



RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

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LEKH LEKHA

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 12:1 - 13:18

HAFTARA Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

NEXT WEEK: VA'YERA

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 18:1 - 33

HAFTARA II Kings 4:01 4:23

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

PANIM EL PANIM:

ELECTORAL POLITICS CLASS!

"Everything About Voting and the Electoral College You Wish You Didn't Have to Know, But Unfortunately Need to Learn Before November 2nd!"

Monday, October 25,

7-8PM, Sanctuary 88th St.

Jerry Goldfeder, BJ member and Professor of "Election Law and the Presidency" at Fordham Law School, will present an informative one time class on voting and electoral politics. Sponsored by Panim el Panim and the Women's Rights Hevra.

Join us for this important lecture! Invite your friends to attend!

October 22 - 29, 2004

7 - 14 Heshvan 5765

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM - 86th St.

Latin America Dinner

POSTPONED

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Children's Service

10:45 AM - 86th St.

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Adam Sacks and Christine Affeldt

Bar Mitzvah

Ben Wexler-Waite

Bat Mitzvah

Victoria Black

Marcy Isaacson - 5:00 PM - 88th St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Book Launch

CANCELLED

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Panim-el-Panim Electoral Politics Class

7:00 PM - 88th St.

Hebrew School Parent Orientation

7:00 PM Heschel School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Gesher

5:00 PM - BJ Office (Pg. 3)

Limud: Building a Personal Theology

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

7:30 PM - 86th St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM - 88th St.

Limud: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6:30 PM - 88th St.

Limud: Great Xpectations: for 20's and 30's

Rabbi Felicia Sol

7:30 PM - call x234 to rsvp

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

LISHMAH 2004 "FIVE BOOKS REVISITED"

Sunday, October 31, 9:00AM to 7:00PM at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El, 10 East 66th St.

Choose from over 100 different workshops, film screenings, discussion groups, lectures, and panel discussions. Discover the biblical prophecy of Moses and the prophetic rock & roll of Bob Dylan.

Listen to the exotic voices of Sephardic song and the joyful sounds of klezmer. Unearth the mystical teachings of Kaballah and engage in feminist readings of the stories of Rachel and Ruth.

Explore the ways in which Jewish text and tradition relate to contemporary issues ranging from the environment to reproductive rights to tabloid gossip to the war on terrorism.

Register Online Today- Space is Limited <http://www.lishmah.org>

*Volunteer and Attend Free! Volunteer for half the day and attend remaining sessions FREE. Send your name and contact information to Rabbi Eric Solomon and let him know whether you would prefer to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

Contact Rabbi Eric Solomon at rabbi@congregationtehillah.org to secure your place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

With profound sadness we mourn the loss of our beloved member, Dr. Steve Z. Miller and extend deep condolences to:

•Dodi Meyer, Jesse, Maya and Nico Miller, Brenda, Phil, Barry, Jane, Liza, Aaron and Eve Miller, Naomi, Anita and Gaby Meyer, Sebastian and Manuela Stalman and the Friedman family on the tragic death of their beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew and cousin, Steve Z. Miller.

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

•Brad Muro, Deborah Levy and their families on the death of Brad's beloved mother, Lorraine Muro.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

•Ben, Karen Wexler, Douglas Waite and Joshua Wexler-Waite on Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

•Victoria, Leon, Debra, Benjamin, Joshua and Alexander Black on Victoria becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

•Marcy Isaacson, Andrea Kantor and Peter Bregman, and Jeffrey Isaacson on Marcy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

•Jack, Polly Leider, Elliot, Charles and Juliet Sloane on Jack becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

•Christine Affeldt and Adam Sacks on their upcoming wedding.

•Jennifer Cooper on becoming a Bat Torah.

•Kerry, Bradley and Jordan Phillips, Judy and Earle Kazis, Deborah Kazis and Gideon Taylor, Hannah Kazis-Taylor and Naomi Kazis-Taylor and Sara Nathan and Joel Kazis, Josh and Saul on the birth of their daughter, brother, grandchild, nephew and cousin, Samantha Ann Phillips.

•Jill, Craig and Jack Besnoy on the birth of their son and brother, Samuel Besnoy.

•David and Estare Weiser and Heidi Wald and Phil Weiser on the birth of their granddaughter and daughter, Aviva Ruth Weiser.

•Hillary Oberstein and Anthony Alden on their recent engagement.

The flowers for the bimah will be sponsored by Leon and Debra Black and Douglas Waite and Karen Wexler in honor of their children, Victoria Black and Ben Wexler-Waite becoming b'nai mitzvah.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

•Rabbi Micah Greenstein and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee.

•Rabbi David Spey and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Maryland.

•Guy Billauer, Assistant Director of International Jewish Affairs, The American Jewish Committee and group from The Adenauer Exchange Program, New York, NY.

•Rabbi Jon Adland and Confirmation Class, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana.

•Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso and Confirmation students, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HAHKHNASAT ORHIM / SHABBAT B'YAHAD

• **Shabbat Dinner: "Argentine Jewry: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"** *Tonight's dinner has been postponed.*

• BJ Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 29: Join Ari, Felicia, and the BJ community as we celebrate Shabbat with good food & good friends in Frankel Hall at 88th Street following the early service. To register: Call x304 and follow instructions. Pay on line at www.bj.org or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. (Memo: "HO 10/29/04".) Mail check to BJ, Attn: Carol Please include a phone number. Cost is \$30 for BJ members through Monday, October 25th. After Monday, October 25, cost will be \$40 for members and non-members.

• Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

Friday, November 19: Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, instructor in Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Wilstein Institute for Social Policy. Cost is \$30/members; \$40/non-members. TO REGISTER: Go on-line to www.BJ.org OR you may send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check write "SBY 11/19/04". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at ext. 260. Mail checks to: Attn: Michael, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023. Please include a phone number. Deadline: November 11, 2004. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, October 30, 88th St. Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: All ages are welcome to join Ledor Vador and members of the summer BJ trip to Israel as participants share photos, stories and incredible teachings from Israel. Please RSVP by Oct. 22 at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$12 per person (\$15 for non-members), to Belinda Lasky at the BJ office. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

• Recollections of our BJ Trip to Argentina

Monday, November 1, 6:30PM, Sanctuary, 88th St. Join our Rabbis along with our fellow travelers as we recount our trip to Argentina this past March in a moving multimedia presentation. In this stirring evening we will share our experiences through visual images, written accounts, music, song, and conclude with a dazzling tango demonstration. Admission is free. For more information, call Anne at x240.

• Voices of Resistance in Chilling Times: JFREJ's 8th Annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards

Wednesday, November 10, 6PM SEIU Local 32BJ, 101 Avenue of the Americas, (between Watts & Grand): this year's awards honor Tami Gold, Juan Gonzalez, Amy Goodman, Naomi Klein, and Art Spiegelman, with a special tribute to Richie Perez. Tickets cost \$72/ sliding scale for students and low income For tickets and more information, call (212) 647-8966 x14 or meyerawards@igc.org. Check out JFREJ's website for more updates at www.jfrej.org.

• BJ Book Group: "A Palestine Affair" by Jonathan Wilson.

Sunday, November 14, 7PM at 88th St. We will discuss "A Palestine Affair" by Jonathan Wilson. The novel, set in 1924 at the time of the British Mandate. Wilson, who heads the English department at Tufts University, sets his tale against a landscape of great beauty and intrigue with conflicts unfolding: between Arab and Jew, but moreover between Zionist and non-Zionist Jews living in Palestine at the time, and between those Zionists who favored the use of violence and those who abhorred its use.

• Limmud NY: A Festival of Jewish Learning and Culture

January 14 -17, 2005. Limmud is the Hebrew word for learning. It's also the inspiration for a groundbreaking gathering of hundreds of Jews of all backgrounds, over Martin Luther King Weekend, at the Hudson Valley Resort (near New Paltz). Topics will range from film to Bible, Talmud to psychology, drama to Israeli politics. Singles, couples and families of all ages are welcome. Space is limited, so sign up today. For further information, visit www.limmudny.org or call (212)284-6968.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SINGLES

• At-Home Catered Dinner

Friday, November 12; Join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6PM service. Share Shabbat getting together in groups of 12-18. BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. HOST volunteers should register on-line at www.bj.org or Michael x260, Mkelberg@bj.org. DEADLINES: To host is October 28th. For guests is November 3rd. For more information and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or check on-line at www.bj.org. Questions x260. COST: \$25/mem; \$35/non-mem. \$10 after deadline late fee if space available.

• Career Workshop with Eileen Sharaga,

Tuesday, November 16; 6:30PM at 86th St.: Re-Evaluating Your Career Options - This workshop will help you explore new career options, transfer your skills to new industries and develop a focused resume. Eileen Sharaga is a career development specialist with 20 years of career consulting experience. RSVP to Michael at x260 or email Mkelberg@bj.org by November 14th. Light refreshments served. Cost \$5.

• Date Bait

Sunday, November 21; 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St.: Get a chance to introduce yourself, mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Date Bait" facilitators and their computers tally up your match and then it's time to make your dates. When and Where: Sunday, November 21st from TO REGISTER: Go on-line to www.BJ.org or register with a credit card by calling Michael at ext. 260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles Date Bait - 11/21," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: is \$20/members; \$30/non-members; \$40 at the door if space is available. DEADLINE: November 15th, 2004. For more information call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• BJ Teens Email List

We would like to be able to get you the most updated information about programming for teens. If you would like to be on the **BJ Teen email list** or the **BJ Parents of Teens email list**, please contact Kerrith Solomon at x253 or ksolomon@bj.org

• Gesher: Informal Learning Program for 8th through 12th Graders

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 5 -7PM in the Conference Room of BJ's Offices, (2109 Broadway Suite 203). Educator Leah Zimmerman will teach the group, and will incorporate her background in drama and the arts into her teaching. We will be meeting next week on **Tuesday, October 26**. Please contact Kerrith Solomon – x253 or ksolomon@bj.org with any questions or to request registration materials.

• Hebrew School Parent Orientation

Monday, October 25 at 7PM at the Heschel School, 270 West 89th Street, between Broadway and West End Avenue. Parents of children currently in the Hebrew School are invited to meet the teachers and educational staff, learn more about the program this year, and see where it all happens!

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

VOTING IS A RIGHT, AN HONOR, A PRIVILEGE, A GIFT OF OUR FREEDOM! 1) Make sure you vote on **Tuesday, November 2**. 2) Help others vote. There is election protection work to be done in swing states and get-out-the-vote work by phone from New York City. Contact the BJ Women's Rights Hevra, x-369, if you want further information. 3) If you will be out of state doing election protection work on Election Day, you can vote in person by absentee ballot NOW! Go to the Board of Elections office at 200 Varick St., 10th floor (the Houston St. subway stop on the 1/9 trains).

• Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed!

Sunday, October 24 from 8:30AM to 4:00PM. The new building season has started. Habitat for Humanity transforms lives with affordable housing for everyone. We need volunteers, over the age of 16, for this date. We are also looking for a volunteer to be the Team Leader for the day. No prior construction experience is necessary. Contact Cathy and Matt Silberstein, at the Habitat Voice Mail at x359, or matts2@ix.netcom.com, to join the BJ team for this date. Please leave your name, email address, phone number. Those without email will be contacted by phone.

• PIKUAH NEFESH: Save a life at the BJ Fall Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 3, 5-9PM, 88th street Sanctuary: To sign up, email bjblood2004@yahoo.com or call x373 and leave a message: your name, phone number and best time for you. Donors must be in good health between the ages of 17 and 75 inclusive, and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must bring a photo ID with you to the blood drive. Nutritional and supplemental suggestions to insure your ability to donate are listed on the BJ website and at the back of the synagogue.

• 'OPERATION BUBBE' Beckons

Operation Bubbe is enabling 100 safe state volunteers to participate in this effort on Election Day and the preceding weekend; we will be helping to get thousands of Jewish retirees to the polls in the Palm Beach and Broward County area. You can make a difference this election by joining us in Florida. To learn more about Operation Bubbe, go to our website at www.operationbubbe.com.

HAVUROT

• Downtown Havurah

Saturday, November 4, at the home of Susan and Stephen Olderman, 45 Gramercy Park North (E.21st St. between Lexington and 3rd): Rabbi Felicia Sol will be joining us for a kick-off meeting. Please RSVP to Susan at susanolderman@yahoo.com or (212) 979-5853.

• Health Care Professional Havurah

Saturday, November 13, 2PM: New healthcare professionals Havurot forming. Upper West Side location, pot lunch, RSVP to: Sharon Parker, LCSW (212) 875-8508.

• Havurah forming for those who converted to Judaism

Join us, **November 16**, 7PM at the home of Rabbi Felicia Sol to create a dialogue of shared experience and get to know one another. Please call or email Marian Sabat at jazsab@netscape.com (212)724-5653 to rsvp.

• **Seeking Divrei Torah**

You have an opportunity to be one of 54 teachers of Torah in our community this year! Throughout the year, as you know, a weekly d'var torah on the parashat hashavu'a is disseminated to our community. We have already found people to write divrei torah for some of this year's parashiyot, but there are still many openings for BJ members (first come, first serve). If you are a BJ member and would be interested in writing a d'var torah, please call or e-mail Miya (x256 or mrotstein@bj.org) as soon as possible.

• **LGBT Information Line x388:**

BJ Voice Mailbox takes messages for callers interested in BJ-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgendered information. Our volunteers will return calls within 48 hours to help callers feel welcome at BJ or supply updates of LGBT related activities and events.

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. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Kliel Rose, x264.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? BJ is also pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or blasky@bj.org.

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please bring your books to the back as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The "Focus on Israel" column will present speaker profiles, information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.

Book Review by Ted Metzger

Still Life with Bombers, Israel in the Age of Terrorism by David Horovitz, Alfred A. Knopf, 2004

"Standing outside the B'nai Jeshurun synagogue on the Upper West Side of Manhattan on a cold night in October 2002, I felt unusually at home for an Israeli abroad." When I read this sentence, my first reaction was that finally, an uplifting scene was about to occur in David Horovitz's engrossing but disquieting memoir about life in Israel since the inception of the second intifada. My optimism was dashed as I continued to read the paragraph and found that what made Horovitz feel at home was the tight security surrounding an evening of dialog between a leading Palestinian intellectual and an Israeli Peace Now leader.

I was desperately searching for some optimism as Horovitz detailed the downward spiral in the quality of life (and increasing deaths) for both Israelis and Palestinians since September 2000. Horovitz is editor of "The Jerusalem Report", a respected progressive magazine. Born in England, Horovitz emigrated to Israel in 1981, is married to a U.S. born emigree and is raising three children in Jerusalem. He uses his journalistic contacts and personal experiences to portray in unsparing terms the disillusionment of much of the Israeli population with the peace process and the erosion of trust and engagement between Jews and Arabs in all walks of life. Horovitz does not spare the various Israeli governments from criticism. He writes with poignancy about the lives and indignities suffered by the Palestinians. But in his final analysis, Horovitz places the blame for the breakdown of the Camp David Summit and the subsequent intifada with its reliance on terrorism squarely on the shoulders of Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. He has no easy solutions.

Ted Metzger, his wife, Robin Fleischer, and their sons, Adam and Jesse, are longtime members of B'nai Jeshurun. Ted, a progressive lover of Israel, is an attorney specializing in estate planning, real estate, and corporate law.

D'VAR TEFILLAH

Why do we sing the psalms 95-99 during the Kabbalat Shabbat service? Rabbi Arthur Green offers the following insight:

"Psalms 95-99 are a literary unit within the Book of Psalms. Their Spirit of joy and exultation calls on the worshiper to rejoice in the presence of God that fills the world...Shabbat fills us with a new vision, one that sees earth as freshly created and brimming with divine radiance. This vision is a universal one. It invites all the nations to join our celebration of divine presence." (Siddur Kol Haneshamah, The Reconstructionist prayer Book)

-Rabbi Kliel Rose

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