

# Kol Jeshurun



# iurah kue

## 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 Fellow: • Rabbi Rachel Gartner

### July 19<sup>th</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> 2002

**Friday, July 19**  
**Tot Shabbat Service** 5:45 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:15 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall

**Saturday, July 20** **Shabbat Parashat Va'ethanan**  
**Shabbat Nahamu**

**Wings of Love and Awe** 8:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary  
**Meditation with Rabbi Blumberg**

**Services** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11, Pg. 1333  
**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 3:23 - 5:18, Pg. 1333  
**Haftarah:** Isaiah 40:1 - 40:26, Pg. 1595

**Speaker** Nitzan Gordon  
**Aliyat Hatan VeKallah** Meg Parsont and Daniel Katz  
**Baby Naming** Natalie Messeca Manocherian

**Sunday, July 21**  
**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Monday, July 22**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Tuesday, July 23**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Wednesday, July 24**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Thursday, July 25**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

**Friday, July 26**  
**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street

#### NEXT WEEK Parashat Parashat Ekev

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25, Pg. 1379  
**Triennial:** Deuteronomy 7:12 - 9:3, Pg. 1379  
**Haftarah:** Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3, Pg. 1599

### SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Be a BJ Summer Usher - We Need Your Warmth**  
 Please make this the summer you join us as a BJ usher. Ushers are especially needed on Saturday mornings. To volunteer, call Deborah Pinsky at x254 or see your head usher after services.

**Volunteers: The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Needs You!**  
**Monday through Thursday evenings**, in air-conditioned Frankel Hall at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Would you consider helping out if you aren't already involved? To volunteer, please contact Anne Millman at x340 or by email at anniemill@aol.com.

**New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride Update**  
**October 11-14**, 2002: Join the B'nai Jeshurun team, under captain Chuck Gold, for the second annual Hazon Environmental Bike Ride and Shabbaton. Over 20 other teams are participating. To register as part of our BJ team, go to [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org) and look for the BJ team. There is a registration fee and a fundraising goal for sponsorship. The ride takes place in the beautiful Hudson Valley and helps raise environmental awareness. For more info, contact Deborah at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org).

### A TEACHING FROM PARASHAT VAETHANAN

This teaching is part of BJ's new series in which we will explore the Torah commentaries of 15<sup>th</sup>-century Italian commentator, Obediah Sforno (c. 1470 - c. 1550). Watch for Sforno's teachings in the Kol Jeshurun each week and visit BJ's website for more info about him.

Moshe cautions the Israelites: *l'hhj hnh kf l cckn uruoh ipu l hhhg utr rat ohrcsv , t j fa, ip stn l apb rnau lk rnav er (y:'s ohrcs) :l hbc hbcu l hbc o, gsuvu*

**But take utmost care, and be vigilant of your soul, 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. (Devarim 4:9)**

Sforno reads in this text the recognition of how difficult it is to maintain faith when there are so many reasons for doubt. He writes: *Take utmost care...* take heed not to be influenced by the philosophy of... people who deny the existence, power, and providence of God, the Blessed One, and who attempt to prove all this with reasoned proof. *So you do not forget the things which your eyes saw...* [T]here is reason to be concerned that you may forget what your own physical eyes saw at Sinai, and what your discerning eyes see in the interpretation of Torah, wherein you were shown that you may know, with reasoned proof, the opposite of their philosophy. For Sforno, the primary instigators of doubt were the philosophers and the dictates of reason. What challenges our faith? What returns us to a sense of God in our lives?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the loss of our beloved member:

- Ray Golden and extends our deep condolences to her children, Rachel and Eric.

### Mazel Tov To:

- Meg Parsont and Daniel Katz on their upcoming wedding.
- Mireille, Robert, Steven and Daniel Manocherian on the naming of their daughter and sister, Natalie Messeca Manocherian.
- Ed Miller and Bena Green, Julian Gaa, Stefanie and Marshall Jacobowitz, and Jodi Miller on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Radley Mia Weigler.

### Summer Car Rentals Benefit BJ's Argentine Relief Fund!

ZipCar.com will donate \$50 to BJ Argentine Relief Fund for each BJ member who enrolls in ZipCar's new car rental service. Check out this offer at [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com). When you sign up, type "BJ" on the line labeled *Promotion Code*.

### Special Needs Seating Requests for Yamim Nora'im

If you have a new need for Special Needs Seating for this year's High Holy Days, please complete the form included in your membership renewal packet and return it when you renew your membership. This limited seating is for people who have special vision, hearing and/or mobility needs. For more info, call x320.

### Wings of Love and Awe

**Shabbat morning, July 20**, 8:30 AM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Wings of love and awe are how we rise from the dismay and mourning of Tisha B'Av to the exaltation of Yom Kippur & Simhat Torah. Rabbi Steve Blumberg, a student of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, zy" a, will show you in 45 minutes how to use the English translations of Kabbalah & Hasidism to rise in love & awe before you open the prayerbook, so your prayers become, in experience, a medium of communion. It's worth getting up early for.

### BJ 20-and-30-Somethings: Tzeirim Shabbat Picnic

**Shabbat, July 27**, after services, in Riverside Park: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Rachel Gartner for lunch, study, and schmoozing. Bring lunch for yourself and a small dessert to share (certified kosher dairy/parve or fruit); we'll supply drinks. Meet in front of the synagogue and we'll walk over to Riverside Park together. If

### Beach Day

**Sunday, July 28**, at Long Beach: Catch some rays, get wet, and run your toes through the sand with the BJ clan. Buy your train ticket and beach pass for \$13 at the LIRR (Penn Station) and meet us near the McDonald's at 9:30 AM for a 10:02 AM departure. If you miss us, meet us at the beach! If you drive, meet us at the wide area in front of the Long Beach train station on Park Avenue at 11:00 AM. We'll go left at the beach so find our BJ balloons and join us. Bring your own food & beverages. We'll have some balls and games; bring what you have too and the day should be

### Summer Service Schedule

**Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary  
7:15 PM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Frankel Hall

**Saturday Shabbat Service** 9:30 AM - 88<sup>th</sup> Street Sanctuary

A BJ member is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are blood type O and you would consider being a living organ donor, please call the BJ rabbinic office at x233 or x234.

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Linking the Past to the Future

Please send your loved one's name(s) along with a \$1000 donation per name (\$1500 per couple) to the BJ Office, Attention: Deborah Pinsky, by **July 26, 2002**. For more info, contact Deborah at x254.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The use of cameras, video equipment, and cell phones is not allowed during Shabbat services. Please keep your valuables or any personal items with you at all times. Do not leave any bags unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

### A New Look for the BJ Web Site

This summer we will be introducing a new look and new features to the website. Check us out at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). We'd like to hear your feedback.

*We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

you miss us, enter the park at 91<sup>st</sup> Street and find us at the bottom of the hill. RSVP is not required - just show up. Raindate: Aug. 3.

### GLBT Committee Shabbat Picnic

**Shabbat, July 27**, after services in Riverside Park: Join us for lunch and schmoozing. Please bring your own lunch; kiddush will be provided. Meet in front of the synagogue around 12:30 PM and we'll walk over to Riverside Park together. If you miss us, enter the park at 91<sup>st</sup> Street and find us at the bottom of the hill. Please RSVP to x325 so we know to expect you. No rain date.

### Discussion: Eco-Judaism & The Art of Bicycle Maintenance

**Wednesday, August 7**, 7:00 PM, at 88<sup>th</sup> Street: Nigel Savage of Hazon will talk about his experiences on Hazon's Cross-USA Jewish Environmental Bike Ride, about Hazon's upcoming New York ride this fall, and about seven things you can do as a Jew to help the environment. All are welcome; no need to RSVP.

## SINGLES ACTIVITIES

a blast! RSVP to the singles hotline at x306 so we know to expect you. NOTE: Cancelled in case of rain.

### Save the Date: Hiking

**Sunday, August 18:** Watch for details available shortly; or check the singles hotline at x306 and the BJ website for updates.

### Save the Date: Singles Retreat

**October 18-20, 2002:** Boating, swimming, camp fires & Torah! What's not to love? For further details and early bird registration savings check the singles hotline at x306 or the BJ website.

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:**

Welcome to BJ - Membership at BJ - Membership Packets - Bikkur Holim - BJ Annual Catalogue  
New Havurot Applications - Upcoming Singles Events - Pesah Cookbook Order Form - Summer Fridays Info