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January 21 - 28 2005

11 - 18 Shevat 5765

BESHALAH

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
TRIENNIAL: Exodus 13:17 - 15:26
HAFTARA: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6, 9:5 - 6

NEXT WEEK: YITRO

TORAH

ANNUAL: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
TRIENNIAL: Exodus 18:1 - 18:27
HAFTARA: Judges 5:1 - 31

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Project Hope Needs Volunteers!

On **Monday, February 28**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its third annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) to produce a point-in-time estimate of the unsheltered homeless population in New York City. Helping to reduce street homeless by assessing the scope of the problem, and assisting individuals living in public places. HOPE is a one night commitment for volunteers. Volunteers will report to training centers throughout the city on February 28 at 10:30PM to receive training, and then be dispersed with their teams until approximately 4AM. DHS needs 2,000 volunteers to make this event a success! Register at www.nyc.gov/dhs or dial 311.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Tot Shabbat
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 Shabbat B'Yahad with Hazzan Richard Kaplan
 4th Grade BJHS Dinner
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM – 86th St.
 6:00 PM – 88th St.
 Following 6:00 Service – 88th St.
 Following 6:00 Service – 86th St.
 6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Shabbat Service
 Children's Service
 Junior Congregation
 Bat Mitzvah
 Teacher in Residence D'var
 Shabbat Learning with Hazzan Richard Kaplan

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 10:45 AM – 86th St.
 10:30 AM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)
 Lily Freedman
Hazzan Richard Kaplan,
 4:00 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Morning Minyan
 Family Tu BiShevat Program
 BJ Book Group with Jonathan Rosen
Hazzan Richard Kaplan Concert at JCC

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 10 AM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)
 7:00 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)
 7:30 PM – JCC in Manhattan

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Morning Minyan
 Gesher
 Limud: Theology and Meaning
Rabbi Felicia Sol

TU BISHEVAT
 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 5:00 PM – BJ Office
 7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Morning Minyan
 Kesharim
 Limud: Listening to Our Kids
Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 2:00 PM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (Pg. 2)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Morning Minyan
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
 Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a
 MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TEACHER-IN-RESIDENCE HAZZAN RICHARD KAPLAN

Friday, January 21 - Shabbat B'Yahad - "Songs for a Holy Meal: The Zmirot of Erev Shabbat"

Saturday, January 22 - Dvar Torah - "Music from the Depth on the Shabbat of Song"

Saturday, January 22 - Shabbat Afternoon Learning at 88th St.: "The Waxing of the Soul at the Waning of Shabbat"

• Hazzan Richard Kaplan in Concert at the JCC

Sunday January, 23, 7:30PM at the The Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.: Come hear our Teacher in Residence, Hazzan Richard Kaplan's concert of Middle Eastern chants, Sephardic melodies, cantorial art songs, selections from the Yiddish and Hasidic traditions, plus his own "Jewish-Jazz" compositions. \$15 JCC and BJ members / \$20 General Public. To register in advance call (646)-505-5708 or jccmanhattan.org. The concert is sponsored jointly by BJ and the JCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Lily, Andrew Freedman and Anne Rosenzweig on Lily becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Orrin Schonfeld and Pamela Picker on the birth of their son, Asher Schonfeld.
- Nedim Baruh and Belinda Medine on their upcoming wedding.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Daniel Brenner and students, Auburn Theological Seminary "Spiritual Journeys": Interfaith Perspectives.
- Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim, Rabbi Richard Block, Cantor Kathryn Wolfe and Confirmation Class, Temple Tifereth Israel, Beachwood, Ohio.
- Brukhim Haba'im to Rabbi Amiel and Ivy Wohl, Temple Israel, New Rochelle, NY.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ Book Group - "Joy Comes in the Morning"

Sunday, January 23, 7PM, 88th St.: The BJ Book Group will meet to discuss *Joy Comes in the Morning*, a new novel by BJ member Jonathan Rosen, who will be present to take part in the conversation. The recently published novel, which is set in part on the Upper West Side and features a young woman rabbi, has been described as "a warm, generous, and often funny meditation on family and faith."

• ASL Interpretation at Shabbat Services

On both **January 28** and **February 4**, the 6 PM services at 88th Street will be ASL Interpreted.

January 28 only, there will be a vegetarian dinner in a private home on the upper west side for members of the Deaf community. An RSVP is required to NAOMIJB@aol.com or fax to Carole at (718) 668-0427

• "DECODING THE TABLECLOTH" - A one-woman show!

Saturday, February 5, 8PM, SPSA Theatre: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for Gabriela Kohen's New York International Fringe Festival award-winning solo performance, "Decoding The Tablecloth." This autobiographical show looks at the experiences of an immigrant girl growing up Jewish and Latina in New York. Kohen plays twenty-plus characters, from pre-holocaust Poland, to Argentina, to Disco 70's Brooklyn. "...A loving yet unflinching family portrait...Astonishing subtlety of gesture, expression and accent... The audience feels involved in the narrative..." NEW YORK MAGAZINE. Cost:\$10 members/\$15 non-members. Tickets are extremely limited. Register online at: www.bj.org For further information, please call: x240, or send an email to: BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com

• BJ Community Catered Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 11, following the early service at 88th St.: Extend the joy of Kabbalat Shabbat into the evening at Hakhnasat Orhim's Community Catered Shabbat Dinner. Join Ari & Felicia and the BJ community in celebration with song, a little study, wonderful friends, and time for shmoozing. This dinner is co-sponsored with Shabbat B'Yahad. Cost: \$30 BJ members. EVERYONE MUST REGISTER: Call x304 and follow instructions. TO SUBMIT PAYMENT: Pay online at www.bj.org or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section, write "HO 2/11/05". Mail check to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023, Attn: Carol. Please include a phone number. After February 7, add a \$10 late fee. As this is a community-building event, non-members will be included after February 7. Cost:\$40 non-members. For information, contact Elana Weinberg at x351 or Hospitality@bj.org

• Rabbi Maurice Lamm Speaking at B'nai Jeshurun

Tuesday, February 15, 7:30PM, 88th St.: We are privileged to announce that Rabbi Maurice Lamm will address our community on the subject of his latest book, *Consolations: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief*. Rabbi Lamm is also the author of the acclaimed book, *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning*.

Yasher koah to all BJ members who attended Limmud NY. We invite you for an aliyah to celebrate your learning on Shabbat morning, January 29.

LIMUD - WINTER/SPRING 5765

LISTENING TO OUR KIDS AND PARENTS

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel

(January 26, February 2,9) 7PM, 86th Street Parlor Room

Rabbi Bronstein and Dr. Taffel will hold a series of meetings with our parents. Marcelo and Ron will have previously met with and listened to your children in separate groups. Now it is time for us to hear from you, our parents, about very real concerns on raising 21st century children. This is a first time endeavor at BJ to narrow the secular and religious worlds and for parents' voices to be heard in order to build a bridge between these two worlds within our community. Please do everything you can to be there.

•**Wednesday, January 26:** Workshop for Parents of Children of All Ages.

•**Wednesday, February 2:** Workshop for Parents of Pre-Teens.

•**Wednesday, February 9:** Workshop for Parents of Teens.

Free to members, registration required. **CODE 504**

*To register please sign up by calling x221, or write to our address (found below this box), being sure to include your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail, and information about the class.

Online registration and detailed course descriptions at:
http://www.bj.org/spring_limud.php

SIDDUR (PRAYERBOOK) HEBREW

Danny Mond, Jerusalem Fellow and Jewish educator

•**Beginner Hebrew:** We will cover the Hebrew alphabet, the vowels, reading practice, the main phonetic exceptions, and first words of vocabulary.

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 PM (January 25 - March 29) Location: 86th Street Chapel. Cost: \$100/\$150 per semester **CODE: 518**

•**Advanced Beginner** The course will cover basic sentence structure, gender distinctions, the plural and singular forms, essential pronouns and templates for recognizing verbs in the present and/or past tense.

Tuesdays, 8-9:15 PM (January 25 - March 29) Location: 86th Street Chapel. Cost: \$100/\$150 per semester **CODE: 520**

• Intermediate Hebrew

The course is designed for those already familiar with the grammatic structures outlined above.

Thursdays, 8-9:15 PM (January 27 - March 31) Location: 86th Street Chapel. Cost: \$100/\$150 per semester **CODE: 522**

*CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK! PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!

BJ WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 8-10

Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and MTM Rabbinical Fellow Katie Mizrahi on our Fourth BJ Women's Retreat. Information and applications are now available on-line at http://www.bj.org/womens_retreat.php

SINGLES

• **Co-sponsored Dance with Ansche Chesed**

Sunday, January 23: The Empire Swings Back! Easy and fabulously fun. Basic swing lesson included with expert instruction (Reba Perez of Empire Dance & Allan Brozek) 7-10PM at Ansche Chesed. Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun.) No experience, partner or reservations necessary. Refreshments served, Cost: \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/Mosaic members) per dance. Volunteers are needed (in return for free admission). Contact Michael Brochstein at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00PM to volunteer. Full details on-line at www.BJ.org

• **Tu BiShevat Seder 5765**

Tuesday, January 25, 7PM at The JCC In Manhattan 334 Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.: Celebrate a New Year for the Trees, enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal and learn about Judaism's mystical approach to the environment. The JCC In Manhattan, Hazon, The Teva Learning Center, Livnot U'Lehibanot and Kol Zimrah invite people in their 20s and 30s to join them for a spiritual and educational experience. Cost: \$28 members of above groups/\$32 nonmembers. To register, call (646) 505-5708 or www.jccmanhattan.org

• **At-Home Catered Dinner**

Friday, February 4: Join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6PM service. Get together in groups of 12-18! BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voicemail ASAP x306. The application deadline to host is January 20 and to be a guest is January 25. For more information and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or check on-line at www.bj.org. Questions x260. Cost: \$25 members/ \$35 non-members. \$10 after deadline late fee if space available.

• **CANCELLED: February 6, Singles' Super Bowl & Tailgate Party.**• **'Jewtopia' at the Westside Arts Theatre**

Saturday, February 26, 8PM at the Westside Arts Theatre: Tickets still available! COST: \$65.00. Call Michael at x260 or email Mkelberg@bj.org

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Junior Congregation Family Service**

Saturday, January 22, 10:30AM, 88th Street: We would like to invite you to join us at our second Junior Congregation Family Service, for families with children in kindergarten through seventh grade. Please join us for an interactive service created especially for families with children this age. We want to thank the volunteers in 3rd through 7th grade who are helping to lead the service. We invite all Second Graders to help lead V'Shamru and Kiddush, and all First Graders to help lead Motzi. A light Kiddush will follow.

• **Family Tu BiShevat Program**

Sunday, January 23, 10AM, 88th St.: Please join us for a Family Tu BiShevat Celebration with songs, games and other Tu BiShevat activities. All are welcome! For more information, contact Kerrith at x253 or ksolomon@bj.org

• **Kid's Purim Play Auditions**

Tuesday, January 25 and Wednesday, January 26, 4-6PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Be a part of the Purim play magic this year! Dress comfortably. Come either day. Auditions are only required for children ages 7 and up. 5 and 6 year olds will automatically be placed in the chorus and need not audition, though parents and children should stop in one of the audition days to pick up the information sheet and meet our production team. **Rehearsals will be held Tue. & Wed. 4-6PM and Sun. 11-2PM.** For info, Mkelberg@BJ.org or x260.

• **Teen Shabbat**

Teen Shabbat is a Shabbat morning service run entirely by teens. We will be celebrating it on **Saturday, January 29.** Teens are needed to read Torah, present d'vrei Torah, lead Shacharit, the Torah Service, and Musaf. Teens can also play music and perform readings that add to the kavanah of the service. For more information, contact Leah Zimmerman at leah.zimm@verizon.net or (917) 748-9668.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Panim el Panim: Children's Action Hevra**

Through the Children's Action Hevra, B'nai Jeshurun has formed a partnership with the Ralph Bunche School in Morningside Heights. The BJ/Ralph Bunche School literacy program is well under way with BJ volunteers currently tutoring 40 Ralph Bunche students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10:30AM. Now there is an opportunity for all BJ members to participate in the partnership by helping to provide teachers with the supplies they need to support a quality education. For more information and sign up to contribute to the Teachers' Wish List, contact the Children's Action Hevra at x301.

• **Go Red for Women**

On **Friday, February 4,** women, corporations, hospitals, towns, schools, small businesses, politicians, men and even the Empire State Building are GOING RED to focus attention on the No.1 killer of women-cardiovascular disease. Wear something red and your Go Red for Women 'Red-Dress' pin. For more info, contact BJ member Barbara Simon at bsimon@heart.org or (201) 475-2551. To learn more about women, heart disease and stroke, please call 1-888-MY-Heart or visit on-line at www.americanheart.org/red

• **Brit Tzedek v'Shalom:** The Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, the nation's largest American Jewish grassroots peace movement, will hold its national conference in New York City over President's Day Weekend, from February 19-21. Keynote speakers and Geneva Accord architects Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo will be joined by leading scholars and activists in 36 workshops about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For more information and to register, go to www.btvshalom.org or call (312)341-1205.

HAVUROT

• **Healthcare Professionals Havurah**

Join us for a pot-luck lunch on the third Saturday of each month at 1PM following services. Email your name, address, email, telephone, and profession to Shashdale@aol.com Location of meetings will be emailed to you. For more info, call Sharon at (212) 875-8508.

• **NJ Havurah Startup Phase**

Have you ever wanted to meet with other members who live west of the RIVER? Let's get together in a smaller setting and find out who we are. Come to the first meeting and get your two cents in. We will convene in Montclair at 7:30PM on Wednesday, January 26, with Felicia to help us get started. This location is for the first meeting. For more info, call Sandra Feldman at (973)746-5222.

• **Gay Men's Havurah**

Monday, February 7, 7PM Our havurah meets on the first Monday of the month and are open to new members with similar life style. All ages and all levels of Jewish knowledge welcome. Please contact Jonathan Baron for more information, jonathan@jonathanbaron.com or (212) 663-6702.

• Still Seeking Divrei Torah!

We have already found people to write divrei torah for some of this year's parashiyot, but there are still many openings for BJ members (first come, first serve). If you are a BJ member and would be interested in writing a d'var torah, please call or e-mail Miya (x256 or mrotstein@bj.org) as soon as possible.

• BJ's **Shabbat Torah Study** is starting up again! Please find Shelly at the back of the sanctuary on Shabbat for more information.

TSUNAMI RELIEF

In the wake of the terrible tragedy in Asia, our community can best respond through donations to the relief effort. The following agencies have set up emergency funds to help provide basic medical and relief needs for the survivors:

- Go to www.ajws.org or send donations to the American Jewish World Service, Asia Tsunami Relief, 45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018.
- Go to www.ajc.org or send donations to the American Jewish Committee Tsunami Fund AJC, 165 East 56th Street, New York, NY 10022.
- Go to www.jdc.org or send donations to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee - Asia Tsunami Relief, Box 321, 847A Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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 bring your books to the back 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 Kliel Rose, x264.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

Looking for Eliyahu by Joanne Palmer

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg went to the movies in Zion Square his first night in Jerusalem. It was 1949; the Jewish state was one year old and Rabbi Hertzberg, who had just taken a cherut from Tel Aviv to the ancient city of harsh gold and chipped stone, was 28. The show was a Hollywood vehicle starring Clark Gable and Lana Turner. It had been carelessly dubbed into French; Hebrew subtitles undergirded the action and a strip of Arabic-language translation ran down one side of the screen.

"Je t'aime!" Rabbi Hertzberg remembers Gable telling Turner. "Je t'aime beaucoup!" He had gone to the polyglot, improvised, adrenalin-fueled Jewish state "with a sense of hope, of unlimited possibilities," Rabbi Hertzberg told me recently. "And above all, I went with a sense of miracle. We, as a people, had survived the Holocaust, and three years later we had a state of our own. Everything that Jews wanted to do was going to be possible.

"You knew that you were at the dawn of a new era in the life of the Jewish people." Much as he loves Israel, Rabbi Hertzberg has not yet found what he was looking for - for one of the prophets, for Isaiah or Eliyahu, the harbinger of redemption. "Elijah is still somewhere out there," he said. "The question for God is 'Where have you hidden him?' Perhaps one of you, walking around in a business suit, is really Eliyahu."

In memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z'l.

Joanne Palmer, who is married to Andy Sherman and the mother of Miriam Palmer-Sherman, works for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischner (robin.fleischner@verizon.net), Co-Chair of the BJ Israel Steering

BJ GOES TO ISRAEL - SAVE THE DATE! July 5 – 17, 2005

It's been ten years since our first community trip to Israel. Mark your calendars and join us for another amazing journey. The trip will be an encounter with the texts of our tradition, the land of our people and the lives of the people who live there. Our focus will be in the south (Negev), Jerusalem and the Galilee. Embrace the opportunity to experience Israel as a community, uniting old friends, making new ones and deepening our connections with our Israeli brothers and sisters. More details to follow soon.

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