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March 9 - 16, 2007

19-26 Adar, 5767

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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

NEXT WEEK: **VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI**

SHABBAT HAĤODESH

MEVARKHIM HAĤODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 35:1 - 40:38

TRIENNIAL Exodus 39:22 - 40:38

MAFTIR Exodus 12:1 - 20

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

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**

Eat Green and Support Local Farmers

Register now for Tuv Ha'Aretz, Hazon's Community-Supported Agriculture Project! Tuv Ha'Aretz offers 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.

This community-supported agriculture (CSA) project is being promoted by BJ's Environmental Action Hevra, a part of Panim el Panim: BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. For more information, please contact BJGreenHevra@yahoo.com or Guy at x259.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:15 PM – 88th St.

BJHS Zayin Class Family Dinner

Following 5:45 PM Service –
86th St. Social Hall

Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner

Following 5:45 PM Service –
88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

D'var Torah

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Teaching by Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller:
"Terror In The Name of God"

5:00 PM – 88th St.,
followed by havdalah (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

BJ Book Club

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, MARCH 12

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 13

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

Limud: Preparing For Pesah*

7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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 15

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

Teaching by Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller:

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

"What's Different About the Mah Nishtanah?"

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Ilene Rosenthal and Lou, Amelia, and Cara Geser on the death of their beloved sister-in-law and aunt, Karen Rosenthal.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Shira Joseph, Cantor Steven Weiss and Confirmation Class, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Daniel Sherman and Confirmation Class, Tree of Life Congregation, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Rabbi Stan Miles and Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Rabbi Jonathan Katz and Confirmation Class, Temple Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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." \$50 members/\$60 non-members. To register, 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. Registration is now closed. Please contact Amanda at x233 to find out about the waitlist. (Please note: the Women's Rosh Hodesh Group for Nisan has been cancelled this month due to the retreat.)

• **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 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.

• **Register For The BJ Summer Israel Trip!**
June 28-July 8, 2007: Explore and discover the meaning of "holy" in Israel this summer! Accompany Roly and 75 fellow members on a BJ trip to Israel to participate in Israel's spiritual renewal by bringing a Torah to our sister community, Hamidrasha/Niggun Halev. Join us in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the North as we strengthen our connection to Israel and spend time with old and new BJ friends. To register, please contact Jillian Cameron, jcameron@bj.org or x241.

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 14, 21, 28) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required.
- **Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael Continues!**
Rabbi Felicia Sol
3 Thursdays (remaining classes March 15, 22) • 12:00-1:00PM • BJ Office • Cost: Free, registration required.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

- **Jewish Practice Skills Workshop: Preparing for Pesah**
Rabbi Dara Frimmer
3 Tuesdays (March 13, 20, 27) • 7:00-8:30PM • 86th St. Chapel • Cost: Free, registration required. 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

• **Save the Date: Get on the Bus for Marriage Equality!**
Tuesday, May 1, all day, in Albany: Ride with BJ's Marriage Equality Hevra as we join our voices with hundreds of people of faith from across New York State. We'll meet with legislators to demand equal access to civil marriage for same-sex couples under New York State law. More info: contact Hevra co-chairs Susan Olderman, susanolderman@yahoo.com, or Amy Lavine, alavine@gaycenter.org, or Guy at x259. To register: prideagenda.org/programs/leandj—be sure to enter "B'nai Jeshurun" under "Organization."

• **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. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. 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@pfth.org. Tickets also available at the door.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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.

• **Junior Congregation**
Saturday, March 17, 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!

• **Hebrew School Prospective Parents Night**
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00PM, RSVP for location information: Learn more about the BJ Hebrew School, including our vision and curriculum, meet our educators and other parents considering Hebrew School. Please RSVP to bjhs@bj.org or x260.

• **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.

INTERFAITH

• **Meet Your Muslim Neighbors**
Sunday, March 11, 3:00–5:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join the Interfaith Committee for the final session of the "Meet Your Muslim Neighbors" series. We will be welcoming Imam Samer Alraey of the Islamic Cultural Center of New York.

BJ BOOK CLUB

• **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. Join us to discuss the story of a mysterious, handwritten volume of the Bible, apparently the property of biblical scholar Shulamit Shepherd's great-grandfather. Contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for more information..

AFFILIATES

• **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! More info: Rev. K Karpen, jfkpspa@aol.com or 212-362-3179.

Mah nishtanah...How is this night of story-telling different from all other nights?

Thursday, March 22 • 7:30-9:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary

Tze'irim (20s/30s) warmly invites the community of B'nai Jeshurun to a screening of two exciting documentary films about Jewish identity and history:

A GOOD UPLIFT and THE NEW OLD COUNTRY



Faye Lederman, film producer, will join us to 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.

• **A Good Uplift** captures a lighthearted glimpse into a Lower East Side lingerie shop where owner, and Jewish grandmother, Magda, embraces and enhances women of all shapes and sizes in pursuit of the perfect bra.

• **The New Old Country** follows Jews from across the country, whose journey to the Lower East Side in search of bialys, pickles, and their grandparents' memories raises poignant questions about nostalgia and memory.

The perfect films to see before Passover!

Tickets, available at the door: \$5 BJ members/\$7 non-members
 Please RSVP to Rabbi Dara Frimmer, dfrimmer@bj.org, to let us know you're coming!

ENJOY THE MUSIC OF BJ AT PASSOVER:
 Order your BJ Passover CD now!

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Glimpses of Passover, stories, recipes, menus and traditions from the kitchens and lives of BJ members

Go to www.bj.org and click on "BJ CDs, Songbooks, & Music" to order both



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.

"The Baal Shem saw that the Jewish heart was faint, torpid, in danger of laying down its life. So he called it by its name: Jewish heart. And the Jews of Eastern Europe rallied, seeing the light of the Messiah shining overhead."

—*A Passion for Truth*

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.

INCLUDING THE MENTALLY ILL IN COMMUNITY By Donny Lee

For many years, I've worked with individuals with major mental illness in New York at Fountain House, "a professional self-help program, operated by men and women recovering from mental illness (www.fountainhouse.org)." Fountain House's "innovative 'club-house' model is today the basis of more than 400 similar programs in 32 countries around the world."

In January 2007, I visited Amit Clubhouse in Nazaret ilit, Israel. The space is bright and beautiful, and the community was bustling with shopping, cooking, and clerical activities. At 1:00PM., a group of clients burst in for lunch, still energized by their jobs at Elite Chocolates and R&N Electric. Everyone was laughing, talking, and eating, and the spirit was through the roof!

Jews aren't big on miracles, but it feels miraculous that Nazaret ilit is just 20 minutes from Hamidrasha. Clubhouse celebrates choice, unique life force, and community—such a mesh with Hamidrasha's founding principles. For Kabbalat Shabbat, I had the joy of bringing an Amit friend to the service at Hamidrasha's prayer community, Nigun Halev, and how it resonated! Returning with my friend to her home for Shabbat dinner, I heard: "It's a new way. The children are welcome. We just light candles, but starting Shabbat with a real service and a community was wonderful!"

Many of us know the exceptional experience of bringing someone to BJ for the first time. Opening Hamidrasha's doors for an Israeli was an honor of a special magnitude

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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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