

# Kol Jeshurun

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Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

**Rabbis:** Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) • J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol • **Cantor & Music Director:** Ari Priven

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### May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> 2002

#### Friday, May 24

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

#### Saturday, May 25

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

**Torah:** Numbers 4:21 - 7:89, Pg. 1043  
**Triennial:** Numbers 4:21 - 5:10, Pg. 1043  
**Haftarah:** Judges 13:2 - 13:25, Pg. 1256

**Bat Mitzvah** Rachel Whitney Wager

**Aliyat Hatan Vekallah** Mark Kanter and Carolyn Strauss

**D'var Torah** Rabbi Joanna Samuels  
**Community Kiddush** after services - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, May 26

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Monday, May 27

**Morning Minyan**

**Memorial Day - Office Closed**

9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, May 28

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Talmud Introduction** 8:15 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, May 29

**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, May 30

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Torah Tales Untold** 7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, May 31

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Congregational Retreat** 1:15 - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### NEXT WEEK

#### Parashat Beha'alotkha

**Torah:** Numbers 8:1 - 12:16, Pg. 1075  
**Triennial:** Numbers 8:1 - 9:14, Pg. 1075  
**Haftarah:** Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7, Pg. 1256

### SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

SAVE THE DATE! You're invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride** as a member of BJ's riding team on **Sunday-Monday, October 13-14, 2002**. We need a minimum of 3 riders to form our own team and raise money for environmental causes. For more information, go to [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org) AND call Deborah Pinsky at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org) to join as a BJ team member. Training rides will be scheduled over the summer.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Anita Altman and Sascha Altman Du Brul on the death of Anita's beloved father, Jacob Altman.
- George and Helena Glass on the death of George's beloved son Robert Michael Glass.
- Terry Rosenberg and Daniel Cohen on the death of Terry's sister and Daniel's aunt, Ina Jo Rosenberg.

## Mazal Tov to the following members and their families:

- Rachel, Lisa, Steven, Jacob, and Matthew Wager on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Carolyn Strauss and Mark Kanter on their upcoming wedding.
- Lisa Schachner and Eli Yahav on their recent marriage.
- Mark Kaufman and Rachel Wineberg on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Rabbi Joanna Samuels on her ordination this week at the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Lisa Adler on receiving an MA in Jewish Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary and an MA in Social Work from Columbia University.

## Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Rebecca School and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, Temple Israel, Long Beach, California.
- Rabbi Ron Symons and students from the Rashi School - The Boston Area Reform Jewish Day School, and students from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, Israel.

**Please note:** Torah Tales Untold will hold its last class on May 30.

## **Spring 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  
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

## **This week's kiddush is sponsored by:**

- Susan and Stephen Samuels in honor of their daughter Joanna on the occasion of her Rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Mark Kanter and Carolyn Strauss in honor of their aliyat hatan vekalah.
- Matthew and Jacob Wager in honor of their sister Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## **Todah Rabbah To:**

- Trudi Levine, Sharon Messitte, and Jack David Marcus for all their hard work in organizing B'nai Jeshurun's May Blood Drive.
- Loren Brenowitz and Craig Sumberg for their efforts in organizing BJ's Aids Walk 2002 team. Thanks also to all BJ members, families, and friends who walked or sponsored walkers this past Sunday.

*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.*

# SINGLES ACTIVITIES

## **Intimate At home Catered Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, June 7**, following the 6:00 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 as a guest, send a completed application form, which can be found on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) under the singles link, **AND** send in your

check for \$25 members/\$35 non-members made payable to BJ and marked "6/7 At-home Shabbat Dinner". The application and check must be received by **Friday, May 31**. 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. To host please call the Singles Voicemail at x306 or register online by **Wednesday, May 29**.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Congregational Retreat: Still Time to Register!**

**Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2**. Join us for this year's annual community retreat with our rabbis and our cantor as well as teacher-in-residence Shoshana Jedwab of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. If you would like to sign up, please call Anne at x240.

## **Givat Haviva Discussion: Arab/Jewish Dialog**

**Wednesday, June 5**, 7:00 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Is Peace Possible between Arabs and Jews? Join us as we welcome Sarah Ozacky-Lazar, co-director of the Jewish/Arab Center for Peace at Givat Haviva and Mohammad Darawshe, Givat Haviva spokesperson for a

presentation on how the current situation is affecting the relationship between Arabs and Jews in Israel. Co sponsored by BJ and Givat Haviva.

## **Ask the Rabbis: For GLBT Congregants and Their Families**

**Tuesday, June 4**, 7:00 PM, at the JCC, 76<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam: Led by social workers and rabbis, this will be an evening for Jewish parents and relatives with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered family members to come with questions and concerns. For more info, contact Miryam Kabakov, CSW, at (646) 505-4469 or [mkabakov@jccnyc.org](mailto:mkabakov@jccnyc.org). Confidentiality respected.

**B'nai Jeshurun Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 11**, 7:00 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: You are invited

to attend BJ's annual meeting to vote on this year's slate of nominees for the board of directors and hear about directions for the coming year at BJ.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Protest the New Face of Nuclear War

**Wednesday, June 12**, 7:00 PM, at Ethical Culture, 64th Street and Central Park West: Join Peace Action of New York State on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Million Person March to Ban Nuclear Weapons, which took place in Central Park in 1982, for speakers, entertainers, discussion, and a rally. All are invited. Cost: free. For more info, call (212) 870-2304.

## Free Prostate Screening

**Thursday, June 13**, 5:30 PM, at Settlement Health, 212 East 106<sup>th</sup> Street: Receive a professional and

private prostate cancer screening exam, and learn ways to prevent prostate cancer. For more info, call (212) 241-0045. Sponsored by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Settlement Health, and the American Cancer Society.

## BJ Responds: Economic Help

Please leave a message on the BJ Career Resources Line at x315 or email cwachen@aol.com if you have work opportunities or if you are currently looking for work.

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## Storahtelling

**Saturday, June 8**, 10:30 AM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Social Hall: Join Amichai Lau-Lavie and the Storahtelling Group for a lively spin on the weekly Torah portion. Cost: free.

## Se'udat Mitzvah

**Saturday, June 8**, after services, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Please join Rabbi Felicia Sol and the Interfaith Committee for a kiddush and learning after services.

## Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

**Monday, June 10**, 7:00 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbi Sharon Brous as we welcome in the month of Tamuz.

## Hebrew Over the Summer

Our summer course "Hebrew with Lemonade" is back. One class emphasizes modern conversational Hebrew, the other Liturgical/Prayerbook Hebrew. Classes meet in the mornings and evenings. Call the teacher, Michal Nachmany, at (212) 865-4050 for more info or to register.

## Learning at The Hartman Institute - July 5 - 11, 2002

Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and a group of members from BJ, Lincoln Square Synagogue, and the JCC for a week of learning at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. This year's program theme is "Foundations of Jewish Thought and Spirituality" and will be taught by Hartman Institute faculty. A special cultural and political program that focuses on critical issues facing Israel today will be offered in the evenings. For more info and a brochure, contact the BJ office at (212) 787-7600 x228 **before June 10**.

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES

## Teen Aliyah

**Shabbat, June 15**, during Shabbat services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: BJ invites all graduating high school seniors to be called to the Torah for a teen aliyah. Join your classmates as we wish you all the best in college and whatever the future holds for you. Prior participation in BJ's teen programs is not required to be part of this aliyah. Please RSVP to Hollis at x244 or hkramer@bj.org so we will know to expect your child.

## Tot Shabbat

**Friday, June 21**, 5:45 PM, at 86<sup>th</sup> Street: Join Hollis Kramer

and Mira Rivera for a Shabbat service created especially for families with children 4 and under. For more info, contact Hollis at x244.

## Send in Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Applications!

If your child was born between September, 1991, and December, 1992, and you do not already have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please be sure to submit a Bar/Bat Mitzvah application to Arlene Brandon. Applications may be sent to Arlene's attention, 100A West 89<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10024, or may be faxed to her attention at (212) 496-7600. If you have questions or want to request an application, please call x323.

## **A Teaching from Parashat Nasoh: How Do We Treat Our Converts?**

Though not mentioned explicitly in the text, the Rabbis interpreted that we could learn from *Parashat Naso* how we are to treat gerim, or converts. Therefore we refer to several verses (Numbers 5:5-8), collectively, as *parashat azharat gerim*, the chapter protecting the interests of proselytes.

The Midrash (Bamidbar Rabbah 8:2) teaches regarding converts: The Holy One bears a deep love for the *ger*. To what may this be compared? To a king who kept a flock that went to graze every day in the fields, returning in the evening. Once a stag joined the flock, grazing with them in the fields and coming home with them. The king was told about it and loved the stag, giving orders that it should have special treatment, the best pasture, etc. His shepherds said to him: O king, you have so many goats and sheep and yet you single out this stag for special treatment. The king explained his

attitude as follows: My flock, whether they like it or not, graze in the field in the day and come to the pen at night. But stags, ordinarily, sleep in the desert and do not approach human habitation. Should we not be grateful to him for forsaking the wide-open spaces with the other animals and coming to live with us? In the same way, should we not be grateful to the *ger*, who leaves her family and people and comes to us? For this reason, God ordered special care to be taken of her, warning Israel not to hurt her, as it is written: "You shall love the *ger*" (Deuteronomy 10:19), and "You shall not oppress the *ger*" (Exodus 22:20).

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Welcome to BJ - Membership at BJ - Membership Packets - Morei Derekh Bikkur Holim - BJ Annual Catalogue  
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