
C O N G R E G A T I O N B ' N A I J E S H U R U N

RABBIS: Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) J. Rolando Matalon Marcelo R. Bronstein Cantor & Music Director: Ari Priven

June 5 – June 11, 1998

Friday, June 5
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th
Street

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Singles Shabbat Dinner Following Services – 88th
Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th
Street

Saturday, June 6
Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th
Street

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Parashah: Naso, Numbers 4:21 – 7:89 Pg. 1043
Triennial: Numbers 7:1 – 7:89 Pg. 1070
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25 Pg. 1256

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

Bar Mitzvah Nathaniel Ripp

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Bruce Ellman
and
Rabbi Michelle Missaghieh

Gay and Lesbian Havdalah Study Group
6:00 PM – 430 West 119th St. (at Amsterdam Ave.), #47

Sunday, June 7
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th
Street

BJ/St. Luke's Brunch 11:00 AM – 86th
Street

Monday, June 8
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
Street

BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th
Street

Monday and Thursday nights.

Committee Chairs Meeting
6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th

Street

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Tuesday, June 9
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th
 Street
 Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
BJCOTs Final Picnic 7:30 PM – 86th
 Street

Wednesday, June 10
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th
 Street
Renee Kaufman Memorial Lecture with Arthur Kurzweil 7:00 PM – 88th
 Street

Thursday, June 11
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th
 Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th
 Street

<p>Next Week's Parashah: Beha'alotkha Torah: Numbers 8:1 – 12:16 Pg. 1075 Triennial: Numbers 10:35 – 12:16 Pg. 1091 Haftarah: Zekhariah 2:14 – 4:7 Pg. 1259</p>
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SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN
Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Sun & Nat'l Holidays - 9:30 AM – 88th Street

<p><u>Volunteer Opportunity of the Week</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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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:

- Scott Allen and Pamela Cohn Allen, Jared, Brett, and Grant Allen on the death of Scott's beloved mother, Sylvia Allen in Atlanta, Georgia.
- David Goldberg on the death of his beloved mother, Rebecca Goldberg.

Mazal Tov To:

- Allan Ripp and Sarah Sprung, Nathaniel and Emily Ripp on Nathaniel's Bar Mitzvah.
- Louis Geser and Ilene Rosenthal, and Amelia Geser on the birth of their daughter and sister, Cara Bess Geser.
- Norman and Sheila Bleckner on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabel Kyle Bleckner.
- Letty and Bertrand Pogrebin on the marriage of their son David Pogrebin to Alina Arenal.
- Bruce Ellman and Rabbi Michelle Missaghieh on their upcoming wedding.
- Amotz Barnoy and Minna Elias on their recent engagement.

Brukhim HaBa'im:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun welcomes members of the Cantorial Assembly who are in New York to participate in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Assembly.

Refuah Shlemah

Ronnie Miller is in the hospital in Colorado. Please do not call, but cards and letters are greatly appreciated. The address is: University Hospital, 4200 East 9th Ave., 4 West BMT, Room 4108, Denver, Colorado 80262.

BJ Hebrew Study-Buddies

If you a) have Hebrew skills, or b) would like to acquire or work on skills and c) would like to work one-on-one with a fellow BJ member, call Rabbi Shosh Dworsky at x337 so you can be matched up!

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.

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.

Kitchen Renovation

This summer, the kitchen in our 88th Street synagogue will be completely renovated. Because of the construction, there will be no Judith Bernstein Lunch Program, or Shelter during the summer. The last day of the Lunch Program is **June 18th**, and starting the week of **June 22nd** the Shelter will move to 86th Street. Both programs will resume at 88th Street in the fall.

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.

Apartment Needed!

Our Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Shoshana Dworsky will be joining the staff full time this summer and is looking for a one-bedroom or studio apartment within walking distance of BJ to rent or sublet for a minimum of one year. If you can help, please call x337.

Hebrew in the Summer

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.

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

BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **June 7th** at 11:15 AM at the hospital. If you are interested in volunteering for the brunch, please call our coordinator Merrill Feinstein-Feit at (212) 744-2349.

Treyf at the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

Members and friends of the Gay and Lesbian Committee will be meeting for dinner at Tashi Awen, a vegetarian Chinese restaurant located at 210 West 14th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, **June 9th**. We will not be eating *treyf*. However, after dinner, we will head over to the New School for a screening of *Treyf* at 8:00 PM – a movie about two Jewish lesbians who meet at a Pesah seder. If you haven't called to reserve tickets through the committee, you can still buy your tickets at the Festival box office at the Public Theater. And you can meet us for dinner at the restaurant too! Just call to let us know you're coming at 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.

Environment Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the BJ Environment Committee will be Thursday, **June 11th** at 7:00 PM at 923 5th Avenue, #5F (at 73rd Street). For more information, call x 313.

Interfaith Shabbat Lunch Sign-up

On Saturday, **June 13th**, BJ will welcome to our Shabbat service a group of Lutheran students from Germany who are training for the ministry. After services, we will host a potluck luncheon in the meeting room of the Montana Building (Broadway and 88th Street) where together we will explore the themes of Shabbat in discussion and in song. There are 12 places available for BJ members. To participate, you must sign-up in advance by calling Pat Williams in the BJ Rabbinic office at x234 no later than June 11th, and you will need to bring a vegetarian dish to share. Sponsored by BJ's Interfaith Committee.

Reminder: BJ's Annual Meeting!

Please plan on attending B'nai Jeshurun's Annual Meeting, **June 17th**, 7:30 – 9:30 PM at 88th Street.

Tree Dedication Ceremony

The Environment Committee has planted two trees in Riverside Park in memory of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer. Join Rabbis Rolando Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein and the Environment Committee on Thursday, **June 18th** at 6:00 PM as we formally dedicate the trees to our beloved Rabbi Meyer. The ceremony will take place in Riverside Park, near 89th Street, immediately north of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

The Stonewall Shabbat Seder

There's a new holiday on the Jewish calendar at B'nai Jeshurun and the entire community is invited to come to the 3rd Annual Stonewall Shabbat Seder – a ritual dinner celebrating and exploring what it means to be Jewish and Queer (however you define the concept of queer). But no matter how you define yourself, or even if you refuse to define yourself, you'll discover holy sparks in unexpected places within at the seder. Friday, **June 26th** at 8:15 PM at 88th Street following services at 86th Street. Reserve your space now by filling out the form in the back of the Kol Jeshurun. For more info, please call x325.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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. During

the week of June 8th we will let you know the exact location the group will meet, and whether we can accommodate you. In case of rain, you will be notified of a re-scheduled date of tour. For more information, call x306.

The Steps Move Indoors Again

Once again we invite you to an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Singles Committee, on Friday, **June 26th** following the 6:45 PM service. Join us in the Social Hall for food and schmoozing.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJCOTS

The final BJCOTs event of the year will be a picnic on Tuesday, **June 9th** at 6:00 PM. Meet at SPSA and then we'll walk to the park. Call Felicia at x244 to decide what to bring for the picnic.

Minyan HaK'tanim Picnic

The first annual picnic of the Minyan HaK'tanim will take place on Sunday, **June 14th**. Meet in front of 86th Street at 12:00 PM and bring lunch for you family. Shira, Rebecca, and Rachel will supply the drinks. It will be a great end to the year and a wonderful send-off to Shira as she goes off the college. Call with questions and to RSVP (yes only) by June 10th to Rebecca or Rachel Rosenthal at (212) 362-3960. If it rains, the picnic will be cancelled.

BJ Junior Youth Group Final Event of the Year

On Sunday, **June 14th**, the Junior Youth Group will hold its last event of the year. All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to participate. The event will welcome in the new 5th graders of next year and bid farewell to the 6th graders. Everyone will go rollerblading at Wollman Rink in Central Park and have a special scavenger hunt in the park. They will meet at 3:00 PM at 86th Street and return there at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$16.50. Call Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 to RSVP.

Family Shabbatot for the Summer

There will be no Family Shabbatot in the months of June, July, and August.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

David Hirsch is available during June to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach him at (212) 787-7600, x309.

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

Salute to Israel in Central Park

Come to the Central Park East Meadow (5th Ave. at 97th St.) on Sunday, **June 7th**, 1:30 – 5:30 PM for an outdoor concert celebrating Israel's and the Cantor's Assembly's 50th Anniversary – sponsored by the Cantor's Assembly and the Consulate General of Israel in New York. Featuring famous Israeli artists, a choir of 1,800 children and members of the Assembly. Free admission. For more info, see the cards on the back table. There will also be concerts on **June 8th** and **9th**. For more info, visit www.netgenerations.com/cantors.

Jewish Unity – An Evening of Text Study

There are so many issues that divide Jews from each other. Spend two hours bringing us together. Current fellows and alumni of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship (including many BJ members) invite you to an evening of study and bridge-building with Jews from all denominations. Let us learn from each other. Let us learn together. Sunday, **June 7th**, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at 130 East 59th Street. Free Admission. ASL Interpreted. For more info, call (212) 824-2296 or go to www.jewishunity.com.

BJ CHS Group Schedule for June

BJ's Children of Holocaust Survivors now has three permanent groups. The first two groups will meet on Thursday, **June 11th** and Tuesday, **June 23rd**, respectively. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for more information. The third group, which meets on Mondays, is limited to 12 people who can attend on a regular basis. Call Tina Berger at (718) 768-8455 for dates and other information. Meetings of all three groups begin at 7:00 PM. Bring a beverage! CHS is also compiling a mailing list and email list for its new monthly newsletter. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 if you want to be included.

Chuppah

"Chuppah," a new play by Lance Crowfoot-Suede about gay marriage and the tensions between Judaism and homosexuality, runs **June 12th – 27th** at the Intar Theatre, 420 W. 42nd St. Monday, Wednesday – Saturday at 8:00 PM; Sunday at 3:00 and 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$12. Call (212) 229-8276.

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.

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 and tickets, call (212) 864-5400.

Black/Jewish Relations: A Cinematic Perspective

The JCC on the Upper West Side and *Common Quest: The Magazine of Black/Jewish Relations* present the film *Nothing But a Man* directed by Michael Roemer, considered a groundbreaking classic in its depiction of African-American life. Introduction and discussion led by Prof. Jonathan Rieder of Columbia University, with special guest Abbey Lincoln. Wednesday, **June 17th**, 7:30 – 9:30 PM at the JCC, 15 W. 65th St. \$5/\$7 JCC members/nonmembers. For more info, call (212) 580-0099.

Interfaith Patient-Care Conference

Saint Vincent’s Hospital of New York is hosting an interfaith patient-care conference entitled “Religion, Spirituality, and Medicine.” Speakers will include Edwin Cassem, S.J., M.D., Chief of Psychiatry, Massachusetts

General Hospital; Professor Harvey Cox, Harvard Divinity School; Imam Yusuf Hassan, Healthcare Chaplaincy Inc.; and Rabbi Simkhah Weintraub, Rabbinic Director, New York Jewish Healing Center. The conference will take place Friday **June 26th**, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Saint Vincent’s Hospital, 170 West 12th St. and is free of charge. For more info, please contact Dr. Alan Astrow, (212) 604-6015.

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.

Midrash Training

BJ member and storyteller Peninnah Schram has joined the faculty of the Institute for Contemporary Midrash Summer Training Intensives. The weeklong seminar will take place on July 6th – 12th at Elat Chayyim Retreat Center. Peninnah will be teaching “Midrashic Storytelling for Classroom or Stage.” For an application brochure and information, contact: The Institute for Contemporary Midrash, 7318 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19119-1793 or call (212) 247-8655.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Don’t throw away you kitchen scraps! Bring them to the West 84th Street Garden on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue, where they will be made into compost. The garden is open to receive Kitchen scraps 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Monday – Friday, and 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday. For more info, call Terri Gumula at (212) 769-3426.

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

Pesukim of the Week

“Adonai spoke to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons: Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them:

Adonai bless you and protect you!

Adonai deal kindly and graciously with you!

Adonai bestow favor upon you and grant you peace!”

(Numbers 6:22 – 26)

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