



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

August 22-29, 2008

21-28 Av, 5768

EKEV

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 7:12 -11:25

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 7:12 -9:3

HAFTARAH Isaiah 49:14 -51:3

NEXT WEEK: **RE'EH**

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 11:26 -16:17

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 11:26 -12:28

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:11 -55:5

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Bekef Havdalah by the River

7:45 PM - Riverside Park (SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Morning Services

9:30 AM - 88th St..

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

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. It may seem early but with summer plans and the to-do of returning after Labor Day, these important commitments get lost in the shuffle. Go to www.komennyc.org; click on "Race Registration is Now Open" and then "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, contact Glenda Frank at glfrank@verizon.net or call Channa at x261.

Start your day with your community at the Morning Minyan.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: During the summer, with many members away, we have a particular need for participants. You can see updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php, where you can indicate what days you plan to attend.

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Liz Genn, and we extend our sincere condolences to Ralph, Sam, and Eve Brunswick on the loss of their wife and mother.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- BJ musician Dafna Mor and Daniel Freedman on the birth of their daughter, Alona Mor Freedman.
- Debby Ziff Cook and Jamie Cook, Anne Ziff, Amy Ziff and Jeff Glueck, on the arrival of their son, grandson and nephew, Kostya Constantine Emanuel Cook.
- Jenny Eisenberg on becoming a Bat Torah.

Community Activities

• This Summer, Stand Up for Your Synagogue—Be a BJ Usher!

While many of our regular ushers are on their summer breaks, we urgently need YOU to volunteer to meet, greet and seat your fellow congregants. To fulfill this important mitzvah, contact Jack at jrivotko@bj.org or x234. Or at services, speak to our head ushers: Jeff Yablonka on Fridays and Glenda Frank on Saturdays.

• Life Cycles at BJ

Are you about to have a baby? Did you recently get engaged? Are you in need of healing or do you know someone in our community who is ill? Has a family member passed away recently? Contact Yaffa Garber, Life Cycle Coordinator, at ygarber@bj.org or x256, to give or receive information on shiva minyanim, baby namings, aufrufs, and more. Yaffa is available to help you and your loved ones during all life cycle events, both sad and joyous.

• BJ Softball 2008

Thursdays through August 28, 7:00–8:30PM, Central Park, North Meadow, Field 12 (entrance at 97th St.): Hit a home run with BJ and step up to the plate for softball fun! One-time tzedakah donation of \$18 for the season. Please send a check to the BJ office, made payable to B'nai Jeshurun, and write BJ Softball in the memo section. Contact Jody Prusan at jpmazel@aol.com for more information.

• Friday Night Off Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

Friday, September 12, following the 7:30PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 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.

• 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.

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.

• Summer Shelter Sleepover Volunteers Needed

Many homeless shelters close their doors during the summer because they cannot find enough volunteers. Not the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter! We stay open all year round, five nights a week. However, to do so we need your help. While many of our regular volunteers are away for well-deserved vacations, we need to fill gaps in the schedule with temporary volunteers to sleep over. Even if you can volunteer only one night this summer, you will help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for up to ten women who come to our shelter nightly. If enough kind-hearted people volunteer, we could all sleep more soundly. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or x340.

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. To sign up, visit the BJ website, www.bj.org, and click on the "Families" link on the left. Sign-ups for September 6 should be posted at the end of August. 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.

BEKEF: 35+

• Bekef Havdalah by the River

Saturday, August 23, 7:45PM, Riverside Park: Join Bekef for Havdalah and dessert by the river. We will gather at a spot by the river at 7:45PM and will start moving towards Havdalah at about 8:15PM. If you like, bring a blanket and a snack or dessert to share. For detailed directions and to R.S.V.P., contact Sharon Gross at SSeid001@aol.com, or Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net. In case of rain, meet at 86th Street (SPSA) in the Parlor Room.

HAVUROT

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, September 13, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please come to our first gathering for a Shabbat Minha 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 Frankel Hall • 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:** 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.

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 via email 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 will allow each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Jack Ritzuko at jritzuko@bj.org for further information.



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

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