



## 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

### February 2 – 9, 2001

#### Friday, February 2

**Tot Shabbat** 5:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Shabbat B'Yahad with Professor Judith Hauptman:**  
**"Aging Parents, Aging Sages"** After 6:00 PM service - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner**  
 After 6:45 PM service – Members' Homes

#### Saturday, February 3

**Parashat Bo**  
**Silent Meditation Service** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel  
 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Torah:** Exodus 10:1 – 13:16, Pg. 448  
**Triennial:** Exodus 12:29 – 13:16, Pg. 461  
**Haftarah:** Jeremiah 46:13 – 28, Pg. 700

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

**New and Expecting Parents Potluck Lunch** 1:15 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Study and Havdalah with Professor Judith Hauptman:**  
**"Facing Aging"** 4:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Minhah** 5:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Bat Mitzvah** Leni Kirschenbaum

#### Sunday, February 4

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/St. Luke's Brunch** 11:00 AM - meet at 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Gay and Lesbian Committee Brunch** 11:00 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Monday, February 5

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

#### Tuesday, February 6

**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  
**Meditation** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, February 7

**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** Will resume February 14<sup>th</sup>  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Creating Modern Midrash with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum** Will resume February 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Tu Bishevat Seder with Yitzhak Buxbaum** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, February 8

**TU BISHEVAT**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**End of Life Issues with Leonard Sharzer** 7:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Mideast Teach-In Meeting** 8:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, February 9

**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

#### NEXT WEEK

#### Parashat B'Shalah - Shabbat Shirah

**Torah:** Exodus 13:17 – 17:16, Pg.447  
**Triennial:** Exodus 14:26 – 17:16, Pg.481  
**Haftarah:** Judges 4:4 – 4:25, Pg.703

### SOCIAL JUSTICE/ SOCIAL ACTION AND ECOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK Defend Protection of National Forests

Join the Social Action/Social Justice and Environmental Committees and the Coalition for the Environment and Jewish Life by helping to ensure that the new policy to protect 58.5 million acres of roadless areas in our National Forests is not reversed. The policy to protect these pristine, wild areas, under attack by certain members of Congress, several governors of western states, and logging industry groups is being reviewed by the Bush Administration. Please contact Senators Schumer 486-4430 and Clinton 661-5150 and urge them to oppose any attempt to change the new policy. Also call or write President Bush (202-456-1414 or president@whitehouse.gov) and urge him to protect our nation's forests. For more information, see the Tu Bishevat flyer in the back of the sanctuary.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Tu Bishevat Seder is this **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. (there's still room!)
- Social Justice Wednesday program, "Global Warming, West Nile Virus, and other Threats to God's Glorious Creation" is on **Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>** at 8:00 PM.

BOTH EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 88<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its deepest condolences to the following members and their families:

- Shelly Bernard and her family on the death of her nephew, Steven Reuben Teitelbaum.
- Rosalie Sacks Levine and her family on the death of her beloved mother, Esther Sacks.
- Peggy and Robert Sarlin and Eddie and Ellen Bikales and their families on the death of Peggy and Eddie's beloved grandfather, Abe Potchinsky.
- Anne Kohn and her family on the death of Anne's beloved aunt, Miriam Schultz.
- Joan Bronk and her family on the death of her beloved husband, Bernard Bronk.

## Mazal Tov To:

- Leni, Amy, Steven and Alyssa Kirschenbaum on the occasion of Leni becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jerry Goldfeder and Alice Yaker, and their children Peter Meyer and Larissa Nekhlyudov, on the birth of Jerry and Alice's grandson, Jonah Meyer.
- Liz, Manny, Josie and Maxine Stern, Judy and Steven Peck, Edward Stern and Stephanie Rein, Andrea Stern and Adam Pelzman on the birth of their daughter, sister, granddaughter and niece, Eliana Nomi.

## Bruhim Habaim To:

Professor Ari Goldman and his class from the Columbia University School of Journalism.

## Relief for India and Central America

The American Jewish World Service is currently accepting contributions to aid the victims of the latest earthquakes in India and Central America. AJWS responds to humanitarian disasters around the world by providing desperately needed emergency relief, and helping to fund long-term construction. Immediate emergency relief assistance often includes clean water, shelter, sanitation, medical supplies, professional staff and other necessary assistance. To contribute, send a check to AJWS, 989 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018, call 1-800-889-7146 or contribute online at [www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org).

## Stop Haman Now!!

How? By helping out to ensure this year's Purim spiel goes smoothly. (We all know Haman was behind last year's chaos.) Volunteers needed to help with lights, sound, sets and costumes.

If you would like to help, email Michael Kelberg at [kelberg@aol.com](mailto:kelberg@aol.com).

## SCHEDULING CHANGES:

- Both Rabbi Bronstein and Rabbi Matalon's classes will not be held on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** in order not to conflict with the Tu B'shevat Seder taking place that evening. Classes will resume the following week, **February 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- The Cuban film night that was scheduled for **February 4<sup>th</sup>** has been postponed until **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Further information will be upcoming in the Kol Jeshurun and on the BJ website.

## The Rae Tobey Food Collection

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable foods to Shabbat services next week, **February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<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

## 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 ([www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)) as well as to monitor new information or program changes.**

**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)).**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings for Singles and Couples

Those who signed up for this week's At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner should join their hosts immediately following the 6:45 PM service at 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

## New and Expecting Parents Potluck Lunch

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 1:15 PM in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Parlor Room: BJ's New and Expecting Parents' Group welcomes Rabbi Felicia Sol who will speak on "Opportunities at BJ for Babies." Parents of newborns and expecting parents are encouraged to join us to discuss and meet. Bring a nosh to share, and ideas about Jewish parenting.

## Tu B'shevat 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 B'shevat 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. There is still room to register! Please call Brenda at x 228.

## Barak or Sharon on February 6<sup>th</sup>?

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at the JCC (15 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street): Join us as Dr. Stephen Cohen surveys Israel's post-election landscape. Dr. Cohen founded the Institute for Middle

East Peace and Development in 1979. He brings original approaches to advancing peace to leaders of Israel, the Palestinians and Arabs as well as American officials. This evening is co-sponsored by BJ, the JCC and the Israel Policy Forum. Free for all.

### **Help Improve Black-Jewish Relations**

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Join the Social Action/Social Justice committee as we partner with Pathways to Understanding for an important five-week pilot project. Members and friends of BJ are invited to explore race relations with members of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Facilitated discussion groups in small groups will take place in six different time slots at convenient Manhattan locations. For more information, contact BJ member Rob Lederer at 727-8592 or [roblink@bellatlantic.net](mailto:roblink@bellatlantic.net). **Please register before Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **An Evening in Rio**

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00-11:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: BJ's Latin America Committee will present "An Evening in Rio." Enjoy the samba, bossa nova and Brazilian jazz sounds of SABOR BRASIL, featuring BJ members Susan Davis Pereira and Vanderlei

Pereira. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. There will be a cash bar and light refreshments. Admission is \$15 for BJ members/\$20 for non-members. For more information, please call x 371.

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

### **Breast Cancer Havurah**

This havurah is opening to create a sanctuary for women with this disease. For more information, please contact Susan Rosenthal at x 377.

### **Intermarriage: Challenges and Choices**

Join the Interfaith Couples Workshop facilitated by couples and family therapist, Juliana Neiman. The six-session seminar is seeking several more couples to join those already enrolled in what should be an exciting and enriching series. Please call Susan Rosenthal at x 377 to learn more about the group.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### **End of Life Issues with Dr. Len Sharzer**

**Thursdays, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-9:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join BJ member, rabbinical student at Jewish Theological Seminary and physician Leonard A. Sharzer for a two-part discussion of end of life issues from both a classical and contemporary Jewish perspective. The first session will cover planning for death and definition of death. What is the Jewish position with regard to Living Wills, Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare, and Healthcare Proxies? How do we define death? Do we accept the notion of brain death, for example?

The second session will deal with interventions we might or might not undertake around the time of death. Topics to be covered will include Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, DNR Orders, Withholding Or Withdrawing Medical Treatment and Nutrition and Hydration, Active and Passive Euthanasia, and Assisted Suicide. To register, please fill out an adult education registration form (found in the BJ brochure or on the BJ website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)) AND mail your check to the BJ office. Cost: \$30 members/\$45 non-members. CODE: 06-01.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### **At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner Gatherings for Singles and Couples**

Those who signed up for this week's At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner should join their hosts immediately following the 6:45 PM service at 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Wash Away Your Winter Blues**

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:45 PM service at the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Social Hall: Come in from the cold for an Oneg Shabbat. Join us for snacks, beverages and schmoozing. *Please bring a business card with your e-mail address so we can alert you of upcoming events.*

### **Sunday Brunch with Author Wendy Orange**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join us for brunch where our special guest lecturer will be author Wendy Orange. Come hear Wendy share a timely personal, passionate and compelling journey of her life in Israel. In a review of Wendy's book, Letty Cottin Pogrebin writes: "Her

heart beats within her words, whether she is dealing with events or personalities, facts or ideology, writing about Jews or Arabs..." Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members. Please send your check to the BJ office marked "2/11 Singles Brunch" by **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please include note with day/evening phone numbers, e-mail address and indicate your membership status. Please Note: if space is available, cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

### **Beit Kafé: Dance to the Beat of Salsa**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Put on your dancing shoes and join BJ singles and couples for a night of Latin rhythms with the sounds of the **LOS JARDINOS BAND**. The evening includes a free salsa lesson, a short introduction to the salsa of the Cuban Isles and one free beverage of your choice. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members. To register, send a check marked "Singles Beit Kafé 2/24" to the BJ office by **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. If space is available, the cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### **Shabbat Dinner – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade BJHS**

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:00 PM service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Attention BJ Hebrew School 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students and their families! **To begin the festive Simhat Talmud Torah weekend,** please join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner including singing and story

telling. Cost: \$20 Adults/ \$10 Children. In order to guarantee your reservation we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Call Tina Berger at x 225.

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

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: This month, 5<sup>th</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, Marilyn Gurtman-Oppenheimer, at 721-8629, to volunteer and to find out which food ingredients to bring. Future dates are as follows: March 12<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and May 22<sup>nd</sup> (7<sup>th</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 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 CD Released**

Pianist and BJ member Donald Isler has just released a new CD featuring works of Beethoven on the KASP label. For more information, call KASP at 914-591-6298 or email [KASPREC@aol.com](mailto:KASPREC@aol.com).

### **Yiddish Lecture**

**Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 PM at the Marseilles Hotel (230 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street): Friends of Yiddish presents Professor Benny Kraut, Director of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College, "The Problems of Judaism and Identity in Modern Times". Free. Note: Dr. Kraut's address will be largely in English.

## **PASUK OF THE WEEK**

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(j :dh , una)

"And you shall explain to your son on that day, 'It is because of what Adonai did for me when I went free from Egypt.'"  
(Exodus 13:8)

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

February 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> BJ Winterfest

February 7<sup>th</sup> Tu Bishevat Seder

February 17<sup>th</sup> "An Evening in Rio"

Letter to President Bush – Urging Mideast Peace

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