



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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

Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows: Rabbi Felicia Sol • Rabbi Eric Solomon • Sharon Brous • **Director of Family Education:** Rabbi Anne Ebersman

November 17 - 24, 2000

Friday, November 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Aleph Shabbat Dinner After 6:00 PM services - 88th Street

Saturday, November 18

Shabbat Parashat Va'yera
Silent Meditation 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24, Pg. 122
Triennial: Genesis 21:1 - 22:24, Pg. 138
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 - 37, Pg. 334

Bar Mitzvah Seth Melnick
Bat Mitzvah Emily Kaiser

Baby Naming Julia Rose Weissman

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

Speaker Avraham Neguise
 Director, South Wing to Zion

Community-Wide In-Home Kiddush
 Following services - Member's homes

The Road to Peace Through Justice
 With Tom Segev & Rashid Khalidi 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Sunday, November 19
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, November 20
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Social Action ICC Subcommittee Meeting
 5:30 PM - 89th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, November 21

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Rabbi Rachel Cowan 7:30 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING-BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, November 24

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Shabbat Parashat Hayyey Sarah M'varkhim Ha'Hodesh

Torah: Genesis 23:1 - 25:18, Pg. 156
Triennial: Genesis 24:53 - 25:18, Pg. 165
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 31, Pg. 338

Social Justice Opportunities of the Week

CALLING ALL ACTIVISTS - Sunday, November 19th at 7:00 PM at Makor (35 West 67th Street): BJ's Social Action/Social Justice Committee, Makor 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. 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 more information check the Social Action pages of the BJ website or call x310.

A Dialogue with Tom Segev and Rashid Khalidi
Saturday, November 18th
 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 for more information. Free.

Community-Wide In-Home Kiddush

THIS SHABBAT! Would you like to join a BJ member for kiddush, a light Shabbat lunch?

Please go to the back of the sanctuary on Shabbat morning to get placed in a home for kiddush after services. If you were a host last time, be a guest this time. If you are going to be a guest this time, think about being a host next time.

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 Yolande, Steven, Marisa and Michael Zahler on the death of Yolande's beloved mother, Yvonne Herbach.

Mazal Tov To:

- Jerald Abrams and Eilat Gubby and their families on Jerald and Eilat's recent engagement.
- Jane Rosenman, Ivan and Jesse Weissman on the naming of their daughter and sister, Julia Rose Weissman.
- Seth, Don and Meredith Melnick and Mary Pearl on the occasion of Seth becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Emily, Steven and Jeffrey Kaiser and Vivian Lazerson on the occasion of Emily becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Irvin Rosenthal, who has been named Chief Financial Officer of UJA Federation.

B'rukhim HaBa'im To:

Rabbi Brett Isserow and the confirmation class from Hebrew Benevolent Congregation and Temple Sinai of Atlanta, GA.

BJ Choir

The BJ choir is in need of male voices to complete our group! The choir rehearses on Mondays at 8:00 PM at 88th Street. To get involved, please call Marta at x 303.

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

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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 PM at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament (152 West 71st Street): Join BJ Rabbis Rolando Matalon and Felicia Sol and music director Ari Priven for a joyous interfaith Thanksgiving Service followed by a reception. Please see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group - Kislev

Monday, November 27th at 6:30 PM at 88th Street: Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Join Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows Rabbi Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous for an exploration and praying of the evening service and the prayers of Rosh Hodesh.

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.

L'Dor V'Dor Lunch

Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM at 86th Street: If you are 70 years young or older, please join us with friends and

family at the next luncheon celebration. We look forward to an intergenerational focus of music, study and discussion as we are joined by a group of BJ teens. Please RSVP by **Wednesday November 22nd** by sending a check for \$12 per person to the BJ office marked 'L'dor V'dor Lunch'.

Full Day Meditation with Rabbi Alan Lew

Sunday, December 3rd from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM at 88th Street: Join Rabbi Alan Lew, from Congregation Beth Shalom in San Francisco and Director of Makor Or, for a day-long workshop entitled, Rekindling our Spiritual Flame. We will explore how meditation can bring about spiritual rededication and renewal through both extensive meditation and the study of classical texts on Hanukkah and rededication. The fee is \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Includes a vegetarian lunch. To register, please fill out the registration form, which can be found in the back of the sanctuary or on the BJ website AND send your checks to the BJ office marked, "12/3 workshop."

Shabbat B'yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

- **Friday, December 8th** following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street: Please join the Shabbat B'yahad committee for our next catered community dinner. Our featured speaker will be Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller who will be teaching on Iyyun Tefilah (Probing the meaning of prayer). Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Deadline is **Friday December 1st** (\$10 additional after that date). IMPORTANT: Your reservation will be accepted only if you leave a message in the SBY voice mailbox at x304 with your name(s) and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "12/8 Shabbat B'yahad."

- Rabbi Seidler-Feller will also give a Shabbat morning d'var Torah and lead a Shabbat afternoon study and Havdalah at 4:00 PM at 86th Street.

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.

Intermarriage: Challenges and Choices

Thursday, January 11th, 2001 (location TBA): This 6 session workshop, facilitated by couples and family therapist, Juliana Neiman Bronstein, will provide a safe space in which couples can explore a range of interfaith issues. Cost: \$100 BJ members/ \$150 non-members. For more information please call Susan Rosenthal, JBFCS/BJ Social Work Consultant at x377 or see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary. Co-sponsored by the Interfaith Committee at BJ and the Jewish Board of Children and Family Services.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BJ/ SPSA Shelter

- 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.

Thanksgiving Day at the Jewish Home and Hospital

Thursday November 23rd from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: The Jewish Home and Hospital is seeking approximately 20 volunteers who will accompany accordion players as they travel to residents' dining rooms during their Thanksgiving Day lunch. Family groups are welcome. Those interested in an orientation to the JHH are invited to come earlier. For information and registration call Ronete Koster, Director of Volunteers at 870-4940.

BJ Purim Costume Ball

March 3rd, 2001 We are looking for volunteers for the Purim Costume Ball celebrating BJ's 175th anniversary, and volunteers to solicit ads for the anniversary journal. If you can help, please leave your name and telephone number at x386

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Sunday Dance Sensation Series

Beginning November 19th, 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th Street and West End Avenue): Join us for eight great Sunday dances sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed and Reba's Dance Connection. Each dance will include free mini-lessons (beginners & advanced) and most will include a professional dance showcase. Free refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer, call Michael at 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat). Cost: Single Ticket: \$15 BJ/AC members/\$20 non members. No reservations necessary.

SESSION #1 Sunday, November 19th: SWING CELEBRATION

Get out your zoot suit, silk stockings, or bobby socks - Whichever way you play it, ain't no other way to say it 'cept **SWING, SWING, SWING!** Basic lesson guarantees to have you dance the night away.

Thanksgiving Oneg

Friday, November 24th following the 6:45 PM service at 86th Street: Celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving with an Oneg Shabbat. Join us for lite fare, beverages and schmoozing. Please bring a business card with your e-mail address so we can alert you of upcoming events.

Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings

Friday, December 1st following 6:45 PM service at 86th Street: 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 a guest is **November 22nd**. To sign up: Fill out a registration form, found at the back of the sanctuary, and mail to the BJ office by November 22nd.

SAVE THE DATE!

BJ Winterfest 2001: It's Not Just A Ski Trip!

The week of February 4-11, 2001 at Snow King Ski Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming: Join us for a week of alpine and cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, sleigh riding, dog sledding and much more. The trip is open to singles and couples. Please come to a slide show informational meeting and an opportunity to register on **Monday, November 27th at 7:00 PM** in the Meeting Room of the Montana (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets). Refreshments will be served. Registration forms are available by calling the Singles Voicemail at x306. Register by **November 30th** and save \$100! Please see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Photography Exhibit

November and December at Wolf Camera (2400 Broadway at Broadway and 88th Street): BJ member Sharon I. Lachow will be exhibiting her landscape and lifestyle photographs in the window of Wolf Camera. Her display includes images of Israel, the Greek Islands, cityscapes and floral photographs.

Hudson Havurah

Saturday, December 2nd Join BJ members from New Jersey and Rockland County to form a havurah closer to home to

study, celebrate and finding a smaller community amongst the larger whole. Please e-mail Lori Zimmerman at Lorizimm@csnet.net if you are interested.

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 **579-7391**, the number listed last week was incorrect.

Pasuk of the Week

rnthu ohnav in rdv kt ohvukt l tkn trehu rgbv kue , t ohvukt gnahu”

“/oa-tuv ratc rgbv kue-kt ohvukt gna hf htrh, -kt rdv l k-vn vk
(zh:tf , hatrc)

“And God heard the cry of the boy, and an angel of God called to Hagar from Heaven and said to her: ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heeded the cry of the boy where he is.’”
(Genesis 21:17)

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

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