



May 16 - May 22 1997

Friday, May 16

Shabbat Services 6:00 P.M. - 88th Street
6:45 P.M. - 86th Street

Gay/Lesbian Shabbat Dinner - Following 6:45 P.M.
Service - 86th Street

Saturday, May 17

Shabbat Services 9:30 A.M. - 86th Street
Parasha: Emor (Lev. 21:1-24:23) Pg. 912
Triennial: Lev. 22:17-23:22 Pg. 915
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31 Pg. 1001

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

D'var Torah: Rochelle Robbins, Director of Bat Kol, a Feminist Yeshiva in Jerusalem

Bar Mitzvah: Tim Reitzes

Speaker: Rabbi Naamah Kelman, Director, Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

Kiddush - Following Services - 88th Street

Sunday, May 18

AIDS WALK - See inside flyer for information
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.
Singles Dinner and Performance - 5:30 P.M. - 228 W. 72nd
BJ COTS - 6:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Monday, May 19

Board of Trustees Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
BJ Annual Meeting - 7:30 P.M. - 88th Street
BJ Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 P.M. - 86th Street

Wednesday, May 21

Kesharim - 2:00 P.M. - 88th Street
Prayerbook and Prophets Class with Rabbi Matalon - 6:45 P.M. - 88th Street
The Meaning of Jewish Observance with Rabbi Bronstein - 8:15 P.M. - 88th Street

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

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

Next Week's Parashah: Behar Pg. 946

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 tranquility.

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.

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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.

Mazal Tov To:

The following BJ Members and their families:

- Fretta, Ali and Tim Reitzes, on the occasion of Tim's Bar Mitzvah.
- Marvin Davis and Sarah Sternklar, on the birth of their son Benjamin Bilu Davis.

Brukhim Haba'im:

We welcome this Shabbat, Anat Galili-Blum of The Israel Religious Action Center and a group of Israeli journalists who will be sharing Shabbat services and meals at B'nai Jeshurun.

The Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help:

As the warmer weather approaches, it becomes more difficult (and more important) to staff the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Volunteers are needed to prepare light snacks, set-up the Shelter, and most urgently, to sleep over. Please call John Morris (479-6228) or Barbara Blumenthal (265-0396) to volunteer. **Also:** We are having a picnic on **Sunday, June 8th** for volunteers and others interested in working at the Shelter. Save the date. Details to follow.

It's Not Too Late To Register for AIDS Walk New York!

Go to the general sign-in area in the Central Park North Meadow at 9:00 A.M. this **Sunday, May 18th**, register, and turn in any contributions collected (with team #1017 written on check/form). Call Jack David Marcus at 873-7567 or

David Yam at 854-3748 with questions.

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.

Schedule For Shabbat Services During The Summer:

Starting Friday evening, **June 20th**, we will have one service at 6:45 P.M. at 86th Street. This will continue through the summer, until **September 5th**, when we will go back to two services. Saturday morning services (including children's services) will be held at 88th Street at 9:30 A.M. beginning **Saturday, June 14th** This will continue until **August 30th**.

Employment Bank Volunteer Needed:

The Employment Bank Committee is in great need of someone interested in the gratifying job of the weekly job matching service. Please leave your name and phone number in our mailbox: 315 if you are interested, or if you have any questions.

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. on Jewish identity and Jewish spirituality. Classes will be taught by Israelis who will also lead discussions. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Healing Service:

The entire BJ community is invited to participate in an extraordinary healing service and morning minyan **Sunday, May 18th**, at 7:30 A.M., led by the Rabbis and Ari. The one hour service will be followed by a BJ march to the Central Park North Meadow where we will sign in on the West side of the Meadow. We will then assemble in the Team meeting Area, under "C" prior to the AIDS Walk.

The BJ COTS:

We will be meeting **Sunday, May 18th**, at 6:00 P.M. at 86th Street. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more information.

Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group:

The Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group co-sponsored by BJ and the JCC on the Upper West Side continues to meet on the last Shabbat of the month. The May session, devoted to Parashah Behukotai, will be held on **Saturday, May 31st**, at 7:00 P.M. at 838 West End Avenue, #4c. For further info call Hayyim at 663-1544 or leave a message on ext. #325.

Singles Spring Hike:

Sunday, June 1st, we will be having an (easy!) 5-7 mile walk/hike along the Croton Aqueduct Trail in Westchester County. Meet at Grand Central Terminal Information Booth at 11:00 A.M. We will take the 11:20 A.M. Metro North Train to Hastings (\$5 one way). Bring a bag lunch and water. Call Les (for driving instructions only!) at 718-

805-4260. No reservations needed! No calls on Shabbat!
A donation of \$5 will be requested from non-members.

Voices of the Children:

The Arts and Culture Committee presents: Filmmaker Zuzana Justman, as she tells the story of the children of Theresienstadt, the Nazi concentration camp in the Czech town of Terezin.. It recalls their experiences during the war and traces the adult lives of three survivors. The Nazis used images from the camp to project an image of humane treatment of Jews. They even allowed the inmates to stage a children's opera "Brundibar." Fifty years later, in Voices of the Children, the survivors attend a performance of the same opera, and recall the special significance it holds for them. The program begins at 8:00 P.M., **Monday, June 2nd**, at 88th Street. Admission is \$5, and a reception follows.

Shabbat Singles Catered In-Home Dinner:

The Singles Committee is organizing another round of informal, at-home catered dinners on **Friday, June 6th**, following the 6:45 P.M. service. These gatherings of 12-18 people are a great way for single members to meet and share a Shabbat meal! Volunteer BJ members who live on the Upper West Side (only!) are needed to host. Host volunteers should

call the singles extension (x306) **ASAP**. Because of the Memorial Day Weekend Holiday just preceding this event, we are asking that you send in applications immediately.

Event organizers will make final application collection on Thursday, May 22nd from the BJ office and neither the committee nor the BJ office will be able to notify you if your application is received after this deadline. To participate as a Host or a guest, see the attached flyer.

Join Us For A Communal Shabbat Lunch:

As Shabbat B'Yachad holds its first catered lunch on **Saturday, June 7th** at 88th Street immediately following services. Our guest teacher will be JTS Chancellor Ismar Schorsch, who will be discussing Bamidbar, that week's Torah portion. To sign up, send a check marked "June 7th Lunch" to the BJ office (100A W. 89th, NY, NY 10024) with the names of everyone in your party. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children. Additional donations to subsidize others are always welcome. For more info., or to volunteer, call our Voicemail box #304.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Shabbat Service and Dinner:

The next family Shabbat Service and Dinner will be held **Friday, June 13th**, at 5:45 P.M. in the sanctuary at 86th Street. The service is open to everyone, and the dinner is by reservation only. Join us for this opportunity to sanctify

Shabbat through prayer, song and community building. Reservations can be made by sending in the flyer with a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. Flyers can be found on the back table or at the BJ Office. For more information call Felicia at ext. 244.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Tony Fisher and Jim Meier are available during May to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Tony at 580-9133 or Jim 662-3631.

On the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month,

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) Thurs., 2:00-7:00 P.M., Fri., 9:00-1:00 P.M.; Mark Sameth (ext. 319), Wed 2:30-6:30 P.M.; Tami Crystal ext. 334) Tues. 1:00-2:30 P.M., 4:30-7:00 P.M., and Wed, 10:45-1:45 P.M. Other times are also available by arrangement. Please call.

BJ Kiddush:

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

Klezmer at the Knitting Factory:

Yale Strom's (director of The Last Klezmer and Carpati) band Hot Pstromi will be playing at The Knitting Factory **Sunday, May 18th** at 3:00 P.M. Call 219-3006 for more info.

BJ Eastsiders:

Our next home service and potluck dinner will be on **Friday, May 30th**, at 7:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. respectively.

You may come to the service, dinner or both. You **must** be on our list to reserve. If you are NOT ON OUR LIST -- please call Charlotte Schwab at 717-5234 (on Mondays or Thursdays **only**, and between 7:00-9:00 P.M. **only**) to get on our list. If you are on our list, please call Sheila Myers at 288-6707 to reserve, and find out what to bring to the dinner. You may call Sheila any time until 10:30 P.M. except on Shabbat. You must reserve by Tuesday, May 27th. We are open to new members and need people to lead services (we train), organize, offer homes, computerize our list, play music, etc. Our Havurah is a mini-mirror of BJ: singles, couples, families, babies, etc., and from all over -- not just the East side.

You Mountains That Skip Like Rams..:

See for yourself on **Sunday, June 1st** in Central Park, as we meet artist and BJ member Mike Davis who will conduct a painting workshop. Meet at 12:30 P.M. at Bethesda Fountain;

bring sketching or painting materials and your capacity for amazement. Mike will do a short demo and instruct those who wish it - beginners are especially welcome. Rain date is the following Sunday, same place, same time. Monet and Van Gogh wannabees can come out, be cool, and explore a world of beauty. Bring your shades, and for more information call Michael Davis, at 749-2349.

Synagogue Architecture in New York:

Join an authority and author, BJ member David Kaufman, to learn the history of the New York Jewish community through the medium of synagogue architecture, in a course composed of two lectures with slides and walking tours of the Lower East Side and the Upper West side. Classes begin **Monday, June 2nd**, for more information, and to register, call 229-5117, refer to course #0939.

Jewish Choral Music:

BJ members will be performing a diverse collection of Jewish Choral Music with the Florilegium Chamber Choir at the St. Paul's Church (*W. 22nd St.*) on **Tuesday, June 3rd**, at 8:00 P.M., and at The Jewish Theological Seminary on **Wednesday, June 4th**, at 8:00 P.M. The JTS concert will include a speaker from BMI and Rabbi Morton Liefer of JTS. For more information (location) contact Rebecca Lacher, at 535-3199.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

You can make your own non-toxic, effective and inexpensive cleansers. For example, to clean ceramic tiles, mix one quarter cup white vinegar with one gallon of water. If you can help, please leave a message for the Environment Committee, at 787-7600 # 313 .

Pasuk of The Week

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I Adonai am your God.”
(Lev. 23:22)

THE JEWISH PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Is pleased to invite you to attend The Abraham Joshua Heschel Awards honoring Rabbi Rolando J. Matalon

On Wednesday, June 4, 1997, at 7:30 P.M. At B'nai Jeshurun, 257 W. 88th Street

Tickets: \$25, \$15 for seniors, students, low income

The Award was established by the Jewish Peace Fellowship to honor exceptional contributions to peace in the Jewish tradition.

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Jewish Peace Fellowship
Box 271
Nyack, NY 10960

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please reserve _____ places at the Heschel Awards Ceremony at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 4th. I enclose my check to the Jewish Peace Fellowship for _____ reg. price _____ reduced price. (Your name will be listed at the door.)

“OUR FEET MUST PRAY”
AIDS WALK FINAL REGISTRATION AND DAY OF EVENT INFORMATION
Its not too late to register for AIDS Walk New York!

**There is hope for persons with AIDS and their loved ones,
however there is still no cure for the Aids epidemic!**

BJ members and their friends who have not yet pre-registered can still become fundraising walkers for GMHC and members of the B'nai Jeshurun AIDS Walk team! You should make your own sponsor form by writing your name, address and phone number and BJ Team # 1017 at the top of a lined sheet of paper and list the names of sponsors and amounts pledged and collected. All checks should be addressed to AIDS Walk New York.

Those walkers who wish to experience an extraordinary B'nai Jeshurun Healing Service and morning minyan, should come to BJ at 86th Street at 7:30 AM. After the service we will all walk together to the North Meadow in Central Park.

Please note that walkers should wear their BJ T shirts and bring snacks such as fresh fruit and drinks for the walk.

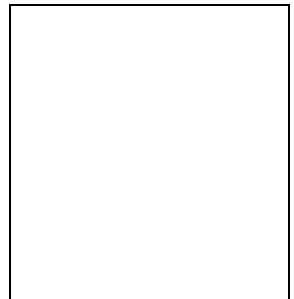
All walkers (pre-registered and others) must proceed to the general sign-in area. Please find and proceed to large signs indicating the first two letters of your last name. Go to that area to sign in and turn in your sponsor sheets and checks, each of which should have team # 1017 written on it.

After registration all walkers should proceed directly to the Team staging area and find "C" for Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. All walkers should go to the BJ team table and advise the volunteer that you already registered, in advance or same day; and state how much money you raised. We will assure that the BJ team is credited for all walkers and money raised. Tami Crystal, Mark Lehrman and the Rabbis will lead us in chanting and singing during the spirited and spiritual AIDS walk.

*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!

BJ Singles In-Home Catered* Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 6th (After 6:45 P.M. Service)



What is a Shabbat In-home Dinner? An informal gathering of 12-18 people, in various Upper West Side BJ member homes, where you share a catered dairy Shabbat meal* with other Jewish singles. \$15 BJ mem.; \$20 non-members. (*Catered by Joseph's).

How Do I Volunteer To Be a Host? To be a Host call 787-7600, x306 prior to 5/15 and leave your 1) Name, 2) age, 3) exact address (including apt. # and cross streets), 4) the Maximum # of guests you can accommodate. Note: To host, you must be a BJ member, Upper West Side resident, and able to accommodate at least 12 people. Someone from the committee will call you back.

What If I Just Want To Be a Guest? Send this entire page, with a check made payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th St., NY, NY 10024. Mark envelopes: 6/6 Singles In-home Catered Dinner. Members will get priority, and we try to balance men/women, depending on sign-ups. Your host will call you the week of the dinner. Note: No sign-ups by phone.

NAME: _____ HOME TEL. _____

AGE: _____ WORK TEL. _____

ADDRESS _____ MEM/NON.MEM? _____

What's The Deadline? Checks must be received by the BJ office by no later than Thursday, May 22nd, however, space may fill up before then. If we fill up & can't accommodate you, we'll call you the week of the dinner. However, neither the committee nor the BJ office can notify you if your application arrives after May 22nd, or you don't supply both your work and home numbers.