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March 2 - 9, 2007

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TETZAVEH
 SHABBAT ZAKHOR
TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 27:10 - 30:10
TRIENNIAL Exodus 29:19 - 30:10
MAFTIR Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19
HAFTARAH I Samuel 15:1 - 34

NEXT WEEK: **KI TISA**
 SHABBAT PARAH
TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
TRIENNIAL Exodus 33:12 - 34:35
MAFTIR Numbers 19:1 - 22
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

FRIDAY, MARCH 2
 Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 PM – 88th St.
 Wandering Minyan 5:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Naming Hannah Doragold Fishman
 Family Megillah Reading 6:30 PM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)
 Megillah Reading and Masquerade Ball 7:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)



SUNDAY, MARCH 4
 Morning Minyan with Megillah Reading 9:30 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
 Purim Carnival 12:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
 Annual Purim Play 1:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 5
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Introduction to Judaism* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Gems of Genesis* 8:10 AM – 88th St.
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 Sex and the Synagogue 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall
Limud: The End of Patriarchy* 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael 12:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall
Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.

PLEASE NOTE:
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES
CHANGE AFTER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Beginning *Friday, March 16*
 the early service will start at 6:00PM
 and the late service will start at 7:30PM,
 both at 88th Street.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Sex and the Synagogue: Judaism and Sexuality
Tuesday, March 6 • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th Street

Why is it a double mitzvah on Shabbat? What does our religion and our heritage teach us about sexuality? What do our texts teach us? Join the Women's Rights Hevra and Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt in a forum at BJ to learn, question, and participate. For more info, contact Jennifer Hirsch at jsh2124@columbia.edu or Guy, x259.

The Women's Rights Hevra is a part of Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. The Hevra, together with broad coalitions at the state and city levels, is fighting to ensure that New York families have access to sex education that is comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Alan and Mimi Frank on the engagement of their son, Jarod Leland Frank to Ilana Toorans.
- Howard Jacobson and Kathryn Wolfson on the naming of Howard's granddaughter, Hannah Doragold Fishman.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Community Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller**
Friday, March 9, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Share Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller as he explores the topic of "Science and Religion: Concord or Discord." Register before March 2, \$40 members/\$50 non-members; after March 2, \$50/\$60. Register online at www.bj.org, or contact Amanda at x233.

• **Additional Teacher in Residence Events with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller**
Saturday, March 10, 5:00PM, 88th Street: Lecture, followed by havdalah: "Terror in the name of God: Does religious ideology promote violence?" **Thursday, March 15**, 7:00PM, 88th Street: "What's Different about the Mah Nishtanah? On the Dynamic Development of the Passover Seder and the Haggadah." \$10 members/\$15 non members; register at www.bj.org

• **Sulha: Building Trust and Hope in The Land of The Prophets**
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00PM, the JCC, Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.: Join BJ in a program with Sulha Peace Project, spiritually rooted grassroots activism for healing and reconciliation for thousands of Israelis and Palestinians. Meet Sulha's co-directors, Ihab Balha and Gabriel Meyer. Featuring a short film, music, and debate. Sign up at www.bj.org. For more information, contact Charles at clenchner@bj.org or x240.

• **6th Annual BJ Women's Retreat**
March 16–18, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Retreat from the city for a weekend of building community, being in nature and finding our voices together. Register now at www.bj.org or contact Amanda at x233 to request an application.

• **Volunteer Recognition Aliyah and Kiddush**
Saturday, March 24: Join us for a special Shabbat morning service during which all B'nai Jeshurun volunteers will be called to the Torah for an aliyah to honor you for your service and commitment to BJ. The festivities continue with a Community Kiddush in the SPSA Social Hall, followed by a teaching and study with our rabbis. RSVP to Belinda Lasky at x224 and indicate the ages of any children who might be joining us so we can provide appropriate programming.

• **Taste of Me'ah**
Tuesday, March 27, 7:00PM, 88th Street: BJ is pleased to announce another opportunity to participate in Me'ah, an intensive program of

PURIM EVENTS : MARCH 3 AND 4



FOR FAMILIES:

Saturday, March 3, 6:30PM, 86th Street:
 Family Megillah reading with special guests.
 Costumes encouraged!

Sunday, March 4, 12:30PM, 88th Street:
 Purim Carnival—Food, prizes and much, much more!

Sunday, March 4, 1:45PM, 88th Street: Annual Purim Play
 Come watch our BJ students shine on stage!

FOR ADULTS:

Saturday, March 3, 7:30PM, 88th Street:
 Megillah Reading like never before. Costumes encouraged!
 Masquerade Ball immediately following Megillah reading.
 Costumes required! Featuring music, exceptional food, spectacular libations, dancing, fortune-telling, and many more surprises! (PLEASE BRING ID WITH YOU.)

Sunday, March 4, 9:30 AM: 88th Street:
 Megillah reading for all!

Listen to Purim songs by Ari and the BJ musicians! Go to www.bj.org and click on "BJ CDs, Songbooks, & Music"

Jewish study which furnishes adults with a framework for the ongoing study of Jewish texts, ideas and history. Join us for a "Taste of Me'ah," a sample lesson by Rabbi David Hoffman and chance to find out more about the specifics of the program from Moshe Margolin, Regional Director of Me'ah. BJ Me'ah graduates will also be present to answer questions about the Me'ah learning experience. For more information, contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org or x233.

• BJ Pesah Seder Match

Believe it or not, Pesah is less than four weeks away! If you are making a seder, please consider doing the mitzvah of *hakhnasat orhim* (welcoming in guests) by extending your table to host a few people from the BJ community. If you have never before made a Passover seder and would like to give it a try, why not go for it this year—we will be happy to help you along. You can make the seder on your own, we can help you find a seder buddy, it can be done potluck style, or people can chip in and have it catered. To volunteer to be a seder host, contact pesah@bj.org or x234.

UPCOMING LIMUD

Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.

CLASSES IN PROGRESS:

• **The End of Patriarchy: A Redefinition of the Male Jewish Voice**
 Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein
 5 **Wednesdays (remaining classes March 7, 14, 21, 28)** • 7:00–8:30PM
 • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

• **Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael Continues!**
 Rabbi Felicia Sol
 3 **Thursdays (March 8, 15, 22)** • 12:00–1:00PM • BJ Office • Cost: Free, registration required. Lunchtime text study on Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael will continue in three hour-long sessions.

• Jewish Practice Skills Workshop: Preparing for Pesah

 Rabbi Dara Frimmer

3 **Tuesdays (March 13, 20, 27)** • 7:00–8:30PM • 86th St. Chapel. 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.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Shopping to Help the Homeless!**

Thursday, March 15, 6:00–9:00PM, Center44, 222 E. 44th St., 2nd floor: Want to help recently homeless people to furnish new homes—and view the latest in designer home furnishings? Attend the Partnership for the Homeless’s “Shop Like a Designer” benefit. Suggested donation of \$25 includes 10% discount on all merchandise. Benefits the Partnership’s Furnish a Future program. RSVP by March 5 to 212-645-3444 x102 or ghaubner@pftth.org. Tickets also available at the door.

• **Eat Green and Support Local Farmers**

Register for Tuv Ha’Aretz, Hazon’s Community-Supported Agriculture Project! An entire season of organic produce at less cost than most grocers. Your membership supports the Garden of Eve Farm, builds community, and expands the understanding of kosher food—not only fit for us, but fit for the Earth. Pickups run from June 6 to November 14, Wednesdays from 5:30–7:00PM, at Congregation Anshe Chesed (100th St. at West End Ave.) More info: leah@hazon.org or hazon.org/CSA. Save \$15 with early registration by March 31.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Junior Congregation**

Saturday, March 3, 10:30AM: We’re looking for leaders and participants for our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rosenthal@bj.org or x243 if you want to lead or learn to lead any of the prayers. Don’t delay—spots fill up fast!

• **Tzedakah in Action's Rent-a-Student Program**

Sunday, March 11, 10:00AM–7:00PM: Need some help around the house? Looking for someone to run a few errands? How about a baby-sitter or tutor? We can help! The BJ teens would love to do some homework help, grocery shopping, cleaning, organizing, dog walking, cooking, entertaining or anything (within reason) that you can think of! Students will work in the community (in pairs) on March 11 for a mere \$30 an hour, all of which will go towards the cause and is completely tax deductible. Renting a pair of students is easy! Contact BJTzedakahinAction@gmail.com

• **Kindergarteners and First Graders Cooking for the Shelter**

Tuesday, March 13, 5:00–6:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: ALL of BJ’s kindergarteners and first graders, regardless of where they receive their Jewish education, are invited to prepare a simple meal for the guests of the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We will gather at 5:00PM in Frankel Hall, downstairs at 88th Street, to prepare dinner, set the table, and engage in a short learning discussion about the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. To volunteer, please contact Lisa Zucker, our March coordinator, at lzucker@nyc.rr.com by Friday, March 9.

• **B’nai Mitzvah Orientation Meeting**

Wednesday, March 21, 7:00–9:00PM, 88th Street: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birthdates fall between September, 1996 and December, 1997 are invited to an introductory meeting—the first step on their family’s bar/bat mitzvah journey. For more information, please contact Ivy at ischreiber@bj.org or x225.

TZE’IRIM: 205/305

• **Film Screening and Discussion**

Thursday, March 22, 7:30–9:30PM, 88th Street: Join us for a screening of two exciting documentary films about Jewish identity and history on the Lower East Side: *A Good Uplift* and *The New Old Country*. Faye Lederman, film producer and member of Tze’irim, will lead a discussion touching on the significance of memory and storytelling in families, as well as the role of geographic space in the formation of our modern Jewish identities. \$5 members/\$7 non-members.

Led by Roly, BJ’s exciting summer trip to Israel from June 29 to July 8 is filling up! Join us in bringing a Torah to our partners at Hamidrasha. You can sign up online at www.bj.org. For more information, contact Jillian Cameron at jcameron@bj.org

• **Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**

Monday, March 26, 6:00PM: No cooking experience necessary, and the cost of groceries will be split between all the volunteers (about \$8-\$10/person). RSVP to Susan and Rebekah at tzvolunteers@yahoo.com

• **Shabbat Without Chairs—Members Only**

Friday, March 30, following the late service: Home-hosted potluck Shabbat dinner exclusively for BJ members in their 20s and 30s. Sign up by sending an email to shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com with “Members Only Shabbat” in the subject line.

BJ BOOK GROUP

• **The Genizah at the House of Shepherd, by Tamar Yellin**

Sunday, March 11, 7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The history of the family Shepherd is a “record of theft, domestic discord, mutual blame-laying and bad luck.” Despite that—or perhaps because of it—this British author’s debut novel is warm and engrossing, rich with historical detail and unmet yearning. Contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for more information.

AFFILIATES

• **The Cardamon Quartet**

Thursday, March 8, 9:30PM, Makor, 35 West 67th Street: Join BJ musician Uri Sharlin and his group The Cardamon Quartet in a concert that synthesizes Latin and Mediterranean syncopation, Israeli folk and classical, and the experiments of jazz and pillars of popular and orchestral composition. \$12 cover.

• **Limmud NY’s Spring Sampler**

Monday, March 12, 7:45PM, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning, 1 East 65th Street: Choose one of five programs: a cooking demonstration, text study, a comedy show, photojournalism lecture, or an architectural tour. A decadent dessert reception follows. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. For details and registration, visit www.spring.limmudny.org, or call 212-284-6968.

• **Join SPSA at “Songs for Darfur”**

Monday, March 26, 7:00PM, 86th Street: The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew hosts a benefit concert starring Tony Award winner Victoria Clark, Cheyenne Jackson and Jane Kelly Williams. Join us! For more information, contact Rev. K Karpen at jfkspsa@aol.com or 212-362-3179.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information on becoming a member? BJ is 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 7:15PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and remember to return the devices when you leave.

REMEMBERING HESCHEL

In this centennial year of Abraham Joshua Heschel's birth, it's good for us to remember not only his original and challenging ideas, but also the breathtakingly beautiful language in which he couched them. This year in the Kol Jeshurun we will periodically print short quotations from Rabbi Heschel's works.

"[God's] is a concern that has the attribute of eternity, transcending all history, as well as the attribute of universality, embracing all nations, encompassing animals as well as human beings."
—*The Prophets*

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The "Focus on Israel" column presents information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.

THE LESS-VISITED INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL By Amir Shaviv

To any observer, the Israeli public and political arena this week resembles a maze—without the comforting help of an Ariadne thread to navigate one's way without getting lost. Who resigned? Who is indicted? Who is under investigation—and who suspended himself? The media has its claws perpetually at the ready to attack, often treating imaginary illness while distracting attention from the fatal disease. The government is paralyzed with anxiety—a luxury that Israel cannot afford—and major decisions are on hold. Often symbolism, rather than substance, dominates the public discussion.

Last week in Israel, I managed to get away from my "high-level" meetings and visit an elementary school in Bat Yam, where kids receive special enrichment programs in the afternoon. Ethiopian, Russian, Syrian, and Sabras first-graders sat there integrated and united by a burning desire to learn, taught by devoted teacher, under the relentless encouragement of Bat Yam's caring Mayor Shlomo Lachyani and with the funding of American philanthropists (Jane Weitzman and Ruth Albert from New York). It was a refreshing experience, so contrary to the political arena. There I saw Israel's future citizens benefiting from the best-intended investment plan: investment in our future.

This, obviously, will not make a front page story in Israel. Yet, for an hour or so, I felt that I witnessed a positive burst of light and hope. Israel's future looked more promising after that visit.

Amir Shaviv, Assistant Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, recently returned from a trip to Israel.

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

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