



RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

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MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

Rabbi Klief Rose • Katie Mizrahi

November 12 - 19, 2004

28 Heshvan - 6 Kislev 5765

**TOL'DOT
 MEVARKHIM HAHOESH**

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 25:19 - 26:22

HAFTARAH: I Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK: VAYETZE

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 28:9 - 32:3

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 28:10 - 30:13

HAFTARAH: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

Panim el Panim: Children's Action Hevra

Get involved in the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership!

Tutoring Program: The tutoring program is well under way with eighteen BJ tutors and subs reading with 36 RBS first and third graders. Right now there is a waiting list of third graders who have signed up for the program. If you would like to read with an eager third grader between the hours of 9 and 10:30 on Tuesday or Thursday morning, please let us know. If you cannot make a regular commitment, we will gladly sign you up as a sub. The next meeting of the Children's Action Hevra will be held on **Monday, November 15** at 7PM. in the BJ Sanctuary. To RSVP for the meeting or to inquire about participating in the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership, please call us at x301.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

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6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Max Seraita

Bat Mitzvah

Halle Freiman

Naming

Rachel Parker Dorona Freedman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

11:00 AM – 88th St.

BJ Book Group

7:00 PM – 88th St.

ROSH HODESH KISLEV

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Klief Rose

7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Gesher

5:00 PM – BJ Office (Pg. 3)

Limud: Building a Personal Theology

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

NO CLASS THIS WEEK.

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

Rabbi Felicia Sol

7:30 PM – call x234 to RSVP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a

MTM Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi

7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

Gail Amsterdam and her family on the death of Gail's beloved aunt, Lucille Burwick.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

• Halle, Earl, Hannah Freiman and Paulette Douglas on Halle becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

• Max, Berta and Harry Seraita on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

• Shari Lynn Freedman on the naming of her daughter, Rachel Parker Dorona Freedman.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HAHKHNASAT ORHIM / SHABBAT BYAHAD

• **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 to www.bj.org OR call x260. **Deadline November 15.** No exceptions..

• **Latin American Shabbat Dinner NEW DATE!!**

Friday, December 17, 7:30PM, 88th Street: The BJ Latin America Committee's Shabbat dinner with Ambassador Hector Timerman has been rescheduled. Ambassador Timerman, Consul General of the Argentine Republic in New York., will share reminiscences about his family and their relationship with Rabbi Marshall Meyer, as well as his thoughts on the present state and future of Argentine Jewry. The dinner will take place, immediately following the 6PM service, downstairs in Frankel Hall. Cost is \$30 for BJ members/\$40 for non-members (\$10 surcharge after December 10). Register on online at: www.BJ.org. For further information, please call x240, or send an email to BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com. **Please note: anyone who was signed up for the original date (October 22) must contact us at akohn@bj.org or x240 and let us know if you plan to join us on December 17.**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **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 is 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, 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.

• **You Are My Witness: The Living Words of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer**

NEW DATE! Monday, November 29, 7:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Please join us for an evening celebrating the publication of *You Are My Witness: The Living Words of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer*, edited by Jane Isay and published by St. Martin's Press. The evening promises to be a powerful and exciting program bringing Marshall's ideas and words alive again. Under Marshall's spiritual leadership BJ experienced its resurgence in 1985. Members of the congregation who knew Marshall will encounter our teacher again. Members of the congregation who did not know Marshall will meet his ideas and hear his voice. Come to experience his living message. This is a powerful, fitting tribute to a man who "loved Judaism most because of its intolerance of cruelty." -- Publisher's Weekly. Admission is Free.

• Our new BJ members participating in the New Member Orientation Program tonight.

TODAH RABBAH

A big yasher koah to BJ blood drive co-chairs Sharon Messitte and Trudi Levine, as well as star volunteer, Jack David Marcus for organizing a successful BJ blood drive last week. Over 60 people generously donated their time and blood to help save lives!

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

To Rabbi Steven Rau and Confirmation Class, The Temple, Atlanta Georgia.

• **"Same Difference" documentary screening**

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6:30PM 2-Boots Pioneer Theatre, 155 East 3rd St: 15-minute interfaith film demo by artist members of BJ, SPSA and ASMA to be shown along with two other short films, followed by brief panel, free beer & pizza. For more info: interfaitharts@aol.com

• **The Second Nuclear Age: Nuclear Weapons, the New Terrorism, and the Culture of Fear**

Friday, December 3, beginning 9AM at CUNY Graduate Center: The focus of this conference is the intersection of nuclear threat and the new terrorism in the 21st century. Speakers include Robert Jay Lifton, Susanna Hecht, Andrew Lichterman, Robert Nelson, John Burroughs, Laura Reed, and more. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for students. To register, call (212) 817-8215. More information is available at the Center on Terrorism web site: www.centeronterrorism.org

• **Bioethics Conference at the Jewish Theological Seminary**

Wednesday, December 8, 6:30PM at JTS (122nd Street and Broadway): The subject of this lecture will be: *Am I My Brother's Keeper: The Ethical and Legal Boundaries of live donor organ transplantation*. This program is jointly sponsored by the Finkelstein Institute of Religious and Social Studies at JTS and the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham Law School. The program is free and open to the public. RSVP to lesharzer@jtsa.edu

• **A Hanukkah Celebration: Mayses Un Muzik (Stories and music) from the Jewish World of Eastern Europe**

Saturday, December 11, 7:30PM, at 88th St.: This Hanukkah, Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz celebrate the publication of their new book, *A WANDERING FEAST: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE JEWISH CULTURE OF EASTERN EUROPE*. Join us for a high-spirited evening of entertainment. Come and be transported to this vibrant world as Yale is joined onstage by vocalist and co-author Elizabeth Schwartz and the other members of his ensemble, Hot Pstromi. Don't miss this special evening of high energy klezmer music, stories, songs, Yiddish culture, neshome and joy as we celebrate the festival of Hanukkah. Cost: \$15 members /\$20 nonmembers. Call Anne at x240 for more info.

• **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). Space is limited, so sign up today. For further information, visit www.limmudny.org or call (212)284-6968.

SINGLES

• **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 15.** 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 (participants who list each other) and then it's time to make your dates. When and Where: **Sunday, November 21** from 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St. TO REGISTER: Go on-line to www.BJ.org or register with a credit card by calling Michael at x260. 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: \$20/members; \$30/non-members; \$40 at the door if space is available. DEADLINE:**November 15,** 2004. For more information, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

• **Singles' Pre-Hanukkah Dinner Party & Art Show**
Saturday, December 4 at 7:30PM at 88th St.: Meet, eat, socialize and enjoy a great presentation from famed Jewish artist, Mordechai Rosenstein!! Don't miss it!! 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 Dinner - 12/04," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: is \$30/members; \$40/non-members. DEADLINE: **Monday, November 29.** \$10 late fee if space is available. QUESTIONS: Michael at x260 or Mkelberg@BJ.org.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Teensgiving at the 92nd St. Y**
Teens, are you interested in participating in the 92nd St. Y's Teensgiving on **Sunday, November 14?** We will join hundreds of other New York teens in giving to the community, volunteering in social service and environmental agencies across the city. Contact Leah Zimmerman at 917-748-9668 or leah.zimm@verizon.net.

• **5th Graders and their Families Cooking for the Shelter**
Tuesday, November 16, 5PM: All 5th graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for the guests of BJ's homeless shelter. To volunteer, please contact Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496-1892 or saltzman@lifetimetv.com

• **Junior Congregation Family Service**
Saturday, November 20 at 10:30AM at 88th St.: We are so excited to announce our first Junior Congregation Family Service, for families with children in kindergarten through seventh grade. Please join us for this interactive service created especially for families with kids this age and modeled after the Family Service on the High Holy Days. A light kiddush will follow

• **Teen Dinner**
Sunday December 5, 5 -7PM at 88th St.: Join us for a special Teen Dinner with special guest Rabbi Anne Ebersman exploring the theme of bringing light into the darkness. For more information contact Leah Zimmerman at leah.zimm@verizon.net or 917-748-9668.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Panim el Panim: Children's Action Hevra**
Monday, November 15 at 7PM 88th St. Sanctuary: To RSVP for the meeting or to inquire about participating in the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership, please call us at x301.

• **Drumming for Peace - A Benefit to Aid the People of Sudan**
Sunday, November 21, 8-11PM at the Miller Theater, Columbia University, 2960 Broadway at 116th Street: Honorary Chairwoman, Susan Sarandon Hosted by Ossie Davis Admission: \$25 for adults/\$10 for Students with ID. Tix on sale now. Box office in the Theatre Lobby or phone 212-854-7799 .For more information and a list of performers, contact interfaitharts@aol.com

• **Panim el Panim: Women's Rights - Take Action: Letter Writing Campaign**
In Bush's second term, the replacement of one or two justices could tip the balance of the court against Roe v. Wade and affect the future of other social issues. Let President Bush know what you really think about his policies on women's health and reproductive freedom. Write a personal letter and Planned Parenthood Action will deliver it to President Bush. Let's flood his office before his January 20 inauguration. Go to: (<http://www.ppaction.org/campaign/DearW/u3n7bd4vj86dix>) For further information about the work of the BJ Women's Rights Hevra, please call our voice mail at x369 or email pwax@bcn.net to be placed on our mailing list.

• **Mitzvah While You Sleep**
Volunteer for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter! We need 6-10 new volunteers to do one of the following: (1) sleep at the shelter once a month or (2) volunteer for set-up one evening a month. Support one of BJ's longest running social justice programs. Sign up and contact Shelter Co-Chair Robert Imershein at 212-339-4250 or rimershein@capstarny.com for more info.

LEDOR VADOR

• **Ledor Vador Intergenerational Luncheon**
Saturday, December 11, 88th St. Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: All ages are invited to join Ledor Vador as we welcome guest speaker and BJ member Congressman Jerry Nadler. As a member of the House of Representatives, he has been a champion on issues of aid for seniors, women's rights, health care and much more. Please RSVP 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.

• **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.

• BJ's **Shabbat Torah Study** is starting up again! Please find Shelly at the back of the sanctuary on Shabbat for more information.

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 Klief 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.

HAVUROT

• **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.

• **Gay Men's Havurah Hanukah Meeting**

Wednesday, December 8, 7PM for the lighting of the first candle for Hanukah. Our regular meetings is the first Monday of the month, except for December's meeting. Open to new members with similar life style. All ages and all levels of Jewish knowledge welcome. Please contact Jonathan Baron for more information, email:jonathan@jonathanbaron.com or (212) 663-6702.

• **Eclectic New Havurah forming**

Would you like to be a part of a smaller group of diverse groups of BJ members to study and celebrate Shabbat and holidays, as well as feel more connected to the community? This new havurah is open to BJ members and will be gathering for an initial meeting and 2nd night of candlelight for Hanukkah on **December 8** at 7PM. Please RSVP to Felicia at fsol@bj.org for the location.

More information on Havurot can be found on the BJ website: www.bj.org.

D'VAR TEFILLAH - BARUCH SHE'AMAR -

Nestled in the early morning liturgy we find the phrase: **"Blessed is the One who spoke and brought the world into being."**

This image clearly alludes to back to the story of the creation of the world in Genesis 1. It also reminds us of the power of our own words to transform reality. We too create worlds when we speak. Our words have the power to heal or to shame, to teach or to incite. As we bless the One who first created with speech, may our words, and the worlds they create, be for a blessing.

MTM Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi

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

• Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications