



August 15 - August 21, 1997

Friday, August 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, August 16

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM - **Now at 88th Street**

Parashah: Va-Ethanan, Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11 Pg. 1333

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

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 - 26 Pg. 1595

Children's Services (all ages) 10:45 AM - Frankel Hall

Sunday, August 17

Singles Tour of NY Botanical Garden 11:00 AM

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, August 18

Social Action Meeting 6:30 PM - Montana Apt. Building

Tuesday, August 19

Environment Committee Meeting

7:00 PM

315 West 70th Street, #10H

Thursday, August 21

Choir Auditions 7:00 PM - 86th Street

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN
Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Ekev
Torah: Annual, Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25 Pg. 1379
Triennial: Deuteronomy 9:4 - 10:11 Pg. 1389
Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3 Pg. 1599

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 Bradley Chase on the death of his beloved father, Samuel L. Chase.

Mazal Tov To:

- Matthew and Pam Pass on the birth of their daughter, Clarey Griffiths.
- Hedy Zankel on the marriage of her son, Steven Kaye to Lisa Goodwin.

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.

Kol Nidre Fundraising Phonathon Volunteers Needed:

The Development Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help call members during a phonathon on the evening of October 5th. The phonathon will remind members of the importance of the Kol Nidre fundraising campaign in the building of a strong Jewish community. This will be a chance to meet other members. No experience necessary - we'll provide training, food, a room with phones, and the telephone numbers to call. To volunteer, or for additional information, please call Liz Cooper at (212) 854 3971 or Ted Becker at (212) 783-0796.

Join Us in Ushering in the New Year:

With our community's continued growth, your time, energy, and warmth are needed more than ever to welcome and seat those attending our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Ushers are needed at both 86th and 96th Streets, as well as at children's services. A letter providing more detail, and accompanied by a form in which you can indicate your availability, has been mailed to all BJ members (you must be a member to usher). Please start thinking now about making a small commitment that will enhance everyone's celebration and worship. If you have any questions, call 787-7600, x305.

Volunteers Needed:

In order to schedule the BJ ushers for the High Holy Days, volunteers are needed to make phone calls, and input data into the Ushers Scheduling Computer Program designed by David Goldberg. If you can help us out, leave your name and phone numbers in the Ushering voicemail box at 787-7600, x305, and someone will get back to you with further details.

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. Help is needed for our blind and visually impaired adults who attend different programs at the Guild. 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.

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 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 September at 75th St. in Riverside Park, Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 (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 this **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 Eastsiders Picnic:

Following this Shabbat Morning Service (**August 16**) 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:

This **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/SPSA 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. 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 is required for two of the three sessions, and space is limited. Registration information has been sent to the BJ membership and a registration form is now in the back of this Kol Jeshurun.

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 Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man will join us. 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

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 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 (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?”

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Buy mercury free batteries. Check packages of alkaline batteries (used in radios and flashlights) to be sure they are mercury free. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at 787-7600, x313.

Pasuk of The Week

“But if you search there for Adonai your God, you will find God, if only you seek God with all your heart and soul.”
(Deuteronomy 4:29)

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COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Dear Congregation B'nai Jeshurun,

I am writing on behalf of the children and the staff of Camp Homeward Bound to thank you and your congregation for all the great stuff that you sent to us. Over three hundred and seventy five children stay with us during the summer, which means that every 19 days, a hundred and twenty odd kids come to camp. Most of them come with a plastic bag or a tote carrying all their clothes for their stay. They do not bring their toothbrushes or toothpaste, combs, lotion, powder, bug spray, or any of the other things that we wouldn't dream of going into the woods without. Because of the generosity of your congregation, we have enough tooth brushes, toothpaste and soap to give each child their own for the next session. The best gift was all the band-aids. The rock fairy has been more than generous in our camp, leading to scraped knees, palms, elbows, and chins. Since most of the children wear flip-flops, we wind up with “smushed” toes when they bang into a rock. The new underwear and socks were so much appreciated since the majority of the kids only come with sufficient underclothes for two to three days.

Our children come from homeless shelters, domestic violence sanctuaries, and from the foster care agencies. Our director, Bob Behr, points out that they usually don't have the opportunity to just be kids. Their world is comprised of violence, sadness, and most of all, loss. For the nineteen days that they are with us, it's O.K. to laugh, play, swim, shout and sing camp songs. They don't have to mind their younger brother or sister, or take care of their drug-addicted mother. Our staff is dedicated to seeing that everyone has an opportunity to grow & to be a star. There just aren't words to describe the feelings we have when a kid hugs us and says, “I'll miss you!”

Thank you. We will not forget your kindness to us.

Sincerely,

Joyce Conroy
Health Director, Coalition for the Homeless

Registration for Sessions with Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man

Both sessions will take place in the Aaron Frankel Hall of our Synagogue at 257 West 88th Street. Space is limited to 120 and reservations are first come, first served with priority given to members of B'nai Jeshurun and those participants signing up for **both** Friday and Saturday. Registration and payment are due **by September 5th**.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

Fee for **both** Friday and Saturday is Members \$60/Non-members \$75
Friday **or** Saturday **only** is Members \$35/Non-members \$40

- I/We would like to attend the Friday, September 12th Lecture and dinner, following the 6:00 Shabbat service
 I/We would like to attend the Saturday, September 13th Lecture and *Melaveh Malkah* (literally: escorting the queen; a light meal and some teaching to prolong Shabbat as long as possible) at 6:00 PM
 I/We would like to attend both Friday, September 12th **and** Saturday, September 13th

Members for Friday **or** Saturday (circle one) at \$35 each X number of people = _____
Members for **both** Friday and Saturday at \$60 each X number of people = _____
Non-members for Friday **or** Saturday (circle one) at \$40 each X number of people = _____
Non-members for **both** Friday and Saturday at \$75 each X number of people = _____
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please list the names of all participants: _____

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 86th 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): _____ Telephone: _____

