



## August 29 - September 4, 1997

**Friday, August 29**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:45 PM – 86<sup>th</sup> Street

88<sup>th</sup> Street at 9:30 AM until **September 6<sup>th</sup>** when we go back to 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Saturday, August 30**

**Shabbat Services**

9:30 AM - **Now at 88<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Parashah:** Re-e, Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17 Pg. 1417

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

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

**Mevarkhim Hahodesh**

**Children's Services (all ages)**

10:45 AM - Frankel

Hall

**Sunday, August 31**

**BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless**

- 86<sup>th</sup>

Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

**Tuesday, September 2**

**Choir Rehearsal**

8:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup>

Street

**Wednesday, September 3**

**Preparing for the High Holy Days**

7:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup>

Street

**Thursday, September 4**

**Choir Rehearsal**

8:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup>

Street

### SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

**Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Next Week's Parashah:** Shoftim

**Torah:** Annual, Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9 Pg. 1456

**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 18:6 – 19:13 Pg. 1459

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12 Pg. 1607

### Schedule For Shabbat Services During The Summer:

We now have only one Friday evening service: 6:45 PM at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. This will continue until **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, when we will go back to two services. Shabbat morning services (including children's services) will be held at

**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 us 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.**

## **Mazal Tov To:**

Lenny Picker and his entire family on the Bat-Mitzvah of his niece, Rebecca Hock.

## **Brukhim Haba'im:**

To Rabbi Brian Zimmerman and congregants from Temple Beth Ami in Maryland.

## **Todah Rabbah:**

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun thanks Steve Lehrman, who steps down this year from his position as co-chair of the Singles Committee.

## **Holocaust Museum Trip Canceled:**

We regret that the joint BJ/SPSA trip to the Holocaust Museum on September 7<sup>th</sup> has been postponed due to insufficient sign-ups. We hope to reschedule it for the spring. Watch the Kol Jeshurun for further details.

## **Hebrew Translators Needed:**

Volunteer Hebrew-to-English translators needed to assist families of Australian athletes killed or injured in the bridge accident during last July's Maccabiah games in Israel. Pro bono attorneys in New York are looking for help translating newspaper articles and government reports. If you can help, please contact Richard Potok at 450-4581.

## **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.

## **Race/Walk for the Cure:**

The seventh annual Race/Walk for the Cure to raise awareness for breast cancer will be held on Sunday, **September 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM in Central Park. For more information, please call Glenda Frank at (212) 749-0160.

## **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?"

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 86<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> 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 . . .

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 PM at the JCC on the Upper West Side, 15 West 65<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Preparing for the High Holy Days:

Anne Ebersman, BJ member and fourth-year rabbinical student at HUC, will be teaching this 4-session class for people who wish to enrich their experience of the Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe). The class is \$65 for members, \$80 for non-members and meets on Wednesdays, **September 3-24** at SPSA. Please drop off or mail your check, marked for class code #02, to the BJ office. Payments will not be accepted at the door.

## The BJ COTS:

Welcome back from the summer, BJ COTS (B'nai Jeshurun's Council of Teens) and future BJ COT members! On **September 5<sup>th</sup>** we will inaugurate the year with a Shabbat dinner. All teenagers in 8<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> Street, followed by the dinner. Call Felicia at x244 for more information.

## BJ Welcomes SPSA's New Co-Pastor:

SPSA has a new co-pastor, the Reverend Judith Stevens, and BJ will welcome her to our community at a kiddush on Saturday, **September 6<sup>th</sup>** after Shabbat services at SPSA. She, along with the Reverend K. Karpen of SPSA, who is already known to many at BJ, will be with us, and we invite you to meet and greet them with a warm welcome!

## BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch will take place Sunday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. Volunteers, food donations, and entertainers are needed. Food donations will be picked up at SPSA (86<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Picnic in Central Park:

The Greater New York Council of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations is sponsoring a "Bring Your Own Picnic" on Sunday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** (rain date September 14<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 to 6:00 PM in Central Park. Enter at West 100<sup>th</sup> Street, make a left at the hill, head for the water and look for the Council banner. Bring food, beverages, but most of all, bring yourself!

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. Founder and President of Metivta, the Los Angeles-based Center for Contemplative Judaism, Rabbi Omer-Man is an internationally recognized teacher and spiritual counselor. **There is still room for the Saturday session, but the Friday dinner is completely full. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, call x304.** See the registration form 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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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. Team members who would like to wear a BJ T-shirt at the event can call Ben at x241 to purchase one.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above are encouraged to attend the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. All children are invited up for Kiddush.

## Shabbat Morning:

All children gather at 10:45 AM in the Chapel at 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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?**

Marina Kaufman and Joel Friedman are available during September to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Marina at 972-8400 or Joel at 796-4550.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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,

**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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> when we go back to Shabbat Morning Services at 86<sup>th</sup> 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

**Book Signing:**

BJ member Jay Finkelstein will be reading from and signing his second novel, *Idle Gossip*, at Barnes and Noble (82<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway) on Tuesday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30 PM.

**Hukkim:**

Stephanie Sakellaris, a multimedia artist and BJ member, presents a haunting new instillation at the Orensanz Center for Arts (172 Norfolk Street at East Houston) entitled "Hukkim." The title refers to aspects of Jewish law that are considered to have no rational explanation, and the exhibit examines Jewish female identity through related lenses: Jewish sexuality, Jewish patriarchy, and the use of medical practices as forms of social control. The exhibition runs from **September 10-21**. For more information, call (212) 678-3615 or (212) 780-0175 or visit

[www.orensanz.org](http://www.orensanz.org)**Error! Bookmark not defined..**

**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 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. You must make a reservation and you must pay in advance. The deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>. Call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260 to reserve a space and for more information.

**Europe's Klezmer Band:**

Kol Simcha, the acclaimed Swiss Klezmer ensemble and winner of the 1992 Music Award from the European Culture Foundation, will be performing at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00 PM. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$35.00. For reservations, call CarnegieCharge at (212) 247-7800.

**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. 60<sup>th</sup> St. (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Use latex (water based) paint, instead of oil (solvent based) paint. Oil paint is flammable and contains volatile organic compounds that can cause air pollution and water pollution.

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**

"If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kin in any of your settlements in the land that Adonai your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against him/her. Rather, you must open your hand and lend sufficiently for whatever he/she needs."  
(Deuteronomy 15:7-8)

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**Registration for the Session with Rabbi Jonathan Omer-Man**

The session 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. Registration and payment are due **by September 5th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for Saturday is: Members \$35/Non-members \$40

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

Members for Saturday (circle one) at \$35 each X number of people = \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members for Saturday (circle one) at \$40 each X number of people = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of all participants: \_\_\_\_\_  
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