

**May 22 – May 28, 1998****Friday, May 22****Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88th

Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th

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Saturday, May 23**Shabbat Services** 9:30 AM – 86th

Street

Parashah: Behar-Beukotai, Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34 Pg. 946**Triennial:** Leviticus 27:1 – 27:34 Pg. 967**Haftarah:** Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14 Pg. 1006**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** Suzanne

Polivy

Celebration of the Ordination of Malka Drucker

and

Mark Sameth

Speaker: Ron

Kronish

Director, Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel

Kiddush Following Services – 88th

Street

Sunday, May 24**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th

Street

Monday, May 25**Memorial Day****Office Closed****Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th

Street

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th

Street

Monday and Thursday nights.

Tuesday, May 26**Rosh Hodesh Sivan****Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th

Street

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Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Psychotherapy and Religion with Rabbi Bronstein

6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Wednesday, May 27

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 28

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

Next Week's Parashah: Bemidbar
Torah: Numbers 1:1 – 4:20 Pg. 1028

Triennial: Numbers 3:14 – 4:20 Pg. 1039
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22 Pg. 1252

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

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Do you want to welcome and assist new members to feel more a part of our vibrant community? Would you like to help non-members understand what it means to commit to membership in your spiritual home? Would you like to give input on important issues facing our membership? We are looking for people who would like to join the membership committee as part of their commitment to *tikkun olam*. If you are interested, please call our voicemail box at x316.

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 Marcy Pace-Wimbish and Jonathan Wimbish on the death of Marcy's beloved father, Neil Pace.

Mazal Tov To:

- Howard, Ellen, David, and Suzanne Polivy on the celebration of Suzanne's Bat Mitzvah.
- Malka Drucker and Gay Block on Malka's ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion.
- Shoshana Dworsky on her ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Andrea Lieber on her graduation from Columbia University with a Ph.D. in Religion and her new position as Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
- The Sameth and Havazelet families on Mark Sameth's ordination from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

Todah Rabbah To:

The Sameth and Havazelet families for sponsoring the kiddush in honor of Mark's ordination.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

The 8th Grade Class of Temple Israel in Long Beach, California.

Torah and Haftarah Reading

If you would like to read Torah or Haftarah during Shabbat Services or morning minyanim, please call Cantor Ari Priven at x232.

Community Supported Agriculture

Support organic farming in New York State. The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew has a CSA, (Community Supported Agriculture) project with about 20 available shares. Members pay \$350 per share for fresh, organically grown produce every week from June until November. This is a great way to get your recommended amount of fresh fruit and vegetables in a healthy and environmentally sustainable manner. For more information, call Sara Millstein of Just Food at (212) 539-3826.

Apartment Needed

An out-of-town couple (BJ members) that needs to be available to family members at an important time is 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.

BJ Softball is Here

Our summer-long, weekly "pick-up" games are currently running every Monday night – including Memorial Day – from 6:45 – 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 Anshe 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shavuot at BJ

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

Following the first evening services at 88th Street, we will continue with the traditional Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, a night of communal study with **Professor Ari Elon** and **Rabbi Arthur Green**. 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.

Shavuot 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.

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 backdrop of violence and alienation. The film will be presented on Thursday, **May 28th** at 7:30 PM at the Florence Gould Hall (in the French Institute), 55 E. 59th St. A discussion featuring the director will immediately follow the film. Admission at the box office is \$5. For reservations, please call Alexandra Talbot at (212) 687-5651. Flyers are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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 has been extended to **May 25th**. A completed reservation form must accompany all payments. Please mark on your check "6/5 In-Home GS Dinner." Hosts are still needed! For more information, send email to june5th@bigfoot.com or call Jon at x306.

Gay and Lesbian Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, **June 9th**, the Gay and Lesbian Committee is co-sponsoring with Jews for Racial and Economic Justice a screening of the film *Treyf* at the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The screening is at the New School at 8:00 PM, but we'll be meeting for dinner at 6:00 PM at a restaurant to be determined. The screening will sell out so call early to reserve your space. Tickets are \$8.50. And save the date for the 3rd Annual Stonewall Shabbat Seder – our community-wide ritual celebration of Queer Jewish Pride – on **June 26th**. Reservations are required. For more info, please call x325.

Renee Kaufman Memorial Lecture

You are invited to attend the annual Renee Kaufman Memorial Lecture featuring Arthur Kurzweil who will speak on "From Generation to Generation: How and Why to Trace Your Roots," Wednesday, **June 10th** at 7:00 PM at 88th Street. Mr. Kurzweil's name has become synonymous

with Jewish genealogy and the pursuit of family history by an ever-growing number of Jews throughout the world. His lively, humorous, moving presentations have made him one of the most popular speakers for audiences of all ages. Admission is free. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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 **not** meet this 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.

New to BJ?

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

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.

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.

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.

Beit Midrash in Jerusalem

Beit Midrash/A Liberal Yeshivah is a new yeshivah dedicated to the progressive and egalitarian study of Jewish text and tradition. The program is situated in the heart of Jerusalem and is now accepting applications for the coming year. Both year-long and single semester study options are available for college graduates. Participants can also choose between full and part time study. For a brochure or for further information, please contact BJ member Lev Robert Herrnson at 212-824-2294 or beitmidrash@huc.edu.

An Appeal for Vintage Dolls

The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale seeks antique and vintage dolls – late 19th through the 1920's – to be beautifully displayed for residents, families, and visitors. Dolls and vintage toys and decorative objects create and ambiance of nurturing and help elicit memories. If you can help us in our search, please contact the Curator of the Home at (718) 549-8700, x330.

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.

Wrestling with Despair

On Sunday, **June 14th**, from 5:00 – 8:30 PM there will be a program: "Wrestling with Despair: Textual and Clinical Perspectives on Emotional Suffering" at the Drisha Institute. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$18 students, \$75 sponsor. For more information, call (212) 595-0307.

BJ Eastsiders Musicales

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.

Sephardic Voices

Celebrate new Jewish writing in the Sephardic/Mizrahi renaissance at a literary evening of prose and poetry, Monday, **June 15th** at 7:30 PM at Symphony Space. Tickets are \$15, \$12 members. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

BJ CHS Field Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage

The BJ Children of Holocaust Survivors (CHS) group is organizing a trip to the New York Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park, and all are welcome to join us. CHS has reservations for 2:00 PM on Sunday, **July 12th** and admission is \$5.00. In addition, for those who want to start the day early, we are having a picnic brunch at 12:00 Noon before we head to the museum. The museum needs to know by June 12th how many people are coming, so call Mark Schleisner soon at (212) 579-7391 to reserve a space and for more information.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Cut up the plastic rings from your 6-pack drinks to prevent birds and other creatures from getting strangled by them.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pasuk of the Week

"That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, neither shall you reap the aftergrowth or harvest the untrimmed vines, for it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you: you may only eat the growth direct from the field."

(Leviticus 25:11 – 12)

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The Community of B'nai Jeshurun invites you to attend the annual

Renee Kaufman Memorial Lecture

Featuring

ARTHUR KURZWEIL

*“From Generation to Generation:
How and Why to Trace Your Roots”*

**Wednesday, June 10, 1998
7:00 PM**

Arthur Kurzweil's name has become synonymous with Jewish genealogy and the pursuit of family history by an ever-growing number of Jews throughout the world. Editor, writer, teacher, lecturer, Mr. Kurzweil is the author of *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History* (newly revised in paperback), *Family History*, a textbook, *My Generations*, and *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy*. Recipient of the distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Melton Center for Jewish Studies, Mr. Kurzweil is Vice-President of Jason Aronson, Inc. and Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Book Club. His lively, humorous, moving presentations have made him one of the most popular speakers for audiences of all ages.

Admission Free. Registration is required by calling (212) 787-7600, x345.

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