

# 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

### January 5 – 12, 2001

#### Friday, January 5

**Tot Shabbat** 5:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, January 6

**Parashat Vayigash**  
**Silent Meditation Service** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel  
 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Torah:** Genesis 44:18 – 47:27, Pg. 281  
**Triennial:** Genesis 46:28 – 47:27, Pg. 294  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 37:15 – 28, Pg. 357

**Children's Services** 10:45 AM

#### Sunday, January 7

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**St. Luke's Brunch** 11:00 AM - meet at 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Book Club Meeting** 7:00 PM - The Montana

#### Monday, January 8

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**ICC Meeting and Social Action/Social Justice Meeting** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, January 9

**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

#### Wednesday, January 10

**MARSHALL T. MEYER YAHRZEIT**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Perversion and Holiness: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis with Rabbi Rolando Matalon** 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Creating Modern Midrash with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum** 7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Social Justice Wednesday** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, January 11

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Board Meeting** 6:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Obligation, Mystery and Mortality - The Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim with Shoshana Jedwab** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, January 12

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Torah Guidelines to Becoming a Mentsh with Rabbi Sidney Greenberg** 8:15 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Parashat Vayehi**

**Torah:** Genesis 47:28 – 50:26, Pg. 302  
**Triennial:** Genesis 49:27 – 50:26, Pg. 314  
**Haftarah:** I Kings 2:1 – 12, Pg. 359

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

Please join the Social Action/Social Justice Committee for the next Social Justice Wednesday program entitled "The 'Welfare of our City' – Prospects for Economic Justice in New York during the Bush Administration." The program will take place at the 88<sup>th</sup> Street sanctuary at 8:00 PM this Wednesday night (January 10<sup>th</sup>) and will include a panel discussion with NY City Council members Ronnie Eldridge (from the West Side) and Bill Perkins (from Harlem) as well as Sondra Youdelman from the advocacy group "Community Voices Heard." The event is co-sponsored by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice.

**For more information contact the SA/SJ Committee at x 310 or [socialaction@bj.org](mailto:socialaction@bj.org).**

# 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:

- Lori and Craig Sumberg, Mark Laska and Rabbi Yael Ridberg and their family on the death of Lori and Mark's beloved aunt, Rheta Bank.
- Ellen and Eddy Bikales and their family on the death of Ellen's beloved brother, Patrick Butler, III.
- Arline Guinn and her family on the death of Arline's beloved father, Benjamin Sobel.
- Bobbye Schwartz, Freddy Goldstein and their family on the death of their beloved sister and aunt, Eleanor R. Schwartz.

## **Todah Rabbah:**

- The Palmer Sherman family would like to express their gratitude to the BJ community for its love and support during this most difficult time.
- Lynn Chase, after working tirelessly for the past year to keep our website updated daily, is stepping down from this position. We wish her much success in all her future endeavors.

## **New Shoes for Cuban Elders**

Imagine not being able to afford a new pair of shoes. That is the situation faced by many of Cuba's elderly Jews. At Shabbat services this week, BJ's Latin America Committee will be collecting new shoes for women (sizes 5-9) and men (sizes 7-10). Sturdy new sneakers and sandals are especially welcome. Look for collection receptacles at both 86<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**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)).**

## **The Rae Tobey Food Collection**

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable foods to Shabbat services next week, **January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** (please see food list below). All food will go the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. Volunteers are needed after Kabbalat Shabbat services at 88<sup>th</sup> Street to wheel shopping carts with donations to SPSA. We also will need volunteers 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](mailto:itobey@hotmail.com).

**DRY FOODS:** Fresh bulbs of garlic, onions, dried pinto beans, kasha, bulgar wheat, nuts (especially peanuts), peanut butter, boxes of hot cereal (wheatena, farina, cream of wheat, etc.), tuna (albacore), corn bread, fruit juice (plastic jars or boxes) that don't require refrigeration, stuffing, teas, coffee, hot chocolate

**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 piecrusts, graham crackers, nutmeg, cinnamon, vanilla

## **HOSTS NEEDED!**

Living the Mitzvah of Hakhnasat Or<sup>h</sup>im:

On **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, following Shabbat morning services, we need 15-20 hosts to invite guests to their home for a light lunch. We hope to have hosts in different parts of the city (Upper East, Downtown, Upper West) to enable guests to attend a kiddush near their homes. Hosts will be asked to invite people on their own in the weeks preceding the kiddush. Please fill out an on-line host form or leave a message on x382 with how many people you can host, your name, your phone number, address and e-mail address. All kiddushim must be dairy/vegetarian.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Moadon Hasefer HaTov**

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-9:00 PM at The Montana (247 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street on Broadway): You are invited to join the discussion of Anita Desai's "Baumgartner's Bombay," the book of the month for December and early January. The book takes on an unusual subject: the experience of Jewish refugees in India.

## **Intermarriage: Challenges and Choices**

**Beginning Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM (location TBA): Last chance to sign up for the 6 session Interfaith Couples Series. 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, at x377 or see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary. Co-sponsored by the BJ Interfaith Committee and the Jewish Board of Children and Family Services.

## **Memories of Marshall T. Meyer**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** after 6:00 PM services at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join the Shabbat B'yahad and Singles Committees for our next

Shabbat B'yahad catered community dinner. This special dinner will follow a commemorative program in observance of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's yahrzeit and will feature Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein sharing stories of Marshall. Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. IMPORTANT: Your reservation will be accepted only if you leave a message in the SBY voice mailbox at x 304 with your name(s) and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office, marked 'SBY 1/12/01'.

## **Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. at Shabbat Morning Services Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

at Shabbat morning services, 9:30 AM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join us as we welcome Protestant activist and theologian, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Coffin, who worked with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel to protest the Vietnam War and with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights movement, will be speaking as part of a weekend observance remembering Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **L'Dor V'Dor Shabbat Luncheon**

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** following Shabbat morning services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: If you are **70 years young or older**, you are invited with your guest of any age to join us for another Shabbat celebration together. Our program will be led by the renowned Yiddish performer Adrienne Cooper, who will help us visit the Yiddish world through music and commentary. Space is limited. RSVP by sending your check for \$12 to the BJ office by **Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>** marked "L'Dor V'Dor Lunch."

### **Calling out for Help**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** after services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join us with Rabbi Felicia Sol, and co-chairs of the Bikkur Holim Committee, Candace Martin and Sheila Bleckner, for a Bikkur

Holim kiddush and teaching. Reservations are encouraged. For more information call Susan Rosenthal at x 377 and see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE: **Tu Bishevat Seder**

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join us as the BJ Environmental Committee hosts our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tu Bishevat Seder with Yitzhak Buxbaum. The Seder is an opportunity to reconnect our souls with nature in a very spiritual manner and to discuss current environmental concerns, here in the USA and in Israel. To register and for more details, please see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Obligation, Mystery and Mortality - The Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim/Visiting the Sick: Text Study and Workshop**

**4 Thursdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Jewish educator Shoshana Jedwab for an in-depth exploration of the fascinating guidelines for the Mitzvah of Bikkur Holim in the Shulhan Arukh and other classical texts. Barbara Anderson, Certified Hospice Nurse and Volunteer Trainer, will join Shoshana. No previous text study is necessary. All texts will be in the original as well as translated into English. Cost: \$60 members/\$90 non-members. Please see the BJ brochure or the BJ website (www.bj.org) for adult education registration information.

### **Spring 2001 Hebrew Classes**

**10 Tuesdays, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Board Room: Come learn or touch up your Hebrew with Jill Borodin, a 5<sup>th</sup> year rabbinical student at JTS. The following classes are being offered: Beginner Hebrew (6:00-7:00PM), Hebrew of the Hagaddah - which is on an intermediate/advanced level (7:15-8:15PM) and Advanced Beginners Hebrew (8:30-9:30PM). If you have any questions about the Hebrew classes or placement, please call Jill at 280-6075 or e-mail jborodin@jtsa.edu. Cost: \$100 members/\$150 non-members. For registration information, please call x300. **Please note: The Monday night Hebrew classes have been cancelled.**

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### **Intimacy & Commitment: Workshop for Single Men & Women**

**Thursdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00-8:30PM (location TBA): Join clinician Anne Kohn for a 10-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. Sign up now!

### **Memories of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer: January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Shabbat B'yahad and the Singles Committees for our next catered community dinner. See Upcoming Events for more details.

### **Finding Your Soulmate: "Date Bait" Singles Mixer**

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: The BJ singles community is sponsoring an "old-fashioned singles mixer meets new-fangled technology" evening. The program, hosted by Date Bait facilitators, will include introductions, mingling and the chance to list participants you want to DATE! A high technology computer will tally up "matches" (participants who list each other) and then it's time to arrange your dates. Lite refreshments will be

served. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Reservations are required. To make a reservation send your check to the BJ office, marked "1/21 Date Bait" **AND** call the Singles voicemail x 306 by **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please include your day/evening phone numbers, age, and indicated your membership status. Please Note: If space is available, the cost at the door will be \$40. **Confirmation calls will be made by January 17<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, call Date Bait at 971-1084.

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

**February 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 for both the skier and non-skier, as well as shared meals, a Tu-Bishevat Seder, a spirited Shabbat program and a unique nature and Judaism program led by Rabbi Mike Comins. Approximate cost will be \$1,500 and will include land package, airfare, four-day lift ticket, and many additional activities. A detailed information and registration form is at the back of the sanctuary. **There is still time to secure your spot on this trip, register NOW!**

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### **Early Childhood Classes for Little Ones and their Parents**

Registration for BJ's Early Childhood classes for children 6 months to 3 years old is in full swing. Classes will be held on **Fridays** beginning **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Space is limited. To register and for more information, call Tina Berger at x 225.

### **Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: This month, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade BJ kids, their parents and siblings are invited to cook meals for guests of the Homeless Shelter. Please call this

month's coordinators, Ulrika Citron at 362-2089 or April Klausner at 799-0990, to volunteer and to find out which food ingredients to bring. Future dates are as follows: February 13<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and March 12<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> grade). Also, please look out for a rescheduled date for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dinner. 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.

**B'nai BJ 2001**

Registration is now open to BJ members and BJHS families for the summer of 2001! B'nai BJ is a wonderful summer program designed for children ages 4-7. It will begin July 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> and run from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Due to space limitation and programming quality, we will accommodate a total of 36 participants. Our policy is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your registration will only be processed after a non-refundable security deposit of \$200 and the registration form are received. This year's tuition is \$1750 and \$1650 for siblings; payment plans and financial aid are available. For additional information call Guy at x 244.

**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 x320.

**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**

**Poetry Reading**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at Makor (35 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street): Come hear Adam Sol, brother of BJ Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Felicia Sol, read from his book "Jonah's Promise." His debut book received the First Series Book Award from MidList Press. He will read about pathetic prophets, Pegasus ice sculptures, and the need to reconcile an enduring faith with a modern sensibility. Cost: \$5.

presenting her solo photography show. For more information please e-mail Robin at [rbg77@att.net](mailto:rbg77@att.net).

**Israeli Folk Dance Marathon & Party**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** starting at 8:00 PM at Bridge for Dance (2726 Broadway at 104<sup>th</sup> Street): Join us for an Israeli folk dance winter marathon and party with special guest Ayalah Goren Kadman from the Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem. Sponsored by Rikuday Dor Rishon. For information call 620-0535, e-mail [rdr@rikud.net](mailto:rdr@rikud.net) or visit [www.rikud.net](http://www.rikud.net).

**Photo Exhibit**

**Through January 31<sup>st</sup>** in the McBurney YMCA Gallery (West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue): BJ member Robin Sacknoff will be

**ECOLOGICAL SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK**

Detoxify your home. Use non-toxic, biodegradable cleansers and other household products. Many health food stores sell safe non-toxic cleansers and pest control products.

**This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.**

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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"Now do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me hither;  
 it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you."  
 (Genesis 45:5)

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

- Rae Tobey Food Collection and Study
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Neshama Carlebach Concert – Tickets on Sale Now!!
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Bikkur Holim Kiddush and Teaching
- February 4<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> BJ Winterfest
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Tu Bishevat Seder
- Membership Packets
- New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events
- Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
- Information on Breast Cancer Havurah
- Text Study on International Human Rights