



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Rabbis: Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) • J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • **Cantor & Music Director:** Ari Priven

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November 10 - 17, 2000

Friday, November 10

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Michael Lerner
 After 6:00 PM service - 88th Street

Saturday, November 11

Parashat Lekh L'kha
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Genesis 12:1 - 17:27, Pg. 91
Triennial: Genesis 16:1 - 17:27, Pg. 110
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16, Pg. 330

B'nai Mitzvah Jason Winter
 Daniel Braun

Baby Namings Talia Feiga Kurlansky
 Sabina Sternklar Davis

Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

D'var Torah Rabbi Michael Lerner,
 Founder and Editor of *Tikkun* magazine

Kiddush After Shabbat morning service - 86th Street

Shabbat Family Lunch
 After Shabbat morning service - 88th Street

Changing Ourselves, Changing our World: Study and Havdalah with Rabbi Michael Lerner
 4:00 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, November 12

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
92nd Street Y Teen Mitzvah Day
 10:00 AM - see inside for details

Monday, November 13

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Living the Mitzvah of Hakhnasat Orhim

HOSTS NEEDED! At the first Community In-Home Kiddush, we hosted approximately 100 people and are looking forward to even more people participating on **November 18th**! Following Shabbat services, we hope to have enough Upper West Side hosts so that any person coming to Shabbat services has a place to go for kiddush. We need 15-20 hosts who live between West 65th and 110th Streets to host guests for a light lunch. All hosts will be asked to invite a handful of people on their own in the weeks preceding the kiddush and the other "openings" will be for people who come to services needing a host. Leave a message on x382 with your name, how many people you can host, phone number, address and e-mail. All kiddushim must be dairy/vegetarian.

Environment Committee Meeting

7:00 PM - at 115th Avenue, Apt 2U

Latin America Committee Meeting

7:30 PM - The Montana

Choir

8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, November 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Family Set-Up for the Shelter 5:00 PM - 88th Street
Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, November 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Rabbi Rachel Cowan 7:30 PM - 88th Street

Thursday, November 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
Board Meeting 6:30 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Story Telling with Vered Hanken 7:30 PM - Makor Lecture Hall

Friday, November 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Shabbat Parashat Va'yera

Torah: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24, Pg. 122
Triennial: Genesis 21:1 - 22:24, Pg. 138
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 37, Pg. 334

Social Justice Opportunity of the Week

CALLING ALL ACTIVISTS - **Sunday, November 19th**, at 7:00 PM at 35 West 67th Street:

BJ's Social Action/Social Justice committee, and Jews Against Genocide will co-sponsor a screening of the award-winning documentary, *Calling the Ghosts: A Story about Rape, War and Women*. Director Mandy Jacobson will speak and answer questions following the screening. Tickets are \$6 and are available in advance. Call 601-1000 (seating is limited, so pre-registration is strongly encouraged). This screening continues BJ's efforts in supporting U.S. ratification of the International Criminal Court (ICC). For further information about the film, the event, and/or the ICC, check the Social Action pages of the BJ website or contact the committee at x310.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call our office to let us know about family events such as births, celebrations, illness or death, so that we can inform the Rabbis and make the appropriate announcement to our community.

Condolences To:

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

- Deborah and Lowell Kirschner on the death of Deborah's beloved grandmother, Esther Lindheim.
- Bonnie Oglensky on the death of her beloved mother, Ruth Oglensky.
- Judith Davidoff and Sumner Rosen on the death of Judith's beloved mother, Ruth Davidoff.
- Michael and Lorraine Tempel on the death of Michael's beloved mother, Pauline Tempel.
- Rachel Weintraub on the death of her beloved grandmother, Mildred Weintraub.

Mazal Tov To:

- Sarah Sternklar and Marvin and Benjamin Davis on the birth of their daughter, and sister Sabina.
- Marian Mass and Mark Kurlansky on the naming of their daughter, Talia Feiga Kurlansky.
- Jason, Mitchell, Rebecca and Alexander Winter and Lisa Kassel on the occasion of Jason becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Daniel, Philip and Kate Braun and Idee Simon on the occasion of Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Todah Rabbah To:

The dozen members who donated 397 books and 150 magazines to the New York State women's prison, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The women wish to express their gratitude for the reading materials and for the gesture of concern.

Trudi Levine, Sharon Messitte, Jack David Marcus, Ellen Schecter, Denyse Dolny-Lipsy and the 56 people who helped save lives by donating blood and working at BJ's blood drive.

Kiddush Sponsorship

This week's kiddush is sponsored by:

- The family of Rabbi Sidney and Hilda Greenberg in honor of Sidney and Hilda's 58th wedding anniversary.
- Lisa Kassel and Mitchell Winter in honor of Jason Winter becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Idee Simon and Philip Braun on the occasion of Daniel Braun becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'rukhim HaBa'im To:

Members of the 11th grade classes of the Solomon Schechter High School of New York and Ha-Gymnasia in Jerusalem, who are participating in the Partnership 2000 Exchange Program.

Home Hospitality for Visiting Scholars

If you are interested in providing home hospitality for BJ visiting scholars and would like to put your name on file, please call the Rabbinic office at x1.

Volunteer Opportunities

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is planning a Thanksgiving celebration for shelter guests and volunteers again this year. We need volunteers to cook, set up and serve, decorate and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Marjorie Olster at Marjorie.Olster@reuters.com or by phone (H) 678-5095, (W) 859-1845.

With winter approaching, the BJ/SPSA Shelter needs additional volunteers, particularly to sleep over. This is a time when illness, bad weather and other unanticipated events make it difficult for current volunteers to perform with complete reliability. Please consider becoming an ongoing or emergency volunteer. Call Anne Millman at x 304 to sign up or to attend the upcoming orientation for new shelter volunteers on **Monday, December 11th** at 6:30 pm in Frankel Hall.

SAVE THE DATE !

PURIM PARTY **MARCH 3rd** –

This year's fundraising event will be a Purim Party at 88th Street on

Saturday evening March 3rd, 2001.

There will be costumes, music, dancing and Special Guest Star entertainment.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED NOW

FOR PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION

If you can help, please call the office and leave your name and telephone number on x307.

Reminder: Reading the Kol Jeshurun is a great way to remind yourself of upcoming events you've read about in the Kol Hadash or on the web site, as well as to monitor new information or program changes.

Further information on events can be found in the Kol Hadash (mailed to members only), on our web site (www.bj.org) and in the back of the sanctuary at 88th Street.

Please note: All announcements or registration forms for the next Kol Jeshurun

UPCOMING EVENTS

Environment Committee meeting

Monday, November 13th at 7:00 PM at 11 5th Avenue, Apartment 2U (between 8th and 9th Streets): Please join the Environment Committee for its upcoming meeting. For more information call x 313.

Latin America Committee Meeting

Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM at The Montana (Broadway between 88th and 89th Streets): Please join us for the next meeting of the Latin America Committee. Volunteers are needed to help plan cultural, educational and humanitarian programs. Spanish-speaking ability is not required. Please RSVP to x 371

Love, Lust and Longing: Secrets of Jewish Lore
Thursday, November 16th at 7:30 PM in the Lecture Hall at Makor (35 West 67th Street): How does Jewish folklore depict the search for love? Is your loved one destined to appear? Or is the power in your hands? If so, how sneaky should you be about it? Called "the leading storyteller of her generation" (Jewish Week), Vered Hankin brings you humorous and slightly risqué folktales, accompanied by B'nai Jeshurun's own Noah Hoffeld on his century-old cello. Cost \$8. Co-sponsored with Makor. For more information, call Elliot Rabin at 601-1030.

A Dialogue with Tom Segev and Rashid Khalidi
Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in the 86th Street sanctuary: Please join us for an evening of dialogue with Tom Segev, one of Israel's best known journalists and authors and Rashid Khalidi, Professor of History and Director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Chicago. Co-sponsored with the JCC on the Upper West Side and Jews for Peace through Justice. Please see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary.

Studying and Cooking at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter
Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join us for a Hazan et Hakol study session with Rabbi Felicia Sol where 20 volunteers will gather to cook for the shelter and study together. Everyone attending will be asked to contribute ingredients that will be used in preparing the meal. Please RSVP to the shelter at x340 or email sheltersupplies@aol.com. Space is limited to 20 so please respond early. We look forward to your participation.

Moadon Hasefer HaTov
The book for November and December is Baumgartner's Bombay by Anita Desai. The book takes on an unusual subject: the experience of Jewish refugees in India. The discussion on the book will take place on **Sunday, January 7th**, place and time TBA.

Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner
December 1st: For singles and couples. Please see the Singles Activities section for detailed information on this upcoming catered At-Home Shabbat Dinner.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJ Teensgiving
Sunday, November 12th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the 92nd Street Y: Calling all teens! Be part of the troop. Last year almost 500 teens from across the city took part in Teensgiving, hosted by the 92nd Street Y. After a breakfast and orientation, troops of teens will spend the morning working on a social action project in the city. Please join us!

Families Cooking for the Shelter
Tuesday, November 14th, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at 88th Street: This month, 4th grade BJ kids, their parents and siblings are invited to cook meals for guests of the homeless shelter. (Please call in advance to volunteer, and to find out what cooking ingredients to bring with you). Future dates are as

follows: December 12th (6th Grade); January 16th (2nd Grade). To maintain this program, we need one or two coordinators per month and a host of participating families. For more information, please call Beth Kern at 724-5336, Harriet Saltzman at 496-1892 or Donna Kahan at 362-9595.

Kitah Aleph Shabbat Dinner
Friday, November 17th following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street: All Hebrew School families with children in the first grade, join us for singing, stories and welcoming Shabbat together at a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Aleph students and their parents. In order to guarantee your reservation, we must receive your phone reservation and check by Monday, November 13th. **No exceptions.** Call Tina Berger at x 225.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Hike the Colors of Autumn in Pawling, New York
Sunday, November 12th: *This hike has been fully subscribed.* If you are taking the train, meet Phil Gross at the information booth at Grand Central Terminal at 9:30 AM for the 9:48 AM Metro North train to the Appalachian Trail station stop near Pawling, New York. Those driving should meet the group at the Appalachian Trail train station stop at 11:33 AM. If raining, hike is cancelled.

Sunday Dance Sensation Series
Sunday, November 19th at 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th Street & West End Avenue): Join us for the first of eight great Sunday dances sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed and Reba's Dance Connection. Free mini-lessons (beginners & advanced), refreshments included and most will include a professional dance showcase. The first session will be SWING CELEBRATION. Volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. Call Michael at 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat). Cost \$15 BJ/AC members, Single Ticket \$20, 8 dance Season Pass \$99. Pass reservations must be received by Monday, November 13th. Please send check including

your name, membership status, address and phone number. Send checks payable to "Anshe Chesed Outings Group Swing Sunday" to Anshe Chesed Outings Group Swing Sunday, 251 West 100th St., NY, NY 10025.

At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner
Friday, December 1st following the 6:45 PM service: Warm up your holiday festivities and join us for an At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples. These gatherings of 12-18 people are a great way to meet and share a Shabbat meal! BJ members who live on the Upper West Side (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voicemail ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is Friday, November 17th. For more information, call the Singles voicemail x306 or fill out a registration form found in the back of the sanctuary and mail it to the BJ office.

Have an occasion to celebrate?
Consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat to honor your special event. For information, call the singles voicemail at x 306.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Needs/Reserved Seating

If you have special needs (physical, hearing, or visual) and would like assistance with seating for Shabbat services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please call x308.

Transliterations

For those of you attending Shabbat services who are not completely comfortable reading the Hebrew but still want to

join in the singing and chanting, we have inserted transliterations in our siddurim.

New to BJ?

If you are unfamiliar with our services and would like to sit with someone who can help orient you, our ushers will be happy to direct you to such a person.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Looking for Louie

Through November 19th at the Theater of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum (97 Orchard Street): Stacie Chaiken spent her childhood making up fantastical stories about this so-called Louie, the mysterious Russian great-grandfather about whom nobody would ever speak. *Looking for Louie* is a look at one immigrant family and its secrets. For information and group rates call (718) 237-4545 for reservations call 431-0233 at x 440.

Art Exhibit

Thursday, November 16th at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (633 3rd Avenue, 6th floor): BJ member, Lucia Malamud will be presenting a solo art exhibit entitled Light and Darkness.

Queens Havurah Dinner and Service

Friday, November 17th, at the home of Toni Scofield in Jackson Heights: Are you looking for a taste of the BJ spirit in Queens? Come join us for the next Queens Havurah dinner and service. Singles and couples of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Cost: \$15 per person, payable in advance. To make a reservation, please call Toni Scofield at 718-478-6774 by **Monday, November 13th**. Note: Toni has a cat, so people with allergies may choose to skip this dinner.

Lower East Side Conservancy Presents Two Programs

- **Sunday, November 19th** from 1:00 - 3:00 PM: Meet at Straus Square (corner East Broadway and Essex Street): Historian and author Joyce Mendelsohn will lead a walking tour of the neighborhood as seen through the lens of the 1930s artist and photographer Ben Shahn.
- **Sunday, November 19th** from 1:00 - 4:00 PM: Meet at the Eldridge Street Synagogue (12 Eldridge Street between Canal and Division Streets): "Restoring the Lower East Side Minibus Tour," A visit to four synagogues: Beth Hamedrash Hagadol, Bialystoker, Eldridge Street Synagogue and Kehila Kedosha Janina.

For information and registration for either program, call 598-1200.

French Restitution Announcement

The French Government has recently announced it will pay restitution to Jews whose parent(s) were deported by France to Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust. For information on how to apply, call BJ member Mark Schleisner at 578-7391.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

There are many ways to conserve water. For example, take shorter showers and turn off water while soaping up.
This message was brought to you by the environment committee at x315

Pasuk of the Week

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(c:ch , hatrc)

"I will make of you a great nation, And I will bless you;
I will make your name great, And you shall be a blessing."
(Genesis 12:2)

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Help the Environment Month-By-Month: Planting for our Future
Membership Packets
Fall Adult Education Opportunities
Havurot Applications
Employment Bank Listings
Upcoming Singles Events

Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
November 18th The Road to Peace Through Justice with Tom Segev and Rashid Khalidi
December 1st Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner
December 3rd Meditation Workshop with Rabbi Alan Lew