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Swimming in the Sea of Talmud

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

I started my summer reading early this year with Ilana Kurshan's memoir *If All the Seas Were Ink*. The book is a record of her beginning the vast task that is reading "Daf Yomi" ("Page a Day")—all 2,711 pages of the Babylonian Talmud, one folio page every day for seven-and-a-half years—and the life she led while doing so. For Kurshan, a young editor recently uprooted from New York to Jerusalem following a man she would marry and divorce in a year's time, Daf Yomi study began as a way to move forward.

It was in August 1923, at the first parliamentary meeting of the Orthodox group Agudath Israel, in Vienna, that Rabbi Yehuda Meir Shapiro of Poland inaugurated the Daf Yomi learning program. Ambitious Torah learning projects were nothing new for Eastern European Jews; the difference here was the scope and pace of the project, as well as perhaps, its democratic spirit; the rabbinic canon for everyone, or at least all religious Jewish males.

When Rabbi Shapiro proposed the Daf Yomi project, detractors suggested that such a course of study would necessarily be both cursory and superficial. Full-time yeshiva students dive much deeper and spend longer on specific tractates. Yet for tens of thousands of Jews all over the world, many of them busy with work and family, Daf Yomi study has become an integral part of each day.


As Sarah Ridner, in the *Jewish Review of Books*, opines, Kurshan's lyrical and erudite memoir illustrates that the practice of Daf Yomi became an unexpected source of beauty and inspiration. Kurshan, a hyper-literary, ideologically egalitarian, hopeless romantic (in her words), doesn't fit the typical profile of a Daf Yomi participant. She started her project at the suggestion of a running partner, a friend who enjoyed "hanging out in bars, reading paperback thrillers, and staying in shape," but who, in an only-in-Jerusalem moment, tossed

off a casual "Did I tell you? I've started learning a page of Talmud a day" as they were running uphill toward the Knesset.

Kurshan started learning Talmud after a painful divorce from her first husband; as the memoir unfolds, Kurshan adapts slowly to life as a single woman again, falls in love with someone who also studies Daf Yomi, has three children, and keeps studying throughout her lived milestones. So for Kurshan, studying Talmud is more than a religious exercise. "A lot is very personal," she said, "a way of marking time."

Seven-and-a-half years is a long time, and there is a detectable change as the precocious quality of the memoir's earlier pages transitions to softer tones of humility and gratitude. Throughout her memoir, Kurshan craves fellowship, describing its absence quite movingly. She ultimately finds it in her husband, who becomes her ideal chavruta, or learning partner, as well as in her growing family.

In her introduction, Kurshan writes that the "Talmud is a text for those who are living the questions rather than those who have found the answers." Yet Kurshan's journey into Daf Yomi helps her make certain religious discoveries: "True I can't prove the existence of God... Likewise, I cannot explain why following each and every commandment has the effect of making me a better person and the world a better place. But the totality of living a life infused with reverence for God and the study of God's Torah has enriched me in ways I can only begin to fathom."

Kurshan drew the title of her book from *Akdamut*, an 11th-century Aramaic poem by Rabbi Meir bar Yitzhak: "God's eternal glory could not be described even if the heavens were parchment, and the forests quills; if all the seas were ink, as well as every gathered water; even if the earth's inhabitants were scribes and recorders of initials." 

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Phillip Rothman
SATURDAY, JULY 7, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Lee Goldberg
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Barbara Stern
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Pamela Vassil
SATURDAY, JULY 28, 9:30 AM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Lloyd Grauman
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Brad Miles
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Joan Simon
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Marilyn Berkman
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 7:30 PM
Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Alder
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 9:30 AM

Seeking Ushers for the High Holidays!

Ushering during the High Holidays (and during Shabbat services) is a great contribution to the Synagogue and a great way to get to know our community better. Please volunteer for this important task at upcoming 5779 High Holy Day services by contacting our Ushers Committee co-Chairs Richard Breier (*Richard.Breier@BreierGroup.com*) or Sam Breier (*Samuel.Breier@BreierGroup.com*) and let them know at which service/s you would like to usher.



My Two Cents

by Margie Katz

I recently took a trip with my friend, Roberta Kahn, to celebrate her birthday in Portugal. We left New York on May 18 and returned May 28, visiting the Algarve region of the southern part of the country, then going north to Cascais and Sintra. From there, we drove up to Obidos, Cuimbra, and Porto not turning south until we were headed to Lisboa.

All of the areas were wonderful and we were fortunate to have good weather for all but one day. The highlight of our trip, surprisingly, was a Jewish Heritage 3-hour walking tour of Porto. Our guide José, a PhD student in history, was compelled to uncover his Jewish roots, even though he was raised in the Christian faith. He knew his mother's family was from a town where "new Christians" lived... that is what they called Jews who succumbed to the edict to convert or die. Some families have kept certain traditions alive without knowing where they came from, some performed outside activities to appear Christian (i.e., purchasing pork on Friday, taking it home and throwing it in the trash). Evidently, if your last name began with 'ch' or 'sh', it was a sign of Jewish ancestry. Any last name that bears relationship to fruit trees or certain occupations, for example da Silva, can be almost 100% sure that they have Jewish ancestry.

During our entire tour, Jose' used the pronoun "we" when he described the struggles of the Jews in Portugal. We visited the 5 different areas where the Jews lived during that period of time. Some Jews were not comfortable displaying a mezuzah and would carve the right side of their door frame into 3 sections so that other Jews would know.

According to Jose', there is NO anti-Semitism in Portugal as this time. They have removed all signs of the ghetto demarcations,

leaving only one original door leading into the last ghetto community (for historical purposes). We had the opportunity to visit one of the secret synagogues and many of the streets are marked accordingly.



We climbed the ancient stairs of the synagogue ..

"antiga escadas da esnoga" (sinagoga)

Out of a Portuguese population of 9 million,

over 30 percent have Jewish ancestry!!

Most do not know it.

The Jewish population of Porto was forced to live outside the walls of the city. They were blamed for the plague, but were for the most part not affected by it because of their strict hygiene habits. It was through their work as accountants and traders with Moorish conquerors who brought with them algebra and a written language, that Jews were instrumental in the development of a (written) Portuguese language and development of a Portuguese currency.

Secret synagogues are now being uncovered as Porto goes through a facelift...renovating the older buildings in keeping with the now healthier econ-

omy and an organized movement to reclaim known and recently discovered Jewish heritage sites as landmarks is underway.

There is a national attitude of repentance for what the Jews suffered in this country and on one of the streets, they have placed a plaque (measuring approximately 36" x 48") with the following statement:

In Perpetual Memory

"In memory of all the Portuguese Jews who were victims of the decree of 1496 where the only option was forced conversion or death.

Earth does not cover their blood by forgetting May the blessed memory of all those who for 5 centuries kept alive the echo of the word of the

living God by actualizing the prophetic vision of Moses on Mount Horeb.

The bush burned in the fire and the bush was not consumed. The burning souls were not destroyed by the flames or the beings that wanted it

Through the most terrible tortures compelling them to deny their sublime faith in the fountain of life and love, the righteous vibrate in their faith"



Shabbat Club

Just a reminder that Shabbat Club is on vacation during the summer but we'll start up again in the Fall.

If you have any ideas for topics or speakers, please contact Deborah Newman (newmanddale@aol.com) or the synagogue office.

Porto Jewish Heritage Walking Tour 2018 at: <https://www.viator.com/tours/Porto/Porto-Jewish-Heritage-Walking-Tour/d26879-7372P18?pub=vcps>

This is another in our series of "My Two Cents" columns about travels in the world-wide Jewish community.

Life Goes On

Life Goes On is a group for those of us who have lost a spouse or life partner and want to experience the beauty, joy, and opportunity that New York life offers surrounded by supportive friends who understand and share in the loss.

Thanks so much to Susan Feldstein for arranging our amazing tour of the New York Botanical Garden last month which was accompanied by a delightful lunch on the grounds in the company of good friends.

What a pleasure to see so many friends at

our last book club meeting of the season when we discussed *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout with Professor Margaret Birns. *Please save the date: Thursday, September 27* for our first Book Club in the Fall when we will be reading and discussing *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry.

As usual, we will not have any pre-organized events during July and August; but do be on the lookout for a quick email invitation for a picnic dinner and a movie outdoors in one of New York City's wonderful parks.

Seeking suggestions for fall activities! If you have an idea for an outing or would like to lead one, please email Aggie or Roberta!

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of *Life Goes On*, please come to our meetings—we would be happy to see you! If you have any questions, please call Agnes Marton at 917.519.4427 or e-mail her at Iagnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750, email rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

Tisha B'Av

SERVICES

Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av) marks the day when the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and also when the Romans burned down the Second Temple in 70 CE.

To commemorate this sad day on the

Jewish calendar, Tisha B'Av was designated a full fast day, although one is permitted to work

On the evening of Tisha B'Av, Jews gather in the synagogue to hear the mournful chanting of the Biblical book of Lamentations (*Eicha*), an ancient dirge written by the prophet Jeremiah after the destruction of the First Temple. Congregants often sit on the floor of a darkened room like mourners. This year, Erev Tisha B'Av services will take place on **Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 – 10:00 pm.**

We will hold morning services for Tisha B'Av on **Sunday, July 22 at 9:00 am** and mincha/ma'ariv services (at which tallis and tefillin are worn) on **Sunday evening at 7:45 pm** followed by a light meal to break the fast.



Summer Candle Lighting and Torah Portions

Friday, July 6, 8:11 PM Saturday: Parshat Pinchas	Friday, July 27, 7:58 PM Saturday: Parshat Va'etchanan	Friday, August 17, 7:33 PM Saturday: Parshat Shofetim
Friday, July 13, 8:09 PM Saturday: Parshat Mattot-Massei	Friday, August 3, 7:51 PM Saturday: Parshat Ekev	Friday, August 24, 7:22 PM Saturday: Parshat Kee Tetze
Friday, July 20, 8:04 PM Saturday: Parshat Devarim	Friday, August 10, 7:42 PM Saturday: Parshat Re'eh	Friday, August 31, 7:11 PM Saturday: Parshat Kee Tavo

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, July 19, 7:00 pm

Wendy Linderman will lead a discussion of *And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer, a National Jewish Book Award Winner. The *New York Times* best-selling author of *A Fierce Radiance* returns with a new powerful passionate novel about two women, one European and one American, and the mysterious choral masterpiece by Johann Sebastian Bach that changes both of their lives. The book is inspired by historical events

If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Margie Katz at margie.katz@me.com. All are welcome!

The Brotherhood Book Club's annual year end 'picnic' will take place at the July 19th meeting in the Brotherhood Library. Reservations must be received no later than July 10 (please email Margie.katz@me.com) and please let her know what you will be bringing to the potluck picnic!



This is a very momentous moment for the Brotherhood Book Club as it marks the end of its 5th year as an ongoing, viable book-club! Thanks to all who participate—it has been great!!

A Year of Accomplishment and Activity for Social Action

The Social Action Committee is responsible for undertaking those activities of the Synagogue that can be identified by the Hebrew expression *Tikkun Olam*—to heal and repair our world. The committee and volunteers along with wonderful participation from the Nursery and Hebrew School communities were involved in many meaningful activities this year.

We started the year by taking members who had no easy access to transportation to area cemeteries in Westchester, New Jersey and Long Island prior to the High Holidays so that they could visit the graves of their departed loved ones. In October, we began our sixth year of *English in Action*, a program that helps newcomers to our country gain fluency and confidence in conversational English.

We brought the message of hunger and nutritional deprivation to our members by doing something about it. For the High Holidays, we asked our members to donate to *Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger*, an amount equal to their Yom Kippur fast. We also hosted a speaker from Mazon who discussed the importance of the

SNAP program in combatting nutritional insufficiency in the U.S. We had a very successful *City Harvest Food Drive*. With donations and the generous support of the Board, we provided many boxes of food and beverages for toddlers and children. Prior to Passover, we collected food and donations for *Project Ezra*, an independent, non-profit grass-roots organization serving the frail elderly on New York's Lower East Side.

We staffed and organized the *15th annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive* and, once again, had many volunteers and blood donations. We participated with *DOROT*, a social service agency under Jewish communal auspices, and delivered a Thanksgiving meal and had a friendly visit with homebound seniors over the Thanksgiving weekend. We had our third holiday visit with the residents of the *Hebrew Home* in Riverdale. Our annual non-profit book drive, *Project Cicero*, was extremely successful. Project Cicero is designed to create or supplement school and classroom libraries for children in under-resourced New York City public schools.

A few years ago, we began the tradition of honoring our Veterans. This year we had a speaker from the Jewish War Veterans, who shared the history and aid the JWV provides to current military and veterans.

We joined forces for numerous events with the Interfaith Committee. We had a wonderful morning with the organization *Muslims Against Hunger*, where members of all ages came to together to make lunch for our city's hungry. Our Shelter Program operated through the winter months and we provided food and friendship for our guests.

A few firsts. For the first time, we held a *men's coat drive* around the holidays. We also made headway with our environmental sub-committee, moving the needle on *greening efforts for our Synagogue*.

All members who would like to help in promoting our mission are encouraged to join with us. Please contact the office if you are interested!

—Helaine Teperman & Beth Barry,
Co-Chairs, Social Action Committee

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Welcome to Our New Trustee

Seth Reagen and his wife Melissa came to New York in 2011 and had difficulty finding a synagogue that they felt comfortable with. After visiting Brotherhood and coming to services for a few months they knew this was a wonderful community to join. Since then, Brotherhood has been a key part of many crucial milestones for Seth, Melissa and their two daughters Zipporah and Aviva. The family regularly attends shabbat services and Zipporah attends the Thursday Corner program.

Seth and Melissa hope to have many life events for their family in the years to come. ~

Brotherhood Continues Tradition of Providing Transportation for Cemetery Visits

The Social Action Committee helps arrange cemetery visits for those who need transportation to area cemeteries in Long Island, Queens, Westchester, and New Jersey before the High Holidays. If you are in need of transportation and would like to travel to the cemetery with a member of the congregation, please call Manda in the office (212.674.5750) by **August 20**.



DRIVERS NEEDED! If you are able to perform the mitzvah of driving others to a cemetery and haven't done so previously, please call the office and let Manda know you would like to volunteer.

The program was specifically requested to be undertaken at the urging of our founding rabbi, Rabbi Irving J. Block,^{z"l} and we honor his memory in the fulfillment of this mitzvah.

**** Please note that Rosh Hashana begins this year on Sunday, September 9**



Volunteer at the Dream Center Back to School Event

**Sunday, August 26,
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

In years past, Brotherhood Synagogue has collaborated with the Dream Center doing backpack/school supplies collection, stuffing and distribution. This year, Dream Center is planning a big back to school event for families in public housing in West Chelsea and would love to have some Brotherhood volunteers. There will be backpack giveaways, haircuts and vaccinations for the kids as well as food and games and crafts.

We realize that late in summer many of you may still be away but if you are here and interested in volunteering at this community event, please email **Ellie Wertheim** (elliewertheim@yahoo.com), co-Chair of Brotherhood's Interfaith Committee, to volunteer.



July 7 - 13

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July 14 - 20

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July 21 - 27

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^Garden of Remembrance

*Book of Remembrance



Giman, Rose Godlin, Natalie Goldstein, Florence Greenfield, ^*Estelle Halpern, ^James J. Herzig, ^Ethel Hochhauser, Benjamin Hoffman, ^Nedra Jedwick, *Rose B. Kalb, ^Herbert Kanen, *Esther Kessner, ^*Feige Kolodicki, Louis Kornblatt, Stephen Kramer, Irving Leffel, *Benjamin Levine, ^Annie Menaker, William Richard Miller, Bertha Moed, ^Rose Moskowitz, Max Penchina, ^Doris Rattner, Robert Richkin, *George Ringler, Adele Rosenstein, Samuel Roth, Philip Rubin, Francine Salom, ^Charles Schaffer, ^Sally Bloch Schneck, ^Irma Schonhaut, Sidney Selzer, Judith Sheppard, ^Philip Shorin, Esther Sigel, ^Flora Silverstein, Lisa Simoncic, ^Rebecca Ilana Sivak, ^Abraham J. Stelzer, Martin Stone, ^Carole Stutzel, Paul Unger, ^Elfreda E. Valentine, ^*Harry Weintraub, Yisroel Yitzchok, ^Barry Zonon

July 28 - August 3

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August 4-10

Arleen Adelman, Leonard Berg, Rina Bialer, ^May Blatt, Natan Bornstein, Balfour Brickner, Joseph

Brown, Albertina Cohen, Dinah Cohen, Thomas Cohen, Shirley Cohen, Sylvia Davis, Philip Edlis, ^Anna Elsky, *Jacob Erelson, ^Mamie Joan Feingold, ^Dora Hindin Fine, Nathaniel Fish, ^Al Forman, Edward Friedmann, *Frank Fruchtman, Addie Gabel, Alan Gerstein, ^Bessie "Billie" Ginsburg, ^Harry Greene, Martin Hanfling, ^Ruth Heisler, Michael Ingall, Michael Insdorf, Josephine Kaplan, ^Sophy Koven, Florence Kreseloff, Louis Krieger, Ruth Kroll, Selma Leber, Mollie Leinweber, ^Peter Adam Levine, Judith Lipner, Leon Mandell, ^Rose Meiselman, Nachum Miller, Ethel Newman, ^Abraham Pilpel, *Shirley Plitt, Nathan Riemer, *William Riemer, ^Shirley Schachter, Beatrice Schneider, Nathaniel Schorin, Benjamin Schwartz, ^Issie Schwartz, Angelina Seffens, Harry Shargel, Minnie Signer, Sally Silver, Sophie Silver, *Jerry Solomon, ^Benjamin Tenenbaum, Marjorie Teperman, Stanley Seymour Wasserman, ^Muriel Winicki

August 11-17

Haviva Abada, Sylvia Abelson, *Anna Berlowitz, Rose Bernstein, ^*Dr. Leon Brody, Ernest Chain, Frank Estrine, ^George Faleck, *Mary Frankel, ^*Peyser C. Freedman, Dorothy Friedenberg, Harold Gabel, Julia Gerstenhaber, ^Leo Giddins, Martin Gilman, Sam Giman, Lenore Ginsberg, Louis Glass, ^Alex Gold, Morris Goldenberg, Gladys Goldman, *Jacob Goldman, Arthur Gottlieb, ^*Frieda Gross, *Sidney Grossman, ^Sally Hendel, Cecile Insdorf, ^Martin Jelin, ^Bertha Kane, ^Sidney Katz, Rachel Kommissaroff, Bernard Korach, ^Selma Lande, ^Henry Lieberman, Benjamin Liss, William Maloff, Dov Beryl Manischewitz, Rose Martus, *Raphael Miller, Ruth Monheit, Herman Plasse, Miriam Rahav, *Herman Robinove, ^Jack Schachter, Adeline Schor, ^Dorothy Schwartz, *Max Edward Shaine, ^*Harry Shulman, ^Caroline Stein, Jerry Strumpf, Regina Toporek, ^Marilyn Vogel, ^Molly Walder, *Jacob Weckstein, *Anna Weiss, Gerta Wertheim

August 18-24

Sarah Abraham, David Alter, Goldie Berkowitz, Oscar Berliner, Inez Bezief, ^Jerome Blumenthal, Maurice Brandes, *Nathan Cantor, *Samuel Cassell,

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Memorial Book Listings

If you have not yet returned the sheet indicating your entry in the Memorial Book distributed at the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur, kindly send it to the office now.

If you had a listing last year, please verify its accuracy and let us know if you would like to make any changes to this year's edition. Those who have not listed in our Memorial Book in the past are asked to complete the form that was sent to you. Please call the office if you have any questions.



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Congregation founded in 1954
Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859

Happenings in Our Kehilah

Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

Samuel Breier on his marriage to Yuli Shushan; and to Sam's parents, Alyson and Richard Breier; and to Sam's grandmother, Sylvia Fendel.

Linda and Danny Kaleko on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Kaleko to Randy Kring.

Howard Jeffreys on the marriage of his son, Scott Jeffreys to Gelsey Steinbrecher.

Debra Aaron and Reed Moskowitz on the marriage of their daughter, Marissa Moskowitz to Jason Israel.

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Whitney and Ross Levin on the birth of their son, Gideon Tecumseh Levin; and to older sister, Blake, and older brother, Ben.

Michelle Land and Matthew David on the birth of their son, Benjamin Shiloh David; and to older brother, Simon.

Rhonda and Howard Goldin on the birth of a grandson, Lev Myles Goldin, born to Rachel Uslan and Louis Goldin.

Charlotte Howard and Daniel Osnos on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Osnos; and to older brother, Freddy.

Lola Siena and Frank Moore on the birth of their daughter, Eva Moore.

Melissa and Seth Reagen on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Reagen; and to older sister, Zipporah.

Condolences to:

Robin Mittman on the passing of her sister, Sue Ellen Bienenfeld.

Fifi Simon on the passing of her father, David Khabie.

David Goldstein on the passing of his mother, Mary Goldstein.

More Graduations, Congratulations to:

Hanna Lipkis on her graduation from the Summit School and her acceptance to Goucher College.

David Fell on his graduation from Stony Brook School of Medicine.

Rachel Fell on her graduation with an MSW from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

Welcome New Members:

Welcome to Seth and Jenna Sigman. Seth is a Research Analyst with Credit Suisse and Jenna is a Principal at Insight Venture Partners. They have two children, a daughter, Ruby, and a son, Jonas. 🌊

President's Post

by Tracie Basch



When my husband Mark and I joined Brotherhood 11 years ago, we were looking for a synagogue that would grow with us as our family grew. Little did we know how central to our lives Brotherhood would become and that one day I would serve as its President. Over the years, we have made many friends, celebrated simchas, and mourned loved ones.

Our sons Sam, 12, and Zach, 10, grew up at Brotherhood. We attended Shabbat Corner, then Aleph-Bet Club and now, as a family we attend Junior Congregation. Both boys have been enrolled in our Hebrew School since Kindergarten and Sam is currently studying with Cantor Yager for his Bar Mitzvah. Both boys have made friends, learned about Judaism, and developed a love for Brotherhood.

They truly consider Brotherhood their second home.

A little about me. By profession, I am a fundraiser specializing in helping non-profits develop and implement fundraising strategies around their events. Our family lives in Battery Park, I have a passion for cooking and baking and we love to travel and experience new places and cultures. This summer, we will be spending a couple of weeks in Israel. As a family, we have volunteered at our Homeless Shelter, made sandwiches with the Muslim Hunger Van, and participated in the Dream Center Backpack Drive, among other activities.

I am honored to be your President. Please feel free to reach out to me at President@BrotherhoodSynagogue.org, and give me a couple of days to respond to your email. I can't promise that I will be able to solve your problem, but I can promise that I will listen.

Enjoy your summer! —Tracie 🌊

A Note from Development:

Annual Fund

Now that our Annual Fund Drive for 2017/2018 has wrapped up, we want to thank EVERYONE who participated in this year's Fund, which helps the synagogue continue to offer the wide array of diverse and robust programs and services that distinguish Brotherhood from any other synagogue. We will report on numbers in the September issue and we already look forward to a successful Annual Campaign for 2018/19!

Rothman Fund

We are taking time these summer months to focus on The Rothman Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School. Along with the ongoing job of fundraising, we are planning two exciting events that will be held this fall.

"A Night at the Races." Did you know that a favorite pastime of Phil's is a trip to Yonkers Raceway? This fundraising event will take place on **Thursday evening, October 4, 2018** at Yonkers Raceway. The evening will consist of

a buffet dinner overlooking the racetrack and live harness races at 7:00 pm. We will have the opportunity to name a race, have our guests bet on that race and have a group picture taken in the winner's circle with the horse and driver. Save the date to raise a glass to Phil. More details to follow.

The Year of Phil began at a Friday night Shabbat service so it seems only fitting that we close the celebration with **A Family Havdalah** ceremony, to be held at the Synagogue, on **Saturday evening, December 1, 2018**. We are planning a festive evening, with several surprises in store for Phil. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event, please contact me at 212-674-5750 or at mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

Please save the dates for both events. We look forward to everyone's participation and, in the meantime, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

—Marilyn Strozak
Director of Development 🌊

The Chesed* Committee

WANTS YOU TO KNOW

The committee is always looking for suggestions as to how it can better support members of our community, and is also always looking for volunteers to help its efforts. If you need help, or can offer it, reach out to us through the Synagogue office or at the following email address: chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org

*The Chesed Committee provides help and compassion to Brotherhood members in times of need. Reach us at chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org or through the synagogue office.

Early Childhood Programs at Brotherhood are Filling Fast! Register Now!

Early Childhood Programs at Brotherhood Synagogue help our community's youngest children grow and flourish in an atmosphere where Jewish values and traditions are integrated into all of our classes. Cognitive skills and social, emotional, and physical development are encouraged through music, movement, theater arts, storytelling, learning activities, play, and arts & crafts with a special focus on Shabbat & Jewish holidays.

The following classes still have some spots:

- **Baby** (3 - 12 mos)
- **Pre-Toddler** (12 -18 mos)
- **Toddler** (18 mos-3 years)
ONLY Tuesdays 10:45 am
- **Thursday Corner** (3-5)
ONLY Thursday 3:00 pm
- **Shabbat Corner** (3-5)



Class sizes are limited and filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please visit the Early Childhood Programs page on the Brotherhood website to register and contact Roberta (rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org/ 212.674.5750) if you have any questions.

The Tikvah Program

A Hebrew school program for children with special needs since 1994 at Brotherhood Synagogue has openings for Fall 2018

We serve children starting at age 8 on Sunday mornings

We provide a Jewish education taught by certified Special Education teachers. Our classes emphasize our students' strengths to help imbue a love of Judaism along with traditional Hebrew school curriculum, art and music.

This program is tuition-free for our students.

Families do not have to be members of Brotherhood to attend.

For further information contact:

Myra Hushansky (mhushansky@nyc.rr.com)

Or at Brotherhood Synagogue 212-674-5750

Visit our website for further information www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org

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During the first week in June, I had the opportunity to attend the Cantor's Assembly Convention in West Palm Beach, FL. The convention is held annually in various locations. It's the one time of year when all members of the Cantor's Assembly come together for workshops, concerts, lectures, and to reconnect with colleagues. Though I have attended conventions in the past, this was my first time attending as a working cantor in the field. After five years of studying together, including spending an academic year in Jerusalem together, it was inspiring to see my classmates (all full-time working cantors) and be able to share our new and emerging perspectives as professionals in the field. My biggest takeaway from this experience was the realization that my personal identity as a Jew is directly connected to my responsibilities as a cantor. On the surface, this realization might not appear especially groundbreaking. But I have been a bewildered and sometimes lost "Jew in the pew" much longer than I have been a cantor. After years of study, and after having gone through my first year as a professional Jewish leader, I understand now more than ever that the cantor is not just my professional calling, but my spiritual one as well. Ultimately, I discovered my Jewish identity through my work as a cantor and *shaliach tzibur*, the representative of the community that I serve. I was discussing this idea with my childhood cantor with whom I studied for my Bar Mitzvah, Cantor Gerald Cohen. Cantor Cohen was one of my teachers at JTS and was the person I initially consulted when I decided to pursue cantorial school. He advised me from the beginning, laying the groundwork for my course of study. Cantor Cohen is also a prominent composer. In fact, the Psalm 23 (*Adonoi roi*) composition that I have been singing at Yizkor services is one of his most famous compositions. At dinner one night, we joked about how difficult it would be for us to sit through a Yom Kippur service now after having had the experience of leading services. Of course, that's not to say that I wouldn't be able to appreciate and derive spiritual satisfaction from another *hazzan*. In fact, this past convention demonstrated how much more I can learn from my colleagues. I just know that I feel most connected to my Jewish self when I'm leading services. It's when I feel the most comfortable and secure in my continuously developing Jewish identity. I thank the Brotherhood community for giving me the opportunity to solidify this understanding in my first year of service to you. 🌸

**Dear Members:
Please tell your friends,
family, and colleagues
about Brotherhood's
open house on
September 6!**

Please join us!

at Brotherhood Synagogue's upcoming
Open House for Prospective Members



If you've been thinking about joining a downtown congregation,
please come to an

**Open House
at Brotherhood Synagogue**

to learn more!

Thursday, September 6 • 6:00-7:00 pm

Our warm and welcoming synagogue offers schools for kids, classes for
adults, engaging programming, and a socially progressive membership.

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