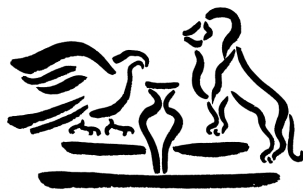


Kol Jeshurun



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

December 7th - December 14th 2001

Friday, December 7

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
 Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM - Heschel School Gym
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
 Latin America Dinner after 6:00 PM services - 88th Street
 Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Goldman

Gay and Lesbian Dinner 7:15 PM - meet at 88th Street

Singles Oneg after 6:45 PM services - 86th Street

Saturday, December 8

M'varkhim Ha'hodesh Shabbat Parashat Uayeshev
 Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street
 Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23, Pg. 244

Triennial: Genesis 37:1 - 37:36, Pg. 244

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8, Pg. 352

Bat Mitzvah Julia Isabelle Leffler
 Jordan Longert

Baby Naming Arielle Ades

Storahtelling Tent of Meeting 10:00 AM - 86th Street Social Hall

Se'udat Mitzvah Kiddush following services - 86th Street
 Topic: Morning Minyan

New & Expecting Parents Get-Together 1:15 PM - 86th Street

Sunday, December 9

Morning Minyan First Night of Hanukkah 9:30 AM - 88th Street
 Singles Dorot Package Delivery 12:15 PM - Manhattan Day School
 Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith 2:00 PM - 86th Street
 Community Hanukkah Celebration 4:00 PM - 88th Street

Monday, December 10

Morning Minyan Second Night of Hanukkah 7:30 AM - 88th Street
 Community Candle Lighting 6:00 PM - BJ Hebrew School
 Uptown Parashat HaShavu'a 6:30 PM - 86th Street
 Turn Your Pink Slip Green 6:30 PM - 86th Street
 BJ's On The Move - Downtown 7:00 PM - call x224 for info
 Film: Unintended Consequences 7:30 PM - 88th Street

BJ Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM - 86th Street
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, December 11

Morning Minyan Third Night of Hanukkah 7:30 AM - 88th Street
 Talmud Introduction 8:10 AM - 88th Street
 Intermediate Hebrew 6:00 PM - 86th Street
 Lashon Hara 7:00 PM - 86th Street
 Community Candle Lighting 7:00 PM - 86th Street
 Advanced Beginner Hebrew 7:15 PM - 86th Street
 Beginner Hebrew 8:30 PM - 86th Street
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, December 12

Morning Minyan Fourth Night of Hanukkah 7:30 AM - 88th Street
 Midtown Parashat HaShavu'a 12:00 PM - 135 E. 55th St., 6th Floor
 Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
 Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook 6:30 PM - WPPC
 Community Candle Lighting 6:30 PM - WPPC
 BJ's On The Move - Upper East Side 7:00 PM - call x224 for info
 Introduction to Judaism 7:30 PM - 86th Street
 Film: Promises 7:30 PM - Makor
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, December 13

Morning Minyan Fifth Night of Hanukkah 7:30 AM - 88th Street
 Community Candle Lighting 6:00 PM - BJ Hebrew School
 Gay and Lesbian Hanukkah Party 7:00 PM - GL Center
 Finding a Meaningful Relationship 7:00 PM
 Torah Tales Untold 7:00 PM - 86th Street
 BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, December 14

Morning Minyan Sixth Night of Hanukkah 7:30 AM - 88th Street

N E X T W E E K Shabbat Hanukkah Shabbat Parashat Miketz

Torah: Genesis 41:1 - 44:17, Pg. 264
 Triennial: Genesis 41:1 - 41:52, Pg. 264
 Haftarah: I Kings, 3:15 - 4:01, Pg. 355

S O C I A L J U S T I C E O P P O R T U N I T Y O F T H E W E E K

Take a personal stand against the excessive materialism that has become part of Hanukkah.

- 1. Speak to your friends and family about forming a tzedakah collective, whereby money is pooled and members decide where their money would make the greatest impact. For more info, visit www.socialaction.com.**
 - 2. Dedicate one or more nights to giving gifts to the less fortunate, such as the guests at the BJ/SPSA's Homeless Shelter Annual Holiday Party (for more info, contact Anne Millman at x340) or children who have spent time in homeless shelters (for more info, call Joanna at x259).**
 - 3. Spend Monday night, December 10th, at BJ for our Social Action Evening, a screening of "Unintended Consequences." This short moving film and a panel discussion will focus on the Rockefeller Drug Laws and their disproportionate and dire impact on low-income families and communities. See inside the Hol**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

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

- Howard Perlman and his family on the death of his beloved cousin, Bruce Baum.
- Debbie Cole and her family on the death of her beloved husband James M. Cole.
- Marjorie Vandow and her family on the death of her beloved father Benjamin Vandow.
- Susan and Eric Weston and their family on the death of Susan's beloved grandmother, Lillian Pines Rosenblum.

Mazal Tov To:

- Julia and David Leffler and Jennifer Berman on Julia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jordan Longert and Susan Wolfson on Jordan becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Deborah and Joseph Aides on the naming of their daughter, Arielle Esther.
- Dana Ross and Adam Hutter and their families on Dana and Adam's upcoming wedding.

This Week's Kiddush is Sponsored By:

- David Leffler and Jennifer Berman in celebration of their daughter Julia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Susan Wolfson in celebration of her daughter Jordan becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Deborah and Joseph Aides in celebration of the naming of their daughter, Arielle Esther.
- The community of B'nai Jeshurun, to welcome Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Rachel Gartner.

Todah Rabbah to the many BJ members who donated over 60 shopping bags of clothes during our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive for Project FIND, an organization serving the elderly homeless of NYC.

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."

SOCIAL JUSTICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Special Hanukkah 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 Hanukkah 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.

Build a House!

Sunday, December 16th: A few spots are open for BJ members who wish to participate in BJ's monthly visit to Habitat for Humanity's building site in the South Bronx. You must be over 16, available for the entire day, and willing to hammer, drill, paint, schlep, and help with anything else they ask us to do. Please call Joanna at x259 to sign up.

BJ Responding to BJ

Maimonides taught that the highest level of tzedakah lies in

Fall Service Schedule

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

Class on December 12th will meet at the office of Jay Kramer, 135 East 55th Street, 6th Fl., 12:00 - 1:00 PM. For more info, call Rabbi Eric Solomon at x235.

The Spirit of BJ: Support BJ by being part of this inspiring and extraordinary community collection, which will be revealed at the Night of 100 Dinners. Send in your family stories, BJ anecdote, or a sample of your creative talents. Your participation is crucial in order for this project to capture the creative and one-of-a-kind "Spirit of BJ". To participate, fill out the form on page 5. The form is also available at the back of the sanctuary or at the BJ office. For more info, call x386.

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.

Reminder: Shop for your Hanukkah candles, dreidels, menorahs, and gifts at Westside Judaica and support BJ at the same time. Identify yourself as a BJ member and Westside Judaica will donate 10% of your purchase to BJ.

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.

providing employment for a person who needs it. 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. For more info, please contact Carol Dikman at Cdikman@bj.org or x255.

BJ Responds: Out-reach to Homebound Seniors

Members are needed to make contact with infirm, isolated older adults in the BJ community as well as to make connections with home-bound

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJ New and Expecting Parents Get-Together

Saturday, December 8th, 1:15 PM, at 86th Street in the Parlor Room.

Community Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 9th, 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. Please help brighten the season for a needy child by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the Hanukkah Party. The Partnership for the Homeless will distribute them to homeless families. For more info, please contact Hollis x244.

Teen Shabbat and Kiddush

Saturday, December 15th: Saturday the 15th is Teen Shabbat. Come give your support to teens at BJ as they lead Shabbat morning services.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Dneg Shabbat

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

Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery

Sunday, December 9th, 12:15 PM: Those who have signed up for our annual Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery should meet the BJ group at the Manhattan Day School, 310 West 75th Street.

Shake It On The Dance Floor: Dance Series!

Sunday, December 16th, 7:00 – 10:00 PM, at Ansche 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 to the live sounds of Nick and the Flipped Fedoras Swing Band. Lots of Fun!! Cost is \$15 BJ/AC members/\$20 non-members payable at the door. Volunteer and get in free! To volunteer, call Michael at (212) 678 – 7881 before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat.

Singles Dinner with the Shabbat B'Yahad Committee: Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of the KJ.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

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.

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.

seniors through Dorot. For more info, please contact Carol Dikman at x255.

There will be a kiddush honoring the teens and their families following services in the Parlor Room at 86th Street.

Families Cooking for the Shelter: Second Grade

Tuesday, December 18th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, 88th Street: Tie on those cooking aprons. Second graders and their families are invited to help prepare a meal and set the table for guests at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. There will also be a brief learning discussion about this special mitzvah. Please call Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496 – 1892 if you would like to participate. Future dates: January 15th – 3rd Grade; February 12th – 4th Grade; March 12th – 5th Grade; April 16th – 6th Grade; May 21st – 7th Grade. To maintain this program, we need one or two coordinators per month to assign ingredients, divide the chores, and assemble the cooks. For more info on being a coordinator, please call Beth Kern at (212) 724 – 5336, Donna Kahan at (212) 362 – 9595, or Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496 – 1892.

Late Autumn Hike

Sunday, December 16th: Join us for a breathtaking 3 – 5 mile romp through Harriman State Park with lunch at Pine Meadow Lake. The hike will be moderate so you need hiking boots, not sneakers. Dress in warm layers and bring a hat and gloves, 2 quarts of water, high energy snacks, and your lunch. The group will meet in Suffern, New York at the train station on Route 59. *Directions by car:* take the NY State Thruway to the first exit, take Route 59 South (a right turn), pass under the Thruway – you'll see the train station on the right. *Directions by bus* – take the Short Line Bus, Bear Mountain/West Point route from the Port Authority, 8:45 AM departure, arriving in Suffern at 9:38 AM. The bus stops 1 block from the train station. (Shore Lines phone number: (800) 631 – 8405). We will car-pool to the trail head at 10:00 AM. So we know how many people to expect, please RSVP by Friday, December 14th, by calling x306 with your name, phone number, and whether you will be driving or taking the bus. The hike will be canceled in case of inclement weather. Hope to see you there!

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.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Sunday, December 16th, 10:30 AM: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women to pray, to study, and to celebrate together. For more info and the location, contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

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.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Argentina Today: A Latin America Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 7th, following 6:00 PM services at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: This dinner is fully subscribed. If you have pre-registered, please join us.

Save the date: Marshall T. Meyer's Yahrzeit

Marshall T. Meyer's yahrzeit will be observed with a special service on Friday, December 28th, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street. Also, on Shabbat morning, December 29th, Dr. Harvey Cox will be the guest speaker.

Gay and Lesbian Committee Dinner and Hanukkah Party
Friday, December 7th, after 6:00 PM services: We will walk over to Rodeph Shalom together for the co-sponsored dinner. Meet the BJ group at 7:15 PM in front of the BJ sanctuary on 88th Street between Broadway and West End Ave. 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 groups. For more info/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. After 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. Free for all.

BJ's On the Move: Hanukkah by Location

Downtown, Monday, December 10th; Upper East Side, Wednesday, December 12th; and New Jersey, Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 PM: 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. Call Hillary at x224 with any questions.

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

follows the film. All tickets \$10. Call Makor for tickets at (212) 601 – 1000.

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: \$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 Haudalah Shabbat Hanukkah. This event is free; pre-registration is not required.

BJ Goes to Cuba May 1 – 8: Informational Meeting

Tuesday, December 18th, 7:00 PM, in the community room of the Montana Building (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets): There will be an informational meeting for those who want to join BJ’s Latin America Committee and the Singles Committee for a trip to exotic Cuba, May 1 – 8, 2002. Explore the architecture of Old Havana, meet the Jewish community and celebrate Shabbat together, travel to the historic city of Trinidad, enjoy Cuban music, dance and sunshine. Both singles and couples are welcome (priority will be given to BJ members). Arturo Lopez Levy, a Cuban native, will be at the informational meeting. For more info, call the Latin America Committee at x371 or e-mail BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

Purim Auditions

Tuesday, December 18th, and Wednesday, December 19th, at 88th Street: Auditions for BJ’s Family Purimspiel will be held at 4:00 PM for children – only 3rd graders and up need to audition! (If your child is in 2nd grade or below, you can contact us about his/her interest.) Auditions for adults will be at 8:00 PM. For more info, contact Michael Kelberg at kelberg@aol.com or 917-749-4853.

A Teaching from Parashat Vayeshev: Picking Favorites

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And Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, for he was the son of his old age, and he made him a multi-colored coat. Genesis 37:3

R. Hama ben Guria said in the name of Rav: “One should never show favoritism to one child above another, for because of the additional expenditure of the weight of two coins of fine wool that Jacob spent on Joseph [in making the special coat] beyond what he spent for his other sons, his brothers envied him, and the end result was that our ancestors went down to Egypt [where they were ultimately enslaved].” Talmud Bavli, Shabbat 10b

The Macabbees' oil kept burning thanks to a miracle. Our lights can keep burning thanks to conservation and investment in renewable resources, reducing our dependence on oil. Join us in becoming part of the new miracle! Three ideas to keep the flame lit this Hannukah: Turn off the lights! When you leave your apartment, home, or office turn off your computer and other appliances. Have a quiet dinner by candlelight! Change one regular bulb in your home to a CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light). Find them at a hardware or health food store or find a store that carries them at www.energystar.gov/stores/storelocator.asp.

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:
Welcome to BJ – Membership at BJ – Membership Packets – Limud Fall 2001 – Morei Dereh – BJ Reads
New Havurot Applications – 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
Ledor Uador Intergenerational Lunch 1/12/02 – Spirit of BJ Participation Form**