

Kol Jeshurun



תורה קונגregation B'nai Jeshurun

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November 30th - December 7st 2001

Friday, November 30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

Singles Gathering at Makor 9:30 PM - 35 West 67th Street

Saturday, December 1
Service Shabbat Parashat Uvayishla h
9:30 AM - 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

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

Bar Mitzvah Saul Nathan-Kazis

Scholar in Residence Shoshana Jedwab 4:00 PM - WPPC

Sunday, December 2
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Prayer and Synagogue Skills 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Afghan Film and Teach-in 2:00 PM - 88th Street

Monday, December 3
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Uptown Parashat HaShavu'a 6:30 PM - 86th Street
Turn Your Pink Slip Green 6:30 PM - 86th Street
It Is Not In Heaven 7:00 PM - 151 CPW, Apt. 3W
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, December 4
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
Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul 7:00 PM - BJ office
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, December 5
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Midtown Parashat HaShavu'a 12:00 PM - 135 E. 55th St., 6th Floor
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Introduction to Judaism 7:30 PM - 86th Street
Rabbi Milton Bondar 7:30 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, December 6
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
And You Shall Study Them Night and Day 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Finding a Meaningful Relationship 7:00 PM
call x240 for location
Torah Tales Untold 7:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, December 7
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK Shabbat Parashat Uvayeshev

Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23, Pg. 244
Triennial: Genesis 37:1 - 37:36, Pg. 244
Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8, Pg. 352

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Afghanistan: Film and Teach-in at BJ co-sponsored with American Jewish World Service

Jung(War): In the Land of The Mujaheddin, a film featured at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, received a rave review in the New York Times. It is "a vision of Afghanistan that the policy analysts and retired generals on news broadcasts cannot begin to offer: a remarkably intimate look at the human costs of war." Panel and open mike to follow, featuring John Sifton of the Asia Division of Human

Rights Watch, Bruni Burres, Director of the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, and Catherine Shimoni, Director of International Programs at the American Jewish World Service.

Sunday December 2nd, 2:00 PM
88th Street Sanctuary
Free and open to the public (not suitable for children)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

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

- Leana, Phil, Nathan, Sammy, and Harris Wild and Sue Moss on the death of Leana's beloved aunt and Sue's beloved grandmother, Laura Katz.
- Marjorie Vandow, Richard and Gabriel Fields on the death of Marjorie's beloved father, Benjamin Vandow.
- Barbara Kane and her family on the death of Barbara's beloved mother, Sara H. Kane.

Mazal Tov To:

- Saul and Joshua Nathan-Kazis, Joel Kazis, and Sara Nathan on Saul becoming a bar mitzvah.
- Rebecca Anderson and Daniel Wotman on their recent engagement.
- Chuck Gold and Anne Kohn on their recent engagement.

Note: Last week's kiddush was sponsored by Dr. Chuck Gold in honor of his engagement to Anne Kohn.

Todah Rabbah to Susan Landau and Tom Reiner for providing Shabbat Hospitality to out-of-town guests.

Brukhim HaBa'im to Dawn Klein, Youth Advisor, and a group of teens from Temple Shaari Emeth, Monmouth, NJ.

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 at x224 to find out what it takes to be a "teacher of the path."

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

The *Upstairs Minyan*, now called the *Wandering Minyan*, will take place on Friday, December 7th at 6:00 PM in the gym of the Heschel School, 279 west 89th St. The next *Wandering Minyan* will be on Friday, January 4th, 6:00 PM, in Frankel Hall at 88th street.

Midtown Parashat HaShavu'a Location Change

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

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

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. 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, 3:30 – 4:30 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, and candle lighting with the residents at the Jewish Home and Hospital. All ages welcome. To participate, please call Donny Lee, BJ's Team Leader, at (212) 316-4423.

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.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

BJ's Judith Bernstein Lunch Program hosts a free homemade sit-down lunch every Thursday in Frankel Hall. Volunteers are needed between 9 AM and 2 PM. 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, x338, and one of our grateful coordinators will call you back.

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 community affected by the current economic downturn. We are looking for professional opportunities across a spectrum of industries including full/part-time and consulting. Leave a message on the BJ Career Resources Line at x315 or email slachow@hotmail.com. The job postings will be listed shortly on BJ's website.

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: Volunteers Needed to 'Sit Sh'mirah' at NYU Hospital
'Sitting *sh'mirah*' or 'guarding the dead' is one of the greatest *mitzvot*. It is a custom that can bring great comfort. Members of Congregation Ohab Zedek and women from Stern College have been performing this *mitzvah* at NYU Hospital where the bodies of WTC victims have been brought. BJ is now able to participate. Please note: only one volunteer is permitted on site each shift. For more info, please contact Carol Dikman by email at Cdikman@bj.org or x255.

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

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." 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: A few seats remain for the BJ Latin America Committee's Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Daniel Goldman of Comunidad Bet El in Buenos Aires, who will speak about the current economic crisis affecting Argentine Jewry. Cost: \$35 for BJ members/\$45 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. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 4th. 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 emails about committee events, please send an email to: BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com

Gay and Lesbian Committee Dinner and Hanukkah 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) 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 *December 4th*. Also, on Thursday, December 13th, join us for our 3rd Annual Multi-sponsored GLBT Hanukkah 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. For more info or to volunteer, call x325.

BJ New and Expecting Parents Get-Together

Saturday, December 8th, 1:15 PM, at 86th Street in the Parlor Room: BJ is bursting with bubbelas! Come meet and schmooze. Bring a nosh to share and your ideas about Jewish parenting. For more info, call Eddy and Ellen Bikales at (212) 662 - 3787 or e-mail ebmetoo@aol.com.

Community Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 9, 4:00 - 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for a puppet show at 4:00 and activities for children of all ages at 4:40. Children over 4 should bring an empty plastic bottle. At 5:45, we will come together for singing, candle lighting, latkes and sufganiyot. For more info, please contact Hollis x244.

Ineg Shabbat

Friday, December 7th, following 6:45 PM services, at 86th Street: Join us for food, drink, and friendly folks.

Shake It On The Dance Floor: Dance Series!

Sunday, December 16th, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed, 100th Street and West End Avenue: Kick up your heels and dance. This is the first in our series of dances. Drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a free lesson at 7:30 PM, and plenty of opportunity to try new moves and old grooves. Live Band!

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: Hanukkah 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 Hanukkah 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, 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

Wednesday, 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/Hebrew with English subtitles. A discussion will follow the film. All tickets are \$10. Call Makor for tickets at (212) 601 - 1000.

Night of 100 Dinners: Make New Friends!

Saturday, February 9th, 2002: *Be a host* and let the guests (your new friends) select your dinner! Dinners will be organized by theme, location, cuisine, or area of interest, *but not by your name*. You can call your dinner "Interfaith Couples," Front of the Sanctuary on the Left," or "Gourmet Chef Cook-A-Long." Guests choose their dinner based on your description, so use your imagination. *Be a guest* and select which dinner to attend. (Note - you can still participate in the old-fashioned way by inviting guests yourself or by being invited to a home of a friend. For more info, call x307.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Dorot Hanukkah 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 Kosher 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 R'Vahad Committee. Please see

LIMUD (LEARNING)

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.

Prayer and Synagogue Skills

Sunday, December 2nd, 9:30 AM, at 88th Street: You are welcome to join the second class of this 2-part course on the structure of the service and the meaning of daily prayers. This second class is a learner's minyan followed by breakfast and the class. Taught by Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rachel Gartner.

Rabbi Nilton Bonder Book Signing: Our Immoral Soul

Wednesday, December 5th, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Rabbi Nilton 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. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Code: 273. Please call x256 to register by Monday, December 3rd.

Please note: Moa'don HaSefer HaTov (book club) will meet on Tuesday, January 8th and will be reading *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon.

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.

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.

Change of Date: Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith:

Sunday, December 9th, at 2:00 PM, at SPSA: The class is currently reading BJ member Emily Benedek's spiritual autobiography *Through the Unknown, Remembered Gate*, which is available at bookstores or online. The author will read from and discuss her work. For more info or to register, contact Facilitator Mim Warden at mimwarden@aol.com or 212-262-8408.

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.

A Teaching from Parashat Vayishlah: Our Own Worst Enemy

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And Jacob was left alone. And a man struggled with him until the break of dawn. When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he grabbed his hip at its socket, so that the socket of Jacob's hip was strained in his wrestling. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the dawn is breaking.' But he answered, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' He said to him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'Jacob.' He said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but rather Israel, for you have striven with God and human beings, and have prevailed.
Genesis 32:25-29

"[This] was a turning point for Jacob. He had a choice: to die before dying or to take hold of himself and fight. And win. And win he did...Such, then, is the prime meaning of this episode: Israel's history teaches us that man's true victory is the one he achieves over himself." -Elie Wiesel, Messengers of God

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