



September 11 – September 17, 1998

Friday, September 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Gay and Lesbian Potluck Shabbat Dinner
 Following Services - Montana Apartment Building
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 96th Street

Saturday, September 12

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Parashah: Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8 Pg. 1508
Triennial: Deuteronomy 27:11 – 29:8 Pg. 1515
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22 Pg. 1614

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

For this Shabbat, all Children's Minyanim will meet in the Frankel Hall at the designated time

Naming of Melissa Belle Nadasdi
Speaker: Avraham Neguise
 The South Wing to Zion

Dedication of the B'nai Jeshurun Children's Siddur

Kiddush Following Services – The Heschel School

Community Study 9:30 PM – 88th Street
Selichot Service 12:00 AM – 88th Street

Sunday, September 13

Day Trip to Washington, D.C. for Oslo Accords Rally
 8:00 AM – 88th Street
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Introductory Day of Hebrew 9:30 AM – 92nd Street Y
Singles Package Delivery
 11:00 AM – Brandeis High School, 85th Street
Junior Youth Group Trip to the Yankee Game
 11:45 AM – 86th Street
Sheva Concert at the Downtown Arts Festival
 4:00 PM – West 26th Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues
BJCOTS 6:00 PM – 86th Street

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Ushers Training Institute 6:30 PM – 88th Street
Community Meeting 7:45 PM – 88th Street

Wednesday, September 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Prozdor LIFE – 8th Grade 5:00 PM

Thursday, September 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Prozdor LIFE – 9th Grade 5:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Nitzavim
Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20 Pg. 1537
Triennial: Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20 Pg. 1537
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9 Pg. 1618

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

Help with Seating at 88th Street
 Because of the change in location for High Holy Days from 86th Street to 88th Street, some people who were going to be seated at 86th Street must now go to 96th Street. In order to accommodate people with special physical needs, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to exchange their seats at 88th for ones at 96th. If you can help out with this first mitzvah of the New Year, please call Ilene at x224.

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.

Mazal Tov To:

- Mark Nadasdi and Vivian Novakovic Nadasdi on the naming of their daughter, Melissa Belle Nadasdi.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Ed Brill for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of the dedication of the Shabbat Children's Siddur.
- Mark Nadasdi and Vivian Novakovic Nadasdi for sponsoring the kiddush on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Melissa Belle Nadasdi.
- Felicia Sol, Diego Vainesman, Pam Prichett, and Lizzie Kraiem for their hard work in the design, art work, and editing of BJ's new Children's Siddur.

Service Change for the Month of September

We would like to apologize for the inconvenience caused by the move of our services in September from 86th Street to both 88th Street and 96th Street. We hope to be able to move back to a more familiar schedule as soon as possible. For a listing of services in September, see the special section of the Kol Jeshurun. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Ushers Still Needed

We need your help to preserve the beauty and spirituality of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We only have half the amount of ushers needed for this year's Yamim Nora'im. Please take a form from the back of the sanctuary and donate your time as an usher. If you have any questions, call our voicemail box, x305.

The Ushers' Training Institute

An orientation session for the High Holy Day ushers, featuring overly-detailed instructions, will be held on **September 15th** at 88th Street from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. If you have sent in your usher request form, you will soon receive your assignment and instructions in the mail.

The Homeless Shelter Returns to 88th Street

Starting this Monday, **September 14th**, the BJ/SPSA Shelter will be at 88th Street on Mondays and Tuesdays and 86th Street on Wednesdays and Thursdays. As always, volunteers are needed to prepare light snacks, set up the Shelter, and, most urgently, to sleep over. Please call x340 to volunteer.

1998 BJ AIDS Walk Team Results

Thanks to the entire BJ community, our team of 300 persons raised over \$47,500, raising us to seventh place among well over 1,000 teams walking. These funds pay for Gay Men's Health Crisis's (GMHC) essential social service programs.

Yasher koach to the following, without whom this significant accomplishment would have been impossible: Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein, Roly Matalon and Yael Ridberg and Rabbinic intern Tami Crystal; BJ staff members Ben Adler and Helen and Jennifer Radin; steering committee members Kate Hartnick, Harvey Israelton, Susan Kasloff, Jack David Marcus, Bruce Rosen and David Yam; food arrangers Mimi Lox, Merrill Feinstein-Feit and Susan and Eric Weston; food sponsors Don and Rochelle Cohen; and food providers Joseph's and Cooper's.

Supplemental Humashim

The following Humashim have been added to the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for use during the Torah Service. These are meant to be shared in addition to or in lieu of the Plaut Humash. Please be sure to return them to the appropriate book case so that someone else can use them next time. 4 copies each of *The Living Torah*, Aryeh Kaplan, *Pentateuch and Haftorot*, Hertz, and *The Stone Edition* (with Rashi); one set each of the *Saperstein Edition/Torah with Rashi* and the *JPS Torah Commentary*, and 2 copies each of *The Five Books of Moses*, Fox, *Tanakh - The Jewish Bible*, and *The Pentateuch*, Samson R. Hirsch.

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.

A Message from Bikkur Holim

As the Yamim Nora'im approach, our committee of BJ volunteers is available to assist you or those you know. If you need assistance to upcoming services, or would like to receive visits at home or in the hospital, please call the Bikkur Holim voicemail box at x308.

Hebrew Courses

This fall, BJ will hold beginner and intermediate level synagogue Hebrew classes. If you are interested in Modern Hebrew, Michal Nachmany will run beginner and intermediate level classes. They begin on **October 12th**, and continue throughout the year. For more information, call Michal at (212) 865-4050.

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!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner - TIME CHANGE!

The Gay and Lesbian Potluck Dinner this Friday, **September 11th** has been moved to 7:30 PM following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street. Those attending the later service at 96th Street can still attend, however they need to get to the potluck as quickly as possible after services. The location is still the Montana Apartment community room (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets).

Selichot

Come prepare for the High Holy Days by attending this year's Selichot program, this Saturday, **September 12th**. The evening will start with a community study session at 9:30 PM, followed by a coffee hour and then a midnight Selichot service. For more information, see the flyer at the end of the Kol Jeshurun.

BJ Softball

BJ Softball is continuing Sundays, **September 13th, 20th, and 27th** at 3:00 PM at Heckscher ball field #2 in Central Park (64th Street between West and Center Drives; closest entrance is around 62nd Street and CPW). Questions or

our web site. Non-members can also find out valuable information about BJ by visiting WWW.BJ.ORG.

comments? Call BJ member Craig Sumberg at (212) 787-1390 or Phil Gross at (212) 799-2235.

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.

Musical Happening for Peace

Come to a free outdoor concert cosponsored by BJ and the Consulate General of Israel in New York featuring the Israeli musical group Sheva on **September 13th** at 4:00 PM. For more info, see the flyer in the back of the Kol Jeshurun.

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.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Calling all Volunteers

The Singles Committee is looking for volunteers to help facilitate programs, including the upcoming retreat, an Oneg Shabbat, a special Sukkot havdalah and a class to be taught by Rabbi Bronstein. If you have an hour or two to spare please call x306. It's a great opportunity to meet other people in the community and help with programming.

BJ Retreat for Individual Members

Limited space is still available for our third annual retreat for singles ages 25 – 45 on the weekend of **October 23 – 25** at Club Getaway in Kent, CT. The weekend promises to be a mixture of social, educational, religious, and outdoor activities, as well as all around fun. We will be joined by Rabbis Matalon and Bronstein as well as Cantor Priven. Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary as well as on the BJ web site. Please note that all applications must be received by **October 9th**. For more info, call x306.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Children's services for the month of September

This Shabbat all children's services will be held in the Frankel Hall. We will be introducing the new children's siddur and participating in the dedication in the main sanctuary. On **September 19th** all children will meet their leaders downstairs at FCCS on CPW at the corner of 96th Street). The leaders will take their various minyanim to their respective locations. On **September 26th**, all children will meet their leaders downstairs in the Frankel Hall at 88th Street. Following the main service all minyan (except for Minyan HaK'tanim) will meet at the Heschel School. The following is a list of the 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

Parents: We need your help!

During the times when children's services are at the Heschel School (Shabbat of September 26th, 1st day Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur) we will need extra help from parents. Please call Felicia at x244 to tell her how you can help.

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 PM 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. We need to purchase tickets in advance. If parents are interested in chaperoning this event, please call Daniel ASAP.

Calling all teens of BJ!

This is what is coming up in the fall:

1) 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 in the Parlor Room at 86th Street. We'll be having pizza and gearing up for the new year. All teens in 8th to 12th grades are invited to participate in this teen-led group. 2) There will be a teen Shabbat dinner on **September 18th**. We'll attend the 6:00 PM

service and walk over together to the Lieberman's home for dinner - cost is \$10. Please send a check to the BJ Office or RSVP (by **September 16th**) to Felicia. 3) 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. 4) Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Teen Retreat: **October 23rd-25th!**

Schedule of Services for September*

Shabbat

September 11	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	88 th Street
	6:45 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	96th Street
September 12	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	88th Street

Selichot

September 12	9:30 PM	Community Study	88 th Street
	12:00 AM	Midnight Service	88 th Street

Shabbat

September 18	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	88 th Street
	6:45 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	96th Street
September 19	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service	96th Street

Rosh Hashanah

September 20	6:30 PM	First Evening Service	96 th Street
September 21	9:00 AM	First Day Services	96 th Street & 88th Street
	4:00 PM	Tashlich	88 th Street
	6:30 PM	Second Evening Service	96 th Street
September 22	9:00 AM	Second Day Service	96 th Street

Shabbat Shuvah

September 25	6:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	88 th Street
	6:45 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	96th Street
September 26	9:30 AM	Shabbat Shuvah Service	88th Street

Yom Kippur

September 29	6:15 PM	Kol Nidre Services	96 th Street & 88th Street
September 30	9:00 AM	Morning Services/Yizkor	96 th Street & 88th Street
	2:45 PM	Community Study Session	88 th Street
	4:30 PM	Minha/Ne'ilah	96 th Street & 88th Street
	7:25 PM	Teki-at Shofar/Havdalah	96 th Street & 88th Street

*Children's Services take place at 10:45 AM on all days there are Adult Services (except Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when they begin at 10:15 AM). Check the special **BJ Shabbat and High Holy Day Update** for more detailed instructions.

Seat Cards for the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew (SPSA) will be honored at 88th Street.

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Sponsor Flowers for the Yamim Nora'im

The beautiful flowers that grace the Bimah during the High Holy Days are always generously donated by members of our community. Please consider sponsoring flowers – a beautiful gift to your community that may be made in memory or in honor of loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion. Call Arlene Brandon at the BJ Office for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Phonathon Volunteers Needed - CORRECTION!

The Development Committee is looking for volunteers to call fellow members during the Kol Nidre Partnership phonathon, Sunday evening **September 27th**. The phonathon will remind members of the importance of the Kol Nidre fundraising campaign in building a strong Jewish community. No experience necessary - we'll provide training, food, telephones, and all necessary materials. To volunteer, or for further information, please call Stephanie Weiner at (212) 721-1555 or Ted Becker (212) 360-6304.

Kol Nidre Canned Food Drive

Last year, BJ collected 15,500 pounds of food before Yom Kippur. This year, we are again asking everyone who attends Kol Nidre Services at both locations to bring with

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

The South Wing to Zion

Saturday's speaker, Avraham Neguise is the Director of the South Wing to Zion, a Jerusalem-based non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of Ethiopian Jews in Israel and Ethiopia. Of urgent concern is the devastating situation in Ethiopia where 15,000 people are still languishing while hoping to reunite with their families in Israel. For further information, contact Lisa Schachner at Friends of South Wing to Zion, (212) 794-1904.

Dorot Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

This Sunday, **September 13th**, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Dorot will be holding a Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery. Volunteers are needed to deliver festive food packages and spend about an hour visiting with an older person. To participate, come to Dorot (171 W. 85th St.) on Sunday.

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

them at least one bag filled with nonperishable canned food for the needy as a part of Mazon's "The Corners of our Fields" project.

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.

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 Madelyn.

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.

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.

BJ CHS Meeting for September

The September meeting of Children of Holocaust Survivors (CHS) will be on Tuesday, **September 15th** at 7:00 PM. Call Mark Schleisner at (212) 579-7391 for location and other information.

BJ Eastsiders

Our next home Shabbat service and organized potluck dinner will be on Friday, **September 25th** at 7:00 PM. If you are on our list, you received a letter with information about how to reserve. If you are **not** on our list and would like to join us, please call Charlotte Schwab **only** on Mondays and Thursdays, and **only** between 7:00 and 9:00 PM at (212) 717-5234. You may come to either the service or the dinner or both and must reserve for either. You don't have to be on the East Side to join us.

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. 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 (does not include airfare). For info, call Amichai at x355. To register, fax 972-6-6980579.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Use latex (water based) paint, instead of oil (solvent based) paint. Oil paint is flammable and contains volatile organic compounds that can cause air and water pollution.

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

Pasuk of the Week – גִּוְעַו עוּפ

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You have seen all that Adonai did before your very eyes in the land of Egypt . . .
Yet to this day Adonai has not given you a mind to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

(Deuteronomy 29:1, 3)

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From the *Jewish Week*, August 26, 1998

Letters - Power of Prayer

I wish to commend Gary Rosenblatt for his insightful commentary on the Carlebach-style of a singing participatory prayer ("The Sound of Prayer" July 17). Readers should also not miss a more subtle point in his mention of Debbie Friedman, B'nai Beshurun, and chasidism as all offering a similar style of prayer.

Therein, perhaps, lies one of the great possibilities of our generation. Our individual voices when offered in an authentic, meaningful and free, spiritual prayer provide us with a far greater hope in keeping our people unified than the voices of our leaders with their proclamations and negotiations. The modes of prayer and its halachic requirements may differ radically in the above-mentioned groups. There is, however, a yearning and a hope present in a true prayer that speaks to a Reform Jew in same voice that it speaks to a chasid. Public prayer, by definition, offers a unification of the communal. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav used to say of prayer, "How loud shall I pray? So loud that the whole world can hear me, so loud so that God can hear me, so loud that only I can hear my true self."

In the Carlebach Shul in Manhattan, everyone's voice, dance and mere presence, adds a stitch of enrichment to the tapestry woven when our community is in prayer. The manifestation of

each individual's deep internal feelings revealed through prayer serves as inspiration for the other.

Clearly there is a great hunger for energetic leadership in participatory-based prayer. I mean this literally, in terms of the traditional chazan, but I also offer it as a wake-up call to our policy makers to look more closely at reviving and unifying Judaism through spirituality rather than through politics. Such redefining of our priorities will require a greater distribution of our financial resources for a spiritual development in the years to come. We need the leaders of the major Jewish organizations to convene a spiritual summit of religious leaders from all the branches of Judaism or perhaps better yet, from its roots. The purpose of such a gathering shall not be to dialogue over theological or political differences. Its mandate would be to challenge such religious leaders to develop creative ways to both enhance spirituality in their respective synagogues and to reach out to the unaffiliated and show them *spiritually-respectful* synagogues. The goal of such a summit should not be for religious leaders to influence each other. It should rather be to further enhance spirituality in their communities and offer ways for them to better reach out to the Jewish community at large.

Rabbi Sam Intrator
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