

Kol Jeshurun



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Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Rabbis: 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

December 8 - 15, 2000

Friday, December 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted
Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller
After 6:00 PM service - 88th Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Singles Oneg Shabbat After 6:45 PM service - 86th Street

Saturday, December 9

Shabbat Parashat Va'yetze
Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
9:30 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3, Pg. 164

Triennial: Genesis 31:17 - 32:3, Pg. 210

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10, Pg. 344

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted

Bar Mitzvah Craig Freifelder

Aliyat Hatan veKallah
Saul Jacob Rosenberg and Esther Lucille David

Children's Services 10:45 AM

Speaker Natasha Slobodyanick, Project Keshet

Kiddush After Shabbat morning service - 86th Street

New and Expecting Parents Potluck 1:15 PM - 86th Street

Contemplative Prayer in Rambam and Hasidut: Study and Havdalah with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

4:00 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, December 10

Prayer and Synagogue Skills: Shahrith 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Latkes, Latkes Everywhere: Singles program
11:00 AM - 88th Street

Marshall T. Meyer Risk Takers Awards:
Celebrating 10 years of JFREJ 5:30 PM - 88th Street

Monday, December 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Homeless Shelter Volunteer Training 6:30 PM - 88th Street

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

Interfaith Committee Open House 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, December 12

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Family Set-Up for the Shelter 5:00 PM - 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 - 86th Street

Wednesday, December 13

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

Social Justice Wednesday 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Shabbat Parashat Va'Yishlah

Torah: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43, Pg. 217

Triennial: Genesis 35:16 - 36:43, Pg. 233

Haftarah: Hosea 11:07 - 12:12, Pg. 349

BJ TAKES A STAND AGAINST WAR CRIMES AND GENOCIDE

Wednesday, December 13th at 8:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, and other co-sponsoring Jewish organizations and synagogues, for our Social Justice Wednesday event entitled "Global Justice: The International Criminal Court and Why We Need It." We will view a short documentary on the ICC, as well as hear from Israeli Ambassador Aaron Jacob, BJ's own Javier Timerman, and Martina Vandenberg from Human Rights Watch. You will be encouraged to sign a letter to President Clinton urging him to sign on to the ICC, the first step toward ratifying the ICC treaty, before the December 31st deadline! Please see the flyer being handed out at services for more info on the program, and visit the social action pages of the BJ website for more info on the ICC. If possible, bring copies of signed letters to President Clinton from friends and families (available on the website and at the back of the sanctuary) on the 13th. Better yet, bring friends and family members to the program, and they can sign the letter there!!

For more information contact the SA/SJ committee at x310 or socialaction@bj.org

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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: Helen and Robert Stark on the death of Helen's beloved uncle, Harry Klein.

Mazal Tov To:

- Craig, Leonard, and Jack Freifelder and Carol Cohen on the occasion of Craig becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Saul Jacob Rosenberg and Esther Lucille David and their families on the occasion of Saul and Esther's upcoming marriage.
- Claire and Martin Hertz, Jordanna Hertz and Mark Velazquez on the birth of their granddaughter and daughter, Sarai Dov.

Kiddush Sponsorship:

This week's kiddush is sponsored by: Leonard and Carol Freifelder in honor of their son Craig becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

Rabbi Josh Hammerman, Hazan Sidney Rabinowitz and the members of Temple Beth El, Stamford, CT.

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)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable foods to Shabbat services this week (please see food list below). All food will be donated to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. Volunteers are needed after 6:00 PM 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.

The Rae Tobey Food Collection List:

***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

New Parents Potluck

Saturday, December 9th at 1:15 PM at 86th Street: An informal gathering of parents and bubbelahs under age one, will meet this Shabbat. Please bring a small nosh or drinks to share. We hope to bring together new parents to get to know one another and discuss (as long as the kids allow) Jewish parenting ideas. Free.

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

- **Tonight:** The Shabbat B'Yahad dinner is fully subscribed. If you have pre-registered, please join us after the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street.
- 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. Free.

***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

Give the Gift of Music

This year, give the gift of music. If you would like to purchase BJ's CD or songbook "With Every Breath", please take an order form from the back of the sanctuary.

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 6:30PM 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 x340.

HAVUROT INFORMATION

Are you interested in becoming part of a smaller community at BJ? If you would like to join a havurah (a fellowship group that meets monthly to study and celebrate, meet one another and create more connections), please fill out the NEW on-line havurah form, or pick up a form found at the back of the sanctuary. Havurot are open to BJ members only and are for those who are looking to be in a committed group on a monthly basis. For more information, please call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

Calling all Havurot and Havdalah Groups (a new one or one that has been meeting for years!) We imagine there are over 20 groups at BJ, but there could be more. Let us know about you. We would like to know more about how you got started, who is in your group and if you need any help with resource materials, etc. Call, e-mail or fax information to Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222, fsol@bj.org or fax 579-2282.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Interfaith Open House

Monday, December 11th from 7:30-9:00 PM at 86th Street: Please join the BJ Interfaith Committee's open house evening. It will be 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 to x377. See flyers in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

How To Talk To Your Kids About The Middle East Sunday, December 17th from 3:00 - 6:00 PM at The Montana Meeting Room (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets): Join us for a workshop for parents and educators co-sponsored by BJ and Jews for Peace through Justice. For parents and educators who are struggling with how to talk with their kids or students about the actions of the Israeli government. For more information, see flyer in the back. Space is limited, so please RSVP to peacenik00@hotmail.com or 718-596-6143. Free Admission.

Holiday Symposium and Concert Featuring The Western Wind Monday, December 18th at 7:00 PM at 86th Street: Come join us for an interfaith holiday evening beginning with a Jewish-

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

New Class
Mondays, beginning December 11th At the conclusion of morning minyan, Rabbi Sidney Greenberg will share reflections and teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

Creating Modern Midrash:
Please Note: This class, taught by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum, has been moved to Wednesdays. Beginning

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

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Latkes, Latkes Everywhere: Cooking Class with BJ's Carol Gelles
This Sunday's cooking lesson is fully subscribed. All those who have registered for the class should meet on Sunday at 11:00 AM in the kitchen of 88th Street.

Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery Sunday, December 17th beginning at 11:45 AM at Brandeis High School (85th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues): Join other BJ singles as we make our annual package deliveries to the elderly. This event, sponsored by Dorot, will begin with a group orientation. Following the orientation, we will team up to make our visits/deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. We will regroup at around 2:00 PM for lunch at Café

Christian dialogue on the meaning of the holidays with Rabbi Rolando Matalon and Rev. K Karpen of SPSA. A joyous concert of Hanukkah and Christmas music will follow the symposium. Cost: \$20/\$15/\$12/\$5. For reservations, information and fees call 873-2848 or www.westernwind.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Festival of Lights 5761

Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 PM at 88th Street: Join us for latkes, sufganiyot, an art exhibit which will include BJHS art projects, singing and celebration. We will light the first Hanukkah candle together. Please bring a children's book (non-Judaic) to be donated to a Domestic Violence Center. See the flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

January 10th and running **through February 28th** from 7:30-9:00 PM at 86th Street. The class will examine the ways in which Biblical text can inspire the creation of contemporary, literary, emotionally complex and sometimes comedic narrative. A merger between the modern imagination and the moral lessons of the bible. Writing assignments will be required outside of class.

your phone reservation **and** check by Monday, December 11th. **No exceptions.** Please call Tina Berger at x225.

SAVE THE DATE: BJ Hanukkah Celebration

Thursday, December 21st at 5:00 PM at the Heschel School (270 West 89th Street): Come celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah. All children are welcome! We will have dreidel making, a hanukkiyah contest, music, stories, games and much more. Join the community to celebrate the spirit of this holiday. For more information, see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary or call the Hanukkah hotline at x318.

Most Creative Hanukkiyah Contest

BJ invites all children to enter their homemade hanukkiyot in the Contest. Hanukkiot can be usable or just for decoration. Please bring your creations to our family program on **Thursday December 21st**. Prizes will be awarded at the program. See the flyers at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

Roma's Kosher Pizzeria (Amsterdam Avenue at 91st Street). **Reservations are required.** To reserve your space, please call x306 **by December 12th** and leave your name and day/ evening phone numbers. **Please note: the first 15 people who register for this event will also receive a free pass to attend the Sunday Dance Sensation on December 17th!** *Fulfill a mitzvah in good company!*

Sunday Dance Sensation Series: Black & White Ball Sunday, December 17th from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM at Anshe Chesed (100th Street & West End Avenue): Join us in the month of December as our dance sensation series continues with a **Black & White Ball** where the time for elegance is now! Just for the fun of it, let's hark back to the Golden Years of Hollywood studios

and wear your most outrageous Black & White outfits! The dances are ballroom, swing and Latin; the mini-lessons are foxtrots and swing. The dances are sponsored by BJ, Ansche Chesed and Reba's Dance Connection. 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). The cost is \$15 BJ/AC members/ \$20 non-members. No reservations necessary.

Make Shabbat Hanukkah Special: A New Yorker's Guide to the Bible

Friday, December 22nd at 6:00 PM at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service: Celebrate the second night of Hanukkah with a catered Shabbat dinner. Our special guest will be Lisa Lipkin, a professional storyteller who will regale us with witty and original

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

midrashim on tales of the bible. Cost: \$20 BJ members/\$30 non-members. Please call our voicemail (x306) to make your reservations **AND** send your check marked "12/22 Singles Dinner" to the BJ office no later than **Thursday, December 14th**. Please include a note with your day/evening phone numbers and your membership status. Please Note: if space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after December 14th.

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. A detailed information and registration form is at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Kindling the Flame

Thursday, December 14th at 8:00 PM at the 92nd Street Y (Lexington Avenue at 92nd Street): Come hear BJ member and storyteller Peninnah Schram and guitarist Gerard Edery present their Hanukkah program, "Kindling the Flame: Stories and Songs for Hanukkah." Hear stories of love and journeys and splendid songs celebrating the themes of this holiday. Cost: \$12. For information please call 996-1100.

Hanukkah Arts Fair

Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th at Ansche Chesed (251 West 100th Street): Ansche Chesed will hold its 20th annual Hanukkah Arts Festival and Judaica Crafts Fair. Artists from across the country and Israel will exhibit handmade Judaica.

BJ member Ina Helfand will be displaying her handmade tallitot. Cost: \$5 for entrance to craft fair. For information call 866-0600.

Jewish Meditation Minyan

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM at the Naturalist's Entrance to Central Park (South West corner of 77th Street and Central Park West): Join BJ member Rabbi Goldie Milgram for morning minyan. Tallit and tefillin optional, warm clothes essential. All are welcome.: For more information call 580-0432.

Nursery School Open House

Thursday, December 14th from 9:30 AM-noon at Lincoln Square Synagogue Nursery (200 Amsterdam Avenue at 69th): LSSNS includes children of diverse Jewish backgrounds, including many happy BJ alumni. Contact Jill Nathanson at 724-8565 for more information.

LAWS OF LASHON HARA

One may not relate a story about a person, even if one does not mention the name of the person who is the subject of the story, if it is obvious from the context to which one is referring. Even if the story itself was not derogatory if the subject was humiliated or embarrassed by what was said, and this was the intent of the person speaking - it is considered lashon hara.

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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(zy:j f , hatrc)

"Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely Adonai is present in this place, and I did not know it!'"
(Genesis 28:16)

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

- Membership Packets
- New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events
- Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
- Text Study on International Human Rights
- "With Every Breath" Order Forms
- December 10th JFREJ: Menches in the Trenches
- December 11th Interfaith Open House
- December 21st Hanukkiyah Contest
- December 21st BJ Hanukkah Program
- February 4th-11th BJ Winterfest