



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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April 28 – May 5, 2000

Friday, April 28

Omer 8 (hesed shebe-gevurah)

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street

Singles Dinner After 6:00 PM services - 88th Street

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted

Saturday, April 29

Omer 9 (gevurah shebe-gevurah)

Shabbat Parashat Aharey Mot

Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Silent Meditation 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel

Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30, Pg. 863

Triennial: Leviticus 17:1 – 18:30

Haftarah: Ezekiel 22:1 – 19, Pg. 997

Dedication of the "Gardelegen" Torah

Bat Mitzvah Joya Sonnenfeldt

Kiddush following services
After morning services - 88th Street

New & Expecting Parents Potluck Lunch 1:00 PM - 86th Street

Minhah 5:30 PM – 88th Street

Bar Mitzvah Zachary Frankel

Sunday, April 30

Omer 10 (tiferet shebe-gevurah)

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Book Club Meeting 6:30 PM – 88th Street

Monday, May 1

Omer 11 (netzah shebe-gevurah)

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Yom HaShoah Commemoration 6:45 PM - 88th Street

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Tuesday, May 2

Omer 12 (hod shebe-gevurah)

YOM HASHOAH

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Softball 7:00 PM - Central Park

Wednesday, May 3

Omer 13 (yesod shebe-gevurah)

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street

Singles Dinner and Chamber Music Event 6:15 PM - Mandys

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Intimacy & Commitment Workshop 7:30 PM - The Montana

The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai

Lau-Lavie will resume on May 10th.

Thursday, May 4

Omer 14 (malkhut shebe-gevurah)

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th Street

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Israel Committee Meeting 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, May 5

Omer 15 (hesed shebe-tiferet)

ROSH HODESH IYYAR

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Parashat Kedoshim

Rosh Hodesh

Torah: Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27, Pg. 894

Triennial: Leviticus 19:1 – 19:37

Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15, Pg. 1210

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24, Pg. 1684

Social Justice Opportunity of the Week

Join the BJ AIDS Walk Team - **Sunday, May 21**

Register now at www.aidswalk.net/newyork. Fill out the form for each person walking and don't forget to select "Congregation B'nai Jeshurun," to register with the BJ Team. If you prefer we register for you, please send full name, address, zip code, phone numbers, e-mail address, and t-shirt size for all people walking (including kids) to BJAWNY2000@hotmail.com or call x335. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW. Let us know if you can help. For more information, please see the flyer in the back of the sanctuary.

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.

Mazal Tov To:

- Michael Sonnenfeldt and Katja Goldman, Joya Sonnenfeldt and Forest Goldman Sonnenfeldt on the occasion of Joya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Zachary, Bruce, Elizabeth, Alex and Isaiah Frankel on the occasion of Zachary becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'rukhim HaBa'im To:

Hillel, Connecticut College, New London, CT.

Kiddush Sponsorship

The Goldman Sonnenfeldt family would like to welcome all members of the BJ community to join us for a kiddush immediately after services at the 88th Street Sanctuary. The kiddush is in honor of our daughter Joya becoming a Bat Mitzvah and in honor of Roly's sabbatical.

BJ Humash Drive

Donating a prayerbook is a meaningful way to honor a person, an occasion or the memory of a loved one and to help your community at the same time. If you would like to participate in our humashim Drive, please send your check to the BJ office. We will place a bookplate in each humash you donate (\$50 per humash) and send an acknowledgement card if requested. Please enclose any information you think we might need with your check.

Each Shabbat, following the recitation of the *Mi Sheberakh* prayer for healing, we sing the words "*El na refa na la,*" Moses' personal plea to God for the healing of Miriam. The kavannah of the *Mi Sheberakh* is to make this personal plea for ourselves and our loved ones. In the coming weeks, we will begin to read only the names of members and those who have recently become ill or are facing special medical treatment. We invite all those who are in need of reciting names of loved ones or themselves, to do so silently or aloud, either at the bima or at their place, at the indicated moment during the *Mi Sheberakh*. In this way, each member of our community takes on the individual responsibility for healing. We will shortly be compiling prayers for healing to be taken home and recited there in the event that you are unable to attend services.

Please note:

The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie will not take place on **Wednesday, May 3rd**. Class will resume on Wednesday, May 10th.

Reminder: Reading the Kol Jeshurun is a great way to remind yourself of upcoming events you've read about in the Kol Hadash or on the web site as well as to monitor new information or program changes. Further information on events can be found in the Kol Hadash (mailed to members only), on our web site (www.bj.org) and in the back of the sanctuary at 86th and 88th Streets.

Please note: *All announcements or registration forms for the next Kol Jeshurun are due at the BJ office on the Tuesday before printing at 12:00 noon.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

New (and Expecting) Parents Group

Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 PM in the Parlor Room at SPSA there will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dairy or vegetarian entrée or salad to share. Free.

Yom HaShoah 5760/2000

Monday, May 1st beginning at 6:45 PM at 88th Street: Yom HaShoah Services and Reading of Names of BJ members and friends. At 8:00 PM there will be a panel discussion entitled, "What Helped People to Survive?" Moderated by Myriam Abramowicz, speakers include Archivist Brana Gurewich, Author Professor Monty Penkower and Professor Myrna Goldenberg. At 10:00 PM, there will be an all-night commemoration at Lincoln Square Synagogue (70th Street & Amsterdam Avenue.) There will be an opportunity to read personal names, to read from a list of Belgian Jews killed or to sit in silence as names are read. The service will conclude at 7:30 AM with the morning service. BJ's reading slot is from 4:00 - 4:30 AM. If you wish to read your own family names, please call Myriam Abramowicz at 874-4417.

May Family Retreat

Monday, May 1st is the deadline for May Retreat applications. Questions? Call Robin at x365.

Shabbat afternoon Havdalah group

Two weeks prior and following Dr. Avivah Zornberg's visit to BJ on May 18th-20th as teacher-in-residence at 5:00 PM: Four weeks only! Excerpts from Dr. Zornberg's highly acclaimed discourse on the Genesis stories will be explored and discussed. If interested please e-mail Ilene_richman@msdw.com or call her at 787-7970 and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address.

Tzvi Aryeh Potluck Dinner

Friday, May 5th after 6:45 PM services in the 86th Street Social Hall: Everyone is invited to a special community-wide Potluck Dinner with special guest speakers from Tzvi Aryeh. Hear personal stories from Jews with HIV/AIDS, learn about Tzvi Aryeh's work, and share a unique Shabbat meal with the community. Reservations are not necessary. Bring a kosher dairy or pareve entree or salad to share; dessert and beverages will be provided. This event is co-

sponsored by the JCC with kiddush led by BJ's Council of Teens. Call the Social Action Committee at x310 for more information.

Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut 5760/2000
Tuesday, May 9th at 6:45 PM at 88th Street: There will be a contemplative service in observance of Yom Hazikaron. Following the service there will be a film screening, Café BJ serving Middle Eastern desserts, live music and belly dancing. Admission is free. Please see the flyer in the back of the sanctuary for more information or call x365.

Non-Member Seminar

Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 PM at 88th Street: So what is the difference between being a member of BJ and a non-member who participates? If you have ever wanted to know the answer to this and many other questions about the BJ community, then come to our annual **Non-Member Seminar!** This will be your opportunity to ask questions of the BJ staff as well as a chance to meet members of the community who have taken that important step and joined us. Our membership year begins shortly, so come and find out how to "own" a piece of one of the most vibrant communities in New York.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Hebrew Classes

- **Intermediate Hebrew: Mondays, May 8 & 15, June 5 & 12** from 6:00 – 7:00 PM at 86th Street: \$40 members; \$60 non-members. We are Intermediate Hebrew, and we will be working on the Shabbat morning service, from the book "Ayn Keloheinu" (specifically, the Amidah for Mussaf). To register, call x379.
- **Advanced Beginner Hebrew: Mondays: May 8, 15, 22** from 7:30 – 8:30 PM in the 89th Street Conference Room (100A West 89th Street): Advanced Beginner Hebrew - Feeling at Home in the Synagogue and with the Prayer

Book is for students with a basic knowledge of reading Hebrew. Using the language of the siddur, this advanced beginner class will focus on reading practice, comprehension, synagogue skills and specifically the Shabbat morning service. Cost: \$30 for members/\$45 for non-members.

To register for either class, please call x379 **AND** send your check marked "Intermediate or Advanced Beginner Hebrew" to the BJ office at 100A West 89th Street New York, NY 10024 by Wednesday, May 3rd.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 5th after 6:00 PM services at 88th Street: 6th Graders and your parents! Join us for singing, stories and welcoming Shabbat together. In order to guarantee your

reservation we must receive your phone reservation and all checks by Monday, May 1st. No exceptions. Call Tina Berger at x225.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Demons and Magic in Jewish Ritual Practice

Tonight, **Friday, April 28th** following the 6:00 PM service at 88th Street there is a Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Manuel Gold.

Intimacy & Commitment: Workshop for Single Men and Women

Wednesday, May 3rd from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the Montana meeting room. Advanced registration required. Attendees must begin on the first day of class.

Chamber Music: A Little Night Music Re-Visited

Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:00 PM at Merkin Concert Hall (129 West 67th St.): The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at Mendy's West (208 West 70th St.), from 6:15 to 7:30 PM.

Basherte - The Kabbalah of Soulmates

Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at 88th Street: Ever wonder how you might be keeping love out of your life? Join us as we host our next brunch/workshop. Our special guests will be Rosalie and Efram Eisen, founders of the Basherte Workshop. The workshop theme: Receiving and giving Love will explore what it means to be ready to both receive and give love. Cost is \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Please send your check marked "5/7 Singles Brunch" to the BJ, include a note with your day/evening phone numbers, membership status and e-mail address. Checks must be received by Tuesday, May 2nd. Please note: If space is available, the cost at the door will be \$25 for all.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Needs/Reserved Seating

If you have special needs (physical, hearing, or visual) and would like reserved seating for Shabbat services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please call x320.

New to BJ?

If you are unfamiliar with our services and would like to sit with someone who can help orient you, our ushers will be happy to direct you to such a person.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

"The Subway"

Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 PM at Martin Luther King Jr. High School (66th and Amsterdam): BJ member Sam Schatsky will be appearing along with an intergenerational cast in a Roots and Branches Drama Production entitled, "The Subway." Voluntary Contribution: \$5.

Cantata Ebraica

Sunday, April 30th at 7:30 PM at the Feinberg Auditorium (3080 Broadway at 122nd Street): The Jewish Theological Smeinary and H.L. Miller Cantorial School present Cantata Ebraica: Jewish music from Rome, Florence and Livorno operatic Duets with Hazzanim Natasha Jitomirskaja, Irene Failenbogen and Dr. Ramon Tasat. Free admission. For more information, call 678-8000.

Interfaith Service Commemorating Victims of the Holocaust

Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM at The General Theological Seminary (175 Ninth Avenue at 20th Street): The Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations welcomes you to an occasion of remembrance and recommitment at the Yom Hashoah Interfaith Service Commemorating the Victims of the Holocaust with survivor testimony by Flora Hogman. For more information, call BJ member Alice Fisher at 243-5150 x281 or e-mail CJCSR@gts.edu.

As Is It Were Yesterday

Thursday, May 4th at 6:00 PM at The Donnell Film Library (20 West 53rd Street): Come see the 20th anniversary screening of the award-winning documentary about the underground Resistance that saved over 400 Jewish children

in Nazi-occupied Beliguim, As If It Were Yesterday, by BJ member, Myriam Abramowicz and Esther Hoffenberg (Comme Si C'Etait Hier, Belgium 1980, B & W, 86 Minutes, subtitled). Q & A with Myriam Abramowicz after the screening.

Films by Barbara Pfeffer

Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 PM at the Walter Reade Theater (Broadway and 65th Streets): Memorial Screening of films by late BJ member, Barbara Pfeffer. The program will be introduced by BJ member, Professor Annette Insdorf and Eric Goldman. For more information, call (day) 505-6775 or (evening) 599-7750.

Shabbat Tonight

Friday, May 5th: Shabbat Tonight is the first effort by the Reform and Conservative Club of the Brooklyn College Hillel to provide a sense of community for the non-Orthodox students around the college. Each host sponsors a kosher catered dinner and a discussion on a Jewish topic. The evening will conclude with a dessert reception for the students at Ruth Messinger's apartment. For more information, please call Mordecai Mor at (718) 859-1151, x17.

JCC Works 2000--Spend a Day Helping to Improve the City and Build Community.

Sunday, May 7th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Manhattan Day School (310 West 75th Street): Work side by side with 500+ volunteers planting, cleaning, refurbishing, and more in sites across the city. The day begins with an opening ceremony and group assignments. To sign up, call the JCC at 580-0099, x 265.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Instead of using toxic ant control products, wash countertops, cabinets and floors with equal parts vinegar and water. **This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.**

Pesukim of the Week

"But you must keep My laws and My rules, and you must not do any of those abhorrent things, neither the citizen nor the stranger who resides among you; for all those abhorrent things were done by the people who who were in the land before you, and the land became defiled. So let not the land spew you out for defiling it, as it spewed out the nation that came before you." (Leviticus 18:26-28)

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Please see the back of the sanctuary for flyers and registration forms for the following events and opportunities:

- May 9th Yom Hazikaron Contemplative Service and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration
- May 14th Million Mom March
- May 19th Shabbat B'Yahad with Dr. Avivah Zornberg
- Lecture Series with Dr. Avivah Zornberg May 18th and 20th
- JFREJ School Theater Project
- May 26th - 29th Retreat
- BJ Study Trip to Israel 2000
- Havurot Applications
- Employment Bank Listings
- Upcoming Singles Events
- AIDS Walk Registration Information & Registration Cards