

Kol Jeshurun



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Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

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

Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows: Rabbi Eric Solomon • Rabbi Sharon Brous • **Director of Family Education:** Rabbi Anne Ebersman

August 24 – 31, 2001

Friday, August 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Downstairs Minyan

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

Saturday, August 25

Silent Meditation
Service

Shabbat Parashat Shof'tim
9:00 AM - 88th Street
9:30 AM - 88th Street

Torah:

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9, Pg. 1456

Triennial:

Deuteronomy 19:14 – 21:9, Pg. 1466

Haftarah:

Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12, Pg. 1607

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th Street Frankel Hall

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Justin Bekelman and Lauren Ouziel
Peter Coleman and Karen Beckman

Kiddush

Following services - 88th Street

Gay and Lesbian Picnic

Following services - Riverside Park

Sunday, August 26

Morning Minyan
Gay and Lesbian Beach Trip

9:30 AM - 88th Street
2:00 PM, Brighton Beach

Monday, August 27

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 28

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

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

Wednesday, August 29

Morning Minyan
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

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

Thursday, August 30

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 31

Morning Minyan
Deadline for Membership Renewals
and New Member Applications

7:30 AM - 88th Street

NEXT WEEK

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tetze

Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19, Pg. 1483
Triennial: Deuteronomy 24:14 – 25:19, Pg. 1466
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1—54:10, Pg. 1612

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

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"When in your war against a city you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy its trees, wielding the axe against them. You may eat of them, but you must not cut them down."

It is from the above pasuk that the rabbis derived the prohibition on wasting resources. This concept, *Bal Tashchit*, derives from the phrase, *Lo Tashchit*, you must not destroy; the concept has far-reaching implications for our behavior. On its face value, *Bal Tashchit* prohibits the needless destruction of plants, trees, and animals for human use. The rabbinic tradition takes the prohibition one step further, however. The Talmud in Shabbat teaches, "If a person can subsist on corn but insists on eating wheat, or if he drinks wine instead of drinking fermented honey water, he has infringed on the law of Bal Tashchit," (140). This suggests that not only must we not waste resources that we already have, we must prevent ourselves from purchasing in excess of what we absolutely need.

BJ is forming a bike team to participate in Hazon's first ever **New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride and Shabbat Retreat, Friday, October 5th—Monday, October 8th**, to raise money for Jewish environmental projects and awareness activities. **Sign up by September 10th** for the bike ride, October 7th -8th, and the optional pre-ride Shabbat retreat, October 5—6th. For more info, please call the Social Justice Hotline at x310 or visit www.hazon.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences To:

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to Bracha Klausner and her family on the death of her beloved mother, Chana Turgeman.

Mazel Tov To:

- Justin Bekelman and Lauren Ouziel and their families on the occasion of Justin and Lauren's upcoming marriage.
- Peter Coleman and Karen Beckman and their families on the occasion of Peter and Karen's upcoming marriage.
- Sandy Panster on the occasion of her son Michael Panster's marriage to April Cohen.
- Judy Gold, Sharon Callahan, and Henry Callahan-Gold on the birth of their son and brother, Benjamin Dov.
- Ami Weil, Todd and Sasha Chanko on the birth of their daughter and sister, Eden Batya.

This week's Kiddush is sponsored By:

- The families of Lauren Ouziel and Justin Bekelman in honor of their upcoming wedding.

Todah Rabah To:

- Kevin Roy for his help with BJ's High Holy Days Database.

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 bimah floral arrangements at our 86th and 96th St. locations or for Family Service Mahzorim (High Holy Day Prayerbooks). A bookplate will be placed in Family Mahzorim for each \$18 donated. For more info, call x256.

Special Needs Seating for High Holy Days

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, call x320.

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.

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 High Holy Days Doctors Needed

Each year BJ needs physicians who are comfortable handling emergencies to be on-call during the High Holy Days services. If you can help, please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@bj.org.

Be a High Holy Day Se'udah Host

If you have room at your table for a High Holy Day meal, please do a mitzvah and open your home by being a Se'udah Match host. Just fill out the form at the back of the sanctuary and return it to the BJ office by Monday, September 10th. For more info, call Patty at x240.

Apartment Needed For:

- Hector Priven, who will be an organist during our High Holy Days services, from September 14th to 30th, for two adults and one child. Please leave a message for Arlene Brandon at x323.

Please Take Note

Many members have had allergic or asthmatic reactions to perfume and scented products during services. Please keep this in mind. Thank you for your understanding.

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**. Pick up an application in the back of the sanctuary or visit our website, www.bj.org.

Please call Hillary Gleich, Director of Membership, at x224 with any questions.

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: Join us for a picnic in Riverside Park at 91st. Bring your own lunch. In case of rain or severe heat, meet in BJ's Frankel Hall, 88th Street. **Sunday, August 26th**: Join with CBST Singles for a trip to Brighton Beach at 2:00 pm. Take the 'Q' to Brighton Beach Ave & walk to the boardwalk; we'll be near the bathrooms and lifeguard. For more info, call Sharon W. at (718) 793-3095.

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.

Friday Night Havurah Seeks Additional Members

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 at x222.

Le Dor Va Dor Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, September 8th, after Shabbat morning services, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street: Join us for a Shabbat lunch with guest performer, BJ member Judith Davidoff, a renowned cellist, and share your High Holy Days memories. Cost: \$12. 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 welcome.

Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov

Monday, September 10th, at 7:00 PM, in the Montana Building Community Room (Broadway between 87th and 88th Sts.): Join BJ's Book Club for a discussion about Shifra Horn's debut novel, *Four Mothers*. For more info, call x222.

UPCOMING LIMUD (LEARNING)

Preparing for the High Holy Days

Two Wednesdays, September 5th and 12th, and one Sunday, Sept. 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at 88th Street, taught by Rabbi Sharon Brous: By spending the month of Elul preparing for the Yamim Nora'im, this class will help participants create a meaningful and introspective High Holy Day experience. Cost: free, but registration is required. Code: 03-02

Hebrew of the High Holy Days

Two Thursdays, September 6th and 13th, 6:00- 7:30 PM or 7:45- 9:15 PM, 86th Street Parlor Room, taught by Jeni Friedman: The 6:00 PM class introduces participants to the prayers and structure of High Holy Day services. The 7:45 PM class is for participants

who can read Hebrew and focuses on the meaning of the holiday prayers. Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. Code: 33-01

Special Guest Speaker: Rabbi David Hartman

Tuesday, September 11th, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join BJ, the JCC, and Lincoln Square Synagogue for a discussion with Rabbi Hartman on *teshuvah* (return). Cost: free.

To sign up for a class, fill out a Limud (Learning) Form from the annual catalog or from BJ's website, www.bj.org. Then mail your form with your check to the BJ office. For more info, call Dalya Hertzberg at x251.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hakhnasat Orhim... A New Committee at BJ

A new committee called *Hakhnasat Orhim*, which means "gathering guests" or hospitality, needs volunteers to host Kiddushim and Shabbat B'yahad. Volunteers are also needed to open their homes for Se'udah Matches (holiday meals) and in-home Shabbat dinners and Kiddushim. To volunteer, email Welcome@bj.org, leave a message at x351, or contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@bj.org.

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 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 x338.

SINGLES ACTIVITIES

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

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, *Et Chayyim* Retreat Center: Basherte is a 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 Sts.): Share your ideas and volunteer for events and programs. RSVP to x306.

Dorot Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Sunday, September 9, at Manhattan Day School, 310 W. 75th, 11:45 AM: Visit and make deliveries to homebound seniors and then join us for pizza at Café Roma, Amsterdam at 91st. Please

sign up for this activity by September 3rd. To register, call x306 and leave your name and phone number(s).

Singles Retreat

October 19th – 21st: Save the date! Join us for our 6th annual retreat at Block & Hexter Vacation Center. For more info and to register, pick up a registration form at the back of the sanctuary, visit www.bj.org, or call x306. *Reserve early and save! Help us plan our get-away! To get involved, call Judy at x260.*

Get Yourself Connected!

Join the Singles Yahoo Group e-mail announcement list. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BnaiJeshSingles> or visit www.bj.org and click the link to the Singles Yahoo Group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Race for the Cure

Sunday, September 16th: Walk or run as part of the BJ team at the 11th Annual Race for the Cure and help find a cure for breast cancer. To register or volunteer, contact Glenda Frank at (212) 749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com.

Share Walk

Sunday, September 30th: Join BJ's team at the SHARE Walk. SHARE provides free support services to women with breast or ovarian cancer. Participants are invited to a Jewish prayer service before the walk at the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, 8 West 70th Street, 8:30 AM. For more info, call x310.

MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Turn Your Pink Slip Green Again

Two Wednesdays, August 29th and September 5th, 235 West End Ave, Apt. #12E, 6:00-7:30 PM: BJ member Sharon Lachow will facilitate a career transitioning support group. For more info, call (212) 873-2022 or see a flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

Gaby Meyer's New CD

Gaby Meyer's new CD, "Merkavah," a collection of ethnic Israeli

spiritual music based on biblical texts, is now available at West Side Judaica.

Shorashim: Labor Day Israeli Folk Dancing

August 31st - September 3rd, Bridge for Dance, 2726 Broadway (at 104th St.): Call (212) 620-0535 or visit www.rikud.net for class and party schedules, rates, and teacher information.

PASUK OF THE WEEK

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"You shall not judge unfairly: you shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just. Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that Adonai your God is giving you." (Deuteronomy 16:19-20)

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
- Gay and Lesbian Committee Events
- Career Transition/Networking Group
- Information on support groups offered by organizations serving the Jewish community
- Introduction to Bikkur Holim