



## Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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

### December 15 - 22, 2000

#### Friday, December 15

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Singles Retreat Reunion Oneg** Following services - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, December 16

**Shabbat Parashat Va'Yishlah**

**Silent Meditation** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel

**Service** 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

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

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

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

#### **Adult B'not Torah**

Rise Dimson

Hilary Glazer

Susan Green

Marina Pinto-Kaufman

Judy Levine

Ellen Rose Silver

#### **Baby Naming**

Jordana Fay Levine

#### **Children's Services**

10:45 AM

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Hanukkah Party** 5:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, December 17

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**How to Talk to Your Kids About the Middle East**

3:00 PM - The Montana

#### Monday, December 18

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Social Action / Social Justice Meeting** 7:00 PM - The Montana

#### **Choir**

8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, December 19

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with**

**Amichai Lau-Lavie** 6:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Creating a Space for the Contemplative with Rabbi Marcelo**

**Bronstein and Rabbi Rachel Cowan** 7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Volleyball** 7:30 PM - Anshe Chesed

#### Wednesday, December 20

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with**

**Rabbi Rolando Matalon** 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, December 21

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Family Hanukkah Program** 5:00 PM - Heschel School

**Community Hanukkah Program** 6:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, December 22

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Parashat Va'Yeshev**

#### **Shabbat Hanukkah**

**Torah:** Genesis 37:1 - 40:23, Pg. 244

**Triennial:** Genesis 39:1 - 40:23, Pg. 257

**Haftarah:** Amos 2:06 - 3:08, Pg. 352

### SOCIAL ACTION / SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

#### TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

For those of you that weren't able to attend this week's Social Justice Wednesday program on the International Criminal Court (ICC), it's not too late to urge President Clinton to act. As you may know, the President has until December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year to sign the ICC treaty (after that date the U.S. would essentially have to sign and ratify at the same time). Please take a copy of the letter that will be available at the back of the sanctuary or visit the social action pages of the BJ website ([www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)) and send it in to the White House as soon as you can. Urge friends and colleagues to sign copies of the letter as well. For more information on our work on behalf of the ICC, or to get on the Social Action/Social Justice Committee's e-mail list, send an e-mail to [socialaction@bj.org](mailto:socialaction@bj.org) or call 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 BJ members and their families:*

- Enid Goldstein, George and Noah Klas on the death of Enid's beloved brother, Benjamin Goldstein.
- Charles and Amy Rudnick on the death of Charles' beloved father, David Rudnick.

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Rise Dimson, Hilary Glazer, Susan Green, Marina Pinto-Kaufman, Judy Levine, and Ellen Rose Silver on the occasion of their becoming B'not Torah.
- Laurie Blitzer and Samuel Levine and their families on the naming of their daughter, Jordana Fay.
- David Block and Elizabeth Lynn and their families on the occasion of David and Elizabeth's recent engagement.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

Stephen, Andy, Doug and Jennifer Kaufman and Danielle Truscott for donating flowers in honor of this week's B'not Torah.

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](http://www.bj.org)) and in the back of the sanctuary at 88<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mrotstein@bj.org))**

## **Give the Gift of Music**

This Hanukkah, 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**

The Shelter will hold its annual holiday party for the guests on **Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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

## **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 would like 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](mailto:fsol@bj.org) or fax 579-2282.

## **BJ Breast Cancer Havurah**

This havurah is opening to create a sanctuary for women diagnosed with this disease. It will take place at havdalah on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of January, February and March at a convenient Upper West Side location. Confidentiality is required. Torah, song and prayer from our tradition will be used to sustain our spirits. Please call x377 for more information. Bring your favorite whole spice and a havdalah candle.

## **Queens Havurah Dinner and Service**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 PM, in the home of Paul and Louise Cohen in Rego Park. Celebrate Shabbat and the second night of Hanukkah with a BJ style Kabbalat Shabbat service and traditional kosher chicken dinner (a vegetarian meal is available on request). All are welcome. Cost: \$15. Send a check payable to Paul Cohen, 63-84 Saunders Street, Apt. 1C, Rego Park, NY. 11374. For more information, call Les Judd at 718-805-4260. No calls on Shabbat.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **How To Talk To Your Kids About The Middle East**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 - 6:00 PM at The Montana Meeting Room (Broadway between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> 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, please see flyer in the back. Space is limited, so please RSVP to [peacenik00@hotmail.com](mailto:peacenik00@hotmail.com) or 718-596-6143. Free admission.

## **Holiday Symposium and Concert Featuring The Western Wind**

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Come join us for an interfaith holiday evening beginning with a Jewish-Christian dialogue on the meaning of the holidays with Rabbi Roly 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](http://www.westernwind.org).

**Festival of Lights 5761: "From Darkness to Light"**  
**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Women's Rosh Hodesh Group**  
**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us as we celebrate Hanukkah and welcome the new month of Tevet. Call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222 for more information.

**Gay and Lesbian Hanukkah Party**  
**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (1 Little West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor): Join us for a joyous evening of singing, snacking, candle

lighting and celebrating Hanukkah together. This event is co-sponsored by BJ's Gay and Lesbian committee and numerous Gay and Lesbian organizations in the city. Cost: \$5-\$15 at the door. Call x325 for more information.

**Intermarriage: Challenges and Choices**  
**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**New Class: Torah Guidelines to Becoming a Mentsh<sup>h</sup>**  
**Fridays, beginning December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the conclusion of morning minyan at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: 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

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** and running through **February 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**Kitah Zayin Shabbat Dinner**  
Due to low registration, the Shabbat dinner scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

**BJ Family Hanukkah Celebration: "From Darkness to Light"**  
**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5:00 PM at the Heschel School (270 West 89<sup>th</sup> 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. Hanukkiyot can be usable or just for decoration. Please bring your creations to our family program on **Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Prizes will be awarded at the program. See the flyers at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

**Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 11:45 AM at Brandeis High School (85<sup>th</sup> 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 Caf  Roma's Kosher Pizzeria (Amsterdam Avenue at 91<sup>st</sup> Street).

**Sunday Dance Sensation Series: Black & White Ball**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM at Anshe Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> 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, Anshe 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> 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 midrashim on tales of the Bible. Cost: \$30 BJ members/\$40 non-members. Please call x306 to make your reservations **AND** send your check marked "12/22 Singles Dinner" to the BJ office no later

than **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please include a note with your day/evening phone numbers and your membership status.

**Intimacy & Commitment: Workshop for Single Men & Women**  
**Thursdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00-8:30PM. Join clinician Anne Kohn for a ten session personal journey workshop

exploring our own perspectives on intimacy and commitment. This workshop will include guest facilitators. Cost: \$150 members/\$225 non-members. To register, look for information and an application in the annual BJ Brochure. Registration must be made before the first class begins.

## 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

### **Adoptive Family Hanukkah Celebrations**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 AM - noon at Anshe Chesed (251 West 100<sup>th</sup> Street): The Stars of David NYC Chapter invites you to a morning of Hanukkah fun, stories, arts and crafts, snacks and songs. For information, call Susan Kupferberg at 558-9949.

### **Jewish Life Dance Holiday Workshops For Adults**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at The Sol Goldman YM-YWHA of The Educational Alliance (344 E. 14<sup>th</sup>

Street, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues): Experience Hanukkah through 3 exciting workshops: "The Grinch Who Stole Chanukah: A Modern Midrash on Miracles by Dr. Seuss and Rabbi Akiba," led by Amichai Lau-Lavie. "The Miracle of Light in My Soul," movement, meditation, music and sharing led by Reena Keren and "The Miracle of Latke Making" with Susi Goldstein. Cost: \$10/class. For information call Reena Keren at 780-0800, x246.

### L A W S O F L A S H O N H A R A

If those who know him hold him in esteem, you are forbidden to tell others that in a previous situation he was not regarded with equal reverence. This constitutes lashon hara even if it is true. If someone wishes to relate this in order to prevent an unqualified person from being mistakenly hired, it is permissible under the conditions specified in  
*Laws of R'hilut, chapter 9.*

### P A S U K O F T H E W E E K

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"But Jacob said, 'No, I pray you; if you would do me this favor, accept from me this gift; for to see your face is like seeing the face of God, and you have received me favorably.'" (Genesis 33:10)

### **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" CD and Songbook Order Forms
- December 17<sup>th</sup> How to Talk to Your Kids about the Middle East
- December 21<sup>st</sup> Hanukkiyah Contest and Hanukkah Program
- January 11<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Couples Group Workshop
- February 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> BJ Winterfest