



July 11 - July 17, 1997

Friday, July 11

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 P.M. - 86th Street

Family Shabbat Dinner is Canceled

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 P.M. - 86th Street

Saturday, July 12

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

Parashah: Hukat (Num. 19:1-22:1) Pg. 1144

Triennial: Num. 19:1 - 20:21 Pg. 1144

Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 33 Pg. 1268

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

Aliyot Hatana veKallah Mark Neustadt and Rachel Friedman

Bat Torah Carol Gelles

Speakers As'ad Ghanem and Sarah Ozacky Lazer-Givat Haviva, Israel

Kiddush Following Services

Sunday, July 13

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, July 14

Israel Study Trip Leaves

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: Balak

Torah: Annual, Numbers: 22:2 - 25:9 Pg. 1171

Triennial: Numbers - 22:2 - 22:38 Pg. 1171

Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8 Pg 1272

Schedule For Shabbat Services During The Summer:

We now have one Friday evening 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. This will continue until **August 30th**.

The High Holidays Are Just Around The Corner

Please be aware that if you are considering joining BJ for the first time before the High Holy Days, September 12th is the last day for signing up before the Yamim Nora'im. Please take a membership packet from the back of the sanctuary and return it to the office prior to that date. Please call our membership coordinator, Ilene Sameth at 787-7600, ext. 224 if you have any questions

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.

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

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 James Fraiman and his entire family on the death of his beloved grandmother, Dora Fraiman.

Mazal Tov To:

The following BJ Members and their families:

- Carol Gelles on the occasion of her Bat Torah
- Hillel, Betsy, Rachel and Sarah Friedman and Paul, Zelda, and Mark Neustadt and Beth and Scott Figman on the marriage of Rachel and Mark.
- Bobbi Berenbaum who has accepted a teaching position in Finland. Her address as of 7/21 is: Apelinkatu 6, Apt. E63, 02230 Espoo, Finland.
- Samara Solan and David Weinberg on the occasion of their engagement.

Todah Rabbah:

- Carol Gelles for sponsoring the Kiddush on the occasion of her Bat Torah.
- Betsy and Hillel Friedman for sponsoring the Kiddush on the occasion of Rachel and Mark's marriage.
- Thank you and farewell to Amy Levine who has left BJ to take a position as assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs at Teacher's College. Amy has worked as an administrative assistant in the BJ office for the past year and a half, coordinating the Kol Jeshurun, among other things. Benjamin Adler, a recent graduate of Columbia University, has joined the staff as the new Assistant to the Director of Programming and Volunteers, and will be coordinating

the Kol Jeshurun.

Refuah Sh'lemah

BJ member Ronnie Miller is in South Carolina recuperating from a bone marrow transplant, and would welcome cards, letters, etc. (no phone calls, please). Her address is: Ronnie Miller, 716 Zimalcrest Drive, Apt. 3801, Columbia, SC 29210.

AIDS Walk New York

Of the more than 11,000 AIDS Walk New York teams, the BJ team placed #15, raising \$22,474! Congratulations and thank-you to all who participated. Checks are still being accepted. Please send them to: AIDS Walk NY, Old Chelsea Station, PO Box 10, New York, NY 10113. Call Jack David Marcus at 873-7567 with any questions.

Bereavement Group:

The JCC on the Upper West Side in collaboration with West Side congregations, their rabbis, and the Jewish Board of Children's and Family Services has formed bereavement groups for those who have suffered the recent loss of a parent, spouse or adult child. For further information, please call the JCC at (212)580-0099.

Research on Schizophrenia :

Researchers at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and other collaborating institutions are conducting a study to understand the biological cause of schizophrenia among Ashkenazi Jews. For eligibility to participate, call Dr. Ann Pulver or Gail Ullrich, M.S.W. toll-free at 1-888-289-4095 or fax at 410-955-0644, or by mail at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1615 Thames Street, Suite 205, Baltimore, MD, 21231.

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 at 865-4050.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AMIA Memorial Service:

A memorial service will be held on **Friday, July 18th**, at 12 noon, West 56th St. and Fifth Avenue, to commemorate the terrorist bombing of AMIA, The Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina (See flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for further information).

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat:

Join us **Friday, July 18th**, for our next catered communal dinner at 86th Street immediately after services, which will be led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg. See the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for more details. To volunteer, or for further information, call the BJ office at 787-7600 ext304.

For the Environment and You

The Environment Committee is planning late summer and fall projects. Join us at our next meeting: **Tuesday, July 22**, 7:00 PM at 315 West 70th Street, #10H. For more information, call the Environment Committee at 787-7600, Ext. 313.

Employment Bank Volunteer Meeting:

There will be an organizational meeting for all volunteers on **Wednesday, July 30** at 7:30 P.M. at the BJ office, 100A W. 89th Street. Please RSVP to 787-7600 ext. 315. We are also looking for a member who is a qualified career consultant to help run this fall's support group.

Rabbi Omer-Man Returns as Teacher-in-Residence:

To begin our spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days, BJ is honored to welcome back to our community Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man as Teacher-in-Residence on the Shabbat of **September 12th and 13th**. Founder and President of Metivta, the Los Angeles-based Center for Contemplative Judaism, Rabbi Omer-Man is an internationally-recognized teacher and spiritual counselor, and his 1990 meeting with the Dalai Lama to discuss the Jewish wisdom and tradition has been chronicled in the well known book The Jew in the Lotus. Advance registration will be required for two of the three sessions, and space will be limited. Later this summer,

advance registration information will be sent to the BJ membership and will also appear in the Kol Jeshurun. In the meantime, save the date for this special Shabbat of study to prepare us for the Yamim Nora'im.

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.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Shabbat Services:

Family Shabbat Services will continue throughout the summer at 5:45 P.M. at 86th Street. **The July 11th dinner is canceled**, but the dinner on **August 8th** is as scheduled,

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?

Tony Fisher and Joel Citron are available during July to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Tony at 995-7521, or Joel at 439-9156.

through Saturday, August 30th during which time we will be constructing the new kitchen. Kiddushim will resume in September.

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).

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.

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.

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.

BJ Kiddushim:

There will be no kiddushim from Monday, July 14th

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Get Away From the City For A Day:

Shomrei Adamah/Keepers of the Earth presents: Shomrei Adamah Day at Surprise Lake Camp in Cold Spring, NY on **Sunday, July 20**, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 P.M. Hike, swim, eat great kosher food, and participate in a discussion about Judaism and environmentalism, and much more! This event is free to Shomrei Adamah members, \$5 for BJ

members, and \$15 for everyone else. For information, call (212) 807-6376.

Help for Animals:

Petition signatures are needed by **August 15** to secure a humane animal shelter law on the ballot this November. If you can help, call Rachelle Pachtman at (212)-996-1715.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Instead of using toxic moth balls, you can use cedar blocks or cedar chips to control moths. If you can help, please leave a message for the Environment committee, at 787-7600 X313.

Pasuk of The Week

“But Adonai said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust Me enough to affirm My sanctity in the sight of the Israelite people, therefore you shall not lead this congregation into the land that I have given them.’”

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Join us for a catered community Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, July 18th. The dinner will start promptly after services. Eat, sing, and relax with friends. The cost is \$20 per person for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for children. Additional contributions to help subsidize others are

welcome. Space is limited. No phone reservations will be taken. Volunteers are needed to help out on the night of the dinner. To volunteer, or for further information, please call 787-7600, ext. 304

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I would like to attend the Shabbat B'Yachad dinner on July 18th.

Name(s): _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Number of People attending:: Members: _____ Nonmembers: _____ Children: _____

Additional donation: _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please send your check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th Street, NY, NY 10024. Please write on your check "for Shabbat B'Yachad 7/18".

On July 18, 1994
terrorists destroyed the
AMIA Jewish Community Center
in Buenos Aires, Argentina

The toll: 87 dead and 200 injured

Not one perpetrator
has been apprehended

Please join us at a third anniversary
Memorial Service and Call For Justice
for the victims of the AMIA bombing

Friday, July 18, 1997
12:00 Noon
West 56th Street and Fifth Avenue
Opposite the Argentinean Consulate

For more information please call the Jewish Community Relations Council at :212-983-4800 Ext. 126

WHEN IMITATION IS NOT FLATTERY

"Jews for Jesus" is a missionary group that comes out in force every July, in search of one thing - YOUR SOUL!

They wear kippot. They wear prayer shawls. They wear Chai necklaces.

They speak Yiddish words. They speak Hebrew words. They speak of the Torah.

They say they're Jewish - just like you, except that their Judaism is more "complete".

Complete deception, that is. They are Christian missionaries who are dangerously trained. If they catch you off guard, they can make you think it's okay to be Jewish and Christian at the same time - until you convert completely, to Christianity.

What? Can't be fooled? According to the Jewish Community Relations Council, they have led 150,000 away from Judaism since 1977.

Volunteers are needed to help counter missionary activities. Training will be provided.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the JCRC at 212-983-4800 Ext.127. Or to reach a BJ member, call Mark Kanter at (212) 877-2923 before 10:00 P.M. any evening.