



**TETZAVE, SHABBAT ZAKHOR**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10  
**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 29:19 - 30:10  
**MAFTIR:** Deuteronomy 25:17-19  
**HAFTARAH:** I Samuel 15:2-34

**NEXT WEEK: KI TISA, SHABBAT PARAH**

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 30:11 - 34:35  
**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 33:12 - 34:35  
**HAFTARAH:** Ezekiel 36:16-38

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**AJWS Provides Relief to the People of Haiti**

American Jewish World Service, a non-sectarian international development and relief organization, is collecting funds to assist in humanitarian relief efforts for people affected by the political instability in Haiti. Monies raised for the current crisis will be used to support immediate needs such as food security by access to agricultural supplies and irrigation, as well as long-term development projects that lead to economic security. Donations can be sent to: American Jewish World Service, Haiti Relief, 45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Or call 1-800-889-7146 or visit their Web site at [www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org).

**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

**March 5 - March 12 2004**

**13 Adar - 19 Adar 5764**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service  
 Wandering Minyan  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 6:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall  
 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

Shabbat Service  
 Bat Mitzvah  
 Naming  
 Speaker

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Tamar Nachmany  
 Danielle Blu Gantcher  
 Martin ben Moreh, Meitar, The College of Judaism as Culture, Israel.  
 10:45 AM – 86th St.

Children's Service  
**PURIM CELEBRATION (see below)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

Morning Minyan  
 (Selections from Megillat Esther)

**PURIM**  
 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

Morning Minyan  
 Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman  
 Class: Yaakov Became Yisra'el, Rabbi Feldman  
 Musician's Havurah (p. 2)  
 Beyond Shelter Coalition Music Festival (p. 3)

**SHUSHAN PURIM**  
 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 7:00 PM – 86th St.  
 7:00 PM – 86th St.  
 7:00 PM – 88th St.  
 7:30 PM – 95th & Broadway

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

Morning Minyan  
 Gesher and 8th Grade  
 Class: Confronting the Death of Our Parents,  
 Rabbi Bronstein

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

Morning Minyan  
 Class: Psalms, Rabbi Sol  
 Kesharim

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 12:30 PM – BJ Office  
 2:00 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

Morning Minyan  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program  
 Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**PURIM IS HERE – SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 6!!!**

*It's time 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 - 9:30 PM: Kids' service, Play, and "Mordy Gras" 88th St.

**Adults:** 7:45 PM: Adult Service and Megillah reading, 86th St.  
 Following Service and Reading (c. 9:30 PM): Adult "Mordy Gras" starts, 88th St.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Tamar, Avi, Michal, Jonathan and Ruth Nachmany on Tamar becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Meredith and Joel Gantcher on the naming of their daughter, Danielle Blu Gantcher.
- Gayle Weiner and Steve Temkin on their recent engagement.
- Jeffrey Schwarz upon receiving the Vision in Leadership Award from the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan.
- Jeremy, Marci, Danielle and Scott Cohen on the birth of their daughter and sister, Talia Evan Cohen.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Group from Kolot Chayeinu, Brooklyn, New York.

#### • 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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#### • 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**

#### • Preparing for Pesah

*Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman:* Join us for study and preparation before Pesah. We will learn about the Haggadah and study prayers and readings for Pesah, as well as look at some traditions from different times and communities. We will also discuss some modern additions to the Seder. Please bring your questions! This is an opportunity to learn more about leading or attending a Seder and participating in the holiday of our freedom from bondage. 2 Thursdays (**March 18, 25**), 7-8:30 PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall. Free; registration required; **CODE: 429**

#### • Shabbat B'Yahad with Reb Mimi Feigelson

Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner **Friday March 26**, at 88th St., Frankel Hall, with Reb Mimi Feigelson, MA. Reb Feigelson is a lecturer of Rabbinic studies at the University of Judaism and a PhD candidate at Hebrew University. Miriam Sara Feigelson has been a student of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach for 20 years. In 1994, she was granted private orthodox *s'mikha*. She was a core founding member and associate director of Yakar in Jerusalem where she directed the women's Beit Midrash and taught full time, specializing in Hassidic literature. She is also a founding faculty member of "Ta Shma," an organization that promotes Jewish pluralism among college students and young Jewish leadership and has lectured throughout Israel and around the world. Cost: \$25/Mem; \$35/Non. **TO REGISTER:** Call x304 and follow instructions. **To Submit Payment:** Pay online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) OR send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check, write "SBY 3/26/04". **Mail check to:** Attn: Michael, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023. Please include a phone number. **Deadline:** March 19. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

### 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](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/index.htm).

#### • BJ Musician's Havurah!

Next gathering: **Mon. March 8**, 88th St. Sanctuary, 7-10 PM. Bring instruments, music to share, jam. More info: Matt Fried, [MattF@aol.com](mailto:MattF@aol.com) or Anita Haravon, [aharavon@verizon.net](mailto:aharavon@verizon.net).

#### • 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 Why is Night of 100 Dinners such an important event for our congregation?

Over the years, Night of 100 Dinners has become one of BJ's largest fundraising events of the year – for several reasons. First, it's a lot of fun. Hosts and guests have a great time at the more intimate group dinners. And then, everybody arrives at BJ, swapping stories and comparing notes about their dinners, and ready for dessert, some music and dance, and maybe a glass of wine. It's community-building in a relaxed and festive setting. Just as important, however, is the fundraising aspect of the event. BJ gives so much to its members and the greater community through its prayer services, classes, social action and outreach, and other programs. Many of those programs come at little or no charge. Annual membership dues do not cover the entire operating budget for the year, nor do they allow BJ to add or expand programs as our congregation grows or as needs arise. Your participation in Night of 100 Dinners helps fill the economic gap. It's not too late to sign up. Go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and sign up to be a guest or a host. If you have any questions please call the Night of 100 Dinners hotline at x307 or email Gayle Weiner, Director of Development, at [gweiner@bj.org](mailto:gweiner@bj.org).

#### • Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

**Saturday, March 27**, 88th St. Sanctuary following Shabbat services: BJ members of all ages are welcome to join us as we commemorate the first Yahrzeit of our beloved and respected BJ member, Rabbi Sidney Greenberg. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Steven Brown, Rabbi Arthur Ruberg, and Rabbi Lynnda Targan, who will talk about growing up at Philadelphia's Temple Sinai with Rabbi Greenberg, and the significant influence he had on their spiritual and professional lives. Please RSVP by **March 23** 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 Belinda Lasky at the BJ office. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

• **Frederic Brenner's *Madres de Desaparecidos***

**Sunday, March 28**, 5 PM, 88th St.: Frederic Brenner will present his film, *Madres de Desaparecidos* (Mothers of the Missing), featuring the testimonies of Argentine Jewish women whose children disappeared during the military dictatorship that began in 1976. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. A Q&A session will follow. In addition, Frederic will be signing copies of his new book, *Diaspora: Homelands in Exile*, which will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by the BJ Latin America Committee. Admission is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the BJ Argentina Fund. For further info, please contact x371, or [BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com](mailto:BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com).

• **Beyond the Movie: Reflections on 'the Passion' by People of Faith**  
**SAVE THE DATE! 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 will moderate.

• **Women's Retreats**

We are holding 2 women's retreats this year:

**May 7-9:** Elat Hayyim in Accord, NY. Info can be found on the BJ website and in the March Kol Hadash.

**July 8-12:** Hamidrasha in Israel. Spend 5 days connecting to our friends of Hamidrasha and their work in Israel. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol to study, learn from and dialogue with the members of Hamidrasha. The trip will include home hospitality except for Shabbat which will be spent with the women of Hamidrasha at a retreat center in Northern Israel. Approximate cost will be \$300 plus airfare. More details will be available soon. This retreat is only open to BJ members.

• **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. Women are also invited to join the Women's Retreat, **July 8-12** (see above).

**SINGLES**

• **Oneg Shabbat**

**Friday, March 12:** March into Spring with a new friend or special someone and meet them at SPSA's Social Hall (86th St.) following 6:45 PM services. Don't miss it! Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

• **Co-sponsored Dances with B'nai Jeshurun and Ansche Chesed**

**March 14:** SQUARE DANCING (it's back!). Do-Si-Do! Swing your partner! If caller Allan Brozek can't get you dancing then you must not have feet. No partner or experience is necessary. Lessons throughout the evening starting at 7:15 PM. Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun. Meet great people! Expert instruction (Reba Perez & Al Brozek). No experience necessary. "If you can walk, you can dance." Free refreshments. Cost is \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members) per dance. No reservations necessary. Volunteers are needed (in return for free admission). Call Michael B.(212-678-7881 before 9 PM) to volunteer.

• **Dorot Package Delivery**

**Sunday, March 28**, 12 PM; Do a mitzvah at our first of three package deliveries. Our group will meet at Brandeis High School down the block and across the street from Dorot (171 West 85th St. near Amsterdam) for a brief orientation and then pair up into our teams of three to make our deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will very much appreciate your time spent chatting and visiting. Please RSVP by **March 18** by emailing Michael at [mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:mkelberg@bj.org) or calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number. This confirms you.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Bait Café Comedy Night and Mixer **March 27** at 8:30 PM.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **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](http://www.beyondsheltercoalition.org).

• **Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed!**

**Sundays, 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](mailto: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 15** at [www.bj.org](http://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](mailto:pwax@bcn.net).

• **Volunteers Needed To Sleep Over At BJ/SPSA's Homeless Shelter**

Our shelter feeds and houses up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein at [Rimershein@capstarny.com](mailto:Rimershein@capstarny.com) or 212-339-4250.

YAD L'YAD – 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.

• **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](http://www.bj.org), or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 2:30 on Friday. **And look soon for BJ's newest CD, "TekiYah: Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ"!**

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](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

The Aleinu, I propose, urges one truth, which only comes about through the diversity and plurality of human existence. Look in the second sentence of the *Sh'hu notey shamayim* paragraph. *Emet malkeynu efes zulato*. "Truth is our sovereign; and there is nothing else." But what is truth? Consider the word *emet* – *aleph* (the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet), *mem* (precisely the middle letter of the alphabet) and *tav* (the final letter). The word itself teaches that truth is the unity giving birth to diversity – beginning, middle and end.

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

There are many important dates that can be cited as the beginning of a rapidly accelerating change in Israeli society. On February 26, 1990, Rishon Le Zion became the first Israeli city to be wired for cable television. March 13, 1990 was the date when MTV began transmitting on Israeli cable. Israel was becoming much more "American."

Early in its history, Israel was diplomatically, economically and culturally isolated from the larger world. Diplomatically, Israel did not have relations with many countries. Economically, the Arab boycott left Israel isolated. Culturally, Israel had Hollywood movies, limited American television and English language rock songs, but these arrived in a cultural vacuum and, as a result, were integrated into Israel's indigenous Zionist culture.

Israel's homegrown culture flourished. Tel Aviv was the center of a vibrant art and theater scene. The book industry boomed, with more books published per capita than anywhere else in the world. This enriched the Hebrew language revival. Cafes were constantly busy. Teenagers listened to rock songs in Hebrew. The new Israeli culture abounded. Zionism had done more than establish a state bureaucracy; it had succeeded in creating a new vibrant Jewish culture.

In the 1990's, Israelis were no longer limited to receiving their news from the two Israeli channels; they could now watch CNN. Israel was faced with the challenge of Americanization versus its Zionist Jewish roots. Pizza replaced falafel as the number one street food. Israelis would now start to grapple with Jewish identity issues similar to those of their American cousins.

– The Israel Committee

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