



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 • Rabbi Sharon Brous • **Director of Family Education:** Rabbi Anne Ebersman

May 25 – June 1, 2001

Friday, May 25

Omer 47 (hod shebe-malhut)

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Teen Shabbat Dinner Following 6:00 PM service - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, May 26

Omer 48 (yesod shebe-malhut)

Shabbat Parashat B'Midbar

Silent Meditation Service 9:00 AM - 86th Street Chapel
 9:30 AM - 86th Street

Torah: Numbers 1:1 – 4:20, Pg. 1028
Triennial: Numbers 3:14 – 4:20, Pg. 1039
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22, Pg. 1252

Children's Services 10:45 AM

Baby Naming Chloe Gabrielle Arons

Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Sarlin

Kiddush Following services - 86th Street

Sunday, May 27

EREV SHAVUOT

Omer 49 (Malhut shebe-malhut)

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street
First Evening Service and Tikkun Leil Shavuot
 Beginning at 8:00 PM - 88th Street

Monday, May 28

FIRST DAY SHAVUOT

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Shavuot First Day Service 10:00 AM - 88th Street

Shavuot Picnic

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Second Evening Service 8:45 PM - 88th Street

Following services - Riverside Park

Tuesday, May 29

SECOND DAY SHAVUOT

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Second Day Services 9:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie Cancelled
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, May 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Thursday, May 31

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

Friday, June 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Naso

Torah: Numbers 4:21 – 7:89, Pg. 1043
Triennial: Numbers 7:1 – 7:89, Pg. 1070
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25, Pg. 1256

SA/ SJ OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

WE DID IT!! - Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2001 AIDS Walk a wonderful success: the walkers, the volunteers, Ari and the Rabbis. GMHC reports that they raised over \$4 million (BJ's team total will be reported in an upcoming Kol Jeshurun). For those with checks to send to GMHC, please mail them to the BJ office, 100A W. 89th St., NY, NY 10024 as soon as you can, with "AIDS Walk" written prominently on the envelope. Please remember to include your name and write "Team 1017" in the memo area of each check. All funds must be received by **June 8th** in order to be counted in BJ's fundraising total for the 2001 Walk. And remember that it's not too late to raise additional funds; no amount is too small (or too large!) and every dollar counts. Please contact the SA/SJ committee with any questions (socialaction@bj.org or x.310).

See page 3 for important information about SA/SJ's upcoming June 9th event.

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 4th** at 7:00 PM at our 88th Street synagogue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its deepest condolences to the following members and their families:

- Edna Rosenman on the death of her beloved brother, Morris L. Machtiger.

Mazal Tov To:

- Jonathan, Bob, Peggy, Katherine and Benjamin Sarlin on the occasion of Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Penny, Mitchell, Matthew and Marilyn Arons on the naming of their daughter, sister and granddaughter, Chloe Gabrielle.
- Beth Handler and her family on the arrival of her daughter, Lauren Thi Handler.
- Rabbi Anne Ebersman and Dan and Emma Caligor on the birth of their daughter and sister, Lara Mayan Caligor.
- Stephanie Rein, Edward, Benjamin and Avery Stern, Judy and Stephen Peck and Manny and Liz Stern on the birth of their son, brother, grandson and nephew, Ezra Stern.
- Robin and Claudio Kolodzinski, and Stanley and Marcey Pantowich on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Arielle Eve Kolodzinski.

Kiddush Sponsor:

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Penny, Mitchell and Matthew Arons in celebration of the birth of their daughter and sister, Chloe Gabrielle Arons.

Todah Rabbah To:

Ilene Sameth, Director of Membership, who has worked at BJ for the past five years. In addition to the endless contributions Ilene has made to our congregation, she has been an innovator in helping to develop membership programs and expand the BJ community. Ilene will be leaving us to be the new Executive Director of West End Synagogue but will continue to be an active member of BJ. We will miss her greatly and wish her much mazal tov and success in her new position.

B'ruchim Haba'im To:

- Hollis Kramer, the new Director of Family Life. Hollis will be working closely with Rabbi Anne Ebersman to ensure a more seamless program between Hebrew School families and the congregation. Hollis is a double master's graduate of Brandeis

University's prestigious Heller School of Management and the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service. She has worked at Hillel in Miami and Washington, D.C., has taught Hebrew school, and has interned at the American Jewish Committee and at Safe Havens: the Interfaith Partnership against Domestic Violence. Hollis grew up in Congregation Beth El synagogue under Rabbi Larry Kushner in Sudbury, MA. and was a counselor at Camp Ramah. She is most excited to be here and we are thrilled to have her.

- Pastor Robert Gage and Mrs. Mary Gage of the First Baptist Church, New York.
- Educator Sharon Brown and the 8th grade students of Temple Israel, Long Beach, CA.
- The Zahal Disabled Israeli War Veterans: Yoel Mor, Ofer Vazana, Meir Ben Gigi, Eli Balas, Avraham Grinberg, Avraham Yogel, Itay Elimelech, Jacob Ash, Moshe Rosenfeld, Barak Miron.

BJ Floral Fund

Help 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 x254.

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 1st. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at x222.

SHAVUOT AT BJ

Women's Mikvah and Havdalah

Saturday night, May 26th: 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 86th Street #15A) for Havdalah and then going, as a community, to the West Side Mikvah on 78th Street. Bring a check for \$25 to West Side Women's Club (this money goes to the Mikvah). Take the plunge!

Accepting our Torah: Tikkun Leil Shavuot at BJ

Sunday, May 27th, after Shavuot evening services at 88th 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.

SHAVUOT SERVICE TIMES

First Day Shavuot

- **Monday, May 28th,** First Day services begin at 10:00 AM at 88th Street. Children's services begin at 10:45 AM at 88th 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 88th Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

L'Dor V'Dor-Luncheon

Saturday, June 2nd, at 12:45 PM, at the 88th 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 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 4th at 7:30 PM at Symphony Space (Broadway and 95th Street): Beyond Shelter Coalition will host its 9th 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 83rd Street, 10024. For more information please call 662-3663.

Social Action/ Social Justice Upcoming Events:

- **The Healing Hand Percussion Circle SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday night, June 9th**, 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.
- **Mideast Peace:** Please see the letter in the display case in the back of the sanctuary which applauds the "balanced, constructive approach" taken by the Mitchell Commission in

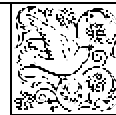
Second Day Shavuot

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

presenting its report on the current Intifada. The letter concludes by urging the Bush Administration to "make every effort to help the two sides implement the steps put forward in the Mitchell Commission Report." Please consider sending this or a similar letter to the Bush Administration and to the local papers (addresses included).

For BJ Members:

A Conversation with the Rabbis



Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary

In response to an excellent idea suggested at April's Community Forum, please join us for an evening of conversation. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share your questions about prayer, observance, learning, and spiritual issues. We look forward to being with you.

For more information, please call Deborah Pinsky at 787-7600 x254.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 28th, 7:00 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary. BJ Members, join us for B'nai Jeshurun's Annual Meeting.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

Summer's In the Air!

Friday, June 8th, following the 6:45 PM service in the Social Hall of 86th Street: Welcome in the warm nights ahead with an Oneg Shabbat. Join us for lite fare, beverages, and schmoozing.

Picnic in the Park

Saturday, June 9th, immediately following services, meet in front of 86th Street: We invite you to join us at our annual Summer Shabbat picnic in the park. Bring your favorite vegetarian lunch and drink. We'll bring the halvah, wine, and song sheets and together, under the shade of a leafy tree, we'll share the joys of Shabbat in Riverside Park. Call x 306 for more information.

Brunch: Jewish Men in A Gentile World

Sunday, June 10th, from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for brunch when our special guest speaker will be Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, author of "Searching for my Brother - Jewish Men in a Gentile World". Cost for the lecture and brunch: \$15 members/\$25 for non-members. Please send your check to the BJ office marked "6/10 Singles Brunch" by **Monday, June 4th**. Please include note with day/evening phone numbers and indicate your membership status. If space is available the cost at the door will be \$30 for all.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary, 88th and 86th 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 x320.

