



## August 8 - August 14, 1997

### Friday, August 8

**Family Shabbat Service** 5:45 PM - 86th Street

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86th Street

### Saturday, August 9

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

**Parashah:** Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22 Pg. 1312

**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30 Pg. 1327

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 1:1 - 27 Pg. 1590

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

### Sunday, August 10

**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless** - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

### Monday, August 11

**Tisha B'Av Service** 9:00 PM - 88th Street

### Tuesday, August 12

**Tisha B'Av Morning Service** 7:30 AM - 88th Street

**Minha** 6:00 PM - 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:** Va-Ethanan

**Torah:** Annual, Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11 Pg. 1333

**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 5:1 - 6:25 Pg. 1354

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 40:1 - 26 Pg. 1595

### 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**.

### 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

### 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. Call our membership coordinator, Ilene Sameth at 787-7600, ext. 224 if you have any questions.

# 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 Lucy Prager-Weintraub and Benjamin Weintraub and their entire family on the death of Lucy's beloved father, David Prager.

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Michael Leventhal and Nancy Bader on the birth of their son, Zachary Bader Leventhal.

## **Brukhim Haba'im:**

The B'nai Jeshurun Community welcomes two new members of our office staff:

- Sharon Fire, a recent graduate of Barnard College, who is the new Assistant to the Executive Director.
- Nadja Green, our new Finance Assistant, who comes to us from Time Equipment and will be attending the New York Institute of Technology.

## **Refuah Sh'lemah**

BJ member Ronnie Miller is still in South Carolina recuperating from a bone marrow transplant. She urgently needs home(s) for her 2 cats, one male and one female, available apart or together. They are six years old and Ronnie has offered to pay for the first year of any necessary medical expenses. For more information on the cats, call Jodi Miller at (212) 961-0468. Ronnie is truly grateful to all BJers who have sent her love, prayers, and support. Her address is: Ronnie Miller, 716 Zimalcrest Drive, Apt. 3801, Columbia, SC 29210. Email: ronronlo@juno.com.

## **We Need You!:**

The Jewish Guild for the Blind located on West 65th Street has been helping blind and visually impaired persons for more than 80 years and has established itself as one of the nations finest healthcare and vision rehabilitation agencies. Right now help is needed for our blind and visually impaired adults who attend different programs at the Guild. Volunteers bring warmth, laughter and daily doses of fun. Lead a group activity, help serve lunch, join in friendly conversation with our registrants who need volunteers like you who care and volunteers like you to care about. If you have 2 hours or more per week to give, please contact Lyn Stone at (212) 769-6217.

## **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

## 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 this **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 Street.

## BJ Eastsiders Picnic:

On **August 16**, following the Shabbat Morning Service we will meet on the front steps of the Synagogue directly after the service. Please bring your own lunch and something to sit on because we will go to Central Park. All are welcome. Our next home service and dinner will be **September 26**.

## 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. This event is in conjunction with Shomrei Adamah (Keepers of the Earth). Non-members of either BJ or Shomrei Adamah 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.

## For the Environment and You:

The Environment Committee is planning fall projects. Join us at our next meeting: **Tuesday, August 19**, 7:00 PM at 315 West 70th Street, #10H. For more information, call the Environment Committee at 787-7600, x313.

## Interfaith Trip to the Holocaust Museum:

The two previous BJ/St. Paul & St. Andrew visits to the Holocaust Museum were solemn and memorable experiences

## Rabbi Ridberg:

Rabbi Yael Ridberg is now a full time member of the Rabbinic staff. She is available for counseling and/or questions. To schedule an appointment, please call the Rabbinic Office at x233 or x234.

## Questions for Board Members?

Hillel Friedman & Bruce Gitlin are available during August to answer questions that members may have about the

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. Space is limited. See the flier at the end of the Kol Jeshurun for more information and registration.

## 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 Rabbi 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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Hillel at 836-1500, or Bruce at 248-4887.

## 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. Mark Sameth (x319), by appointment and 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

**The Play's the Thing:**

"That's Life", a wonderful, funny and poignant musical revue about being Jewish in America, is currently playing at Theatre East, 211 E. 60th St. (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) Fridays at 8 PM, Saturdays at 2 and 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 PM. All seats are \$25. For tickets, call the Box Office at (212) 838-9090 or (212) 838-0177.

**Think Globally, Act Locally:**

BJ is intensifying our involvement with WEST (Westsidiers 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?"

**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**

Instead of using toxic insect repellents, use citronella oils and candles to repel mosquitoes, flies, and ticks. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at 787-7600, x313.

**Pasuk of The Week**

"Indeed, Adonai your God has blessed you in all your undertakings. God has watched over your wanderings through this great wilderness; Adonai your God has been with you these past forty years: you have lacked nothing."

(Deuteronomy 2:7)

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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 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

*A tour with*

*Congregation B’nai Jeshurun*

*The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew*

*The U.S. Holocaust Memorial tells the story of Jews and other groups targeted for systematic genocide. From the early rise of Nazism to the death camps and the “final solution”, the tragedy is depicted in film, photographs, oral histories and artifacts. Previous SPSA/BJ tours have been solemn and memorable experiences for all who took part.*

**Date:** Sunday, September 7

**Time:** Depart SPSA on 86<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:30 a.m.  
Return approximately 10:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$60 (\$50 for seniors and students) covers

- Roundtrip bus transportation to Washington, D.C.
- Breakfast
- Admission to the museum
- Brown-bag dinner on return trip

*For further information contact: **Hella Moritz 288-1846***

Past tours have been fully booked. Please make reservations promptly.

**Return this form to the BJ office with your check to hold your reservation.**

Reserve the following for the September 7 Holocaust Memorial tour:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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