



September 5 - September 11, 1997

Friday, September 5

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street
Teen Shabbat Dinner 8:30 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, September 6

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM - Now at 86th Street

Parashah:, Shoftim, Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9 Pg. 1456
Triennial: Deuteronomy 18:6 – 19:13 Pg. 1459
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12 Pg. 1607

Minyan Hazzanut (ages 8-12) 10:15 AM – Chapel

Children's Services (all ages) 10:45 AM – Chapel

Following the service these minyanim meet:

Minyan HaK'tanim (pre-K, ages 2-4) Parlor Room
Minyan Gan Aleph (ages 5-7) Board Room

Bat Mitzvah Shara Grau

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Adam Pelzman and Andrea Stern

Kiddush honoring Rev. Judith A. Stevens Following Services

Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group 6:00 PM
 838 WEA, #4C

Sunday, September 7

BJ/St. Luke's AIDS Brunch 86th Street

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, September 8

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Tuesday, September 9

High Holy Days Ushers Meeting 6:30 PM – 86th Street

Wednesday, September 10

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street

Preparing for the High Holy Days 7:30 PM – 86th Street

Thursday, September 11

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Ki Tetze
Torah: Annual, Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 Pg. 1483
Triennial: Deuteronomy 23:8 – 24:13 Pg. 1496
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10 Pg. 1612

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

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 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

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 Kate Hartnick on the death of her beloved grandmother, Ethel Kamber Leerburger.

Mazal Tov To:

- David Milberg and Melinda Thaler, on their upcoming wedding.
- Stephen and Nilda Dicker on the on the birth of their twin sons, Alexander and Micah.
- Aliza, Jonathan and Lydia DuBois on the birth of their son and brother, Eli John.
- Bennett, Marcy, Shara, Jonathan, and Aaron Grau, on the celebration of Shara's Bat Mitzvah.
- Adam Pelzman and Andrea Stern, on their upcoming wedding.

Todah Rabbah To:

- John Grossman, Julius and Irma Roiphe, Brynn Jinnett, David Lieberman, and Lauren Sonkin for their help in getting out an important mailing.
- David Solomon for his continued work on our computer program for the High Holy Days and Raul Tapiero for upgrading our entire office computer system and bringing us into the 21st century.

Israel On-Line:

If you use a computer, and if you are interested in news from the Masorti (i.e., Conservative) movement in Israel and would also like to read the *parashat hashavua* commentary prepared by various Masorti rabbis, then a wonderful free resource is available via the "Masorti List." To subscribe, simply send an email message to LISTSERV@JTSA.EDU and in the text write "SUB MASORTI yourfirstname yourlastname." Questions? Call Mark Lehrman at 787-7600, x326.

Holocaust Museum Trip Canceled:

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

Vote:

If you are registered to vote in New York, and want to vote in Tuesday's primary – DO IT! Tuesday, **September 9th**, 6 AM to 9 PM. For info about WEST Vote (the Interfaith voter registration drive) call (212) 875-9345.

Kesharim Resumes:

Kesharim, BJ's cultural and connection group for older members of the community, will be resuming on **September 10th**. The group meets every Wednesday at 2 PM in the 88th Street Frankel Hall. New members are welcome to join the group at any time. For more information, please call Tami Crystal at 787-7600, x334.

Hebrew for the Mahzor:

You too can start to read the Mahzor in Hebrew during the upcoming High Holy Days. Join our mini-course of three Thursdays beginning **September 11th** at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Call Michal Nachmany at (212) 865-4050.

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 14th** at 9:00 AM in Central Park. For more information, please call Glenda Frank at (212) 749-0160.

Jars of Honey:

Each month our Hebrew School will be collecting food items for City Harvest and other organizations in the NY area. All donations may be dropped off at the Hebrew School office or at the BJ office. This month we are asking each family to donate **JARS OF HONEY**. Our school's donation will be one part of the Rosh Hashanah holiday packages that are being prepared by Dorot, an organization that serves the Jewish elderly here on the Upper West Side. Donations will only be taken until **September 19th**. If you and your family would like to be involved in Dorot's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery on Sunday, **September 28th**, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. RSVP to Dorot at (212) 769-2850.

Action Alert:

To all members of BJ who have received a ballot to elect the American delegation to the 33rd World Zionist Congress, it is crucial that you vote and mail your ballot by **September 23rd** (your ballot must be received by the election overseers before September 30th). If you have any questions, please leave a voicemail message for Mark Lehrman in the Israel Committee mailbox at 787-7600, x326.

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.

Adequate Attic . . .

Or a simple one-bedroom apartment urgently sought by Amichai Lau-Lavie, a visiting scholar from Israel working with BJ until January. If you know of an apartment

available immediately or in the very near future, please call the Rabbinic Office at x234.

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. You can sign up to usher by returning to the office the form that was mailed to all BJ members (you must be a member to usher). Extra copies of the sign-up form are available on the back table of the sanctuary. Please make a small commitment that will enhance everyone's celebration and worship. Questions? Call 787-7600 x305.

The Ushers Training Institute:

Mandatory orientation sessions for ushers will be held this

Tuesday, **September 9th** at 6:30 PM at 86th Street and **September 16th** at 6:30 PM at 96th Street. Try to attend the session at the sanctuary where you will be worshipping. The sessions will run for about an hour. You can attend even if you have not yet sent in your ushering form.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The BJ COTS:

Welcome back from the summer, BJ COTS (B'nai Jeshurun's Council of Teens) and future BJ COT members! This Friday, **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 Grosvenor 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.

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 this Saturday, **September 6th** 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 7th** 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.

Picnic in Central Park:

The Greater New York Council of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations and BJ's Gay and Lesbian Committee is sponsoring a "Bring Your Own Picnic" on Sunday, **September 7th** (rain date September 14th) from 1:00 to 6:00 PM in Central Park. Enter at West 100th 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!

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 10-24** 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.

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. He will be teaching to the entire community during the Saturday Morning Service, **but both the Friday dinner and Saturday evening session are completely full. If you have any questions, call x304.**

Israel Committee:

The next meeting of the Israel Committee will be held on Thursday, **September 18th** at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the Montana (on Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets)

Lecture on Issues in Judaism and Christianity:

What are the sources of my spirituality? How do people of different backgrounds experience and respond to their sense of the holy? This year, our Fifth Annual Lecture on Issues in Judaism and Christianity, co-sponsored by the Interfaith program of BJ and SPSA, inaugurates a special series on Spiritual Autobiography. On Thursday, **September 25th** at 7:30 PM in the SPSA Chapel Professor Randall Balmer, Barnard College/Columbia University historian of American religion and culture, will share with us his passage through – and beyond – his Evangelical Christian fundamentalist upbringing. Admission is free; all are welcome.

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.

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.

The First Ever BJ Junior Youth Group:

Calling all 5th and 6th graders from the B'nai Jeshurun community who want to get together once a month to have a great time! Come join us for our kick-off event on Saturday, **September 20th**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at SPSA. Feel free to call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 or Felicia Sol at x244 with any questions.

New and Expecting Parents Potluck Lunch:

The next New and Expecting Parents meeting will be a potluck lunch held on Saturday, **September 27th** following services. On this special Shabbat of Selichot, Rabbi Yael Ridberg will speak about issues related to Jewish parenthood. If you are an expecting parent, please contact Felicia Sol at x244 and ask that your name be added to the Family mailing list. For any questions regarding the group, call Ilene Rosenthal at (212) 210-3936.

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

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.

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?

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 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.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Hukkim:

Stephanie Sakellaris, a multimedia artist and BJ member, presents a haunting new instillation at the Orenszanz 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**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 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.

Jerusalem and the Environment:

The BJ Community is invited to a slide presentation on

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.

Saturday, **September 20th** at 9:00 PM titled "Jerusalem, City of Gold/City of Soot" presented by Elana Preuss, Sarah Duker Fellow, and Coordinator of the Jerusalem Branch of Israel Union for the environmental Defense (IUED). The presentation will take place at the home of Jonathan Wolfe: 210 Riverside Drive, #1E (corner of 93rd St.). For more information, call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260.

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 21st** 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. 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

Buy in Bulk. You will save money and reduce wasteful packaging.

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.

Pasuk of The Week

“When in your war against a city, and you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy its trees, wielding the ax against them. You may eat of them, but you must not cut them down. Are trees of the field human to withdraw before you into the besieged city?”

(Deuteronomy 20:19)

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