



August 1 - August 7, 1997

Friday, August 1

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, August 2

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

Parashah: Matot-Mas'ei, Numbers: 30:2 - 36:13 Pg. 1215

Triennial: Numbers: 32:1 - 33:49 Pg. 1226

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28, 3:4, 4:1 - 2 Pg. 1282

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

Sunday, August 3

BJ/St. Luke's AIDS Brunch - 11:15 AM

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

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: Devarim
Torah: Annual, Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22 Pg. 1312
Triennial: Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30 Pg. 1327
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27 Pg. 1590

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 Holy Days 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

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.

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 the following members and their families:

- Evelyn Rothstein on the death of her beloved partner Charles Nix.
- Lisa Rauchwerger on the death of her beloved grandfather Ernest Rauchwerger.
- David Solomon, Lisa Siegel, and Jenna Solomon on the death of David's beloved mother, Virginia Solomon.
- George and Sharon Golden on the death of George's beloved father Abraham Golden.

Mazal Tov To:

- Todd Chanko and Ami Weil and their entire family on the birth of their son, Sasha Theodore Weil Chanko.
- Richard Weinshank and Karel Littman-Weinshank and Beth Weinshank on the birth of their son and brother, Charles L. Weinshank.
- Howard and Dawn Finkel on the birth of their son, Leo Simon.
- David and Rana Silver and David's parents Maurice and Pauline Silver on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Brukhim Haba'im:

The B'nai Jeshurun Community welcomes Helene Northway, who joins our office staff as Associate to the Executive Director having worked previously at Archive Films/Archive Photo and Comedy Central.

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. Email: ronronlo@juno.com. **She would like to thank all the BJers who sent wonderful cards, letters, and prayers. The road to recovery is much brighter because of them.**

Help Us Find Hunter Alumni:

Hillel at Hunter College is expanding! If you, a friend or relative attended Hunter, please call us at (212) 696-1590 with

the name, address, and telephone number. Let us keep you informed as we serve another generation of Jewish college students. Also, save the date for a Special Celebration of Jewish Life on Campus, **Tuesday, September 23rd**, 5:30-7:30, Hunter College Faculty Dining Room.

Host Families Needed:

The Center for Cultural Interchange is looking for volunteer families to host foreign exchange students for 1-2 high school semesters (short homestay opportunities available as well). Students are between 15-18 years of age. If interested in becoming a host family, call Elizabeth Weiner at (917) 618-4645. Scholarships for American students to go abroad are also available.

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, adult child or sibling. 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.

BJ Softball is Here, But Where are You?:

BJ has finally created its first coed, all-levels-of-skill-welcome weekly softball game. We will be playing through the month of August at 75th St. in Riverside Park, Thursday nights from 7-8:30 (down at the water, near the boat basin). Please come with whatever equipment you have or can borrow. Call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390 if you have any questions. Otherwise, see you there . . .

BJ Choir:

If you are interested in being part of the choir for the High Holy Days, come to our auditions on **Thursday, August 21** between 7-8 PM or **Monday, August 25** between 7-7:30 PM at SPSA. For more information call 787-7600, x303.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch will take place this **Sunday, August 3rd** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. Volunteers, food donations, and entertainers are needed. Food donations will be picked up at SPSA (86th Street side) between 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Please call Stuart Post at 447-1672 for more information. **Calls are accepted at any time. Please leave a message if machine answers.**

Tisha B'Av

The service commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, the expulsion of Jews from England and Spain, as well as other tragedies in the Jewish experience, will take place on **Monday, August 11th** at 9:00 PM. Please bring a flashlight, as the service will be conducted in dimmed lighting as is traditional. On **Tuesday, August 12th**, Morning Minyan will be held as usual at 7:30 AM, and Minha will be at 6:00 PM. All services will take place at 88th St.

Singles Tour of New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx:

Sunday, August 17, from 11 AM - 4 PM join Les Judd, Co-Chair of the Environment Committee for a tour of the Garden and a story/discussion about Judaism, Ecology and Torah. Meet at the Fountain of Life in front of the Museum building. Cost of admission is \$8.00. Parking is \$4.00. Bring lunch and a beverage. Non-members of BJ are asked to make a \$5.00 donation. For more information and reservations, please call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260. Please do not call on Shabbat.

Interfaith Trip to the Holocaust Museum:

The two previous BJ/St. Paul & St. Andrew visits to the Holocaust Museum were solemn and memorable experiences for all who took part. On **Sunday, September 7**, BJ and SPSA will once again have the opportunity to journey together to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. to experience the story of the Jews and the other groups who were the

victims of genocide by the Nazis. This day-long trip leaves from SPSA at 6:30 AM and returns approximately at 10:30 PM. The cost is \$60 (\$50 for seniors and students) and includes round-trip coach transportation, breakfast, admission to, and tour of, the Museum, and a brown-bag dinner on the return trip. Space is limited. For more information and to register, contact BJ member Hella Moritz at 288-1846.

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.

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat:

Our next Shabbat B'Yachad community dinner will be on **September 12th**, as part of our Teacher-In-Residence program, when we will be joined by Jonathan Omer-Man. Call our voicemail box at 787-7600, x304 with any questions.

The BJ COTS:

The BJ COTS are on summer break but are looking forward to another exciting year beginning with a Shabbat Dinner in early September. The BJ COTS (BJ's Council of Teens) is open to all teens in 8th grade and up. Call Felicia at x244 for more information.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Shabbat Services:

Family Shabbat Services will continue throughout the summer at 5:45 PM at 86th Street. The dinner on **August 8th** will be held 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 x244.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Hillel Friedman & Bruce Gitlin are available during August to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Hillel at 836-1500, or Bruce at 248-4887.

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

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:

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. Mark Sameth (x319), by appointment until August; Tami Crystal (x334) by appointment, Mon.-Thurs. afternoons and evenings. Please call.

BJ Kiddushim:

There will be no kiddushim from Monday, July 14th through Saturday, August 30th, during which time we will be constructing the new kitchen. Kiddushim will resume in September.

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, x320.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Think Globally, Act Locally:

BJ is intensifying our involvement with WEST (Westiders Together), the interfaith action coalition on the Upper West Side. If you are interested in being part of a special effort, please call Rabbi Yael Ridberg at x235. "If not now, when?"

Jewish Theater:

City Lights Youth Theatre and Lower East Side Tenement Museum present: "Lower East Side Story (The Whole Megillah)", a comedy directed by BJ member Deborah Nitzberg. Performances are **Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3**, at 3:30 PM. Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard St. Call (212) 431-0233 for information.

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 Rachel Pachtman at (212) 996-1715.

Festival of Love:

From **August 15 to 18** at Kibbutz Tuval in the Galilee, there will be a celebration of Tu B'Av, the ancient festival of love, which occurs on the full moon of the month of Av. Join us for four days of study, prayer, healing and celebration. Our staff includes Rabbi Shefa Gold, Melila Helner Eshed, Amichai Lau-Lavie, and David Friedman. For more information, contact Mike Goldstein in Israel: Tel/Fax: 02-6231 917, or 052 604 366, or mikegold@netmedia.net.il.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

How often do you get a floppy disk in the mail, usually from an online service or some organization that wants you to use their product? Rather than throw the disk away, you can reuse it. Simply turn the disk over and slide the small plastic square in the top corner. Then reformat the disk and you have a free floppy for your own use! Alternately, unwanted CD disks make nice coasters. If you can help, please leave a message for the Environment Committee at 787-7800, x313.

Pasuk of The Week

"You shall not defile the land in which you live, in which I Myself abide, for I Adonai abide among the Israelite people."
(Numbers 35:34)

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WHEN IMITATION IS NOT FLATTERY

"Jews for Jesus" is a missionary group that comes out in force every summer, 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, x127. Or to reach a BJ member, call Mark Kanter at (212) 877-2923 before 10:00 PM any evening.

The Music of Shabbat at B'nai Jeshurun

One of the hallmarks of the services at B'nai Jeshurun is the glorious music which we all enjoy so much. You will be happy to know that Marshall, Roly and Ari have recorded, in sequence, all the music of Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat, as well as the Birkhat Hamazon (Grace After Meals) and the Zmirot (Songs).

For those of you who read Hebrew, we have copies of the *Siddur Sim Shalom*, the siddur used for Shabbat and Festival services, available for purchase. And for those who are not fluent in Hebrew, there is also a booklet of transliterations keyed to the cassettes and to *Siddur Sim Shalom*.

Music For Children

The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School, is pleased to present **THE B'NAI JESHURUN HEBREW SCHOOL SINGS**, a tape made by Ari and the teachers of our Hebrew School that includes Hebrew and English contemporary songs.

Please fill out the form below, indicating your order, and send it with your check to the BJ office.

***Please note:**
Postage & Handling is per item. And, unless otherwise requested and paid for, everything will be shipped third class special rate. Estimated time for processing and delivery is 4-6 weeks.

I/We would like to order :

Item	Quantity	Price	Postage & Handling*	Total
The Music of Shabbat at B'nai Jeshurun				
Set of two Cassettes	_____	15.00	2.50	_____
Transliteration Booklet	_____	5.00	1.00	_____
Siddur Sim Shalom	_____	30.00	3.50	_____
The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School Sings				
Tape and Booklet	_____	12.00	2.50	_____

My/our check in the amount of \$_____ made payable to
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun is enclosed.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____