



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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May 19 – May 26, 2000

Friday, May 19

Omer 29 (hesed shebe-hod)
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted
Shabbat B'Yahad with Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg
 After 6:00 PM service - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, May 20

Omer 30 (gevurah shebe-hod)
Shabbat Parashat B'har
Silent Meditation 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
Service 9:30 AM - 86th Street
Torah: Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2, Pg. 946
Triennial: Leviticus 25:29 – 26:2, Pg. 948
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6 – 27, Pg. 1003

B'nei Mitzvah Thomas Dolinger
 Maxwell Bernstein

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreted

Community-Wide In-Home Kiddush
 Following services - Member's Homes

"The Pit and the Rope: Judah Reveals Joseph" with Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg
 5:30 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, May 21

Omer 31 (tiferet shebe-hod)
AIDS Walk NY 8:00 AM - Prayer Service at Central Park's Bethesda Fountain (located in the middle of the 72nd Street Transverse)
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, May 22

Omer 32 (netzah shebe-hod)
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, May 23

Omer 33 (hod shebe-hod)
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ Softball 7:00 PM - North Meadow Field #4 (Central Park at 97th Street)

Wednesday, May 24

Omer 34 (yesod shebe-hod)
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
Israel Committee Pre-Travel Study Session I

6:00 PM - 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie: "The Big If: Another Biblical Model of Conditional Love"
 8:30 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, May 25

Omer 35 (malkhut shebe-hod)
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
Raising a Jewish Family with Rabbi Anne Ebersman
 7:30 PM - 88th Street

Friday, May 26

Omer 36 (hesed shebe-yesod)
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

Parashat B'hukotai

Torah: Leviticus, 26:3 – 27:34, Pg. 957
Triennial: Leviticus 26:3 – 27:15
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14, Pg. 1006

Social Justice Opportunity of the Week

JOIN THE AIDS WALK TEAM SUNDAY, MAY 21

TIME & PLACE (Rain or Shine): 8:00 AM: Prayer Service at Central Park's Bethesda Fountain (located in the middle of the 72nd Street Transverse). 8:30 - 9:30 AM: Proceed to the GOLD TEAM SIGN-IN AREA, located behind (East of) the BANDSHELL across the transverse from the Fountain. Be sure to check in at the BJ Table for Bagels & Juice. 9:30 AM: Team Photo. 9:40 AM: Begin Walk. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE BJ TEAM:** Come to the BJ Gold Team Sign-in Area after the Prayer Service at 8:30 AM and register on the spot! You are also welcome to make a donation. Bring a check made out to "AWNY". Non-BJ members are welcome to join the BJ Gold Team. **IF YOU CAN'T WALK WITH US, YOU CAN STILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION:** "Sponsor" someone who is walking or send a check made out to "AWNY" to the BJ office, Attn: BJ AIDS Walk Team.

For more information, please be sure to pick up a flyer and/or sponsor form from the back.

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.

Condolences:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to Gabriel, Bobbye, Freddy, Phyllis, Jeffrey and Emily Goldstein on the death of Gabriel's beloved sister, Josephine Reichel.

Mazal Tov To:

- Thomas and Michael Dolinger and Jane Booth on the occasion of Thomas becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Maxwell, Gary, Dale and Zachary Bernstein on the occasion of Maxwell becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rachel Wineberg, Mark and Zev Kaufman on the birth of their son and brother, Liam Harris.
- Eric Solomon and Lev Herrnson on their upcoming ordination from HUC.
- Rebecca Wolitz-Sirbu, Amanda Brodie, Jennifer Tobenstein and Joseph Menashe on their recent ordination from JTS.
- Marla Berkowitz who has the distinction of being the first deaf student to graduate from JTS, specializing in the pioneering field of Jewish Deaf Education.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Cindy Rosenthal & Molly Schachner for coordinating the BJ Million Mom March bus and to the 49+ people who marched with BJ in Washington, DC.
- All the hosts of the Community-Wide In-Home Kiddush.
- Our anonymous children's kiddush cup donor for donating a new set of children's kiddush cups.

B'rukhim Haba'im To:

- Teacher-in-residence, Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg, author of "Genesis: The Beginning of Desire."
- Reverend Mark Andrus and students from the Emanuel Episcopalian Church, Middleburg, Virginia.

Summer Tikkun Olam Opportunity

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter welcomes new volunteers to sleep over and/or set up at the shelter during the summer months. Please note that the shelter will be at 88th Street, four days a week, during the months of July and August. Those who register early will be invited to join us at a special kiddush planned for **June 3rd**. Please call Carol Dikman at 737-1840 for more information.

Living the Mitzvah of Haknasat Orhim: Do you have kiddush/lunch plans this Shabbat? (May 20th?)

This **Shabbat** morning we are hoping that everyone who attends services at BJ will have a place to go for kiddush/light lunch. If you would like to join a BJ member at their home, please go to the table in the back of the sanctuary and we will assign you a host.

Attention: BJ AIDS Walk walker! On the morning of the AIDS Walk NY, **Sunday, May 21st**, the BJ Junior Youth Group will be sponsoring a bake/refreshment sale. The proceeds will be donated to GMHC. Please don't forget to bring a few extra dollars to the walk! For more information, please call x380.

Please do not hold large blocks of seats for others. At the start of services, with rare exceptions, all seats should be filled or they will have to be released to others.

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

BJ Blood Drive: An Unparalleled Mitzvah Opportunity
Thursday, June 1st between 5:00 and 8:45 PM at 88th Street: Because of the terrific response in the Fall, we have scheduled another Blood Drive. Call x373 to schedule a time. Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call. REMEMBER: We go through the effort

to schedule so that you, and everyone else, will not need to wait.

BJ's Annual Congregational Retreat

Friday, June 16th – Sunday, June 18th at Camp Isabella Freedman in Falls Village, CT: Join Rabbi Marcelo R.

Bronstein and Rabbinic Fellow Eric Solomon. The retreat will feature Visiting Teacher, Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, Director of the UCLA Hillel and teacher of kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism.

Registration forms are available in the back of the sanctuary, the BJ office and on the BJ web site. For more information call Robin at x365. Registration for the June retreat is due by Friday, May 26th.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Lecture Series with Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg
Saturday, May 20th at 5:30 PM at 88th Street: You are invited to a study session with teacher-in-residence, Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg entitled, "The Pit and the Rope: Judah Reveals Joseph."

Raising A Jewish Family

Rabbi Anne Ebersman, Principal, BJ Hebrew School
Wednesday, May 24th (For parents with children ages 6 and older), at 7:30 PM at 88th Street: This workshop for parents will have two parts: (1) An exploration of classic and contemporary Jewish texts relating to

parenting issues and 2) Practical guidance about ways to create meaningful, developmentally appropriate Jewish experiences for children.

For Those Who are in the Process of Converting or Have Already Converted

Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30 PM at 382 Central Park West #4P (entrance on 97th St.): Join Rabbis Joshua Levine Grater and Felicia Sol to discuss the challenges of becoming Jewish, embracing Judaism and having Judaism and the community embrace you. Any questions? Call Joshua at x235 or Felicia at x222.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Film Screening: "Under the Rainbow"
Wednesday, May 24th at 9:30 PM at Makor (35 West 67th St.): Join us for a screening of "Under the Rainbow," a film that documents what happens when a small group of Orthodox Jews takes a road trip to the Rainbow Gathering Earth Festival, one of the largest and freakiest pagan festivals in the world. Both groups

are looking for the truth. Following the film, there will be a post-screening discussion with filmmaker Ryan Liftschitz. All are welcome to end the evening at Makor's café with complimentary 2 for 1 drink coupons. Cost for the screening is \$8 (\$6 BJ members). For more information and to reserve your space (seating is limited) call Makor at 601-1000.

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.

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.

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.

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Counting the Steps to Spiritual Renewal
Sunday, May 21st from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the UJA-Federation (130 East 59th Street, between Lexington and Park Avenues): Join JACS (Jewish Alcoholics Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others) for *Counting the Steps to Spiritual Renewal*. Members of all recovery programs and the public are invited to attend and explore Judaism and Jewish spirituality as a response to the problems of addiction in our community.

Registration at the door: \$50. For more information, call 397-4197.

Hassidic Re-Emergence: A Festival of Mystical Joy for Lag Ba'Omer

Sunday, May 21st from 2:00 – 10:00 PM at Makor (35 W. 67th Street): In our generation the influence of Hassidic spirituality has spread throughout the Jewish

world and beyond. There will be workshops, a panel, and a tisch (table), where stories, songs and wine are shared. At 7:00 PM there will be a concert with Lorin Sklamburg and Frank London, joined by Rob Schwimmer. They will perform Nigunim (Hassidic chants of ageless spirit through wordless melodies. Cost: \$25 for the entire Hassidic festival (\$15 for the concert). There is a 20% discount to BJ members who bring a copy of the Kol Jehsurun blurb with them. For more information, call 601-1000 or www.makor.org.

Agunah Conference

Sunday, May 21st at 7:00 PM at The Yeshiva of Flatbush (919 East 10th Street): Let agunot know the Jewish community has not forgotten their plight and that it is time for change. When a Jewish man refuses to grant his wife a *get* (a halakhic divorce), she is considered an agunah. She is at the mercy of her ex-husband financially and socially, she can potentially lose her children, and is unable to remarry. For more information, call (718) 338-0833. Modest attire required (men-yarmulke; women-long skirt).

Jam Out on Lag Ba'Omer

Monday, May 22nd at 8:00 PM at the Jewish Enrichment Center (176 Madison Avenue, between 33rd and 34th Streets): Celebrate the day of the Jewish mystics with the band **Teku**, featuring: BJ member Matt

Turk, Noah Hoffeld and Tomer Tzur. For more information, call JEC at 889-5532.

Shabbat Services in the Hamptons

Jan Uhrbach, BJ member and JTS rabbinical student, will be leading BJ-style services and teaching classes at the Conservative Synagogue of the Hamptons through the Yamim Nora'im. Kabbalat Shabbat services will be held on the beach (location TBA); Shabbat morning services are at the Old Whaler's Church, Sag Harbor, at 9:00 AM. Pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary, e-mail Jan at ujan@aol.com, or call 631-267-2161.

Beyond Figs & Falafel: The Israeli Food Scene Today

Sunday, June 4th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at Peter Kump's New York Cooking School (50 West 23rd Street): Israel's most famous chefs, including Israel Aharoni, Shalom Kadosh and Ezra Kedem, will participate in a panel discussion and tasting reception to benefit the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel. Tickets are \$65 for B'nai Jeshurun members (\$80 for non-members). For more information, call Peter Kump's at 847-0770.

Intensive Hebrew at the 92nd Street Y

Beginning June 6th from 6:15 – 8:15 PM (Beginners) and 8:30 – 9:45 PM (Intermediate) at the 92nd Street Y: BJ member, Michal Nachmany will be teaching Intensive Hebrew twice a week at the 92nd Street Y. For more information, call Michal at 865-4050.

Ecological Suggestion of the Week

Instead of using toxic insect repellents, use citronella oils and candles to repel mosquitoes, flies and ticks.
This message was brought to you by the Environment Committee at x313.

Pasuk of the Week

"You shall keep my Sabbaths and venerate My sanctuary, I am ADONAI."
 (Leviticus 26:2)

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 (c:uf trehu)**

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

- May 21st AIDS Walk Registration Information & Registration Cards
- June 1st BJ's Annual Blood Drive
- Shavuot June 8th – 10th
- June 16th - 18th Congregational Retreat
- Havurot Applications
- Employment Bank Listings
- Upcoming Singles Events