

# 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

### January 4<sup>th</sup> - January 11<sup>th</sup> 2001

#### Friday, January 4

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Frankel Hall  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, January 5

Service Shabbat Parashat Shemot 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

Torah: Exodus 1:1 - 6:1, Pg. 382  
Triennial: Exodus 1:1 - 2:25, Pg. 382  
Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13 and 29:22 - 29:23, Pg. 692

Speakers Ori Sonnenschein and Rami Mana  
Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam

Neve Shalom/ Wahat al-Salaam after services - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

Storahtelling: Go Down Moses 3:45 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, January 6

Habitat for Humanity Trip 9:00 AM - call x259 for info  
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 11:00 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Monday, January 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
New Members Orientation 6:30 PM - call x224 for location  
Career Transitions Group 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
It Is Not In Heaven 7:00 PM - 151 Central Park West #3W  
Choir 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, January 8

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 4:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov (Book Club) 7:00 PM - Montanz  
Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul 7:00 PM - BJ Office  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, January 9

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 4:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Perversion and Holiness II: 6:30 PM - WPPC, 86<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam  
Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis  
Introduction to Judaism 7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, January 10

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Torah Tales Untold 7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, January 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### NEXT WEEK Shabbat Parashat Vaera Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Torah: Exodus 6:2 - 9:35, Pg. 421  
Triennial: Exodus 6:2 - 7:7, Pg. 421  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21, Pg. 696

### SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK January 12<sup>th</sup> Benefit Concert

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**Join BJ and SPSA on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM, at SPSA, for a special benefit concert featuring the Vivaldi Travelling Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra conducted by BJ member Gene Forrell and featuring BJ member and BJ choir director Marta Felcman on piano.**

**All proceeds will go to benefit the families of World Trade Center victims.**

**Minimum donation: \$10. Please pay at the door. For more information or to volunteer, call x240.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Condolences To:

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

- Eugene Carr on the death of his beloved mother, Helen Carr.
- Stuart and Carole Polly on the death of Stuart's beloved aunt, Toby Kalfus.

## Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Robert and Amy Pollack on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## 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](http://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 available at the back of the sanctuary or at the BJ office. For more info, call x386.

## Fall Service Schedule

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup> Street 6:45 PM – 86 <sup>th</sup> Street
Family Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup> Street First Friday of the Month
Wandering Minyan	6:00 PM – 88 <sup>th</sup> Street in Frankel Hall Friday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>
Tot Shabbat	5:45 PM – 86 <sup>th</sup> Street Third Friday of the Month
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86 <sup>th</sup> Street

Look for our new B'nai Jeshurun brochures, "Limud 2002," "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

## 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

Maimonides taught that the highest level of tzedakah lies in 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](mailto:slachow@hotmail.com).

## 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](mailto:Cdikman@bj.org) or x255.

## Volunteer Opportunity With Young Children

Volunteers are needed at PS 75, located at 95<sup>th</sup> Street and West End Avenue, to work in the Kindergarten classrooms. The school has experienced severe staff cuts and the teachers desperately need help working with small groups of young children. Commitment is one day a week from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM or from 12:00PM – 3:00 PM. Help is needed beginning mid-January. If interested, please contact Allison Braunstein at (212) 870 – 5051 or email: [abraunstein@jhha.org](mailto:abraunstein@jhha.org).

## National Tikkun Conference

January 19 – January 21: Call (415) 575 – 1200 and ask for Liat or send your check or credit card info to TIKKUN, 2107 Van Ness Ave, Suite 302, San Francisco, California, 94109.

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## Families Cook For the Homeless Shelter

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Third graders and their families are invited to help prepare a meal for guests of our Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 88<sup>th</sup> Street to assemble the food and set the table together, and to enjoy a brief learning discussion about this most special Mitzvah. If you are interested, please call Harriet Saltzman

at 496-1892, Beth Kern at 724-5336, or Donna Kahan at 362-9595 in advance to volunteer. We also need a parent volunteer for that evening to keep a list of the families planning to attend, assign a few ingredients for each family to bring, and to divide the chores among the assembled cooks. Future dates are as follows: *February 12<sup>th</sup>* – 4th Grade; *March 12<sup>th</sup>* – 5th Grade; *April 16<sup>th</sup>* – 6th Grade; and *May 21<sup>st</sup>* – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

# SINGLES ACTIVITIES

## Shabbat Dinner at Darna

Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 on the Singles voicemail, x306 AND send a check to BJ marked "1/11 Singles Darna Dinner". Cost after the January 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline: \$35 members/ \$45 non-members.

## Date Bait Mixer

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Looking for love in all the wrong places? Date Bait gives you the chance to meet many

by "Date Bait" facilitators, includes introductions, mingling, and the chance to list participants you want to DATE! A computer will tally up "matches" (participants who list each other) 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 the Singles voicemail, x306, AND send your check to the BJ office, marked "1/13 Date Bait", by Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Date Bait directly at (212) 971-1084.

#### Bright and Sparklin' New Year's Oneg

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, following the 6:45 PM service, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Social Hall: Celebrate with us the first Oneg of the New Year at BJ. Eat a little food, drink a little drink, and hang out with some darn good human beings.

#### Shake it on the Dance Floor

Sunday January 20, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed, 100<sup>th</sup> Street and West End Avenue: TANTALIZING TANGO! The dance of passion! Our free 7:30 PM lesson makes tango easy and fun. Move to the romantic melodies of live tango music! Drinks, hors d'oeuvres, 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

#### Who Still Believes in Peace?

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, after services, at 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Go Down Moses: A Storahelling Gospel Special

Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:45 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Chapel: 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, the Montana Community Room, in the Montana Building on Broadway between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Streets: The book club will discuss *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon.

#### Perversion and Holiness II: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Starting Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, meeting for six Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, West Park Presbyterian Church, 86<sup>th</sup> 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

at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat.

#### Build a House!

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, in The Bronx: Please join BJ Singles for a day and help build a home at Habitat for Humanity's housing site in the South Bronx. You must be available for the entire shift and be willing to hammer, drill, paint, schlep and help with anything else they ask us to do. No previous experience is necessary! You may be working alongside Habitat's future residents! To sign up, please call the Singles voicemail, x306; leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back to confirm your spot. The day of the event, we will meet at an Upper West Side location and travel to the site by subway.

## LIMUD (LEARNING)

required. New participants are welcome. Taught by Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 255.

#### Se'udat Mitzvah

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, after services, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Rabbi Sharon Brous and the Bikkur Holim Committee for a kiddush in the Social Hall 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.

#### Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Board Room: Join us for an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate, and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. No charge. Note: the time and location information in January's Kol Hadash is incorrect. For more info, contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

#### Aveilut (Death and Mourning)

Starting Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, meeting for three Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting for three Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the Chapel at 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Creating Modern Midrash

Starting Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting for 12 Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Parlor Room: This is a creative

#### Purim Rehearsals

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

#### Career Transitions/Employment Networking Group

Four Mondays, starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street

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

writing workshop based on Biblical text, yet moving from that text to a raw and complex universe. We will try to connect to the text in a personal and evocative way, de-rabbinizing the text so that the artist is allowed to speak. Those participating will be expected to write and read aloud in class. Note: This is not a class in classical midrash, poetry, or prose. Taught by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum. Cost: Free – registration required. Code: 259.

in the Library: This group will continue to meet and will run as a peer support/mutual aid group, facilitated by participants who will lend support, share resources and help each other stay motivated and brainstorm next steps. For more information, please call x315.

#### LeDor VaDor Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, following services, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Frankel Hall: Celebrate Shabbat with lunch, music, and discussion. BJ member and award winning Broadway, television, and film actress Tovah Feldshuh will be our host. The program will include a reading from MFK Fishers's "I Was Really Very Hungry" and Yiddish song. It is still not too late to RSUP. Please RSUP 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.

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#### Kesharim Film Trip

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, at the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street: The Kesharim group will meet for a movie outside the theater at 12:45 PM. For more information please call Joe Rapaport at (212) 873 – 8153.

#### New York Jewish Film Festival

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 PM, at the Walter Reade Theater, Lincoln Center, 165 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Rabbi Matalon for a special screening of two Argentinian-Jewish films, *To Live with Terror*, by Ton Uriens, and *My Own Telenovela*, by Jorge Weller. Rabbi Matalon and both directors will be present for a discussion afterwards. Call the theater directly for tickets at (212) 875 – 5601. New York Jewish Film Festival brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary.

