



## 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 16 - 23, 2001

### Friday, February 16

**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, February 17

**Parshat Yitro**  
**Mevarkhim Ha'Hodesh**  
**Silent Meditation** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel  
**Service** 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Torah:** Exodus 18:1 - 20:23, Pg. 506  
**Triennial:** Exodus 19:1 - 20:23, Pg. 522  
**Haftarah:** Isaisah 6:1 - 7:6, Pg. 710

**Bar Mitzvah** Lev Menand

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

**Study with Leah Shakdiel** 4:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**"An Evening in Rio"** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Sunday, February 18

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

### Monday, February 19

**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**BJ OFFICE CLOSED**  
**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 20

**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, February 21

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<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, February 22

**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** Cancelled

### Friday, February 23

**ROSH HODESH ADAR**  
**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

#### Shabbat Parashat Mishpatim

**Torah:** Exodus 21:1 - 24:18, Pg. 566  
**Triennial:** Exodus 23:20 - 24:18, Pg. 589  
**Haftarah:** Jeremiah 34:8 - 34:22, Pg. 714

### SOCIAL JUSTICE/ SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

#### "Global Warming, Pesticides, and Other Threats to God's Glorious Creation"

Please join the Social Action/Social Justice and Environmental Committees and the Coalition for the Environment and Jewish Life for our next Social Justice Wednesday forum this Wednesday night at 8:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. We'll hear from three experts, Kimberly Flynn (New York Environmental Law and Justice Project), author Mitchell Thomashow and Philip Warburg (Israel Union for Environmental Defense), about the environmental dangers facing our city and our planet in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, please see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary, or contact socialaction@bj.org or 787-7600 x 310.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Condolences To:**

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

- David Solomon and Lisa Siegel and Helen Solomon and Howard Perlman on the death of David and Helen's beloved uncle, Samuel Solomon.
- Eric and Jennifer Solomon on the death of Eric's beloved great aunt, Margie Wohlberg.

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Lev, Louis and Joseph Menand and Emily Abrahams on Lev becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Pam, Shaul and Boaz Kelner on the birth of their daughter and sister, Shoshana Ella Kelner.

## **Brukhim HaBa'im:**

- Rabbi Douglas Sagal and the confirmation class of K.A.M. Isaiah Israel, Chicago, Illinois.
- Rabbi Sharon Marcus and the confirmation class of Park Synagogue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
- Aaron Dorfman, Youth Group Leader and the youth group of Temple Isaiah, San Francisco, California.

**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

## **Leah Shakdiel at BJ**

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street in the Frankel Hall: Join us as we welcome Leah Shakdiel, an Israeli teacher who developed a model for feminist pedagogy for Israel during her time as a School for Educational Leadership Fellow. Shakdiel currently works in teacher training at Ben Gurion University, gender equity programs for the Ministry of Education and teaches Jewish feminism at The Shechter Institute in Jerusalem. She will speak about women studying Torah as deviation from "natural" sex roles. Free. Co-sponsored by Lincoln Square Synagogue and the JCC on the Upper West Side.

## **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.

## **International Criminal Court Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM location TBA: Join the SA/SJ Committee for our next ICC meeting. Call x 260 for more information.

## **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group: Adar**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** following Shabbat morning services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Marshall T. Meyer Fellows Rabbi Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous for a potluck lunch. We will be celebrating the joyous month of Adar and exploring the themes of Purim. Please

bring side dishes and desserts; we will supply the bagels and beverages! For more information, call Felicia at x 222.

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

**Begins the week of February 26<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 member Rob Lederer at 727-8592 or e-mail [roblink@bellatlantic.net](mailto:roblink@bellatlantic.net). Please register before **February 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Pre-Pesah Meditation Retreat with Rabbi Shefa Gold**

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:** All BJ members are invited to join us along with Marcelo for this year's meditation retreat. Rabbi Shefa Gold will be exploring the process of inner freedom through text study, chanting and meditation. Please remember to mail your applications to the BJ office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call Miya at x 243.

## **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.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### **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.

### **A Night at the Theatre**

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 PM: Join us for an evening of theatre at the Classic Stage Company's production of *Race* (Die Rassen). *Race* is a powerful play about a group of German medical students, both gentile and Jewish, affected by the election of the Nazis. The play impacts with additional force thanks to its documentary authenticity: written by Austrian playwright Ferdinand Bruckner in the spring of 1933, just months after Hitler's ascent to power. The evening will begin at 6:15 PM

with a pre-performance buffet dinner at the Village Crown Restaurant (96 Third Ave - between 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Streets). Following the 8:00 PM performance at the Classic Stage Theatre (136 East 13th Street) there will be an informal talk with artists directly involved in the production of the play. Cost: \$45/\$60 non-members. Please send your check marked "2/27 Night at the Theatre" to the BJ office. Include a note with your name, phone number, and membership status. **Ticket availability is limited and payment must be received by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Singles Catered Shabbat Dinner at 88<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:00 PM service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Celebrate the Festival of Purim with a catered Shabbat dinner. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. To make your reservation please call voicemail x 306 **AND** send check marked "3/9 Singles Shabbat Dinner" to the BJ office no later than **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please include a note with your day/evening phone numbers, your membership status and whether you require a vegetarian meal. **Please Note:** if space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Hasidic Approaches to the Study of Torah with Rabbi Rolando Matalon**

**4 Wednesdays beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel: Our tradition indicates that the study of Torah is amongst the highest forms of serving and worshipping God. However, the study of Torah often can become an exercise devoid of fervor. We will examine the teachings of Hasidic masters who sought a profound inner religious experience

through the study of Torah. Cost: Free/ donation requested from non-members.

Look for our upcoming spring Hebrew mini-courses beginning in April. For more information on Adult Education opportunities at BJ, log on to our website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

## 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

### **Jewish Book Group**

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30 PM at Borders Books in the World Trade Center: This month we will discuss Aharon Appelfeld's novel *The Conversion*, about Jewish converts in Austria a century ago. Cost: Free. For more information call 839-8049.

### **Classic Stage Company Presents: Race**

**Through, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the Classic Stage Company (136 East 13th Street): BJ member Ronald Guttman will be appearing in the powerful play, "Race." This remarkable play was written by Ferdinand Bruckner, a leading Jewish playwright in the summer of 1933, months after the events it portrays. For ticket information call 677-4210.

**Ecological Tip of the Week**

USE LESS TOILET PAPER! Let's be aware of all paper products we use (especially paper towels, napkins from carry out restaurants and even toilet paper). Next time you reach for the toilet paper, think about the tree it came from. What action can you take to insure responsible harvesting of trees? Hint: find out more at [www.coejl.org](http://www.coejl.org).

This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x 313

**PASUK OF THE WEEK**

trhu iag rvv , tu rpav kue , tu ohshpkv , tu , kue , t ohtr ogv kfu"  
"ej rn usnghu ughu ogv  
(uy:f , una)

"All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance."  
(Exodus 20:15)

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

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Letter to President Bush – Urging Mideast Peace

Membership Packets

New Havurot Applications

Upcoming Singles Events

Upcoming Gay and Lesbian Events

Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community

Information on Breast Cancer Havurah

Text Study on International Human Rights