



Shabbat Ki Nitzavim-Vayeilekh

**TORAH**

Deuteronomy 29:9 – 31:30

**TRIENNIAL**

Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:14

**HAFTARAH**

Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:****Bake One Million Cookies To Help Israel**

The JCC of Manhattan is baking 1,000,000 cookies this summer, proceeds of which will go to help families of terror victims in Israel. Bake cookies for one shift or many. Slots are available from 9-11:30, 12-2:30, 3-5:30, and 6-9, Monday through Thursday. Baking will continue through early September. To sign up, contact (646) 505-4455 or e-mail Rachel Nadelman, Director of JCC Works, at [rnadelman@jccnyc.org](mailto:rnadelman@jccnyc.org). Purchase cookies at \$18/two pounds by calling the cookie hotline at (800) 672-8411 or by visiting [www.millioncookies.com](http://www.millioncookies.com). They make a great High Holy Days gift!

**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 Rachel Gartner • Meir Feldman • Jessica Zimmerman

**August 30 – September 6 2002****FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:15 PM – 88th St.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

Service	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 88th St.
D'var Torah	
Bat Mitzvah	Sophia Ciccone

Kabbalat Selihot	9:45 PM – 88th Street
Ma'avar Hatzot (reception)	11:15 PM – 88th Street
Selihot behatzi halaila (midnight service)	2:00 AM – 88th Street

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2****Labor Day - Office Closed**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM – at FCCS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Preparing for the High Holy Days <i>please pre-register by calling x256</i>	7:00 PM – 88th St.
High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM – at FCCS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th Street

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM – at FCCS

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6****Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	6:30 PM – at FCCS

Please note: due to the Rosh HaShanah holiday next week, the Kol Jeshurun will not be distributed at services Friday, September 6, or Saturday, September 7. The next issue of the Kol Jeshurun will appear on Friday night, September 13. Thank you for your understanding.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to:

- Daniel, Lisa, Sophie, Benjamin and Clara Zucker on the death of Daniel's beloved father, Dr. Richard A. Zucker.

**Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:**

- Sophia, Fred and Anya Ciccone and Suzanne Rosenberg on Sophia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Dori, Jill, Robin and Michael Hoffman and their family on the upcoming marriage of Dori Hoffman and David Napach.

**Todah Rabbah To:**

- Suzanne Rosenberg and Fred and Anya Ciccone for the bimah flowers on the occasion of their daughter Sophia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- To all the summer ushers who worked so hard to make Friday night and Saturday morning services comfortable and enjoyable for everyone in attendance.

**BJ is proud to announce that our new, "Zimrat Yah - Prayers and Songs for Shabbat and Festivals" has just arrived in time for the New Year.** If you are interested in purchasing copies, individual books will cost \$12 each; purchases of over 10 copies will be priced at \$10 each. Copies are available at the reception desk at our 89th Street offices. If you are interested in bulk purchases, please call Deborah at x254 for more info.

**FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE begins September 13**

<b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
<b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:45 PM – 86th Street
<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>	9:30 AM – 86th Street

**Please note that we are no longer mailing entrance cards for the High Holy Days to members' homes.** Please pick up your entrance cards at our office at 100A West 89th Street (at Columbus Avenue) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM on Fridays. In order to be able to attend High Holy Day services, you **MUST** renew or begin your membership **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, September 4.**

**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.

## LIMUD/LEARNING

### ONGOING CLASSES

**Preparing for the High Holy Days**

*Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street:* This is the second part of a 2-session class. To register, call x256.

**Aesthetics and Spirituality: A Roadmap for Meaning**

*Five Mondays, September 30 - October 28, 7:00 PM, 9 East 75th Street, Apt. #3C (Home of Joan Kaplan):* Join filmmaker, cultural historian, and BJ member Myriam Abramowicz on a journey that will help you connect with the timeless symbols of our traditions, uncover their sacred meaning as tools to help us understand and transcend the challenges of daily life, and rediscover the deepest joy of our historical legacy. We will discuss the art of living embodied in Shabbat, Festivals and High Holy Days. Cost: \$100 members/\$150 non-members. Code: 315. **Please register by September 19** on BJ's website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x256.

**Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook**

*Eight Wednesdays, October 9 - December 11, 6:30 PM (last class 6:00 PM), at 88th Street:* The Talmud teaches that we must constantly strive to deepen our understanding of prayer. In a continuing journey through the Siddur, this class will examine the text of the Shabbat evening prayers. We will look at its history, theology, meaning and beauty. Each session will open with an exploration of early hassidic sources concerning prayer found in *Your Word is Fire*, edited by Arthur Green and Barry Holtz. Taught by Rabbi Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 305. Please register on BJ's website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x256.

**God's Resume: Jewish Theology in the Modern World**

*Six Tuesdays, October 15 - November 19, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street:* Through the reading of various modern theologians, including Kaplan, Rosenzweig, Buber, Heschel, Soloveitchik and Plaskow, we will seek to understand different responses to the elemental questions of who God is and how we understand our relationship with God. While no advance preparation is required, the following books provide a framework for understanding modern Jewish thought and the building of one's own theology: Eugene Borowitz's *Choices in Modern Jewish Thought* and Neil Gillman's *Sacred Fragments*. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 309. Please register on BJ's website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x256.

**Creating a Space for the Contemplative**

*Four Tuesdays, October 22 - November 12, first class: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, other classes: 6 PM - 10 PM, at 88th Street:* The class will consist of an introductory session and three in-house retreats of four hours of meditation exercises and dinner in silence. We would like to create a sacred space of peace and reflection without the need to go away from the city. Taught by Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 322. Please register on BJ's website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x256.

**HEBREW SCHOOL** Hebrew School announcements:

•**Teachers' Aides Needed:** Attention High School students! Join our teaching staff at the BJ Hebrew School as a class aide on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 4-6 PM. Fulfill your school's community service requirement during your first year. Paid positions are also available for returning class aides. Please contact Linda Specht at x242.

**WE REMEMBER...9/11**

•**Tuesday, September 10,** 6:30 PM, at Symphony Space: Join us for an evening of reflection and hope with other synagogues on the Upper West Side, the JCC and Symphony Space. A selection of submissions from the community will be read aloud by their authors.  
 •**Wednesday, September 11,** 7:00 PM: BJ and SPSA will hold an interfaith memorial service at SPSA.

**LeDor VaDor Sukkah Lunch**

**Tuesday, September 24,** 12:00 PM, in the Sukkah at 86th Street: Join

us for studying with Rabbi Rachel Gartner and socializing with new and old friends. Please bring your own brown-bag kosher dairy lunch; drinks and desserts provided. For more info or to reserve your spot, call Bayla at x334.

**SINGLES** Singles Oneg

**Friday, September 13,** after 6:45 PM services, at 86th Street, in the Social Hall: Have a little nosh and kick the year off right by meeting new people and making new friends.

**SINGLES** Save the Date: Dorot Package Delivery

**Wednesday, September 18,** 7:00 PM: Join us for our first of three package deliveries this year. We will meet at the Chabad Early Learning Center, 166 West 97th Street, for a brief orientation and then pair up into our teams to make our visits/deliveries to home-bound elderly on the Upper West Side. Please RSVP by **September 13** by calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number.

**HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION**

**High Holy Days Bimah Flower Fund**

Consider making a donation to the High Holy Days Bimah Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one by mailing in your check to the BJ office, specifically marked "HHD Bimah Flower Fund."

**High Holy Days Housing Needed For One Adult**

If you can host a guest during the High Holy Days period, please contact Rebekah at x228.

**Community Break-Fast**

**Monday, September 16,** after Yom Kippur Services, at 88th Street: Join us for a community break-fast. To register, leave your name and phone number at x304. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members; \$10 children 6-12; children five and under are free. Send checks payable

to BJ to the office by **September 3.** Co-sponsored by the Singles and Shabbat B'Yahad Committees.

**Se'udah Meal Match**

Registration for the Se'udah Meal Match program for the High Holidays is now closed. Thanks to all the hosts who have so generously agreed to open their homes for the holidays. At this time, we ask that all hosts and guests try their best not to make any changes to their requests and to honor their commitment to the program. Guests, you will be receiving an invitation from your hosts by the beginning of next week. If you have any questions or have not heard from your host, please call the office at x351 no later than **Thursday, September 5, at 5:00 PM.** Thanks again to all for making this program such a success this year.

**Rosh Hashanah Schedule**

<b>Seliḥot</b> Kabbalat Seliḥot Ma'avar Hatzot (reception) Seliḥot beḥatzi halaila (midnight service) <i>all held at 88th Street</i>	Saturday, August 31 9:45 PM 11:15 PM 12:00 AM	<b>Rosh Hashanah Second Evening</b> FCCS	Saturday, September 7 7:30 PM
<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> FCCS	Friday, September 6 6:30 PM	<b>Rosh Hashanah Second Day</b> FCCS Children's Services at FCCS	Sunday, September 8 9:00 AM 10:30 AM
<b>Rosh Hashanah First Day</b> SPSA FCCS Children's Services at both locations Family Service - 88th Street	Saturday, September 7 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Study and Tashlikh</b> 88th Street Hudson River	Sunday, September 8 5:30 PM 6:30 PM

**Yom Kippur Schedule**

<b>Kol Nidre</b> SPSA FCCS	Sunday, September 15 6:15 PM 6:15 PM	<b>Yom Kippur Minḥa</b> SPSA FCCS	4:45 PM 4:45 PM
<b>Yom Kippur</b> SPSA <i>includes Yizkor</i> FCCS <i>includes Yizkor</i> Children's Services at both locations Family Service - 88th Street	Monday, September 16 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Yom Kippur Ne'ila and Children's Procession</b> SPSA FCCS  <b>Yom Kippur Teki-at Shofar and Havdalah</b> SPSA FCCS	7:00 PM 7:00 PM  7:44 PM 7:44 PM

**Volunteers: The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Needs You!**

**Monday through Thursday evenings**, at 88th Street and 86th 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.

**Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure**

**Sunday, September 15:** The Susan G. Komen annual Race for the Cure will be held to raise consciousness about breast cancer and to raise funds for research and community services, like SHARE. Breast cancer affects 1 in every 9 women, and sometimes men. For more info about the race or to join the B'nai Jeshurun team, please contact Glenda Frank at (212) 749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com. You can register as late as the morning of the race/walk.

**Dorot Sukkot Package Delivery**

**Wednesday, September 18,** 4:00 - 7:00 PM: Share the joy and warmth of Sukkot with an elder member of the community by delivering a package of holiday foods and visiting for about one hour. Volunteers can visit individually, with friends, or as a family. Meet at Chabad Early Learning Center, 166 West 97th Street. For more info, call Carrie Jacobs at (212) 769-2850.

**New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride Update**

**October 11-14, 2002:** Join the B'nai Jeshurun team, under captain Chuck Gold, for the second Hazon Environmental Bike Ride and Shabbaton to raise environmental awareness. To register as part of

our BJ team, go to [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org) and look for the BJ team. For more info, contact Deborah at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org).

**Give Yourself A Gift By Giving to a Child**

**BJ READS invites you to become a Reading Partner at PS166:** Tutor a first or second-grade child one hour per week, Monday or Wednesday morning, from 9:30 to 10:30 or from 10:30 to 11:30 at PS166, an elementary school on West 89 Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. The commitment is from mid-October 2002 until the end of May 2003. To volunteer, email Ellen Schecter or Sarah Van Arsdale at [BJReads166@yahoo.com](mailto:BJReads166@yahoo.com), or contact Carol Dikman at x255.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Large Print Texts**

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

**A Note from the Ushers**

Please place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

*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.*

**A Teaching from Parashat Ki Nitzavim-Vayelekh**

Adonai will make you abundant in all the works of your hands - in the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your animals, and the fruit your land - for God will rejoice over you again, as God rejoiced over your ancestors, for good, ... (Devarim 30:9)

והוֹתִירָךְ הַאֱלֹהִים בְּכֹל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ בְּפִרְיֵי הַמִּטְוֶה וּבְפִרְיֵי אֲדָמְתְךָ לְטֹבָה כִּי יֵשׁוּב ה' לְשֹׁשׁ עֲלֶיךָ לְטוֹב כַּאֲשֶׁר שָׁשׂ עַל אֲבוֹתֶיךָ

The Kedushat Levy teaches: For God (Blessed be God) receives enjoyment when He pours goodness upon us in this lifetime (literally baolam hazeh - in this world).

Earlier in his teaching the Kedushat Levy tells us that God enjoys giving us goodness and blessing regardless of our actions or merit. May this teaching remind us not to seek fault in ourselves when difficult things befall us, and to appreciate the many gratuitous blessings in our lives.

Moreover, it is notable that our pasuk comes after last weeks' parasha in which the retribution (or 'just desserts') theology of Sefer Devarim (Deuteronomy) is laid out in detail: Moshe explains that the people would be blessed on the condition that they kept the covenant and cursed if they broke it. The Kedushat Levy's teaching that God enjoys granting us blessing regardless of our actions seems to contradict the spirit of the notion of just desserts. Is this not like the parent who loves a child so much that even when s/he goes against the parent's wishes, the parent forgives out of great love? During this High Holy Day season, perhaps we too will be generous in our forgiveness out of the sheer joy we receive in repairing our relationships.

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

Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications • Community Break-fast Sign-up Forms • Upcoming Singles Events • Singles Retreat • LeDor VaDor Sukkah Lunch • Solomon Schechter School Open House