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**March 11 - 18, 2005**

**30 Adar - 7 Adar II 5765**

**PEKUDEI**

ROSH HODESH ADAR II  
 SHABBAT SHEKALIM

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 38:21 - 40:38  
**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 38:21 - 39:21  
**HAFTARA:** II Kings 12:01 12:17, Isaiah 66:01 and 66:23

**NEXT WEEK: VAYIKRA**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26  
**TRIENNIAL:** Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16  
**HAFTARA:** I Samuel 15:2-34

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**You can make a difference April 7, 7PM,  
 88th Street.**

**RSVP REQUIRED: x396  
 www.bj.org (click on Panim icon)**

NYC Council Speaker Gifford Miller is coming to BJ to talk to us about his agenda and ours. Ours includes women's rights, public education, fair trade coffee and health care access.

Speaker Miller has the power to help enact or stall the NYC Health Care Security Act and we have the power to influence his decision-but only if we pack the sanctuary and demonstrate our commitment.

**TAKE ACTION:**

1. **RSVP for April 7 (and bring 2-3 friends) x396**
2. **Write a letter to Speaker Miller (see flyer)**
3. **Join our Event Mobilization Team**

SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 OR SPEAK WITH A PANIM REPRESENTATIVE IN  
 BACK OF SANCTUARY

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
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**Rosh Hodesh Women's Group Dinner**  
**Singles' Oneg**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

**Shabbat Service**  
**Children's Service**  
**Bar Mitzvah**  
**Bat Mitzvah**  
**3rd-5th Grade Program with BJ's Teens**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**Basherte Workshop**  
**Morning Minyan**

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

**Morning Minyan**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Gesher**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Limud: Pirke DeRabbi Eliezer**  
**Rabbi Felicia Sol**  
**Kesharim**  
**Limud: Deepening our Spiritual Practice II**  
**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

**Morning Minyan**

**ROSH HODESH ADAR II**

6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
 6:45 PM – 86th St.  
 Following Services  
 Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**ROSH HODESH ADAR II**

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Benjamin Diamond  
 Sophie Engelstein  
 2:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room

11:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
 9:30 AM – 88th St.

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

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

6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM – BJ Office

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**Service Change - March 25**

Please note that on Friday evening, March 25, Kabbalat Shabbat Service at SPSA (86th Street) will begin at 6:30PM in order to allow our hosts to hold their Good Friday Services.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hamakom Yenahem

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

- Vivian Awner on the death of her beloved mother, Ruth Sara Awner.
- Nora Gaines and her family on the death of Nora's beloved father, Jacob Gaines.

### MAZAL TOV

**To the following members and their families:**

- Benjamin, Jonathan, Donna and Lena Diamond on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sophie, Daniel and Max Engelstein and Karen Levinson on Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Roma and Maya Serdtse and Yana and Enrico DeMarco on the birth of their grandson and son, Abraham DeMarco.
- Natanya, Laurence and Sophia Freed on the birth of their son and brother, Ari Raphael.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Director of Religious School, Adah Ackerman and Confirmation Class, Ames Jewish Congregation, Ames, Iowa.
- Rabbi Cory Weiss, lay Cantor Belinda Brennan, and 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah students, Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Chester, Connecticut.
- Rabbi Audrey Korotkin and 10th Grade students, Temple Judea Mizpah, Skokie, Illinois.
- Rabbi Lucy Dinner and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Maurice Goldstein and a group of 12 Israeli community center directors participating in the Gvanim initiative.

*The flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Jonathan, Donna and Lena Diamond in honor of Benjamin Diamond becoming a bar mitzvah and by Karen Levinson and Daniel and Max Engelstein in honor of Sophie Engelstein becoming a bat mitzvah.*

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Women's Rosh Hodesh Group Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, March 11:** If you have registered for this potluck dinner, please join us in welcoming the 2nd month of Adar.

### • Susannah Heschel at BJ

**Monday, March 21, 7PM, 88th St.:** Susannah Heschel will lead an informal discussion of *The Sabbath*, by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Those who have read the book are invited to express their understandings of it and describe its meaning for them. We will begin the session by presenting BJ member Steve Brand's short documentary about the life of Rabbi A.J. Heschel. All are invited to attend.

### • Purim at BJ

**Thursday, March 24, At 88th Street:** Come learn everything you always wanted to know about Purim with the world premier of "The History of Purim Part I". Tots celebration and costume parade: 5:30PM. Family Service & Play: For children in K-7, 6:00 – 8:15 PM. At SPSA: You've seen American Idol on TV, now join us for "Purim Idol" hosted by Judy Gold and the Megillah Judges. Adult Service: full megillah will be told through a combination of reading, telling and chanting, along with our Purim Idol competition 6:30 – 10:30PM. Party with refreshments to follow. (You will be glad to know that this year we will not have entrance cards).

### • Volunteers Needed for BJ's Purim Celebration

**Thursday, March 24:** Be a part of Purim at BJ. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, work the doors, and for other tasks that right now are totally a big secret. For more information, contact Carol at x255 or at [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org)

### • Kabbalah Kirtan - An Evening of Hebrew Chant

**Tuesday, March 29, 7PM at 88th St.:** Come hear an Evening of Hebrew Chant with Yofiyah!, creator of Kabbalah Kirtan, a practice that blends call and response singing of powerful Hebrew text and names of God with joyous live music. For more info go to [www.KabbalahKirtan.com](http://www.KabbalahKirtan.com) Admission is Free.

### • Hevra Kadisha Upcoming Events

- 1) "It Takes A Community: Jewish Approaches to Loss and Bereavement"**  
**Thursday, March 31, 8:15AM – 1PM,** at Central Synagogue, 123 East 55th Street (bet. Lex and Park Avenues) .Join us for a conference and a series of workshops on the subjects of loss and bereavement sponsored by Plaza Jewish Community Chapel. Includes breakfast. Cost: \$36. For info call Plaza at (212) 769-4400, speak with Stephanie.
- 2) The 3rd North American Hevra Kadisha Conference**  
**June 5-7** at Columbia University Hillel. The Conference will gather together members of many Hevra Kadisha committees throughout the United States. Find out more by going to [www.Jewish-funerals.org](http://www.Jewish-funerals.org)

### • BJ Community Dinner Update

The Community Shabbat Dinner scheduled for **Friday, April 15** has been postponed. In its place, BJ will celebrate Shabbat-at-Home in the 21st Century with In-Home Dinners. Please consider opening your homes as hosts or being guests for that evening. Look for more information in this space in the weeks to come.

### Limud - winter/spring 5765

#### THE CONTEMPLATIVE PROCESS: A PATHWAY TO LIBERATION

*Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein*

**\*Tuesday March 29** An Evening of Hebrew Chant with Yofiyah! creator of Kabbalah Kirtan. See above for details.

**Tuesdays April 5, 12 and 19; 6:00-10:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary.** The class will consist of four workshops: an introductory session and three in-house retreats of four hours of meditation exercises and dinner in silence. We would like to create a sacred space of peace and reflection without the need to leave the city. Cost: Free; registration required. Dinner charge is \$10 per session. **CODE: 512.**

#### BJ WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 8-10

Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and MTM Rabbinic 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. 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 'Contemplative Process – A Pathway to Liberation.' Information and applications on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) soon.

\*To register for all classes, please call x221,  
**Online registration and detailed course descriptions at:**  
[http://www.bj.org/spring\\_limud.php](http://www.bj.org/spring_limud.php)

## SINGLES

• **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: \$35/mem; \$45/non-mem at the door.

• **Co-Sponsored Dance with Anshe Chesed**

"Close Encounters of the Salsa Kind!" Sunday, March 27, 7-10PM at Anshe Chesed. Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun. Free expert instruction, no experience, partner or reservations necessary. Cost \$20/ \$15 AC/ BJ /Mosaic members. Contact Michael Brochstein at (212) 678-7881 to volunteer (in return for free admission).

• **Catered Shabbat Dinner at 88th Street**

Friday April 8, at 88th St. Frankel Hall following the 6PM service: Jazz up your Shabbat with a catered dinner and program. REGISTER: Go on-line to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) or with a credit card by calling x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles' Dinner 4/8," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: \$25/ \$35/non-members. DEADLINE: April 1, 2005. \$10 Late fee applies after the deadline is space is available. NO EXCEPTION

• **SAVE THE DATE! Dorot (Passover) Package Delivery:**

Sunday, April 10; Do a Mitzvah on Sunday at 11AM at our second of three package deliveries.

## YOUTH &amp; FAMILY EDUCATION

• **PJ's and Havdalah**

**Saturday, March 19**, 6:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Families with young children are invited to come, in their pajamas, for Shabbat and havdalah learning which will conclude with a musical havdalah, juice and cookies. For info, contact Kerrith at x253.

• **DOROT Purim Package Delivery**

**Sunday, March 20**, 10AM, 171 W. 85th Street: DOROT invites BJ families with children to our annual Purim mishloach manot package delivery. We will create Purim arts and crafts and assemble traditional Purim food packages. From 11AM -noon, families will visit with a DOROT senior. For info, contact Kerrith x253

• **BJ Youth Go to Israel**

Join Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in partnership with IsraelExperts for a special birthright israel FREE 10-day trip to Israel for eligible 18-26 year olds. See [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) "upcoming events" section for a for more information, details and how to register. Go to [www.israelexperts.com](http://www.israelexperts.com) and click on the "birthright israel" button or [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org) or x253 with any questions.

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Panim el Panim: Women's Rights Hevra**

The BJ Women's Rights Hevra is campaigning to: (1) help pass legislation in New York State to make emergency contraception (EC) available over-the-counter, and (2) educate pharmacists about EC. Emergency contraception is a back-up birth control method that can be used within 3-5 days of unprotected sex, contraceptive failure or

sexual assault. EC is a safe and effective method to prevent unintended pregnancies. It reduces the risk of pregnancies by up to 89%. The abortion rate in Washington State decreased by 30% when EC (also called Plan B or the morning-after pill) went over-the-counter. For further information or to get involved in our efforts, call x369.

## INTERFAITH

• **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 family and our collective histories. 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.

## BJ COMMUNITY/ HAVUROT

• **Couples Havurah in Formation**

**Wednesday, March 23**, 7PM (organizing meeting). We are assembling a group of BJ member couples who are interested in creating meaning and connection by coming together for Friday night dinners once a month. Start the spring off right by refreshing your social circle! Send an RSVP to [Markschlei@hotmail.com](mailto:Markschlei@hotmail.com) with your names, telephone and email. For info call Mark or Vivien at (212) 861-9887 or (212) 861-9892.

• **Rabbi Shefa Gold**

• **In concert Tuesday March 22**, 8PM, 225 West 83rd. Shefa Gold, whose melodies are used often at BJ, is giving an intimate evening of song and chant to benefit ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal. Minimum donation \$50 (\$40 if sent by March 15). More info [www.aleph.org/retreats.html](http://www.aleph.org/retreats.html), call (212) 665-3127 or email Bena/David: [shefagoldevent@nyc.rr.com](mailto:shefagoldevent@nyc.rr.com)

• **Ecstatic Meditation Workshop Wednesday, March 23**, 6:30PM, New York Open Center (83 Spring Street): Rabbi Gold will lead an evening workshop exploring key elements of this meditative practice. Info at [www.opencenter.org](http://www.opencenter.org) Cost: \$30.

• **Latin American Art and Identity**

**Wednesday, March 23**, 7-9PM: Join the Yeshiva University Museum for a panel discussion on Latin American art and identity with BJ Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Ilan Stavans, Lewis-Sebring Professor of Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College. Julian Zugazagoitia, director, El Museo del Barrio, will serve as moderator. A special viewing of two related exhibitions, Having Trouble to Pray and Manhattan Mincha Map, will be held from 6-7 PM. Both programs will take place at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th Street. Admission is \$6 for adults/\$4 for seniors and students (no charge for Museum members). For info, call (212)294-8330 or [www.yumuseum.org](http://www.yumuseum.org)

**CELEBRATE PESAḤ WITH ADDED JOY!**

This year, make your Pesaḥ seder an even richer experience!

- B'nai Jeshurun's CD and Songbook, "HaLailah Hazeh: The Music of Pesaḥ at BJ".
- GLIMPSES OF PASSOVER" BJ's own Cookbook featuring: Stories, Poems, Memories and recipes galore.

**Each item costs \$18**

**Both are now available at the BJ office OR use order form on flyer in back of sanctuary. Order online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)**

**TSUNAMI RELIEF**

In the wake of the terrible tragedy in Asia, our community can best respond through donations to the relief effort. Please go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for a list of agencies helping to provide basic medical and relief needs for the survivors.

*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.*

**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.

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**BJ GOES TO ISRAEL FOR 180TH ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER**

Join Roly, Marcelo, Felicia, and Ari on a BJ-designed trip to Israel in celebration of our 180th anniversary. We've chosen **December 24 to January 1** as the dates so that the maximum number of congregants of all ages can participate in this extraordinary Israel experience. Be among 180 of your fellow BJ members on this historic trip, which will include multiple tracks for varying ages and interests. You will receive sign-up materials shortly.

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**

A Step for Hope - By Sally Gottesman

The Israeli Army recently decided to halt its policy of demolishing Palestinian houses as punishment for acts of violence. The Army committee found that house demolitions inflame hatred and do little to deter potential attackers or motivate their families to turn them in. Many Israelis, including Israeli human rights advocates, welcomed the decision. However, there was concern that the Army cited the ineffectiveness of the policy as the reason to halt it, rather than due process violations where perpetrators were punished before being tried.

I have seen a family's home demolished, and it reminded me of theatre of the absurd. Knesset members arguing with soldiers, Hebrew University visible on the hill, soldiers shooting at Palestinians... and the whole time my knowing that I could catch the film I wanted to see at 7:00 PM because we were 15 minutes from downtown Jerusalem.

My hope, therefore, is this: Knowing that this kind of collective punishment is ineffective policing, and, in fact, inflames hatred, Israeli officials will end this policy in all cases. It is my dream that Israel listens to the advice of its own best experts and stops home demolitions in order to achieve true reconciliation with the Palestinian people and thus take another step towards peace.

*Sally Gottesman participates in Bavli-Yerushalmi, a group of Jewish Americans and Israelis who have been studying Jewish texts together for 7 years.*

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

**DIVREI TEFILLAH**

Shiru L'Adonai Shir Hadash *Sing to Adonai a new song* -- Psalm 95

What can it mean that each week during Kabbalat Shabbat we sing the same ancient words -- words that tell us not to sing the same thing over and over, but instead to sing a new song? Perhaps this paradox of repetition and newness gives us an opportunity to reflect each week upon what has changed, and what is constant. Though the words are unaltered, we come to each Shabbat with new insights and new memories. Or perhaps the psalm should be taken more literally, empowering each of us to go beyond the established words of the page and to continue to create prayer anew from the spontaneous songs of the heart.

M.T.M. Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi

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