



June 20 - June 26 1997

Friday, June 20

BJ Retreat - Falls Village, CT

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

Saturday, June 21

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Shabbat Services 9:30 A.M. - Now at 88th Street

Parasha: Beha'alotkha (Num. 8:1-12:16) Pg. 1075

Triennial: Num. 9:15-10:34 Pg. 1082

Haftarah: Zekhariah 2:14-25 Pg. 1259

Children's Services (all ages) - 10:45 A.M. - Frankel Hall

New and Expectant Parents Picnic - Following Services -
 Riverside Park

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. Shabbat morning services (including children's services) will be held at 88th Street at 9:30 A.M. beginning **Shabbat, June 14th**. This will continue until **August 30th**.

Sunday, June 22

BJ Retreat

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

BJ COTS - 6:00 P.M. - Canceled for the summer

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

Baby Sitting Co-op Meeting - 6:00 P.M. - BJ Office

Wednesday, June 25

Kesharim - 2:00 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: Shelah-Lekha Pg. 1107

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 the following members and their families:

- Lisa Rauchwerger, on the death of her beloved grandmother, Ida Levin.
- Elaine, Elie, Daniel and Jon Housman, on the death of Elaine's beloved mother, Edith Zeller King.

Mazal Tov To:

The following BJ Members and their families:

- Lizzie, Reuben and Renee Kraiem, on the birth of their son and brother, Leon Natan Kraiem.
- Ted, Asya, and Jonathan Berger, on the occasion of Asya's mother, Lea Eliash receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Rhode Island College.
- Kenneth Gold, on completing his Ph.D. in American History/History of Education at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.
- The BJ AIDS Walk Team who raised over \$22,000 and is among the top 15 fundraising teams! Yasher Koach to us all!

Refuah Sh'leimah

BJ member Ronnie Miller is in South Carolina for a bone marrow transplant, and would welcome cards, letters, etc. (no phone calls, please). Her address is: Ronnie Miller, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Rm. 7510, Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, Richland Memorial Hospital, Seven Richland Medical Park Drive, Columbia, SC, 29203.

Screening for Diabetes Risk - Volunteers Needed:

St. Lukes - Roosevelt Hospital is conducting a study on how best to prevent diabetes. This five year study is supported by the NIH, the American Diabetes Association, and other agencies. The purpose of the study is to improve detection of the risk of diabetes in people who are not ill, but are at risk because of other factors. Volunteers over age 25 are needed; the screening process requires about 2 1/2 hours. For more info call the Diabetes Prevention Program at 523-8989.

Wanted: Jewish Counter-Missionaries -- We Will Train.

This summer, hundreds of Hebrew-Christian missionaries will be executing their yearly campaign to convert Jews throughout NYC. Their methods include using Jewish and Hebrew symbols, rituals, and words, and the claim that they are presenting "fulfilled" Judaism: the belief in "Yeshua" (Jesus) as "mashiach" (messiah) and God. A response to this affront is being organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, Task Force on Missionaries and Cults. Volunteers like yourself will be utilized for counter-missionary work throughout July to discourage missionaries from preying on Jews who are either unknowledgeable about their Jewish heritage, or going through difficult times rendering them vulnerable to deception. If you have the time, we desperately need your support. **Your Participation Is Crucial!** Please contact us at (212) 983-4800, ext. 127.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed:

With the increased occurrences of natural disasters in the US, BJ is looking for volunteers to work with the Red Cross, locally or nationally. All volunteers will have to go through a brief training program, conducted by the Red Cross (66th & Amst). Flexible availability a must. We want a Jewish presence on remote sites to assist with all needs as well as to be able to provide Shabbat for an injured Jewish community, should there be one. Also, in the event of local hurricane warnings, the Red Cross needs volunteers to have shelters set up before and functioning during the storm; this can be done as a community project. **Please reply by Thursday, June 26th,** to Myriam Abramowicz at 874-4417.

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.

Lost!

A black silk jacket was lost at the May retreat. If anybody has seen it, please call Susan at 865-5463.

BJ Summer Hebrew Class:

If you always wanted to speak Hebrew and read the Prayerbook -- Why wait for the Fall? I am organizing a new summer class. Call Michal Nachmany 865-4050.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The BJ COTS:

The BJ COTS are on summer break but are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with a Shabbat Dinner at the beginning of September. The BJ COTS (BJ's Council

of Teens) is open to all teens in 8th grade and up. Call Felicia at ext. 244 for more information.

Environment Committee:

There will be an Environment Committee meeting **Tuesday, June 24th** at 7:00 P.M. at 46 West 83rd St., #2B. Ring the bell marked "Ely." All are welcome.

Stonewall Shabbat Seder:

The entire BJ community is invited to attend the Second Annual Stonewall Shabbat Seder, on **Friday, June 27th** in the SPSA Social Hall immediately following services. This will be a catered dinner and a ritual observance of gay and lesbian Jewish pride, and a recounting of the ongoing story of liberation. The cost is \$25 for members, \$28 for non-members. Please see the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun.

Some Challah, Manischewitz, and You:

The BJ Singles Committee proudly sponsors its annual Summer Shabbat Picnic immediately following services on **Saturday, June 28th**. Bring your favorite vegetarian food and drink as we share the joys of Shabbat together in Riverside Park. Challah, wine, and song sheets provided. Any questions, call 787-7600, ext. 306.

Gay Pride March:

The Gay and Lesbian Committee invites the entire BJ

community to join us on **Sunday, June 29th** as we march down Fifth Avenue behind the BJ banner in the annual Gay Pride March. Religious organizations are near the end of this year's line of march, so find a spot to watch the beginning of the march (scheduled to begin at noon), and then join us in the Group 12 line-up area on 54th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues, at 1:30 P.M.

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat:

Join us **Friday, July 18th**, for our next catered communal dinner, at 86th Street immediately after services, when we will be led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children; additional donations to help others attend are welcome. To make a reservation, send a check to the BJ Office, marking on the check that it is for the "July 18th" Dinner, and listing the names and phone numbers of everyone in your party. Early reservations are recommended, as space is limited. To volunteer, or for further info, call our Voice mail box, #304.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

New and Expecting Parents:

Bring a blanket and a dairy or vegetarian dish for the next new and expecting group meeting. It will be a picnic in Riverside Park (weather permitting). Meet on the steps following Shabbat morning services on **Saturday, June 21st**. Call Ilene Rosenthal for more info at 961-0434.

We'll Get To Pray With a Little Help From Our Friends:

On **Tuesday, June 24th**, at 6:00 P.M. at the BJ office there will be a workshop/brainstorming session with the aim of establishing a baby-sitting co-op during Friday night services. If you would like to be part of the co-op, or have had experience with one, we want to hear from you! If you

want to be involved, but can't make the session, call Felicia at ext. 244, or Leana Wild at 201-567-4660. Grandmas and Grandpas, and Aunts and Uncles welcome.

Family Shabbat Services:

Family Shabbat Services will continue throughout the summer at 5:45 P.M. at 88th Street; one **Friday, July 11th**; another **Friday, August 8th**. Family Shabbat Dinners will also continue throughout the summer if there are enough interested families. Flyers will be on the back table throughout the summer and will be included in the family mailings. For more information call Felicia at ext. 244.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Joanne Siegmund and Ralph Brunswick are available during June to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Joanne at 877-3852 or Ralph at 721-6433.

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).

Yael Ridberg:

Yael Ridberg is now a full time member of the Rabbinic staff. She will be out of the office for the month of June. Please call the Rabbinic office to schedule an appointment.

Expanded Rabbinate, No Waiting!

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Mark Sameth (ext. 319), by appointment until August; Tami Crystal (ext. 334) .by appointment, Mon-Thurs afternoons and evenings. 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

BJ Eastsiders:

Our next home service (conducted by Rabbi Karen Sussan, Herb Fisher, and Gail Buchwald) will be on **Friday, June 27th**, at 7:30 P.M. Our dinner will be at 8:45 P.M., at the home of Sandy Krasnow. If you are on our BJ Eastsider list you must call Judy Kress at 744-0673 by June 24th to reserve for either the service or the dinner. Please do not call her after 10:00 P.M. and not on Shabbat. If you are not

on our BJ Eastsider list you must call Charlotte Schwab at 717-1234, before you can reserve. Call her only on Mondays and Thursdays, and only between 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Singing - Not Dancing!

BJ member, Claire Hertz is interested in starting an informal, amateur, Israeli singing group. If interested, please call Claire at 877-3365.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Instead of using toxic oven cleaners, sprinkle vinegar, then a layer of baking soda on oven surfaces. Rub gently with very fine steel wool for tough spots and wipe with a sponge. If you can help, please leave a message for the Environment Committee, at 787-7600 # 313 .

Pasuk of The Week

“And on your joyous occasions, your fixed festivals, and new moon days, you shall sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and your sacrifices of well-being. They shall be a reminder of you before Adonai your God: I Adonai am your God.”
(Num. 10:10)

BJ COMMITTEES WITH VOICE MAIL BOXES

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The Gay and Lesbian Committee of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

invites all people, gay or straight, of any faith, to join our community for our Second annual dinner and ritual observance of Gay & Lesbian Jewish pride:

The Stonewall Seder - Telling the ongoing story of our liberation

When: Friday, June 27th at 8:00 P.M. **Where:** Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew, Social Hall

How Much: \$25 for Members, \$28 for Non-Members

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Please reserve a _____ place(s) for me and my guests. Enclosed is my payment. No tickets will be mailed -- reservations will be held at the door. Please include your phone number so we can call to confirm your reservation.

_____ Seats at the Members Price of \$25 = _____

_____ Seats at the Guest Price of \$28 = _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____

Please indicate the number and kind of kosher meal you wish to order:
 Vegetarian Fish
All meals will be kosher.

Return this coupon by Monday, June 23rd, to:

The Stonewall Seder, c/o Cong. B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th Street, NY, NY 10024
