

Kol Jeshurun



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 22nd - March 1st 2002

Friday, February 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Shabbat B'Yahad with after 6:00 PM Service - 88th Street

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Saturday, February 23 **Shabbat Parashat Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor**

Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th Street

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

D'var Torah Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Bat Mitzvah Laura Herring

Community Kiddush after services - 86th Street
in honor of New BJ Members

Scholar-in-Residence: 4:30 PM - 88th Street
Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Sunday, February 24

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Purim Spiel Rehearsals 12:30 PM - 88th Street

2:00 PM - 86th Street

Esther - No Costumes Required 6:30 PM - 88th Street

Monday, February 25

Erev Purim

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Tots Purim Service 5:00 PM - 88th Street
for families with children 4 and under

Family Service and Purim Spiel 6:30 PM - 88th Street
for families with children in grades K - 7

Adult Service, Purim Megillah Reading 7:00 PM - 86th Street

and Purim Spiel

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, February 26

Purim

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM - 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 27

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street

Hassidic Perspectives on Faith 6:30 PM - WPPC
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, February 28

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street

Torah Tales Untold 7:30 PM - 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, March 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah

Torah: Exodus 30:11 - 34:35, Pg. 632

Triennial: Exodus 30:11 - 31:17, Pg. 632

Maftir: Numbers 19:1 - 19:22, Pg. 1145

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22 - 36:36, Pg. 1651

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>

Soon the Olympics will be over and Team BJ will need your help...SAVE THE DATE!!! Join BJ's award-winning team at this year's **AIDS WALK, SUNDAY, MAY 19**.

HELP TO PLAN BJ's PARTICIPATION!! If you are interested in helping to publicize, sign up BJ members, or serve as a "captain" to TEAM BJ, come to a planning meeting on **Monday, March 11**, 6:30 PM, 21 West 86th Street, #608.

Questions? Call Joanna Samuels, Social Action Coordinator, at x259.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of its beloved member, Richard Simon, and extends condolences to his wife Fiona and children Michael, Daniel and Naomi.

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

- Robert and Jane Baum and their family on the death of Robert's beloved mother, Rose Baum.
- Susan and Eliana Resnick on the death of their beloved aunt and great-aunt, Ruth Resnick Haber.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Laura, Paul, Marlene, Sarah, and William Herring on Laura becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Robin Kerner and Mark Gill on their recent engagement.
- Cathy Friedberg and Matt Silberstein on their recent engagement.
- Robin Kanthal and Brian Linett on their recent engagement.
- Helen and Robert Stark on the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Brielle to Joel Adler.
- Thirty new BJ members.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Lois Alexander, who is stepping down from her leadership role in the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Her commitment, energy, and sense of humor will be missed!

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Janise Poticha and 15 students from the Beginning Judaism class, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, NYC.

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. Set in a retirement home for Jewish emigres, this novel raises questions about memory, responsibility, loss and forgiveness. 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 Megillah 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

Winter Service Schedule

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
6:45 PM - 86th Street

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
First Friday of the Month

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM - various locations
First Friday of the Month

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM - 86th Street
Third Friday of the Month

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street

The Health Care Professionals Havurah has

openings for new members. Meetings are held on the fourth Shabbat of the month, with rotating hosts and presenters. For more info, please e-mail jang100@aol.com or call x387.

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 88th 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 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.

LIMUD (LEARNING)

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, 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 to 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, 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. Taught by Joanna Samuels. Cost: \$15/\$20. Code: 284.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shabbat B'Yahad: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

- **Friday, February 22nd**, following the 6:00 PM service, 88th Street, in Frankel Hall: For those who pre-registered, please join us for a Shabbat B'Yahad dinner and study session entitled, *Jew and Non-Jew*.
- **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 Havdalah. No cost.

Monday, February 25th: Purim 5762/2002

Don't miss our fabulous Purim celebration!

- **Tots Purim Service**, 5:00 PM, 88th Street for families with children 4 and under
- **Family Service and Purim Spiel**, 6:30 PM, 88th Street for families with children in grades K-7
- **Adult Service, Purim Megillah Reading and Spiel**, 7:00 PM, 86th Street

BJ Musician's Havurah

Thursday, February 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 sixth annual Rabbi 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.

Pesah, LeDor VaDor, and the BJ Hebrew School

Monday, March 11th, 4:00 PM, at BJ's Hebrew School: Wanted and needed: some of our BJ Elders to spend a few joyous hours participating with our Hebrew school children in Pesah songs and activities. To sign on, please contact Bayla Farber at x334.

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. This is a special opportunity to prepare for the holiday of Pesah using silence and meditation. Applications are available on BJ's website.

LeDor VaDor Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, March 16th, following Shabbat morning services, at 88th Street: The Membership Committee invites you to the upcoming Ledor Vador lunch, where we will be led in music, song and discussion with a Pre-Passover theme, with our host Ari Priven. We hope that you will bring your favorite Passover and Seder memories, as Ledor Vador continues to build community between generations. Please RSVP by sending a check for \$12 per person to the BJ office by **March 7th AND** call 787-7600 ext.334. Members of all ages are welcome!

BJ Women's Retreat

Friday, April 19th - Sunday, April 21st, at Elat Chayyim: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous on the first BJ Women's Retreat. The *Shabbat* and weekend will be devoted to encountering the tradition and ourselves through *kol nashim* (the voice of women). Take this sacred time to retreat from the city for a weekend of building community, being in nature, and finding our voices together. Applications are available on BJ's website.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJHS Kitah Hey (Fifth grade) Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 1st, after the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street, at 86th Street in the Parlor Room: Let's celebrate Shabbat together! There will be a Shabbat Dinner for all Kitah Hey students and their parents. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. Call Dalya Hertzberg at 787-7600 x 241 to make your reservation or for more info.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 15th, 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.

Fifth Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, March 12th, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street, in Frankel Hall: All fifth graders and their families are invited to help prepare a

simple meal for guests of BJ's homeless shelter. We'll meet to assemble the meal and set the table together, and enjoy a brief learning discussion about this special mitzvah. If you are interested in participating, please contact Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496-1892 in advance. We also need a parent volunteer for that evening to keep a list of the families planning to attend, to assign ingredients, and to divide the chores.

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

Passover Haggadah: Past and Present

Sunday, March 3rd, 5:00 PM, 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.

Beit Café: Sing-A-Long with Tevye

Save the Date: Saturday, March 30, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street, in the Sanctuary: Think life was easier in the Shtetl? Come find out! Join Tevye, Yenta the Matchmaker and the Singles Committee for a **Fiddler on the Roof SING-A-LONG**. Follow the bouncing ball to such memorable tunes like: *Sunrise, Sunset, If I Were A Rich Man, Matchmaker, Matchmaker*. We'll do them all. Watch this space for more details.

SOCIAL JUSTICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A Giant Purim Puppet Ball Against the Death

Penalty

Saturday, February 23rd, from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM, at the Workmen's Circle Building, 45 E. 33rd Street, between Madison & Park: This event is sponsored by The Workmen's Circle, Amnesty International, JFREJ, and Heeb Magazine. Party with the Klezmatics, King Django Roots & Culture (Yiddish Reggae), and Juan Avila. Tickets are \$25 (seniors & students \$15). To reserve a ticket, call (212) 889-6800 x270 or e-mail heather@circle.org.

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 Teaching from *Parashat Tetzaveh*:

Hesed is a Full Time Endeavor

ראת ,פרק .שפן שגנן קפתח :שין, רב ,קגפכ רותנכ ,ה,פ לז ,הז ונא ליקט ופעהו קטרה יהבח ,ט פומ, פ,ט
(תפ-פ:זפ ,שנא) :קטרה יהבח ,טנ ו,רסק וקנז ,עפ פפ יהבק רעח שג חרנן שיהכז ורפוט ו,ט לרנה ,שגפ קז

You shall command the children of Israel that they shall take to you olive oil, pure and pressed, for a light, to light the lamp all the time (*ner tamid*). In the Tent of Meeting, outside the partition that is near the testimonial tables, Aaron and his sons shall arrange it from evening until morning, before the Lord, as an eternal decree for their generations, from the Children of Israel.

-Exodus 27:20-21

"In the Tent of Meeting, outside the partition..." Every Jew should strive to kindle this holy light, the light of God, all the time: not only "in the Tent of Meeting" -- meaning in the synagogue, or in the house of study, or at the time of prayer -- but also "outside the partition" -- on the street, in business, in work, in mundane matters, in casual interactions between people.

-Pardes Yosef

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

Welcome to BJ - Membership at BJ - Membership Packets BJ - Annual Catalogue
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