



August 28 – September 4, 1998

Friday, August 28

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Saturday, August 29

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Parashah: Shoftim, Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9 Pg. 1456
Triennial: Deuteronomy 19:14 – 21:9 Pg. 1468
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12 Pg. 1607

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

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Mordecai Schwartz and Esther Reed

Gay and Lesbian Committee Potluck Picnic

Following Services – Riverside Park

Sunday, August 30

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street

Wednesday, September 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street

Thursday, September 3

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Ki Tetze

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 Pg. 1483

Triennial: Deuteronomy 24:14 – 25:19 Pg. 1499

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10 Pg. 1612

SCHEDULE FOR MORNING MINYAN

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

Volunteer Opportunities of the Week

Join us in Ushering in the New Year

With our community's continued growth, your time, energy and warmth are needed more than ever to welcome and seat those attending our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Ushers will be needed at both 86th and 96th Streets, as well as at children's services. A letter providing more detail, and accompanied by a form in which you can indicate your availability, has been mailed to all BJ members. (You must be a member to usher.) Extra copies of the form are available on the back table. Please start thinking now about making a small commitment that will enhance everyone's celebration and worship. If you have any questions, call our voicemail box, x305.

The Ushers' Training Institute

Orientation sessions for the High Holy Day ushers, featuring overly-detailed instructions, will be held on **September 8th** at FCCS (96th Street and Central Park West) and on **September 15th** at SPSA from 6:30 – 8:00PM. Please try to attend the session held at the location you will be worshipping.

The High Holy Days Are Just Around The Corner

Please be aware that if you are considering joining BJ for the first time before the High Holy Days, **September 4th** is the last day for signing up before the Yamim Nora'im. Please take a membership packet from the back of the sanctuary and return it to the office prior to that date. If you are currently a member, your renewal must be in the office prior to **September 4th** in order for us to mail your seat cards to you. Call our membership coordinator, Ilene Sameth at (212) 787-7600, x224 if you have any questions.

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:

- Edward, Benjamin, Martin, and Joseph Brill, and Ruth Bernstein on the death of Edward's beloved father, and Ruth's beloved brother, Seymour Brill.
- Toni Siegel and Peter Sturtevant, and Gillian Sturtevant on the death of Toni's beloved father, Harold Siegel.

Mazal Tov To:

- Mordecai Schwartz and Esther Reed and their families on their upcoming wedding.
- Harvey Litkis and Ruth Shragowitz and their families on their upcoming wedding.

Yamim Nora'im Se'udah Match

If you do not have a place to go for meals during the High Holy Days, or if you have extra room at your table, please participate in this year's Se'udah (Meal) Match. See the flyer in the back of this Kol Jeshurun for more information and a registration form.

Special Needs Reserved Seating for the High Holy Days

Seats will be available for those with special needs and their immediate family. Please call the Special Needs voicemail box x320 if you require reserved seating.

Have a Sweet New Year – Pick Your Own Apples!

The Gay and Lesbian Committee invites all BJ members to a pre Rosh Hashanah apple picking party. Of course, for this to actually happen we need more folks with cars to volunteer to drive BJ members to the orchard. So if you have a car and want to help out and have fun, please reply to zzaks33@gateway.net or call x325.

Donation Needed

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is in need of sturdy steel shelving for storage. If you can help out, please call x340.

Volunteers Needed

The Adult Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help collect registration information at classes and return phone calls. Call x300 if you can help.

Bikkur Holim Committee

Do you know us? We'd like to get to know you and those you care about. We are a committee of caring members who

are committed to: 1) Visiting the ill (at home and in the hospital); 2) Providing friendly, supportive visits and phone calls; 3) Accompanying to doctor's appointments; 4) Shopping; 5) Integrating individuals with special needs into our community; 6) Assisting members to Shabbat services and community events. Help us to help each other. Be aware of those around you. Call x308.

Apartment Needed

BJ family desperately needs a moderately-priced two bedroom apartment, preferably in Manhattan. Please call x233 if you can help.

BJ Singles Coordinator

The search for a part time professional coordinator who will work with the BJ singles community is currently underway. Candidates are now being interviewed by the staff and volunteers. An ad for the position is currently running in the classified section of the *Jewish Week*.

Voter Registration

In order to be able to vote in this fall's elections, you must register as soon as possible. If you are not yet registered to vote, please pick up a registration card at the back of the sanctuary, fill it out and return it to the proper address. And don't forget to vote!

BJ Prayer Book Drive

Todah Rabbah to the community members who made donations to the prayerbook fund for the purchase of siddurim. Because of their generosity, we now have a sufficient number of siddurim. However, we still have chumashim without bookplates and need to purchase big print siddurim and machzorim. Donating a book in honor of a person or happy occasion, or in memory of a loved one, is a lovely commemoration and a way to help your community at the same time. We will place a bookplate in each book you donate as well as send an acknowledgement card as requested. Chumashim are \$50 each, big print mahzorim and siddurim are \$50 each. Checks should be made payable to B'nai Jeshurun and sent to the BJ office. Thank you for your help.

BJ on the Web

Want to get information about BJ by email? 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 WWW.BJ.ORG.

BJ Hebrew Hevruta Program

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 x235 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. Call Michal at (212) 865-4050.

Gay and Lesbian Picnic

Saturday, **August 29th**, the Lesbian and Gay Committee sponsors a potluck picnic following Shabbat services, in Riverside Park. Please bring a picnic basket with food (diary) and drink to share, and something to spread on the ground to sit on! We'll meet outside of 88th Street after services. In the event of rain, we have an indoor alternative.

BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch

The next BJ/St. Luke's Hospital Brunch will take place Sunday, **September 6th** 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.

Havdalah Study Group Leaders, Past and Present

On Tuesday, **September 8th**, there will be a meeting of people who are leading Havdalah study groups – or who have done so in the past. The rabbinical staff and the Havdalah committee are interested in hearing about your experiences with your groups, to better prepare for expanding the group study program in the coming year. Leaders who can attend should contact Malka Sawyer at (212) 595-2870 or email cmalka23@aol.com. After Sukkot, there will be a congregation-wide event to inaugurate a new year of study groups, with a place for all who wish to participate. Watch for the date!

Hebrew Hevruta (alias Study Buddies) Potluck

On Wednesday, **September 9th**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the Parlor Room of 86th Street come enjoy an informal meal and a bit of Hebrew study, and meet fellow congregants looking to study Hebrew in hevruta. Rabbi Shoshana Dworsky will give a short presentation on the topic “Hebrew Adjectives in the Book of Life.” The potluck is kosher vegetarian. Drinks and utensils provided. Please RSVP to x345.

Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner

On Friday, **September 11th**, join the Gay and Lesbian Committee for a pre Yamim Nora'im potluck Shabbat dinner. Our guest will be the author Laura Antoniou, who will read from her short story, “Shayna Maidel,” which

The Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help

During the summer months, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

appears in the new collection *Things Invisible to See: Lesbian and Gay Stories of Magic Realism*, edited by Lawrence Schimmel. As always, please bring food (diary) to share. This potluck will take place in the Montana Apartment community room (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets). Call x325 for more info.

Dedication of New Children's Siddur

You are invited to attend the dedication of B'nai Jeshurun's new children's siddur, *Tefilati* (My Prayer), during Shabbat morning services on **September 12th**.

An Introductory Day of Hebrew

Learn the Hebrew alphabet in one 8-hour workshop at the 92nd Street Y, taught by BJ member Michal Nachmany. Sunday, **September 13th**, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Cost of the session is \$50. For more information and to register, call (212) 415-5765. Start 5759 on the right foot.

Hold the Date: BJ Walks with SHARE

Sunday morning, **October 4, 1998**, walk with BJ as a part of West Side Jewish Community SHARE-A-WALK (Self Help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer) to assist our friends, neighbors, and loved ones who have breast or ovarian cancer. For more info and to volunteer, call x353.

Hold the Date: BJ to Co-Sponsor Hoshana Rabbah

Join the BJ Environment Committee along with The Shalom Center-Elat Chayyim on Sunday, **October 11th** in Beacon, NY for a celebration of Hoshana Rabbah, the 7th day of Sukkot. On Hoshana Rabbah there are seven dances with the Torah, willow branches are beaten on the earth, and prayers of Hoshana “please save us!” are chanted to save the earth from plague, drought, famine, and other ecological disasters. Pete Seeger's Sloop Clearwater will be docked there that day as part of its Pumpkin Festival. For more info and to volunteer, call x313.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Singles Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery with Dorot

This is a real Mitzvah! On Sunday, **September 13th** visit the homebound elderly on the Upper West Side and then join the BJ Singles for lunch at China Shalom Restaurant. The day will start with a brief orientation by Dorot staff at 11:00 AM at Brandeis High School on 85th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. Following orientation,

we will team up in groups of two and three to visit with elderly individuals for about an hour and then have lunch. You must make a paid reservation in advance for both the package delivery and lunch. Please send a check marked “9/13 Package Delivery” in the amount of \$15 to the BJ office by Friday, **September 4th**. For more info, call x306.

BJ Singles Retreat

Registration is now available for the 1998 BJ Singles Retreat for ages 25 – 45 on **October 23rd – 25th** at Club Getaway in Kent, Connecticut. Applications have been sent

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Dedication of Children's Siddur

Please join us for the dedication of our new children's Siddur on **September 12th**, Shabbat Parashat Ki Tavo, during our Shabbat morning services. The children will begin using the new siddur that Shabbat in their minyanim. We will be returning to our full children's program beginning that Shabbat. The following is a list of the various minyanim and their starting times:

- Minyan HaK'tanim (ages 3 and under) 10:45
- Minyan Gan Alef (ages 4-5) 10:45
- Hazzanut (ages 6-8) 10:15
- Junior Congregation (ages 9-12) 10:15

Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group is back for its second year! All 5th and 6th graders are invited for the opening event of the year: A Yankee Game! Meet at SPSA at 11:45 on **September 13th** and take public transportation to Yankee Stadium. We'll return to SPSA by 5:00 PM. The cost is \$21, which includes the ticket, dinner money and a metrocard. Please RSVP to Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 by **September 9th**. We need to purchase tickets in advance. If parents are interested in chaperoning this event, please call Daniel ASAP.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Hillel Friedman and Ted P. Becker are available during September to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Hillel at (212) 595-3006 and Ted at (212) 783-0796.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Volunteers Needed

The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) is in the process of moving to a new office. If you can volunteer to help with packing or unpacking please call David at (212) 752-6340.

to single members. If you did not receive an application, you can pick one up at the back of the sanctuary. Please note that there is a discount for registration received before **September 1st**, so send in your form as soon as possible!

Calling all teens of BJ!

This is what is coming up in the fall:

1) If you'd like to assist at children's services for the High Holy Days please come to the BJ Office for a meeting on **September 8th** at 6:00 PM (RSVP to Felicia) – you are able to receive community service credit for volunteering your time. 2) BJ Prosdor-LIFE program will be beginning its classes on **September 9th and 10th**. This educational program is for teens entering 8th and 9th grades. For more information contact Ivy Dash at (212) 496-5711. 3) The BJCOTS, our Council of Teens, is looking forward to another amazing year. Our first meeting will be Sunday, **September 13th** at 6:00 PM. All teens in 8th to 12th grade are invited to participate in this teen-led group. 3) There will be a teen Shabbat dinner on **September 18th** following the 6:00 PM service – cost is \$10. Please send a check to the BJ Office or RSVP to Felicia. If you are able to host the dinner, please call Felicia ASAP 4) On Yom Kippur afternoon we will be having a teen dialogue at 88th Street at 2:30 PM. Don't miss this opportunity to hang out with one another and explore the meaning of the Yamim Nora'im. Any teen interested in helping to shape the dialogue should call Felicia. 5) Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Teen Retreat: **October 23rd-25th!**

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.

Tutors Needed

If you like kids and can volunteer one hour on Thursdays between 6:00 and 7:00 PM during the school year helping 1st – 8th graders with their school work, call (212) 362-3179. The group meets at SPSA.

Being Jewish

Episodes from the television program *A Symposium on Being Jewish* by Jonathan Perlman, which features Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, will be show on station WLIW channel 21 this Sunday, **August 30th** and **September 6th** from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.

Prayer Vigil at City Hall for Economic Justice

Join Interfaith Voices Against Hunger (IVAH) as we work, fight and pray for a city without hunger (food, jobs, and access to food stamps) at our September vigil. The vigil, on Wednesday, **September 9th**, 8:30 – 9:00 AM, at City Hall steps, will be led by Dr. Leonard Fein. Please call IVAH at (212) 227-8480 for more information.

Music Performance

BJ members Susan Davis Pereira and Vanderlei Pereira of Sabor Brasil will be performing a Cleopatra’s Needle, 2485 Broadway (between 92nd and 93rd) on Tuesday, **September 10th**. Sets at 9:00, 10:30, and Midnight. No cover/\$7 min. at bar/\$10 min. at tables. Call (212) 769-6969 for more info.

Queens BJ Chavurah

Our next Kabbalat Shabbat service and light dinner will be on Friday, **September 11th**, beginning at 7:00 PM, at a Queens synagogue, (accessible by subway). The cost is \$7, payable in advance. Anyone from the BJ community is welcome. To make a reservation, please call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260 by **September 6th**. Please don't call on Shabbat.

Race/Walk for the Cure

The eighth annual Race/Walk for the Cure to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research will be held on Sunday, **September 13th** at 9:00 AM in Central Park. For several years, BJ members have participated as individuals. This year let’s register as a team even if we participate in private groups. Contact Glenda Frank at (212)

749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com for more information and to share ideas. Although only females may walk or run the 3.1 miles (5K), men are encouraged to sign-on for the “Three Miles of Men.” Contributions are also welcome.

Garden Party on Homelessness and Hunger

Beyond Shelter Coalition invites you to an end-of-summer outdoor gathering on Homelessness and Hunger in Our Neighborhood. Learn about projects that are making a difference, hear about housing policies and get involved and promote activism. Sunday, **September 13th**, refreshments begin at 6:00 PM; program at 6:30 PM. Admission free, 135 West 106th. For more info and to RSVP call (212) 666-6232.

Shakespeare for Children

Join BJ member Rachel Wineberg for a theater class designed to introduce children to the magical world of Shakespeare. Classes, for ages 7 – 10 and 11 – 14, begin on **October 6th and 7th**. The cost is \$200. For more information, call Rachel at (212) 874-1168.

Simchatyah-Israel – Sukkot Retreat in Israel

You are invited to attend Simchatyah-Israel, the fifth semi-annual retreat of Lev Haolam that will explore ancient Hebrew wisdom through renewed ritual, art, prayer, study, and healing for the celebration of Sukkot, Shabbat, and Simchat Torah. Participating teachers are Rabbi Arthur Green, Gabriel Meyer, Amichai Lau-Lavie, and Melila Helner-Eshed, and members of the Sheva musical ensemble. Workshops will be on ecological building, finding the inner healer, and living midrash and zohar. The cost of the four day retreat on **October 9th – 12th** in Kfar Hanokdim, near Arad, (including full room and board) is \$260 for a room and \$178 for a tent. For info, call Amichai at x355. To register, fax 972-6-6980579.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Return button batteries. Ask jewelry stores, watch repair shops, camera stores, and other retailers to recycle your button batteries. This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pasuk of the Week – gucav euxp
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When you approach a town to do battle with it, you shall call to it with peace.
(Deuteronomy 20:10)

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