



## Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

**Rabbis:** Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993) • J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • **Cantor & Music Director:** Ari Priven

**Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows:** Rabbi Felicia Sol • Rabbi Eric Solomon • Sharon Brous • **Director of Family Education:** Rabbi Anne Ebersman

### May 18 – 25, 2001

#### Friday, May 18

**Omer 40 (hod shebe-yesod)**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Singles Shabbat Dinner** Following 6:00 PM service - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Saturday, May 19

**Omer 41 (yesod shebe-yesod)**

**Shabbat Parashat Behar-B'hukotai**

**Silent Meditation** 9:00 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel

**Service** 9:30 AM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Torah:** Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34, Pg. 946

**Triennial:** Leviticus 27:1 – 27:34, Pg. 967

**Haftarah:** Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14, Pg. 1006

**Children's Services** 10:45 AM

**Aliyat Hatan veKallah** Reid Genauer and Rebecca Carp

**Baby Namings** Dalia Rosa Bender  
Korina Galya Kesler

**Kiddush in Honor of Volunteers** Following services - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Sunday, May 20

**Omer 42 (Malhut shebe-yesod)**

**BJ AIDS Walk: Service** 8:00 AM - Bethesda Fountain

**AIDS Walk New York** 8:45 AM - Rumsey Field

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Monday, May 21

**Omer 43 (Hesed shebe-malhut)**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Economic Justice Meeting** 6:30 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Choir** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Tuesday, May 22

**Omer 44 (gevurah shebe-malhut)**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Family Set-up for the Shelter** 5:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie** Postponed

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Wednesday, May 23

**ROSH HODESH SIVAN**

**Omer 45 (tiferet shebe-malhut)**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Board of Trustees Meeting** 6:30 PM - Frankel Hall

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Thursday, May 24

**Omer 46 (netzah shebe-malhut)**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 86<sup>th</sup> Street

**Talmud Torah with Ruth Fagen** 7:30 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Friday, May 25

**Omer 47 (hod shebe-malhut)**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### NEXT WEEK

**Shabbat Parashat B'Midbar**

**Torah:** Numbers 1:1 – 4:20, Pg. 1028

**Triennial:** Numbers 3:14 – 4:20, Pg. 1039

**Haftarah:** Hosea 2:1 – 22, Pg. 1252

### SOCIAL ACTION/ SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

"Our Feet Must Pray" -- AIDS Walk New York is THIS **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** (Rain or Shine). Everyone is encouraged to come: For those who haven't yet registered to walk, we will register you there. Please join your Rabbis and community as we pray together at 8:00 AM sharp - at the Central Park Bethesda Fountain (on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street transverse) - and then walk with thousands of others to raise money for GMHC. If you can't make the short prayer services, meet us at the Gold Team Registration area in Rumsey Field (where 'Summerstage' is held), at 8:45 AM. See the flyer attached to KJ for more day of the Walk information.

**SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday night, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, the SA/SJ committee presents "The Healing Hand Percussion Circle," an evening of African and Middle Eastern drumming. Bring your own drums if you have them. If not, we'll provide them. In addition to the drumming, we'll learn a bit about the terrible civil war in Sierra Leone, and what we can do to stop it. Cost: \$20 minimum donation, with all proceeds going to help the victims of the violence.

All BJers are welcome to the next meeting of the Economic Justice Subcommittee of the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, **Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the 86<sup>th</sup> Street Parlor Room. We'll be discussing the status of the living wage bill in NYC, and other matters. Please RSVP to the Social Action Committee at x 310 or socialaction@bj.org.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Reid Genauer and Rebecca Carp on the occasion of their upcoming wedding.
- Katherina Feil and Jacob Bender and their family on the naming of their daughter, Dalia Rosa Bender.
- Barbara and Michael Kesler and Judy Weinberg and Ted Kesler on the naming of their granddaughter and daughter, Korina Galya Kesler.
- Leslie and Moshe Horn and their family on the birth of their daughter, Ayelet Ilyse.
- Rev K Karpen, Charlene Floyd and Jessie, and their entire family and SPSA community, on the birth of their son and brother Harold Clay.
- Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Sharon Brous, Jill Borodin, Bradley Solmsen, Esther Reed, Mordecai Schwartz and their families on their rabbinic ordinations.
- Mark Kanter and Carolyn Strauss and their families on their recent engagement.
- Marc Strauss and Madelaine Miller and their families on their recent engagement.
- Susan Etra and Rachel Ringler and their families on reading the Torah for the first time.

## **B'rukhim Haba'im To:**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students of Temple Beth Shalom, Miami Beach, Florida.

## **BJ Floral Fund**

Help make BJ look good and smell good! Flowers grace the synagogue with color, fragrance and delight. Please consider a donation to the BJ Floral Fund to commemorate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, auf ruf, wedding, baby naming, anniversary or Yahrzeit. For more information, call Deborah Pinsky at x254. A special thanks to Nancy Bravman for starting this wonderful project with her generous donation.

## **What do we know that you don't know?**

So what is the difference between being a member of BJ and a non-member who participates? There is truly a world of difference between the two. It does not only mean financially supporting a place that reflects your values and what you care about. It is a vital act of Tikkun Olam. You are standing up and being counted upon to help the important deeds that this community does together. There is a world outside these Friday evening Shabbat services and this is your opportunity to say "yes, count on me to make a difference in that world." To find out more about membership at BJ come to our Non-member seminar on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at our 88<sup>th</sup> Street synagogue.

## **BJ Havurot**

The following groups are in the process of being formed and need more participants. If you are interested in joining a specific havurah, please fill out a havurah form found at the back of the sanctuary or on the BJ website or call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

- Friday night study Havurah.
- Bergen and Rockland County Havurah (please contact Lori Zimmerman at 201-840-0215).

A new Havurah is forming and is seeking additional members. The group is currently meeting once a month on Friday nights for a potluck dinner and discussion of concepts and practices of Judaism. Discussion will be led by different Havurah members who will select a brief text (1-10 pages) to study. The next meeting will take place on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x 222.

# SHAVUOT AT BJ

## **Women's Mikvah and Havdalah**

**Saturday night, May 26<sup>th</sup>:** BJ Women get ready for the healing purification of Shavuot. Join us for a beautiful havdalah/mikvah celebration where we will sing and pray and prepare ourselves for the sanctity of receiving the Torah with the rejuvenating waters of the mikvah or mayim chaim (living waters). Please RSVP to BJ member, Lisa Buksbaum at Lisa@soaringwords.org. We will be meeting at 8:00 PM at Lisa's home (5 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street #15A) for Havdalah and then going, as a community, to the West Side Mikvah on 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Take the plunge.

## **Accepting our Torah: Tikkun Leil Shavuot at BJ Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** after Shavuot evening services at 88<sup>th</sup> Street:

Come prepare to accept the Torah by participating in provocative, soul-searching text study during our all-night Tikkun Leil Shavuot. BJ friend and master teacher, Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, will serve as our primary scholar-in-residence and share his thoughts with us. Later on into the night, our Rabbis and Brandeis University doctoral student, Or-Nistar Rose, will inspire us to delve deeper into our spiritual lives so that we may be able to openly receive our personal Torah. Please bring fresh fruit or a kosher dairy dessert (store bought and prepared under rabbinic supervision only). Music and dance will be interspersed throughout the tikkun, culminating in a sunrise tefillah led by

Rabbi Rolando Matalon in Riverside Park. Please bring a blanket for our 5:00 AM shaharit, which will include Hallel and a Torah reading. For more information, please contact Rabbi Eric Solomon at x235.

## **First Day Shavuot**

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>,** First Day services begin at 10:00 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Children's services begin at 10:45 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Frankel Hall. Toward the conclusion of services, all children will be invited to decorate the bimah with bikkurim (baskets of fruits, flowers and greens), which will later be donated to homeless persons. Please bring a basket, fruit and nuts. By Special Arrangement will provide the flowers.

Following morning services, we will gather (weather permitting) for our annual Shavuot picnic in Riverside Park. Please bring your lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

Evening Service will begin at 8:45 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **Second Day Shavuot**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>,** Second Day and Yizkor services begin at 9:30 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Frankel Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Special Community Kiddush

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** Join us at 88<sup>th</sup> Street following Shabbat services at 86<sup>th</sup> Street as we come together as a community to honor the 710 people currently volunteering at BJ. The kiddush will also be an opportunity to show support for those also participating in the AIDS Walk on this, **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you.

### Environment Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in the Parlor Room at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Join us for our next Environment Committee meeting. Hope to see you there.

### Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 PM 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Sharon Brous to welcome in the month of Sivan through study, prayer and discussion. New participants are always welcome.

### Salute to Israel Parade

This year's Israel Day Parade is on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM, rain or shine, Fifth Avenue between 57<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Streets. BJ will meet at 12:30 PM on the North East corner of 72<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Come join us at this year's Israel Day Parade. Join us after the AIDS walk to show your support to Israel with the community! Enjoy the live entertainment, energy, music and food. Join us!

### L'Dor V'Dor-Luncheon

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:45 PM at the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary: L'Dor V'Dor- Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch. Members of all ages are invited to share a wonderful Shabbat celebration with music, lunch and discussion featuring our special guest, actress Shirley Romaine, who will present, "Bitter Herbs and Honey," a program of poems and stories by Yiddish, Israeli and American Jewish writers. **RSVP by May 25<sup>th</sup>** by sending a check to the BJ office for \$12 per person marked "L'Dor V'dor Lunch 6/2/01".

### Festival of Jewish Music

**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at Symphony Space (Broadway and 95<sup>th</sup> Street): Beyond Shelter Coalition will host its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Jewish Music. Join musicians Debbie Friedman, Frank London, Adrienne Cooper and Matt Turk for a benefit concert to create and rehabilitate housing for low-income and homeless New Yorkers. Cost: \$36 general admission/ \$30 each for groups of 10 or more/ \$18 seniors, students/ \$75, \$150+ "Golden Circle" tickets. Please send checks to: Beyond Shelter c/o Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, 10024. For more information please call 662-3663.

### SAVE THE DATE: A Conversation with the Rabbis

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary: Join us for an engaging evening with our rabbis.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### Attention all Families with Children K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!

Give your child the gift of Jewish education at the B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School. Principal Rabbi Anne Ebersman invites families

with 5 to 8 year olds to join our Hebrew School in the fall.

**Registration deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and application forms please call Tina at x 225.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

### Singles Catered Shabbat Dinner at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Ari Live!

This Friday's catered Shabbat dinner with our beloved hazan, Ari Priven is fully subscribed. Those who have pre-registered for the dinner are invited to join us at 88<sup>th</sup> Street (Frankel Hall) immediately following the 6:00 PM service.

Day Weekend for Jewish Singles, featuring BASHERTE. A beautiful place to be yourself and meet your soulmate. Yoga, dancing, nature, sports, gourmet, kosher vegetarian cuisine, and a joyous Shabbat/ Shavuot program - "Relationship Revelation." Register early. Group discounts available. (Single parents-separate children's program.) Please call 800-398-2630 or [www.basherte.com](http://www.basherte.com) for more information.

### Looking for Memorial Day Plans?

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, at Elat Chayyim Retreat Center in the Catskill Mountains: Join us for a unique Memorial

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary, for those who need them both at 88<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Special Needs/Reserved Seating

If you have special needs (physical, hearing, or visual) and would like assistance with seating for Shabbat services (aisle, close to the front, etc.), please call x308.

### 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

### Israeli Folk Dancing

At Bridge for Dance 2726 Broadway (at 104<sup>th</sup> Street): **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 PM Yom Yerushalayim party featuring dances dedicated to Jerusalem with guest teachers. **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 PM, End-of-season marathon and party with special guests.

Cost: \$10 per event. For more information call 620-0535, [rd@rikud.net](mailto:rd@rikud.net) or [www.rikud.net](http://www.rikud.net)

**JCC Outdoor Adventure Club**

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the ExtraVertical Climbing Center (Broadway at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street): For men and women aged fifty and over, get involved in challenging activities. Join us for indoor rock climbing with a professional instructor. Cost: \$9. For more information, call the JCC on the Upper West Side at 580-0099.

**Music Concert**

**Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:00 PM at Symphony Space (2537 Broadway at 95<sup>th</sup> Street): The Gay Gotham Chorus presents, Spring Rhapsody with music director Jonathan Babcock and featuring Stephanie Blythe and the Cosmopolitan Symphony Orchestra. Cost: \$25/ \$30/ \$40. For more information go to [www.gaygothamchorus.org](http://www.gaygothamchorus.org).

**Jewish Renewal Gathering.**

The ALEPH Kallah is **July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**, in DeKalb, IL, near Chicago. This biennial conference brings together hundreds of Jewish renewal seekers, artists, authors, activists and teachers for an amazing week of study, prayer, music and community. All program and registration information is available on-line at [www.aleph.org](http://www.aleph.org). If you would like a hard copy of the brochure, or other information, e-mail [KallahAJR@aol.com](mailto:KallahAJR@aol.com) or call 303-554-5913. If you are aged 20-29 and require financial assistance

to attend the Kallah, please call Rabbi Felicia Sol at x 222 for more information about the Kesher program.

**Roxbury Farm Community Supported Agriculture**

Shares are still available in the Roxbury Farm Community Supported Agriculture project! Fresh, organically grown, New York State produce is delivered to the Upper West Side from June to December. Roxbury Farm works on the community supported agriculture (CSA) model. Customers pay the farmer in advance for produce that is delivered the day it is harvested. The farm gets cash when it is most needed, and you get the freshest, most delicious veggies on the planet! You pick up your weekly share at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, Thursdays 4:00 – 7:00 PM. The season starts June 14<sup>th</sup>, shares cost \$383 and are selling fast! For a brochure and application please call 539-3826. Not sure? Come to the "Meet the farmer, meet the members" event - **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 3:00 PM in the parlor room of 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Hebrew Classes**

**Wednesdays, beginning in June**, a new Hebrew class is forming, focusing on prayer book Hebrew. If you would like to feel more comfortable at BJ, or would like to start preparing for the High Holy days, please join us. A beginner and an intermediate level will be taught. Classes will continue through July, subject to demand. For more information about these new classes, please call Michal Nachmany at 865-4050.

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**Ana Bekoah**

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura.  
Barukh shem kevod malkhuto le'olam va'ed

אָנָה בִּקְחוּא גְדוּלַת יְמִינְכָה תַּתִּיר תְּצֵרֵרָה,  
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Source of mercy! With loving strength untie our tangles.  
Through time and space, Your glory shines, Majestic One.

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**Laws of Lashon Hara**

If someone cheated or embarrassed you, you are forbidden to tell others about it as you may be influenced by the desire for revenge. However, if by telling someone you can retrieve your loss or prevent future loss or embarrassment, special care must be taken.

**PASUK OF THE WEEK**

"scg , scg uc scg, -tku lk-rfnbu lng lhj t l unh-hfu"  
(yk:vf trehu)

"If your brother under you continues in straits and must give himself over to you, do not subject him to the treatment of a slave"  
(Leviticus 25:39)

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

- AIDS WALK 2001
- Membership Packets
- New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events
- Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
- Introduction to Bikur Holim
- Information on Breast Cancer Havurah

## Living Wage Campaign