



October 16 – October 22, 1998

Friday, October 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted Service
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street
Singles Oneg Shabbat Following the Service – 86th Street

Saturday, October 17

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th Street
Parashah: Bereshit, Genesis 1:1 – 6:8 Pg. 18
Triennial: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 Pg. 18
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:11 Pg. 320
Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Minyan Hazzanut (grades 1-3) 10:15 – Chapel
Junior Congregation (grades 4-6) 10:15 – Library
Minyan HaK'tanim (ages 3 and under) 10:45 – Parlor Room
Minyan Gan Alef (ages 4-5) 10:45 – Board Room
All children (except Junior Congregation) will meet at 10:45 for the main Children's Service in the Chapel.

Bar Mitzvah Michael Cooper

Naming of Hannah Shira Benedek Zhukovsky

Aliyat Hatan veKallah Amir Shaviv and Beth Brodsky

Stained Glass Windows Presentation and Havdalah
 5:00 PM – 88th Street

Sunday, October 18

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th Street
Singles Autumn Hike 10:00 AM – Grand Central Terminal
Interfaith Arts Workshop 1:00 PM – 86th Street
BJCOTS 6:00 PM – 86th Street

Monday, October 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 88th Street
 Monday and Tuesday nights.
Advanced Beginning Hebrew 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Introduction to Judaism 7:15 PM – 88th Street
Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM – 88th Street
Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM – 86th Street

Tuesday, October 20

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Introduction to Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman
 8:10 AM – 88th Street

Wednesday, October 21

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Prozdor LIFE - 8th Grade 5:00 PM
BJ/SPSA Shelter for the Homeless 86th Street
 Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Matalon
 6:45 PM – 88th Street

Thursday, October 22

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM – 88th Street
Prozdor LIFE - 9th Grade 5:00 PM
Introduction to American Sign Language with Marla Berkowitz
 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Ecstasy and Discipline with Rabbi Shefa Gold
 6:30 PM – 88th Street

Next Week's Parashah: Noah

Torah: Genesis 6:9 – 11:32 Pg. 57

Triennial: Genesis 6:9 – 8:14 Pg. 57

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5 Pg. 326

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

Committee Chair Needed

After 4 years of hard work and dedication, Lenny Picker is stepping down as Chair of the Shabbat B'Yachad Committee. If you would like to coordinate large communal Shabbat meals at BJ, please call Patty at x240.

Volunteers Needed

The Homeless Shelter is in need of someone with carpentry skills to put up shelves or someone who can donate some storage shelves. If you can help, please call x340.

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:

- Jay, Elizabeth, Ariana and Michael Cooper on the occasion of Michael's Bar Mitzvah.
- Emily Benedek and Yonathan Zhukovsky on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Hannah Shira Benedek Zhukovsky.
- Aviv, Lara, and Revital Laurence on the occasion of the naming of their daughter, Tsivya Hailey.
- Amir Shaviv and Beth Brodsky on their upcoming wedding.
- Michael Hirschhorn and Jimena Martinez on their upcoming wedding.
- Michael Epstein and Penni Berns on their recent engagement.
- Dan Schifrin and Abby Friedman on their recent engagement.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Sam and Phyllis Schatsky and Eric and Susan Weston for sponsoring the kiddush following Simhat Torah in honor of Phyllis as *Kallat Torah* and Eric as *Hatan Bereshit*.
- The 21 hosts who opened their homes to 45 guests during the Yamim Nora'im Se'udah Match.
- On Sunday, October 4th B'nai Jeshurun participated in the annual SHARE A WALK to raise money for SHARE, a self-help organization for people dealing with breast and ovarian cancer. Together with members of 6 other communities, we walked under the banner of "West Side Jewish Community"-united in confronting a common issue. B'nai Jeshurun collected over \$22,000, and we still welcome your checks made out to SHARE A WALK. Send them to: Naomi Meyer, 209 West 86th Street or Trudi Levine, 875 West End Avenue. Todah Rabbah to the steering committee: Lynne Chase, Hillel Friedman, Cynthia Ginsburg, Trudi Levine, Mimi Lox, Jack David Marcus, Naomi Meyer, Phyllis Shatsky; the BJ office staff; our rabbis for their support; and the members of the other communities who joined us: Ansche Chesed, the Jewish Center, Drisha, Jewish Community Center, Ma'ayan, Society for the Advancement of Judaism, West End Synagogue, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, Ohab Zedek, and to all of you who marched and sent in donations.

Brukhim HaBa'im To:

- Rabbi Julie Gordon of Temple Aaron in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Rabbi Dennis Sasso and the Confirmation Class of Beth El Zedek in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbis Peter Grumbacher and Laurence P. Malinger and the Confirmation Class of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington, Delaware.

BJ Blood Drive

BJ will be holding its annual Blood Drive in the Parlor Room of 86th Street on Thursday, **November 12th**, from 5:00 - 8:45 PM. Please note the date in your calendars - this simple, once a year, half-hour commitment can literally save lives. To make an appointment to donate blood, please call Pamela Cohn Allen at (212) 799-9232 (weekday evenings). You can also show up any time between from 5:00 - 8:45 PM on November 12th - you'll be welcomed with a refreshment and sincere gratitude! Brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary.

How to Donate or Purchase BJ's New Children's Siddur

Included in this week's Kol Jeshurun is the form for purchasing or donating our new children's siddur. Complete the form and send it to or drop it off at the BJ office.

Third Annual Night of 100 Dinners - Volunteers Needed

BJ's party of the year takes place on **January 23, 1999!** Last year's benefit raised over \$70,000. Help us to make this year's event the biggest yet. Join the committee (non-members as well as members welcome) and get to know the community while participating in an event that directly supports BJ. Volunteers are needed to serve as host captains and to assist in planning the silent auction, matching guests and hosts, and helping the night of the event with check-in and bartending. Please leave a message at x307.

Strollers at BJ

During services, strollers may no longer be brought into the sanctuary or left in the foyer at 88th or 86th Streets. For fire safety reasons, all strollers must be kept downstairs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hebrew Courses

This fall, BJ will hold beginner and intermediate level synagogue Hebrew classes. If you are interested in Modern Hebrew, Michal Nachmany is teaching beginner and intermediate level classes. 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stained Glass Windows of BJ

Save the date for a special discussion and presentation on the Stained Glass Windows of BJ sponsored by the Archives and Havdalah Committees. **October 17th**. See the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun for more details.

Interfaith Arts Workshop with Avodah Dance Company

On Sunday, **October 18th** from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Chapel at 86th Street, JoAnne Tucker, Director of Avodah Dance Company will be leading a dance workshop in midrash and improvisational interpretation of biblical texts for members of SPSA and BJ. No prior experience or training in dance is required, and the workshop is free for members of both congregations. Advance registration is requested. To sign up, contact BJ member Mim Warden at MimWarden@aol.com or (212) 262-8408. Cosponsored by the Interfaith Committees of SPSA and BJ.

Adult Education Classes Starting This Week!

The following Adult Education classes are beginning this week:

Monday - Advanced Beginning Hebrew, 6:00 PM; Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM; Introduction to Judaism, 7:15 PM.

Tuesday - Introduction to Talmud with Rabbi Hillel Friedman, 8:10 AM.

Wednesday - Theology and Meaning in the Prayer Book with Rabbi Matalon, 6:45 PM.

Thursday - Introduction to American Sign Language with Marla Berkowitz 6:00 PM.

Please note that Rabbi Bronstein's class on the Book of Genesis will begin Tuesday, **October 27th** at 7:30 PM.

All classes take place at 257 West 88th Street.

For more information and prices, call x300.

BJ Choir

Rehearsals for the year-round choir resume Monday, **October 19th** at 86th Street and will be held every Monday from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. If you are interested in participating, call Marta Felcman at x303.

Call to Action

Responding to a call to action from environmental organizations in Israel such as Israel's Committee for Public Transportation, Green Action and Green Course, BJ's

Environment Committee announces a gathering at Bank Hapoalim's main office in New York (1177 Avenue of the Americas, between West 45th and 46th Streets, on the west side of the street) on Tuesday, **October 20th**, from noon - 1:00 PM. Bank Hapoalim is involved in financing the construction of the Trans-Israel Highway, whose environmental impact is deemed to be devastating by major environmental organizations in Israel. For more information, call x313.

BJ/SPSA Joint Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage

On Sunday, **October 25th**, at 1:30 PM, BJ and SPSA members will come together to visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage, located downtown at 18 First Place in Battery Park City. We will all meet at 1:15 in front of the Museum. (SPSA's youth group is also participating, and so we especially extend this invitation to BJ teens). There is a Museum fee of \$5, payable to Hella Moritz, event coordinator, at the time of entrance to the Museum. Advance registration is requested as soon as possible. If you are planning to attend, please leave your name and telephone number on the answering machine of Hella at (212) 288-1846 or by email to MimWarden@aol.com.

Sara Take II

On Tuesday, **November 3rd** at 8:00 PM, the renowned Theater Company Jerusalem, led by Artistic Director and actress Gabriella Lev, will present a unique fusion of contemporary theater and ancient Jewish texts based upon the life of Sara, matriarch of the Jewish People. The performance will take place at 88th Street. \$18 for BJ members; \$23 for nonmembers; and \$27 at the door. For more info, call the JCC at (212) 580-0099.

Employment Bank Seminar

The Employment Bank will launch its 1998-99 Career Development Seminar series on **November 8th** at 7:00 PM at 86th Street. Session one, "Finding Your Soul's Work In The New Millenium," will be facilitated by Allie Roth, MA, Career Counselor, and coach. \$10 for BJ members, \$15 for non-members. Registration is required, see flyer in back of the Kol Jeshurun for further details.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Early Fall Oneg

Once again we invite you to an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Singles Committee, this Friday, **October 16th** following the 6:45 PM service. Join us in the Social Hall for food and schmoozing.

Singles Autumn Hike

On Sunday, **October 18th** join other BJ members and friends for an easy hike and a day out of the city. The hike will be about 6 - 7 miles, along the Croton Aqueduct Trail in beautiful Westchester County, and will be led by Les Judd. We will meet at Grand Central Terminal, near the information booth at 10:00 AM. Please make sure to have purchased your tickets before meeting with us. We will take

the 10:20 AM Metro-North train to Hastings, then walk along the trail to Tarrytown, and return on the train from Tarrytown at about 4:00 PM. The train fare is approximately \$11.00 RT. Optional side trip to Sunnyside, the home of Washington Irving, or Lyndhurst, the Gould estate. Bring a hat, water, comfortable walking shoes and your own vegetarian or dairy lunch. No reservation necessary but if you intend to come it would be helpful if you leave your name on our hotline so that we can anticipate how many people will be joining us. To leave your name and for more information, call x306. Steady rain cancels. If in doubt about the weather, call Les Judd at (718) 805-4260.

Chamber Music: Encore!

Back by popular demand! We would like to invite the Singles community to enjoy an evening of music making by The Festival Chamber Music Society on Wednesday, **October 28th**. These internationally acclaimed musicians are renowned as much for their good humor and beginner-friendly ambiance as they are for their artistry. The concert features the music of Schubert, Schnyder, and Richard Strauss. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at Mendy's West (208 West 70th St.), from 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM. We will then walk to Merkin Concert Hall (129 West 67th St) for the 8:00 PM concert. After the concert, there will be a reception, where we will sip champagne, meet the artists, and mingle with friends, old and new. The cost of the evening will be \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members;

this includes dinner at Mendy's, a concert ticket, and admission to the reception. To reserve your place, please send a check marked "Singles Concert 10/28" to the BJ office. Please include your name, address, and phone numbers, and indicate whether you would like a vegetarian dinner. Ticket availability is limited, and reservations must be made by Wednesday, **October 21st**.

BJ Retreat for Individual Members

Limited space is still available for our third annual retreat 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 Roly and Marcelo. Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary as well as on the BJ web site. For more info, call x306.

Singles Shabbat Catered In-Home Dinner

The Singles Committee is organizing another round of informal, at-home catered dinners on Friday, **November 20th**, following the 6:45 PM service. These gatherings of 12 – 18 people are a great way for single members to meet and share a Shabbat meal! BJ members who live on the Upper West Side are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles extension (x306) ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is **November 5th**. For more information and to participate, see the flyer in this Kol Jeshurun.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BJ Teens

There is still room on the teen retreat - call Felicia immediately to register. The retreat is **October 23rd - 25th** at Club Getaway in Kent, CT. Marcelo and Roly will join us for this wonderful weekend. **All teens going on the retreat will meet this Sunday, October 18th in the Parlor Room at 86th Street at 6:00 PM.**

Any teen that did not complete the teen pledge card for the Kol Nidre Partnership is encouraged to send it in. If you need an extra card, please call Felicia at x244 with your address and phone number.

What's Up in October for the Junior Youth Group?

On Sunday, **October 25th**, from 4:30 - 6:30 PM, the Junior Youth Group is going to make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Shelter. They'll chop, grate and have fun! When they're finished cooking dinner, they'll play a big-scale version of the classic Pictionary and have dinner. This event will be held at the home of Nick Kahn, 225 West 106th St., #2B (corner of Broadway and 106th). As space is limited, please RSVP ASAP to Daniel Barash at (212) 388-2918 and he will tell you what food ingredient to bring. Parents, if you are interested in helping out, please call Daniel ASAP.

Single Parent Potluck

On Saturday, **November 7th** at 8:00 PM there will be an informal opportunity for single parents to socialize without

the kids. Please RSVP Judith Kahn at (212) 769-3681 or Debbie Nodiff 662-4745.

Family Shabbat Dinner: “The Power of Family Prayer”

On **November 7th**, join us with your family **after the early service at 88th Street** to celebrate Shabbat. You’ll meet other members of the community, enjoy a great meal and bring home some new Shabbat experiences for both you and your children. Roly will join us for our first evening this year. Our theme will focus on “The Power of Family Prayer”. We hope to create an evening of discussion, learning and sharing of ideas for both adults and children. Cost for members is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, for non-members \$12 for adults and \$10 for children. Reservations are required and seating is limited. All

reservations must be received in the BJ office by Thursday, October 29th and will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be accompanied by a check and payable to Congregation B’nai Jeshurun.

Tot Shabbat is beginning again...

On a monthly basis we will hold a Tot Shabbat service at 5:45 PM at 86th Street for young children. The dates for the year are as follows: **November 13th**, **December 4th**, **January 8th**, **February 5th**, **March 5th**, **April 16th**, and **May 14th**. This short service will be filled with singing, stories and dancing.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions for Board Members?

Marina Kaufman and Joel Friedman are available during October to answer questions that members may have about the Board, or to discuss issues affecting the BJ community. You may reach Marina at (212) 290-4700, x255 and Joel at (718) 796-4550.

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 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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Support for People with Chronic Illness

A member of BJ is starting a telephone support network for people with chronic or life-threatening illness (such as cancer, diabetes, MS, ALS, HIV/AIDS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and others). Participants will be put in touch with others who have the same illness and will have an opportunity to exchange information, experience, resources and support. Call Nancy Bravman at (212) 255-7522.

Religion and Ecology

An all day conference, "Religion & Ecology: Discovering the Common Grounds," will be held at the main auditorium of the American Museum of Natural History on Wednesday, **October 21st**, from 8:45 AM - 6:00 PM. The \$25 price (\$10 for students) includes a box lunch. For more info and registration, call (202) 778-6133.

The Middle East and the U.S. Media

As the peace process unravels, how much influence is the U.S. press exerting on the public opinion and policy regarding Israel and its Arab neighbors? Come to a panel discussion on Wednesday, **October 21st**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at HBO, 1100 Avenue of the Americas (at 42nd Street), 15th floor. Free for students and faculty; \$10 for others. Reservations required; call (212) 686-5005 or email info@cencom.org and visit www.cencom.org.

East Timorese Leader to Speak

Fernando da Araujo, East Timorese leader and former political prisoner, will speak on the struggle for self-determination in Indonesian-occupied East Timor. His talk will take place on **October 29th** at 7:30 PM at SPSA (86th Street). For more info, call (718) 596-7668 or visit etan.org.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Ask for re-refined oil the next time you change your motor oil.

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

Pasuk of the Week – גִּזְעַב עִוּץ

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The earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water.

(Genesis 1:2)

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