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Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

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November 26 - December 3, 2004 13 - 20 Kislev 5765

VAYISHLAH

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 32:4 - 33:20

HAFTARA: Hosea 11:7 - 12:12

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NEXT WEEK: VAYESHEV

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 37:1 - 37:36

HAFTARA: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

Evening of Hope

Thursday, December 2, 6:30PM - 8:30PM at the home of Naomi Meyer. Please join us for an evening of hope for a different Israel. Short video, live music and briefing by Gaby Meyer, Co-Founding Director of The Sulha Peace Project, a grass-roots effort for peace in the Middle East through reconciliation and healing of the Children of Abraham. Its mission is to inspire trust between Arabs and Jews, Israelis and Palestinians, one heart at a time, through interfaith, culture and arts gatherings. We hope you will join us for this important event. Suggested minimum contribution: \$150. RSVP: Naomi Meyer nmeyer@belnord.org For more info: www.sulha.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Joseph Pasternak Levine

Naming

Sabina Clara Sas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Klief Rose

7:00 PM – BJ Office

You Are My Witness:

The Living Words of Marshall T. Meyer

7:30 PM – 88th St.(Pg.2)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Gesher

5:00 PM – BJ Office

Limud: Building a Personal Theology

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

7:30 PM – 86th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a

MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Dan and Isaac Krauss on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Charles Krauss.
- Amy Wachtel on the death of her beloved mother, Judith Wachtel.
- Michael and Rae Winderbaum on the death of Michael's beloved father, Harold Winderbaum.
- Laurel Kallen, Michael, Maia and Chloe Piazza on the death of Laurel's beloved father, Arnold Milton Kallen.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY DINNERS

• **A Tzeirim-20's & 30's Community Shabbat & Hanukkah Dinner**
Friday, December 10, following the 6:45 service: Come celebrate Shabbat together with a delicious potluck meal. Join other 20's and 30's - singles and couples - for an amazing Shabbat/Hanukkah experience at Felicia's home. Get to know other members of our community who are in their 20's & 30's! Please bring a food item that is dairy/vegetarian and marked Kosher from a list which can be found on our website. Register on line at www.bj.org. For more information, contact Felicia at Fsol@bj.org or to Kliel at Krose@bj.org

• Latin American Shabbat Dinner

Argentine Jewry: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

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, 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.
Please note: If you signed up for the original date (10/22) must contact akohn@bj.org or x240 and let us know if you plan to join us.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

• "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 (American Sufi Muslim Association) 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. 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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Joseph, Sara, Mimi, Max Pasternak Levine and Mathew Levine on Joseph becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Juliusz and Ardith Sas on the naming of their daughter, Sabina Clara.
- Anna Weber, Martin Schapiro and Katrina Morales on the birth of their daughter and sister, Hannah Gabrielle Schapiro.

• **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. Register on line! www.bj.org or call Anne at x240.

• IMAGINARY WITNESS: Hollywood and the Holocaust

Sunday, December 19, 7:30PM, 88th St.: Please join us for a screening of a new 90-minute documentary depicting Hollywood's complex and fascinating response to the horrors of Nazi Germany. Utilizing carefully selected excerpts from poignant films, told through first-hand accounts by directors, actors, writers, and producers, the film covers some of Hollywood's most important movies, including *The Mortal Storm*, *The Great Dictator*, *The Search*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *Schindler's List*. It is a provocative film that asks hard questions about the responsibility of filmmakers in their portrayal of history, and about the power of film itself to affect the way we look at ourselves. The program will feature a panel discussion with the director Daniel Anker, film scholar Annette Insdorf and author Thane Rosenbaum. Moderated by filmmaker Myriam Abramowicz. Refreshments served. Cost \$7 members/\$10 nonmembers, at the door. For info, call Anne at x240.

Call for Hospitality --Our new Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi, travels from Philadelphia each week to work with our community. We are hoping to find her a place to stay for some Thursday nights, and an occasional weekend. If you would like to offer her this hospitality, please contact Helen Radin at x233. Thank You.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SINGLES

• **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;" you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: \$30/members; \$40/non-members. DEADLINE: **Tuesday, November 30**. \$10 late fee if space is available. INFO: x260 or Mkelberg@BJ.org

• **Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery**
Do a mitzvah at our second of three package deliveries this year. Our group will meet **Sunday, December 12** at 11AM at Brandeis High School down the block and across the street from Dorot (171 West 85rd St. near Amsterdam). We will have a brief orientation and then pair up into our teams of three to make our deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will very much appreciate your time spent chatting and visiting. Please RSVP by **December 7**, to Mkelberg@BJ.org or call x260 and leave your name, phone number and e-mail.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Teen Shabbat**
Teen Shabbat is a Shabbat morning service run entirely by teens. We will be celebrating it on Saturday, January 29. Teens are needed to read Torah, present d'vrei Torah, lead Shacharit, the Torah Service, and Musaf. Teens can also play music and perform readings that add to the kavannah of the service. If you are interested in participating, please come to a planning meeting on **November 30** at 7:30PM in the BJ office. For more information, contact Leah Zimmerman at leah.zimm@verizon.net or 917-748-9668.

• **Teen Dinner**
Sunday December 5, 5 - 7PM at 88th St.: The long sunny days of summer are long behind us. Each week the days are shorter as we approach the winter solstice. Religions around the world celebrate this time of year in many ways. In Judaism we bring light into the darkness when we light the Chanukah candles. In a world of uncertainty and disappointment, light can bring us hope and joy. On December 5, the Teen community at BJ will come together to celebrate bringing light into the darkness, lighting the Chanukah candles and bringing hope and joy into the world. Please join us for dinner, stories, discussions, readings and candles. Please contact leah.zimm@verizon.net for more info.

• **Family Hanukkah Celebration**
Sunday, December 12, 4 -6PM at 88th St.: Please join us for a Family Hanukkah Celebration featuring a Hanukkah shadow puppet show, arts and crafts, candlelighting and snacks. Fun for all ages! For more information contact Kerrith at x253.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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/step1.tcl>) 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.

• **Justice for Domestic Workers**
Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30PM at the home of Diana Mattson. Jews for Racial and Economic Justice and BJ co-sponsor discussion on domestic workers rights! Please join us for a lively discussion about the city-wide struggle for justice for domestic workers and meet other Jewish women who are concerned about Immigrants' and women's rights. Add your voice and concerns to this growing movement. RSVP Dmattsonnyc@yahoo.com, (212) 496-8220.

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 championed 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.

HAVUROT

• **Gay Men's Havurah Hanukkah Meeting**
Wednesday, December 8, 7PM for the lighting of the first candle for Hanukkah. Our regular meeting 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 **Wednesday, December 8** at 7PM. Please RSVP to Felicia at fsol@bj.org for the location.

• **Downtown Havurah**
Do you live below 34th St and are a BJ member? If so, you are invited to join a newly formed havurah which gets together the first Friday of the month for an evening of study, prayer, dinner etc. Next meeting on **Friday, December 3**. For more information, please contact Susan Olderman at (212) 979-5853 or susanolderman@yahoo.com

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

BJ@180

In 2005, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun will celebrate its 180th Anniversary. There are a number of events and initiatives being planned for a year long celebration of our "minyán of chái's". Although we're still in the planning stages, some sort of publication will be produced as a keepsake of this milestone. We'd like to include any personal family histories or memories that our members would like to share with the community - specifically historical anecdotes. We can't guarantee that everything will be published and please be advised that anything you send will become the property of BJ which will retain all rights to the material. Please send your story to Rebekah Bergman at rbergman@bj.org or to 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, New York, 10023: att: Rebekah.

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.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

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

HaTikvah and Ezekiel's Dry Bones by Rabbi Leon Morris

The poem that became HaTikva, Israel's national anthem, while not biblical, does have a biblical allusion often lost on us when we sing or hear it. It is difficult to discuss HaTikvah without a reference to the prophet Ezekiel. The lyrics for HaTikvah are from a poem by Naftali Herz Imber and were written in 1878. He called his poem Tikvateinu (Our Hope) and is said to have been inspired by the founding of the city of Petach Tikvah.

Imber's words "*od lo avda tikvateinu*" (our hope is not lost) resonate with Ezekiel 37:11 and the vision of the dry bones in the valley which are a symbol of Israel. After God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones, the bones acquire sinews and flesh. They come to life and stand on their feet. God tells Ezekiel that this resurrection is a sign for the nation of Israel. "O mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone (*v'avda tikvateinu*); we are doomed.'" The prophecy concludes with God's promise to Ezekiel to open our graves and bring us to the land of Israel. When Imber writes that "our hope is not lost," he is suggesting the ancient prophecy of Ezekiel will have been fulfilled through the reestablishment of a Jewish state in the land of Israel.

D'VAR TEFILLAH - Aleinu -

Hidden in the 3rd paragraph of the Aleinu prayer, near the end of our services, are several phrases that we may often miss in our haste to get to kiddush:

"... Therefore we hope in You ... to mend the world through the reign of the Almighty ... to turn the wicked of the world towards You ..."

In this closing prayer, we express our hope and vision for a better world -- for transformation rather than merely punishment. May we continue to find these sentiments of hope and compassion in our prayer, and carry them forth into our lives beyond.

MTM Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi

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