



## RABBIS

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Rabbi Kliel Rose • Katie Mizrahi

## March 25 - April 1, 2005 14 - 21 Adar II, 5765

## TZAV

SHUSHAN PURIM

## TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36**TRIENNIAL:** Leviticus 6:1 - 7:10**HAFTARA:** Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23

## NEXT WEEK: SHEMINI

SHABBAT PARAH

## TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47**TRIENNIAL:** Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11**MAFTIR:** Numbers 19:1-22**HAFTARA:** Ezekiel 36:16-36

## FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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## PURIM

6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM – 86th St.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Shabbat Service

Children's Service

Bat Mitzvah

## SHUSHAN PURIM

9:30 AM – 86th St.

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Maya Maor

## SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

## MONDAY, MARCH 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Minyan

Geshet

Kabbalah Kirtan Concert

7:30 AM – 88th St.

5:00 PM – BJ Office

7:00 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Minyan

Limud: Pirke DeRabbi Eliezer

Rabbi Felicia Sol

Kesharim

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:30 PM – BJ Office

2:00 PM – 88th St.

Cancelled this week

## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a

MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

Life Cycle Issues : An Evening with

Rabbis Felicia Sol &amp; Marcelo Bronstein

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM – BJ Office

7:30 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

## 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

## EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT BILL!

Check out the FAQ sheet at

<http://nyhealthcaresecurity.org/faq.html>

or contact Kathleen Peratis at [kp@outtengolden.com](mailto:kp@outtengolden.com) with questions.

SEE FLYER IN BACK OF SANCTUARY

## VOLUNTEER FOR APRIL 7 FORUM

Preparations for the Gifford Miller, April 7th Community Forum are moving along at a rapid pace. We need your help. With our expected turn-out at over 600 (and we hope it's more), we need many, many volunteers to help usher, greet, make our audience feel welcome, and help have the evening be an enormous success. To volunteer, e-mail Lynda Fisher, [fisherlc@earthlink.net](mailto:fisherlc@earthlink.net) or call x396. Include your email and phone number.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHM

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

- Meredith, Joel and Danielle Gantcher on the death of Meredith's beloved mother, Rosalie Katz.
- Barbara Greenspan on the death of her beloved aunt, Yonah Kalaf.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members:

- Maya, Elie, Daniella, Gabrielle Maor and Yvette Benedek on Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Herman Blumberg, Confirmation Class and congregants, Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • BJ's 180th Celebration Retreat: June 3 – 5

SAVE THE DATE! - Don't miss out! This year's retreat promises to be a memorable one! Look for more details in the Kol Jeshurun and [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) soon.

### • 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 Event

**"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.

### • "Share Shabbat:" BJ's Community Shabbat-At-Home Dinners

**Friday, April 15:** Join us as we open our homes and our hearts to share the blessings of Shabbat. Be a host or a guest! To sign up and participate, you must be a BJ member. Go to "Share Shabbat" at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and follow instruction. For further information, contact Elana Weinberg, Chair of Hakhnasat Orh'im, at x351 or at [Hospitality@bj.org](mailto:Hospitality@bj.org)

### Limited Space Left to Participate in BJ Shabbat Initiative House Meetings

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? We are holding house meetings to engage in a community conversation and develop a path to modern Shabbat practice for our congregation. If you would like to attend a house meeting, please choose one of the following remaining dates and e-mail Deborah Pinsky at [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org): 6/1 and 6/8.

### INTERFAITH

#### • 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.

**Attention: Aids Walk 2005:** We are looking for 2 people to help Loren Brenowitz chair the BJ Aid's Walk team this year. If interested, please contact Carol Dikman at [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org) or at x225 by Thursday, March 31st

### 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 online 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

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

**Sunday, March 27, 7-10PM** at Ansche Chesed: "Close Encounters of the Salsa Kind!" 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 with MTM Fellow Klitel Rose. REGISTER: [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. \$10 Late fee applies after the deadline is space is available. NO EXCEPTION.

• **Dorot (Passover) Package Delivery:**

**Sunday, April 10:** Do a Mitzvah on Sunday at 11am at our second of three package deliveries. Our group will meet at Brandeis High School down the block and across the street from Dorot (171 West 85rd 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 to chat and visit. Please RSVP by April 5 by calling x260 and leaving you name and phone number or email [Mkelberg@BJ.org](mailto:Mkelberg@BJ.org). This confirms you.

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Implements New Service!**

Working in conjunction with CIDNY- Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York, we will offer Food Stamp pre-screening and informational sessions on the last Thursday of every month. We are now looking for volunteers who are willing to share their expertise on topics such as optometric care, dental hygiene or physical care. Please call Jenny Kraiem at x261 if you are interested!

• **Cup After Cup!**

Here are 3 steps you can take to support Fair Trade Coffee:

1. Buy Fair Trade products- coffee, cocoa, tea, or bananas: Check BJ website for locations. Consumer demand is critical!
2. Convince 2 friends to switch to Fair Trade. Help affect Tikun Olam and spread this idea in the world.
3. Help switch your office to Fair Trade. For info, please call x310.

• **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. For further information or to get involved in our efforts, call x369.

• **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. 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 x 310.

## HAVUROT

• **Musician's Havurah**

**Monday, March 28, 7PM** at 88th St. Share and teach your favorite music and jam with other BJ members who are inspired by and love playing Jewish music. For more info, contact Matt Fried at (212) 877-3147.

• **Couples Havurah (New Meeting Date)**

**Wednesday, March 30, 7:30PM** (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.

• **Gay Men's Havurah**

**Monday, April 4, 7PM:** Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Felicia Sol at our next meeting. She will be telling us about herself and experience with BJ. To RSVP and for location call (212)663-6702. A light Kosher dinner will be served promptly at 7PM.

• **Havurah 40 Plus**

An existing thriving couples and singles Havura 40Plus wants to expand by adding men and couples to enjoy good conversation, song, music and dance in homes in the BJ area. We get together in a community spirit to share Shabbat dinner once a month. Please e-mail [Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com](mailto:Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com)

## BJ COMMUNITY

• **Sosua: An Island Refuge**

**Sunday, April 3, 3:30PM,** Museum of Jewish Heritage (36 Battery Place): Join us for a panel discussion and multimedia presentation moderated by Senator Eric T. Schneiderman. Hear one of the great untold stories of Holocaust refuge. In 1938, when no other Western nation would welcome Jewish refugees, the government of the Dominican Republic provided refuge to hundreds of Jews in the town of Sosua, a banana plantation on the north coast of the island. An informal reception with light refreshments will immediately follow the program. Cost: free with a suggested donation. Limited seating. Reservations (646) 437-4202 for info go to [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org) Congregation B'nai Jeshurun is one of the participating organizations.

• **Me'ah is Coming to BJ: An Incredible Learning Opportunity**

**Monday, April 11, 7:30PM** at 88th St.: Get a "A Taste of Me'ah". Me'ah is an intensive program of Jewish study, which furnishes adults with a framework for ongoing study of Jewish texts, ideas and history. We believe Me'ah will be an extraordinary way for BJ members to gain an understanding of our tradition in a comprehensive framework. Join us Monday for a sample lesson and a question-and-answer session with Moshe Margolin, the Regional Director of the Me'ah program.

**Seeking Nominations to the Board**

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees is seeking recommendations for nomination to the Board to serve a 3-year term starting in July 2005. Additionally, the Committee - which is Chaired by Richard Kalikow and also serves as our Leadership Development Committee - is interested in developing a pool of leaders both for prospective future Board assignments and for a variety of leadership roles. Members who would like to suggest candidates for the Board and/or for future leadership positions in general are invited to e-mail [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org) by April 1. The slate for the Board nominees will be presented at our June 2, 2005 Annual Meeting.

**\*BJ's 180th ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT in honor of Judith Stern Peck \***  
 JOEL GREY IN PERFORMANCE Tuesday, May 24, 7:30PM at 88th St :  
 SAVE THE DATE for a joyful night to launch our 180th Anniversary  
 Year! Stay tuned for more details. To volunteer or for info: x392.

**CELEBRATE PESAH WITH ADDED JOY!**

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

- B'nai Jeshurun's CD and Songbook, "**HaLailah Hazeh: The Music of Pesah 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)**

*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.

• **Attention Verizon.net customers.** Please call your Verizon internet carrier and complain that your emails are bouncing back when coming from [bj.org](http://bj.org). Ask them to unblock the port. Unless this is done by Verizon customers, we cannot guarantee your reception of our BJ emails. Todah.

**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 25th to January 2nd 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**

The Mezuzah On the Doorpost  
 By Joanne Palmer

Of all the wonders that she saw on her latest trip to Israel, it was the doorpost and what was on it that most struck Rabbi Adina Lewittes.

She was already in the mood to think of paradoxes. The trip was a mission for women set up by the UJA Federation of Toronto, where one of her sisters lives, so it came from that world of high ideals couched in the dread fed-speak. (Mission, anyone?) But most of the women in her family were there --- sisters, mother, in-laws --- so it had the family, the intensity, the love that tempered the abstractions.

So she was ready for the doorpost, which held a mezuzah and led into a laboratory at the Advanced Technology Center at Tel HaShomer Hospital in Tel Aviv. The sort of jaw-dropping advanced cancer research that can't be described in this small space --- just to begin would be to overflow the KJ entirely - goes on there.

"You know you're standing in the heart of some of the most exciting research, that will change not just millions of lives but the course of medical history, and on the door leading to it is a mezuzah," Dini said.

"The doctors are continuing to unfold creation," she said. "The door that they pass through --- sometimes to work, sometimes just to bring coffee --- reinforces the sacredness of the task. Somehow it sanctions their drive to partner with God in perfecting the human world."

As always, in memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman.

*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](mailto:robin.fleischner@verizon.net)), Co-Chair of the BJ Israel Steering

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