



**RABBIS**  
 Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)  
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**MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS**  
 Rabbi Kliel Rose • Katie Mizrahi

December 24 - 31, 2004

12 - 19 Tevet 5765

VAYEHIY

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 47:28 - 48:22

**HAFTARA:** I Kings 2:1 - 12

NEXT WEEK: SHEMOT

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

**TRIENNIAL:** Exodus 1:1 - 2:25

**HAFTARA:** Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13, 29:22 - 23

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK

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.
- (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 rimershein@capstarny.com or (212) 339-4250 for more info.

<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24</b>	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25</b>	
Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>	
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 27</b>	NO BJ HEBREW SCHOOL
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28</b>	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>	NO BJ HEBREW SCHOOL
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31</b>	BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.

B'NAI JESHURUN HEBREW SCHOOL

Please note that the BJ Hebrew School is closed for winter break beginning at 6:30PM on Thursday, December 16. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3.

SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE: NEXT WEEK

There will only be **one** Kabbalat Shabbat service Friday evening **December 31**. Services will be held at 6:00PM, at 88th St.

Shabbat morning service on **January 1** will remain at 86th St./SPSA.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

- Corrine Winston and Joseph Rubin and Rebecca on the birth of their daughter and sister, Alyssa Beth.
- Debora Kersfeld and Brian Shankman and their families on their recent marriage.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- To Dr. Joan Bornstein, Vice President of Religious Affairs, Temple Israel of Greater Miami.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY DINNERS

- **Shabbat B'Yahad with Hazzan Richard Kaplan** - **Friday, January 21**, Following the early service at 88th St. Hazzan Kaplan has a BA in Ethnomusicology from UCLA and an MA in Musicology from UC Berkeley. He spent seven years as a Professor of Music at Skyline Community College and since 1997 has been the Cantor of Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland, CA. COST: \$30/members; \$40/non-members. TO REGISTER: Go on-line to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) OR you may send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check write "SBY 1/21/05". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael x260. Mail checks to: Attn: Michael, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023. Please include a phone number. DEADLINE: **January 21, 2004**. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Yahrzeit**  
On Friday, December 31, at the 6PM service, in the 88th Street Sanctuary we will commemorate the yahrzeit of Rabbi Meyer.
- **BJ Book Group - "Joy Comes in the Morning"**  
**Sunday, January 23**, 7PM, 88th St.: The BJ Book Group will meet to discuss *Joy Comes in the Morning*, a new novel by BJ member Jonathan Rosen, who will be present to take part in the conversation. The recently published novel, which is set in part on the Upper West Side and features a young woman rabbi, has been described as "a warm, generous, and often funny meditation on family and faith."

### LIMUD - WINTER/SPRING 5765

*Here are two classes beginning in January. Check the Limud Brochure, upcoming Kol Jeshurun's and the BJ website for a complete list of classes and learning opportunities:*

**THEOLOGY AND MEANING IN THE PRAYERBOOK** *Rabbi Felicia Sol*  
5 Tuesdays: (January 18, 25, February 1, 8, March 1), 7PM, 86th Street Chapel

The Talmud teaches that we must constantly strive to deepen our understanding of prayer. This class will examine the text of the Kabbalat Shabbat service. We will look at its history, theology, meaning and beauty. Each session will open with a selection from a different theologian and his/her beliefs about prayer. While no advance preparation is required, the following books provide an excellent background in Jewish prayer: Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Quest for God*, Evelyn Garfiel's *Service of the Heart*, Reuven Hammer's *Entering Jewish Prayer*, and Adin Steinsaltz's *A Guide to Jewish Prayer*.  
Time & Location: Free, registration required. **CODE: 505**

**LISTENING TO OUR KIDS** *Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel*  
3 Wednesdays (January 26, February 2, 9), 7-8:30PM, 86th St. Parlor:  
In an exciting new program to create a bridge between 21st century childrearing approaches and the values of B'nai Jeshurun, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel are offering a series of lectures that will integrate young people's concerns, secular advice and Judaic teachings. They will meet with adolescents and pre-teens to hear their views on everyday, hardcore realities, then meet with parents twice, using young people's perspectives, secular and Talmudic approaches to increase parental effectiveness - with a final "foundations of character" seminar for parents of younger children. Cost: Free; registration required **CODE: 504**

\*To register please sign up by calling x221, or write to our address (found below this box), being sure to include your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail, and information about the class.

Online registration at: [http://www.bj.org/spring\\_limud.php](http://www.bj.org/spring_limud.php)

## SINGLES

- **Co-sponsored Dance with Ansche Chesed**

**Sunday, January 23:** The Empire Swings Back! Easy and fabulously fun. Basic swing lesson included with expert instruction (Reba Perez of Empire Dance & Allan Brozek ) 7-10PM at Ansche Chesed. Co-sponsored with B'nai Jeshurun.) No experience, partner or reservations necessary. Refreshments served, Cost: \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/Mosaic members) per dance. Volunteers are needed (in return for free admission). Contact Michael Brochstein at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00PM to volunteer. Full details on-line at [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org)

- **'Jewtopia' at the Westside Arts Theatre**

**Saturday, February 26,** 8PM at the Westside Arts Theatre: Jewtopia tells the story of two 30 year old single men, Chris O'Connell and Adam Lipschitz. Chris, a gentile, wants to marry a Jewish girl so he'll never have to make another decision. Adam Lipschitz, a Jew, wants to marry a Jewish girl to please his family, but can't get a date to save his life. After meeting at a Jewish singles mixer, Adam and Chris form a secret pact. Chris promises that he will help Adam find the Jewish girl of his dreams and show him "Jewtopia", but only if Adam will help Chris shed his gentile-ness and bring him undercover into the Jewish world. Stereotypes collide, Cultures clash and chaos ensues! COST: \$65.00, great seats! TO REGISTER: Call Michael at x260 or email [Mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:Mkelberg@bj.org). DEADLINE: January 27, 2005. Space is limited.

## YOUTH &amp; FAMILY EDUCATION

- **Hebrew School and Winter Break**

BJ Hebrew School is closed for winter break. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 3.** Have a great vacation!

- **BJ Families Email List**

We would like to be able to get you the most updated information on programming, services and other activities for young children and families. If you would like to be on the BJ Families Email List, please contact Kerrith Solomon at x253 or [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org)

- **Volunteer to Help Lead Junior Congregation**

Children in third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade are invited to volunteer to help lead the next Junior Congregation Family Service on **January 22, 2005.** To volunteer, please contact Kerrith at x253 or [Ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:Ksolomon@bj.org) by Thursday, December 23.

- **Kid's Purim Play Auditions**

**Tuesday, January 25 and Wednesday, January 26,** 4-6PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Be a part of the Purim Play magic this year. Come prepared to have some fun for a few hours of singing, acting and dancing. Dress comfortably. Come either day. Auditions are only required for children ages 7 and up. 5 and 6 year olds will automatically be placed in the chorus and need not audition, though parents and children should stop in one of the audition days to pick up the information sheet and meet our production team. See you at the auditions! Questions email Michael at [Mkelberg@BJ.org](mailto:Mkelberg@BJ.org) or x260.

- **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 kavanah of the service. For more information, contact Leah Zimmerman at [leah.zimm@verizon.net](mailto:leah.zimm@verizon.net) or (917) 748-9668.

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **Panim el Panim: Children's Action Hevra**

Through the Children's Action Hevra, B'nai Jeshurun has formed a partnership with the Ralph Bunche School in Morningside Heights. The BJ/Ralph Bunche School literacy program is well under way with BJ volunteers currently tutoring 40 Ralph Bunche students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10:30AM. Now there is an opportunity for all BJ members to participate in the partnership by helping to provide teachers with the supplies they need to support a quality education. For more information and sign up to contribute to the Teachers' Wish List, contact the Children's Action Hevra at x301.

- **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](mailto:pwax@bcn.net) to be placed on our mailing list.

## HAVUROT

- **Healthcare Professionals Havurah**

Join us for a pot-luck lunch on the third Saturday of each month at 1PM following services. Email your name, address, email, telephone, and profession to [Shashdale@aol.com](mailto:Shashdale@aol.com) Location of meetings will be emailed to you. For more info, call Sharon at (212) 875-8508.

- **Havurah in Formation**

**Friday, December 24,** following the early service: Havurah in formation will host a community Shabbat dinner. We are assembling a group of BJ members aged 40+ who are interested in creating meaning and connection by coming together for Friday night dinners once a month. Singles and couples welcome. This first dinner will be limited to 25 people. Please e-mail [Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com](mailto:Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com)

- **Gay Men's Havurah;**

**Monday, January 3,** 7PM; Monthly meetings for like minded men; Contact: Jonathan Baron at [jonathan@jonathanbaron.com](mailto:jonathan@jonathanbaron.com) or (212) 663-6702.

## 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 "minyan of chai'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](mailto:rbergman@bj.org) or to 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, New York, 10023: att: Rebekah.

• **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 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**

**HANUKKAH AT HAMIDRASHA**

This Hanukkah, Hamidrasha (together with the Holocaust Museum at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot), created a two-day seminar for high school immigrants addressing issues of "Belonging and Identity." One of BJ's closest partners in Israel, Hamidrasha, was formed by a group of young Israeli educators to provide secular Israelis "opportunities for meaningful, modern Jewish education."

For many, the teenage years are turbulent at best, and torturous more often - especially for thousands of Israeli teens whose families have made aliyah. Dilemmas typical of teens struggling to "discover themselves" and "fit in" are intensified in the absorption process and the years after aliyah when many immigrant families often remain on the economic and social fringes of society. Eighty-two 11th and 12th grade teens from Haifa and Netanya participated in the "Belonging and Identity" seminar. For many, the program was their first opportunity to explore in depth, and in a peer group, their personal experience and feelings. They were able to examine what it means to be Israeli and what it means to be Jewish. The teens personally encountered Jewish history through the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel and discovered that all Israelis are part of immigrant families. We, at Hamidrasha, were equally impacted by the students' stories, dilemmas and struggles and reminded of the responsibility and privilege to listen, to open ourselves, and to embrace.

Warm wishes for a bright and warm Hanukkah,  
Moti, Saraleh, Chen and all your friends at Hamidrasha

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