



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

August 29–September 5, 2008

28 Av–5 Elul, 5768

RE'EH

MEVARKHIM HAHO'DESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 11:26 - 12:28

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:11-55:5

NEXT WEEK: **SHOFTIM**

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 16:18 - 18:5

HAFTARAH Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Ira Seidman

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Russell Shapiro and Eileen Loeb

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Morning Services

ROSH HODESH ELUL

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH ELUL • Labor Day

9:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Preparation for Yamim Nora'im*

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **REGISTER NOW: Komen Race for the Cure**

Sunday, September 14, Central Park: It only takes a minute to register for this 5K Walk/Run to fight breast cancer. Join us for a nice day in Central Park for a good cause. Bring your friends. Go to www.komennyc.org, click on "Race Registration is Now Open," and then click on "Join a Race Team." Our team name is Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. We are eager to form a junior group of teens and young adults. For further information, visit www.bj.org or contact Glenda Frank at glfrank@verizon.net, or Channa at x261.



FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, September 5**, and throughout the year, the early service will start at 6:00PM and the late service will start at 7:30PM, both at 88th Street.

Shabbat Morning Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

Beginning **Saturday, September 6**, Shabbat morning services will start at 9:30AM at 86th Street. Children's services will start at 10:45AM in the 86th St. Chapel and Parlor Room.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and to register.

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Guy Austrian and Rabbi Jill Jacobs on the death of Guy's beloved grandmother, Bronka Austrian Orfus.

MAZAL TOV

- Ira, Daniel, Susan, and Lionel Seidman on Ira becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Eileen Loeb and Russell Shapiro on their upcoming wedding.
- Dr. Carla Lewis and Robert Gruenspecht on the birth of their grandson, Moshe Shmuel Gruenspecht.
- Laura Goldenberg and Howard Seibel on the birth of their son, David Mark Seibel.

Community Activities

• Friday Night Off Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

Friday, September 12, 9:45-11:15PM, 88th Street: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. Following the 7:30PM service, BJ members and non-members in their 20s and 30s are invited to share an intimate Shabbat dinner together in Frankel Hall. Please visit www.bj.org to register. At 10:00PM, the entire BJ community is invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat together with Soul Farm, who will perform and lead us in joyful Shabbat song.

Yamim Nora'im 5769

• Membership and High Holy Day Information

The 2008-2009 membership season is in full swing! As always, we invite members to renew and we welcome new members to join our community. Please complete the online membership form at www.bj.org or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224 for an application. You'll receive your entrance cards in the mail if you renew by September 10.

• Selihot with David Solomon

Saturday, September 20, 9:45-11:15PM, 88th Street: Please join us as David Solomon delivers his lecture, "The Prophetic Concept of Teshuvah." The session will highlight the essence of the prophetic message of teshuvah, providing a historical overview and thematic exploration of the concerns of the nevi'im and their contemporary relevance for individuals and communities. A coffee hour will follow and the Selihot service will begin at midnight.

• Ushering for Yamim Nora'im 5769

This year, participate in the special community experience of ushering during the Yamim Nora'im. BJ members are needed to usher during the High Holy Days to help ensure that services will be comfortable for all. Many ushers are still needed at 86th Street (SPSA) and JALC. To volunteer, please fill out the form that was mailed with your entrance cards and return it to the BJ office. For more information, contact Sarah Verity at sverity@bj.org or x250.

• Yamim Nora'im Se'udah Meal Match

Monday, September 29 (Rosh Hashanah First Night)

Tuesday, September 30 (Rosh Hashanah Second Night)

Thursday, October 9 (Yom Kippur Break Fast)

As the New Year approaches, we are reminded of the importance of community and the mitzvah of haknusat orhim, of welcoming guests into our homes. What better way to begin the New Year than by sharing holiday meals together! Consider being a host or guest for Rosh Hashanah dinner or Yom Kippur Break Fast. **The registration deadline is Monday, September 15.** For more information, please contact Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org or x256.

• Yom Kippur Community Break Fast

Thursday, October 9, following Teki'at Shofar and Havdalah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community break fast. Adults can register at www.bj.org, and children ages 6-12 by contacting Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org or x256. Cost: \$35 members/\$40 non-members, and \$15 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 are free of charge. Space is limited. **The registration deadline is Friday, September 26.**

• Flower Fund

Each year our High Holy Days services are enhanced by the addition of beautiful flower arrangements. Please contribute to the Flower Fund today to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services. For more information, please contact Judi Scheer at jscheer@bj.org or x229.

• Memorial Plaques

We are again offering the members of our community the opportunity to make a special contribution in the memory of your loved ones and have their name permanently inscribed on black granite plaques at the back of the sanctuary. The donation amount to memorialize one person is \$1,400. If you are memorializing a couple, the donation amount is \$2,000. The deadline is Monday, September 15. For more information, please contact Erzsebet Ragyina at x228.

TekiYah—Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ

Celebrate the Yamim Nora'im with the beautiful and profound music of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This CD features our cantors and rabbis and a cast of acclaimed instrumentalists and singers praying and singing and engaging our hearts. The CD and songbook are \$18.00 each (price does not include shipping and handling). Available at www.bj.org (click on "BJ CDs & Songbooks").

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Panim el Panim wants to know:

Are you or friends and family facing housing issues?

Are rent increases in rent-stabilized buildings a problem? Is finding affordable housing, or losing yours an issue? Are you/others in your building having problems with the landlord? Whatever the issue, we want to know.

Our BJ Panim el Panim Manhattan Together *hevra* is part of an interfaith coalition (Manhattan Together) which is fighting for affordable housing. We are now on a BJ fact-finding mission. When we have our information, we can act in our community's interest. Your stories are a vital part of our fact-finding.

Please let us know your issue. Call x432, say "housing issue" and leave your name and phone number, or contact us at panim@bj.org. A *hevra* member will then contact you to learn the full details of your issue. Remember, your stories are critical as we advocate for change. Your privacy will be respected.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Junior Congregation Is Back

Saturday, September 6, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for the return of Junior Congregation! We are looking for children who want to lead or learn to lead a prayer. Sign-ups for September 6 are now on the BJ website. To sign up, visit www.bj.org and click on the "Families" link on the left. We are also looking for leaders for Rosh Hashanah Junior Congregation on October 1. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rosenthal@bj.org if you are interested in leading or learning to lead a prayer.

HAVUROT

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, September 13, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please come to our first gathering for a Shabbat Minḥa experience and some davening, some studying and maybe a little schnapps (please bring something you would like to share; if wine, it must be kosher). You just have to be male, whether straight, gay, single, married, or in any other self-definition. For more information, contact x240.

BJ BOOK CLUB

• Coming In September...

The book discussion group will resume meeting at a member's home in September. Look for meeting dates in the KJ. The following is a tentative booklist: A.B. Yehoshua, *A Journey to the End of the Millennium—A Novel of the Middle Ages*; Nathan Englander, *Ministry of Special Cases*; Irene Nemirovsky, *Suite Francaise*; Burton Visotzky, *A Delightful Compendium of Consolation: A Fabulous Tale of Romance, Adventure and Faith in the Medieval Mediterranean*. Contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for further information.

AFFILIATES

• The Berkshire Minyan

If you are planning to be in the Berkshires, there is a traditional egalitarian minyan that meets every Shabbat at 9:30AM in the library of Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA. The Berkshire Minyan is attended by residents of and visitors to the Berkshires, Columbia County and Northwest Connecticut (including several BJ members). It is an independent, lay led pluralistic community and the service follows a traditional format, including a Torah service with Triennial reading and Torah discussion. The minyan also holds Kabbalat Shabbat services at various homes in the area on most Friday nights. For more information, please contact Sandy Ashendorf at 212-873-0262 or Len Sharzer at 413-528-0560.

Upcoming Limud

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Elul

Facilitated by Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Tuesday, September 2 • 7:00PM • 88th Street • Free, registration not required. As we mark the beginning of Elul, we reflect on the year now past. Please join us for this special session where we will take stock of where we have been over the past twelve months as a way of preparation for the year about to be. Special snacks will be served. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share with the group as part of the celebration of Rosh Hodesh.

• Preparation for Yamim Nora'im

Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

3 Wednesdays (September 3, 10, 17) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required at www.bj.org. During the month of Elul, we reflect on the year now past. Traditionally called a *Heshbon Nefesh*—literally an "accounting of the soul"—we ask whether we were our best selves and what is the atonement we are in search of. Often, we find ourselves in a similar place to where we were a year before, struggling to make the change we seek real, angry that we missed the mark yet again. Using stories and texts, we will learn about the difficulty of change, the role of anger, and how we can move together towards repentance and at-one-ment.

General Information

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the Sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** You've attended services, you're inspired by social action, and you love the community... now consider joining BJ as a member! With membership packages for local and out-of-town visitors alike, there is one that is right for you. Special new member orientation included! Visit the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or blasky@bj.org for more information.

• **A Note from the Ushers:** Please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary

after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the Sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and please remember to return the devices when you leave.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

Would you like to be published in the weekly KJ?

Many weeks a D'var Torah, written by a member of the BJ community, is published in the weekly *Kol Jeshurun*, posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, and sent out with the BJ community email. We invite and encourage you to participate in this growing circle of BJ Torah teachers. Consider writing in honor or in memory of a family member or friend, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. No experience necessary! This teaching allows each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Jack Ritzko at jritzko@bj.org for further information.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR MORE INFO: Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Bikkur Holim

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