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# August 3 – 10, 2001

### Friday, August 3

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
**Downstairs Minyan**

6:45 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary  
7:15 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall

### Saturday, August 4

**Shabbat Parashat Va'Ethanan**  
**Shabbat Nahamu**

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11 Pg. 1333

**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 5:1 – 7:11 Pg. 1339

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 40:1 – 26 Pg. 1595

**Silent Meditation Service** 9:00 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary

**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall

### Sunday, August 5

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

### Monday, August 6

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tuesday, August 7

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Wednesday, August 8

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**High Holy Days Choir Auditions** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Thursday, August 9

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 8:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter** 7:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Choir Rehearsal** 8:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

### Friday, August 10

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

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Shabbat Parashat Ekev**

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25, Pg. 1379

**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 10:12 – 11:25, Pg. 1405

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3, Pg. 1599

## SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

**"Six days you will labor and do all of your work. The seventh day is a Shabbat for Adonai Your God. Do not perform any work – you, your son and your daughter, your male slave and your female slave, your ox and your donkey and all your animals, and the non-Jew who dwells in your cities – in order that your male and female slaves will rest, like you. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt..."**  
**(Deuteronomy 5:13-15)**

In this week's parshah, the Torah provides an ethical dimension to the observance of Shabbat: if we insist on spending one day refraining from work, we make it possible for the most vulnerable workers in our midst to rest, as well. By helping to protect the rights of the poorest and most vulnerable workers, we link ourselves to our own historical narrative: as slaves who were liberated from Egypt.

To this end, synagogues, mosques, and churches across the country are observing August 3 - 5 as a Living Wage Weekend in support of the 25 percent of New Yorkers who live at or below the poverty line. New York City's Living Wage Bill requires that all companies receiving city contracts pay their workers a living wage, currently set at \$10 per hour plus benefits.

Call the Speaker of the City Council and your City Council Member and tell him/her that you support the Living Wage Bill.

City Council Speaker: Peter Vallone - 788-6865 or [vallone@council.nyc.ny.us](mailto:vallone@council.nyc.ny.us)

City Council Member (for the West Side, south of 96<sup>th</sup> Street): Ronnie Eldridge - 765-4339 or [eldridge@council.nyc.ny.us](mailto:eldridge@council.nyc.ny.us)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Condolences:**

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

- Michael Piazza, Laurel Kallen, Maia Kallen and Chloe Piazza on the death of Michael's beloved father, Gus Piazza.
- Meryl Zegarek on the death of her beloved uncle, Sam Zegarek.

## **Brukhim HaBa'im To:**

Cantor Ariel Cohen, Los Angeles, CA.

## **High Holy Days Choir**

The BJ Choir will be rehearsing in preparation for the Yamim Nora'im every Monday and Thursday from 8:00 to 9:30 PM, starting on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please come to our auditions on **Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, between 7:00 and 8:00 PM, at the 88<sup>th</sup> Street sanctuary.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Many members of our congregation have had allergic reactions to perfume or colognes during services. Increasingly, more and more people are becoming sensitive to these scents. Please keep this in mind when attending services. Thank you for your understanding.

## **NEXT SHABBAT: Rae Tobey Food Drive**

Please participate in our monthly food collection by bringing non-perishable kosher foods to Shabbat services on **(August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)**. Food will be donated to both the Westside Campaign Against Hunger and the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

## **Rae Tobey Food Drive Food List:**

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

## **Kesharim:**

Please note that Kesharim will be on vacation Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meetings will resume on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**The Downstairs Minyan will start at 7:15 PM in Frankel Hall at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. We will continue with the following revised service schedule through Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

All summer Shabbat services and community kiddushim will be held at 257 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street as follows:

<b>Kabbalat Shabbat service:</b>	6:45 PM in the Sanctuary
<b>Downstairs Minyan:</b>	7:15 PM in Frankel Hall
<b>Shabbat morning service:</b>	9:30 AM in the Sanctuary
<b>Children's morning service:</b>	10:45 AM in Frankel Hall
<b>Community Kiddushim:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Shabbat of the month in Frankel Hall

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

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## **Haknasat Orhim... A New Committee at BJ**

You may have heard of our new committee, *Haknasat Orhim*, which in Hebrew means "gathering guests" or hospitality. The mission of this committee is to enhance B'nai Jeshurun's sense of warmth and connection for everyone within our community.

Beginning in the fall, volunteers will be needed to host at:

- Saturday morning Kiddushim
- Shabbat B'yahad

Opportunities have been created for members to open their homes on Shabbat and hagim (holidays) for:

- Se'udah (holiday meal) Matches
- In-Home Kiddushim
- A Catered In-Home Shabbat Community Dinner
- On-going Shabbat Hospitality

For more information, please visit our website at [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org). To volunteer, please email us at [Welcome@bj.org](mailto:Welcome@bj.org), or leave a message on the *Haknasat Orhim* voicemail at x351. You can also contact Carol Dikman at x255 or by email at [Cdikman@bj.org](mailto:Cdikman@bj.org).

## **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 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary and at 7:15 PM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 AM at 88<sup>th</sup> Street. If you are interested in ushering during the summer months, (once or twice would be very helpful,) please call Deborah Pinsky at x254, leave your name, number and the service at which you could usher. Please help in this act of gemilut hasadim.

## **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 every Thursday to the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and anyone who is in need. Volunteers help prepare the meals on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings and then serve our guests Thursdays at noon. This is a great way to do a good deed and 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 88<sup>th</sup> 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 are 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 x338.

### **Ushering for Yamim Nora'im**

We are well on our way with planning for the High Holy Days 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 which shifts you prefer, please sign up by calling Carol at x255.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

**Robert Zimmerman?** No! **Bob Dylan** **Prince?** No! **Artist Formerly Known AS...** **Norma Jean?** No! **Marilyn Monroe**  
**Singles Committee? No!...But what?**

### **HELP THE SINGLES COMMITTEE FIND OUR NAME!!! ...**

It's a new year. We are breaking new ground. We've got a new attitude and need a new name to go with it. We are counting on your creative genius and inner artist to rename the Singles Committee. Think Hebrew. Think English. Think expansively! No suggestion is too freaky, too squeaky, too tongue in cheeky. Time is of the essence so send your suggestions to:  
Judy Atrubin at [Jatrubin@bj.org](mailto:Jatrubin@bj.org) or call x260.

### **Music's in the Air**

**Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30-8:00 PM at the World Trade Center Plaza, Twin Towers: It's summer and music is in the air, everywhere. Come, hang out and listen to some really great music. Join us to hear Susan Werner and Ellis Paul, two amazing singer songwriters who combine fresh powerful lyrics with infectious tunes. The concert is at the World Trade Center Plaza between the Twin Towers. The concert is at 6:00 PM but come early if you want to get good seats. Meet at 5:30 PM at the big globe fountain directly behind the chairs set up for the concert. Feel free to bring dinner if you desire. This event is FREE but please sign up by calling x306. For more information, call Judy at x260.

### **Singles Committee Inaugural Gathering**

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at the Montana (247 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street): Take a Leap! Be a Part! Join the Fun! It's a new year, a

good year and we want you to be a part of the Singles Committee! Come and find out what the Singles Community is all about and how you can get involved. This gathering will give you the opportunity to share your ideas and sign up to volunteer for events, projects and programs. RSVP to x306.

### **BJ Singles Retreat**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**. Save the date! Ever wonder who those people are sitting next to you at services and what they are all about? Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual retreat at Block & Hexter Vacation Center. It's a great way to meet people and to feel more connected to the BJ community. For more information and to register, check our web site, call x306 and see the flyers at the back of the sanctuary

### **RETREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Help us plan our get-away! To get involved, contact Judy at x260.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Large Print Texts**

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary, 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 x320.

### **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

### **Clothing Pantry Needs Your Help**

**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Columbia Hillel (606 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Riverside Drive): Help the Columbia/Barnard Kraft Clothing Pantry prepare for the fall season. The Kraft Clothing Pantry opened its doors in

February and served more than 200 homeless and low income residents of the Morningside Heights during the spring semester. We need help sorting and organizing our recent donations so that we will be ready to reopen our doors in September. RSVP to Ali Hirsch at [aeh28@columbia.edu](mailto:aeh28@columbia.edu)

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Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura.  
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Source of mercy! With loving strength untie our tangles.  
Through time and space, Your glory shines, Majestic One.

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PASUK OF THE WEEK

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But take utmost care and watch yourself scrupulously, so that you do not forget the things that you saw with your own eyes and so that they do not fade from your mind as long as you live. And make them known to your children and to your children's children."

(Deuteronomy 4:9 Pg.1318)

Laws of Lashon Hara

Upon consideration, we find that the fulfillment of the obligation to judge people favorably and the obligation to guard one's tongue, are dependent upon the mitzvah of 'loving one's neighbor as oneself.' If one truly loves his/her neighbor, he/she will surely refrain from speaking lashon hara about him/her and will do the utmost to find grounds on which to judge him/her favorably.

(Shmirat HaLashon, Sha'ar HaTevunah)

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