

Kol Jeshurun



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Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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

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June 1 – 8, 2001

Friday, June 1

Community Retreat Copake, NY
Kabalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Kabalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, June 2

Community Retreat Copake, NY

Shabbat Parashat Naso

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

Torah: Numbers 4:21 – 7:89, Pg. 1043

Triennial: Numbers 7:1 – 7:89, Pg. 1070

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25, Pg. 1256

Children's Services 10:45 AM

L'Dor V'Dor Luncheon 1:00 PM - 88th Street

Sunday, June 3

Community Retreat Copake, NY
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, June 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
Non Members Seminar 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, June 5

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
The Weekly Potion: Torah Soup for the Soul with Amichai Lau-Lavie 6:00 PM 86th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, June 6

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Kesharim 2:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Thursday, June 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM - 88th Street
A Conversation with the Rabbis 7:00 PM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street

Friday, June 8

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat B'Ha'alotkha

Torah: Numbers 8:1 – 12:16, Pg. 1075
Triennial: Numbers 10:35 – 12:16, Pg. 1091
Haftarah: Zekhariah 2:14 – 4:7, Pg. 1259

SA/ SJ OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK **"DON'T STAND IDLY BY..."**

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 help. Cost: \$20 minimum donation, with all proceeds going to help the victims of the violence. Please see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

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This is the last week to send in checks for the AIDS Walk to GMHC. Please see page 2 for more information.

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:

- Beverly Wolfer, John and Leah Nerenberg on the death of their beloved grandfather and great-grandfather, Abraham Wolfer.
- Amy, Charles, Allison and Julie Rudnick on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Leonard Teicher.

Mazal Tov To:

Sue Moss and Michael Weiner and their families on Sue and Michael's recent engagement.

B'rukhim Haba'im To:

Rabbi Ronald Roth and 11th grade students from West End Synagogue, Nashville, Tennessee.

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.

NEXT SHABBAT: Rae Tobey Food Drive

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable kosher foods to Shabbat services on **(June 8th and 9th)**. Food will be donated to both the Westside Campaign Against Hunger and the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

Food List:

Peanut Butter	Canned Tuna/Salmon
Parmalat Milk	Hot/Cold Cereals
Fresh Garlic & Onions	

Kids, We need your Art!

BJ Kids! We need your creative ideas, drawings and designs to make a beautiful new ark for Children's services at BJ! Please send us your drawings of animals (lions, birds, goats, sheep...), plants (vines, trellises) and flowers of all kinds. Mail in your drawings to the BJ office at 100A West 89th Street, NY, NY 10024 c/o Deborah Pinsky by **Friday, June 15th**.

Ushers Needed This Summer!

BJ needs ushers for the summer months when many of our congregants are away on vacation. In the summer months, Shabbat evening services begin at 6:45 PM at the 88th Street Sanctuary and at 8:00 PM at 88th Street Frankel Hall. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 AM at 88th Street. If you are interested in ushering during the summer months, (once or twice would be very helpful), please call the Ushers Voicemail at x 305, leave your name, number and at which services you could usher. Please help in this act of gemilut hasadim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

- **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).

- **Mid-east 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 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.

BJ's 6th Annual Stonewall Seder

Friday, June 22nd, immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat services at the 88th Street Frankel Hall: SBY is pleased to be co-hosting this dinner with the Social Action/Social Justice Committee and the Gay and Lesbian Committee. Our Guest of Honor is Sandi Simcha Dubowski, the Producer/Director of 'Trembling Before G-d', an unprecedented documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality and religious fundamentalism. Reservations for the dinner must be made, and paid, in advance. Cost: \$25 members/ \$27 non-members. Please send a check with the total number of guests, along with your name, address and phone number to: Stonewall Shabbat Seder c/o Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024. To assure your place, please call the Shabbat B'Yachad committee, at x 304 and leave your name, and your guests' names.

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 hallah, 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 x 320.

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

"Kaddish" Film Screening at the MOMA

Sunday, June 17th at 3:00 PM and Tuesday, June 19th at 3:30 PM at the Roy and Niuta Titus Theater at the Museum of Modern Art (11 West 53rd Street): BJ member Steve Brand's feature documentary, Kaddish, will be shown. The film is about surviving a survivor, relating the complicated, tense, sometimes funny, but always loving relationship between Brooklyn-born Yossi Klein and his father Zoltan, a Hungarian Holocaust survivor who died six months after the film was begun. For more information please call the museum at 708-9400

Arabs, Jews and New York Politics

Sunday, June 3rd, 2:00 – 5:00 PM at Hunter College West Building (6th floor 68th Street and Lexington Avenue): Join JFREJ for an afternoon teach-in on anti-Arab racism in the American imagination, the Jewish community and local electoral politics-- from the Clinton/Lazio Senate race to the current contest for New York City Mayor. Speaker include: Jeremy Burton, Stephen P. Cohen, Karim Fahim, Sam Hussein, Jeanine Shama, Ella Shohat and Ivri-Nasawi. For more information about the program, please contact JFREJ at 647-8966 or jfrej@iqc.org.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service in Riverdale

Friday, June 8th, at the Ethical Culture Society (4450 Fieldston Road at Manhattan College Parkway): Join Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow, Rabbi Eric Solomon, and BJ member Mordy Schram for a BJ-inspired Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Service in Riverdale. There will have an Oneg Shabbat following services. For more information, call Rabbi Eric Solomon at x 235.

Aleph Kallah - Jewish Renewal Gathering

The Aleph Kallah, a bi-annual conference for Jewish Renewal, will take place July 2nd - 8th in DeKalb, IL. This gathering will be attended by nearly one thousand seekers, teachers and artists who will come together for an inspiring week of study, prayer, music and community. Copies of the Kallah brochure are available in back of the sanctuary or can be requested by e-mail KallahAJR@aol.com or phone (303) 554-5913. Full details are also available online at www.aleph.org. People aged 20-29 are encouraged to participate in the special Kallah Keshet program. Financial assistance is available for those requiring it. Contact BJ member Bena Medjuck 665-3127, Bena@hotmail.com, for further information.

Ana Bekoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura. :v'ur'v'ah t'v'ah, k'sd'p'c t'p't
Barukh shem kevod malkhuto le'olam va'ed :s'g'f' o'g'k' b' l'f'k' s'c' p' o'v' o'v' s'

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

PASUK OF THE WEEK

ouka l'k oahu l'ikt uhbp 'v tah
(uf:u rcsnc)

Adonai bestow his favor upon you and grant you peace
(Numbers 6:26, Pg.1064)

LAWS OF LASHON HARA

Thus Adonai said to Israel: " All I ask is that you love and respect one another." Tanna D'Vei Eliyahu, 28.
"One dare not demean any human being in the world." Zohar Vayetzr, 164A

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

Saturday, June 9th – The Healing Hand Percussion Circle

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

Letter on US Involvement in Mid East Peace Process