

# Kol Jeshurun



## תורה קונגרגאציע 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 • Rachel Gartner

### February 8<sup>th</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup> 2002

#### Friday, February 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

Gimmel Dinner following 6:00 PM Service - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Singles Oneg following 6:45 PM Service - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, February 9

Shabbat Parashat Mishpatim

Shabbat Shekalim

Mevarkhim Ha Hodesh

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

Torah: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18, Pg. 566  
Triennial: Exodus 21:1 - 22:3, Pg. 566  
Maftir: Exodus 30:11 - 30:16, Pg. 632  
Haftarah: II Kings 12:5 - 12:16, Pg. 1647

Bar Mitzvah Ian Franklin  
Bar Mitzvah Matthew Evanusa

Aliyat Hanatan veKallah Lisa Halprin and Arthur Fleisher

Naming Maya Dori Engel

Se- udat Mitzvah Kiddush: following services - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
Social Action/Social Justice Social Hall/Parlor Room

Night of 100 Dinners 9:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, February 10

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Prayer and Synagogue Skills Part 2 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 11:00 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith 2:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Monday, February 11

Morning Minyan Rosh Hodesh Adar  
Uptown Parashat HaShavua 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Choir 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, February 12

Morning Minyan  
Talmud Introduction  
Purim Spiel Rehearsals  
Families Cook for the Shelter  
Beginner Hebrew  
Intermediate Hebrew  
Advanced Beginner Hebrew  
Rosh Hodesh Women's Group  
Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul  
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter  
7:00 PM - BJ Office, 89<sup>th</sup> Street  
7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, February 13

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

#### Thursday, February 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jews and Money 7:00 PM - 86<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, February 15

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

#### NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Terumah

Torah: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19, Pg. 604  
Triennial: Exodus 25:1 - 25:40, Pg. 604  
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13, Pg. 717

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Synagogue: 257 West 88th Street, Office: 100A West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024

Tel: 212.787.7600 Fax: 212.496.7600 <http://www.bj.org>

---

## **Finding Work in Uncertain Times**

**The sluggish economy and the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy have taken a toll on the job market. In response FEES, the Federation Employment and Guidance Service, in conjunction with The Department of Jewish Communal Affairs of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC), is providing assistance to those in the Jewish community now in need of gainful employment. FEES offers job referrals and career counseling.**

**Anyone in need of FEES services should contact Ms. Doris Adler of FEES at (212) 366-8549.**

---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Condolences To:

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

- Nathan, Helen and Joel Hanan on the death of Nathan's beloved wife and Helen and Joel's mother, Ann Hanan.
- Jo Wein, Hillel and Jonathan Dershowitz on the death of Jo's beloved sister-in-law, Hanna Cohn.
- Barbara Linder on the death of her beloved husband Arthur Linder.

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

- Ian, Alan and Rena Franklin on Ian becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Matthew, Michel, Stephen and Julia Evanusa on Matthew becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Lisa Halprin and Arthur Fleisher and their families on their upcoming wedding.
- Ken, Nicole, and Jonathan Katzman on the birth of their daughter and sister, Jessica Elizabeth Katzman.
- Romy and Roy Engel on the birth of their daughter, Maya Dori Engel.

### Todah Rabbah To:

- Michael Ekstract, Les Judd, David Block, and the Environmental Task Force for their help in organizing a wonderful Tu B'Shevat Seder.

### This week's Kiddush is sponsored by:

- Romy and Roy Engel in honor of the birth of their daughter, Maya Dori Engel.
- The Evanusa and Franklin families in celebration of their children Ian and Matthew becoming bnai mitzvah.

### BJHS Kitah Gimmel (Third Grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 6:00 PM service, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: For those Kitah Gimmel families who pre-registered, please join us for Shabbat dinner.

### Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for guests of our Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 88<sup>th</sup> Street to assemble the meal and set the table together, and 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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Volunteers are needed to help with the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. For more info, call x338.

### Winter 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 – various locations First Friday of the Month
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

### Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Henry Zoob and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Temple Beth David, Westwood, MA.
- Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins of Temple Emanuel, Sidney, Australia.

### Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

### A Note From the Ushers

For those attending the Friday night service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street, please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Also, anyone finding a damaged book or tallit, please place it in the boxes provided at both 88<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets.

### Merkavah's new CD is on sale at the BJ office for \$15.

*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.*

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

cooks. Future dates are as follows: March 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; April 16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and May 21 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Hollis Kramer and Mira Rivera for a short, song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service created especially for families with children 4 and under. A brief kiddush will follow services. Tot Shabbat is the third Friday of every month. For more info, contact Hollis x244.

### B'nai BJ 2002: Applications Available!

B'nai BJ 2002 Summer Program: Is your child registered? Applications are now being accepted. B'nai BJ is a summer program for children entering kindergarten, first, second, and third grade. Families who did not receive an application in the mail, or who would like more information, should leave a message on the B'nai BJ Hotline at x380.

### 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 stachow@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. Please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org) for more info.

#### BJ Responds: Volunteer Opportunity With Children

#### Middle O' the Winter Oneg

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 6:45 PM Service at 86<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Social Hall: Do you need a break from the mid-winter blahs? Join us for light fare, friends and conversation.

#### Film Screening at Makor: Massoud L'Afghan

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at Makor, 35 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street: "Massoud L'Afghan" is an unforgettable portrait of the leader of the Afghan Resistance, Ahmen Shah Massoud, who was recently assassinated and who is viewed as a hero in Afghanistan and by Muslims worldwide. Featuring a post-screening discussion with NYU's Dr. Robert McChesney. For info and to register, call Makor at (212) 601-1000. The price for the tickets and discussion is \$12.

#### Shake it on the Dance Floor -Sizzling Salsa with a Live Band!

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed, 100<sup>th</sup> Street and WEA: This event is co-sponsored by BJ and Anshe Chesed. Our third of a four-part dance series. Express your secret (or not so secret) Latin soul! There will be a live band, *Mo' Guajiro*, a free lesson (at 7:30pm), drinks, hors d'oeuvres and plenty of opportunities to try new moves. The lesson will unravel the mysteries of Salsa and Merengue! Cost \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Volunteer and get in

#### ACTIVITIES:

##### Se-udat Mitzvah

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, after services, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join MTM Fellow Rachel Gartner, Social Action Coordinator Joanna Samuels, and the Social Action/Social Justice Committee for a kiddush and learning after services. Grab a nosh at the kiddush in the Social Hall; then join us upstairs in the Parlor Room to learn about the mitzvah of Social Action/Social Justice.

##### Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Parlor Room: Join us for an opportunity to study and pray together and to welcome the month of Adar on this holiday traditionally associated with women. For more info, contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222. Free.

##### Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov (Book Club)

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Community Room of the Montana Building, on Broadway between 87<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Streets: The Book Club will be discussing *The Prince of West End Avenue* by Alan Isler. Set in a retirement home for Jewish emigres, this novel raises questions about memory, responsibility, loss and forgiveness. For more info, call x222.

#### CLASSES:

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, children can come to the space to play. Volunteers are needed to help make their time special. For more info, please contact BJ member Ilene Rosenthal at (212) 595-4947 or [irlg@worldnet.com](mailto:irlg@worldnet.com).

free! To volunteer, call Michael at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00pm and not on Shabbat.

#### Passover Haggadah: Past and Present

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 PM, 88<sup>th</sup> Street: The Haggadah is one of the most reproduced and beautifully illuminated of Jewish texts. Join us as we welcome noted Judaica artist Elana Weinberg for a workshop where we will explore samples of Haggadot created from the Middle Ages to the present day. Through the examination of these magnificent pages, we will learn about the teachings and customs that they document and about the people who created them. We hope that this evening will give you new ideas to enhance your Seder at home. Wine and cheese will be served. Cost is \$15 members/\$20 non-members. To register, send your check to the BJ office marked "3/3 Singles Program" by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$20.

#### BJ Goes to Cuba May 1-8

Co-sponsored by BJ's Singles Committee and BJ's Latin America Committee. See Upcoming Events section for details.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

## LIMUD (LEARNING)

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

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: The above question from Pirke Avot challenges us to examine the role that money plays in our lives. This three-part class traces biblical, rabbinic and medieval notions of money, examining their implications for contemporary life. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$45/\$60. Code: 274.

**Prayer and Synagogue Skills**

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: What is the structure of the service? This is Part 2 of a 2-session class taught by MTM Rabbinic Fellow Rachel Gartner. Cost: Free for members/\$15 non-members per session. Code: 281.

**Spiritual Journeys of Faith**

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Parlor Room: This class will read and discuss spiritual autobiographies by authors whose journeys span a wide range of religious traditions. Facilitated by Mim Warden, BJ's Interfaith Committee Chair, and co-sponsored by SPSA and BJ's Interfaith Committees. For more info, contact Mim at [MimWarden@aol.com](mailto:MimWarden@aol.com). Code: 269.

**Esther – No Costumes Required**

Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: How did a story about a nice Jewish girl in the harem of her non-Jewish “husband”

create its own holiday, Purim? Could it have been that mysterious “beauty contest”? We will analyze selections from Megillat Esther, focusing on parody; explore connections between the Megilla and the story of Joseph in Egypt; and study contemporary feminist readings of Esther and Uashti. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$15/\$20. Code: 282

**Hassidic Perspectives on Faith**

Starting Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, meeting for four Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, at West Park Presbyterian Church: The struggle for faith has always been at the core of Jewish religious life. In our attempt to find valid models for our own personal struggle, this class will explore Hassidic approaches to the issues of faith, doubt, and reason. Taught by Rabbi Roly Matalon. Free – registration required. Code: 256.

## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

### Night of 100 Dinners –BJ’s Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: This will be a special evening to rekindle our spirit and passion for BJ and to share our warmth with the community and new friends. The minimum donation to attend is \$100 per person, payable at the door. Proceeds raised from this event will support and sustain BJ’s vital programs and services.

### Shabbat B’Yahad: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

- Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the 6:00 PM service, 88<sup>th</sup> Street, in Frankel Hall: Please join us for a Shabbat B’Yahad dinner and study session entitled, “Jew and Non-Jew: The Other in the Jewish Tradition.” Cost: \$25 members/ \$35 non-members. To make a reservation you must call x304 with your name(s) and phone number AND mail a check marked “SBY 2/22/02” to the BJ office no later than Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline. Note: You must call x304 to be registered. This event is ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted.
- Shabbat, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller will lead a text study on Jewish and Islamic sources entitled *Isaac Encounters Ishmael: A Jewish Perspective of Islam*, followed by Havdalah. No cost.

### Oneg for Prospective Members

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 6:45 PM Service, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street in the Social Hall: Have you been thinking about joining B’nai Jeshurun? Do you love participating in Shabbat services, classes, and Shabbat dinners? Come to an Oneg Shabbat to learn more about this unique and exciting community and how to join its membership. For more info, call Hillary at x224.

### Queens Havurah Service and Dinner

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: Join us for a kosher dinner and a BJ style service in a private Queens home. Cost is \$15 in advance. Singles, couples, all ages and backgrounds are welcome. For info or to reserve, call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260 by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://www.bj.org) – click on Upcoming Events). Questions? Call the Latin America Committee at x371. Please note: the final deadline for applications is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Purim 5762/2002

- Tots Purim Megillah Reading, 5:00 PM, 88th Street *for families with children 4 and under*
- Family Purim Megillah Reading, 6:30 PM, 88<sup>th</sup> Street *for families with children*
- Adult Purim Megillah Reading and Main Evening Service, 86<sup>th</sup> Street, 6:45 PM  
*Please note: Children’s Services during the Adult Service will be held in the Chapel Room*

## A Teaching from *Parashat Mishpatim*: Compassion Means Going Beyond the Letter of the Law

η,γναυ ηκτ εγμη-ηφ πησϋ χφαη πνχ υργκ υ,κνα τυω ποχκ π,υξφ τυω ηφ υκ υβχηα, αναω τχ-ογ λγρ ,κν  
α κχφ, κχφ-οτ  
ηβτ ωβφ -ηφ

If you take your neighbor’s clothing in pledge, you must return it to him before the sun sets, since it is only his covering, clothing for his skin. In what else will he lie down to sleep? Therefore, if he cries out to Me, I will listen, for I am compassionate. –Exodus 22:25-26

“*I will listen, for I am compassionate*’ – Even though according to the law he has forfeited [his right to the clothing, because of his debt] and one is therefore not obligated to return it to him, [we are taught here to act] *lifnim m’shurat hadin*, above the letter of the law [as I do], hearing his plea because I am a Gracious and Compassionate God.” –Rashbam

“*I will listen, for I am compassionate*’ – Even though he cannot cry out that you have wronged him, because he does rightfully owe you, nevertheless when he cries out to me about his poverty, and how he is without clothing on account of your actions, I will give him a little of the portion that I would have given to you. For the very reason that I have given you excess is so that you can provide for others.” – S’forno

**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  
Limud 2002 - Upcoming Singles Events - Singles Fantastic Dance Series - BJ Goes to Cuba  
Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller Registration Form - Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith  
Skirball Center Brochures - FECS Job Counseling**