



Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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August 17 – 24, 2001

Friday, August 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Downstairs Minyan

6:45 PM - 88th Street Sanctuary
7:15 PM - 88th Street Frankel Hall

Saturday, August 18

Shabbat Parashat Ekev
M'varkhim Ha'hodesh
Silent Meditation
Service

9:00 AM - 88th Street
9:30 AM - 88th Street

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 –16:17, Pg. 1417
Triennial: Deuteronomy 15:1 – 16:17, Pg. 1440
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5, Pg. 1604

Children's Services 10:45 AM - 88th Street Frankel Hall

Sunday, August 19

Rosh Hodesh Elul
Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th Street

Monday, August 20

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter
Choir Rehearsal

7:30 AM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street
8:00 PM - 88th Street

Tuesday, August 21

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:30 AM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street

Wednesday, August 22

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:30 AM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street

Thursday, August 23

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter
Choir Rehearsal

7:30 AM - 88th Street
12:00 PM - 88th Street
7:00 PM - 88th Street
8:00 PM - 88th Street

Friday, August 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parshat Shof'tim

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9, Pg. 1456
Triennial: Deuteronomy 19:14 – 21:9, Pg. 1466
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12—52:12, Pg. 1607

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

"If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements in your land that Adonai your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsmen. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficiently for whatever he needs." (Devarim 15:7—8).

This week's parsha is unambiguous in what it requires of B'nai Yisrael. We are obligated not only to open our hands to the needy in our midst, but to provide for the poor in a comprehensive way. This sentiment is echoed in the Eight Levels of Tzedakah enumerated in Maimonides's Mishneh Torah. According to Maimonides, the highest level of tzedakah is giving in such a way that the recipient becomes self-sufficient.

Women in Need and **Furnish Your Future** provide furniture for families moving from battered women's shelters and homeless shelters into permanent housing. Aid these families on their road to self-sufficiency by donating gently used furniture—especially strollers, cribs, and other children's furniture. If you do not have furniture to donate, consider donating a percentage of what you would spend on a baby gift or on a child's birthday party and help New York families move out of the shelter system and into permanent housing.

Furnish Your Future: (718) 875-5353
Women in Need: (212) 560-0220

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

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

- Carol, Steven, and Andrew Dikman on the death of Carol's beloved mother, Rose Weinstock.
- Barbara and Jeremy Willinger on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Rose K. Halin.
- Mary and Gabriel Simon on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Gabor Peterdi.

Mazel Tov To:

Stephanie Weiner, Larry and Ethan Geismar, and their families on the birth of their daughter and sister, Arielle Tamar.

Giving Opportunities

As the Yamim Nora'im approach, please consider honoring a loved one or marking an occasion by making a gift to your community for:

- Floral arrangements that grace the bimahs at our 86th and 96th Street locations.
- Machzorim (High Holy Day Prayerbooks) for Family Services at 88th Street. For each donation of \$18, you can have a bookplate placed in a Family Machzorim.

Special Needs Seating

If you have not already submitted your Special Needs seating form for members with mobility, hearing, or visual impairments, please do so by September 7th. If you have questions, need a new form, or require further assistance, please call x320.

Apartment Needed

Hector Priven, who will be with us again as an organist during our High Holy Days services, needs an apartment from September 14th to September 30th. If you know of an apartment available for two adults and their 2½ year old son, please leave a message for Arlene Brandon at x323.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

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

All summer 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: 7:15 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.)

Volunteer Doctors Needed

Each year BJ needs physicians who are comfortable handling emergencies and who are skilled in CPR, using a defibrillator, and/or administering oxygen to be on-call during the High Holy Days services. Several shifts are available at both 86th and 96th Streets. If you can help, please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@bj.org.

Kesharim on Vacation

Kesharim will be on vacation **Wednesday, August 22nd**. Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, August 29th**.

High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal

The BJ Choir will be rehearsing in preparation for the Yamim Nora'im every Monday and Thursday from 8:00 to 9:30 PM.

The High Holy Days are fast approaching!

The last day to renew or begin your B'nai Jeshurun membership before the High Holy Days is August 31st. Spend the Yamim Nora'im with your community and renew or become a member today.

Pick up an application in the back of the sanctuary, call our office at 787-7600, or visit our website, www.bj.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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 and still want to join in the singing and chanting, we have inserted transliterations in our siddurim.

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gay and Lesbian Committee Picnic and Beach Trip
Saturday, August 25th, after services (around 1:00 PM): Join us for a picnic in Riverside Park! Enter the park at 91st, walk downhill, and find us north of the playground. Bring your own lunch. In case of rain or severe heat, meet in BJ's Frankel Hall on 88th Street. Then on **Sunday, August 26th**: Join with CBST Singles for a trip to Brighton Beach. Take the 'O' to Brighton Beach Ave and walk toward the boardwalk—we'll be near the bathrooms and the lifeguard. For more info, call Sharon W. at (718) 793-3095. Everyone is welcome.

Friday Night Havurah Seeks Additional Members
On **Friday, September 7th**, the group will hold its monthly potluck dinner and discussion about Judaism. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol, x222.

BJ Musicians and Dancers Community Havurah
Wednesday, September 5th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join our first meeting to play, sing, and dance the music of BJ. For more info, contact Matt Fried at MattF@aol.com or Matt Turk at matt@turktunes.com

Le-Dor Va-Dor Shabbat Lunch
Saturday, September 8th, after Shabbat morning services, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street: Join us for our next Shabbat lunch, with special guest BJ member Judith Davidoff, a renowned cellist and viola da gambist. Cost: \$12. Please send your check marked "Le-Dor Va-Dor Shabbat Lunch 9/8/01" to the BJ office by **Tuesday, August 28th**. Members of all ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ushers Needed This Summer!
BJ needs ushers for the summer months when many of our ushers are away on vacation. If you are interested in ushering during the summer, please call Deborah Pinsky at x254, leave your name, number and the service at which you can usher.

Haknasat Orhim... A New Committee at BJ
A new committee called *Haknasat Orhim*, which in Hebrew means "gathering guests" or hospitality, seeks to enhance B'nai Jeshurun's sense of warmth and connection for everyone. Beginning in the fall, we need volunteers to host Kiddushim and Shabbat B'yahad; and also to open their homes on Shabbat and hagim (holidays) for Se'udah (holiday meal) Matches, in-home Kiddushim and Shabbat dinners, and on-going Shabbat hospitality. For more info, please visit www.bj.org. To volunteer, please email Welcome@bj.org, leave a message on the *Haknasat Orhim* voicemail at x351, or contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@bj.org.

Ushering for Yamim Nora'im
We need your help with ushering at all services. If you have not already sent in your form indicating which shifts you prefer, please sign up by calling Carol at x255.

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, which provides a home cooked meal every Thursday to the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and anyone who is in need. If you would like to help, come by the Synagogue on 88th Street Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM (preparation) or 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM (serving and closing). For more info, call the Lunch Program at x338.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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

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 or call x260.

Basherte 2001—Looking For a Labor Day Getaway?
Friday, August 31st —Sunday, September 3rd, Eat Chayyim Retreat Center: Basherte is a unique program for Jewish singles. For more info, call (800) 398-2630 or visit www.basherte.com.

Singles Committee Inaugural Gathering
Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the Montana Building Community Room (Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets): Come and find out what the singles community is all about and how you can get involved. Share your ideas and volunteer for events, projects and programs. RSVP to x306.

Singles Retreat
October 19th – 21st. Save the date! Join us for our 6th 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 info and to register, pick up a registration form at the back of the sanctuary, check our website, or call x306. *Reserve early and save!*

***RETREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Help us plan our get-away! To get involved, call Judy at x260.

Get Yourself Connected!

Join our Singles Committee Yahoo Group e-mail list to receive news of our latest programs and events. To sign up, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BnaiJeshSingles> or visit BJ's website at www.bj.org and click the link to the Singles Yahoo Group.

