



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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June 22 – 29, 2001

Friday, June 22

ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th Street
Stonewall Seder Following 6:00 PM service - 88th Street
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th Street

Saturday, June 23

Shabbat Parashat Korah

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

Torah: Numbers 16:1 – 18:32, Pg. 1127
Triennial: Numbers 17:25 – 18:32, Pg. 1136
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22, Pg. 1265

Baby Naming Theodore Julius Strauss

Children's Services 10:45 AM

Kiddush Following Services - 86th Street

New and Expecting Parents Group 1:00 PM - 86th Street

Sunday, June 24

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, June 25

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 88th Street
ICC Meeting 6:30 PM - 86th Street

Tuesday, June 26

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 27

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

Thursday, June 28

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 8:30 AM - 88th Street
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM - 86th Street
Annual Meeting 7:00 PM - 88th Street

Friday, June 29

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parashat Hukat

Torah: Numbers 19:1 - 22:1, Pg. 1145
Triennial: Numbers 19:1 - 20:21, Pg. 1145
Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 33, Pg. 1268

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

In commemoration of Gay Pride Weekend and our own Stonewall Shabbat Seder -- Throughout the country, qualified, hardworking Americans are denied job opportunities, fired or otherwise discriminated against for reasons that have nothing to do with their performance and abilities. Currently, Federal law provides basic legal protection against employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, or disability, but not sexual orientation. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, providing basic protection to ensure fairness in the workplace for Americans who are currently denied equal protection under the law. Please call Senator Schumer's office at (202) 224-6542 and thank the Senator for his continuing support on this issue, and Senator Clinton's office at (202) 224-4451 and let her know that you strongly support the ENDA.

Save-the-Date: In two weeks (July 6th - 7th), we'll be collecting new and gently used children's books to donate to poor children on the Island of Jamaica. Please remember to bring AT LEAST one such book with you to services on either Friday night or Saturday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our longtime beloved member, Bertha Albam.

Mazal Tov To:

- Nina, Ari and Aaron Priven on the birth of their daughter and sister, Mariel Aliza.
- Wendy Cromwell, Tom and Annabel Strauss on the naming of their son and brother, Theodore Julius Strauss.
- Philip Gross, Sharon Seidman and their families on Philip and Sharon's recent engagement

Kiddush Sponsors:

The kiddush this week is sponsored by:

- Janice Hermalyn in memory of her mother Blanche (Blima) Hermalyn.
- Bernice and Morty Levine in celebration of Morty's special birthday.
- B'nai Jeshurun's Gay and Lesbian Committee in celebration of Gay Pride.

Shabbat Flowers:

This weekend's Shabbat flowers are sponsored by Marya and Mark Lehrman in honor and celebration of the first birthday of their son, Eilam Shalev.

Memorial Plaques

We are again offering the members of our community the opportunity to make a special contribution in memory of a loved one and have their name permanently inscribed on the black

granite plaques at the back of our sanctuary. Donations for the plaques will be used to help support and sustain our community in which we pray, study and serve together. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one in this way, please send the name along with a \$1000 donation per name to B'nai Jeshurun, Attention: Aviva Zuckerman, by August 1, 2001. If you are memorializing a couple, the donation amount is \$1500 providing that the names total fewer than 32 characters including spaces. The names will be inscribed before the High Holy Days and a ceremony in their memory will take place in January. If you have any questions, please contact Aviva at x 250.

New Summer Service:

From Friday, June 29th - Saturday, September 1st, all Shabbat services and community kiddushim will be held at 257 West 88th Street as follows:

Kabbalat Shabbat service: 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary
Downstairs Minyan: 8:00 PM in Frankel Hall
Shabbat morning service: 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Children's morning service: 10:45 AM in Frankel Hall
Community Kiddushim: 2nd and 4th Shabbat of the month in Frankel Hall

(On Friday, September 7th we will return to two Friday night services, 6:00 PM at 88th Street (BJ) and 6:45 PM at 86th Street (SPSA). Shabbat morning services and kiddushim will be held at 86th Street.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

BJ's 6th Annual Stonewall Seder

Tonight, Friday, June 22 all those who registered for this special Shabbat B'Yahad dinner, please join us immediately following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service at the 88th Street Frankel Hall.

Workshop for New and Expecting Parents

This Saturday, June 23rd at 1:00 PM at the 86th Street Parlor Room: Join the New and Expecting Parents' Group for an informative session with BJ member and psychologist, Ron Taffel entitled, "Getting Started: What Every Parent Should Know."

Report on Trip to Israel

Monday, June 25th, 7:00 PM at 88th Street: Please join BJ members Ernest Adams and Lisa Schachner when they share their stories about visiting the Beta Israel communities in Addis Ababa and Gondar, Ethiopia and Israel. For more information contact Friends Of South Wing to Zion at 794-1904.

Environment Committee Meeting

Monday, June 25th, 7:00 PM in the conference room of the BJ office, (100A West 89th Street): Please attend a very special meeting of the Environment Committee where we will discuss the future goals and activities of the committee.

Crisis in Argentina

Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary: BJ's Latin America Committee will host a panel discussion on the current economic crisis in the Argentine Jewish community. Speakers will include Dr. William Recant, Assistant Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski of the JCC of Harrison; and W. Stewart Cahn, a lay leader with UJA-Federation. Cost: Free. For more information, please call x 371.

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.

Moadon Hasefer HaTov

Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary: The BJ Book Club's selection for June and July is Bee Season by Myla Goldberg. This highly acclaimed debut novel moves among the worlds of elementary school, spelling bees, Jewish mysticism, Eastern religious cults and an eccentric family. Publishers Weekly said, "Goldberg's insights into religious devotion, guilt, love, obsessive personalities and family dynamics ring true, and her use of spelling-as-metaphor makes a clever trope in a novel populated by literate scholars and voracious readers. Her quiet wit, balanced by an empathetic understanding of human foibles, animates every page."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ushers Needed This Summer!

BJ needs ushers for the summer months when many of our ushers are away on vacation. During 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 Deborah Pinsky at x 254, leave your name, number and the service at which you could usher. Please help in this act of gemilut hasadim

Homeless Shelter Needs Summer Volunteers

With summer vacations coming, many regular BJ/SPSA shelter volunteers will be away and summer replacements are needed Monday through Thursday each week. We especially need sleepover volunteers at this time. During July and August, the shelter is housed each night at the air-conditioned 88th Street location. Shelter Chairperson, Anne Millman will hold a training session for new or returning volunteers, on Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 PM. To volunteer, sign up for the training or to get more information, please leave a message at x 340.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation, but lending a hand can make yours better...Volunteers are needed to help out with the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program on Thursday mornings. The Lunch Program provides a home cooked meal to the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and anyone who is in need every Thursday.

Volunteers help prepare the meals on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings and then serve our guests Thursdays at noon. Not only will you have the opportunity to truly heal the world, but you will meet such interesting people as a 92-year-old ballet maestro or a young starving fine artist. This is a great way to do good and to get to know the members of your own community. If you would like to help out this summer (or all year long), you can come by the Synagogue on 88th Street on Thursday mornings between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM (preparation) or 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM (serving and closing). If you would be interested in helping out on Wednesday evenings (preparation) we would love to have you help then too. For more information, call the Lunch Program at x 338.

Help Needed in the BJ Office

As we receive information from Yamim Nora'im ushers, we need volunteers to help in the BJ office with entering data into the computer. This work will most likely begin by mid-July. If you are able to help out, please contact Carol Dikman, BJ's Volunteer Coordinator, at x 255.

Ushering for Yamim Nora'im

We are well on our way with planning for the High Holidays and need your help with ushering at all services. Ushering for Yamim Nora'im has always been a responsibility and privilege that everyone in the community shares together. If you have not already sent in your form indicating what shifts you prefer, please sign up by calling Carol at x 255.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

A Catered Shabbat Dinner: Erev Shira

Friday, July 13th at 7:30 PM at Ansche Chesed (100 Street and West End Avenue): You are cordially invited to a catered Shabbat dinner, in conjunction with Ansche Chesed's Young Professionals. The evening will feature a Sing-A-Long with Elana Weinberg. Cost for the dinner: \$20 BJ/AC members/ \$25 non-members. Admission to the program only is \$8 BJ/AC members/ \$10 non-members. **Please Note:** if you plan on attending the dinner (or the program only) we must have your check (payable to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun & marked "7/13 Singles Dinner") in the BJ office on **Monday, July 9th** - NO EXCEPTIONS. Please include a note with your full name, day/evening phone numbers, your membership status, and indicate if you require a vegetarian meal. There will be no admittance to the dinner without paid reservations.

Upcoming Activities: SAVE THE DATE

Hike the Splendor of Summer

Sunday, July 15th: Join us for a summer hike. Look for details on our website and upcoming Kol Jeshurun flyers.

BJ Singles Retreat

Have you ever wished there were an easier way to meet some of the people sitting around you at services? Those who have attended past retreats will tell you there is no better way to meet people and feel part of the community than attending a BJ retreat. Join us for our 6th annual retreat at Block & Hexter Vacation Center the weekend of **October 19th**. Check your mailbox mid July for applications or call x 306 for more information.

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 and 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

New Book Published

BJ member Rabbi Sidney Greenberg has just published "The Jewish View of Marriage."

Jewish Book Group

Thursday, June 28th at 6:30 PM at Borders in the World Trade Center: Neil Feldman invites the BJ community to participate in the free Jewish book group. Please join this free Jewish Book Group which meets the fourth Thursday of every month. This weeks the club will discuss Israeli writer Ronit Matalon's critically acclaimed first novel, "The One Facing Us." This is a languid tale of an Egyptian Jewish family, told from the perspective of the sensitive adolescent girl. This novel is sure to appeal to anyone interested in Sephardic and Mediterranean culture. For more information, email Neil at arbrunr@aol.com.

Human Rights Watch Film Festival

Through June 28th at the Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center (165 West 65th Street): The Human Rights Watch International Film festival is the leading venue for distinguished fiction, documentary and animated films and videos with a distinctive human rights theme. The New York Times called it "The most morally engaged, socially far-reaching annual film series to play New York. the Festival offers a different kind of global tour,

conducted without the usual rose-colored glasses and tourist distractions. Among this year's films is BJ member B.Z. Goldberg's film, Promises, Maia Wechsler's Sisters In Resistance, Laurent Becue-Renard's That The Women Live., Randa Chahal Sabbag's Souha: Surviving Hell and Atef Hetata's The Closed Doors. Purchase tickets at box office (cash only), with credit card on website www.filmlinc.com or call 496-3809.

Aleph Kallah - Jewish Renewal Gathering

The Aleph Kallah, a biennial conference for Jewish Renewal, will take place July 2nd - 8th in DeKalb, IL (near Chicago). Join this gathering of 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.

Hebrew Classes

It is not too late to register for Hebrew classes this summer! BJ member Michal Nachmany will be teaching classes in prayer book and modern Hebrew. Please call her at 865-4050 for more information.

L A W S O F L A S H O N H A R A

One should be extremely careful not to accept what gossip he/she hears as being factual. Rather, one should use what is being said as a basis for being wary of the subject; e.gg to prevent being hurt by the person under discussion. Every person is assumed to be righteous and one may not abrogate this assumption without concrete evidence. (Hafetz Haim, Vol. I)

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"Moses then brought out all the staffs from before Adonai to all the Israelites:
each identified and recovered his staff"
(Numbers 17:24)

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

Membership Packets
New Havurot Applications
Upcoming Singles Events
Information on Support Groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
Introduction to Bikur Holim
Living Wage Campaign
Letter on US Involvement in Mid East Peace Process