



April 18- April 24 1997

Friday, April 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M. - 88th Street
 6:45 P.M. - 86th Street
Gay and Lesbian Shabbat Dinner Following 6:45
 P.M. Service - 86th Street

Saturday, April 19

Shabbat Hagadol Services 9:30 A.M. - 86th Street
Parasha: Metzora (Lev. 14:1-15:33) Pg. 841
Triennial: Lev. 14:1-14:32 Pg. 841
Haftarah: Malakhi 3:4-24 Pg. 1641

Children's Services (all ages) 10:45 A.M. - Chapel
Following the service these minyamim meet:
Minyan HaK'tanim (Pre-K) - Parlor Room
Minyan Gan Aleph (Grades K-1) - Board Room.
BJ Hazanoots (Grades 2-7) - Library

Bar Mitzvah Dan Janvey
Naming of: Josephine Mariel Stern
Guest Speaker: Professor Yoram Dinstein,
 President, Tel Aviv University

Sunday, April 20

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.
BJ COTS - 6:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Monday, April 21

Erev Pesah Service - 6:45 P.M. - 88th Street

Tuesday, April 22

BJ Office Closed
First Day Pesah Service - 9:30 A.M. - 88th Street
Children's Service - 10:45 A.M. - 88th Street
Second Evening Service - 6:45 P.M. - 88th Street

Wednesday, April 23

BJ Office Closed
Second Day Pesah Service- 9:30 A.M. - 88th Street
Children's Service - 10:45 A.M. - 88th Street
Kesharim - Canceled this week
Prayerbook and Prophets Class with Rabbi Matalon -
 CANCELED THIS WEEK.
The Meaning of Jewish Observance with Rabbi
Bronstein - CANCELED THIS WEEK

Thursday, April 24

BJ Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 P.M. - 86th Street

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

Monday - Friday - 7:30 A.M. - 88th Street
Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 A.M. - 88th Street

It Is Our Custom:

Quiet is the proper setting for prayer and meditation. Kindly refrain from conversation while the organ is playing prior to the beginning of services. Families are requested to be responsible for their children throughout the Service.

Shortly before the beginning of Service, music signals that our tefillot are about to begin. These few minutes preceding the opening of services are intended as a bridge between the clamor of daily pursuits and the quiet devotion of prayer and Shabbat tranquillity.

We encourage you to participate in the liturgy and to sing with the congregation. If the melodies are not familiar, try to sing along and you will quickly learn them. For those of you who do not read Hebrew, we have prepared phonetic transliterations of the services that are in a special booklet appended to the Prayerbook. Our congregation's participation enhances the experience of prayer and the study of Torah for all. If you are unfamiliar with our services, and would like to sit with someone who can help orient you, our ushers will be happy to direct you to such a person.

If you have any questions or comments, the ushers or members of our membership committee will be glad to assist you. Membership application forms are available on the back table.

Shabbat Shalom

Fellow Congregants:

We would like to gently remind you that members of the BJ staff come to services to pray just as all of us do. Shabbat, for them, as for ourselves is a holy and spiritual time. Although we know that no harm is intended, in the spirit of Shabbat, please do not ask them about business matters on Shabbat. Whatever questions you may have should be directed to the office Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call our office to let us know about family events such as births, celebrations, illness, or death, so that we can inform the Rabbis and make the appropriate announcement to our Community.

Attention: All announcements, blurbs or flyers for the next Kol Jeshurun are due at the BJ office on the Tuesday before printing at 12:00 noon.

Condolences:

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to Sam, Evelyn, Joshua and Hanna Rittenberg, and their entire family, on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Alvin Rittenberg.

Mazal Tov To:

- Richard, Rae, Adam and Dan Janvey, and their families, on the occasion of Dan's Bar Mitzvah.
- Manny and Liz Stern, and their families, on the naming of their daughter Josephine Mariel.
- Rise, Barry and Denise Dimson, and Yoaz Rekam, and their families, on Denise and Yoaz' engagement.
- Lewis Malakoff and Michelle Feder, and their families, on their engagement.

Retreat Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers available during the day are needed to help enter retreat application information into our computer. Computer training will be provided. (Volunteers also needed to help organize the sale of BJ T-shirts.) If you can help, please call Amy at ext. 241.

Liberal Yeshiva in Jerusalem:

Beit Midrash - a Liberal Yeshiva will open in Jerusalem in the fall of 1997 to an international English speaking population -- college graduates who want to fill the gaps in their knowledge of, and experience with Judaism. This unique program will combine traditional Torah study with a liberal egalitarian spirit. This is a joint project of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and Hebrew Union College, in cooperation with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Leo Baeck College. For more info. call 824-2269

Shabbat With Israeli Journalists:

Hosts are needed to welcome Israeli Journalists on a study mission to the US into their homes for Shabbat meals on **Friday, May 16th**, and **Saturday, May 17th**. If you can open your home, please call Amy at ext. 241.

Rent Control:

To keep abreast of the campaign to renew the rent laws, call the Tenants & Neighbors Coalition 24-hour Hot Line at 212-479-8518.

Attention Havurot:

Yael Ridberg is the new Havurot Coordinator, please feel free to call her at ext. 235 if you have questions, need siddurim, don't know how to organize or get started.

Rabbinic Intern:

Our new Rabbinic Intern, Yael Ridberg, will be moving to New York, and is looking for a one bedroom apartment in the neighborhood. Please call Yael at ext. 235 if you can be of any help.

Make a Difference Day:

The JCC on the Upper West Side will be collecting desperately needed items for children and families in New York, Ethiopia, and Israel. They are collecting COINS (for lunch program in Addis Ababa), SCHOOL SUPPLIES (for children in Israel); PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (for shelter residents), and NON PERISHABLE BABY FOOD (for children in NYC.) You can deliver your contributions to the JCC at 15 W. 65th St., between now and **Sunday, May 4th**. For additional info. call 580-0099.

Fundraising Committee Call for Volunteers:

Without funds to support BJ, much of what makes this community special to all of us ceases to happen. If you'd like to help raise money for BJ, please call Ruth Jarmul, VP of Finance, home 362-3960 or work 372-9134.

Employment Bank Volunteer Needed:

The Employment Bank Committee is expanding to meet the growing needs of the community! We are looking for volunteers to do the gratifying job matching service and produce the career development seminars. Please leave your name and phone number in our mailbox: 315.

BJ Study Trip to Israel July 14-27, 1997

It's not too late to join Rabbi Roly Matalon on this 12-day exploration combining study and prayer with lots of free time. Participants will have the opportunity to study Jewish texts each morning, followed by free time in the afternoons for your individual interests. Classes will be taught by Israelis who will also lead discussions on Jewish identity and Jewish spirituality. **This special trip is limited to 45 members - first come, first served!** A deposit of \$200 per person should be made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and mailed to Pamela Cohn Allen at Hearts of Pam Tours, 148 West 80th St., #3R, NY, NY 10024. For registration forms and info on cost and accommodation call Pamela at 799-9232.

Archives Volunteer Needed:

Volunteer needed to audio tape the BJ Annual Meeting on the evening of **Monday, May 19th**. Please call the Archives Committee at 787-7600, ext. 301 and leave a

message with your name, phone numbers, and the best time to be reached.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pesach Services:

<u>First Evening</u>	Monday, April 21st	6:45 P.M.	88th Street
<u>First Day/ Second Evening</u>	Tuesday, April 22nd	9:30 A.M.	88th Street
Children's Service	Tuesday, April 22nd	10:45 A.M.	88th Street
Evening Service	Tuesday, April 22nd	6:45 P.M.	88th Street
<u>Second Day</u>	Wednesday, April 23rd	9:30 A.M.	88th Street
Children's Service	Wednesday, April 23rd	10:45 A.M.	88th Street
<u>Shabbat Chol Hamoad</u>	Friday, April 25th	6:00 P.M.	88th Street
		6:45 P.M.	<u>86th Street</u>
	Saturday, April 26th	9:30 A.M.	<u>86th Street</u>
<u>Seventh Evening</u>	Sunday, April 27th	6:45 P.M.	88th Street
<u>Seventh Day/Eighth Evening</u>	Monday, April 28th	9:30 A.M.	88th Street
Children's Service	Monday, April 28th	10:45 A.M.	88th Street
Evening Service	Monday, April 28th	6:45 P.M.	88th Street
<u>Eighth Day/Yiskor Service</u>	Tuesday, April 29th	9:30 A.M.	88th Street
Children's Service	Tuesday, April 29th	10:45 A.M.	88th Street

The BJ COTS:

We will be meeting **Sunday, April 20th**, at 6:00 P.M. at 86th Street. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more information.

Havdalah Groups:

Spend a Shabbat afternoon exploring BJ's past on **Saturday, April 26th**, at 6:15 P.M. with a special get-together at the 88th Street building. For more information see the attached flyer. Program will be followed by Havdalah Study Group members get together.

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat:

Join us on **Friday, May 2nd**, after the 6:00 P.M. service at 88th Street when we will be joined by Marcelo and his family, for a special Shabbat B'Yachad dinner, cosponsored by the Social Action Committee, featuring friendship, singing and some Torah study. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children; additional donations to help others to attend are welcome. To make a reservation, send a check to the BJ Office, marking on the check that it is for the "May 2nd Dinner," and listing your phone numbers and the names of everyone in your party. If you have any questions call voice mailbox #304.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration:

Yom HaShoah Services will take place on **Saturday, May 3rd** in the 88th Street sanctuary. We will begin with Havdalah at 8:30 P.M. and the service will include a reading of the names of relatives and friends who perished in the Holocaust. BJ members who would like to read names of family members who perished in the Shoah should contact Myriam Abramowicz, 874-4417.

BJ/DJ Champagne Dance Party:

The Singles Committee is sponsoring another champagne dance party for single people of all ages. This Post-Pesach Matzah Ball will be held on **Sunday, May 4th**, at 7:00 P.M., at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio (2182 Bdwy 2nd floor; at 78th St.) Space is limited; so please make a reservation. See attached flyer for more information.

Gonna Rock This Town!

On **Saturday, May 10th**, at 9:30 P.M., the BJ Singles Committee and Ansche Chesed will be co-sponsoring an evening of good old-fashioned Rock n'Roll at Ansche Chesed (100th St. & WEA). The cost is \$10 BJ/AC members; \$15 non-members. No reservations necessary, but volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer for this event only, call Michael at 678-7881, but do not call after 9:00 P.M. or on Shabbat.

AIDS Walk, May 18, 1997:

Walk with the Rabbis and B'nai Jeshurun team (#1017) members and thousands of other New Yorkers to raise money for the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) on **Sunday, May 18th**. AIDS Walk registration forms are in the back of both sanctuaries. Begin looking for sponsors, both corporate and individual now! Mark Lehrman and Tami Crystal will lead the BJ team's ruach (spirit), music, and chanting. Last year's AIDS Walk team was special; let's make 1997's extraordinary.

Life After 35! A Special Singles Event for the 35+ Crowd:

On **Sunday, May 18th**, enjoy an elegant kosher Italian dinner and an evening of classic Jewish literature and music! We will meet at Provi, Provi for a "progressive" dinner (you'll have time to meet and talk with everyone!), then on to Merkin Concert Hall for Evening Bread: Jewish

Short Stories and Music. A champagne and dessert reception follow the performance. Call 787-7600 #306 for more info. or see our attached flyer.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

New Schedule for the Mommy and Daddy Minyan:

The FIRST Shabbat of every month we will be having a minyan (led by BJ member Michael Schram) for parents of children below the age of 2 who want to participate in an intimate adult service in a baby friendly environment. The next minyan will be **Saturday, May 3rd**, at 11:00 A.M. in 86th St. Nursery.

New and Expecting Parents:

BJ's new and expecting parents hold a pot luck lunch each month to meet each other and discuss emerging issues. The next meeting will be on **Saturday, May 3rd**, following Shabbat morning services. Attendees should bring lunch: paper goods also welcome. Note: The group will sponsor a session with one of the rabbis to discuss parenting and Judaism early this summer. Stay tuned. Call Ilene Rosenthal with questions/suggestions 961-0434

Family Shabbat Service and Dinner:

The next Family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be **Friday, May 9th**. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together as a community! The service will be at 5:45 P.M. in the sanctuary at 86th Street, followed by a dinner in the social hall. Reservations must be accompanied by a check, and will not be taken over the phone. Flyers are on the back table. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more info.

Talent Search:

Do you have a talent you would like to share with the families of B'nai Jeshurun? Anyone who would like to tell a story, teach a dance, or do drama at our family Shabbat diners, please call Felicia at x244.

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Questions for Board Members?

Bob Baum and Merle Ginsburg are available during April to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Bob at 744-4773 or Merle 799-1378.

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:

If you have been attending BJ regularly and feel that this community is important to you, we invite you to make a commitment to the ongoing work of our community and become a member. Membership packets and applications are at the back of the sanctuary, or you can call the BJ Office (787-7600 press five).

Expanded Rabbinate, No Waiting!

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Regular hours: Yael Ridberg (ext. 235) Thursday, 2:00-7:00 P.M., Friday, 9:00-1:00 P.M.; Mark Sameth (ext. 319), Wednesdays 2:30-6:30 P.M.; Tami Crystal ext. 334) Tuesdays 1:00-2:30 P.M., 4:30-7:00 P.M., and Wednesdays, 10:45-1:45 P.M. Other times are also available by arrangement. Please call.

BJ Kiddush:

On the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month, there will be a kiddush following Shabbat services in the downstairs social hall of SPSA. If you would like to sponsor a congregational kiddush at any time to celebrate a happy event in your life with your community; as well as help support the BJ Kiddush Fund, please contact Amy at the BJ Office.

Special Needs/Reserved Seating:

If you have special needs (such as physical, hearing, or visual disabilities) and are in need of reserved seating (aisle, close to the front, etc.) for Shabbat Services, please let us know. Call the BJ Office voice mailbox ext. 320.

Transliterations:

For those of you attending Shabbat services who are not completely comfortable reading the Hebrew but still want to join in the singing and chanting, we have inserted transliterations in our siddurim.

Damaged Prayerbook?

If you find a siddur or Chumash that is in shabby condition, or

damaged in any way (torn pages, etc.), please give it to an

usher so that it can be repaired. Thank You.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

A New Havurah

A West side couple (BJ members) is interested in starting a Havurah with other couples in their 40's. Please call Roberta and Ben Khoudari (724-3770) if interested.

BJ Queens Havurah:

The BJ Queens Havurah has Friday night services and light dinners at volunteers' homes in Queens. For dates and locations call Ken Karan at 718-268-1580.

Classical CD:

BJ member, and pianist Donald Isler is releasing a new solo CD on the KASP record label featuring sonatas by Beethoven and works by Arthur Schnabel, one of which has never before been recorded. For information call 914-591-6298 or send e-mail to KASPREC@AOL.com.

Passover/Earth Day Seder:

Shomrei Adamah/Keepers of the Earth, the oldest Jewish environmental organization in the country, will sponsor a kosher, vegetarian, environmental Passover/Earth Day Seder on **Wednesday, April 23rd**. The cost for members of either BJ or Shomrei Adamah is \$40; \$50 for non-members, payable in advance. To make a reservation, or for more info call 807-6376 (ask for Les or Laura).

On Eagle's Wings:

Come hear storyteller Peninnah Schram and guitarist Gerard Edery at Hebrew Union College (*1 West Fourth St.*) **Sunday, April 27th**, at 3:00 P.M. as they present Carrying Passover Tales Through Story and Song. The Jewish people have carried their stories and songs across the desert and through generations to our seder tables today. This family program of story and song will interweave themes of freedom, peoplehood, and Elijah the Prophet. Tickets are \$5; call 824-2252 for more information.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Make a commitment to make the week of Passover, which coincides with Earth Week this year, a "Week of Simple Living." Choose one thing to do without during this week that will enable you to use less resources and take up less space in the world, leaving more space for other creatures. If you can help us, please leave a message, at 787-7600 # 313.

Pesukim of The Week

"Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of Adonai. He shall reconcile parents with children and children with parents, so that, when I come, I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction. Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of Adonai."

(Malachi 3:23-24)



Take the B'nai Jeshurun History Quiz

1. *In what Year was BJ founded and by whom?*
2. *What BJ Rabbi was asked to say the opening prayer for the House Of Representatives? in what year?*
3. *When were women first permitted to sing with men in a choir?*
4. *Orthodox, Reform or Conservative - with which movement(s) were BJ congregations formally affiliated?*
5. *Why and when did the BJ Board of Trustees propose locking the doors at Shabbat morning services?*

Discover the answers to these and other questions as members of BJ's Archives committee help us understand and explore BJ's past. All are welcome. Following the program, all Havdalah Group members are invited to gather at 88th St. for a light dinner (kosher for Passover, of course) and discussion on what's happening in the different Havdalah groups. Shabbat songs and Havdalah to follow.

Date: Shabbat, April 26th at 6:15 P.M. **Location:** 88th Street Building

Sponsored by the Havdalah Study and Archives Committees

BJ/DJ Champagne Dance Party

A Post Pesach Matzoh Ball

**Sunday, May 4th - 7:00 to 10:00 PM,
Fred Astaire Dance Studio
2182 Broadway, 2nd floor, Between 77th and 78th Streets**

The Singles Committee is sponsoring a Champagne Dance Party for single people of all ages. Admission includes an evening of dancing (rock, Latin, hustle, slow) and champagne. Lessons to be offered throughout the evening. Space will be limited. so make a reservation by sending a check to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, (IOOA West 89th St., New York. NY 10024) Attention: Champagne Dance Party

Advance reservations:	BJ members \$20	Non-members \$25
Entry at the door	BJ members \$25	Non-members \$30

Name _____ Membership Status _____

Address _____ Phone _____

There will be no confirmation unless your check arrives after the party has been oversubscribed, in which case you will be notified.

“OUR FEET MUST PRAY” *

AIDS WALK 1997 Sunday, May 18

The world is currently experiencing one of the most devastating public health crises faced in modern times: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Steeped in our Jewish ethos and observance is the principle of *pikuah nefesh* -- when there is danger to human life we have an obligation to respond to save a life. The Mishna declares that one who saves a single life is like one who has saved the entire world. (Sanhedrin 4:5).

Here is what YOU can do:

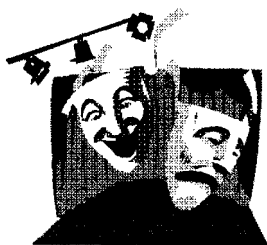
- **Register** - Obtain an AIDS WALK NEW YORK registration form available at the synagogue, SPSA and the BJ office. Please make certain that your registration form includes the BJ TEAM #1017. If you obtain a form elsewhere please write the number 1017 on the form.
- **Get Sponsors** - Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you for each of the 10 kilometers you will be walking. (For example, sponsors pledging \$2 per kilometer would pay \$20. Sponsors pledging \$5 kilometer would pay \$50.)
- **Buy a T-shirt.** You can purchase a BJ T shirt (\$15 for adults \$10 for children) at the BJ office.

Stay Tuned to the Kol Jeshurun, for more AIDS Walk Events!!

AND

Call the AIDS Walk Voicemail Box #335 or Jack David Marcus at 873-7567 or David Yam at 854-3748 for more information or to volunteer.

* While marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel commented that, along with thousands of others, his “feet were praying” for human and civil rights. We urge you to walk with us so that we can perform our community mitzvot. *Our feet must pray to save lives and minimize pain.*



Life after 35!

The BJ Singles Committee

invites you to a very special evening of

DINNER and THEATER

When: Sunday, May 18, 1997

Where: Dinner at *Provi, Provi*, 228 W. 72nd St. 5:30 p.m.
 Concert at Merkin Concert Hall. 129 W. 67th St. 7:30 p.m.

Cost: B'nai Jeshurun members \$55.00, Non-members \$65.00

(Includes all gratuities, one glass of wine with dinner, theater ticket and champagne reception following concert.)

Tickets are limited, and reservations are essential. Over 35, please. * Deadline for responses - May 5, 1997



Singles Dinner and Concert - May 18, 1997

Name: _____ Phone Day _____

Address: _____ Evening _____

Please mark your check "Singles Event: 5/18/97" Please enclose check made payable to: **Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A W. 89th St., NY, NY 10024.** For more information, please call (212) 787-7600, ext. 306 ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION