



October 31 – November 6, 1997

Friday, October 31

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th

Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th

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Saturday, November 1

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Services 9:30 AM – 86th

Street

Parashah: Noah, Genesis 6:9 – 11:32 Pg. 57

Triennial: Genesis 11:1 – 11:32 Pg. 80

Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15 Pg. 1210

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24 Pg. 326

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

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Steven Rosenthal and
Joyce Zinbarg

Naming of Maggie
Thomashauer

Sunday, November 2

BJ/St. Lukes AIDS Brunch 11:00 AM – 86th

Street

Ushers Softball Game 11:00 AM – Riverside

Park

BJ COTS Meeting 6:00 PM – 86th

Street

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th

Street

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights.

Monday, November 3

Introduction to Judaism 6:30 PM – 88th

Street

Beit Midrash 6:30 PM – 88th

Street

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th

Street

Tuesday, November 4

Opening Your Inner Eye with Arthur Green 6:30 PM

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Congregation Anshe Chesed, 251 West 100th Street

Employment Bank Support Group 6:30 PM –

Montana Apartment
Building

Wednesday, November 5

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th

Street

Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook with Rabbi

Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th

Street

Israel Committee Meeting 7:30 PM – BJ Office

Thursday, November 6

Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 PM – 86th

Street

Interfaith Lecture 7:30 PM – 86th

Street

Talmud with Arthur Kurzweil 8:00 PM – BJ Office

Next Week's Parashah: Lekh Lekha

Torah: Genesis 12:1 – 17:27 Pg. 91

Triennial: Genesis 16:1 – 17:27 Pg. 110

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16 Pg. 330

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 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

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 the following members and their families:

- Serene Seebol on the death of her beloved mother, Mildred Seebol.
- Ellen Metzger and Marvin Lange, and Rebecca Lange on the death of Ellen's beloved grandmother, Kate Sultan.

Mazal Tov To:

- Larry Hirschhorn and Melissa Posen, and Jessica Hirschhorn on the birth of their twin sons and her brothers, Joshua and Benjamin.
- Bruce and Regena Thomashauer on the naming of their daughter, Maggie Rose.
- Steven Rosenthal and Joyce Zinbarg on their upcoming wedding.
- Merrill Halpern and Ronnie Siegel on their recent engagement.

English Teachers Needed

Volunteers are needed to teach BJ's Russian maintenance staff English. If you can help, please, call Ben at x241

Donations Needed for Bosnian Survivors

Conditions in Bosnia remain extremely difficult. In many villages, there are shortages of food, clothing, and electricity. We are collecting supplies for the women and child survivors of the massacre at Srebrenica (the largest massacre of civilians in Europe since the Holocaust). Most needed are: **school supplies, feminine hygiene products, and over the counter medications.** Also, **new or almost new winter clothing and educational toys.** Please bring supplies now through **November 7th** to 201 West 85th Street, attn: SILK (between Broadway and Amsterdam) or call Jews Against Genocide/The NY Committee to Save Bosnia at (212) 496-4550.

Volunteers Needed!

Please join the Special Events Subcommittee of the Development Committee to assist with this year's Night of 100 Dinners, **January 31, 1998.** Please contact Ellen Litt at x307.

BJ's Adult Education

Our adult education classes for the fall have either begun or will begin this week. The courses about to start are *Opening Your Inner Eye* with Arthur Green, *Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook* with Rabbi Matalon, *Parashat Hashavuah* with Mark Sameth and *Talmud* with Arthur Kurzweil. If you are interested in these classes, you must register before they begin. For further info, call x300.

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Heshvan

This month the BJ Hebrew School is collecting **canned vegetables** for City Harvest. Food drop-off points will be at the BJ Offices at 100A West 89th Street, or at the Hebrew School at 270 West 89th Street. Please do not bring any donations to the synagogue. Thank you for your support.

If You Liked BJ Softball, You'll Love BJ Volleyball

BJ is joining Anshe Chesed in sponsoring a weekly evening of volleyball and schmoozing (preferably not at the same time!). We will play Tuesday nights, 7:30 – 10:00 at Anshe Chesed (251 West 100th Street, at West End Avenue) throughout the winter, beginning on Tuesday, **November 4th**. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. All levels of skill welcome. For more info, call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390.

BJ Singles Retreat

Due to the holidays, the confirmation letters for the Singles Retreat on **November 7th – 9th** have gone out late. If you haven't already received one, you will get it shortly. We look forward to a great weekend.

November 8th Beit Kafe Postponed

The **November 8th** Beit Kafe featuring *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust* has, regretfully, been postponed. The re-scheduled date will be announced.

BJ Lunch Program Resumes

We are thrilled to announce that the BJ Lunch Program will resume on Thursdays beginning **November 13th**. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts to participate in this wonderful, friendly, intergenerational effort to feed the hungry. To volunteer, please call Pamela or Amy at x338.

Marshall T. Meyer Memorial Fund

Established in memory of our beloved Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer in 1993, the purpose of this annual award is to fund and support projects or activities that contribute to *tikkun olam* (healing the world). The Fund Committee is now considering grant proposals for 1997. The annual award is approximately \$2500 and will be given to organizations or individuals for either new or on-going projects. Requests, together with a description and history of the project, should be no more than 2-3 pages and must be submitted no later than **November 15th** to the Marshall T. Meyer Memorial

Fund, c/o the BJ office.

Helping Hands

Join your fellow BJ psychotherapists by donating your time to

work with a child. School referrals for pro bono therapy in your office available. Call Trudy Schwartz at 875-8152.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“I Wish I Had a More Satisfying Job”

There are still a few openings in the Employment Bank’s first job Search Strategy Group that began October 28th. Benefit from 5 solid weeks of learning and discussing on essential job search techniques with dynamic career consultant Ellis Chase. This is the last chance to sign up at the low fee of \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members. See the flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more details. Call x315 or email bjempbank@webtv.net to register.

Donors and volunteers are needed. To sign up call, Pamela Cohn Allen at (212) 799-9232 or Ben at the BJ Office, x241.

Be Part of History

All are invited to attend as the 86th Street Seaters defend the Ushers’ Trophy against the 96th Street Greeters in the Second Annual Ushers’ Trophy Game, to be held in Riverside Park near 91st Street at 11:00 AM on Sunday, **November 2nd**.

BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital AIDS Brunch will take place Sunday, **November 2nd** 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 (212) 447-1672 for more information. Calls are accepted at any time. Please leave a message if machine answers.

Torah and Haftarah Cantillation Classes

Cantor Deborah Togut will be offering classed in Torah and Haftarah Cantillation, beginning the week of **November 3rd**, Mondays 6:30 PM and Thursdays 5:30 PM for Torah; Mondays 7:45 PM and Thursdays 6:30 PM for Haftarah. Classes will be held in members’ homes. To register and for more information, please call Deborah at x341.

Israel Committee

The next meeting of the Israel Committee will be held on Wednesday, **November 5th**, at 7:30 PM in the conference room at the BJ office (located at 100A West 89th Street).

Spiritual Autobiography Series Continues

What has been the landscape of my spiritual journey? How do people of different backgrounds and traditions experience and respond to their sense of the holy? On Thursday, **November 6th** at 7:30 PM in the SPSA Chapel, we continue our interfaith-sponsored series on Spiritual Autobiography by welcoming to BJ and SPSA, NPR bureau chief and author Margot Adler. See the back of this Kol Jeshurun for more information.

BJ Blood Drive

Save the Date! On Thursday, **November 13th**, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM BJ will be holding its fifth Blood Drive at SPSA.

Continue Your Celebration of Shabbat

Join us for our next catered communal Shabbat dinner on **November 14th**, following the 6:00 PM service when we will be led by Rabbi Yael Ridberg and our new Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky. You may make a reservation by filling out the form at the back of this Kol Jeshurun and sending it with a check in the appropriate amount to the BJ office, noting that it is for the November 14th dinner. To volunteer, or for more info, call x304.

BJ Members Residing in New Jersey

Let's get to know each other. A special table has been reserved for us at the Shabbat B'Yachad Dinner at 88th Street on **November 14th**, immediately following the 6:00 PM Shabbat Service. Please RSVP using the form found in the Kol Jeshurun. Make sure to indicate on your form that you would like to sit at the New Jersey table.

Singles Square Dance

There will be a square dance Sunday, **November 16th**, at 7:30 PM at Ansche Chesed (100th St. & W.E.A.) co-sponsored by Ansche Chesed and BJ. Admission is \$10 for BJ & AC members, and \$15 for non-members. No advance registration is needed. Volunteers are needed in exchange for free admission. To volunteer for this event only, call Michael Brochstein at (212) 678-7881. Do not call after 9:00 PM or on Shabbat.

“What Do I Want To Be When I Grow UP?”

A crash course on identifying your career direction. The Employment Bank presents the first in its fall/winter Career Development Series on Monday, **November 17th** at 7:00 PM in the SPSA Parlor Room. (Note the date change from the original November 12th). Working with you to answer this perplexing question is noted Career Management Counselor and author, Ruth Shapiro. This 90-minute workshop will be interactive and concentrate on methods and exercises Don't miss this free seminar if you're ready to move forward in your life! Open to members and non-members. Register at x315 or bjempbank@webtv.net. Flyers are available at the back table.

Megiddo: Uncovering Ancient Secrets

On Wednesday, **November 19th**, the Israel Committee is pleased to co-sponsor with the American Friends of Tel Aviv University a presentation by two renowned Israeli archeologists on their upcoming excavation of the ancient city of Megiddo. The program will be held in the SPSA Social Hall. Light snacks will be served at 6:30; the program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Admission is free.

Singles Shabbat Catered In-Home Dinner

The Singles Committee is organizing another round of informal, at-home catered dinners on Friday, **November 21st**, following the 6:45 PM service. These gatherings of 12 – 18 people are a great way for single members to meet and share
a

Shabbat meal! BJ members who live on the Upper West Side (only!) are needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles extension (x306) ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is **November 6th**. To participate, see the attached flyer.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

BJCOTS will meet this Sunday, **November 2nd** at 6:00 PM in the Parlor Room at SPSA. Please bring \$20 – we're collecting money so we can have a food fund for the year. All those working on the newspaper will meet at 5:30. See you then. BJCOTs is the B'nai Jeshurun Council of Teens, and teens in 8th grade and above are encouraged to join. Call Felicia at x244 for more information. Also, save **November 14th – 16th** for the Teen Retreat. Don't miss this opportunity to go away with the teens of BJ, Susan Bodner, Felicia and Roly. Cost is \$150 for the bus, food, a place to sleep, and an excellent time. Call Felicia for info.

New and Expectant Parents Potluck Lunch

The next New and Expectant Parents meeting will be a potluck lunch held Saturday, **November 1st** in the Parlor Room at SPSA following Shabbat Morning Services. If you are an expecting parent, please contact Felicia Sol at x244 with any questions.

Family Service and Dinner

Every month, BJ offers a special Family Service at 5:45 PM at 86th Street, 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 next Family Service and Dinner will be Friday, **November 7th**. Call Felicia at x244 for more information. Flyers can be found on the back table.

A Moment to Receive Shabbat with the Rabbis

While the once-a-month Family Service caters to children in 2nd grade and below, we encourage children in 3rd grade and above to attend the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. This year

we will inaugurate a new weekly ritual. At 5:45 PM in the Frankel Hall, all children in grades 3-7 will be invited to spend a special moment with the rabbi(s) who is/are leading the service. The time will be spent sharing a moment together in preparation for receiving Shabbat. We hope this sacred time will foster a connection with the rabbis, and help create community amongst the children.

BJ's Junior Youth Group

Save the Date: **November 16th**! The BJ Junior Youth Group will be holding its 3rd event. Almost 20 5th and 6th graders have had pizza and celebrated Havdalah together, gone ice-skating and rollerblading at Chelsea Piers, and now it is time to give a little to others. Come make dinner for the BJ Shelter on **November 16th** from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Location to be announced. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 to RSVP.

Teen Leaders/Counselors Needed

On **December 6th**, B'nai Jeshurun will be inviting all kids between the kindergarten and 6th grade (7th graders will be asked to be assistants) for a Shabbat afternoon of fun and games, concluding with Havdalah. All teenagers of BJ are invited to be leaders for this first time event. The kids will be broken into different age groups and we will plan games, races, activities etc. We will hold 2 more programs like this during the year...and then there are the BJ Retreats in the spring, for which you can also be counselors. If you are interested, please come to a meeting on **November 11th** at 7:30 PM in the conference room at the BJ Office – 100A West 89th Street Call Felicia at x244 to let her know if you can come, or if you can't come but are interested.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Sara Litt and Jay Kramer are available during November to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Sara at 877-7987 or Jay at 753-5420.

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.

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

Interfaith Relationship Support Group

Are you involved in or considering being involved in an interfaith relationship? Are you dealing with issues related to interfaith? You are not alone. If you are interested in speaking with people who are dealing with similar issues, please call Mary Pace at (212) 496-6407.

Children of Holocaust Survivors Group Forming

If you are a child of parents who were hidden children, refugees or concentration camp survivors, have you wondered how their experiences affected the way you grew up and the beliefs you hold today? Did they have difficulty telling you anything about the ordeals? Did you have problems in relationships with Jews whose parents weren't survivors? Are you curious if other survivors' children had similar experiences to the one you had? Then come join a BJ discussion group now forming for exploration, information and support. The information you share will help you and others understand, in a healing way, some of the emotional complexities of being children of Holocaust survivors. The first meeting (perhaps a potluck?) will be on Thursday evening, **November 6th**. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for more information.

New Discussion Group Forming

A new social/discussion group is forming for up to six couples in their late 40's and 50's. The group will meet the first Friday of each month for coffee and desert at 9:00 PM, at rotating homes, starting Friday, **November 7th**. For more information and to join, call Roberta and Ben Khoudari at (212) 724-3770.

Film Screening

Filmmaker and BJ member Myriam Abramowicz's award-winning documentary film on the rescue of Jewish children in Belgium during WWII, *As if it Were Yesterday*, will be

shown at Columbia University on Sunday **November 9th** at 6:30 PM (location on campus to be announced, call (212) 854-5111). A discussion with Myriam will follow the screening.

Artists' Panel on Family Violence

Esther (E.M.) Broner, noted author and BJ member will be moderating a panel of American and Israeli artists participating in Hebrew Union College's Rage and Resolution art exhibition, From Family Violence to Healing. Sunday, **November 9th**, 3:00 PM at the HUC-Brookdale Center, 1 West 4th Street. For information, call (212) 824-2205. Sponsored by UJA-Federation's Task Force on Family Violence.

Jews of the South

The *Jewish Week* is sponsoring a literary forum celebrating the Southern Jewish experience, featuring Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Alfred Uhry (*Diving Miss Daisy*) and noted author Eli Evans (*The Provincials*) and moderated by BJ member Sandee Brawarsky, *Jewish Week* book critic, on Wednesday, **November 12th**, 7:00 PM, Park East Synagogue, 164 East 68th Street. The event is free, but reservations are necessary. Call (212) 843-9239.

Infertility Support Network

BJ members meet regularly to exchange knowledge and support, and to explore IUI, IVF/GIFT, Adoption, Social, Medical, and Jewish issues. The next meeting will take place on **November 13th** with speaker Diane Becker, Director of the Mind-Body Infertility Program. Because there is a speaker, it will cost \$10 per person for this meeting only. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. For more information or to attend Diane's workshop, please call Patty at x240.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

There are many ways to conserve water. For example, turn off the tap while lathering your face to shave, combing/brushing your hair, or brushing your teeth.

This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pesukim of The Week

“When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature among all flesh, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.”

(Genesis 9:14 – 15)

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BJ Singles In-Home Catered* Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 21st (After the 6:45 P.M. Service)

What is a Shabbat In-home Dinner? An informal gathering of 12-18 people, in various Upper West Side BJ member homes, where you share a catered dairy Shabbat meal* with other Jewish singles. \$20 BJ members; \$25 non-members. (*Catered by Joseph's).

How Do I Volunteer To Be a Host? To be a host, call 787-7600, x306 prior to November 6th and leave your 1) name, 2) age, 3) exact address (including apt. # and cross streets), 4) the maximum # of guests you can accommodate. Note: To host, you must be a BJ member, Upper West Side resident, and able to accommodate at least 12 people. Someone from the committee will call you back.

What If I Just Want To Be a Guest? Send this entire page, with a check made payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th St., NY, NY 10024. Mark envelopes: November 21st Singles In-home Catered Dinner. Members will get priority, and we try to balance men/women, depending on sign-ups. Your host will call you the week of the dinner. Note: No sign-ups by phone.

NAME _____ HOME TEL. _____

AGE _____ WORK TEL. _____

ADDRESS _____ MEM/NON.MEM? _____

What's The Deadline? Application for in home dinner must be received at the BJ office by November 6th. **No deadline extensions will be made for this dinner and there will be no exceptions.** If we fill up and can't accommodate you, we'll call you the week of the dinner. However, neither the committee nor the BJ office can notify you if your application arrives after November 6th, or you don't supply both your work and home numbers.