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PARASHAT MATOT MAS'EI

MEVARKHIM HA'HODESH

TORAH

ANNUAL Numbers 30:2 - 36:13

TRIENNIAL Numbers 32:1 - 33:49

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4

NEXT WEEK:

PARASHAT DEVARIM

SHABBAT HAZON

TORAH

ANNUAL Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 1:1 - 27

July 25 - August 1, 2003

25 Tammuz - 3 Av 5763

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St.

ASL Interpreted

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Naming: Gemma Rose Pokempner-Kushen

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 88th St.

Community Kiddush

12:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JULY 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Morning Minyan

Rosh Hodesh

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

7:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St.

Social Justice Opportunity of the Week

Searching For Retirees To Volunteer At The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, 88th St., Kitchen

Are you retired and looking for a worthwhile activity to add to your schedule? Become an expert sandwich maker at our Lunch Program! Try out your culinary and dishwashing skills while helping to prepare lunches for 150 people.

We invite you to be a part of this important community program. Preparing lunch begins at 8:30 and runs until 10:30 AM. Work for an hour or for the entire time. For more info, contact Susan Samuels at (212) 787-7600 x338.

Volunteer To Be An Usher For The Yamim Nora'im

It is traditional at B'nai Jeshurun that members of the community share the responsibilities of ushering at High Holy Day services. Won't you help us carry on this vital tradition? To volunteer, look for the "Sign Up To Usher" icon at www.bj.org and sign up online, or complete the yellow form you received with your membership renewal packet and return it to the BJ office. Please indicate which shift/s is/are convenient for you. For more info, or to have your questions answered, please contact Carol Dikman at Cdikman@bj.org or at x255.

High Holy Days Choir Auditions

Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, 88th Street: The BJ Choir will begin rehearsing in preparation for the Yamim Nora'im starting on Thursday, August 28. If you are interested in participating, please come to our auditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Extends Sincere Condolences To
•Laurence and Stephanie Levy, Allison and David Ansel, Jennifer and Alon Markowitz and their family on the death of Laurence's beloved mother, Janet Canale.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families

•Robert Kushen and Dinah Pokempner, Elijah and Hannah Pokempner-Kushen on the birth of their daughter and sister, Jemma Rose Pokempner-Kushen.
•Karen and Steven Gevirtz on the recent naming of their daughter, Naomi Esther Gevirtz.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Linking the Past to the Future

We are again offering BJ members the opportunity to make a special contribution in memory of a loved one, and have their name inscribed on the black granite plaques at the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one in this way, please send the name along with a \$1,400 donation per name to B'nai Jeshurun, Attention: Deborah Pinsky, by August 1. If you are memorializing a couple, the donation amount is \$2,000, providing that the names total fewer than 32 characters including spaces. The names will be inscribed before the High Holy Days and a ceremony in their memory will take place in January. Please call x254 with any questions.

•BJ Office Will Be At Its New Home

Monday, August 11: We'll be located at 2109 Broadway (The Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023, same telephone number.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

•They're Back Again! Summer, Lemonade, And Hebrew

It's time to prepare for the High Holy Days, or just brush up on modern Hebrew, away from the heat. Day and evening classes are available. To sign up, call Michal Nachmany at (212) 865-4050.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•BJ Hebrew School 2003/2004 Registration

We are registering returning students. If you have not received an application, download it at www.bj.org >Hebrew School >BJHS Registration. New families should contact Linda Specht, x242 for more info.

•BJ Hebrew School Seeks Hebrew And Judaic Arts Teachers For The 2003/2004 School Year

The Hebrew School is seeking staff who have a professional background in teaching the Hebrew language. We are also looking for people to serve as Judaic art specialists. If you are interested in applying for a position, please email Assistant Principal Elizabeth Richman at erichman@bj.org.

JULY / AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 88th St.
<i>Children's Service: Frankel Hall</i>	10:45 AM
Erev Tisha B'Av Service	9:00 PM – 88th St.
Tisha B'Av Morning Service/Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Tisha B'Av Mincha Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.

•Guidelines For Summer Shabbat Services

Because of limited space in the 88th Street Sanctuary, we ask that you observe the following guidelines:

- Please arrive on time.
- Please do not save seats and please discourage others from doing so.
- Please respect the "Special Needs Seating" and "Reserved" signs.
- Please be understanding if the Sanctuary is full and we are unable to admit more congregants.
- If you arrive late:
 - Please cooperate with the ushers during standing prayers, especially the Amidah, and wait at the back until the congregation is seated before entering the Sanctuary.
 - Please do not use the center aisle when someone is speaking at the bima.

•Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Wednesday, July 30, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. We will sing, pray, and study together. Please bring something light and kosher/vegetarian to contribute for se'udah shlishit (the third meal). Registration is not required. For info, call Rabbi Sol at x222.

•Did You Lose A Tallit?

We have found a number of tallitot that no one has claimed. If you have lost a tallit, please call Helen Radin, x233, and describe it and we will see if you are one of the lucky winners.

TZE'IRIM

•Join The BJ Tze'irim ("Young People") Elist

If you are a BJ member in your 20s to mid-30s, add your name to our special elist to receive information about upcoming Tze'irim events. We will gather for Shabbat dinners, to participate in social justice activities, study, and socialize. Please join us and share your insights, concerns and passions as together we shape this emerging group, and find our unique and important voice. If you'd like to join the Elist, please send an email to BJTze'irim-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Save The Date

Night of 100 Dinners
Saturday evening, March 20, 2004

Please join us for BJ's annual dinner-and-dessert fundraiser.

Become A Member Of BJ

Do you enjoy being with us at services? Learn how you can also become part of the B'nai Jeshurun community by becoming a member. If you'd like to learn more, look for the volunteers from our Membership Committee who will be available following services to get acquainted and answer any questions.

Come Join Our Community**•Help Us Usher In Summer At B'nai Jeshurun**

This summer the weather may be hot, but we still need your warmth – the warmth of the welcome only you can provide as a BJ usher. And we need it urgently as we come together to worship in the sanctuary. You won't get a tan, but you'll bask in the warm glow of knowing you're helping to make your synagogue an even more welcoming place to pray and to be. To volunteer for this important mitzvah, call Deborah Pinsky, x254 or see your head usher: Friday nights, Jeff Yablonka; Saturday mornings, Glenda Frank.

•804 On The Elist... And Counting!**BJ Members: Add Your Name To The BJ Community Elist**

If you're a BJ member and you'd like to keep conveniently informed, join the Elist. You'll receive the *Kol Jeshurun*, community announcements and condolence announcements right at your desk! To join, please send a message to bjcommunity@bj.org. Include your first and last names and your email address. We'll add you to the list as soon as possible. In the future, if your address changes, let us know and we'll update your information.

SINGLES**•A Day At The Beach**

Sunday, August 17, 9:45 AM, Meet At McDonald's At The LIRR (Penn Station): Catch some rays, get wet and run your toes through the sand with the BJ clan. Buy your ticket (\$15 for a round-trip train and beach pass) at the LIRR and meet us near McDonald's at 9:45 AM for a 10:19 departure. If you miss us, meet us at the Long Beach train station parking lot at approximately 11:00 AM. We'll go left at the beach, so find us on the sand and join us ASAP. Other trains run every hour on the :48 and take 55 minutes. Stay as long as you like and feel free to leave whenever you're ready. Bring your own food and beverages. We'll bring some balls and games, so bring what you have, too, and the day should be a blast!! To RSVP, email Michael at Mkelberg@bj.org or call x306 by August 13, so we know to expect you. Questions or any special arrangements for that day can also be directed to Michael.

•Summer Singles' Night: "CITIZEN MENDEZ" At The New York International Fringe Festival 2003

Wednesday, August 20, 7:45 PM, Our Lady of Pompeii Demo Hall (240 Bleecker, corner of Carmine): "Citizen Mendez" interweaves three stories to tell of the plight of Jose and Marta as they attempt to cross the border from Mexico to America in search of a better life for themselves and their unborn son. Written by Jack Shea and featuring BJ Singles Coordinator Michael Kelberg, this Blueye Production is a powerful and compelling commentary on the American Dream and the price people are willing to pay to realize it. Cost: \$15. For tickets visit www.FringeNYC.org or call (212) 279-4488 in New York City or (888) FringeNYC outside of New York. There will also be a performance on Tuesday, August 12 at 9:30 PM, and you can check the Fringe website for other dates and times.

•Get Ready Now For The BJ Singles Retreat

Friday, October 31 – Sunday, November 2, Block and Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, Pennsylvania: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, the Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellows and a cast of BJ characters for a weekend not to be missed. People raved about last year's retreat, and this one will be even better!!! The best way to meet new people and make connections within our community is by sharing a Shabbat filled with food, learning and fun, including boating, swimming, campfires and Torah!! Plus special Friday and Saturday night programs. What's not to love? For info or for advance registration call x306, and take advantage of our "early bird" registration savings. You can also pick up an application at the back of the Sanctuary, or apply online, at www.bj.org.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**•Hazon 3rd Annual Jewish Environmental Bike Ride**

August 15-18, East Hampton to Manhattan: Join the BJ cycling team, The BJ Revolutionaries, in this fantastic opportunity to get great exercise, make new friends and raise money for Jewish environmental causes in the U.S and Israel. We will ride 110 miles over two days, along a beautiful route by the ocean, with an optional Shabbaton. All ages are welcome and no experience is needed; there are training rides throughout the summer. To register, contact team captains Michael Ekstract and Susan Baer at x310 or visit www.hazon.org and sign up with the BJ Revolutionaries.

•Stand up for Justice and Workers Rights

The Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition is currently fighting for the rights of workers at the CINTAS Corporation, North America's largest uniform laundry service, where employees have been experiencing high levels of discrimination and harassment, and earning poverty level wages. You can help by:

- Attending local rallies in support of the workers
- Endorsing the "Pledge of Support for Sweat-Free Uniforms and Laundry Services"
- Participating in a letter writing campaign to protest on behalf of workers.

For information on how you can get involved, please contact Rabbi Michael Feinberg at the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition, (212) 406-2156, x4637.

•We Need Summer Volunteers To Sleep Over At The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Many shelters close during the summer when volunteers are on vacation; but ours continues normally throughout the summer, feeding and housing up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to replace the regulars: to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, send an email to Robert Imershein at Rimershein@capstarny.com or call the shelter voicemail, x340.

•Join The BJ Team For The Race/Walk For The Cure

Registration begins in June for the September 14 walk in Central Park: We need community support to raise funds and consciousness to combat and someday eliminate breast cancer. Men are also welcome, so families and friends can show their support together. For info, contact Glenda Frank at glfrank@erols.com or (212) 749-0160.

•9/11-Related Mental Health Program Is Available

The September 11th Fund (under the Mental Health Association) is sponsoring a program that will pay \$3,000 for psychotherapy per person to the therapist of one's choosing if the person has no insurance or has out-of-pocket costs associated with therapy. To be eligible, an individual (or dependent) who was directly affected by 9/11 events, i.e., worked near the WTC; worked near the WTC and lost their job or are now underemployed (earning 70% or less of their pre 9/11 salary); or lived south of Canal Street and were dislocated from their homes. Benefits are retroactive to 9/11. For more info on the program and eligibility, call (800) 543-3638 or visit www.bj.org.

Contributions In Memory Of Dr. Carlos Aisen

Tax deductible contributions in memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen may be made out to the *Carlos Aisen Scholarship Fund*, which provides scholarships to the Summer Camp of Comunidad Amijai of Buenos Aires. Mail your check to Susan Zemsky, Kehila Chadasha, 1622 Martha Terrace, Rockville, MD 20852.

Do You Love The Music Of BJ's Shabbat Services?

You can take it home with you by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein, and Cantor Ari Priven. Cost: \$18. Buy online at www.bj.org, or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 3:30 on Friday.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email Hillary at hoberstein@bj.org.

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

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that men wear kippot during services.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

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. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.

D'var Tefillah

Kavannah is more than paying attention to the literal meaning of a text. It is attentiveness to God, an act of appreciation of being able to stand in the presence of God.

Abraham Joshua Heschel
Man's Quest for God

In our morning prayers we say, "asher yatzar et ha adam... We bless you, God, who with wisdom fashioned the human body." Without our bones and veins and all of the amazing parts of our bodies which make us mini-miracles, we would not be able to come before God and cry out to God.

May we appreciate God's presence in our selves.

Marshal T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

This Week In Israel's History

On a hot summer's day in 1952, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new Hadassah Hospital. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, was founded by the charismatic Henrietta Szold. After observing the sub-par medical conditions in the land of Israel, she took on the task of improving medical care for the residents of the holy land, Jew and Arab alike. In 1913 Hadassah established a mother and child health care center in the Old City and by 1918, it had opened clinics throughout Jerusalem.

In 1939, the first Hadassah Hospital was opened on Mount Scopus. From there you had a panoramic view of the entire city of Jerusalem, the nearby Judean Desert, as well as the Dead Sea. It was almost 2,000 years ago, on the 9th of Av, in the year 70 C.E., that the Roman general Titus ordered the destruction of Jerusalem. Hadassah had chosen this majestic location to place its hospital believing that medical care knew no hatred, only healing. But this was not to be. On April 13, 1948 just three weeks before the state was created, 78 people, doctors, nurses and patients were murdered when their convoy was attacked on the way up to the hospital. The ensuing War of Independence ended with a divided Jerusalem. The Jews had held on to Mount Scopus, but it was surrounded by Jordan and cut off from the rest of Jewish Jerusalem. As a result, the mountain and its beloved institutions, the Hadassah Hospital and The Hebrew University, were no longer accessible.

Four years later, on that sweltering day in 1952, the women of Hadassah and the Diaspora expressed their unwavering commitment to the Jewish state with the construction of a new Hadassah Hospital in western Jerusalem. In 1962, its synagogue, with windows by Marc Chagall, was dedicated. After the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, Hadassah returned to Mount Scopus and helped rebuild the old destroyed building with a commitment to deliver health care to all. This commitment brought back the words from the classic Hebrew song that peace will descend on Jerusalem from the mountain top of Mount Scopus.

The Israel Committee

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