

Kol Jeshurun



תּוֹרָה קוֹבֵעַ 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

December 21st – December 28th 2001

Friday, December 21

Tot Shabbat Service 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
ASL Interpreted
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, December 22

Service Shabbat Parashat Uayigash 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th Street

Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27, Pg. 281

Triennial: Genesis 44:18 – 45:27, Pg. 281

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 37:38, Pg. 357

Bat Torah Bonnie Harwayne

Sunday, December 23

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Holiday Light Concert 3:00 PM – 86th Street
with the Western Wind Vocal Ensemble

Monday, December 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Singles Movie 7:30/9:30 PM – Makor
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th Street

Tuesday, December 25

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Office Closed

9:30 AM – 88th Street
7:00 PM – 88th Street

Wednesday, December 26

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:30 AM – 88th Street
7:00 PM – 86th Street

Thursday, December 27

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:30 AM – 88th Street
12:00 PM – 88th Street
7:00 PM – 86th Street

Friday, December 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th Street

NEXT WEEK Parashat Uayehi

Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26, Pg. 302
Triennial: Genesis 47:28 – 48:22, Pg. 302
Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1 – 2:12, Pg. 35f

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK Five Minutes of Your Time Will Help Protect Israel's Environment

Israel's environment is in serious trouble and it is time that the World Zionist Organization (WZO) become part of the solution! Here's a QUICK, 2-step process that BJers can take to protect Israel's environment.

- First, after Shabbat, sign a Green Zionists Alliance (GZA) petition and fax or mail it to them (or do it online).
- Second, register as a voting member of the WZO. Registration forms are available at back of sanctuary and online. Cost \$4, plus .34¢ postage if you mail it.

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The Green Zionists Alliance (GZA) needs a few hundred more signatures by December 28th to appear on the ballot for the World Zionist Congress Elections (summer 2002). If elected, the GZA's slate of delegates will press the WZO to address the litany of serious and life threatening environmental problems in Israel. For more info on the GZA and its platform, or to find out how to register online for the WZC election AND sign a petition on behalf of the GZA, please visit their website at www.greenzionism.org. Or look for a petition and registration form at the back of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

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

- Rise Dimson, Denise Dimson Rekem, Yoav, Yonatan, and Ittai Rekem, Lara, Aviv, Tali, and Tsivi Laurence on the death of their beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, I. Maxwell Small.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members and Their Families:

- Bonnie and Jared Harwayne and their family on Bonnie becoming a Bat Torah.
- Aviva Zuckerman and Maurice Raichelson on their recent engagement.
- Leslie A. Sweet and Joel A. Berkowitz on their recent engagement.
- Karen and Mark Epstein and their families on the birth of their daughter, Anna Blythe.
- Zhongmei Li and Richard Bernstein on the birth of their son, Elias Tiandao.
- James and Sarah Fraiman, Hillel and Betsy Friedman, Naomi Meyer, and their families on the birth of their son, grandson, and grandnephew, Jacob Josiah.

This Week's Kiddush is Sponsored By:

- Congregations B'nai Jeshurun and Tehillah in honor of Rabbi Eric Solomon, whose Fellowship at BJ was extended for this year to help build the new, BJ-inspired Congregation Tehilla in Riverdale.
- Bonnie Harwayne in celebration of her Bat Torah.
- Amy Korn in celebration of her milestone birthday.

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	6:00 PM – Frankel Hall Friday, January 4 th
Tot Shabbat	5:45 PM – 86 th Street Third Friday of the Month
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86 th Street

Night of 100 Dinners – Sign Up Now!

Pick up a Green (host) or Purple (guest) flyer at the back of the sanctuary to sign up by mail or fax. You can also sign up on BJ's website, www.bj.org. Additional dinners continue to be added to the list.

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. To participate, fill out the form at the back of the sanctuary or at the BJ office. For more info, call x386.

Morei Derekh: Do you find yourself telling others about the joy of BJ? Do you like helping others? You may be right for MOREI DEREKH, BJ's new mentoring program. Call Hillary Gleich at x224 or visit BJ's website, www.bj.org, to find out what it takes to be a "teacher of the path."

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.

Two New Havurot Forming:

- **Come Let's Jam in Yiddish:** A new havurah is forming in January for people who want to kvetch, kvell, and kibbitz in Yiddish. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Kneitel at (212) 752 – 7930 or kneitelr@yahoo.com.
- **Blind or Visually Impaired:** A new havurah is forming to create a support group for those who are visually challenged and who strive to be active members in our community. This group will be open to those who are affected by vision loss as well as to their families and will focus on healing, studying, sharing and finding solutions together, as well as an information resource for all. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Liana Sitnick at (718) 375 – 2498.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Movie Night at Makor

Monday, December 24th, 7:30 or 9:30 PM at Makor, 35 West 67th Street: What else does one do on December 24th? Go to the movies with BJ at Makor! Movie: "Hedwig and the Angry Itch". Winner of the Audience and Director Awards at Sundance. It is a spectacularly inventive post-punk neo-glam rock musical. Tickets are \$8 BJ members/\$9 non-members. To purchase tickets, call the Makor box office directly at (212) 601 – 1000.

Shabbat Dinner at Darna

Friday, January 11th, following 6:45 PM services, at Darna, 600 Columbus Avenue at 89th Street: Join friends as we share Shabbat Dinner at Darna, a beautiful Moroccan Middle-Eastern kosher restaurant. We will meet at Darna following services. To make a reservation, please leave your name and number at x306, AND send a check to BJ marked "1/11 Singles Darna Dinner" by January 2nd. Cost:

\$25 members/\$35 non-members. Please note: if space is available, the cost will be \$35 members/\$45 non-members for reservations received after the deadline.

Date Bait Mixer

Sunday, January 13th, at 88th Street: Looking for love in all the wrong places? Date Bait gives you the chance to meet many people all in one evening. The evening's program, hosted by "Date Bait" facilitators, includes introductions, mingling, and the chance to list participants you want to DATE! A computer will tally up matches and then you can arrange your dates. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call x306, AND send your check to the BJ office, marked "1/13 Date Bait", by Monday, January 7th. Please include a

note with your day/evening numbers, age, and indicate your membership status. Please note: if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$40. Confirmation calls will be made by January 7th. For more information, call Date Bait directly at (212) 971-1084.

Shake it on the Dance Floor

Sunday January 20, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed, 100th Street and West End Ave: TANTALIZING TANGO! The dance of passion! Our 7:30 PM lesson makes tango easy and fun. Move to the romantic melodies of live tango music! Drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a free lesson at 7:30 PM, and plenty of opportunity to try new moves and old grooves. 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.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

Go Down Moses: A Storahelling Gospel Special

Saturday, January 5th, 3:45 PM, at 88th Street: Join Amichai Lau-Lavie and the Storahelling Group for the same old story - with a whole new spin...a ritual performance of the weekly Torah reading, spiced with traditional Hebrew chanting, non-traditional English translation, and original music. Followed by refreshments and Havdalah; free for all.

Moa'don HaSefer HaTov (book club)

Tuesday, January 8th, 7:00 PM, the Montana Community Room, in the Montana Building on Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets: The book club will discuss *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon. For more info, call x222.

Perversion and Holiness II: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Starting Wednesday, January 9th, meeting for six Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, West Park Presbyterian Church, 86th and Amsterdam: We will continue with the study of a chain of stories which appears in the seventh chapter of tractate Bava Metzi'a, one of the pearls of Talmudic literary creativity. These stories reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. New participants are welcome. Taught by Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 255.

Se'udat Mitzvah

Saturday, January 12th: Join Rabbi Sharon Brous and the Bikkur Holim Committee for a kiddush in the Social Hall at 86th Street and a learning session after the kiddush upstairs in the Parlor Room devoted to studying the mitzvah of bikkur holim, visiting the sick. Free for all.

Aveilut (Death and Mourning)

Starting Tuesday, January 15th, meeting for three Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the Parlor Room at 86th Street: Facing the mortality of ourselves and loved ones is an evitable part of living. This class will focus on the laws and customs of our tradition during these most holy moments of death and mourning. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 279.

Jews and Money: "No Money, No Torah?"

Starting Tuesday, January 17th, meeting for three Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the Chapel at 86th Street: The above question from Pirke Avot challenges us to examine the role that money plays in our lives. In this three-part class, we will trace Biblical, rabbinic and medieval notions of money, examining their implications for contemporary life. We will discuss the way in which Jewish sources ask us to think about money, as well as ways that the sources ask us to spend our money. We will also examine some of the ways that money can play a role in Jewish communal decision-making. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$45/\$60. Code: 274.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Light Concert and Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Sunday, December 23rd, 3:00 PM, at 86th Street: Rabbi Sharon Brous will join Reverend R Karpen of SPSA for a Jewish-Christian Dialogue at the Holiday Light Concert. The Western Wind Vocal Ensemble will perform. For ticket prices or to purchase tickets, call the Western Wind Vocal Ensemble Office at (212) 873 - 2848.

Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's Yahrzeit

Friday, December 28th, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for a special service to observe Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's yahrzeit. In addition, Dr. Harvey Cox will be the guest speaker on shabbat morning, December 29th. Dr. Cox is the Thomas Professor of Divinity at Harvard University and writes and lectures widely on

issues of religion and culture. He is the author of the ground-breaking bestseller *The Secular City* as well as many other books including *The Seduction of the Spirit*, which was nominated for the National Book Award, and *Common Prayers-Faith, Family, and a Christian's Journey Through the Jewish Year*.

Who Still Believes in Peace?

Saturday, January 5th, after services, at 86th Street in the Chapel: The Israeli and Palestinian residents of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam, a bilingual and bicultural village in Israel, will speak

briefly at services, and then move into the Chapel for questions and conversation about the future of peace in Israel. For more info, contact Joanna at x259.

Purim Rehearsals

Sunday, January 6th, 88th Street: Rehearsal for BJ's Purim Speil begin. For more info, contact Michael Kelberg at (917) 749-4583.

LeDor VaDor Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, January 12th, following services, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: Celebrate Shabbat with lunch, music, and discussion. BJ member and award winning Broadway, television, and film actress Tovah

Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 21st, 5:45 PM, at 86th Street: Families with children 4 and under are welcome to join us for singing and welcoming Shabbat. A brief kiddush will follow the service. For more info, contact Hollis Kramer at x244.

Feldshuh will be our host. The program will include a reading from MFH Fishers's "I Was Really Very Hungry" and Yiddish song. Please RSUP by Tuesday, January 3rd, by calling x331 and sending a check for \$12 to the BJ office. Members of all ages are welcome as we continue to build community between the generations.

BJ Choir:

If you are interested in joining the BJ choir, please contact Marta at x303. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. Note: There will be no rehearsal December 24th or 31st. Rehearsals will resume January 7th.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJHS School Closed

Please note: From December 21st - January 3rd, the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School will be closed. School reopens on Monday, January 7th, 2002.

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 Responding to BJ: Employment Opportunities

We are looking for professional opportunities across a spectrum of industries. 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 Responds: Volunteers Needed to 'Sit Shemirah' at NYU
'Sitting *shemirah*' or 'guarding the dead' is one of the greatest mitzvot a Jew can perform. An ancient tradition, 'sitting *shemirah*' is a mitzvah that can bring great comfort and is a very holy experience. Members of BJ are sharing in performing this mitzvah at NYU Hospital where the bodies of WTC victims have been brought. For further info, please contact Carol at Cdikman@bj.org or x255.

Volunteer Opportunities in December

Volunteers are needed at The Jewish Home and Hospital on West 106th Street to celebrate with seniors on Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. For further info, please contact Ronete Koster, Director of Volunteers, at (212) 870-4940.

BJ Responds: Volunteer Opportunity With Children

The Association to Benefit Children has been providing space Downtown on Worth Street for young children who lost a family member on 9/11. While their parents sign up for benefits at the various agencies, children can come here to play. Volunteers are needed for 3-4 each shift to help make their time special. There will be a training session beforehand.

For further info, please contact BJ member Ilene Rosenthal at (212) 595-4947 or Irlg@worldnet.com.

Tikkun Conference

January 19th - January 21st: Join Tikkun Magazine and The Open Center for a national conference of progressive Jewish and non-Jewish thinkers, including MK Yossi Sarid, Arthur Green, Susannah Heschel, Tsvi Blanchard, Mordecai Gafni, Arthur Waskow, Grace Paley, and Naomi Wolf. The conference will create a new national organization of spiritual politics - The Tikkun Community. This exciting event will take place at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue on Saturday night and Sunday and at BJ on Sunday night and Monday. BJ has a half price rate of \$100 for its members. Call (415) 575 - 1200 and ask for Liat or send your check or credit card number to TIKKUN, 2107 Van Ness Ave, Suite 302, San Francisco, California, 94109. Those BJ members interested in helping to organize the conference are invited to a meeting on Thursday, December 27th, at 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room at BJ's office on 89th Street. For more info, contact Craig Sumberg at (212) 875 - 1626 or clsumberg@att.net.

Extend *Haknasat Orhim* (Hospitality) During the Tikkun Conference

On Friday, January 19th through Sunday, January 21st, 2002, *Tikkun Magazine* will be holding its Founding Conference in New York City. Many visitors from out-of-town will need a place to stay. If anyone has space to host a guest for the weekend, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Carol at x255 if you can provide room in your home.

A Teaching from *Parashat Uayigash*: Does the End Justify the Means?

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"...I am Joseph, your brother, he whom you sold into slavery. Now do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me here; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you...to ensure your survival on earth, and to save your lives in a great deliverance." Genesis 45:4-7

These words pave the way for reconciliation between Joseph and his estranged brothers. But is it acceptable to justify past wrongs on the basis of ultimate outcome? Abavanel teaches: "The fact that by mere chance the sale [of Joseph into slavery] turned out well did not lessen the brothers' offense. A person is not judged by the accidental results of his deeds, but by his intent. The accidental results are irrelevant to the moral dimension."

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:
Welcome to BJ - Membership at BJ - Membership Packets - Havurot Applications - Morei Derekh
Upcoming Singles Events - Singles Fantastic Dance Series - Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith
Night of 100 Dinners Forms - Spirit of BJ Form - Green Zionist Organization Petition
Ledor Uador Intergenerational Lunch 1/12/02 - Holiday Light Concert**