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February 11 - 18, 2005 2 - 9 Adar 5765

TERUMAH

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 25:1 - 40

**HAFTARAH:** I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

NEXT WEEK: TETZAVEH

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 27:20 - 28:30

**HAFTARAH:** Ezekiel 43:10 - 27

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN!

The Children's Action Hevra welcomes all BJ members who want to take part in the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Reading Partnership. We read with 1st and 3rd graders on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 - 10:30AM

Because many of our young partners lack male role models, we are especially interested in "a few good men" to join us as reading partners. If you have the time and the desire to make a difference in the lives of children, please call us at x310.

**Stand Together - A Day for  
Tsunami Remembrance and Relief**  
**Sunday February 13**, at The Riverside Church  
Riverside Dr. at 120th St.:  
• **Multi-Faith Memorial Service:** 1:30 - 5PM  
Representatives from the Christian, Jewish,  
Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Afro-Caribbean,  
Native American, and other communities.

Please join us, as New Yorkers of all ethnicities and faiths join religious leaders and public officials in a multi-faith memorial service and fundraiser for those who have been directly impacted by the Tsunami in Asia and Africa for more info go to:  
[www.muslimnytsunamirelief.org](http://www.muslimnytsunamirelief.org)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St.

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6:45 PM - 86th St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Shabbat Service:

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Children's Service

10:45 AM - 86th St.

Bat Mitzvah

Emma Horwitz

Bar Mitzvah

Jacob Richey

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah

Ray Mills and Rachel Andron

Bat Mitzvah

Rachel Gross - 5:00 PM 88th St. Sanctuary

Dead Sea Scrolls and Jewish Mysticism with

4:30 PM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Professor Rachel Elior

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Gesher

5:00 PM - BJ Office

Limud: Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook

Rabbi Felicia Sol

Cancelled this Week

Rabbi Maurice Lamm:

Consolation: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief

7:30 PM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM - 88th St.

Limud: Deepening our Spiritual Practice II

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a

MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

7:00 PM - BJ Office

Limud: Unwrapping the Mystery of

Tallit and Tefillin - Rabbi Kliel Rose

7:30 PM - 88th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Be The 10th Jew

As the days have been colder, and many have gone to warmer climes, we are running into a problem creating a minyan for Morning Minyan, during the week and on Sundays. Please support your fellow congregants who need to say kaddish. Set your alarms, rise and shine and come to 88th Street at 7:30AM. You'll be greeted by others who are performing the same mitzvah as you. We urge you to become the 10th Jew.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Ken Ross on the death of his beloved mother, Rose Ross.
- Shoshana Jedwab and Jill Hammer on the death of Shoshana's beloved mother, Ruth Jedwab.

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

- Emma, Jeffrey and Aaron Horwitz and Ellie Bogdonoff on Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jacob, Kent and Henry Richey and Robin Kamen on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rachel, Michael, Vicki, Danielle and Adam Gross on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Rachel Andron and Ray Mills on their upcoming wedding.

- Rabbis Eric and Jenny Solomon and Meirav Solomon on the birth of their son and brother.
- Rabbi Leon Morris and Dasee Berkowitz on their recent engagement.
- Shane Leahey and Sarah Lefkowitz on their recent engagement.

*The flowers for afternoon service will be sponsored by Michael and Vicki Gross in honor of their daughter Rachel becoming a bat mitzvah.*

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb, Director of Education Toni Bloomberg Grossman, No'ar Hadash Advisor Jacob Fain and teens from both Youth Group and Torah School Programs, Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, Bethesda, Maryland.
- Teaching Assistant Matthew Immergut and students from The New York Theological Seminary, New York City.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • BJ Community Catered Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, February 11**, If you have registered for tonight's dinner, join us following the 6PM service at 88th St. Frankel Hall. 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.

### •The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Mysticism

**Saturday, February 12**, 4:30PM, at the SPSA Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for a special Shabbat learning and Havdalah as we host Professor Rachel Elijor, the John and Golda Cohen Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Mystical Thought at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her talk will explore the mystical origins and workings of the supernal world as found in the Dead Sea Scrolls. This event is co-sponsored with American Friends of the Hebrew University. All are welcome to join us.

### • Rabbi Maurice Lamm to Speak at B'nai Jeshurun

**Tuesday, February 15**, 7:30PM, 88th St.: We are privileged to have Rabbi Maurice Lamm address our community on the subject of his latest book, *Consolation: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief*. Rabbi Lamm is the author of many books among which, the acclaimed *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning*, has become a classic in its field.

### • Limud: Unwrapping the Mystery of Tallit and Tefillin

**Thursday, Feb. 17**, 8PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Tallit and tefillin are intended to generate a tangible experience of God. What if it might really be true and we could experience this on a daily basis? Come join MTM Rabbinic Fellow, Rabbi Kliel Rose, for a one-time learning session on the beautiful and moving rituals of donning ourselves in the tallit and wrapping ourselves with tefillin. If you own a Tallit or tefillin, please bring them with you to class. Free for members, \$25 non-members. To register, call x221 **CODE: 597**.

### LIMUD - WINTER/SPRING 5765

#### BEIT MIDRASH -

*Rabbi Na'amah Kelman*

**Sunday March 6** (6PM) & **Monday March 7** (7PM), 88th St. Sanctuary: Study Israel's Declaration of Independence like a page of Talmud. The 2 sessions will be devoted to unlocking the sources of inspiration and controversy that gave birth to the final version of the document and the State of Israel. This prophetic masterpiece has served as the legal and Constitutional basis for almost every battle for equality and democracy over the subsequent decades. Rabbis for Human Rights has created an interactive learning experience to explore the foundation of our rights, hopes and aspirations to be a free people in our own land.

• **1st Session:** Where was the Jewish Nation Forged? The opening lines of the Megillah revise history, and yet they give a powerful argument for Nationhood based on land and culture. What makes us a Jewish People and what should guide us?

• **2nd Session:** Can democracy and Judaism co-exist or are they inherently contradictory? The words liberty, peace, and justice appear in the Megillah, but does that guarantee democracy? What critical court cases have been fought on the basis of these very words?

Cost: \$25/\$35 for one session, \$40/\$60 for both sessions. **CODE: 599**.

#### 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](http://www.bj.org/womens_retreat.php)

#### FROM REDEMPTION TO REVELATION:

#### CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE MEDITATION RETREAT: April 29 - May 1 at Elat Chayyim

Join Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan at a unique retreat to explore contemplative practice as a resource for inspiring, supporting and sustaining wise social action. We believe that as we organize to change conditions of injustice, we must also be aware of tendencies towards injustice within ourselves, and develop practices for becoming mindful of them. Through prayer, study, song and meditation, we will develop practices and cultivate awareness so that we are kinder, more compassionate and more effective activists, able to build communities of action that support their members in working together.

Note: This retreat can be taken in conjunction with the four part class entitled Contemplative Process – A Pathway to Liberation. Look for more information and applications on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) soon.

\*To register for all classes, please call 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](http://www.bj.org/spring_limud.php)

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SINGLES

- **Co-sponsored Dance with Anshe Chesed: Noche de Tango**  
**Sunday, February 13**, Noche de Tango at Anshe Chesed and Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun from 7-10PM. Cost: \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/Mosaic members).
- **'Jewtopia' at the Westside Arts Theatre**  
**Saturday, February 26**: Pre-registered tickets will be mailed to you directly. Please meet at the West Side Theatre (407 West 43rd Street) at 7:45PM for an 8PM curtain. Questions: Call Michael at x260 or email Mkelberg@bj.org
- **Co-sponsored Dance with Anshe Chesed: Square Dancing**  
**Sunday, March 6**, Swing your partner! If square dance caller Allan Brozek can't get you dancing then you must not have feet. No partner, experience or reservations necessary. Lessons throughout the evening starting at 7:15PM at Anshe Chesed. Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun. Free expert instruction (Reba Perez of Empire Dance & Allan Brozek). Free delicious refreshments, a super dance floor, a fantastic crowd and fun, relaxed spaces to sit and schmooze. 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 9PM) to volunteer.
- **Oneg Shabbat**  
**Friday, March 11** following 6:45PM service at 86th St. Social Hall: After a long hiatus, march into spring with a new friend or special someone. Join our monthly gathering, refreshments served. See you there!

- **Basherte Workshop**  
**Sunday March 13**, 11-3PM, 88th St. (Frankel Hall): Join Rosalie and Efraim as they lead one of their reknowned relationship workshops: "Aligning Your Desires for Mutually Satisfying Relationships" - Strategies for Winning at Love. Includes a light lunch. Cost: \$30/mem; \$40/non-mem. TO REGISTER: [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun: "Basherte Workshop 3/13/05". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at x260. Mail checks to: Attn: Michael, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023. Include phone number! DEADLINE: March 8. Add \$5 after deadline and at the door if space available. Call x260 or email Michael at Mkelberg@BJ.org for info.

### YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

- **Help Lead Junior Congregation on March 5!**  
Students in 3rd through 7th grade are invited to help lead the next Junior Congregation Family Service on March 5. If your child would like to help lead the tefillot, play a musical instrument, or offer a d'var Torah or d'var tefillah, please contact Kerrith at [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org) or x253 by February 7. Children who help lead the service will be expected to attend rehearsals before the service.

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **Children's Action Hevra Wishlist a Success!**  
The Children's Action Hevra wishes to thank the many BJ members who contributed so generously to the Ralph Bunche School Teachers' Wish List Drive. Donations will be presented to the school on Valentine's Day, and will be used to purchase items needed by teachers to support quality education in their classrooms. We continue to accept contributions to the Teachers' Wish List Fund. For information on how to donate to the Wish List, volunteer for the tutoring program, or join the Children's Action Hevra, please call x301.

- **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](http://www.btvshalom.org) or call (312)341-1205.

### BJ COMMUNITY

- **Coping with Loss and Bereavement**  
We are looking for members interested in joining a bereavement support group. This would help explore feelings of grief in a safe and supportive environment and offer people ways to cope with loss and mourning. Sharing in a group can reduce fear and isolation for the survivors. For information, please call Susan Kalev at x377.

### PURIM

- **Purim Idol with Judy Gold Auditions**  
**Tuesday, March 1**, 7 - 9PM. Take your shot at the biggest event since sliced bread! You can be this year's Purim Idol, hosted by celebrity, comedienne, actor, Judy Gold. Watch the Esthers, Mordys, Hamans (boo!), Vashtis and Ashauerus' battle it out in the world's largest talent competition since American Idol! Purim Idol Finalists will take the main stage on March 24 and compete in Karaoke, Talent and Q & A categories. With special guest judges and special prizes for the winner!! You don't want to miss this opportunity to be a star and this year's Purim Idol. For the audition, come prepared with a favorite Karaoke song, 30-60 second talent and some sharp wit. All types and talent will be considered. For location and to get an audition time please call Anne at x240 or [AKohn@BJ.org](mailto:AKohn@BJ.org)

### INTERFAITH

- **First Annual Interfaith Lecture: An Evening with Rabbi Roly Matalon on 'Why Interfaith Matters'**  
**Tuesday, March 1**, 7:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: The Interfaith Committee is pleased to present an evening with Rabbi Roly Matalon in which we will explore what it means for us personally, as a congregation, as New Yorkers and as Americans to embrace and empathize with 'the others' in our families, our city and our world. For more information about this event or the Interfaith Committee, please call the Interfaith hotline at x379.

- **Interfaith Intergenerational Shabbat Luncheon**  
**Saturday, March 19**, 88th Street Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: The Ledor Vador and Interfaith Committees have come together to offer a very special Shabbat luncheon, at which we are hosting guests from SPSA. Master Christian and Jewish storytellers Eric Alderfer and Arthur Strimling will entertain and engage us with stories and music of freedom and springtime. Please RSVP at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-members with "Ledor Vador 3/19" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

- **An Evening with Rabbis Felicia Sol & Marcelo Bronstein: Life Cycle Issues**  
**Thursday, March 31**, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The Interfaith Committee invites you to join us for an evening with Rabbis Felicia Sol and Marcelo Bronstein, who will lead an interactive seminar about life-cycle issues with an emphasis on matters relating to interfaith families. Bring family and friends to discover how our lives are entwined through marriage, conversion, adoption, work and community. For more information about this event or the Interfaith Committee, please call the Interfaith hotline at x379.

**• 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 Klief Rose, x264.*

**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. This will help to reduce street homelessness 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](http://www.nyc.gov/dhs) or dial 311.

**Creating Meaningful Shabbat Observance for the 21st Century**

The BJ prayer service and rabbinic inspiration have been a pathway for modern seekers to discover and renew our Jewish spirituality. Yet, our tradition imagined Shabbat as a 25 hour experience, including not only prayer, but celebration, study, spiritual renewal, and connection to loved ones. This Shabbat observance has sustained the Jewish people throughout our history because it is an eternal manifestation of our relationship to God – ot he l'olam – as we recite each Friday night. Through a new initiative – Creating Meaningful Shabbat Observance for the 21st Century – our rabbis and Board seek to engage the community in a discussion about our current practice and what we dream of. How can we claim our eternal inheritance with observance that is meaningful in our contemporary lives? If we imagined having a full day of Shabbat, what would it look like? Over the next six months, we hope to hold 15 house meetings with diverse segments of the BJ community using the Panim El Panim model of community conversation to develop a path to modern Shabbat practice for our congregation.

If you wish to be invited to a house meeting on one of the following dates, please choose 2 or 3 available dates and e-mail Deborah Pinsky at [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org):

- 2/28, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30, 4/5, 4/12, 4/20, 5/2, 5/10, 5/18, 5/26, 6/1, 6/16, 6/21, 6/28

**BJ GOES TO ISRAEL - July 5 – 17, 2005**

It's been 10 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.

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:**

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