



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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December 1 - 8, 2000

Friday, December 1

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Singles and Couples At-Home Dinner
 After 6:45 PM service - Homes

Saturday, December 2

Shabbat Parashat Toldot
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9, Pg. 173
Triennial: Genesis 27:28 - 28:29, Pg. 186
Haftarah: Malakhi 1:1 - 2:7 Pg. 341

Baby Naming Davey Marie Shammah

Bat Mitzvah Galit Friedlander
Bar Mitzvah Ian Hochman-Reid

Children's Services 10:45 AM
Speaker Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Rabbis for Human Rights

Sunday, December 3

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/St. Luke's Brunch 11:00 AM - meet at 86th Street
Rekindling Our Spiritual Flame: Full Day Meditation Workshop
with Rabbi Alan Lew 11:00 AM - 88th Street

Monday, December 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, December 5

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM - 86th Street
Meditation 6:00 PM - 88th 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 - 86th Street
Spirit Matters at BJ 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Wednesday, December 6

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Rolando Matalon Postponed
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, December 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Israel Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - 88th Street
Prayer and Synagogue Skills: Ma'ariv 7:30 PM - 88th Street
Teach-In Planning Meeting 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Friday, December 8

Morning Minyan 8:30 AM - 88th Street

Shabbat Parashat Va'yetze

Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3, Pg. 164
Triennial: Genesis 31:17 - 32:3, Pg. 210
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10, Pg. 344

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Spirit Matters - Tuesday, December 5th: Join other BJers in pursuing some of Rabbi Michael Lerner's ideas.

Mideast Teach-in - Thursday December 7th: Help plan a day-long program for the Spring.

International Criminal Court: Please read the study materials found at the back of the sanctuary and on the SA/SJ pages of the BJ website: www.bj.org.

Social Justice Wednesday: Save the date December 13th (8:00 PM).

Look inside for more details...

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable foods to Shabbat services next week, **December 8th and 9th** (please see food list on page 2). All food will be donated to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

Volunteers are needed after Kabbalat Shabbat services at 88th Street to wheel shopping carts with donations to SPSA.

Volunteers are also needed on Shabbat morning after services to help carry donations and carts downstairs to the social hall.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Irene Tobey at itobey@hotmail.com.

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.

Mazal Tov to:

Jonathan, Micki and Teddy Kaplan Reiss on the birth of their daughter and sister, Sophia Talia Kaplan Reiss.

Lyn and Seth Kaller on the birth of their daughter, Jordana Marelle Kaller.

Earle and Judith Kazis, Keren Kazis and Bradley Phillips, and Deborah and Gideon Taylor on the birth of their grandson, son and nephew, Jordan Matthew Phillips.

Morris, Ana, Isaac, Rosie and Carlie Shammah on the naming of their daughter and sister, Davey Marie Shammah.

Galit, David, Samuel and Hannah Friedlander and Edna Golandsky on the occasion of Galit becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Ian Hochman-Reid, Christopher Reid and Joan Hochman on the occasion of Ian becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'rukhim Ha'Baim To:

Rabbi Donald Tam and the confirmation class of Temple Beth Tikvah, Roswell, Georgia.

Todah Rabbah to:

The 22 volunteers who helped create a warm and inviting Thanksgiving feast for our guests at the Homeless Shelter last week. A special thanks to Marjorie Olster for organizing the event and to Henry Meer for providing the entire dinner, the second year in a row for both. And to the 34 people who volunteered to help but couldn't, because the turnout was so large, todah rabbah!

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 are due on Tuesdays at noon (e-mail edited announcements to mrotstein@bj.org)

The Rae Tobey Food Collection List December 8th and 9th:

- ***DRY FOODS:** Fresh Bulbs of Garlic, Onions, Dry Beans (not canned): Pinto Beans, Kasha, Bulgar Wheat, Nuts (especially Peanuts), Peanut Butter, Boxes of Hot Cereal (Wheatena, Farina, Cream of Wheat), Tuna (Albacore), Corn Bread, Fruit Juice (Plastic Jars or Boxes) that don't require refrigeration, Stuffing, Teas, Coffee, Hot Chocolate mix
- ***DAIRY:** Boxes of Parmalat Milk
- ***FRUIT:** Hard Pears (that will wait to ripen), Lemons, Oranges and all types of Dried Fruit (including Raisins)
- ***VEGETABLES:** Potatoes, Acorn Squash, Butternut Squash
- ***CANNED GOODS:** Pumpkin
- ***BAKING ITEMS:** Flour, Baking Powder, Yeast, Brown Sugar, Non-Refrigerated Pie Crusts, Graham Crackers, Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Vanilla

Netilat Yadaim/Washing the Hands

To facilitate the ritual of hand washing at our Shabbat dinners, we are looking for donations of netilat yadaim sets (hand washing sets). If you would like to make a donation or if you need further information, please call Patty at x240.

BJ/ SPSA Shelter

- 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 x340 to sign up or to attend the upcoming orientation for new shelter volunteers on **Monday, December 11th** at 6:30 PM in Frankel Hall.
- The BJ Homeless Shelter will hold its annual holiday party for the guests on **Monday, December 20th**. Volunteers are needed to buy and wrap gifts, prepare a festive meal and add to the festivities with music and singing. To volunteer, please call Anne Millman at BJ x 340.

UPCOMING EVENTS

L'Dor V'Dor Lunch

The lunch scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd **has been canceled**. It will be rescheduled for a date in January.

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." Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members.

Spirit Matters at BJ

Tuesday, December 5th from 7:30-9:00 PM in the 86th Street Parlor Room: Following up on recent discussions with Rabbi Michael Lerner at BJ, the Social Action/Social Justice Committee is inviting interested BJers to continue the discussion of how to get involved in the social change ideas described in Rabbi Lerner's new book "Spirit Matters." Please RSVP to the SA/SJ committee at x 310 or visit socialaction@bj.org.

Study with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, December 8th and 9th

- **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. His teaching is entitled, "Come O Bride, Come O Bride, Sacred Marriage and Self Integration in Lekha Dodi." Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. **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 entitled, "Contemplative Prayer in Rambam and Hasidut" at 4:00 PM at 88th Street.

Menches in the Trenches

Sunday, December 10th from 5:30 - 9:00 PM at 88th Street: Celebrating Ten Years of Jews for Racial & Economic Justice. JFREJ will pay tribute to JFREJ founders Rabbi Marshall T.

Meyer, Marilyn Neimark, Donna Nevel and others. The program will include readings by Tony Kushner, Grace Paley and Ntozake Shange. Cost \$50 (bring your Kol Jeshurun)/ \$18 subsidized cost. For more information call JFREJ at 647-8966 or see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

The Study of Torah Leads to Action

The SA/SJ committee asks that every member study the text on international human rights found at the back of the sanctuary or on the social action pages of the BJ website (www.bj.org). We hope this study material, created by Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Sharon Brous, will help you begin to connect our congregation's work on behalf of the International Criminal Court with the wisdom of our Jewish tradition. We ask that you study this material in a group or with a friend, prior to our Social Justice Wednesday program on **December 13th**: "Global Justice: The ICC and Why We Need It." For more information on the ICC or our December program, contact the Social Action/Social Justice committee at x310 or socialaction@bj.org.

Israel Committee Meeting:

Thursday, December 7th from 7 :30 PM at 88th Street: Please join us for the next meeting of the Israel Committee. Participants in

the BJ Pilgrimage 2000 and members of the BJ Community are eager to explore issues facing contemporary Israeli society, including the conflict in the Middle East. We will be collaborating with the Social Action/Social Justice Committee in planning a future *Mideast Teach-In*, scheduled for early spring. For information call x 326.

Mideast Teach-In Planning Meeting

Thursday, December 7th at 8:00 PM at 88th Street (following the Israel Committee meeting): The Israel and Social Justice/Social Action committees invite all interested BJers to attend a planning meeting for a day long "Mideast Teach-in" that will take place sometime in the early Spring. RSVP to the SA/SJ committee at x310 or socialaction@bj.org.

Interfaith Open House

Monday, December 11th 7:30-9:00 PM at 86th Street: Please join us for the BJ Interfaith Committee's open house evening. A wonderful opportunity to share, learn, exchange ideas, meet each other and hear about future BJ Interfaith Committee events. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP at x377. See flyers in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, December 12th, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at 88th Street: This month, 6th 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). We are looking for a 6th grade parent to serve as coordinator for that evening. Future dates are as follows: January 16th (2nd Grade) and February 13th (5th 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 Zayin Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 15th following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street: All Hebrew School families with children in the seventh grade, join us for singing, stories and welcoming Shabbat together at a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Zayin students and their parents. In order to guarantee your reservation, we must receive your phone reservation **and** check by Monday, December 11th. **No exceptions.** Please call Tina Berger at x 225.

Teen trip to Camp Ramah in Argentina

B'nai Jeshurun is planning a trip for teens (10th to 12th grade) to Camp Ramah in Argentina. For more information please contact Family Life Director Guy Azubel at x244.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings

This evening's At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples is fully subscribed. All those who have signed up for the dinner should join their hosts immediately following the 6:45 PM service.

Sunday Dance Sensation Series

Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th Street & West End Avenue): Join us as the Sunday dance sensation continues. Sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed and Reba's Dance Connection. The second session will be a **Sizzling Salsa Fiesta** where Latin rhythms rule the night. Free mini-lessons in salsa and merengue (beginners & advanced), refreshments and a professional dance showcase are included. 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, \$20 non-members. No reservation necessary.

Chamber Music: A Night of Masterpieces in Music Wednesday, December 6th:

Join us for an evening of music making by The Festival Chamber Music Society. The evening will begin with dinner at Eden Wok (127 West 72nd Street) from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We will then walk to Merkin Concert Hall (129 West 67th Street) for the 8:00 PM concert. Reception following

the concert. Cost: \$45 members/ \$60 non-members. Includes dinner, concert ticket, and admission to the reception. Send a check marked "12/6 Singles Chamber Music Concert" to the BJ office. Include your name, day/evening phone numbers, membership status and indicate whether you require a vegetarian dinner. Ticket availability is limited and reservations must be made by **Monday, December 4th**.

Latkes, Latkes Everywhere

Sunday, December 10th from 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM: Join us for a very special cooking lesson: Learn How to Make the Perfect Latke. Cooking aficionado, author and BJ member Carol Gelles, will provide hands-on instructions on making truly gastronomic latkes! Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Class size is limited and registration is required. To register, send your check marked "12/10 Singles Latke Making" to the BJ office no later than **December 4th**. Please include a note with day/evening phone numbers and your membership status.

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

February 4th - 11th, 2001 at the 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 and will include activities

Photography Exhibit/ Tzedakah Project

November and December at Wolf Camera (2400 Broadway at 88th Street): BJ Member Sharon Lachow will exhibit her landscape and lifestyle photographs at the window of Wolf Camera. A portion of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program in honor of her mother, Racene Lachow.

Tuesday Night Volleyball

Tuesday, December 4th from 7:30 - 10:00 PM at Anshe Chesed

(251 West 100th, at West End Avenue): Join us for BJ's weekly co-ed, non-competitive volleyball on Tuesday nights. No permanent teams, just a fun pick-up game each week. Cost: \$3 members/\$5 non-members. For information leave a message in the BJ sports mailbox at x 383.

Book Party

Monday December 4th at 6:00 PM at 339 West 47th Street: The Actors Temple will hold a book party to celebrate the reissue of the book, *The Rabbi on Forty-Seventh Street*, BJ Member Ann Birstein's story of her father, who was the founding rabbi of The Actors Temple.

Book Presentation

Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30 PM at Barnes & Noble (83rd and Broadway): Rhoda Berenson will present her book "Lori, My Daughter, Wrongfully Incarcerated In Peru," recounting her daughter's unjust trial, wrongful sentence and inhumane conditions under which she has been living for the past five years.

Executive Producer of New Film

BJ member Sandra Schulberg's new film 'Quills', a lush period piece about the Marquis de Sade starring Geoffrey Rush and Kate Winslet, is now playing in theaters.

ECOLOGICAL SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK

To conserve energy, turn off lights, appliances and machines when not in use.

This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x 313.

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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(cf:vf , hatrc)

"But the children struggled in her womb, and she said 'If so, why do I exist?' She went to inquire of Adonai."
(Genesis 25:22)

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
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- Upcoming Singles Events
- Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
- Text Study on International Human Rights
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