



August 22 - August 28, 1997

Friday, August 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

services (including children's services) will be held at 88th Street at 9:30 AM until **September 6th** when we go back to 86th Street.

Saturday, August 23

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

Parashah: Ekev, Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25 Pg. 1379

Triennial: Deuteronomy 9:4 - 10:11 Pg. 1389

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3 Pg. 1599

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

Sunday, August 24

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless - 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, August 25

Choir Auditions 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM - 86th Street

Tuesday, August 26

Israel Committee Meeting 7:30 PM - BJ Office

Thursday, August 28

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 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: Re-e

Torah: Annual, Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17 Pg. 1417

Triennial: Deuteronomy 12:29 - 14:29 Pg. 1422

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5 Pg. 1604

Schedule For Shabbat Services During The Summer:

We now have only one Friday evening service: 6:45 PM at 86th Street. This will continue until **September 5th**, when we will go back to two services. Shabbat morning

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 the 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.

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, x224 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 Solmsen on the death of his beloved father, Jerry Solmsen.

Mazal Tov To:

Jodi Liebesman and Stuart Fox on their recent engagement.

Apartment Needed!:

Amichai Lau-Lavie, a visiting scholar from Israel, who will be working with BJ for the next four months, needs a place to stay while he is here in New York. If you know of an apartment available beginning next week or in the very near future, please call the Rabbinic Office at x234.

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?"

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 on 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.

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.

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 Monday, **August 25th** between 7:00 - 7:30 PM at SPSA. For more information call 787-7600, x303.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Israel Committee:

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, **August 26th**, at 7:30 PM at the BJ Office. Anyone interested in helping to foster the relationship between BJ and Eretz Yisrael is invited to attend. If you have any questions, please leave a voicemail message for Mark Lehrman at 787-7600, x326.

Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights in Israel:

The New Israel Fund and The Greater New York Council of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations are sponsoring a talk by Jonathan Danilowitz called "Civil Rights in Conflict: The Israeli Gay and Lesbian Community" on Wednesday, **September 3rd** at 7:30 PM at the JCC on the Upper West Side, 15 West 65th Street. Jonathan was the

plaintiff in a landmark suit against El Al Airlines, in which the Israeli Supreme Court held that his partner of 14 years was entitled to benefits equal to those given to heterosexual common law spouses.

The BJ COTS:

Welcome back from the summer, BJ COTS (B'nai Jeshurun's Council of Teens) and future BJ COT members! On **September 5th** we will inaugurate the year with a Shabbat dinner. All teenagers in 8th grade and above are invited to join this great group! Last year we had an incredible time on the retreat, in our rap sessions, leading Shabbat morning services, delivering toys for Chanukah to a Grovensor House and more! We can't wait for another amazing year. We'll be attending the 6:45 PM service at 86th Street, followed by the dinner. Call Felicia at x244 for more information.

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 7th**, 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 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.

SHARE-A-WALK:

The Social Action Committee is forming a BJ team to raise funds and demonstrate support for SHARE (Self Help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer) by participating in SHARE-A-WALK, an annual walk-a-thon scheduled for Sunday, **October 5th** at 9 AM at the Bandshell in Central Park. For further information, call BJ's Team Captains: Dan Cohen at (212) 865-0762, Cathy Schwartz at (212) 866-5254, Ricki Segall at (212) 873-0198, and after September 1, Helen Lehrman at (212) 988-0497.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Beginning after Labor Day, all Family and Youth programming will be in full swing. If you have any questions about our programs, please call Felicia Sol, our Family and Youth Director at x244.

Kabbalat Shabbat:

Every month, BJ offers a special Family Service at 5:45 PM, geared toward children 2nd grade and under, followed by a catered Family Shabbat dinner. Part of making Shabbat a joyous experience is celebrating together. The dinner is focused on the sanctification of Shabbat through singing, eating and community building. The September Family Shabbat in will be on **September 19th**. Fliers will be sent out with *LaMishpachteinu* (the Family Newsletter) or can be found on the back table. Call Felicia at x244 for more information.

Children 3rd grade and above are encouraged to attend the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at 88th Street. All children are invited up for Kiddush.

Shabbat Morning:

All children gather at 10:45 AM in the Chapel at 86th Street

for a service led by Ari Priven, our Hazzan and Music Director, and Felicia Sol, our Family and Youth Director. Following this service, the children divide into these minyanim:

Minyan HaK'tanim (Pre-K, ages 2-4)

Led by Rebecca Rosenthal and Shira Palmer-Sherman in the Parlor. Every child must be accompanied by an adult who is encouraged to participate in the service.

Minyan Gan Alef (ages 5-7)

Led by Susan Miller in the Board Room.

Hazzanut (ages 8-12)

Led by Daniel Barash in the Chapel.

This year, children will gather in the chapel at **10:15 AM** to prepare to lead part of the main children's service.

Children close their minyanim by joining the entire congregation for the conclusion of the service in the main sanctuary.

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. But remember that you must sign up before September 12th in order to attend High Holy Day services. 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 until September 6th when we go back to Shabbat Morning Services at 86th Street.

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

Queens Havurah:

The BJ/Queens Havurah will be holding its September Friday night service and light Kosher dinner at a synagogue in Jamaica Estates (accessible by the F line). It will be held on **September 19th** at 7:00 PM. You must make a reservation and you must pay in advance. The deadline is September 10th. Call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260 to reserve a space and for more information.

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.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Return button batteries. Ask jewelry stores, watch repair shops, camera stores, and other retailers to recycle your button batteries. Write your Congressperson and urge him/her to co-sponsor the Endangered Species Recovery Act of 1997 (HR2351). This bill will help to prevent species from becoming threatened or endangered, as well as help endangered species to recover. The address is: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at 787-7600, x313.

Pesukim of The Week

"And now, O Israel, what does Adonai your God demand of you? Only this: to revere Adonai your God, to walk only in God's paths, to love God, and to serve Adonai your God with all your heart and soul, keeping Adonai's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you today, for your good."
(Deuteronomy 10:12 - 13)

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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: _____

