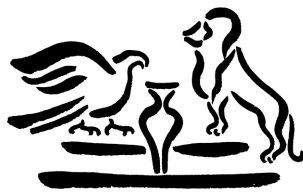


Kol Jeshurun



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 18th - January 25th 2002

Friday, January 18

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 86th Street
 ASL Interpreted
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street
Singles Oneg after the 6:45 PM Service - 86th Street

Saturday, January 19

Service Shabbat Parashat Bo 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Exodus 10:1 - 13:16, Pg. 448
Triennial: Exodus 10:1 - 11:3, Pg. 448
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28, Pg. 700

Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Dershowitz
Bat Mitzvah Rachel Waldman

Speaker Jose "Chencho" Alas
 Founder and Director,
 Foundation for Self-Sufficiency in Central America

Scholar in Residence: Ruth Fagen 4:00 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, January 20

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Tikkun Conference at BJ 6:30 PM - 88th Street

Monday, January 21

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Tikkun Conference at BJ 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - 88th Street
It is Not in Heaven 7:00 PM - 151 Central Park W., Apt. #3W
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Choir 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, January 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM - 88th Street

Purim Spiel Rehearsals 4:00 PM - 88th Street
Beginner Hebrew 6:00 PM - 86th Street
Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM - 86th Street
Advanced Beginner Hebrew 8:30 PM - 86th Street
Avelut 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul 7:00 PM - BJ Office
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
Midtown Parashat HaShavua 12:00 PM - 135 East 55th Street
Jews and Money 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Torah Tales Untold 7:30 PM - 86th Street
Community Forum on Learning 7:30 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, January 25

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Beshalah
Shabbat Shirah

Torah: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16, Pg. 478
Triennial: Exodus 13:17 - 15:26, Pg. 478
Haftarah: Judges 4:4 - 5:31, Pg. 703

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK
Stop spraying that aerosole can and celebrate the birthday of the trees!

Join BJ's Environmental Task Force for the Tu Bi'Shevat Tea Party with Amichai Lau-Lavie & The Storahtelling Group on Sunday January 27th, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street. Featuring live music, Storahtelling, environmental action, and delicious fruit and drink, the Tu Bi'Shevat Tea Party promises to be the environmental action of the year! Cost: \$15 members/\$25 non-members. To reserve: leave your name and phone number at x254 AND send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and marked *Tu Bi'Shevat 2002* by January 18th (add \$10 after that date).

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Nancy Neiditz on the death of her beloved father, Lester Asher Neiditz.
- Stefanie and Marshall Jacobowitz, Jodi Miller, Wendy and Steven Wiegler, Ed Miller, and Bena Green on the death of their beloved grandfather and father Jerry Miller.
- Lois Segel and her family on the death of her beloved mother Fay Blinder Segel.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Jonathan and Hillel Dershowitz and Jo Wein on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rachel Waldman and Sharon Schuster on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Liad Meidar and Eileen Ergas and their families on their upcoming wedding.
- Hillary Kruger, Rabbi Judd Kruger Levingston, and Miranda and Ivan on the birth of their daughter and sister, Serena Dora.

Winter 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 – various locations First Friday of the Month
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 – Volunteers Needed!

Night of 100 Dinners is looking for volunteers to help on the night of February 9th. If you are already planning to attend, please lend us a hand for a short time during the evening. Call x307 if you are interested.

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.

L I M U D (L E A R N I N G)

Scholar in Residence: Ruth Fagen

The Role of Women in the Exodus Story

Saturday, January 19th, 4:00 PM, at 88th Street: Visiting Scholar Ruth Fagen will lead a Shabbat afternoon study in memory of Shira Palmer Sherman.

Community Forum on Learning

Thursday, January 24th, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Many changes have been taking place in Limud (learning) at BJ as we seek to expand and deepen our commitment to study. What would an ideal learning community at BJ look like? Join us at the Community Forum on Limud (learning) to discuss these issues with the rabbis and a diverse group of BJ members.

On-going Classes:

Avelut (Death and Mourning)

Tuesdays, January 22nd and 29th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, 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?”

Thursdays, January 31st, February 7th and 14th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, at 86th Street: *Please note that the dates of this class have been rescheduled.* 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 23rd, meeting for 12 Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, in the Parlor Room at 86th Street: This is a creative 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.

S O C I A L J U S T I C E / V O L U N T E E R O P P O R T U N I T I E S

Donate Platelets for Michael Turque

Michael Turque, a member of a BJ family, is at Sloan-Kettering Hospital and is in urgent need of immediate donors for platelets. Please call the

Sloan-Kettering Blood Donor Center at (212) 639-7643 to make an appointment. Please be sure to specify you are donating platelets and that the donation is for Michael Turque. For additional information, contact Mimi Turque at (212) 580-8583.

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 including full/part-time and consulting. Leave a message on the BJ Career Resources Line at x315 or email slachow@hotmail.com.

BJ Responds: Volunteers Needed to 'Sit Shemira' at NYU

Members of BJ are sharing in the mitzvah of *sitting shemira* (guarding the dead) at NYU Hospital, where the bodies of WTC victims have been brought. If you would like to participate, please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or cdikman@bj.org. for more info.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJHS Kitah Dalet (Fourth Grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 25th, at 86th Street (following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street): Let's celebrate Shabbat together! There will be a Shabbat dinner for all Kitah Dalet students and their parents. It is not too late to register! Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. To sign up, Call Jarah Greenfield at x225.

Tu Bi'Shevat Family Sing Along

Sunday, January 27th, 10:00 AM, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street: Join song leader and music educator Shira Kline for a family holiday sing-a-long! Your children's faces will light up as they celebrate the holiday through song and dance. Shira teaches the stories and customs with music, keeping it fun and lively for all members of the family. An energetic and packed 45 minutes, this is a special Tu Bi'Shevat treat for families with children ages 2-6. Free. For more info, call Hollis Kramer at x244. This program is sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund.

BJHS Kitah Bet (Second Grade) Simhat Talmud Torah

Friday, February 1st and Saturday, February 2nd: BJHS Kitah Bet

families are invited to celebrate Simhat Talmud Torah, which marks a child's achievement of learning the Hebrew alphabet. Festivities begin with Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 1st at 88th Street (following the 6:00 PM Service). Kitah Bet families are also invited to Shabbat morning services and a Kiddush on Saturday, February 2nd. Cost for both the Dinner and the Kiddush: \$25 adults/\$20 children. In order to guarantee your reservation, we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by Wednesday, January 23rd (no exceptions). To sign up, call Jarah Greenfield at x225.

BJHS Kitah Gimmel (Third Grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 8th, at 88th Street (following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street). Let's celebrate Shabbat together! There will be a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Gimmel students and their parents. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. In order to guarantee your reservation, we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by 3:00 PM, Friday, February 1st (no exceptions). To sign up, call Jarah Greenfield at x 225.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Bright and Sparklin' New Year's Oneg

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

Shake it on the dance floor!!! - Dance Series

Sunday, January 20th, 7:00-10:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed (100th Street and WEA): Tantalizing Tango - Not for Singles Only! Kick up your heels and dance the tango! There will be a live tango show, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a free lesson at 7:30pm and opportunities to try new moves. Watch this space for details about future events featuring Salsa and House Mix on February 17th and April 7th. Cost: \$15 /\$20 (members/non-members). For more info, call x306. Volunteer and get in free! To volunteer, call Michael at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00 PM and not on Shabbat. This event is co-sponsored by BJ and Anshe Chesed.

Intimate At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 1st, following the 6:45 PM service: Share Shabbat with a group of friendly folks at an at-home catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples. These gatherings of 12-18 people are a great way to meet and share a Shabbat meal. To sign up, send in your completed application form (available at www.bj.org under the Singles link) AND your check made payable to BJ, marked "2/1 At-Home Shabbat Dinner" by January 25th. We are also looking for BJ members who live on the Upper West Side within a 15-block radius of BJ to host a dinner. For more info or to host a dinner, please call the Singles voicemail at x306.

Build a house!

Sunday, February 3rd, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at a location in the Bronx: BJ Singles will help build a home at Habitat for Humanity's housing site in the South Bronx. Registration for this event is now full. If you have called to reserve a spot, someone will call you back to confirm your attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New York Jewish Film Festival

Wednesday, January 23rd, 8:15 PM, at the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65th 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 Roly 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.

Queens Havurah Dinner and Service

Friday, January 25th, 7:00 PM, at the home of Steve Drapkin in Briarwood, Queens: For more info or to RSVP, please call Adrienne Simons at (718) 793-2442.

Shabbat B'Yahad - Rabbi Elliot Dorff:

- **Friday, January 25th, following 6:00 PM services at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Elliot Dorff has written and lectured extensively on Jewish Law and Ethics and will be speaking on "Fundamental Principles of Jewish Medical Ethics". Cost (after deadline): \$35 members/\$45 non-members. To make a reservation, you must call x304 with your name(s) and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "1/25/02 Shabbat B'Yahad dinner" no later than Tuesday, January 22th.**
- **Shabbat January 26th, 4:00 PM at BJ 88th Street: Afternoon learning and havdalah with Rabbi Dorff. The lecture is entitled, "Biomedical Issues at the Beginning and End of Life". Free; no reservation required.**

Tu BiShevat Tea Party with Amichai Lau-Lavie & The Storytelling Group

Sunday, January 27th, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street: Celebrate the annual banquet honoring the birthday of nature with fruits and wine, tea, pastries, mystical tales, and live music. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members after January 18th. To reserve: leave your name and phone number at x254 AND send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and marked "Tu BiShevat 2002".

BJ Goes to Cuba: May 1 - 8

Join BJ's Latin America Committee and Singles Committee, along with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, for a trip to exotic Cuba. Explore Old Havana, meet the Jewish community, and enjoy Cuban music and sunshine. Detailed trip information, including an application and itinerary, is available on the BJ website (www.bj.org - click on Upcoming Events). Questions? Call the Latin America Committee at x371. Please note: the final deadline for applications is February 22nd.

SAVE THE DATE:

Jewish, Christian & Muslim Dialogue on the Holy Land

- Wednesday, January 30th, 7:30 PM, at WPPC: Please join us for a public forum with Rabbi Ron Kronish, director of the Inter-religious Coordinating Council in Israel; Bishop Munib Younan, Lutheran Bishop of Jerusalem; and Dr. Mohammed Hourani, Senior Research Fellow of the Hartman Institute, Jerusalem. The dialogue aims to deepen public understanding and to generate a community-based discussion. Suggested contribution: \$10; \$5 for students/seniors. For more info, contact Interfaith Community at (212) 870-2544 or info@interfaithcommunity.org.
- Saturday, February 2nd, at SPSA: Rabbi Kronish will be giving the d'var Torah at Shabbat morning services and will be joined by Bishop Younan and Dr. Hourani for a thought-provoking and inspiring discussion. Both events are co-sponsored by BJ's Interfaith Committee.

The Hevra Kadisha is missing a set of mourner's books. If you have the books and/ or their suitcase; or if you know where they were left, please call Rebekah at x228.

The NATIONAL TIKKUN CONFERENCE is happening this weekend at BJ and the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue on January 19th, 20th and 21st. Join progressive Jewish intellectuals, artists, writers, poets, social change activists and our non-Jewish allies for a multi-issue gathering. Special rate for BJ members! For more information, pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

ALSO: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED throughout the conference. Free admission to this weekend conference for all volunteers! We need help during registration, setup, and all events. Meet new people, help heal the world and join the campaign for spiritual based politics. To volunteer, contact Meryl Zegarek at (917) 493-3597 or email her at mz@mzpr.com.

A Teaching from *Parashat Bo*: The Paralysis of Indifference

וַיִּשְׂטֹחַ אֶת יָדוֹ אֶל הַשָּׁמַיִם, וַיְהִי חֹשֶׁךְ בְּכָל אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שְׁלֹשָׁתַיִם יָמִים
(דֹּפ־חֹפֶ:י ,וּנָא) :וֹחֲלֹנִים רַבִּי תִּשְׁוֹת קִרְוֵי הַיִּבְיָח־כֹּפְקוֹ שִׁוְיָה ,אִכָּא וְשִׁי,פִ,וּ אִשְׁתִּי וְנֵע־תְּכֻ

And Moses stretched out his hand to the heavens, and there was a thick darkness in all of the Land of Egypt for three days

such that one person could not see another, and no one could rise from his place for three days. But for all of b'nei Yisrael, there was light in their dwelling places. Exodus 10:22 - 10:23

The greatest darkness is when a person can not see his own neighbor, and will therefore not participate in alleviating the pain of the other. This is what is meant by "one person could not see another." The ultimate outcome of such a situation is that when people neglect to feel the pain of those around them, their feelings themselves become blunted and even paralyzed. That is why the verse goes on to say "and no one could rise from his place" – he actually could not arise, having become paralyzed [by his lack of empathy]. –*Hiddushei HaRim*

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

Welcome to BJ - Membership at BJ - Membership Packets - Bikkur Holim
New Havurot Applications - Morei Derekh

Upcoming Singles Events – Singles Fantastic Dance Series
Rabbi Elliot Dorff Shabbat B'Yahad Registration Form – Night of 100 Dinners Forms
NY Jewish Film Festival Brochures – Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith