

Kol Jeshurun



תורה קובע Congregation 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 16th - 23rd 2001

Friday, November 16 Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Tot Shabbat Service 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 86th Street
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Saturday, November 17
Service Shabbat Parashat Toldot 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9, Pg. 173
Triennial: Genesis 25:19 - 26:22, Pg. 173
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7, Pg. 341
Speaker Avraham Neguise, South Wing to Zion

Sunday, November 18
Bikkur Holim Training Conference 8:30 AM - UJA
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
B'nai BJ Summer Program Info Session 10:00 AM - 88th Street
The Voice of My Beloved 4:00 PM - 88th Street
Eighth Grade Dinner 6:00 PM - 88th Street

Monday, November 19
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Conversation with the Rabbis 7:00 PM - 88th Street
It Is Not in Heaven 7:00 PM
151 Central Park West, Apt. #3W
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM - 86th Street

Tuesday, November 20
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Talmud Introduction 8:10 AM - 88th 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
Finding a Meaningful Relationship 7:00 PM
call x240 for location
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, November 21
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, November 22
Office closer
Thanksgiving 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Morning Minyan
Thanksgiving Lunch Program Goddard Riverside Community Center
593 Columbus Avenue
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, November 23
Office closer
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK Shabbat Parashat Vayetzte

Torah: Genesis 28:10 - 32:3, Pg. 194
Triennial: Genesis 28:10 - 30:13, Pg. 194
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10, Pg. 344

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

BJ Responding to BJ

Synagogue: 257 West 88th Street, Office: 100A West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024
Tel: 212.787.7600 Fax: 212.496.7600 <http://www.bj.org>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To:

- Charlie Breslin and Nancy Frank and their families on their recent engagement.

Such an easy mitzvah!

The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program needs 15 minutes of your week. If you are available on Wednesday evenings (or even one Wednesday per month), we need you to pick up a bread donation from Zabar's and bring it to the Synagogue in a taxi or by car. Seven blocks! Fifteen minutes! Feeding the hungry! Call Joanna Samuels at x259 if you can help.

Do you find yourself telling others about the joy of BJ? Do you like helping others? You may be right for MOREI DEREH, BJ's new mentoring program. Call Hillary Gleich at 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.

Just a Reminder – The following classes will not be meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday: Uptown Parashat, 11/19; Midtown Parashat, 11/21; Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook, 11/21; Introduction to Judaism, 11/21; Torah Tales Untold, 11/22. Finding a Meaningful Relationship will meet on 11/20 instead of 11/22.

Fall Service Schedule

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 th Street 6:45 PM – 86 th Street
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 th Street First Friday of the month
Wandering Minyan	Friday, December 7 th 6:00 PM Heschel School Gym
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86 th 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.

New Havurah Forming

Are you between the ages of 35 and 50? If you are looking for a smaller community of BJ members to celebrate Shabbat together and to study with, we are forming a new havurah. The initial meeting for the havurah will be on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 PM. If you are interested please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at 787-7600x222. Men, in particular, are needed.

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. For the week of Thanksgiving, guests are invited to lunch at Goddard Riverside Community Center.

BJ Clothing Drive

November 19th – 21st and 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, on November 19th – 21st and 26th – 28th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you can help sort clothes, please call Joanna Samuels 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. BJ member and restaurateur Henry Meer has graciously offered to provide the food. To volunteer, please contact Marjorie Olster at (646) 223 – 6314 or marjorie.olster@reuters.com.

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed: 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 welcome – this is a wonderful social justice opportunity for the whole family. For more info, please contact Ronete Koster at (212) 870 – 4940.

FAMILY EVENTS

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 program 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.

Families Cooking for the Homeless Shelter

Tuesday, November 27th, 4:30 PM, at 88th Street: First graders and their families are cooking for the homeless shelter. To join or for more info, contact Hollis at x244.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Voice of My Beloved

Sunday, November 18th, 4:00 PM, at 88th Street: BJ member and storyteller Peninnah Schram and singer/guitarist Gerard Ederly will present stories and songs from the Jewish oral tradition, both Ashkenazi 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 are 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, experts will teach skills and wisdom related to this mitzvah. Registration required. Flyer/registration forms, including workshop descriptions, are in the back of the sanctuary as well as on BJ's website.

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 Musician's Havurah

Tuesday, November 27th, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Bring instruments, music, ears, and join our circle. For more info, e-mail Mattf@aol.com or Matt@turktunes.com.

Judaism and Today's Adolescence

Thursday, November 29th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Parents of teens are invited to this frank discussion with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel. Note: this discussion replaces the two-workshop series entitled, "Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll: A Jewish Response." For more info, contact Hollis Kramer, Director of Family Life, at x244.

Afgan Film

Sunday, December 2nd, 2:00 PM, 88th Street: Join us for the film "Yung (war) in the Land of the Mujaheddin," which was premiered at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival. The film follows the work of Italian doctors and human rights workers in Afghanistan. After the film, panelists will share their experiences of Afghanistan and discuss this troubled country's history.

Dneg Shabbat-Chill Out On a Chilly Night

Friday, November 23rd, following 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: Gathering at Makor

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

Argentina Today: A Latin American Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 7th, following 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: Please join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Daniel Goldman of Comunidad Bet El in Buenos Aires, who will speak about the economic crises affecting Argentine Jewry. Cost is \$25 for BJ members/\$35 for non-members. To sign up for the dinner, please call the Latin America Committee at x371 with your name and phone number AND mail your check to the BJ office by Friday, November 30th. Please be sure to note "12/7 LA Dinner" on both the memo line of your check and on the envelope. For further info, call x371. If you would like to receive periodic e-mails about upcoming BJ Latin America Committee Events, please send an email to BJLatinAmerica-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Social Justice Evening:

Unintended Consequences: The Rockefeller Drug Laws Revisited

Monday, December 10th, 7:30 PM, 88th Street: Join the Social Action Committee for a special screening of "Unintended Consequences", a film about the Rockefeller Mandatory Drug Laws (currently up for review before the state legislature) and their dire impact on families and communities. The film tells the story of the "Mothers of the NY Disappeared" who traveled to Albany, New York to urge reform of the laws. Following the film, a panel of prominent speakers, including an individual imprisoned because of these laws, will discuss the negative implications of the laws. Light refreshments will be served. Cost: Free for all.

Turn Your Pink Slip Green Again

This group, which is meeting for an 8-week series, empowers members to achieve their professional goals. New participants welcome! For more info, contact BJ's Career Resources line, x315, e-mail slachow@hotmail.com, or see a flyer at the back of the sanctuary. Note: this group will not meet on Monday, November 19th, but will resume meeting on Monday, November 26th, in the Board Room at SPSA.

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.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

his unique brand of social and political humor from a Jewish perspective. Tickets are \$10. Please purchase your ticket

from Makor by calling the Makor box office at 212-601-1000 before 3:00 PM on Friday, November 30th, *and* RSUP by calling the Singles Hotline at x306.

Dorot Hanukah Package Delivery

Sunday, December 9th, 12:15 PM, at the Manhattan Day School, 310 West 75th Street: Join others as we visit and make package deliveries to

homebound senior citizens on the Upper West Side. Afterwards, around 2:00 PM, we will re-group for lunch at Café Roma Kosher Pizza, 91st and Amsterdam (pay for your own). Reservations for the package delivery are required. To reserve your space, call x306 by Monday, December 3rd and leave your name and day/evening phone numbers.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

Visiting Scholar: Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg

- Friday, November 16th The Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner following 6:00 PM services at 88th Street with Dr. Zornberg is full.
- Saturday, November 17th: Shabbat Afternoon Study and Havdalah, 4:00 PM, at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 West 86th Street. Dr. Zornberg will lead a study session called, "Exodus: A Therapeutic Narrative." Free for all.

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, taught by Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rachel Gartner, 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.

Afternoon Study and Havdalah:

Judah and Tamar and the Coat of Many Colors

Saturday, December 1st, 4:00 PM, at 86th Street: Educator Shoshana Jedwab will lead a discussion based on Parshah Uayeshev. This event is free; pre-registration is not required.

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: 273. Please register by Friday, November 30th.

The Price of Dreams

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 AM, in the Social Hall at 86th Street: The Storahelling Tent of Meeting will be pitched downstairs in the Social Hall during Shabbat morning services. Join Amichai Lau-Lavie for an exciting event of sacred storytelling and live music for all ages.

Visiting Scholar: Rabbi David Silber

- Friday, December 14th, after 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi David Silber for dinner and a discussion, "Joseph and His Brothers." Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members (after December 7th: \$35 members/\$45 non-members). To sign up for the dinner, mail in a check with your registration form **AND** please call the Shabbat B'Yahad Committee voicemail at x304 with your name and phone number. **You must call x304 in order to be registered.** Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Co-sponsored by the Singles Committee.
- Saturday, December 15th, 4:00 PM, West Park Presbyterian Church, 86th and Amsterdam: Rabbi David Silber will lead Havdalah Shabbat Hanukkah. This event is free; pre-registration is not required. For more info, please call x256.

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.

A Teaching from Parashat Toldot:

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"And Isaac sowed in the land and that year he reaped a hundredfold." (Genesis 26:12)

Dostai ben R. Yanai said in the name of R. Meir: It is stated in respect to Isaac: And I will bless you, and I will multiply your seed. Isaac reasoned: 'God's blessing is contingent on my acts,' so he arose, and he began to work the land. [And in fact, his work did bring blessing] as it says: And Isaac sowed in the land and that year he reaped a hundredfold. (Tosefta Berakhot 6)

Rava taught: La samkhinan anisa – We must take action, rather than [wait for, or] rely on a miracle. (Talmud Bavli, Pesachim 64a-b)

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

Membership Packets – Limud 2001 – Welcome to BJ – Membership at BJ

New Havurot Applications – Introduction to Bikkur Holim – Bikkur Holim Training Conference
Upcoming Singles Events – Gay and Lesbian Events – Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith Registration Form
The Voice of My Beloved: Peninna Schram – Rabbi David Silber Shabbat B’Yachad Registration Form
Information on support groups serving the Jewish community, including Post-September 11th Resources