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Fasting on Yom Kippur

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

Why do we fast on Yom Kippur? Not to punish ourselves as a way of making up for the weakness and self-indulgence of the past year. And not to cause God to pity us when He sees how much we are suffering for His sake. Rather, we fast to prove, to ourselves as much as to anyone else, that we are human.

The usual translation of the Torah renders the command to fast on Yom Kippur as “and you shall afflict your souls,” as a kind of self-punishment. But more recent translations capture the original intent of the somewhat ambiguous Hebrew by taking the words to mean “you shall restrain your instincts, you shall practice self-control.” We fast to show that we are capable of that supremely and uniquely human gesture of saying no to a basic instinct.

The haftarah, or prophetic reading, for Yom Kippur is taken from chapter 58 of the Book of Isaiah. The people complain to the prophet that they have fasted and afflicted themselves, but despite their suffering, God has not answered their prayers. The prophet responds that the purpose of fasting is not to win God’s sympathy but to help us develop a sense of empathy with the poor and oppressed, with people who go hungry not out of choice or religious observance but out of necessity.

Hopefully fasting will enhance our spiritual sensitivity and contrition on this Holy Day. Clearly the purpose is not to “cull the herd” of people for whom, for a variety of reasons, fasting is medically contraindicated. If a doctor asserts that fasting could endanger your health, you may not fast. If you feel you must eat, then you should.

The idea of fasting need not be “all or nothing.” If you must eat, then it should be a modest meal, such as toast and juice. If you are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseous while at synagogue, please sit down and ask a neighbor to summon an usher.

The following meditation, written by Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, can be recited before Yom Kippur by one who cannot fast:

*Ribbono shel Olam / Master of the Universe;
Creator of All, Source of All Life,
Who Knows What is Deep in Human Hearts,*

Who Nurtures Every Living Being:

As You know, dear God,

Yom Kippur is fast approaching, and because of my condition,

I am not able to keep the traditional fast — I cannot abstain totally from eating.

On this Day of Atonement, this Sabbath of Sabbaths,

this year and every year,

it is so central to join the people of Israel in denying ourselves food and drink for one day so that we focus on correcting our misdeeds, on knowing our mortality;

on reaching for a life of Torah, mitzvot, and loving kindness;

on You.

You know, dear God, that it is not my intent to be apart from our people and our tradition.

My current state of health makes it unsuitable for me to fast

So, dear God, I turn to You now in sincerity and openness:

Help me in the coming year to do my best in guarding my health.

Help us, Your children, learn how to protect our bodies from harm.

Help us support others in caring for their tzelem Elokim, their Image of God.

Teach us to help one another grow and thrive in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Guide caring family and health care professionals in their partnering with you to bring healing if not cure, support and strength if not an end to symptoms.

And if there is an opportunity for me to help others who suffer

by doing something they need or by being attentive company —

Grant me the ability to do this mitzvah with love and devotion.

Rofeh khol basar / Healer of all living creatures:

I thank You for the breath that is in me for the community of Israel that lives for the possibilities of today and tomorrow.

May my eating be as a fast;

May it be dedicated to You, to T'shuvah — to the Renewal and Restoration of my

Relationship to You, to Others, and to Myself.

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 9:30 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 10:00 PM

Selichot Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Hart

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Ari Kitt

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30 PM

Note new starting time through Spring

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Miles

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9:30 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Carson Davis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00 PM

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kerstein

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.



Did you know...

...that the sanctuary at Brotherhood is outfitted with an induction loop (an assistive listening device)?

For the benefit of those who use hearing aids, the left hand side of our sanctuary (when facing the ark) was outfitted with an induction loop several years ago. Please spread the word if you know of someone that this might be helpful to when attending Shabbat or High Holy Day services!

This year we will be featuring members answering “By the Book” questions in order to get to know one another better and to encourage further reading. Please let us know if you’d be willing to answer these questions (you need not be an author/writer). Email to: rabbi@brotherhoodsynagogue.org. Member, **Francis Levy**, is first to answer in our series....

What books are on your nightstand?

No More Mr. Nice Guy: A Proven Plan For Getting What You Want in Love, Sex and Life by Howard Jacobson, *Sabbath's Theater* and *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth

What was the last truly great book you read?

Homesick for Another World by Ottessa Moshfegh

What's your favorite Jewish book of all time?

The Book of Psalms (in particular Psalm 23)

What's your favorite thing to read? And what do you avoid reading?

In order, it's the *TLS* (no journal in the world covers philosophy the way they do and the nice thing is once you read the erudite review, you don't have to bother with an imposing tome), *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Yorker*, *Foreign Affairs* and *The New Criterion*. I like the three Roths, Philip, Henry, Joseph. I hate supposedly entertaining novels with good stories. I don't want to be made to laugh and cry. I have to confess to liking Ian McEwan, however. If I must be forced so-called entertainment, then give me Cornell Woolrich.

What book would we be surprised to find on your shelf?

The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas

Are you a re-reader? What kinds of books do you find yourself returning to time and time again?

I don't reread whole books. I'll go back to sections like for instance The Grand Inquisitor poem in *The Brothers Karamazov*.

What's the last book that made you laugh?

I only read an excerpt but Esther Perel's *The State of Affairs: Rethinking Infidelity* was LOL. I found myself laughing hysterically. Tears streamed down my face.

What's the last book that made you cry?

I am always moved by Howard Kushner's *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* and there is one story by Raymond Carver, “A Small, Good Thing” which was adapted by Robert Altman in *Short Cuts* that always brings me to tears.

What's the last book that made you furious?

The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success: A Pocket-book Guide to Fulfilling Your Dreams by Deepak Chopra. I actually wrote a parody of it in *The Journal of Irreproducible Results*.

What kind of reader were you as a child?

I remember reading the footnotes in William Shirer's *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* and being haunted by them as an adolescent and also there was one marathon read of Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, which left an indelible impression on me. I had a perverse relationship to books as a kid. When I was about 5 I took out some hefty tomes from the 79th Street branch of the New York Public Library with my new children's card. The problem was I didn't know how to read. I wanted people to think I was smart. When I finally learned to read, my childhood reading list was rather predictable and comprised landmark books which were mostly biographies and the Hardy Boys.

Who is your favorite fictional hero or heroine? Your favorite antihero or villain?

Miss Havisham from *Great Expectations* is the villain, but I love Magwitch.

You're hosting a literary dinner party. Which three writers are invited?


Catullus, Turgenev and Phillip Larkin and God help me.

If you could meet any writer, dead or alive, who would it be? What would you want to know?

I love Nicholson Baker's work and I met him once. I guess I'd like to know what he does for fun.

Whom would you choose to write your life story?


Derek Parfit, the British philosopher and author of *On What Matters*.

Synagogue member, Francis Levy is the author of the novels Erotomania: A Romance, Seven Days in Rio and Tombstone: Not a Western (published in April). He has also contributed reviews, short stories, humor pieces, and essays to The New York Times Book Review, The Village Voice, The New Republic, The East Hampton Star, Huffpost, The Brooklyn Rail and other publications. 

We hope you've enjoyed your summer but reserved some of your energy. Our amazing planning group has created so many wonderful plans for the fall! The season will begin midday on **Wednesday, September 26**, with a tour of Ellis Island, organized by Judy Schneider jjudith26@gmail.com and Sheila Zaslower szaslower@aol.com. We will enjoy lunch together at Fraunces's Tavern and then board the ferry for Ellis Island. The cost of the tour is \$14 per senior ticket with audioguide included. Further details to follow, **please contact Judy or Sheila** for additional information and to reserve your ticket!

Here's a glimpse of two events we'll be hosting this fall: Our traditional tour of the Chelsea Art Galleries, led by Luise Ross, luiseross@icloud.com will be on **Thursday, October 18** at 4pm followed by a walk on the High Line and dinner nearby. On **Wednesday, November 14** at 3 pm we'll be going to the Center for Jewish History for a private genealogy workshop guided by their specialized librarians which will include hands on practice in doing your own family history research using the Center's extensive genealogy databases. Dinner together will follow nearby. Thanks to Arthur Plutzer, aplutzer@hotmail.com for arranging the workshop, and to Brenda bapace172@gmail.com, and Paulette plerner@aol.com for completing the arrangements.

Our book clubs have been generating fascinating discussions! The first of the fall season will take place at 7pm on **Thursday, September 27** in the library at Brotherhood. We are reading Sarah Perry's glorious novel, *The Essex Serpent*. As usual, NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussions and wine and desserts will be served. **You must RSVP in advance to Ellen Kenigsberg** ellensken14@gmail.com if you plan to attend and know that the cost of participation is \$20 per person which is nonrefundable if you cancel within 48 hours. Thank you, Ellen, for all your work!

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. 

Register for Brotherhood's Fall 2018 Intensive Learning Class!

NYC Jewish History & the Making of the 'New York Jew'

Instructor: Dr. David E. Kaufman, professor of American Jewish History

Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (10/17,10/24,10/31, 11/7,11/14,11/21,11/28) • **Cost: \$200**

Description: Join historian David Kaufman in an exploration of the past and present of “the greatest Jewish city in the world,” New York. Themes include the extraordinary contributions of Jews to the popular culture of the city (and beyond); and the equally impressive record of communal infrastructure and religious institutions that Jews have built in their ‘promised city,’ rightly called ‘the Jerusalem of America.’

Dr. David Kaufman, (Columbia College (B.A.1982), JTS (M.A.1986), Brandeis University (Ph.D.1993)) has been professor of American Jewish History at Hebrew Union College in LA and Hofstra University on Long Island.

Please contact Trudi Bartow (trudirae@gmail.com) for further info about this class.



High Holiday

SERVICES



SELICHOT PENITENTIAL PRAYERS

Saturday, September 1 at 10:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 9

Community Service	6:00 PM
Members' Service	8:00 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 10

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Family Service at Calvary Church	10:30 AM
Children's Service	1:30 PM
Children's Tashlich	2:30 PM
Tashlich	5:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 11

Morning Service	9:00 AM
Children's Service	1:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 18

Members' Service	6:00 PM
Community Service	8:45 PM

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, September 19

Early Yizkor	8:45 AM
Morning Service	9:15 AM
Yizkor	12:00 PM
Musaf	12:45 PM
Children's Service	2:30 PM
Community Yizkor	3:45 PM
Discussion	4:30 PM
Mincha	5:30 PM
Neilah	6:30 PM

Yom Kippur concludes at 7:41 PM



From the Ushering Committee...

Please read and follow the rules below so that we all may experience a meaningful High Holy Day season:

- **No cell phone usage** in the Synagogue building during the High Holy Days (and Shabbat). Please go outside the building if you need to make or answer a call.
- **Members may NOT reserve seats.** Ushers will be instructed to place those without seats in 'reserved' seats and members should feel free to take 'reserved' seats from those who are holding them.

- **Parents:** Children of all ages are welcome at our services, but if your child is being disruptive, kindly remove him/her from the sanctuary (or other prayer spaces) until s/he calms down so that the behavior doesn't interfere with the prayers of others.
- **Parents:** Feel free, as well, to bring your children to the 4th floor of the synagogue where we will set up an area with toys. There will be a TV feed of the main service into the area.



A NIGHT AT THE RACES AT YONKERS RACEWAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4,
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE
ROTHMAN EDUCATIONAL FUND
TO BENEFIT THE HEBREW SCHOOL

Giddy up and get ready to join **Phil Rothman** and friends at Yonkers Raceway for "A Night at the Races" **Thursday evening, October 4th**, as we celebrate Phil and raise funds for The Rothman Fund. The evening will consist of cocktails and a buffet dinner overlooking the racetrack and live harness races at 7:00 pm. We will have the opportunity to name a race, bet on it and have a group picture taken in the winner's circle with the horse and driver. Invitations have gone out via email and snail mail. To purchase tickets, please visit the Brotherhood website calendar of events or call Marilyn Stozak at 212-674-5750. (Optional transportation from the Synagogue will be available.) We are looking forward to this fun and festive event and hope you will join us. All proceeds go to the Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School.

Sukkot Services

FIRST TWO DAYS OF SUKKOT

Sunday, September 23, 6:30 PM

Monday, September 24,
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 25, 9:30 AM



HOSHANAH RABBAH

(7TH DAY OF SUKKOT)

Sunday, September 30, 9:00 AM

In keeping with the Sukkot tradition, you may wish to purchase your own lulav and etrog to fulfill the mitzvah at services and in the sukkah.

SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, September 30, 6:30 PM

Monday, October 1, 9:30 AM

Yizkor prayers recited around 11:30 AM

Shemini Atzeret is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones and it is traditional to light a memorial candle and give gifts of charity in their names.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 1, 6:30 PM

Hakkafot (processions) and dancing with the Torahs

Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 AM

Presentation of Simchat Torah honors to:

Beth Barry, Kallah Torah

Neal Rosenberg, Chatan Bereshit

SAVE THE DATE

SHABBATON 5779

Friday, October 19

Following our Shabbaton congregational dinner, A Conversation with Author, **Avi Jorish**

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Happenings in Our Kehilah

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Joshua Hart and Anke Watty on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Leah Hart. Leah, a student at Simon Baruch Middle School, will celebrate her simcha with her younger sister, Hannah.

Jeff Kitt and Frida Kleiman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari Kitt. Ari, a student at Wagner Middle School, will celebrate his simcha with his younger brother, Liam.

Bradley and Rachel Miles on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary Miles; also to Zachary's grandparents, Edward and Ina Miles. Zachary, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate his simcha with his older sister, Gabrielle.

Eric and Madeleine Davis on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Carson Davis. Carson, a student at Simon Baruch Middle School, will celebrate his simcha with his older brothers, Zachary and Maxwell.

David and Erica Kerstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob Kerstein. Jacob, a student at Wagner Middle School, will celebrate his simcha with his younger brother, Jaxon.

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Alison Berman and Suzie Amatuzzi on the birth of their twins, Liana Berman and Meyer Berman.

Jessica and Kevin Colvin on the birth of their daughter, Reese Colvin; and to older sister, Harper.

Rachel and Jason Gerstein on the birth of their son, Gus Monroe Gerstein; and to older sister, Sybil.

Jenna and Seth Sigman on the birth of their son, Caleb Max Sigman; and to older siblings, Ruby and Jonas.

Randi and Jeffrey Levine on the birth of their granddaughter, Orly Noa Sherman, daughter of Jessica and Evan Sherman.

Emily Rukin and Gil Raviv on the birth of their son, Isaac Aaron Raviv; and to older sister, Lila.

Samantha Jeffreys and John Zelenka on the birth of their daughter, Kameron Isabella Jeffreys Zelenka; and to grandfather, Howard Jeffreys.

Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

Fraya Karsh and Lawrence Weiss on the marriage of their son Maxwell Weiss to Arielle Siegel Lapp.

Debbie and Ralph Larkin are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, David, to Molly Barnett of Miami, Florida.

Condolences to:

Michele Teichner on the passing of her mother, Doris Teichner.

Rochelle Fox on the passing of her mother, Sylvia C. Fox.

Ann Schwartz on the passing of her father, Sherwood Schwartz.

Ben Fox on the passing of his son, Craig Fox.

Flora Greenberg on the passing of her mother, Joan Sarah Levine.

Dawn Mintzer on the passing of her mother, Sheila Saks.

Naomi Saltzman on the passing of her husband, and our member and Honorary Trustee, Ben Saltzman.

Alon Markowitz on the passing of his father, Israel Markowitz.

Laurie Shapley on the passing of her mother, Hilde Sigal.

Deborah Halper on the passing of her mother, Helen Halper.

Jeff Levine on the passing of his father, Irving Levine.

Graduates, Congratulations to:

Noa Simon on her graduation from Dalton and her acceptance to Amherst College. 🌊

New Sanctuary Coalition's Accompaniment Training

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-8:30 pm

Brotherhood Synagogue is hosting New Sanctuary Coalition's Accompaniment training on September 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trained US citizens are paired with immigrants going to immigration courts and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) check-ins each week. The Immigration Accompaniment Program helps support families who are going through the immigration process in three ways:

- **PROVIDES A SUPPORT STRUCTURE** to strengthen those in immigration proceedings
- **KEEPS FAMILY MEMBERS INFORMED** at every step of the process as their loved ones move forward
- **HOLDS LEGAL OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE** for providing accurate information and serving due process

For more information about this program, please contact Ellie Wertheim (eswertheim@gmail.com). To register for the training, look for the notice in the weekly mail and follow the link there or type the following link into your browser: https://newsanctuarycoalition.nationbuilder.com/accompaniment_training_20180905.

Brotherhood Book Club

September 20, 2018, 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. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Margie Katz at margie.katz@me.com. All are welcome!



Future Book Club Meetings/Books:

Thursday, Oct. 18: Margie Katz will lead a discussion of *The Diamond Setter* by Moshe Sakal and Jessica Cohen.

Thursday, Nov. 15: Debra Aaron will lead a discussion of *Apples from the Desert* by Savyon Liebrecht.

UPCOMING:

City Harvest Food Collection during the month of October

The 16th Annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive Sunday, October 21



Special MAZON envelopes will be available in the Synagogue for your direct contribution to alleviate hunger, or you can donate online at www.mazon.org or by telephone at 1-800-813-0557.

Social Action

Mazon Corners of Our Fields Campaign

On this Yom Kippur, we ask that you make a contribution to MAZON: a Jewish Response to Hunger for its support of programs which help feed hungry people here in New York, throughout the United States, Israel, and the world. Our tradition provides that the "corner of our fields; and the gleanings of our harvest be left for the poor."

The Chesed* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

If mobility issues make it difficult for you to get to Brotherhood for holiday services or on any Shabbat, we may be able to help. Call the synagogue office a few days in advance and we will make arrangements for a car service to get you to the synagogue and back home. Lshanah tovah.

*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.

President's Post

by Tracie Basch

I have always found it interesting that both in Jewish and secular calendars, September, the ninth month, is a month of new beginnings. In the secular calendar, it is the start of the school year and the beginning of Fall. In Judaism, Tishrei, the seventh month, often coincides with September. It is fitting then, that this is the month that we come together to celebrate a New Year and to make a pledge that we become better people in the coming year—much as kids strive to learn and grow with the start of a new school year.

Before my sons go back to school, we talk about what they want to accomplish in the coming year, both academically and personally, and what they want to improve on over the last year. This kind of check-in is very helpful—we set goals and make deals. As adults, we can learn a lot from this—what did we wish we did more—or less—of in the past year, what actions are we proud of and which ones are we not. More importantly, what we can do to become better people—to ourselves, to our family, and to our community.

September is no different at Brotherhood. This month, our programming resumes with our Early Childhood Program, Nursery School, Tikvah Program and Hebrew School welcoming students back to class, a new semester of Adult Education classes, and the myriad other events and programs being offered. And, don't forget to block the evening of Thursday, October 4 on your calendars for our Day at the Races when we will honor our own Phil Rothman with all proceeds going to the Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School. Please check our weekly email and our calendar as I am sure that there is something being offered for everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services.

Shana Tovah from my family to yours.

—Tracie



YAHREZITS

^Garden of Remembrance *Book of Remembrance

September 1 – 7

Leon Berenstein, ^Simon Bohrer, Florence Brandes, Richard Casher, Mary Edelson, *Max Edelstein, Ina Epstein, ^Irving Feinberg, ^Bernard Feldman, Ann Finegold, Theodore Fisch, Alfred Fisher, Simon Gaum, Laicha Gellman, ^Ruth Glass, Max Gold Max Gold, *Alfreda Goldstein, ^Lester Goldwater, **Nathan Greenhouse, ^Alexander Heisler, ^Aaron Horwitz, Edward Hunter, *Eleanore Kane, ^Bernard Katz, Saul Koppelman, *Joan Lappert, *Joan Rose Lebon, *Jacob Meyer, Mollie Miller, David Mittman, *Rebecca Natilson, ^Jacob Zvi Newman, ^Walter Prichap, Etta Prusky, *Rose Rosenberg, ^Howard Rosenblum, Mollie Schurberg, ^George Shankman, ^Alice Gallub Sharron, Moshe Shragowitz, ^Miki Silberstang, Sharon Silbiger-Gaynor, ^Martha Simon, Judith Starns, Leonard Stein-Sapir, Ruth Straus, ^David Noah Sugarman, ^Samuel Sutro, *Jacob Weinreb, Berish Weinstein, Mable Yee, ^Molly Zolick

September 8 – 14

^Sidney Abbey, *Maurice Appel, Lucille Barbarash, ^Lucie Benekdikt, Helen Bush, ^Alter Dienstag, *Charlotte Eisinger, Morris Ellowitz, *Harry Elson, Irving Erman, Judith Evans, ^David Samuel Fine, Carl Samuel Friedes, ^Raymond Goldberg, **Harry Eli Goldfarb, Juan Gonzalez, Ann Grody, Estelle Gutterman, ^Joseph I. Harris, Bruce Hendricks, ^Elvera Herbtzman, ^Eric Kaminsky, ^Helen Kars, Janos Kende, ^James J. Kleinman, ^Ira Krupen, *Abraham Meyer, Michael Miller, Bernie Miller, Julia Palmer, Al Parker, ^Maxwell M. Powell, Sebastian Quiniones, Ira Radovsky, ^Henry Reisner, **Morris Rebyburn, Corrine Rosenthal, Gussie Roth, Addie Roth, ^Belle Troy Rothbart, Abram Rubin, *David A. Schechter, Gertrud Schmutzer, Ruth Schutz, Cantor Jacob Singer, ^Al Sloane, Arthur Sonneberg, Armin Speer, Frank Sugar, ^Morris Teitelbaum, ^Jacob Warmbrand, Irene Weiss

September 15 – 21

Monroe Alter, Jacob Applebaum, ^Rubin Baum, Itzhak Berenstein, Abraham Bezief, Cesia Bleichman, ^Murray Blum, ^Elyse Bohrer, Simon Brenner, Ruben Bush, Lawrence Cid, *Rachel Gross Cooper, Charles Eanet, Elliot Eisenbach, Hyman Ellenbogen, *Miriam Field, *Jack Frankel, ^Isidore Goldberg, ^Rudolf E. Goldschmidt, Ida Goldstein, Gilbert Grabisch, Phyllis Greenbaum, ^Betty Gross, Terry Katz, ^Jean Kelvin, ^Oswald Kolbert, ^Sylvia Kramer, Henry Lapidus, Lillian Lazar, Brenda Lewis, Dora Lieberman, *Joseph Lipshie, ^Herman Lowy, Dr. Hyman Lupeson, Rogena Maloff, ^Mollie B. Newman, ^Susan Novom, *Philip Presser, Lynn Profeta, ^Martin Rich, ^Esther Rothenberg, ^Joseph Rothenberg, ^Gussie Goldberg

Rothstein, Emily Schorr, *Helen Ruth Schwartz, Aaron Shapiro, Benjamin Shapley, Seymour Sherman, Doris Silber, ^Sarah Silberling, Alfred Sternfels, ^Elaine Sugarman, *Morris Sussman, Arnold Tepner, ^Feiga Trencher, ^Moses Trencher, Theodor Herz Unterman, ^Joseph Ward, ^Sarah Zisslin Weisman, Victor Weisman, ^Avrom Weissman, ^Hentshe Weissman, ^Hersh Weissman, ^Lonka Weissman, ^Necha Weissman, Sam Wertzer, ^Deborah Williams, ^Irving Willis, Ray Woitovich, Sam Zweibach

September 22 – 28

Flora Altaras, Susan Bailis, ^Nettie Baum, *William Baumann, Hilda Berliner, Bertha Bornstein, Sidney Conowit, Mae Roffis Dobrow, ^Sarah Feldman, Maurice Friedman, *Bela Friedman, Eugene Frommer, ^Max Gold, ^Isaac Goldberg, **Morris Goldman, Warner Goldschmidt, ^Emanuel Goldstein, Samuel Goldwasser, Ceil Gordon, Samuel Gottlieb, ^Marcia Sager Israel, ^David Izenzon, Miriam D. Kaufman, ^Tullah Kellman, Janos Kende, ^Helen Kestenbaum, Abraham Kreseloff, Helen Colnes LaMann, ^Anita Lappert, **Ann Levy, Judith Loewinger, Gertrude London, Harry London, ^Irving Marks, Harold Moldow, ^Carl Murzin, Rosa Nohorayof, Jens Nygaard, *Earl Ostroff, *Anne Posner, Monroe Potash, ^Samuel Rabinowitz*, Frederick Raine, ^Ilse Reisner, ^Dora Ropp, *Fishel Noah Scheiner, Sarah Schenker, ^Ruth Schlesinger, Lynn Schneider, ^Gerald Sherman, *Emma Siskind, *Rose Spindel, ^Grace Fanwick Sugarman, Bessie Tekosky, *Sophie Tepperman, ^Ellen Claire Varsano, Albert Avraham Yudkovitz

September 29 – October 5

Pablo Alvarez, Renee Bauchner, *Arthur S. Berg, Evelyn Berry, *Nathan Brass, Bennie Chernick, Rosetta Ciechanowicz, ^Celia Z. Cohen, ^Col. Samuel Cummings, Horace Enger, George David Freier, Nathan Gold, *Mamie Goldberg, ^Samuel Goldman, William Gottlieb, Bella Gussman, Eileen Henzel, ^Dr. Perry Izenzon, ^Melvin Jaffe, Rachel Kalisky, ^Nathaniel Krass, Elizabeth Levine, ^Freda Levine, Leslie Lowen, *Louis Magerfield, *Bessie Markowitz, ^Minna Cohen Michael, ^Harriet Moshes, ^Louis I. Nash, Jeanette Niederman, *George Perman, ^Beulah Pintel, ^Sylvia Protter, Rabbi Robert Raab, Zalman Rabinowitz, ^Albert Rich, *June Robins, *Muriel Rubenstein, ^Mayer A. Rubenstein, ^Ruth Scalyer, Rosie Sherman, ^Adele Siegel, ^Rose Signer, ^Rabbi Howard Swiss, ^Rosa Tuchfeld

A Note from Development:

5779 Annual Fund

Let me begin by wishing everyone a healthy, happy year of peace and well-being as we look forward to ushering in the New Year 5779 on September 9th. And, just as we begin a new year on the Jewish calendar, so do we kick off a new High Holiday Fund Drive. Last year, we were blessed with the generosity of members and nonmembers alike and we raised a total of more than \$600,000. We have set the bar even higher this year as costs of running our programs and maintaining our building have risen.

Given these economic realities, we are aiming for 100% participation by our members and it is our sincere hope that every member will participate to the degree that he or she is able. We look forward to a successful campaign and we send best wishes to all for a shana tova u'metukah!

For exciting information on the Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School, see "A Night at the Races" on page 3.

—Marilyn Strozak

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Executive and Education Director

Congregation founded in 1954

Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859

In the Torah portion Emor (from the Book of Leviticus) we are instructed: "In the seventh month (Tishri), on the first day of the month, you shall observe a complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts. You shall not work at your occupations." This year, this holy day, *Rosh Hashanah*, falls on Sunday evening September 9, Monday September 10 and Tuesday September 11. How fitting it is that we begin our new Hebrew School year on the following day, Wednesday September 12!

This year, 5779, is a special year, as it is a *shana meuberet*—a "pregnant year"—or a leap year—one with an additional Hebrew month—*Adar Sheni* (Adar II) (a doubling of the last month-Adar-of the Hebrew calendar.) We will notice the appearance of this additional month when we celebrate Purim on the evening of March 20 and March 21 and the first Seder of Pesach will take place on Friday April 19. (Last year we celebrated Purim on February 28 and March 1 and the first Seder of Pesach on Friday March 30 (almost 3 weeks earlier!) Along with our "pregnant year" come great expectations!!

This year we will continue our successful: *Mishpacha* (Family) programming, where our children and their family members join together in learning about Jewish rituals and practice; our Purim Spiel on Wednesday March 20; our Hagaddah Sing Along on Tuesday April 16, our Model Seder on Wednesday April 17; the 13th Annual Great Chai-Q Contest on Wednesday May 1 which focuses (in *Jeopardy* fashion) on facts re: basic Jewish literacy; and, of course, our annual spring "Broadway Musical"! (Please

FAMILY SHABBATOT 2018-2019 (5779)

October 26	February 8
November 30	March 15
December 14	April 5
January 25	

mark your calendars for Wednesday May 15 and Thursday May 16 @ 7:00 pm!) On Friday May 17 our Kitah Zayin (7th Graders) Graduation will take place, with our Kitah Zayin students co-leading parts of the Friday evening Shabbat Services. On Saturday morning May 18 @ 10:30 am, our Kitah Bet (2nd Grade) students will "step up" from the Aleph Bet Club to Junior Congregation and from our one day of Hebrew School per week program to our two days a week of Hebrew School, as they transition into Kitah Gimmel (3rd Grade) in the Fall of 2019.

In addition to our traditional Hebrew School fare, we are pleased to announce our new Tefillah programming under the direction of Cantor Isaac Yager. We will continue the expansion of our Hebrew Lab Program. For those unfamiliar with our Hebrew Lab, it is a special program set up for students who learn better in smaller group settings. [At Brotherhood, traditional Hebrew classes number 6-10 students, while lab students learn in even smaller groups.] Although the lab does offer some students remediation of their Hebrew skills, most of the students choose to participate in lab because—for one reason or another—they are not on grade level. Some of our Hebrew School families speak Hebrew at

home, while others have lived in Israel for a period of time. We strive to meet the learning needs of each and every Hebrew School student. The Hebrew Lab helps us to reach this goal.

Hebrew School classes for our Monday/Wednesday students (3rd Grade through 6th Grade) begin on Wednesday September 12 and our Tuesday classes (Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and 7th Grade) begin on Tuesday October 9.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Hebrew School, please do so at your earliest opportunity. Registration forms and additional information are available through the Brotherhood Synagogue website [www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org] under the heading "Hebrew School." If you have any questions about Hebrew School, please contact me at bsimon@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

Rosh Hashanah Family Services will take place on Monday morning September 10 from 10:30 am–12:00 noon at 61 Gramercy Park North. There will also be **Rosh Hashanah Children's Services** at 1:30 pm on both Monday September 10 and Tuesday September 11, which will take place at our synagogue.

Yom Kippur Children's Services will take place on Wednesday September 19 at 2:15 pm, also at our synagogue.

Wishing you a Good and Sweet Year!

May you be inscribed for a good year!

Shana Tova u'Metukah! Leshana tova tikatevu!

—Barbara Simon,

Hebrew School Principal 

Come celebrate Sukkot at Pizza in the Hut Wednesday, September 26 @ 5:30 pm

Rabbi Alder, Cantor Yager and Phil Rothman invite all Brotherhood kids and their families to join them in the sukkah for a slice and to say the blessings over the meal and the lulav and etrog!

It is a mitzvah to eat together in the Sukkah during the seven days of Sukkot!



No need to RSVP.
Hope to see you there!



Contacting All College Students

We will once again be maintaining contact with our young members during their college years through correspondence from Rabbi Dan Alder. In past years, students have received Rosh Hashanah greetings, holiday packages for Chanukah and Purim, and information on Jewish programs for those of college age. We are, therefore, requesting parents of college students to notify the synagogue office (you may use email: rabbi@brotherhoodsynagogue.org) with updated addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Even if their contact information has remained the same, you must respond each year for your child to receive the mailings. We wish all our students a fulfilling year of study!

There are still spaces left in the following Early Childhood Program classes which start the first week in October!

Visit the Brotherhood website to register

BABY CLASS

Wednesday 11:00 am



PRE-TODDLER CLASS

Wednesday 10:00 am


TODDLER CLASS

Tuesday 10:45 am

THURSDAY CORNER

Thursday 3:00 pm

SHABBAT CORNER

Saturday 9:45 am 

Nursery School Thoughts

by Merrill Feinstein, Director Brotherhood Synagogue Nursery School

Every summer there is a story that occupies the news cycles. One such story was the soccer team who were lost, found and escaped from a cave in Thailand. I do not think any of us can, or would want to, imagine being a parent or family member of the missing coach or those children.

Teams of professionals were enlisted to ensure a safe, positive outcome—medical, military, environmental, spiritual and tactical to name a few. All had information and theories and desire. All were the best-of-the-best. No one group had all the answers. What ultimately worked was the application of their knowledge and the ability to use it to think outside the conventional, out-of-the-box. They needed to communicate with one another, take a perspective other than their own, think critically, focus, make connections where connections seemed implausible, and take on very risky challenges. They had grit and tenacity and patience. These abstract skills provided the glorious results.

We do not know how these rescuers did in school. We do not know when they learned to hold a pencil or draw figuratively or to multiply. What we can be sure of is that each of them learned how to learn and to apply what they knew. They worked together sharing their expertise and information. They worked towards a common goal. They embodied those abstract skills and used them magnificently.

The Thai episode exemplified the best of humanity. In a time when our sensibilities are being challenged, our community has the possibility to strengthen the relationships essential to our children's successes and lifetimes of learning as well as how they respond and react to what awaits them. We can work together, taking on new perspectives, trusting in each other's best motives, opening up communication towards shared goals. Working together we can manifest our best selves.

May this New Year bring you into authentic dialog with those you love and those you've yet to know. 🌊

Shabbat Club

On **September 29**, **Barbara Stern**, our congregant, will share some basic information about immigrants and the crisis in the immigration system, describe her experiences volunteering with immigrants, and lead a discussion about ways to respond to the crisis. Congregants who participated in the September 5 New Sanctuary Coalition Accompaniment Training and others who are interested in ways to support immigrants will be able to brainstorm about working individually and with other congregants.

October 27: Member and Democratic political consultant **George Arzt** discusses the Mid-term elections.

November 10: A representative of the **Faith Coalition Against Genocide in Burma** will speak about the atrocities being committed in Burma against the Rohingya Muslim minority.

The group is open to members and their friends and meets at 1 pm in the Reception Room on the second floor, opposite the Sanctuary entrance. Light refreshments will be provided. Look for more details in weekly emails, and in Shabbat announcements. Questions, comments, or suggestions? Please contact Deborah Newman (newmanddale@aol.com) or the office.

Cantor's Notes

by Cantor Isaac Yager

This past July, I ate lunch outside a restaurant in Leipzig, Germany that overlooked the site of the city's once ornate and grand synagogue. The synagogue was burned to the ground on Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938. Today, the site serves as a memorial to the Leipzig Jewish community who were killed during the Holocaust. The memorial is comprised of one hundred and forty empty steel chairs, all facing in the same direction, eerily alluding to the deafening silence of a wiped out community. The main reason for our visit to Leipzig was to visit the childhood home of my grandfather, a German Jew who was forced out of his community as a student during the Nazi rise to power. Though my great-grandparents managed to escape Germany just before the borders were closed, my grandfather and his siblings had different paths. My great uncle Irwin was sent to Siberia and later survived the war. My great uncle Siggy was abducted on a train as he attempted to flee and later died in Mauthausen concentration camp. And my grandfather Kurt escaped Germany to fight on the Romanian and Russian fronts against the Nazis, eventually serving as a German interrogator for the Russians, later meeting my grandmother (whose parents died of typhus as a result of ghetto conditions) in an orphanage after the war.

I suppose one could say that I have a healthy obsession with all things related to the

Holocaust and the Nazi regime. I blame my third generation survivor status for this trait. Of course, when we travel, we do know how to do normal, touristy, non-Holocaust related things. We took a lovely bike tour of the countryside outside of Amsterdam, had an authentic performance art experience in Berlin, and toured the Prague castle at dusk when the crowds had finally subsided. But we also went to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, visited the site of the Wansee Conference outside of Berlin where the Final Solution was constructed, and walked through the Pinkas Synagogue in Prague, whose walls are inscribed with the 78,000 names of Czech Jews killed during the Holocaust.

Despite the influx of all these Shoah triggers, being in Leipzig felt different. It felt personal. Walking from the apartment of my grandfather, for whom I was named, to the center of town where the synagogue once stood, I wondered if this had been his walk. Drinking a beer with the one hundred and forty chairs in open view, I wondered if my family sat positioned in that direction when they attended services at the former shul almost ninety years ago. Maybe it was because we were in Leipzig on a sleepy Sunday afternoon when the crowds were low, or maybe it was something else, but at that moment, I didn't feel like a complete tourist. 🌊

Please join us on the following Friday evenings during 2018-2019 to welcome Shabbat together with stories and song!



5:30 pm - Children up to 3 years old with Daphna Mor and Saskia Lane

Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 15, Apr. 5, Apr. 26, May 10

5:30 pm - Children ages 3-6 years old with Katie Shea

Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Mar. 15, Apr. 5

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

Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Mar. 15, Apr. 5

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
9:30 am: Services 10 pm: Selichot Penitential Prayers KITAVO	9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Leah Hart NITZAVIM	9:30 am: Morning Services 10:30 am: Family Services at Calvary Church 1:30 pm: Children's Services 2:30 pm: Children's Tashlich 5 pm: Tashlich 7 pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv ROSH HASHANAH	6:30 pm: New Sanctuary Coalition's Accompaniment Training	5:30 pm: Ushers Orientation Meeting 6 pm: Prospective Member Open House	7:00 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Ari Kitt VAYELECH
6 pm: Community Services 8 pm: Member Services EREV ROSH HASHANAH	11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 4 pm: Life Goes On	9 am: Morning Services 1:30 pm: Children's Services ROSH HASHANAH	4 pm: Hebrew School	6:49 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Miles HA'AZINU	9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Carson Davis 1 pm: Shabbat Club 6 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kerstein SUKKOT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
6:30 pm: Erev Sukkot Services EREV SUKKOT	9:30 am: Sukkot Morning Services 6:30 pm: Sukkot Evening Services	6 pm: Member Services 8:45 pm: Community Services EREV YOM KIPPUR KOL NIDRE	8:45 am: Early Yizkor 9:15 am: Morning Service Noon: Yizkor 12:45 pm: Musaf 2:30 pm: Children's Services 3:45 pm: Community Yizkor 4:30 pm: Discussion 5 pm: Mincha 6 pm: Neilah 7:41 pm: Conclusion YOM KIPPUR	7 pm: Brotherhood Book Club	6:37 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat (up to age 3) 6:30 pm: Services* <i>*Note new starting time through spring</i>	9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Ari Kitt VAYELECH
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30 am: Hoshanah Rabbah Services 6:30 pm: Shemini Atzeret Evening Services EREV SHEMINI ATZERET	9:30 am: Sukkot Morning Services 6:30 pm: Sukkot Evening Services	9:30 am: Sukkot Morning Services SUKKOT SECOND DAY	5:30 pm: Pizza in the Hut CHOL HAMOED	7 pm: Life Goes On Book Club	6:25 pm: Candles	9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Ari Kitt VAYELECH

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. We can't help but think you'll love what you experience and that Brotherhood Synagogue might be exactly the synagogue you've been looking for!