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Words Gamed

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

It's time for my annual attempt at transmitting some humor in honor of the month of Adar and the holiday of Purim. The following has been slightly abridged for a family-oriented synagogue newsletter.

The *Washington Post's* Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the winners:

Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

Intoxicaton (n.): Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation (n.): Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Giraffiti (n.): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high

Sarchasm (n.): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte (v.): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteopornosis (n.): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Karmageddon (n.): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido (n.): All talk and no action.

Dopeler Effect (n.): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The *Washington Post* has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. And the winners are:

Coffee (n.): The person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted (adj.): Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

Abdicate (v.): To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Willy-nilly (adj.): Impotent.

Negligent (adj.): Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

Lymph (v.): To walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n.): Olive-flavored mouthwash.

Flatulence (n.): Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.): A rapidly receding hairline.

Testicle (n.): A humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude (n.): The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon (n.): A Rastafarian proctologist.

Oyster (n.): A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

Frisbeetarianism (n.): The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Circumvent (n.) An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30 PM
Shabbaton Dinner and Speaker:
Marjorie Ingall

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 9:30 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Stella Anderson

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 9:30 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Metz

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30 PM
Purim Services and Megillah Reading

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 6:30 PM
Speaker: Maurice Middleberg
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 9:30 AM

SAVE THE DATE
THE BROTHERHOOD
SYNAGOGUE SCHOOLS
**SPRING
BENEFIT**
Thursday, April 6, 2017
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing,
and Auction

Synagogue to Host Passover Seder

On the first night of Pesach, Monday, April 10th, we will again host our annual Seder at the synagogue, led by Rabbi Alder and Cantor Weis. Services will begin at 7:00 pm with the Seder following at 7:30 pm. We will once again be serving our full course Seder dinner buffet style; however, we will offer table service to those who need assistance. The cost is \$70 for adult members, \$40 for children (ages 5-12), and \$85 for adult guests of our members.

Please make your reservations early and return your payment at that time. Seating is limited and priority will be given to our members based on order of received registrations. Please note that you can help sponsor a needy person to our Seder by donating the cost of a meal.

Two Cabdrivers, Two Tragedies, and Why We Must Stand With Israel

by Leonard Gold

During our recent trip to Israel, I wrote the following to a stateside friend:

“Today we visited my cousins in the north.

We hired a driver named Yossi for the 2-hour drive each way.

Within 5 minutes of meeting him, he told me he lost his first-born son in the IDF 2 years ago.

After his son died, Yossi stopped working for a year. He had been a contractor building smart classrooms in schools in the north, near the kibbutz where he lives. After that first year, he began driving, making 30-50% of what he was making previously, but he said he likes driving alone with the radio on or talking to his clients. He said he always has ups and downs, and never knows when the downs will hit.

Yossi keeps his son's iPhone charged in the car, in a bracket off the dash, in addition to his own. The reminder helps, he said.

When I told Yossi about my late friend Ilan Heimlich (killed while serving in his Golani Brigade unit in Lebanon in 1982) and my relationship with Ilan's parents, Yossi said it's important to him that people who knew his son keep coming back to visit. It really hit me.

We are visiting Miriam and Dan Heimlich on Tuesday, along with other members of the Heimlich family.

Now I'm about to meet up with my son Ilan (named for my friend) at a Jerusalem jazz club at which he plans to sit in on the bass. A dream come true for me to see my son jam in Israel.

I will never stop working to preserve every Israeli parent's right to realize such dreams and stop the nightmares.”

Weeks later, I had a Palestinian cab driver in New Orleans while visiting my son Ethan at Tulane.

The driver tells me that Netanyahu will be ousted in a few weeks, for allegedly taking a few cigars from the wrong people.

So I tell him that one of the great things about Israel is that it's a true democracy, like America, where nobody (including the prime minister) is above the law, so it speaks well for Israel if Bibi could lose his job if he broke the law.

Then he tells me how much money Abbas has. So I ask him where the money came from. He said Abbas takes it from other countries who give it to him. So I ask if the money is meant to go to Abbas personally or meant to help the Palestinian people. He says Abbas takes 80% of the money that's supposed to go to his own people. So I say that maybe you need a new leader.

Then he says the solution to all the problems over there is one state for everyone. So I say then the Jews would lose their only country, which did not seem to trouble him at all. So I reminded him that the Italians have their own country, the French have theirs, the Germans, Poles, Irish, and so on, so why not the Jews? And why can't the Palestinians live side-by-side with the Jews in peace in their own state and respect the Jews' right to have theirs? I told him Luxembourg is much smaller than France, but nobody says it should become part of France, and France is happy to live in peace next to Luxembourg, just like the US and Canada do. In other words, borders and separate states for separate peoples are ok. Countries get along with their neighbors all over the world.

Then he tells me his brother is an ophthalmologist who lives in Colorado and was offered a job at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. I said that's great, and you know when there can be peace? When a Palestinian hospital offers a job to a Jewish doctor.

Then I tell him that I just came back from Israel, where we visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is maintained by Christians, who are free to visit and worship there as they wish, and it's open to people of other faiths as well.

So I tell him that maybe when Palestinians permit Christians and Jews to freely visit and worship in their holy places in the West Bank, and permit non-Muslims (including Jews) to freely visit Muslim holy places, this would also signal that peace is finally possible.

Two days later, and within two minutes after the conclusion of President Trump's inauguration speech, I received a text from my late friend Ilan's sister-in-law Neta (whose English is far better than my Hebrew), and the following exchange ensued:

Neta: Congratulations...New President. Shabbat Shalom.

Me: Thanks. May he be good for Israel. Shabbat Shalom.

Neta: We hope (: The question is if he is dreaming or will do like he speak.

Me: I agree. Nobody knows. However, I do know Ivanka, and I believe she is a good person and will do what she can to help Israel. And, as always, Israel will do what it can to help itself. And many friends like me will always be there for you, because we understand that We Are All Israel. Our struggles, sacrifices, and losses are nothing compared to yours, so we will always be inspired by you and we will never give up or be deterred.

Neta: Thumb's-up and Heart emojis. 🍷

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Life Goes On

Our February event was a great success—an excellent dinner at Gramercy Farmer and the Fish, followed by the film *Nobody's Fool*. Nothing like dinner and a movie with good friends for an enjoyable evening!

On **Wednesday, March 15** we are scheduled for a private tour of the Morgan Library (225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street)! We will learn about this extraordinary New York palace and its history and then view some of their special exhibits. The tour begins at 3:30 pm, but prior to the tour we will meet at 2:00 pm in the Morgan's glass-roofed café for their famous traditional English tea—finger sandwiches, scones, and more! The cost of the tour and the tea combined is \$45 per person; the tour alone is \$15 per person.

Our January **book club** meeting discussed Michael Chabon's *Moonglow*, a fascinating and magical novel. We are now reading *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett, and will be meeting on **March 8th** to discuss it together. NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion and wine and desserts will be served as usual. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend.** The cost of participation is \$20 per person.

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. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the group, 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 Iagnemarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750. 🍷

SHABBATON AT BROTHERHOOD

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4

The Importance of Humor in Parenting and Life: An evening with (Brotherhood's)

Marjorie Ingall

Columnist and author (and Brotherhood Hebrew School parent!), Marjorie Ingall, will share with us excerpts from her widely acclaimed book, *Mamaleh Knows Best: What Jewish Mothers Do To Raise Successful, Creative, Empathetic, Independent Children*. Book available for purchase in advance or at the dinner for \$20.



MARJORIE INGALL is a columnist for *Tablet Magazine* and a regular contributor to *The New York Times Book Review*. For

seven years she wrote the East Village Mamele column for *The Jewish Daily Forward*. She has been a contributing editor at *Glamour* and a contributing writer at *Self*, and has written for *Ms.*, *Wired*, *New York*, *Real Simple*, *Redbook*, and *Parents*.

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Friday, March 3

6:30–7:30 pm: **Shabbat Services** with Rabbi Alder and Cantor Weis

7:30 pm: **Congregational Dinner** for members and friends

8:30–9:15 pm: Author, Columnist & Brotherhood member, **Marjorie Ingall**

9:15–9:45 pm: Coffee and dessert

Saturday, March 4

9:30–Noon: **Shabbat Services** with Rabbi Alder and Cantor Weis

9:30–10:15 am: **Torah Talk** with Phil Rothman, Topic: "Where Does God Live?" in the 4th floor library

Noon: **Kiddush Lunch** in the Community Room

2:15–3:15 pm: **Spiritual Yoga** with Rebecca Kryspin. All levels welcome.

4–5 pm: **Terrific Toddler Time**



Comes to Brotherhood and Downtown Jewish Life

Brotherhood and other member organizations of Downtown Jewish Life (DJL) are excited to bring this special series of speakers during the months of March, April and May from the Israeli organization—Shaharit.

At Shaharit Ultra-Orthodox and secular activists talk together about how to make educational and religious policies for the common good; our Israeli-Arab and religious Zionist activists work together on new approaches to Israel as a state with both a Jewish and democratic identity; our Mizrahi and Ashkenazi activists collaborate on innovative cultural models that contain the best of both traditions.

Shaharit runs dozens of programs, ranging from leadership development in Israeli Arab towns, to cutting-edge surveys of Ultra-Orthodox Jews, to community organizing in local municipalities, to their flagship "120" program that cultivates the next generation of Israeli national leaders.

Please save these dates and join us at any or all of the Shaharit Series coming to Downtown Jewish Life:

Monday, March 6, 7:00 pm: **Nazir Magally at 14th Street Y**

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 pm

Tehilla Nachalon Friedman at Brotherhood Synagogue
The Struggle for the Soul of Religious Zionism

Tehila Nachalon Friedman runs the leadership development center at Kolot, creating a multicultural leadership for applying Jewish values to Israeli society. She is a graduate of the Mandel School for Educational Leadership. She previously ran the Israel office of the MetroWest Federation and the Jewish culture department at Yad Hanadiv. Tehila was an advisor to Natan Sharansky in his post as Minister of Diaspora, Social, and Jerusalem Affairs.

Monday, April 3, 7:00 pm: **Gili Re'i at CSFA**

Sunday, May 7, 4:30 pm

Menachem Bombach at Town & Village Synagogue

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 pm: **Eilon Schwartz at JCP**

Purim Festivities

On **Saturday, March 11, at 5:00 pm**, there will be the classic **Purim story puppet show** in the Community Room for pre-school age children and their parents.

Beginning at **6:30 pm on Saturday, March 11**, an **abbreviated Megillah reading and Purim shpiel** will be held in the Community Room geared to school-age children and their families.

The **traditional Purim evening service** and reading of the Megillah will be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 11, also beginning at 6:30 pm**.

Services for the morning of Purim will be held on **Sunday, March 12 at 8:30 am** with a reading of the Megillah.

Our annual **Children's Purim carnival** will take place on **Sunday, March 12 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm** beginning with a mini-Megillah reading in the Sanctuary and continuing with games, food, and prizes. Come one, come all, come in costume. Everyone's a winner!

Hamentaschen and refreshments follow all these events.

ALL ARE WELCOME to all our Purim festivities! Bring friends!



Speaker at Services:

Maurice I. Middleberg
Executive Director of Free the Slaves

We Are Slaves: The Jewish Contribution to Eradicating Human Trafficking

Friday, March 24, 6:30 pm

Maurice I. Middleberg is the Executive Director of Free the Slaves. Free the Slaves, a pioneer and leader in the global movement to eradicate modern slavery, has helped liberate well over 12,000 people from slavery and protects thousands of communities from human traffickers.



*The Brotherhood Synagogue
Chesed Committee invites you to join us*

Sunday, April 2, 2017, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Breakfast and Welcome

The Chesed Committee and Rabbi Daniel Alder

Keynote Address

**What Patients Say, What Doctors Hear
Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD**

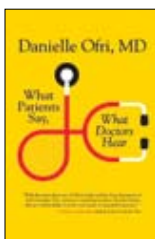
Despite modern medicine's infatuation with high-tech gadgetry, the single most powerful diagnostic tool is the doctor-patient conversation, which can uncover the lion's share of illnesses. However, what patients say and what doctors hear are often two vastly different things. Danielle Ofri reveals how refocusing conversations between doctors and their patients can lead to better health.

**Book signing with Books available for sale following
Keynote presentation.**



Photo: Joon Park

Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, is a physician at Bellevue Hospital, the oldest public hospital in the country, and associate professor of medicine at NYU. She writes about medicine and the doctor-patient connection for the *New York Times*, and other publications. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Bellevue Literary Review*, the first literary journal to arise from a medical setting and the author of five books about the world of medicine.



12:00 pm

Healing Service with Cantor Michael Weis

Seating is limited. Please email awarren@jbfcs.org to reserve your space before March 28th.

Donations are appreciated and will go to support the Brotherhood Synagogue Chesed Committee activities.

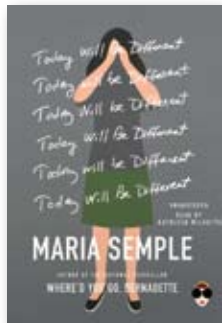
**Brotherhood Book Club
Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm**

Marnie Potash will lead a discussion on *Today Will Be Different* by Maria Semple.

Future Brotherhood Book Club dates and facilitators:

Thursday, April 20 Susan Halper - *Dark Room* by Susan Faludi

All are welcome to participate in the Book Club. Please contact Margie Katz margie.katz@me.com to join us!



**Shabbat Club
Saturday, March 18, 1 pm**

On Saturday March 18 Brotherhood member, **Alan Fell**, will share his research and lead a discussion on the topic, *Conversion in Judaism—From Ruth to the Present*. All are welcome to attend this and every monthly meeting of the Shabbat Club which gathers in the Reception Room opposite the Sanctuary on the second floor, for learning and comradeship. You need not be a member of the synagogue or the club. Come and bring friends! Beverages and snacks are provided. The meetings usually last about one hour.

The group will next meet on April 22.

Watch the weekly email announcements for more information, or contact Deborah Newman or Roberta Kahn with questions, or suggestions for topics, or discussion leaders (or to volunteer!).

Happenings in Our Kehilah

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Robert Anderson and Sherri Marton on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Stella Anderson**. Stella, a student at Grace Church School, will celebrate her simcha with her older siblings, **Theo** and **Nicole**; and to her grandmother, **Agnes Marton**.

Travis and Rebekah Metz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Chloe Metz**. Chloe is a student at NYC Lab Middle School.

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Amy Weprin on the birth of her granddaughter, **Harper Slone Weprin**, born to **Peter** and **Erin Weprin**; and to her older brothers, **Jack** and **Alex**.

Susan and Evan Schneider on the birth of their granddaughter, **Lily Eve Erich** born to **Rachel Schneider** and **Josh Erich**.

Condolences to:

Jeannie Gerzon on the passing of her mother, **Ilse Hammerstein**.

Olivia and Simone Rothberg on the passing of their mother, and our member, **Debra Rothberg**.

Nita Lutwak on the passing of her husband, **Joel Bernstein**.

Ellen Weinstein on the passing of her father, **Seymour Weinstein**.


Michael Goldstone on the passing of his father, **Marty Goldstone**.

Nomi LaMann on the passing of her brother, **Richard LaMann**.

Ralph and Debbie Larkin on the passing of their daughter-in-law, **Deborah Larkin**.

Sharon Hakakian Bergman on the passing of her grandfather, **Rafi Simantob**.

Maya Memling on the passing of her aunt, **Martha Rosen**.

Helen Feuer on the passing of her father, **Robert Feuer**. 

President's Post


by Trudi Rae Bartow

Truth time! Sometimes when people are talking to me I'm not fully listening. I hear them, I often appear engaged, but I'm not listening to every word they are saying. Instead, I'm busy listing off the tasks in my head of what I have to do next, formulating my story to tell them when they finish talking, or bulleting out arguments to everything they're saying. It really isn't any way to engage in proper communication. In today's climate of ever increasing loud talking, I think that it's important to stop and reflect on the importance of listening to each other.

I recently came across an article in *Forbes* magazine that talked about the power of active listening. It listed the 10 most important steps to becoming a better listener and I want to share those with you today.

1. Face the speaker and maintain eye contact
2. Be attentive, but relaxed
3. Keep an open mind
4. Listen to the words and try to picture what the speaker is saying
5. Don't interrupt and don't impose your "solutions"
6. Wait for the speaker to pause to ask clarifying questions
7. Ask questions only to ensure understanding
8. Try to feel what the speaker is feeling
9. Give the speaker regular feedback
10. Pay attention to what isn't said—to nonverbal cues

I'm looking forward to having deeper conversations with all of you in the coming months!

Trudi 



Yahrzeits

^Garden of Remembrance *Book of Remembrance

March 4-10

^Fannie Abraham, ^Charles Barron, Paula Berenstein, ^Chaim Berglas, Mel Berk, Lauretta Berkman, Elliott Berman, Claire Bernstein, Irene Blitz, *Mae Caplan, June Chusid, Rita Cohen, ^Frances Cohen, Jenia Distenfeld, Jacob Dobrow, Arlene Ellant, Louis Elson, Nora Fenton, ^Sherwin Finsie, Lawrence Fischman, ^David Fox, David Frommer, Lillian Gillman, ^Mary J. Goldstein, ^Henry Greenbaum, ^Susan Greene, ^Ethel Haber, ^Karen Jeffreys, ^Betty Kimbel, Samuel Kupferwasser, ^George Lester, ^Abraham Lewinstein, Anni Lutwak, Hazzan David Mann, Gerard Marx, Pearl Memling, ^Joseph Meresman, Miriam Miller, ^Dr. I. Franklin Miller, *Louis Moskowitz, *Hyman Nemser, ^Seymour Offerman, ^Fae Pearl, *Meyer Pearl, Minnie Pollick, Sadie Primack, ^M.E. Reckson, Adam Todd Ross, ^Catharine Roth, ^Ada Rothstein, Martin Saportas, *Irving Schaffel, Cynthia Scheffris, Dr. Louis Scheib, ^Jacob Schindel, ^Charles Schotland, Simon Schurberg, Zelda Shapiro-Wilmoth, Rae Shulman, Dorothy Silverman, ^Jean Silverman, ^Jacob L. Slotnick, *Louis H. Solomon, Susan Tabor, ^Kate Taormina, ^Bernard Trocker, ^Clara Tucker, Shirley Warren, Louis Weprin, *Fay Wolfson, Florence Yarkow, Herbert Yassky, ^Bessie Zacks, ^Paula Zweibach

March 11-17

Mary K. Abrams, ^Sylvia Alpren, Phyllis Altman, ^Gussie Bardack, Stanley Berk, Naomi Bernard, ^Morris Bernstein, Benjamin Cohen, Irvin Cohen, *Rose Cohen, ^Mildred M. Cohen, Charles Falick, ^Michael Irwin Fenner, Sam Friedes, ^Edward Friedman, Rose Gingold, Henry Gluck, ^Vivian Goldreich, Ross Gottlieb, ^Al E. Greene, ^Lois Greene, ^Beth Greenhouse, ^Rachel Greenhouse, Taube Ha Levi, ^Sonia Himmell, ^Jack Hollander, ^Adele Joseph, ^Leo Kaye, ^Eva Klein, ^Alex Knopf, Martha Kolbert, Joe Krantz, ^Fannie (Phillips) Kurland, ^Jerome Lande, Jeanne Landon, ^Abe Lebowich, ^Jeanette Lesser, ^Bertha Levy, *Joseph Mald, ^Sol Marks, ^Louis H. Martus, ^I. J. Mayo, ^Harry Mesibov, ^Jack Muskat, *Bertha Naftalis, Sam Olken, ^Rose Patiky, Nathan Riff, Andrew Rothstein, ^Abraham Rothstein, Charlotte Rubin, ^Ella Sandler, Morris "Moishe" Sapir, *Edith Schechter, *Isidore Schneider, ^Charles Schonhaut, *Sol Seiger, Louis Sobel, Sally Sorrell, Dixie Spielberger, ^Dr. Gustave Steinberg, ^Meyer Steinberg, ^Tillie Sweet, Edward Tomkin, Samuel Topper, ^Abe Jay Treu, Harriet Van Blerkom, David Waldman, Gail Weinstein, *Henry Weisburg, Ruth Weissberg, Lillan Wernick, Solomon Zucker

March 18-24

Isaac Abraham, ^Sophie Ader, ^Charles A. Akins, Frances Allen, June Alperson, ^Mania Bernstein, Sylvia Bluestone, Arnold Boriss, Ethel Brill, Samuel Charters, Lillian Cohen, Dr. Harold Damask, *Robert Dubin, Deleah Eisenberg, Benjamin Feinsilber, ^Joseph Feldman, Doris Friedman, *Irving Friedman, *William Friedman, ^Irving Friedman, *Morris Gluckman, ^Samuel Marshall Goldin, *Barnett Goldstein, ^George Goldstein, Shirley Goodman, George Gostin, George Greenfield, ^Lilyan Gross, Jacob Hausner, *Anne Herbst, Ishaiv Kleiman, Louis Kleinbein, Claire Kramer, Charlotte Kwasha, ^Sara

Laderhandler, Barry Lighold, ^Isaac Lazoff, Ida Lederer, Phillip Lipman, Max Mandell, Sarah Davis Mandell, Anna Marke, Sylvia Marke, Paul "Buddy" Miller, ^George Novom, ^Lotte Noymer, ^Gussie Offerman, Ira Ostrow, Annie Press, Ronald Ragovin, *Joseph Rizzman, *Erwin Isaac Rossmann, ^Fay Rothman, Neal Sampson, Ida Schiffman, Nathan Schutz, ^Sigmund Schutz, Jacob Schwartzberg, ^William Secunda, Charles Segal, ^Blanche Lorraine Seinfeld, *Hyman Shafer, ^Harold Spahnn, ^Hyman Starr, Anna Sunkin, ^Isadore Tevelow, *Simon Toby, ^Abraham Versh, ^Florence Ward, Benjamin Wine, ^Matilda Dursh Wolf, Charles Zucker

March 25-March 31

Paul Basch, Rachel Blitz, *Joseph Chizner, ^Stanley Laurence Chodos, Dani Clemons, ^Sophie Cohn-Reisner, Theodore A. Cooperstock, *Rose Dymm, ^Norman Ember, Michael Enzer, May Epstein, Betty Estersohn, *Augusta Fassler, Abraham Franklin, William Gertz, Bebe Goldenberg, Morton Goldman, Evelyn Greenberg, ^Dora Greenberg, ^Belle Gruber, Catherine Hern, Helen Hochbaum, Martin Hoff, ^Victoria Jacobs, ^Regina Kesternbaum, Karen Kupper, Peter LaMann, Stanley Joseph Landsman, *Dorothy Lese, ^Davis Levine, ^Nellie Lipton, ^Ida Chika Leah Litsky, Blatina Marte, Frida Meyers, Irving Morse, ^Max Naftalis, Phillip Palmer, Florence Parker, ^Claire Pollak, ^Howard Rapaport, Herman Rich, Raphael Rich, Martin Rosen, Michael Rosenstock, ^Henry Ross, Norman Samberg, Adele Schneider, ^Charlotte Schneider, Eliezer Schulwolf, ^David M. Schwartz, ^Bertha Seeman, *Anne Shames, Herbert Siegel, Herman Silverstein, Israel Stern, ^Jerome Stutzel, *Emanuel Wallach, Abraham Weinman, ^Emanuel Weissler, Jack Wildstein

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Congregation founded in 1954
Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859



On Sunday February 22, over 80 Brotherhood volunteers worked together with Muslims Against Hunger to assemble hundreds of meals which were later distributed to the needy, hungry. Thanks to all who volunteered and whose monetary contributions helped this important cause!

The Chesed* Committee

WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Studies show that good doctor-patient communication leads not only to greater patient satisfaction but also better patient health outcomes. What impedes good doctor-patient communication and how can we make it better? Come hear Dr. Danielle Ofri on Sunday, April 2nd, at 10:30 am and learn all about it.

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

A Note from Development

As the month of March arrives, Development is gearing up for the final four months of this year's Annual Fund Campaign. We need to reach our final goal of \$750,000 by June 30 to keep the Synagogue and its diverse programs alive and thriving. And so, as we continue to seek every member's participation in the Annual Fund, we remind you that no gift is too small and every gift helps us do more *chesed* projects, more interfaith programs, keep our homeless shelter open, offer special programs like *Tikvah* and help defray the costs of keeping this landmark building running. It is you, our loyal members, who are our core group of supporters and we deeply appreciate all that you do to make The Brotherhood the unique community that it is.

If you have not made your gift to the 2016/17 Annual Fund, you may send us a check, make your gift online by credit card at www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org or you may call me at the office at 212-674-5750 x503. Once again, we are so grateful for your support.

On a more personal note, I have been attending a variety of Brotherhood services and programs and I continue to meet and greet so many wonderful members. I am deeply impressed with the diversity, energy, and active participation of so many incredible people in this Brotherhood community. And I look forward to meeting many more—please stop by to say hello anytime you are in the neighborhood!

In the meantime, I wish all a *chag Purim sameach!*

—Marilyn Strozak
Director of Development

COMING SOON!

There is yet another form your gift may take, which is that of a planned gift. Please let us know if you are interested in attending a seminar to learn how you may include the Synagogue in your estate planning, as we are gearing up for a planned giving seminar in the Spring. You may call me any time at 212-674-5740 x 503 or email me at mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org. Your response will help us gauge both the level of interest and the number of people who may want to participate. ~

Hebrew School News Purim to Pesach (3rd of Adar – 4th of Nisan)

On Saturday evening March 11, the 14th of Adar, we will be holding our Family Purim Services at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. The event will begin with an abbreviated Megillah reading, chanted by Rebecca Kryspin-Alder, followed by our Hebrew School Purim Shpiel, this year: *The Megillah According to the Beatles!* The Purim Spiel, under the direction of our music teacher Daniel Meron, will be performed by our Kitah Dalet (4th Grade) and Kitah Hey (5th Grade) students. Hamentaschen and refreshments will be served! All are welcome!

The following morning Sunday, March 12, we will be holding our annual **Children's Purim Carnival**, beginning with a mini-Megillah reading in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am, followed by the Community Room Carnival filled with games, food and prizes. Come one, come

all and come in costume!!! At Brotherhood's Purim Carnival everyone's a winner!!!

And now the question: when Purim comes, can Pesach be far behind? Of course not! Pesach is always four weeks after Purim—which is a relatively short span of time with all there is to do.

Between Purim and Pesach our children will be learning why Pesach is one of the most celebrated and important festivals of our Jewish calendar. In Judaic Studies classes, Hebrew School children will be focusing on the textual basis of Pesach—the Torah portions *Vayera* and *Bo* (Exodus 6.2-13.16), as well as the *Haggadah* as our “how-to” guide to performing the Pesach Seder, along with *the telling* of the Pesach story. In our Hebrew classes our students will be learning parts of the Haggadah in Hebrew. And just about all of our children will be learning the *Mah Nishtana?* (*Why is this night different from all other nights?*)

On Monday April 3, the 7th day of Nisan (one week before Erev Pesach, which is Monday, April 10), Hebrew School students in Kitot Gimmel—Vav (3rd-6th Graders) will be participating in a **Model Seder**, led by Rabbi Alder, with musical accompaniment by Daniel Meron, from 4:45-6:00 pm. All Hebrew School parents/grandparents are welcome!

On Tuesday April 4, the 8th day of Nisan, our Gan (Kindergarten), Kitah Aleph (1st Grade) and Kitah Bet (2nd Grade) students will be joined by their families for a *Haggadah Sing-Along*, singing their favorite Pesach songs—under the direction of our music teacher Daniel Meron, in our Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 pm.

The month of March is sure to fly by and we hope that you will join us for as many of its festivities as you are able!

Wishing you a joyous Purim!

Barbara ~



A mini-Megillah reading in the Sanctuary begins at 11am and will be followed by Brotherhood's Purim Carnival in the Community Room with games, food & prizes! Come one, come all, come in costume.

Everyone's a winner!

Sunday, March 12, 11 am – 1 pm

Purim Carnival





Please join us at Brotherhood
for our wonderful
Family Shabbat services!

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Friday, March 10

5:30 pm - Children up to age 3
with Daphna Mor

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Friday, March 24

5:30 pm - Children up to age 3 with
Daphna Mor and Saskia Lane**

**** Special Pasta Shabbat
Dinner Following service!**

5:30 pm - Children ages 4-6 years
old with Barbara Simon, Mira
Shaar and Sagi Shahr

6:30 pm - Grades 2-7 with
Phil Rothman

Nursery School Thoughts

by Kate Klein

As a young child, each week I anxiously awaited the inevitable arrival of Friday evening. Our long chestnut table was set since morning with my parents' wedding china and fresh flowers brought home by my father. Our home filled with the aromas of homemade challah, deeply-browned onions for my mother's *kugel* and whatever bakery-worthy dessert she had clipped from the current issue of *Bon Appétit*.

As it grew dark, the guests would arrive—friends and colleagues of my parents, no matter their religion, university exchange students without local family and my and my brothers' friends who grew to anticipate this ritual as much as we did. We weren't religious; we were traditional. My mother and I would bless the candles and my father and brothers the challah and wine. The conversation always seemed to flow so freely, maybe only for the simple reason that on this one night, nobody was in a rush. Shabbat dinner was sacred in our home, and my brothers and I knew it and loved it.

Our children, Xander, a Red Roomer, and Liv, age two, are now old enough to know and love things. And just as my brothers and I did as children (and less so as teenagers when we started to beg to miss dinner to go out with our friends), Xander and Liv anxiously await Shabbat dinner each week. As we lay out the next day's schedule each Thursday, their excitement grows as we

get to the end of the day's events: "And then is it Shabbat dinner? What's for dessert?" Before school on Fridays, they take out the candles and the challah cover Xander made at Brotherhood. When he gets home from school, Xander covers the challah he has brought home, and from 4 pm to 6 pm, they ask, "Is it Shabbat yet?"

As an adult, I have come full circle. The only place I want to meet my friends on a Friday night is at our Shabbat dinner table. And while thanks to Brotherhood, I do not have to home bake the challah, I can often be found on a Thursday evening straining chicken soup and scrolling through Instagram for a recipe for the requested dessert.

I'm sure that in time, our children will go through a brief spurt during which they will enjoy their midnight fridge raid for cold *kugel* and brisket more than they will a relaxed and warm Shabbat meal with David and me at 6 pm. But for now, it does not seem that there's anywhere they would rather be than reciting the blessings or sharing in Brotherhood traditions dancing to "Shabbat Pony" and "Pizza, Pizza." And we know that, just as my parents did for me, we are laying the foundation for traditions that Xander and Liv will carry forward with their children (the thought!) and that they will relish as much we now do. ~

♪ Tisch You? I Barely Know You ♪

by Cantor Mike Weis

No Jewish wedding is complete without a hora, that joyous outpouring of spirit when the newlyweds are flung around in circles and hoisted upon chairs by adoring family and friends, all to the blaring soundtrack of what is known as simcha music.

In traditionally observant communities, simcha music can be heard on almost a daily basis at celebratory gatherings such as weddings, sheva brochos, b'nei mitzvah, brit milah, Shabbat tisches (table gatherings), on the radio, in shops, and more. In the liberal Jewish world, these songs, while still used, are far less known.

A case in point: when my youngest cousin, Tony, got married a number of years ago, another cousin ran up to me at the beginning of the reception. Horrified, he explained to me that the band didn't know any Jewish songs and they hadn't been asked to do a hora. We had to make sure they have a hora, he said. So with the aid of another cousin, Jay, who played piano and could sing a little, we commenced the hora.

After only two selections, Jay was at his wits' end trying to come up with additional tunes to fill out a hora medley that can extend sometimes for dozens of tunes. After vamping

for a few bars with beads of sweat pouring off his brow as he thought of what to play next, a look of determination finally flashed across his face, and he launched into the only other joyous Jewish song he knew, that Passover favorite, Dayeinu.

While at the time, it just came across as funny, it brought to light a difficult truth about modern Jewish life: we're losing touch with our own music.

It was partly a desire to ensure that a result like that doesn't happen that led to the topic for this year's *Harmoni-AH!* courses. Beginning this past fall with some of the most well-known melodies associated with Shabbat, we've continued working through the "bentcher" or Shabbat book of blessings. This semester we find ourselves in the back of the book, singing the very songs that, for my money, every American Jew ought to know.

What, or rather, who, you may ask, gives me the right to decide which songs every Jew should know?

As it turns out, American Jewry, not I, decided long ago which songs every Jew should know. These songs are played at weddings and nuseam

and at celebrations throughout the Jewish world. No matter what sector of American Jewish life you occupy, chances are you're going to find yourself one day in an unfamiliar Jewish environment surrounded by people and customs that feel strange.

But what shouldn't feel strange is the music, the real stuff of emotional memory and the DNA of every Jewish celebration. Without the music, our celebrations would be dull and lifeless. Music speaks to the soul of every human being. What makes our celebrations joyous is not new music that nobody has ever heard. It's the same tunes, sung year in and year out that form the glue that holds our communities together.

But it doesn't work if we don't all know a core group of common melodies. And so, to culminate our learning this year, we invite the entire congregation to share with us in a Friday night tisch, literally meaning "table" in Yiddish, a Tisch is a time for members of the community to gather in song and learning. Traditionally, it would take place around a Hassidic rebbe's table, but we're not going to let that stop us. So please join us after services on Friday, March 17 for a joyous, celebratory tisch. ~

Brotherhood Synagogue



Adar / Nissan 5777
March 2017

☆ Saturday Mornings: Shabbat Corner 9:45 am • Junior Congregation 10:30 am • Alef-Bet Club 11 am

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Social Action News

Project Ezra: Serving the Jewish Elderly on the Lower East Side- Collecting Through Sunday, March 26

During the month of March, Brotherhood's Social Action Committee asks for your donations of Passover foods to be distributed to the frail elderly on the Lower East Side by Project Ezra. Please bring your donations to the lobby collection box.

In lieu of food donations, we are also happy to accept checks made payable to "Project Ezra."

Foods especially needed are in bold but any on the list are welcome:

- **Tuna, Salmon or Sardine Cans**
- **Canned Fruits & Canned Vegetables**
- **Matzo Farfel**
- **Grape Juice (bottle)**
- **Vegetable Oil**
- **Instant Coffee or Tea**
- **Small Jars of Honey**
- **Nuts or Dried Fruit**
- Matzo
- Borscht
- Gefilte Fish
- Dessert items (cake, cookies, macaroons, etc.)

All contributions MUST be marked KOSHER FOR PASSOVER.

The Kosher sign alone is not acceptable for Passover use.

