



May 15 – May 21, 1998

Friday, May 15

BJ Retreat Kent, Connecticut
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street
Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner
 Following Services – 86th Street

Saturday, May 16

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Parashah: Emor, Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23 Pg. 912
Triennial: Leviticus 23:23 – 24:23 Pg. 929
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31 Pg. 1001
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

Naming of Daisy Calliope
 Barbanel

Study and Luncheon with Rabbi Diane Cohler-Esses
 Cancelled

Sunday, May 17

13th Annual AIDS Walk Prayer Service
 8:15 AM – Bethesda Fountain in Central Park
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
BJCOTS 6:30 PM – 86th Street

Monday, May 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Monday and Thursday nights.
Introduction to Judaism 6:30 PM – 88th

Street
Beit Midrash 6:30 PM – 88th Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Tuesday, May 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman 8:10 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street
 Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
Psychotherapy and Religion with Rabbi Bronstein
 6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Wednesday, May 20

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street
Call, Empathy, and Response: A Study of A.J. Heschel's *The Prophets* with Rabbi Matalon 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, May 21

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Hebrew School Graduation 5:00 PM – 88th Street
BJ LIFE 5:00 PM
Parashat HaShavuah 6:30 PM – BJ Office
Advanced Beginner Hebrew 6:30 PM – Heschel School

Next Week's Parashah: Behar-Beukotai
Torah: Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34 Pg. 946
Triennial: Leviticus 27:1 – 27:34 Pg. 967
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14 Pg. 1006

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

AIDS Walk

Rain or shine, Rabbis Roly Matalon, Marcelo Bronstein, Yael Ridberg and Rabbinic Intern Tami Crystal invite you to participate in the special AIDS Walk prayer service at the Bethesda Fountain this Sunday, **May 17th** at 8:15 AM SHARP; and then to walk with Roly, Yael and Tami in the AIDS Walk to benefit the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), a non-gender based social services program for persons with AIDS and/or their loved ones.

It's not too late for you to join with the united B'nai Jeshurun community and tens of thousands of fellow New Yorkers to participate in the 13th Annual AIDS Walk. If you haven't yet registered, we will register you at the B'nai Jeshurun sign-in table at the Gold Team Bandshell staging area at 9:00 AM SHARP; it's located just south of Bethesda Fountain and the 72nd Street Central Park transverse. Please see the attached flyer. Thank you.

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 mourns the death of our beloved member, William Ashkin and extends sincere condolences to his family.

Mazal Tov To:

- Michael Wise and Tanaquil Taubes on the birth of their son, Solomon Sandor Wise.
- Joshua Barbanel and Anemona Hartocollis, Daphnelina and Dove Barbanel on the naming of their daughter and sister, Daisy Calliope Barbanel.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

The students, teachers, and parents of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Jacksonville, Florida who have come to New York to celebrate Israel's 50th Anniversary by marching in this Sunday's Salute to Israel Parade.

Apartment Needed

An out-of-town couple (BJ members) who need to be available to family members at an important time are looking for an apartment on the Upper West Side for the month of July. If you know of a rental or anyone going away who might consider renting, please call Adena Greenberg at (212) 724-9197.

Memorial Plaques

We would like to offer members of the community the opportunity to memorialize their loved ones by making a contribution in their honor and having their names inscribed on the black granite memorial plaques on the east and west walls of our sanctuary. We are approximately halfway to filling the first section of these plaques and plan to have names inscribed by the High Holy Days. If you would like the name of your loved one to be put on this plaque, please call Helene Northway in the BJ office at (212) 787-7600, x250.

Hebrew School Food Collection for the Month of Iyyar

The final BJ Hebrew School collection is **baby food** for City Harvest. Their goal is to collect 200,000 pounds of baby food, and they need our help. Please help make this the most successful collection of the year! 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.

Lost and Found

If you find a lost item before, during, or after services, please take it to one of the ushers at the back of the sanctuary. If you have lost something at BJ, please call (212) 787-7600, ext 0 and speak to Lucy.

BJ Softball

If it ever stops raining, BJ softball will finally be getting underway. Assuming El Nino cooperates, the first of our summer-long, weekly "pick-up" games will take place this coming Monday, **May 18th** – and every dry Monday night thereafter – from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in Riverside Park. The field is located along the water near the 79th Street Boat Basin at approximately 75-78th Streets (enter either at 79th or 72nd Street and walk towards the Hudson River). We are an equal opportunity activity: if you can catch a ball and swing a bat, you can play (and we use the terms "catch" and "swing" loosely!) Questions or comments? Call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390.

The Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help

With the summer months approaching, the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs additional people to staff the Shelter. Volunteers are needed to prepare light snacks, set up the Shelter, and, most urgently, to sleep over. Please call x340 to volunteer.

Registration For the 1998-99 Adult Bar/Bat Torah Class

Beginning in September, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Shoshana Dworsky will lead a small group of BJ members (limit 12) in a nine-month course of study which will culminate in a Bar/Bat Torah celebration. The class is designed for men and women who both read Hebrew comfortably and have at least a basic knowledge of Judaism. Interested BJ members should call Shoshana (x337) by **June 1st**. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

Hebrew in the Summer

Beginning in June and throughout the summer, Michal Nachmany is planning to offer a number of Hebrew classes (modern and prayer book) in the morning and in the evening. Subject to interest, she may start an intensive program with twice-a-week or once-a-week two-hour meetings. Please call Michal at (212) 865-4050.

BJ Volleyball

It's fun; it's friendly! There is room for more players on the BJ volleyball team. All levels welcome. Every Tuesday from 7:30 – 10:00 PM at Ansche Chesed (251 W. 100th St., between Broadway & WEA). For more info, call Ulie Bardosh at (212) 665-1333.

Help SPSA Restore Its Building

Each month, the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew holds a bazaar, with profits going towards the restoration of their building. They are always in need of donations. If you have any bric-a-brac such as china, glasses, ashtrays, vases, etc., clothing, or any other items that can be sold, bring them to the church between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AIDS Walk

You can still pray and walk with the BJ AIDS Walk team (#1017) on Sunday morning, **May 17th** in the 13th Annual AIDS Walk by signing in and registering at the B'nai Jeshurun sign-in table in the Central Park Bandshell area, just south of the Bethesda Fountain and the 72nd Street transverse. If you are walking, please see the information listed below for important Event Day announcements. For more info, call Jack David Marcus at (212) 873-7567.

Attention BJ AIDS Walkers

Here is the May 17th Schedule:

- **8:15 AM Sharp!** – Meet at Bethesda Fountain in Central Park for a prayer service.
- **9:00 AM Sharp!** – Meet at the BJ Team table at the Bandshell. Breakfast snacks will be served.
- **9:25 AM Sharp!** – Team photo.
- **10:00 AM Sharp!** – The Walk.

Please make sure all sponsor forms and check are marked “BJ Team #1017.” Please see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun for more detailed information.

Salute to Israel Parade

This year’s Salute to Israel Parade celebrating Israel’s Jubilee Year will take place Sunday, **May 17th** at 12:00 Noon, rain or shine along 5th Avenue.

WEST

BJ’s Social Justice Initiative, in conjunction with Westsiders Together (WEST), will be hosting house meetings to provide BJ members an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the neighborhood and to learn more about WEST. We are seeking ways to work with our neighbors to address social problems through effective community action. Meetings will be held Wednesday evening, **May 20th**, and Friday evening **May 22nd** after the early service. For more information, call Carol Zwick at (212) 873-3689 or Andrea Schwartz at (212) 666-6134.

Continue the Celebration

Yom Ha’Atzmaut may have ended, but the celebration of Israel’s 50th continues. The Israel Committee and American Friends of Tel Aviv University invite you to the screening of “Out for Love . . . be Back Shortly.” This award-winning autobiographical documentary depicts the struggle of Israel’s new generation to find love and intimacy against a

Food Coordinator

Carol Gelles handles all food needs for BJ’s community events. So, if you are planning to sponsor a kiddush or are planning a BJ activity that will involve food (including meetings, concerts, etc.), please call Carol at x344.

Shavuot at BJ

Saturday, May 30th 9:00 PM First Evening – 88th Street –
Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
Sunday, May 31st 10:00 AM First Day – 88th Street
6:45 PM Second Evening – 88th Street
Monday, June 1st 9:30 AM Second Day (*Yizkor*) –
88th Street

Following the first evening services at 88th Street, we will continue with the traditional Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, a night of communal study. Please bring a dairy dessert. After services on Sunday, **May 31st**, we will join (weather permitting) for our annual Shavuot picnic in Riverside Park. Please bring your lunch; refreshments will be provided.

Shavout Services for children will take place at 10:45 AM in the Frankel Hall at 88th Street on both days of Shavuot, Sunday, **May 31st**, and Monday, **June 1st**. Toward the conclusion of services on the first day, all children will be invited to decorate the bima with *bikkurim* – baskets of fruits, flowers and greens – which they will bring from home and will later be donated to hungry and homeless persons. Please bring a basket, fruit and nuts and we will bring the flowers.

Gay Singles In-Home Shabbat Dinners

Celebrate Shabbat with other gay and lesbian Jewish singles in the homes of BJ members on the Upper West Side. The BJ Singles and Gay and Lesbian Committees are cosponsoring catered Shabbat dinners for gay singles in small, informal group settings following the 6:45 PM service on **June 5th**. The cost is \$20 for BJ members, \$25 for non-members. To sign up, or to volunteer to host a dinner in your home, see the flyer in the rear of the Sanctuary. The deadline for reservations is May 21st, and a completed reservation form must accompany all payments. Please mark on your check “6/5 In-Home GS Dinner.” For

more information, send email to june5th@bigfoot.com or

call Jon at x306.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day Weekend Getaway

Looking for something special to do Memorial Day weekend? Camp Ramah will once again be having a getaway in the Berkshires. Spend Shabbat and a weekend full of activities and entertainment away from the city, with a group of terrific people in their late 20s to 40s. Space is limited (last year sold out). For more information call (212) 678-8000 x8155 and see brochures on the table in the back.

Singles Shabbat Dinner

BJ Singles will hold their next catered Shabbat dinner on Friday, **June 5th** at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service. The cost is \$20 for BJ members; \$25 for non-members (priority given to members and is on a first come, first served basis as space is limited). Please send your check, marked "6/5 Singles Catered Dinner" to the BJ Office. Please include a day and evening phone number and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by noon on Friday, **May 22nd**. No exceptions can be made. You will be contacted only if we cannot accommodate you. For more information, call x306.

Tour of Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge - Sunday, June 7th

Believe it or not, this wild place is accessible by subway, and is within the borders of New York City, but it seems like someplace far, far away. A national parks ranger will

give us a two hour tour of the refuge. Bring your own lunch and water, and binoculars. To guard against ticks, please wear closed shoes, socks, and long pants. A donation to B'nai Jeshurun will be requested (\$10 members; \$15 non-members). For directions and reservations, please call Les Judd by Wednesday, June 3rd at (718) 805-4260. Please do not call on Shabbat and Shavuot. The group size is limited, so please call to make your reservation early.

Re-Visit your Roots

Imagine the sights, smells, and sounds of the Lower East Side as you listen to wonderful stories on a tour led by long-time BJ member, Sam Schatsky Sunday, **June 14th** at 10:30 AM. The walk will conclude with a lunch (not included in tour fee) at the famous Ratner's Delicatessen. The cost for the tour is \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Group size is limited. To register, please send your check, marked "6/14 Lower East Side Tour" to the BJ office. Please include a day and evening phone number and indicate your membership status. Checks must be received by noon on June 8th. You will be contacted the week of June 8th on exact location the group will meet, as well as if we cannot accommodate you. In case of rain, you will be notified of a re-scheduled date of tour. For more information, call x306.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

The BJCOTs will meet this Sunday, **May 17th** at 6:30 PM in the Parlor room. Bring \$10. The COTs will **not** meet Sunday, **May 24th**. On **May 29th** the BJCOTs will have their last Shabbat dinner of the year. The dinner will take place at 88th Street following the 6:00 PM service. The cost is \$10. Checks may be mailed to the BJ office or brought to the next meeting and should be marked "5/29 BJCOTs

Dinner." Call Felicia at x244 for more information.

BJ Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group will have a Shavuot picnic on Sunday, **May 31st** following services. Meet at 12:45 PM in the front of 88th Street. There will be a community wide picnic that day in Riverside Park, but the youth group will have a special spot. Call Daniel to RSVP and to sign up to bring food for the picnic.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Ed Brill and Bob Kanter are available during May to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Ed at (212) 969-3015 or Bob at (212) 924-7070.

with someone who can help orient you, our ushers would be happy to direct you to such a person.

Special Needs/Reserved Seating:

If you have special needs (such as physical, hearing, or visual disabilities) and are in need of reserved seating for Shabbat Services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please let us know. Call the BJ Office voice mailbox, x320.

Appointments with Rabbinic Interns and Fellows

BJ's Rabbinic interns are available for counseling, questions, or just to chat. Mark Sameth (x319), by appointment Wed. afternoons; Tami Crystal (x334) by appointment; Mon.-Thurs. afternoons and evenings; and Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Shoshana Dworsky (x337), Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM and 5:00 – 7:00 PM or by appointment. Please call.

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.

New to BJ?

If you are unfamiliar with our services and would like to sit

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

Good Samaritans Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at Kateri Residence and Nursing Home (150 Riverside Dr. at 87th St.). Many opportunities are available and any free time you can give will be appreciated. For more information, call (212) 769-0744, x117.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Needed

The Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services is seeking adult male and female volunteers to serve as “Big Brothers and Sisters” to 7-16 year old children from single parent families. For further information, please call (212) 632-4515.

Plant Propagation

Work with BJ member, David Goldstick to learn how to propagate new plants from mature perennials by dividing them. Sunday, **May 17th** at 1:00 PM. Meet at the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Garden on the Promenade at 83rd Street in Riverside Park.

Lines on Fire Against Hunger

There are 1000 emergency food programs in NYC today, up from only 30 in 1980. If you are concerned about growing hunger in the world’s richest society, join “Lines on Fire Against Hunger in NYC” on Wednesday, **May 20th**. This is a citywide “call-in” sponsored by Interfaith Voices Against Hunger. For more information, call (212) 227-8480.

Workshops on Early Childhood Education

Join Dr. Regis Bernhardt and BJ member Bobbye S.

Goldstein, Project Director, for workshops on “Using Newspapers in Early Childhood Education,” Wednesday, **May 27th** from 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM at The Graduate School of Education at Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street, Room 1106. The workshop is free but space is limited. Call (212) 873-1339 for registration information.

Interfaith Dialogue on Abuse Against Women

The New York Network of the American Jewish Committee presents “Giving Voice to the Unspeakable: A Muslim-Jewish Conversation about Abuse Against Women.” Two leaders of the Muslim and Jewish communities reflect on the cultural roots of violence against women and share strategies on how to address it. Featuring Dr. Riffat Hassan and Henna White. Thursday, **May 28th**, 8:00 – 10:00 AM at the American Jewish Committee, 8th Floor, 165 E. 56th (Corner of 3rd Ave.) Breakfast, \$5 per person.

BJ Eastsiders Musicale

The BJ Eastsiders are having another Musicale on Sunday, **June 14th**, 7:30 – 10:30 PM. There will be performances of Jazz, Broadway Showtunes, Pop, and Folk by professional musicians who are also members of the Chavurah. Plus, there will be the request sing-a-long that was so popular at the last musicale. Homemade desserts, coffee, and soft drinks will be served. Cost is \$15. To reserve a place, please call Charlotte Schwab at (212) 717-5234 any evening but Shabbat, between 7:00 and 9:00 PM only.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, steel and aluminum cans, aluminum foil and trays, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, and corrugated cardboard (flattened boxes) are recycled by the New York City Sanitation Department from residential addresses. In addition, white paper in office buildings is required to be recycled by private carters.

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

Pasuk of the Week

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I Adonai am your God.”

(Leviticus 23:22)

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