



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 12 – 19, 2001

Friday, January 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street

Marshall T. Meyer Observance

Shabbat B'yahad After 6:00 PM service - 88th Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Teen Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, January 13

Parashat Vayehi

Silent Meditation 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel

Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26, Pg. 302

Triennial: Genesis 49:27 – 50:26, Pg. 314

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 12, Pg. 359

Bat Mitzvah Franci Blattner

Aliyat Hatan veKallah David Ansel and Allison Levy

Children's Services 10:45 AM

Speaker Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

Kiddush After Shabbat morning services - 86th Street

Sunday, January 14

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, January 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street

Pervasion and Holiness: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis with

Rabbi Rolando Matalon 6:30 PM - 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Social Action/ Social Justice: Spirit Matters Meeting

7:00 PM - 89th Street

Creating Modern Midrash with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and

Thane Rosenbaum 7:30 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, January 18

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

Mideast Teach-In Meeting 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Obligation, Mystery and Mortality - The Mitzvah of Bikkur

Holim with Shoshana Jedwab 7:30 PM - 88th Street

Friday, January 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Torah Guidelines to Becoming a Mentsh with

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg 8:15 AM - 88th Street

Parashat Sh'mot

Hodesh

Torah: Exodus 1:1 – 6:1, Pg. 382

Triennial: Exodus 4:18 – 6:1, Pg. 411

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13, Pg. 692

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY SOUP KITCHEN AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

Please join members of BJ's Social Action/Social Justice Committee and others at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) on **Monday, January 15th** as we commemorate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving food to those in need. HUC is located at 1 West 4th Street (Between Broadway and Mercer, close to the N/R 8th Street stop). Set-up for the soup kitchen will be from 3:00-4:45 PM, followed by a short orientation, and the soup kitchen itself will run until 7:00 PM. Following the program, there will be a short study session looking at King's writings through a Jewish lens. Please come for some, or all of the day. For more information call HUC student Jill Maderer at 689-9195.

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:

- Franci, Pamela and Marcy Blattner and Craig Platt on the occasion of Franci becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- David Ansel and Allison Levy and their families on David and Allison's upcoming wedding.
- Marla Stone and Scott Johnson and their families on Marla and Scott's engagement.

Kiddush Sponsor:

This week's kiddush is sponsored by:

- Pamela Blattner and Craig Platt in honor of Franci Blattner becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- David Ansel and Allison Levy in honor of their upcoming wedding.

Todah Rabbah To:

Helen and Hal Lehrman for their donation of netilat yadaim sets in honor of Helen's special birthday.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

Shabbat Starz, a teen club from the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst.

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

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable foods to Shabbat services this week, **January 12th and 13th** (please see food list). All food will go the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. Volunteers are needed after Kabbalat Shabbat services at 88th 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.

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 Orhim:

On **Saturday, January 20th**, 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

WANTED: TALENTED CHILDREN, TEENS & GROWN-UPS!

Purim is around the corner and we are on the lookout for talented actors, singers and dancers to star in our annual Purim Speil. Auditions will begin on Tuesday, January 16th. For more information, see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary or call Tina Berger at x 225.

PLEASE NOTE: The January 25th Community Forum Meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, February 12th** at 7:00 PM at the 88th Street Sanctuary. More details will be forthcoming to the congregation by mail.

What do BJ's 175th anniversary and Purim have in common? The BJ Purim Costume Ball! **Saturday, March 3rd** at 9:00 PM at 88th Street. For more information, call Aviva at x 250.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memories of Marshall T. Meyer

If you have pre-registered for the Shabbat B'yahad catered community dinner tonight, please join us following 6:00 PM services at 88th Street.

Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. at Shabbat Morning Services Saturday, January 13th

at Shabbat morning services, at 86th 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. Rev. Coffin will be speaking as part of a weekend observance remembering Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Women's Torah Study

Thursday, January 18th at 7:45 PM, at the home of Elga Stulman 151 Central Park West #3W (at 75th Street): BJ and the Drisha Institute for Jewish education will sponsor the 3rd annual Torah study for BJ women. Rachel Friedman, director of the Yesodot program, and full time faculty at Drisha will speak on 'Creation,

Refreshments will be served. For information and to RSVP call 724-8286.

L'Dor V'Dor Shabbat Luncheon

Saturday, January 20th following Shabbat morning services at 86th 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 marked "L'Dor V'Dor

Neshama Carlebach and Friends Concert

Saturday, January 20th at 8:00 PM at 88th Street: The B'nai Jeshurun Arts & Culture Committee is pleased to present a concert of heart music, spirit music and soul music with Neshama Carlebach and Friends. Neshama's musical 'soul' comes from the heart and the voice of her father – Reb Shlomo Carlebach z"l – as she describes him, "my best friend, my teacher and Rebbe." Her own style is a blend of a variety of musical traditions, resulting in a soulful, tuneful and pulsing experience. Tickets can be

purchased in advance at West Side Judaica (2412 Broadway, between 88th and 89th Streets, 362-7846) for \$20 or at the door for \$30.

New Kabbalat Shabbat Service

We are pleased to announce that beginning **Friday, January 26th** there will be two new services. A monthly Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service will take place in the Sanctuary at 88th Street at 6:00 PM and a new Shabbat service (the "Downstairs Minyan") will take place in the 86th Social Hall at 6:00 PM. Future dates are: **March 2nd, April 6th and May 4th**. Please note that the regular Friday 6:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at the 86th Street Sanctuary will take place as usual.

Calling out for Help

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Spring 2001 Hebrew Classes

10 Tuesdays, January 23rd - April 2nd in the 86th Street Board Room: Come learn or touch up your Hebrew with Jill Borodin, a 5th 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,

Saturday, January 27th after services at 86th Street: Please join 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.

Tu Bishevat Seder

Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join us as the BJ Environmental Committee hosts our 7th 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. For information call Brenda at x 228.

please call Jill at 280-6075 or e-mail jiborodin@jtsa.edu. Cost: \$100 members/\$150 non-members. For registration information, please call x300. **Please note: The Monday night Hebrew classes have been cancelled.**

PLEASE NOTE: Rabbi Matalon's class, "Perversion and Holiness: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis" will now be taking place in the 86th Street Sanctuary.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Memories of Marshall T. Meyer

If you have registered for the Shabbat B'yahad catered community dinner tonight, please join us following 6:00 PM services at 88th Street.

Winter Oneg Shabbat

Friday, January 19th following the 6:45 PM in the 86th Street Social Hall: Melt your winter chills away 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 our upcoming events.*

Finding Your Soulmate: "Date Bait" Singles Mixer

Sunday, January 21st at 6:30 PM at 88th 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 15th**. 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 17th. For more information, call Date Bait at 971-1084. **FYI: Last year's Date Bait event resulted in one engagement and several couples still dating**

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

February 4th - 11th, at the Snow King Ski Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming: Approximate cost will be \$1,500 and will include land package, airfare, four-day lift ticket, and many additional activities. For more details and to register, fill out registration form found in the back of the sanctuary, and mail to the BJ office or call Rabbi Mike Comins at (818) 888-7348. **There is still time to secure your spot on this trip, register NOW!**

At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings for Singles and Couples

Friday, February 2nd following the 6:45 PM service: Warm up from the chill outside and join us for our next 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 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voicemail at x 360. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is January 19th. For more information and to register, see registration forms at the back of the sanctuary.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, January 16th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 88th Street: This month, 2nd 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 13th (5th

grade) and March 12th (1st grade). Also, please look out for a rescheduled date for the 6th 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.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 26th, 6:00 PM at 88th Street: All families with children 5 years and older are invited to participate in BJ's first-ever Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Please join us for a Family

Shabbat Dinner following the service at 7:00PM. In order to attend the dinner, you must reserve a space by contacting Guy Azubel 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 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

New Class

Rabbi Sidney Greenberg has been appointed to the faculty of Hebrew Union College-Jewish/ Institute of Religion where he will be giving a course on homiletics. For more information please contact HUC at 674-5300.

Storahelling: Murder on the Nile (Or Moses: The Early Years)

Saturday, January 13th from 4:00-6:00PM at the Village Temple (33 East 12th Street): Join us for a ritual-performance of the weekly Torah reading spiced with traditional Moroccan chants, non-traditional English translation & live music. Join Amichai Lau-Lavie, Mordecai Schram & Matt Fried for the same old story told in a whole new way. Free admission. Followed by havdalah and refreshments. For information call 284-6776.

Good Samaritans Needed!

Volunteers are needed at the Kateri Residence Nursing Home (150 Riverside Drive at 87th Street). Any free time you can give

would be appreciated. The next volunteer orientation will be held **January 17th**. For more information please call Ruth Pappelis at 769-0744 x 117.

Modern Hebrew Classes

Modern Hebrew classes are being offered by BJ member Michal Nachmany. For information about morning or evening classes, call Michal at 865-4050.

Workshop on Fighting Racism

Thursday, January 18th from 7:00-9:00PM at Makor (35 West 67th Street): Take part in interactive exercises, role-plays and discussion with other Jews interested in fighting racism. This workshop is designed to empower Jews to take action and strategize for change. Co-Sponsored by JFREJ. For more information, contact Debbie at 601-1065.

LAWS OF LASHON HARA

Avak Lashon hara refers to those forms of speech that are rabbinically proscribed, and they include: Speech, which can lead others to speak lashon hara. Speech whose contents can lead someone to infer that a person acted reprehensibly although no specific details are mentioned. Speech which is laudatory but is nevertheless damaging.

PASUK OF THE WEEK

"Ighcav ratf lict , t rceu vkg vgrp rnthu"
(u:b , hatrc)

"And Pharaoh said, 'Go up and bury your father, as he made you promise on oath.'
(Genesis 50:6)

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

- January 12th-13th Rae Tobey Food Collection and Study
- January 20th Neshama Carlebach Concert – Tickets on Sale Now!!
- January 27th Bikkur Holim Kiddush and Teaching
- February 4th-11th BJ Winterfest
- February 7th Tu Bishevat Seder
- At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner for Singles and Couples
- Purim Speil Auditions
- 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