



June 19 – June 25, 1998

Friday, June 19

BJ Retreat Falls Village, CT
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Saturday, June 20

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Parashah: Shlah-Lekha, Numbers 13:1 – 15:41 Pg. 1107
Triennial: Numbers 15:8 – 15:41 Pg. 1119
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 – 24 Pg. 1262
Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Children's Service (all ages) 10:45 AM – Frankel Hall

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Robert Goldaber and
 Marcy Hirschfeld

Speaker: Sara Klein
 Camp Homeward Bound

Sunday, June 21

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Monday, June 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Monday and Thursday nights.
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Tuesday, June 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street
 Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
Arts and Culture Meeting
 6:30 PM – Montana Apartment Building

Wednesday, June 24

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, June 25

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Korah

Torah: Numbers 16:1 – 18:32 Pg. 1127

Triennial: Numbers 17:25 – 18:32 Pg. 1136

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22 Pg. 1265

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

BJ Project to Help Homeless Children

Like last year, Camp Homeward Bound, a sleep-away camp serving 450 homeless children, is in great need of both personal care items and clinic supplies. On the Shabbat mornings of **June 20th**, **27th**, and **July 4th**, BJ members are asked to support the camp's work by bringing to services the following items: Those with last names beginning with the letters A-H – new underwear and/or socks for boys and girls ages 5-14; I-O – Band-Aids, Ace bandages, sterile gauze, medical tape; P-Z – bug spray (urgently needed), tooth brushes, soap (bar and liquid), suntan lotion, hair brushes/comb (hair picks for Black hair). In addition, donations for new and almost new towels and pillowcases would be most welcome. For more info, call Meryll Klein at (212) 861-8634.

Summer Shabbat Service Schedule

Beginning this Friday, **June 19th** there will be **only one** Kabbalat Shabbat Service. It will take place at 6:45 PM at 86th Street. Beginning Saturday, **June 20th** Shabbat Morning Services will be held at 9:30 AM at 88th Street. This schedule will continue throughout the summer, until **September 11th**.

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 sincere condolences to Mark Schleisner and Susan Hurwitz on the death of their beloved aunt, Karla Schleisner.

Mazal Tov To:

- Robert Goldaber and Marcy Hirschfeld on their upcoming wedding.
- Marc Landis and Judy Enteles on their upcoming wedding.
- Richard Weinshank and Karel Littman-Weinshank, Beth L. and Charles L. Weinshank on Richard's MBA from Columbia Business School.
- Richard, Lisa, Rachel, Andrew, and Robert Sobelsohn on Richard's graduation from Brooklyn Law School.

Last Kiddush of Year

Due to the summer renovation of the kitchen, the last kiddush of this year will take place on **June 27th** at the Heschel School. Please come and celebrate with us.

BJ Softball

Our summer-long, weekly "pick-up" games are currently running every Monday night 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.

Office Volunteer Needed

This summer, a volunteer is needed to work in the BJ office answering phones about programs and volunteering for a few hours a week. If you are interested, please call Patty at x240.

Meeting Space Needed

BJ's many programs and activities often require more space than we have. If you live in a building on the Upper West Side that has a meeting or community room (or know of someone who does) that could be made available to BJ on a regular or semi-regular basis, please call Ben at x241.

Shiva Information

If you would like to know when and where shivas for BJ members and their families are being held, please call the Hevra Kaddisha voicemail box at x333.

BJ on the Web

Want to get information about BJ by E-mail? If you are a member you can sign up to be on our email list by visiting our web site. Non-members can also find out valuable information about BJ by visiting at WWW.BJ.ORG.

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!

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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 at the seder on 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.

Lesbian and Gay Pride March

Members and friends of the Gay and Lesbian Committee will be marching in this year's Gay Pride March, June 28th. We will be lining up with the Religious/Spiritual groups starting at 11:00 AM on Fifth Avenue between 55th and 56th Streets. For more information, call x325.

Homeless Shelter Volunteers Meeting

A general meeting of all current and prospective volunteers at the BJ Homeless Shelter will take place on Monday, **June**

29th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at 86th Street. Please RSVP to x340 with your name and telephone number to let us know you are coming.

Adult Education in the Summer

This summer, BJ will be holding three Adult Education classes. For more information, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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.

Picnic in the Park

The BJ Singles Committee proudly sponsors its annual Summer Shabbat Picnic immediately following services on Saturday, **July 11th**. Meet in front of 88th Street and bring your favorite vegetarian food and drink as we share the joys of Shabbat together in Riverside Park. Challah, wine, and song sheets provided. Any questions, call x306.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Summer Shabbat Schedule for Children

Beginning on **June 19th**, there will only be one Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday nights. It will take place at 6:45 PM at 86th Street. Children will be invited up for Kiddush during this service. Beginning on **June 20th**, Shabbat morning services will take place in the 88th Street sanctuary. All children will combine into one minyan for the summer. The minyan will begin at 10:45 AM and will take place in Frankel Hall. The regular schedule of Shabbat services will resume the weekend of **September 11th**.

BJCOTs

BJCOTs, the Council of Teens, is on hiatus for the summer. However, we are looking forward to another exciting year beginning in September. If you have any questions about this group of 8th -12th graders, please call x244.

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

Kiev, Budapest, Prague Young Leadership Mission

Visit the Ukrainian headquarters of the Jewish Agency to see the massive resettlement of Jewry from the Soviet Union. Witness the mass grave of Babi Yar in Kiev. Explore Europe's oldest (c. 1270) extant synagogue, the Altneuschul, in Prague. Remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust by visiting the Theresienstadt

concentration camp. Cost is \$2995 plus a suggested pledge. For more info, contact David Frankel, (212) 836-1519 or frankeld@ujafedny.org at the UJA.

Quality of Life Study

For a study of quality of life and decision-making associated with cancer and with testing for breast cancer genes, we would like to interview Ashkenazi Jewish women (as well as others) ages 20 – 50. We will pay \$10 per completed interview (30 minutes) at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. If you would like to participate, please call Dr. Judith Jacobson at (212) 305-7629.

Jewish Bereavement Support Groups

The JCC on the Upper West Side is sponsoring support groups for people who have experienced loss within the last few years. These seven session groups beginning in the summer are facilitated by Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, CSW, Rabbinic Director of the New York Jewish Healing Center. For more information, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099, x205.

Divorce Support Groups

The JCC on the Upper West Side is sponsoring support groups for the recently divorced or separated. Facilitated by Judy Levitan, MSW, family therapist, senior supervisor of the JBFCBS Borough Park office and Gloria Demby, a psychotherapist in private practice. These seven session groups begin this summer. For more information, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099, x205.

Sing Out 2

Monday, **June 22nd** at 7:30 PM, West-Park Church hosts “Sing-Out 2”, an evening of cabaret, gospel, and opera. Performers include Vivica Genaux, Gwen Jones, and Jeanne-Michele Charbonnet as well as veteran performers Walter Kerr, Ben Matthews and Judd Jones. All are coming together in a benefit for opera singer and friend James Butler, who is recovering from a stroke, and the West-Park Arts Program. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students and seniors).

BJ CHS Group Schedule for June

BJ’s Children of Holocaust Survivors now has three permanent groups. The first two groups will meet on Tuesday, **June 23rd**. **The location of this meeting has changed! Please call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for the new meeting place address.** 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.

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 Simkha 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.

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.

BJ CHS Field Trip to the 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 City, and all are welcome to join us. CHS has reservations for 2:00 PM on Sunday, **July 12th** (the earliest date we could get!) and admission is \$5. In addition, for those who want to start the day early, we are having a picnic potluck brunch at noon before we head to the museum. We can take a few people, but we must know by **June 25th** how many are coming, so call Mark Schleisner soon at (212) 579-7391 to reserve a place and get more info.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

You can make your own non-toxic, biodegradable cleansers and other household products.

Many health-food stores sell safe, non-toxic cleansers and pest control products.

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

Pasuk of the Week

“There shall be one law for you and for the resident stranger; it shall be a law for all time throughout the ages.

You and the stranger shall be alike before Adonai;

the same ritual and the same rule shall apply to you and to the stranger who resides among you.”

(Numbers 15:15 – 16)

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President William Clinton
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

DATE:

RE: **U.S. POLICY IN KOSOVO and BOSNIA**

Dear President Clinton:

Thank you for your past work on behalf of Bosnia. But Bosnia is happening still. The Milosevic regime continues to murder and oppress Albanian civilians in Kosovo. I urge you to support a more forceful policy in Kosovo in order to prevent more brutality and killing. The lessons of Bosnia MUST be used here – early intervention and credible threats of force are absolutely necessary to prevent the outbreak of a larger war.

I also support the apprehension of indictees and urge continuing financial and military support for the war crimes tribunal. Also, we must take steps to promote and guarantee the safe return of refugees in all parts of Bosnia. In a broader context, continued pressure on the Croatian government to control extremist forces is desperately needed.

I hope you will provide greater support for human rights in Bosnia and that you will stop the genocide in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

NAME:

ADDRESS:

cc: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
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Washington, DC 20520