

Kol Jeshurun



תורה קונגregation B'nai Jeshurun

Rabbis: Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) • J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol • **Cantor & Music Director:** Ari Priven
Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows: Rabbi Eric Solomon • Rabbi Sharon Brous • Director of Family Education: Rabbi Anne Ebersman

November 9th - 16th 2001

Friday, November 9

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th Street

ASL Interpreted

6:45 PM - 86th Street

Prospective Members **Oneg**

after 6:45 PM service
86th Street

Rt-Home Shabbat Dinners
for Singles and Couples

after 6:45 PM service

Saturday, November 10

Shabbat Parashat **Hayei Sarah**

M'varkhim Ha **Hodesh**

Silent Meditation
Service

9:00 AM - 86th Street

Children's Services

9:30 AM - 86th Street

10:45 AM - 86th Street

Torah:

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18, Pg. 156

Triennial:

Genesis 23:1 - 24:9, Pg. 156

Haftarah:

I Kings 1:1 - 1:31, Pg. 338

Bat Mitzvah

Jenna Blair Kaye-Kauderer

Kiddush:

following Shabbat service - 86th Street

Se'udat Mitzvah

Kitah Aleph Shabbat Lunch

88th Street
following Shabbat service

Sunday, November 11

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th Street

Dr. Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed

Rabbo

7:00 PM - 88th Street

Monday, November 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

Uptown Parashat **HaShavu'a**

6:30 PM - 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM - 88th Street

BJ Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM - 86th Street

Tuesday, November 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

Talmud Introduction

8:10 AM - 88th Street

Halakhah and Aggadah

7:00 PM - 86th Street

Intermediate Hebrew

6:00 PM - 86th Street

Advanced Beginner Hebrew

7:15 PM - 86th Street

Beginner Hebrew

8:30 PM - 86th Street

Creating a Space for the Contemplative

6:00 PM - 88th Street

Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul

7:00 PM - BJ Office

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, November 14

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

Midtown Parashat **HaShavu'a**

12:00 PM

165 E. 35th Street, Apt. #15E

Kesharim

2:00 PM - 88th Street

Theology and Meaning in the

Prayerbook

6:30 PM - WPPC

Intro to Judaism

7:30 PM - 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, November 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th Street

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

6:00 PM - 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM - 86th Street

Torah Tales Untold

7:00 PM - 86th Street

Finding a Meaningful Relationship

7:00 PM

call x240 for location

Dr. Zornberg Lecture

7:30 PM - 88th Street

Friday, November 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

N E X T W E E K

Shabbat Parashat Toldot

Torah:

Genesis 25:19 - 28:9, Pg. 173

Triennial:

Genesis 25:19 - 26:22, Pg. 173

Haftarah:

Malachi 1:1 - 2:7, Pg. 341

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Combating Terror, Waging Peace: A Shared Israeli/Palestinian Challenge

Featuring Dr. Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo, Sunday, November 11th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street

BJ and Americans for Peace Now (APN) are sponsoring an important public forum on the status of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The program will feature a dialogue between Dr. Yossi Beilin, former Minister of Justice under Ehud Barak, and Yasser Abed Rabbo, Palestinian Authority Minister of Information and head of the Palestinian Final Status Negotiating Team. Dr. Beilin and Yasser Rabbo have been leading efforts in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza to build support for ending violence and returning to peace negotiations. They will be discussing their work to promote a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how it relates to the ongoing campaign against global terrorism. Please note: a photo ID is required for entry and bags will be searched for security reasons.

This event is free – no pre-registration required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to:

- Anita Altman and her family on the death of Anita's beloved uncle Morris "Moe" Coffino.

Mazal Tov To:

- Jenna, Halley, and Owen Kaye-Kauderer, Andrew Kaye, and Beth Kauderer on Jenna becoming a bat mitzvah.
- Myrna and Hy Rosen on the engagement of their daughter Corey to Dr. David Schwartz, son of Dr. Stuart and Florence Schwartz.
- Allison Rosenblith and Robert Berlinger and their families on Allison and Robert's recent engagement.
- Gerardo Sorokin and Carolyn Kahn on their recent engagement.
- Nathan and Ann Hanan and Helen Hanan on Nathan and Ann's 55th wedding anniversary.

This Week's Kiddush is Sponsored By:

- Beth Kauderer and Andrew Kaye and their family in honor of their daughter Jenna becoming a bat mitzvah.

Todah rabbah To:

- Elga Stulman and Carol Gelles for their many devoted years as Co-chairs of the Hevra Kadisha Committee.

B'ruchim haba-im To:

- Professor Hezi Brosh and students from Bard College, Annandale, New York.

BJ Responding to BJ

Maimonides taught that the highest level of Tzedakah lies in providing employment for a person who needs it. In this spirit, it is imperative that we advocate for members of our own community affected by the current economic downturn. We are looking for professional opportunities across a broad spectrum of industries including full/part-time and consulting. Please leave a message on the new BJ Career Resources Line at x315 or email slachow@hotmail.com. The job postings will be listed shortly on BJ's website, www.bj.org.

Fall Service Schedule

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
6:45 PM – 86th Street

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
First Friday of the month

Upstairs Minyan 6:00 PM – West Park Presbyterian Church
86th Street and Amsterdam
First Friday of the month

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

Any BJ members interested in joining a havurah are invited to submit a havurah form, which can be found on the BJ website, www.bj.org. A havurah is a small group of 10 – 20 people who study, pray, and celebrate together, creating a sense of intimacy and community amongst the larger BJ community.

Young People's Havurah Forming

If you are a BJ member, single or married, between the ages of 25 and 34, and are interested in becoming part of a havurah, there will be an initial meeting Wednesday, November 14th, 7:00 PM. Please call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222 to RSUP and for the location.

Do you find yourself telling others about the joy of BJ? Do you like helping others? You may be right for MORE! DEREH, BJ's new mentoring program. Call Hillary Gleich, Director of Membership, x224 to find out what it takes to be a "teacher of the path."

Look for our new B'nai Jeshurun brochures, "Limud 2001," "Membership at BJ," and "Welcome to BJ" – all available at the back of the sanctuary.

We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.

SOCIAL JUSTICE / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Volunteers are needed to help out with the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. For more info, call x338.

BJ Clothing Drive

November 19th – 21st and November 26th – 28th: Clean out your closet and do a mitzvah simultaneously! BJ is sponsoring a clothing drive to benefit Project FIND, an organization that advocates for the elderly homeless in New York. Please donate new or gently used clean men's clothing, especially coats, gloves, and sweaters. Bring donations

to the BJ Office, 100A W. 89th Street, November 19th – 21st and November 26th – 28th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you can help sort clothes on one of these days, please call Joanna Samuels, Social Action Coordinator, at x259.

BJ READS Needs Tutors

BJ READS needs tutors to read with children in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, at P.S. 166 on W. 89th Street. Call x391 or see flyers at the back of the sanctuary for complete details.

BJ Responds: Social Workers Needed

The Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service needs Social Workers to interview people for assistance. To volunteer, contact Mary Claire Serbo at (718) 310-5621.

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed: BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Thursday, November 22nd, 6:00 – 10:00 PM, at 86th Street: Participate in our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve food, and clean up. Decorations are also welcomed. BJ member and restaurateur Henry Meer has graciously offered to provide the food. To volunteer or for more info, please contact Marjorie Olster at (646) 223 – 6314 or marjorie.olster@reuters.com.

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed:

The Jewish Home and Hospital

Thursday, November 22nd, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving morning to accompany musicians and engage residents in holiday festivities. Children are welcome – this is a wonderful social justice opportunity for the whole family. For more info, please contact Ronete Koster at (212) 870 – 4940.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oneg Shabbat for Prospective Members

Friday, November 9th, after 6:45 PM services, in the SPSA Social Hall downstairs: Thinking of becoming a member of B'nai Jeshurun? Join us for an Oneg Shabbat after 6:45 PM services to hear more about our community from Rabbi Felicia Sol, the Membership Committee, and BJ members.

Dialogue: Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo

Sunday, November 11th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street, Combating Terrorism: Waging Peace – A Shared Israeli/Palestinian Challenge: BJ and Americans for Peace Now are hosting a dialogue between Dr. Yossi Beilin, former Minister of Justice under Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Yasser Abed Rabbo, Palestinian Authority Minister of Information and Culture. For security reasons, ID's and bags will be checked at the door. Please arrive early, do not bring extra bags, and bring your ID. For more info, please call x310 or e-mail jatrubin@bj.org. This event is free-of-charge; no pre-registration required.

The Voice of My Beloved

Sunday, November 18th, 4:00 PM, at 88th Street: BJ member and storyteller Peninnah Schram and singer/guitarist Gerard Ebery will present stories and songs from the Jewish oral tradition, both Ashkenazic and Sephardic. This is an intergenerational program for everyone (children 10 years and older). Cost: \$12 BJ members; \$18 non-members. Patron tickets are \$50 and include reserved seats and the CD, *The Minstrel and the Storyteller*. Tickets available at West Side Judaica or

at the door. Flyers with complete details are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Bikkur Holim (Visiting the Sick) Training Conference

Sunday, November 18th, 8:30 AM, at the UJA Federation, 130 E. 59th Street: At this conference, co-sponsored by the New York Jewish Healing Center and JBFCFS, experts will teach skills and wisdom related to this mitzvah. Registration required. Flyer/registration forms, including workshop descriptions and conference location, are in the back of the sanctuary as well as on BJ's website (Upcoming Events).

Conversation With the Rabbis: After September 11th

Monday, November 19th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join the Rabbis for a conversation on life after September 11th. For more info, please call Deborah Pinsky at x254.

BJ Choir

BJ's Choir meets for rehearsals on Mondays, 8:00 – 9:30 PM: If you are interested in participating, please call Marta at x303.

Turn Your Pink Slip Green Again

This group, which is meeting for an 8-week series, seeks to empower members to achieve their professional goals. New participants welcome! For more info, contact BJ's new Career Resources line, x315, e-mail slachow@hotmail.com, or see a flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

Embracing Judaism: Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, at BJ's office, 100A West 89th Street: This class explores Torah, Rabbinic stories, Jewish history, Talmud, and

Midrash. Cost: \$10, payable at the door (make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun). For more info or if you need Deaf-Blind

ASL interpreting, please contact Marla Berkowitz at mcbnyc@aol.com or (212) 396 - 9672 TTY.

Se'udat Mitzvah

Saturday, November 10th, following Shabbat services, at 86th Street: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for a special kiddush and learn about the important mitzvah of *kavod hamet* (giving respect to the deceased) and *nihum aveilim* (comforting mourners). We thank the Hevra Kedisha for all the work they do in our community.

Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith

Sundays, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, at 86th Street, beginning November 11th. Sponsored by the Interfaith Committees of BJ and SPSA, this class will read and discuss spiritual autobiographies by authors of many faiths and will include art activities. Cost - \$100 BJ/SPSA members; \$150 non-members. Code: 10X-02. For more info or to register, see flyers at the back of the sanctuary.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Thursday, November 15th, 6:00 PM, at 86th Street: Celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. For more info, call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

And You Shall Meditate Upon Them Day and Night:

How to Study the Parshah Each Week

Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: This class explores the types of questions we can bring to each week's

Parshah (Torah portion) for a meaningful and enriching learning experience. We will also explore resources that help elucidate the text. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Code: 46-02. Please register by Friday, November 30th.

Visiting Scholars: Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg

- Thursday, November 15th, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Lecture entitled, "Esther and the Hidden Face of God." Cost is \$15 members/\$20 non-members, payable at the door - or send in your check with a registration form.
- Friday, November 16th, Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner, following 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: Dinner and study session, "What if Joseph Hates Us? Closing the Book." Cost after November 9th: \$35 members, \$45 non-members. To sign up for the dinner, please call the Shabbat B'Yahad Committee voicemail at x304 with your name and phone number AND mail in a check with your registration form.
- Saturday, November 17th, Shabbat Afternoon Study and Havdalah, 4:00 PM, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 West 86th Street: Study topic, "Exodus: A Therapeutic Narrative." Free for all.

Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer and Synagogue Skills

Thursday, November 29th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street, and Sunday, December 2nd, 9:30 AM, at 88th Street: What is the structure of the service? Why do we bow during the Amidah? How can we find meaning in the rigidity of daily prayer? This 2-part class explores these questions and others; the second class is a learner's minyan followed by breakfast and the class. Cost: members - free; non-members - donation requested. Code: 280.

FAMILY EVENTS

Tot Shabbat Service

Friday, November 16th, 5:45 PM, at 86th Street: This service is designed for children under 4 and their families. Come welcome in Shabbat with songs, dancing, and special prayers. For more info, contact Hollis Kramer, Director of Family Life, at x244.

Kitah Aleph Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, November 10th, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street, following Shabbat services at 86th Street: For those who registered, BJHS Kitah Aleph (first grade) families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together.

B'nai BJ 2002 Information Session

Sunday, November 18th, 10:00 AM, at 88th Street: Kids and parents are welcome to have fun while learning about BJ's summer day camp for summer 2002. For more info, contact Hollis at x244.

Eighth Grade Dinner

Sunday, November 18th, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street: All eighth graders are invited to dinner to reconnect, socialize, and plan for the year. Please talk to your child about attending. For more info, contact Hollis at x244.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

At-Home Shabbat Dinner for Singles and Couples

Friday, November 9th, following the 6:45PM service: For those who registered, please see Cheryl August in front of the bima after the service if you need your host's address.

Dneg Shabbat-Chill out on a chilly night

Friday, November 23rd, after the 6:45 PM service: Come and hang out post services. "A loaf of bread, a jug of wine and thou" (that's you!). Join us in the Social Hall of SPSA at 86th Street for food and beverages and hangin' out.

BJ Friday Night: Comedy, Friends and Food

Friday, November 30th, 9:30 PM at Makor, 35 West 67th Street at CPW: Meet old friends and make new ones at this Friday Night gathering co-sponsored by BJ and Makor. Scott Blakeman will purvey his unique brand of social and political humor from a Jewish perspective. Tickets are \$10. Please purchase your ticket by calling the Makor box office at 212-601-1000 by Friday, November 30th, at 3:00 PM *and* RSUP by calling the Singles Hotline at x306.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Please take a "Welcome to BJ" brochure to learn more about our services.

Large Print Texts and Assistive Listening Devices

Large print siddurim and assistive listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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 comfortable reading Hebrew but still want to join in the singing and chanting, we have inserted transliterations in our siddurim.

MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Please note: Membership Affiliate Activities will now be posted on a special page of BJ's website.

To submit a blurb for the Membership Affiliate Activities Web Page, please e-mail Hilary Gleich at hgleich@bj.org or call x256.

A Teaching from Parashat Hayei Sarah:

Sarah died in Kiriath Arba – which is Hebron – in the Land of Canaan, and Abraham came to eulogize Sarah, and to cry for her. Genesis 23:2

Dtzar Dinim u'Minhangim: A *hesped*, eulogy, is a *drasha* to honor the dead, to commemorate the goodness of her actions and her good deeds, to evoke feelings of loss and sadness, and to awaken tears in the mourners...We found that Abraham eulogized Sarah, Jacob was eulogized by his sons...and when Samuel the Prophet died, all of Israel eulogized him.

It used to be the custom that eulogies were delivered by professional eulogizers who were paid large sums of money for their services. Then, the more money the wealthy [mourners] paid the eulogizers, the greater deeds [of their deceased] became! For this reason the Rabbis said, "We are equally as disturbed by a misleading/false eulogy as we are by the death itself!"

Brakhot 62b.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

Membership Packets – New Havurot Applications – Upcoming Singles Events – Bikkur Holim Training Conference

Gay and Lesbian Committee Events – Introduction to Bikkur Holim – Post September 11th Resources
Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith info and registration form
Dr. Zornberg Lecture and Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner registration form – The Voice of My Beloved: Peninna Schram
Information on support groups serving the Jewish community, including Post-September 11th Resources