get better. However, the assassinated Tsar's successor, Tsar Alexander III, tried to turn back the clock. He tried to stop the spread of liberal ideas. The new reign initiated a series of large and brutal pogroms. All Jews felt threatened. Russian Jews had to choose to stay and endure this brutality, with little hope that things would get better, or leave. Most stayed, but a minority left. Most of the Jews who left went to the United States, but a small number of Jews wanted to create a new Jewish society. One of the leaders of this movement was Leo Pinsker who published his great manifesto, *Autoemancipation*. He felt Jews would always be the stranger. Strangers are not liked anywhere in the world, but other strangers have a home to go back to, while Jews have not. Assimilation in the greater European society was not the answer. Jews must build their own society.

– The Israel Program Committee

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