

Kol Jeshurun



תורה קונגרגאציע 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 23rd - 30th 2001

Friday, November 23
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th Street
6:45 PM - 86th Street

Singles Oneg

Following 6:45 PM services - 86th Street

Saturday, November 24
Service
Children's Services

Shabbat Parashat Vayetze
9:30 AM - 86th Street
10:45 AM - 86th Street

Torah:
Triennial:
Haftarah:

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

Bat Mitzvah

Francesca Catinella

Kiddush

following Services - 86th Street

Sunday, November 25
Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, November 26
Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter
BJ Choir Rehearsal

7:30 AM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street
8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, November 27
Morning Minyan
Talmud Introduction
Intermediate Hebrew
Musicians' Havurah

7:30 AM - 88th Street
8:10 AM - 88th Street
6:00 PM - 86th Street
6:30 PM - 88th Street

Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Beginner Hebrew
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:15 PM - 86th Street
8:30 PM - 86th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, November 28

Morning Minyan
Kesharim
Theology and Meaning in the
Introduction to Judaism
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Prayerbook

7:30 AM - 88th Street
2:00 PM - 88th Street
6:30 PM - WPPC
7:30 PM - 86th Street
7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, November 29

Morning Minyan
Judaism and Today's Adolescence
Prayerbook and Synagogue Skills
Finding a Meaningful Relationship

7:30 AM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street
7:00 PM

Torah Tales Untold
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

call x240 for location
7:00 PM - 86th Street
7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, November 30

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Vayishlah

Torah:
Triennial:
Haftarah:

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43, Pg. 217
Genesis 34:4 - 33:20, Pg. 217
Hosea 11:07 - 12:12, Pg. 349

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

BJ's Judith Bernstein Lunch Program hosts a free homemade sit-down lunch every Thursday in Frankel Hall. In recent weeks, there have been up to 130

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guests, neighborhood residents in need of food and a warm environment. Volunteers are needed any time between 9am and 2pm. PLEASE give an hour or two of your time, even one Thursday per month! To volunteer, please leave a message on the Lunch Program voice mail, 787-7600 x338, and one of our grateful coordinators will call you back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To:

- Francesca, Nicholas, Susanne, and Matthew Catinella on Francesca becoming a bat mitzvah.

Todah Rabba and Yasher Koah to all BJ members who participated in and contributed to AIDS Walk 2001. BJ collected \$54,103 and came in as the fourth-largest fundraising team in New York!

Such an easy mitzvah!

The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program needs 15 minutes of your week on Wednesday evenings to pick up a bread donation and bring it to the Synagogue in a taxi or by car. Call Joanna Samuels at x259 if you can help.

New Members Aliyah and Kiddush

The Membership Committee is proud to welcome new members who have recently participated in the Fall New Member Orientation Program. They will be called to the Torah for an *aliyah* on Saturday, November 24th and will also be honored at a kiddush following services at 86th Street in the Social Hall. Please join us as we welcome our new members.

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.

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 will be on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 PM. If you are interested please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222. Men, in particular, are needed.

Midtown Parashat HaShavu'a Location Change

December 5th and December 12th, 12:00 PM: Please note, this class will be meeting at the office of Jay Kramer, 135 East 55th Street, 6th Floor. For more info, call Rabbi Eric Solomon at x235.

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

BJ Clothing Drive

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, on November 26th – 28th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you can help sort clothes, please call Joanna Samuels at x259.

BJ/SPSA Shelter Orientation Session for New Volunteers

Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: There will be an orientation session for new Homeless Shelter volunteers and those who need a refresher course. Please call Anne Millman at x340 to attend or for more info. The Shelter especially needs volunteers to sleep over during the winter months when illness and vacations reduce the number of regular volunteers. Please call x340 if you can commit to sleep over one night per month or if you can substitute in an emergency.

Special Hanukah Concert at the Jewish Home and Hospital
Sunday, December 16th, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, at the Jewish Home and Hospital, 120 West 106th Street, in the auditorium: Join the BJ Choir and the Bikkur Holim Committee for a Hanukah Concert, song-fest, and candle lighting with the residents at the Jewish Home and Hospital. All ages welcome to participate. More information to follow.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Holiday Party

Thursday, December 20th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter will hold its annual holiday party for shelter guests. Volunteers are needed to purchase and wrap gifts, decorate, provide musical entertainment, and prepare a festive meal. Please call Anne Millman at x340 to volunteer.

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.

BJ Responds: Downtown

Volunteers are needed 24 hours a day to help prepare meals for WTC relief workers at a food station located at the South Street Seaport

(John Street). This effort is being run by the City. Volunteers have been asked to come at their own convenience; there is no minimum time commitment. For more info, please call the Greenwich Village and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce at (212) 255 - 5811.

BJ Responds: Out-reach to Homebound Seniors

Members are needed to make contact with infirmed, isolated older adults in the BJ community as well as to make connections with home-bound seniors through Dorot. For more info, please contact Carol Dikman at x255.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.

Afghanistan: A Neverland of Sorrow

Sunday, December 2nd, 2:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for the film 'Jung (WAR): In the Land of the Mujaheddin,' a documentary presented at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival and featured in this past Sunday's New York Times. The documentary traces the efforts of a doctor, a war correspondent, and a nurse to set up a hospital in Afghanistan. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with John Sifton of the HRW. *This program is not suitable for children. Free and open to the public.*

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 crisis affecting Argentine Jewry. Cost: \$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 of your check and the envelope. For further info, call x371. If you would like to receive e-mails about Committee Events, please send an email BJLatinAmericasubscribe@yahoo.com.

Gay and Lesbian Committee Dinner and Hanuka Party

Friday, December 7th, after 6:00 PM services: Join us for a co-sponsored dinner at Rodeph Shalom. If you would like to walk over to Rodeph with us, please call x325. To sign up for the dinner, please call Rodeph at (212) 212-362-8800 x8100 AND send a check for \$23 to Cong. Rodeph Shalom, 7 West 83rd Street, NY, NY 10024, ATTN: G and L Committee by

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 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

December 4th. Also on Thursday, December 13th, join us for our 3rd Annual Multi-sponsored GLBT Hanuka Party at the GLBT Community Center, 208 W. 13th Street, 7:00 - 9:30 PM, \$5 to \$15 sliding scale at the door (no pre-registration). This event is sponsored by many GLBT Jewish organizations from in and around New York. For more info or to volunteer, call x325.

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 screening of "Unintended Consequences", a film that tells the story of the "Mothers of the NY Disappeared" who traveled to Albany, New York to urge reform of the Rockefeller Mandatory Drug Laws. Following the film, a panel of speakers, including someone imprisoned because of these laws, will discuss the dire impact these laws have had on families and communities. Refreshments will be served. Cost: free for all.

BJ's On the Move: Hanukah by Location

Monday, December 10th; Tuesday, December 12th; and Sunday, December 16th: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol, Director of Membership Hillary Gleich, and BJ members living in your neighborhood for an evening of wine, cheese, and Hanukah candle lighting. This is open only to members who live downtown, on the Upper East Side, and selected areas of New Jersey. The downtown evening will be on December 10th, the Upper East Side evening will be on December 12th, and the New Jersey evening will be on December 16th. Keep an eye out for a postcard in the mail. Call Hillary at x224 with any questions.

LeDor VaDor Menorah Stories

Monday, December 10th, during Hebrew School hours, at the BJ Hebrew School: Do you have a special menorah from your childhood, or any other menorah that has a unique story, that you would like to share with Gimmel (3rd grade) children in BJ's Hebrew School? If you would like to participate, or for more info, contact Bayla at x334.

Promises

Tuesday, December 12th, 7:30 PM, at Makor, 35 West 67th Street: Please join BJ at Makor for a screening of Promises, an extraordinary film that follows filmmaker B. Z. Goldberg to his hometown of Jerusalem where he talks with seven children - Palestinian and Israeli - and explores what they think about war, peace, and just growing up in the midst of political conflict. Each child offers a dramatic, disturbing, and sometimes hilarious insight into the Middle East conflict. Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. A discussion will follow the film. All tickets are \$10. Call Makor for tickets at (212) 601 - 1000.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Friday, November 30th, and RSVP 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 seniors. Afterwards, around 2:00 PM, we will re-group for lunch at Café Roma Kasher Pizza, 91st and Amsterdam (pay for your

own). Reservations required. To reserve your space, call x306 by Monday, December 3rd and leave your name and day/evening phone numbers.

Singles Dinner with the Shabbat B'Yachad Committee: Please see the "Limud" section of the HJ.

Singles Fantastic Dance Series: See flyers in the back of the sanctuary.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

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 West Park Presbyterian Church, 86th and Amsterdam: Educator Shoshana Jedwab will lead a discussion based on Parshah Vayeshev. This event is free; pre-registration is not required.

Rabbi Milton Bonder Book Signing: Our Immoral Soul

Wednesday, December 5th, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Rabbi Milton Bonder, author of 12 books, will discuss his most recent book, *Our Immoral Soul – A Manifest on Spiritual Disobedience*. He will be available for book signing following the talk. Cost: \$5 at the door. No pre-registration 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 Storytelling 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.

Se'udat Mitzvah: Learning After Services

Saturday, December 8th, following Shabbat services, in the Social Hall at 86th: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Rabbi Danny Goldman for a discussion on the mitzvah of morning minyan.

Lashon Hara

Tuesdays, December 11th and 18th, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: This class will focus on the use of speech and language in hurting and healing our world and will discuss the laws of *lashon hara* (evil tongue). This class is free, but registration is required. Code: 261.

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.

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.

A Teaching from Parashat Vayetze: Things Are Not Always As They Seem

And Lavan had two daughters: the name of the older one was Leah, and the name of the younger one was Rachel. And Leah's eyes were weak, and Rachel was shapely and beautiful. (Gen. 29:16-17)

What is meant by weak? Is it conceivable that it would mean that she actually had weak eyes? Torah does not even speak critically of an unclean animal...would it speak disparagingly of our righteous [foremother]?

...Rav said: Her eyes were indeed weak, but it was to her credit, not to her disgrace. At the crossroads she heard people saying that Rebecca has two sons and Lavan has two daughters – the elder should marry the elder and the younger the younger. Leah sat at the crossroads and asked: The elder son, are his deeds righteous? [She was told he was] a wicked man, a robber. The younger son, are his deeds righteous? [She was told he was] "a mild man, who dwelled in tents" (Genesis 25:27). And she wept until her eyelashes dropped off [and her eyes became weak]. (Talmud Bavli, Bava Batra 123a)

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Membership Packets – Limud 2001 – Welcome to BJ – Membership at BJ – Morei Dereh – BJ Reads

New Havurot Applications – Post-September 11th Resources – Turn Your Pink Slip Green
Upcoming Singles Events – Singles Fantastic Dance Series – Gay and Lesbian Events
Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith Registration Form – Rabbi David Silber Shabbat B'Yachad Registration Form