



## 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

### March 2 - 9, 2001

#### Friday, March 2

**Tot Shabbat** 5:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat "Downstairs Minyan"** 6:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, March 3

**Shabbat Zachor**  
**Parashat T'rumah**  
**Silent Meditation Service** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel  
 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Torah:** Exodus 25:1 - 27:19, Pg. 604  
**Triennial:** Exodus 26:31 - 27:19, Pg. 609  
**Haftarah:** I Kings 5:26 - 6:13 Pg. 717

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

**Bar Mitzvah** Scott Grabel

**Baby Naming** Eliana Nomi Stern

**Purim Ball** 9:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, March 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  
**Pathways to Understanding** 4:00 PM - Montana

#### Monday, March 5

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Economic Justice Meeting** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Choir** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, March 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** Cancelled  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**MidEast Teach-In Meeting** 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, March 7

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Hasidic Approaches to the Study of Torah**  
**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, March 8

**FAST OF ESTHER**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### PURIM SERVICES

**Tot Purim Celebration** 5:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Family Service and Children's Spiel** 6:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Ma'ariv and Adult Megillah Reading** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Adult Purim Spiel** 7:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, March 9

**PURIM**  
**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 T'tzaveh

**Torah:** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10, Pg. 618  
**Triennial:** Exodus 29:19 - 30:10, Pg. 629  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 43:10 - 43:27 Pg. 719

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

#### The West Side Jewish Community Mayoral Forum

**Sunday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 AM - Noon at the Lincoln Square Synagogue (200 Amsterdam Avenue, at West 69<sup>th</sup> Street): Join us for the West Side Jewish Community Mayoral Forum coordinated by our very own Social Action/Social Justice Committee. Come hear Fernando Ferrer, Mark Green, Alan Hevesi and Peter Vallone. Sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed, Lincoln Square Synagogue, Congregation Ohab Zedek, Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, West End Synagogue, and the JCC on the Upper West Side. Free admission. A light breakfast will be served.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Condolences To:**

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

- Todd Chanko and Ami Weil on the death of Todd's beloved grandfather, Alvin L. Moss, Jr.
- Bonnie Miller Ladds and Brian Ladds on the death of Bonnie's beloved brother, Alfred Miller.
- Susanne and Shelley Harrison on the death of Susanne's beloved mother, Helen Lillian Nierenberg.

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Elizabeth, Emanuel, Josephine and Maxine Stern on the naming of their daughter and sister, Eliana Nomi Stern.
- Scott and Wendy Grabel and Barry Bellovin on the occasion of Scott becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## **Brukhim HaBa'im To:**

Rabbi Henry Zoob and the eighth grade class from Temple Beth David, Westwood, Massachusetts.

## **HOSTS NEEDED!**

### **Living the Mitzvah of Hakhnasat Orhim**

On **March 31<sup>st</sup>**, following Shabbat morning services, we hope to have enough hosts so that any person who comes to Shabbat services has a place to go for kiddush. Therefore, we need 15-20 hosts to invite guests to their home for a light lunch. We hope to have hosts from different parts of the city (Upper East, Downtown, Upper West) to enable all guests to attend a kiddush near their home. Host will be asked to invite people on their own in the weeks preceding the kiddush. Please fill out a form on line host form or leave a message on x382 with how many people you can host, your name, your phone number and address and e-mail. All kiddushim must be dairy/vegetarian.

### **Volunteers Needed to Run Spotlights for the Adult Purim Spiel**

Volunteers must be available to attend rehearsal on **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** as well as the night of the show, **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Training will be provided. Please call Patty at x 240 if you are interested in helping out.

### **Attention Families of Children with Special Learning Needs**

The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School is creating a forum for dialogue and discussion for families with children who may or may not be enrolled in the BJ Hebrew School. We are specifically seeking families of children with differences in learning styles, whether or not they have been officially classified as having a specific learning need. We are planning to hold focus group meetings during Spring 2001 to assess the range of educational needs in our community. For more information, please call Allison Rosenblith at x 259.

**TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**THIS SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**Purim Costume Ball in Celebration of BJ's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 9:00 PM in the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary.

Please join us for cocktails, dessert, dancing, the chance to sing 'K-Ari-Oke' with Ari and to hear your fortune told by our Rabbis. Costumes, black-tie masquerade or festive dress requested.

Everyone invited: \$75 entrance fee (minimum per-person)\* Register in advance or pay at the door. \*Checks and cash only.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Are You Interested In Conversion?**

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM: All those interested in learning more about the process of conversion, and those beginning the process of formal conversion are invited to join Rabbi Eric Solomon for a meeting at his home. Spouses, partners, and significant others of those considering conversion are welcome. Please RSVP to Eric at x 235.

## **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 us 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 this **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please call Miya at x 243.

# SINGLES ACTIVITIES

## **Singles Catered Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Celebrate the Festival of Purim with a catered Shabbat dinner. Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. To make your reservation please call voicemail x 306 **AND** send

check marked "3/9 Singles Shabbat Dinner" to the BJ office. Please include a note with your day/evening phone numbers, your membership status and whether you require a vegetarian meal.

## **Sunday Dance Sensation Series: SWING SOCK HOP!**

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at Anshe Chesed (100<sup>th</sup> Street and West End Avenue): Join us as our dance sensation series continues. We will go back to the fifties for a sensational night of swing! Get ready to put on your dancing shoes and boogie! The dance is sponsored by BJ, Anshe Chesed and Reba's Dance Connections and will include a free mini-lesson (beginners & advanced) and a professional showcase. To volunteer, call Michael at 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat). Cost: \$15 BJ/AC members/ \$20 non-members.

**Sunday Brunch: Klezmer - Jewish Jazz Through the Ages Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us for a special Brunch as our guest performer will be Klezmer historian and musician **Henry Sapoznik**. Come listen as Henry,

using both live and recorded music, weaves the colors and textures created from the current sounds and history of this most innovative and engaging music. Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members. Please send check to the BJ office marked "3/18 Singles Brunch" by **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please include note with day/evening phone numbers, e-mail address and indicate your membership status. If space is available, cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Oscar Night Party co-sponsored by BJ at Makor on **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**! Look for details in upcoming Kol Jeshurun.

## 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 at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: 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 for members/ donation requested from non-members.

**PLEASE NOTE: The first class on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will take place in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary. Subsequent classes will be held in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel.**

**Dr. Alice Shalvi Visiting Scholar**

**Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** following 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat services at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join us for our next catered Shabbat dinner when Dr. Alice Shalvi will be discussing: 'Closing the

Gender Gap - Issues of Talmud Torah for Women', she will be addressing the status of women in the synagogue, the community, in Israel and in the Diaspora. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. To make your reservation you **must call** voicemail x304 **AND** send a check marked "3/23 Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner" to the BJ office no later than **Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please note: if space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

- **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Shalvi will be giving a Shabbat morning d'var Torah and lead a Shabbat afternoon study and havdalah at 5:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. The study, entitled, "A Voice of One's Own," will discuss the development of Jewish women's rituals in the past two decades.

For Shabbat B'Yahad registration and more information, please see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: This month, 1<sup>st</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, Debra Fine, at 799-9363, or Elissa Bernstein, at 831-7271 in advance to volunteer, and to find out which food ingredients to bring with you. Future dates are as follows: April 17<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and May 22<sup>nd</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> Grade). 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.

**Seeking Counselors for B'nai BJ:**

We are looking for experienced, responsible creative, dynamic counselors aged 20 and older to work for B'nai BJ, the BJ summer program. If you have experience working with kids aged 5-7 in informal Jewish settings and would like to be a part of our summer program, please contact B'nai BJ Director Mark Blitz at x 389.

# 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

## **Israeli Folk Dance Purim Party**

**Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 PM at Bridge for Dance (2726 Broadway at 104<sup>th</sup> Street): Featuring live music, hamentashen & best costume prize. Sponsored by Rikuday Dor Rishon. For more information and schedule call 620-0535, rdr@rikud.net or [www.rikud.net](http://www.rikud.net).

## **Beyond the Beauty Contest**

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, 2:30 PM at UJA-Federation of New York (130 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street): Join us for the second annual women's Purim Celebration, an afternoon of study, humor and action. We will be using the story of Purim to explore contemporary issues of significance to Jewish women of all ages. Cost: \$18/ \$9 for girls aged 12-18.

## **Purim Bash – New Horizons (Age 60+)**

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM at the Lincoln Square Synagogue Ballroom (200 Amsterdam Avenue at 69<sup>th</sup> Street): Join us for a rocking Purim party! The evening will include : a wine, cheese, and dessert reception, DJ and dancing, raffle and prizes and mask and dance contests. Cost: \$25 in advance/ \$30 at the door.

## **Kabbalat Shabbat Service in Riverdale**

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Ethical Culture Society (4450 Fieldston Road at Manhattan College Parkway): Join Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Rabbi Eric Solomon, and BJ member Mordy Schram for Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services in Riverdale. We will have an Oneg Shabbat following services. For more information, call Eric at 212-787-7600, x235.

## **PASUK OF THE WEEK**

“ofu, c h, bfau asen hk uagu”  
(j :vf , una)

“And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them”  
(Exodus 25:8)

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

March 23 and 24 – Dr. Alice Shalvi Shabbat B'Yahad

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