

Kol Jeshurun



תּוֹרָה קוֹל יְשׁוּרׁוּן 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 • Rachel Gartner

February 15th - February 22nd 2002

Friday, February 15
Tot Shabbat Service 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
ASL Interpreted

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Prospective Members Oneg after 6:45 PM service - 86th Street

Saturday, February 16
Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

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

Naming of: Gaviela Rice Langer

Sunday, February 17
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 2:30 PM - 88th Street

Monday, February 18
President's Day
Office Closed
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, February 19
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM - 88th Street
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 6:30 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
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, February 20
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Purim Spiel Rehearsals 6:30 PM - 88th Street
Introduction to Judaism 7:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, February 21
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street
Midtown Parashat HaShavua 12:00 PM - Jay Kramer's Office
135 East 55th Street, 6th floor

Purim Spiel Rehearsals 6:30 PM - 88th Street
Torah Tales Untold 7:30 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, February 22
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Tetzaveh
Shabbat Zakhor

Torah: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10, Pg. 618
Triennial: Exodus 27:20 - 28:30 Pg. 618
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19, Pg. 1507
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

Join Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam on February 21st at a special screening of *Promises*, an Academy-Award nominated film about Israeli and Palestinian children. The screening will be a fundraiser for Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam, the only village in Israel where Jews and Palestinians live, work, and educate their children together.

WHERE? The screening, as well as the opportunity to meet residents of Neve Shalom and the directors of Promises, will be at the Tribeca Grand Hotel. There will be two screenings, one at 6:00 PM and one at 9:00 PM.

MORE INFO? For more information and to reserve tickets, please call the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam at (212) 226-9246 or email them at afnwas@oasisofpeace.org

QUESTIONS? Call BJ Social Action Coordinator Joanna Samuels at x259.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

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

- Bette Weneck on the death of her beloved mother Nettie Weneck.
- Alice Yaker and Jerry Goldfeder and Marvin Yaker and their families on the death of Alice and Marvin's beloved mother Gertrude Yaker.
- Merryl, Ralph, Sara and Seth Klein on the death of Merryl's beloved mother Sylvia Sack.
- Joyce and Jeanette Gottlieb on the death of their beloved aunt and sister-in-law, Emma Greenberg.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Kate Rice, Gary Langer, and Eliana Rice Langer on the naming of their daughter and sister, Gavriela Rice Langer.
- Meg Parsont and Daniel Katz on their recent engagement, who met playing on the BJ softball team.
- Jeff Feig and Michelle Weissman on their recent engagement.
- Robin Sosin and Allan Chernoff on their recent wedding.
- Hillary and Andres Gleich on the birth of Hillary's niece, Arielle Leah.

Winter Services 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

B'ruchim haba-im To:

- Rabbi Michael Feshbach and the Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- Rabbi Richard D. Agler; Director of Education Dorothy Herman; Director of Youth Activities Aley Sheer; and Post-Confirmands, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, Florida.
- Professor Ari Goldman and students, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dneg for Prospective Members

Friday, February 15th, after the 6:45 PM Service, at 86th Street, in the Social Hall: Curious about the BJ community? Please join us after the late service to learn more about becoming a member of this Kehillah Kedosha (sacred community). The Membership Committee will be on hand to answer your questions.

Shabbat B'Yahad: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

- Friday, February 22nd, following the 6:00 PM service, at 88th 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: \$35 members/ \$45 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. Note: You must call x304 to be registered. This event is ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted.
- Shabbat, February 23rd, 4:30 PM, at 88th 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 Haudalah. No cost.

Monday, February 25th: Purim 5762/2002

Don't miss our fabulous Purim celebration!

- Tots Purim Megillah Reading, 5:00 PM, 88th Street
for families with children 4 and under
- Family Purim Megillah Reading, 6:30 PM, 88th Street
for families with children in grades K-7
- Adult Purim Megillah Reading and Main Evening Service, 86th Street, 6:45 PM
Please note: Children's Services during the Adult Service will be held in the Chapel

BJ Musician's Havurah

Thursday, Feb. 28th, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: BJ Musicians! Bring your instruments, share your music. Jam with and meet other BJ members who love playing Jewish music. For more info, contact: Matt Fried at mattf@aol.com or Matt Turk at matt@turktunes.com. Next two meetings: Thursday, March 21st and Tuesday, April 30th, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street.

Communications Task Force Community Forum

Monday, March 4th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Please join us as the Communications Task Force presents its work and seeks your input. The complete report and executive summary of the Task Force's findings can be found on BJ's website. We look forward to your participation.

Annual Rabbi T. Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards

Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join BJ and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) for the annual Rabbi T. Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate

in the world. Help us honor outstanding leaders who have acted from behind bars, on the streets, and in the court system for fairness, dignity and justice. This year's honorees include the Innocence Project of Cardozo Law School, Robert Meeropol of the Rosenberg Fund for Children, and Youth Force, a South Bronx advocacy group. Cost: \$54 (\$18 - \$36 subsidized). To sign up or for more information, please call JFREJ at (212) 647-8966.

Pre-Pesah Retreat: March 14 - 17

Thursday, March 14th - Sunday, March 17th, at Elat Chayyim: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and guest scholar Sylvia Boorstein for our annual meditation retreat at Elat Chayyim. This is a special opportunity to prepare for the holiday of Pesah using silence and meditation. Applications are available on BJ's website.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

ACTIVITIES:

Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov (Book Club)

Sunday, March 10th, 7:00 PM, in the Community Room of the Montana Building, on Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets: The Book Club will be discussing *The Prince of West End Avenue* by Alan Isler. For more info, call x222.

CLASSES:

Esther – No Costumes Required

Sunday, February 24th, 6:30 PM, at 88th 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 Vashti. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$15/\$20. Code: 282.

Hassidic Perspectives on Faith

Four Wednesdays, starting February 27th, 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. Cost: Free – registration required. Code: 256.

Torah Soup for the Deaf Soul: Spring Semester

Nine Tuesdays, starting March 5th (no class April 2nd) at BJ's office, 100A West 89th Street: This class explores Torah, Rabbinic stories, Jewish history, Talmud, and Midrash in ASL. Taught by Marla Berkowitz. If you need Deaf-Blind ASL interpreting, or for more information, please contact Marla Berkowitz at mcbnyc@aol.com or (212) 396 – 9672 TTY. Cost: \$10 per class, payable at the door.

Shabbat

Three Tuesdays, starting March 12th, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street: The Rabbis declared that the observance of Shabbat by all people would bring about redemption. How do we observe this day of holiness in time? In studying traditional sources, we will explore the laws and customs of Shabbat and how its observance brings us recognize the mystery of creation. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free – registration required. Code: 262.

Shir ha-Shirim (Song of Songs): I Am My Beloved's...

Sunday, March 24th, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Read on the Shabbat during Pesah, Shir ha-Shirim (Song of Songs) contains some of the most beautiful love poetry in our tradition. What is the origin of this work and how has it been understood in rabbinic theology? What sort of gender roles are suggested by the text? What is its connection to Pesah? We will read selections from the text and the Midrash, hoping to understand more deeply the beauty of the poetry. Cost: \$15/\$20. Code: 284.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 15th, at 5:45 PM at 86th Street: Join Hollis Kramer and Mira Rivera for a Kabbalat Shabbat service created especially for families with children 4 and under. Tot Shabbat is the third Friday of every month. For more info, contact Hollis x244.

BJHS Kitah Hey (Fifth grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 1st, after the 6:00 PM service, at 86th Street: Let's celebrate Shabbat together! There will be a Shabbat Dinner for all the Kitah Hey 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 on Friday, February 22nd. No exceptions. Call Dalya Hertzberg at 787-7600 x 241 to make your reservation or for more information.

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.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Shake it on the Dance Floor –Sizzling Salsa: Mo' Guarjira Band!

Sunday, February 17th, 7:00pm, at Anshe Chesed, 100th 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' Guarjira*, 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 free! To volunteer, call Michael at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00pm and not on Shabbat.

Passover Haggadah: Past and Present

Sunday, March 3rd, 5:00 PM, at 88th 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 27th. Please note that if space is available, the cost at the door will be \$20.

March Oneg Shabbat

Friday, March 8th, following 6:45PM Services, at 86th Street, in the Social Hall: Coming out of the winter blues? Join us for our March Oneg

Shabbat! Join us and meet new friends in the casual environment of the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL JUSTICE / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Volunteers are needed to help 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. Please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or cdikman@bj.org for more info.

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, 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.

A n a B e k h o a h

**Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura.
Barukh shem kevod malkhuto le'olam va'ed**

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**Source of mercy! With loving strength untie our tangles.
Through time and space, Your glory shines, Majestic One.**

Calling All Women!! (And Men!!)

The UJA-Federation Women's Policy Task Force wants to hear your voice at their annual Albany Lobbying Day on April 29th.

Don't miss the opportunity to make your voice heard on the issue of testing for genetic diseases and related discrimination, and on the issue of family violence. Dynamic and informative training sessions will take place prior to the trip.

If you are interested in attending, or in organizing a BJ team, please call Social Action Coordinator Joanna Samuels at x259.

A Teaching from *Parashat Terumah*: We, Too, Can Be Like Angels

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υησω

**The *cherubim* shall spread their wings out above, shielding the cover with their wings.
And they shall face one another, the faces of the *cherubim* being turned toward the cover. -
Exodus 25:20**

We learn from this that the Jew must simultaneously possess two different characteristics. "...*Spread their wings out above*" indicates that she must [strive to] take off for great heights, that she must always aspire to higher levels, and that both her mouth and her heart must be directed toward Heaven. And when the Torah says "*they shall face one another*" it means that when she sees another in a place of pain and distress, she should always be prepared to help. These two characteristics, therefore, are deeply connected to one another.

**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 – Limud: Spring Brochure
Pesah Seder Meal Match Forms – BJ Annual Catalog – Morei Derekh – FECS Job Counseling
Upcoming Singles Events – Singles Fantastic Dance Series – Spiritual Journeys of People of Faith
Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller Registration Form – Skirball Center Brochures**