



This Week at BJBE

February 20, 2017

Dear Friends,

Please join us for Board Game Bonanza this Sunday - the perfect family opportunity to unplug and play some classic board games together.

Purim is right around the corner and once again, BJBE will be celebrating in a big way!

- Monday, February 27, HUGS Purim hamantashen-making event for adults with disabilities
- Saturday, March 11, PurimPalooza, our annual adult Purim party with great food, music, dancing, fun costumes and more. This is our annual fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the temple. Join us as we celebrate Purim and honor Rabbi Stoller.
- Sunday, March 12, Purim Shpiel, Megillah Reading and Carnival in the JLC
- Sunday, March 12 - new this year - a low sensory Purim experience for children with special needs

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month with programming for the whole community. Please be sure to support the Beit Cafe on Sunday mornings, in partnership with Glenkirk.

Please see sections below for information on these and other upcoming programs.

We look forward to celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Kaplan at the morning service and the B'nai Mitzvah of Ethan Blacher and Sabrina Fleishman at the Havdalah service this Saturday. Mazel tov to Ben, Ethan, Sabrina and their families.

L'shalom,
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Upcoming Programs

Reschedule: The Sisterhood presentation, **Women in the Talmud**, has been cancelled for 2/21 and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Sunday Morning Adult Learning, *Defining the Line Between Parenthood & Friendship*, Sundays, February 26 & March 5, 9:45-10:45am. Parenting experts Amy Hertzberg and Kelly Goldberg will talk about how to establish appropriate and enforceable boundaries while maintaining a healthy relationship with our children, how to maintain open by appropriate communications and how to guide children in a firm but loving way that promotes independence and confidence.

We hope you and your family will join us at **Board Game Bonanza** on **Sunday, February 26**, from **4:00-6:00pm**. Unplug and enjoy some old fashion family fun. You can team up with another family for team games or find a quiet table for your family. Invite grandparents, friends and

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prospective BJBE members. \$6 per person includes dinner, treats, tons of games to play and more! Plus, there's a chance to win some fun raffle prizes. [Click here](#) for RSVP info. See you there!

We're looking for donations to be raffled off at **Board Game Bonanza on Sunday, February 26**. Please consider donating new board games, puzzles, toys or crafts. Donations can be left in the Sisterhood office. All proceeds will help send kids to OSRUI.

HUGS Purim - HUGS is a collaborative effort among Chicago north suburban synagogues to *welcome people of all abilities* into the Jewish community. BJBE is proud to host the **Purim Hamantashen-making event for adults with disabilities, Monday, February 27, 6:30-7:30pm**. There will be a special musical presentation, a telling of the story of Queen Esther, and of course, hamantashen making and eating. If you would like to learn more, contact [Cantor Green](#). [Click here](#) for more information about [HUGS](#).

Tuesday Symposium, February 28, 10:00-11:30 am; Rabbi Akiva, Instructor: Rabbi Ilana Baden, Temple Chai

March 5 is the date! You won't want to miss Sisterhood's **Parade of Fashion**. Sit back, have something to eat and enjoy our multi-generational models strut the runway with fashions from Betts, Eileen Fisher and much more. [Click here](#) for more information and for a registration form.

Join Sisterhood for a unique [Interfaith Event](#) on **Wednesday, March 8, 7:30pm** when we will visit the former home of BJBE at 901 Milwaukee Avenue in Glenview. Meet the clergy and congregants of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, St. Andrew Parish. Get a tour of the building and learn about the faith of those who worship there. **RSVP's** are required for this event. For further information contact [Leslie Outten](#). Please plan to carpool with friends.

Where will you be March 11? Purimpalooza.....not your kid's Purim Party! Doors open at 6:30pm. First stop on Rabbi Stoller's farewell tour. Enjoy an evening of dancing, games, food and fun to benefit the BJBE community. This is BJBE's annual fundraiser. Costumes welcome! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Sunday, March 12, 10th Annual Purim Carnival starting with a **Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading at 9:30am**. Enjoy a fresh and exciting approach to the Purim carnival in the new JLC (school) building. Festivities begin with a program and shpiel at 9:30am followed by the carnival. [Click here](#) to purchase your wristbands in advance! (See the **Social Action** section below for information on the Social Action Purim Project.)

Inclusion: We are proud to open our Carnival between **9:00 - 10:00am** for families who have a child with special needs and would benefit from a quieter, lower-stimulating carnival experience. No charge, but registration is required by email at LBlock@bjbe.org. For more information, contact [Cantor Green](#).

On **March 22 at 7:00pm**, join us as author **Alden Solovy** reads a selection of his works, followed by a book signing. Open to the community. [Click here](#) for more information. RSVP to [Leslie Block](#).

It's time to reserve your spot for the **BJBE Sisterhood Women's Seder, Monday, April 3, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

- 1) [Click here](#) for a registration form and more information.
- 2) Tell us your favorite memory from our past Women's Seders, or tell us what you are looking forward to most this year!
- 3) Mail in the form with your check!

The Women's Seder is a celebration filled with worship, song, and a traditional meal shared with interesting women of multiple generations

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Rabbi A. Brian Stoller

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Shabbat Torah Study: Numbers, Saturdays, 11:00am - 12:00pm;
Instructors Rabbi Karyn Kedar and Rabbi Brian Stoller

Talmud Study, Wednesdays, 7:45 - 9:00am; Instructor Rabbi Brian Stoller. *For more information about the Center for Adult Learning, contact [Andrew Abrams](#)*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

KYG

Calling all 3rd - 5th graders and families. **Saturday, March 18, 2:00 - 4:00pm** in Libertyville. Join us for a day of giving back! **Feed My Starving Children** is an organization committed to ending starvation and malnourishment. Together, we will pack boxes of food to be shipped to children in need all over the world. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

JYG

Join JYG on **Saturday, March 4, 5:00 - 9:00pm**, for a special volunteering opportunity with **A Just Harvest**. Help serve needy families in a restaurant style setting. Join us after for dinner at Cheesies in Evanston. **6th-8th graders (12 & up) are welcome.** [Click here](#) for more information. and registration.

Love to sing? You don't have to be in choir to attend the **Chicago Area Youth Choir retreat at OSRUI**. This year's Youth Choir Retreat will take place the weekend of **April 21-23** at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Oconomowoc, WI. **All children in grades 2-7 are invited to participate** in this special weekend! A talented faculty of cantors and song leaders make this choir weekend a memorable experience. Learn new music, make new friends, perform in concert, and, above all, have fun! You will have the opportunity to compose new melodies based on our theme, Tikun Olam, Repairing the World. On Sunday, these original songs will be presented as we perform a mitzvah in singing at a senior home in our area. Contact [Cantor Green](#) if you are interested in your child attending and/or learning more.

All events take place at BJBE unless otherwise stated. For questions or information about youth programs, please contact [Cantor Rayna Green](#).

SERVICES

Shabbat Service, Friday, February 24, 7:30pm

Shabbat mornings feature our **Kol Shabbat service** at **9:30am** followed by **Torah Study** at **11:00am** led by BJBE clergy.

Please join us for 15 minutes of silent **meditation** from **9:10-9:25am** in the Sanctuary before Kol Shabbat.

Wednesday Morning Minyan: Begin your day in a beautiful and powerful way by attending our Wednesday morning Minyan from **6:45am to 7:15am**. Each week we pray in the intimate space of the Chapel with Rabbi Stoller and a supportive, welcoming group. Experience a prayer service grounded in communal song, thought-provoking liturgy, and deep silence, followed by camaraderie over bagels and coffee. Morning Minyan participants have commented that this worship has connected to their lives in many unexpected and transformative ways. For more information, contact Rabbi Stoller. The weekday prayer melodies are [available here](#), although all are welcome to attend regardless of musical or prayerbook knowledge.

Want to uphold Jewish ideals from generation to generation.....Donate to the Sustaining Gifts Program. Click "DONATE" above or contact [Elaine](#) in the BJBE office to make a gift..

Services in both the Sacred Hall and Sanctuary are streamed.. To view our live or recorded streams, [please click here](#). You may have to watch an initial commercial before the stream begins, but this is a free and open program accessible to anyone. To access: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bibelive>. Questions? [Click here](#) to contact Arlene Mayzel.

DAYTIME AT BJBE

Monday Canasta/Mahjong: The Sisterhood will host Canasta and Mahjong games on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month at **1:00pm**. All are welcome to join in the fun. To participate, RSVP to [Sharon Krivitzky](#) and let her know which game you will be playing and if you can bring supplies.

Wednesday Morning Minyan: Our weekday morning Minyan meets in the BJBE Chapel from **6:45 - 7:15am**. Contact [Rabbi Stoller](#) for an audio CD of the weekday prayer melodies.

Mishkan Shalom - Jewish Mindfulness and Meditation Group. Join us for this drop in group to learn more about how mindfulness can help you stay present and calm in the midst of frantic living. We will explore the weekly Torah portion and other readings with a spiritual sense of love (chesed) and acceptance (emet). **Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm**. New meditators welcome! For more information, call Margot Andersen 847-525-1710.

Thursday Tai Chi Chu'an: We offer a weekly Thursday morning Tai Chi class led by Dr. Drew Serlin at **7:30am**. There is no charge for these classes.

Prepare for Prayer-Open Your Heart. Please join us for 15 minutes of **silent meditation** from **9:10-9:25am** in the Sanctuary, **Saturdays** before Kol Shabbat. This ancient custom is meant to help you transition from busy life, settle your mind and open your heart prior to your prayer practice. No meditation experience necessary! Margot Andersen, 847-525-1710.

SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Project Nourish, Sunday, February 26, at 9:00am in the kitchen. Please join our friendly group of volunteers as we make sandwiches and assemble lunches for needy people in the city and Lake County. For more information, contact [Merrilee Waldron](#).

Social Action Project for Purim, Sunday, March 12. Bring boxes of macaroni to use as groggers! When the Rabbi reads Haman's name, shake your macaroni boxes as noise makers. After the service, leave your unopened boxes of macaroni and we will donate them to a local food pantry.

BJBE Volunteers in NOLA. Help continue our work in New Orleans! Join **Cantor Green** and fellow congregants on our **9th Annual Social Action Mission to New Orleans, March 23-26, 2017**. We will continue to strengthen interfaith relationships with Christian and Jewish groups in the Crescent City, form new friendships within our BJBE community, and help rebuild communities in need. Together, we will also explore and enjoy the unique city of New Orleans! For more information, please contact [Lara Kirts](#) and [Mike Goldberg](#).

Getting our children involved in **Tikkum Olam** or **repairing the world** and **G'mulit Chasidim** at a young age is a lifetime skill. Our 9th annual social action mission to New Orleans allows us to make lasting connections, learn cultures, and lend our hands to help communities that have experienced devastation by natural disaster. Please consider making a donation or getting a gift card to Walmart, Target or Home Depot by March 22. You can drop off donations in the temple office to [Sarah Duffin](#).

We are collecting toiletries, batteries, hearing aids, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, and cell phones. Thank you for your generous donations. **We are NOT collecting used clothing at this time.**

February Tzedakah

[PADS](#)

PADS Lake County offers a comprehensive approach to combatting homelessness with the compassion and respect we all deserve. Since 1972, PADS has faithfully provided immediate, critical services to the neediest among us - individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness in Lake County. As the only emergency shelter for the homeless in Lake County, PADS' vision is to provide a path to stable housing and self-sufficiency for everyone who experiences homelessness in Lake County. Our greatest hope is to help end homelessness and ensure happy, healthy, and safe lives for generations to come.

CARING COMMUNITY

BJBE's Caring Community is a team of volunteers who can act as your extended family when your family needs additional support. Caring Community provides the following services: home delivered meals in times of need, transportation to/from temple or a medical appointment, phone support for people who are ill or lonely, senior education and caregiver support, chicken or vegetable soups (always available in the kitchen!) and a virtual food pantry. To access these services confidentially, please call Gloria Kaiz at 847-945-3741.

The Caring Community and CJE Senior Life are pleased to offer individual appointments at no charge with **Senior Health Insurance Counselor Esther Craven**. Esther has over 25 years of experience at CJE. As a benefits specialist, she offers assistance and advocacy in areas of Medicare, health insurance and resources for retirement. Individual appointments with Esther are available at BJBE on **Mondays, March 13, April 24 and June 12, 3:00 - 6:30pm**. Please email [Elaine Wexler](#) or call her in the temple office at 847.940.7575, ext. 135.

BJBE is certified as a Safer Synagogue by Jewish Community Abuse Resources, Education & Solutions (JCARES). Our leadership has been trained in understanding the impact of abuse across the lifespan and improving access to support for congregants experiencing abusive situations. For more information, please contact the clergy at 847-940-7575.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help BJBE while you shop! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support BJBE every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [AmazonSmile](#) (using either your Amazon or AmazonPrime account), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price back to BJBE. *Once you've selected **Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim**, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](#) will result in a donation.* For more information about **AmazonSmile**, [click here](#).

AIPAC Conference: Join Rabbi Karyn Kedar at the AIPAC conference in Washington D.C. from March 26 - 28, 2017. [Click here](#) for registration or email [Howard Schneider](#) with your questions.

BJBE Sisterhood wants you to know...Whatever you are celebrating.....whether it is a special birthday, anniversary, baby naming, auf ruf, new job, retirement, special trip or any life cycle occasion that you want to share with your temple family, consider sponsoring an oneg to share your simcha! BJBE Sisterhood will help you share your joy at the Friday night oneg shabbat after the service honoring your event. The fee is \$150 which includes our generous dessert trays as well as your name in

the Shabbat Bulletin and a thank you at the end of services. You may contact [Sharon Silver](#) with any questions. Checks payable to BJBE Sisterhood. Thank You and Mazel Tov!

Book BJBE for your upcoming celebration!! Your spiritual home is also a premier venue with beautiful reception space in the Village Center, Sacred Hall and Courtyard. With completion of the Sanctuary, we have new opportunities available for you to celebrate your special events at BJBE. For information and reservations, contact [Arlene Mayzel](#) or by phone at 847-940-7575.

JUDAICA (GIFT) SHOP

Looking for that very special gift? Stop in and see the new merchandise at BJBE's Judaica-Gift Shop. We have unique imported hand crafted purses and jewelry. And, always free gift wrapping.

Hours for the Judaica Shop are Fridays 30 minutes prior to and following Friday Night Services, Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm, Sundays 9:30am-11:30am, and always by special appointment by calling Lynne 847-215-1357.

Looking for a fun and easy way to meet other BJBE members? How about helping out in the Judaica Shop? Don't worry – we will train you. For information, please call Arlene Wineberg, 224-676-1112.

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