

# Brotherhood Synagogue



Sivan / Tamuz 5777  
June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28</b> 9 am: Tikvah	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: Baby Class 10 am: English-in-Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 7:30 pm: Erev Shavuot Study & Services  <b>EREV SHAVUOT</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 am: Shavuot Services - First Day  8:30 pm: Shavuot Services - Second Day  <b>SHAVUOT - FIRST DAY</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 am: Shavuot Services - Second Day Day  <b>SHAVUOT - SECOND DAY</b>	<b>2</b> 8:04 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services Remembering Grace Salant <sup>27</sup>	<b>3</b> 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Haley Ellant  <b>NASSO</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6 pm: Annual Fund BBQ	<b>6</b> 10 am: English-in-Action 5:40 pm: Minyan 7:30 pm: Iftar in the Synagogue	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2 pm: English-in-Action 6:30 pm: BBYO Meeting	<b>9</b> 8:08 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services Honoring Mike Weis	<b>10</b> 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Culman  <b>BEHA'ALOTECHA</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am: English-in-Action 1:30 pm: Hadassah Meeting 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Annual Congregational Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2 pm: English-in-Action 7 pm: Brotherhood Book Club	<b>16</b> 8:12 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	<b>17</b> 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Al Birnbaum  <b>BIRKAT HACHODESH</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:40 pm: Minyan	<b>21</b> 2-5 pm: Make Music New York	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:13 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	<b>24</b> 9:30 am: Services  <b>ROSH CHODESH KORACH</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 pm: Life Goes On Book Club	<b>27</b> 5:40 pm: Minyan	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:13 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	<b>1</b> 9:30 am: Services  <b>CHUKAT</b>





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## Amazing Grace

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

Our devoted member, Grace Salant<sup>z"l</sup>, passed away on erev Pesach. We were privileged at the Brotherhood Synagogue to witness first hand her values play out in her commitment to prayer services (and straightening the prayer books after services), our homeless shelter, visiting the sick and just being a source of inspiration to the community. It was my intention to honor her as Kallah Torah this coming Simchat Torah.

She was born 93 years ago in Brooklyn, NY, the third of four children of Polish immigrants. After graduating from New Utrecht High School she defied her father and attended City College at night while working full time in the Garment Center as a bookkeeper. One day she was in the elevator with the company's cash payroll and was approached by two thieves with guns demanding the payroll. Grace refused, thwarted the attempted robbery, and was hailed a hero by the NY newspapers at the tender age of 23.

Grace's husband, Philip, died at a young age leaving her with 5 children between the ages of 3 and 13. Working three jobs as a NYC Public School Teacher, an Accountant, and a Sunday School Teacher, she taught all of her children the value of a good education, hard work, Tzedakah and acknowledging that there are always people who are worse off than you.

Her son Robert further recalled that through the years his mom volunteered at synagogues, served food to homeless and needy, and served as a docent at a museum. Her exceptionally long walks around the city led to her participation in hundreds of races for all sorts of causes, as well as the NYC marathon. The trophies filled her living room as she placed 1st every time. It should be noted that she was the only participant in her age group 99% of the time!

For her grandchildren her energy and enthusiasm, her feats of physical and mental stamina, her dedication to family, to Judaism, and to public service—all fueled exclusively by Hershey's chocolate bars—were nothing short of legendary.

Dedication of a seat plaque and remembrances  
In memory of Grace Salant <sup>z"l</sup>  
Will take place at  
Shabbat evening services  
On Friday, June 2, 7:30 pm  
In the presence of her family and friends

Her grandson David spoke about how he was influenced not only by his Grandma Grace's life but also her approach to life. Grandma brought together an unusual combination of intense pragmatism and unflagging optimism. It could be seen, for example, in her memorable phrases.

When asked how she was doing, she would always answer, "never better." She would sign off her prolific voice mail messages by wishing you a "good everything." And, in addressing the difficult issues of the day, whether political or personal, she would respond that, "well everything gravitates."

This, David took to be his Grandma's philosophy. An overarching optimism backed up with tireless action. Positive yet practical. To do all we can, and not concern ourselves with what we cannot. To squeeze every ounce, every drop, of time that we have and not look back. As Grandma would say, "when the sun is out, I will be out." He is convinced she meant this both literally and philosophically, as a principle by which to live.

Her grandson Matt concurred, saying "I like to think of Grandma as an 'ordinary genius in the business of life.' If you wanted to offer someone up to science who was well-balanced, who knew how to live—it was her. This idea—that the most important success is a modest success—

## Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Haley Ellant*

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30 PM  
*Oneg in honor of Cantor Weis*  
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Ellie Culman*

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Al Birnbaum*

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 9:30 AM

doing good, appreciating what you have, being kind, steering your family well, living life to its fullest... this idea was always most alive in my head after spending time with her."

Her granddaughter Jen recalled how her Grandma would compose a rhyming card to each grandchild on their birthday. Jen concluded her rhyming tribute to Grace with the words:

We will miss you dearly, nobody will ever fill even a single shoe. But the stories you have shared, and the lessons you have taught will live on and continue.

And so we have reached our last stanza: may your memory be a blessing, But most importantly, I wish you a final "good everything." 🌸



**TO LIFE!!**  
**MAZAL TOV TO THE ENTIRE CAST AND CREW OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!**

## Life Goes On

On May 24, our group returned to tour the magnificent Eldridge Street Synagogue, a National Historic Landmark that opened in 1887. A delicious dinner followed at a kosher vegan dim sum restaurant on Mulberry Street to everyone's great delight.

For our next meeting on **Tuesday, June 27 at 4pm**, we are very fortunate to have LGO member Luise Ross lead us once again on a tour of some of Chelsea's most interesting art galleries. The tour will be followed by a walk on the High Line and then dinner together at The Park restaurant on Tenth Avenue. Further details will be sent to everyone who plans to come, **please RSVP as soon as possible because our group size is limited.**

At our April book club meeting, a discussion of *The Nix* by Nathan Hill drew a big group and provided an excellent opportunity to explore the complicated relationships we all have and how they connect to our past. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 26 at 7pm** in the library at Brotherhood and we plan to discuss *Here I Am* by Jonathan Safran Foer. From Goodreads' review of the book: "How do we fulfill our conflicting duties as father, husband, and son; wife and mother; child and adult? Jew and American? How can we claim our own identities when our lives are linked so closely to others? These are the questions at the heart of Jonathan Safran Foer's first novel in eleven years—a work of extraordinary scope and heartbreaking intimacy." NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion and wine and desserts will be served as usual. **Please do RSVP if you plan to attend and know that the cost of participation is \$20 per person.**

Regrettably, our June activities are on subsequent days, but those were the only dates available due to some schedule restrictions. Since we usually do not have meetings in July and August, we have plenty of time to rest through the summer until our next meeting in September. That said, don't be surprised if you get a quick email suggesting a picnic dinner and/or outdoor movie during the summer, as we've done in the past.

*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 [Iagnesmarton@gmail.com](mailto:Iagnesmarton@gmail.com) or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750. 🌸

## Shabbat Club

The Shabbat Club will take a vacation this summer. See you in September! If you have any ideas for topics or speakers, please contact Deborah Newman or the office.

## Camp Ramah Darom

by Daniel Rovin

Last autumn, just days before my teacher orientation at The Brotherhood, I had the most beautiful experience of my life.

Two dear friends were getting married at a vineyard in Santa Rosa, California. They met in such a storybook way that if I took the time to tell you the story, you would be left wondering if they really just met on a dating app and I was just making the whole thing up. Their wedding however, was even more special than their unbelievable chance encounter on a train far from home in Germany. In some ways, however, it was like any good Jewish wedding. There was a tish, a ketubah, the hora—you know the drill. But for me, this was different.

The tish was led by a 28-year-old man who was so vibrant and full of joy that even those who didn't know a single word somehow sang along. The ceremony was officiated by another 28-year-old man. But instead of listening to someone drivel on, fighting the urge to check my phone, I had tears in my eyes—if you didn't, you weren't listening. When the Ketubah was presented by, you guessed it, yet another 28-year-old man, it looked less like a contract and more like a work of art. He'd painted the Hebrew script by hand, inscribing the text in intricate patterns across a picture of the Earth. When the glass was broken and it was time to dance the hora, another 28-year-old man stole the wedding band's thunder, jumping onstage and wailing the famous wedding song on his saxophone.

Okay, that last one was me, but the reason I know everyone else's age is because for years, we were in the same eidah (age group), summer after summer, at Camp Ramah Darom in Clayton, Georgia. The night was perfect and beautiful, and one that I'll never forget—and not because of the moving boxes of In'N'Out (that's kosher right?) burgers that were brought in after the ceremony, but because of the cast of characters that made it so incredible.

Not typically noted as a hotbed of Judaism, Clayton will always hold a prominent place in our hearts. That's where lifelong friendships were formed, not just between those at the Sherman nuptials, but for countless numbers of Jewish kids that found themselves at this tiny Torah trail in the Bible belt.

Growing up in Greenville, South Carolina, I learned what it's like to be Jewish in a place where Jews are hard to find. Our conservative shul was so short-handed that, from the time



I was Bar-Mitzvah, I read Torah and led various parts of the service every week. The funny thing is that despite my involvement in the synagogue, I didn't really find my own identity as a Jew until I was among other Jews who were my age. We had a magnificent Rabbi, Marc Wilson, who not only

encouraged me to learn Torah, but was the one who knew going to Ramah would fill a huge vacancy in my life I didn't realize I had.

At Ramah, we learned new songs and prayed together. We played countless hours of gaga together. We kibitzed and schmoozed together. Most importantly, without being fully aware of it at the time, through all of those activities we made lifelong bonds. Unbreakable bonds. We have the kind of bond that comes from being in a tight knit community, knowing that our ancestors went through the same struggle to provide us the blessed lives we are all accustomed to. I can't count on both of my hands the number of brothers and sisters I gained from my summers spent at Ramah. And as I grew closer to these people, I discovered what I believe is the single most important aspect of Judaism: community.

I took my camp experience a step further and founded my first youth group, a USY chapter at our synagogue when I was a freshman in high school. I started it after overwhelming jealousy brought on by my campmates, and a desire to spend time with them during the school year. All of that past experience led me to start the very first youth group here at our synagogue. I wanted to give our youth here that same sense of community that I got to have when I was their age.

As great as our program is, camp is something else. You meet Jews your age from across the world. You're immersed in a culture that is entirely different and yet entirely yours. You learn new skills. You make mistakes, and you make memories that last a lifetime (and you definitely don't pull any pranks). Day after week after month after year, you grow closer to a cabin full of people, and without even trying, you grow closer to the entire Jewish community.

More than a decade later, I have been embraced by another wonderful community here at the Brotherhood. I've gained new brothers and sisters, and found a new home. Grateful as I am, I know that I wouldn't be here if not for those summers at Camp Ramah Darom. 🌸

## Nursery School Thoughts

by Tamara Gold

Like many Brotherhood nursery school parents, I'm a transplant to New York City. My introduction to the synagogue was the community Kol Nidre service back in 2003. It was so thoughtful of the synagogue to offer a community service for people who weren't yet members or were looking for a place to participate in the high holiday service. I liked that it was welcoming and warm and even though it was different than what I was used to, it reminded me of the service I went to back in Montreal.

Married and three kids later, my husband and I have been Brotherhood nursery school parents for almost 6 years. Establishing roots and raising kids in a city where you didn't grow up can be daunting. It comes with a lot of challenges. Creating a new sense of community was a big one for me, and Brotherhood has played a big role in what has become my new "New York City community."

At a recent family Shabbat at the synagogue, Alec, our seven year old, ran down-

stairs to say "Hi" to Merrill and his former teachers. He fist bumped Phil. And he felt like the big man, the graduate! And isn't that what any parent wants from a synagogue—a community where you are welcomed back and able to tell everyone your stories. What first grade is like and what you're learning; your memories from nursery school. Elise, our middle daughter, who will be graduating Brotherhood nursery school this spring, beams with pride when she tells her brother that she too made a Kiddush cup this year. And then she takes my hand and says, "Come, let me show you my drawings!" Eve, our youngest daughter, already smiles at the teachers at her sister's morning drop off.

Now there are two Kiddush cups from the Blue Room, a pink felt Afikoman holder and a tie dyed decorated Passover pillow on our Seder table. I am so happy and proud to see that we've created a sense of Jewish identity and community for our family. And Brotherhood was instrumental in all of it. ~



**Wednesday,  
June 21, 2- 5pm  
Admission: FREE  
Location: Brotherhood  
Synagogue Courtyard**

## ♪ Five Years Later: A Look Back ♪

by Cantor Mike Weis

Though my time here at Brotherhood is coming to a close, this seems as good a time as any to look back on what we have accomplished together during my all-too-brief stay. And so, in no particular order, here are some of the highlights

### Voices of the Sacred Concert Series

Inspired by the ecumenical example set by our founder, Rabbi Irving J. Block, we produced three major interfaith concert events. We brought together secular, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Buddhist and Hindu audiences and welcomed 10 different performing groups to our synagogue: from Tibetan Buddhist superstar Yungchen Lhamo to the extraordinary Shinonome Chorus of Japan; from Sufi master Amir Vahab to our very own Basya Schechter and her group, Pharaoh's Daughter, Voices of the Sacred was a celebration of sacred voices from around the faith world.

### Sacred Music New York

And while Voices of the Sacred were great concerts, they sowed the seeds of an entirely new arts organization called Sacred Music NY. Our mission: to use sacred music as a vehicle to build real and lasting relationships

across cultures and faiths. I can tell you from personal experience that SMNY has profoundly altered my relationships with people from other faith traditions. SMNY has incorporated as a tax-exempt organization in its own right, and a number of Brotherhood members play a prominent role in its leadership.

### Other Concerts

Through our friends at the Cordoba Initiative, we were invited to host a performance by one of the premier qawwali groups in Pakistan, Fareed Ayaz and the Abu Mohammed Qawwals. Additionally, we hosted two Salon Sanctuary concerts of early music; The Quartet, featuring Israeli superstar, Rivka Michaeli; and we have served as a venue for Make Music New York, serving up concerts of free, live music in our courtyard on the Summer Solstice for the past two years (be on the lookout for more where that came from this coming June 21!)

### Scholar in Residence Shabbat

We inaugurated what I hope will become an ongoing annual event of Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat programs featuring top performers and musical scholars. This year,

we were fortunate enough to welcome the incomparable Neshama Carlebach.

### Shabbat Koleinu

While musical instruments are rarely, if ever, seen at services here at Brotherhood, we undertook a bold initiative to inject some real live electricity into our Friday night Kabbalat Services. The Shabbat Koleinu instrumental services featured some of NYC's top Jewish musicians.

### Harmonia-AH!

If you stayed long enough at High Holy Day services the past few years, you couldn't have missed our all-volunteer community choir, Harmonia-AH!. Originally formed as something of an "anti-choir" choir, during the five years we sang together, we did perhaps the most important thing that any community can do: we built lasting friendships. There are many people in our community I will miss dearly as I depart for my new position, but none so dear as my merry band of choristers.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the opportunity to bring music and spirit into this community. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Hazzan. ~

# Congratulations to Our Graduates!

## Our High School Graduates:

**Zoe Altus** on her graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and her acceptance to Washington University in St. Louis.

**Matthew Buchman** on his graduation from UNIS and his acceptance to Carnegie Mellon.

**Alex Buscemi** on his graduation from the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts and his acceptance to Montserrat College of Art.

**Hannah Casper** on her graduation from NYC School of Collaborative Studies (LAB) and her acceptance to the University of Delaware.

**Amanda Ennis** on her graduation from Berkeley Carroll School and her acceptance to Connecticut College.

**Sonia Epstein** on her graduation from Stuyvesant and her acceptance to Harvard University.

**Anders Getz** on his graduation from NEST+m and his acceptance to Muhlenberg College.

**Max Goldstein** on his graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and his acceptance to the University of Southern California.

**Zachary Kern** on his graduation from NYC Lab School and his acceptance to Brandeis University.

**Daniel Levine** on his graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and his acceptance to the University of Southern California.

**Talia Markowitz** on her graduation from Fieldston and her upcoming gap year.

**Daniela Marton** on her graduation from York Prep and her acceptance to Bucknell University.

**Charlotte Milbauer** on her graduation from Hunter College High School and her acceptance to Washington University in St. Louis.

**Isaiah Milbauer** on his graduation from Hunter College High School and his acceptance to the University of Chicago.

**Julian Miller** on his graduation from Baruch College Campus High School and his acceptance to Syracuse University.

**Leah Miltenberg** on her graduation from Columbia Grammar Preparatory School and her acceptance to Union College.

**Rachel Miltenberg** on her graduation from Robert Louis Stevenson School and her acceptance to Flagler University.

**Ricky Morris** on his graduation from the Bronx High School of Science and his acceptance to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

**Evan Neiden** on his graduation from Grace Church School and his acceptance to Northwestern University.

**Emma Passy** on her acceptance to Smith College.

**Zachary Wiener** on his graduation from Fieldston and his acceptance to Bard College.

## Our College Graduates:

**Andrew Feinstein** on his graduation from the University of Southern California.

**Rebecca John** on her graduation from Cornell University (Biology and Information Science).

**Jeremy Kaplitt** on his graduation from Bard College (Chemistry).

**Jonathan Levitt** on his graduation from George Washington University (International Relations).

**Kyle McCormick** on his graduation from Boston University.

**Alex Moore** on his graduation from the University of Michigan (Art and Design).

**Craig Moskowitz** on his graduation from Washington University in St. Louis (Economics/Philosophy, Neuroscience & Psychology).

**Leah Newman** on her graduation from Oberlin College (Art History, Dance).

**Noah Regen** on his graduation from Oberlin College (Cinema Studies, Art History, East Asian Studies).

**Olivia Rothberg** on her graduation from Bard College.

**Adam Schorin** on his graduation from Stanford University (American Studies and Creative Writing).

**Gideon Teitel** on his graduation from Cornell University (Industrial Labor Relations).

**Mia Tucker** on her graduation from Tulane University (Political Science and International Relations).

**Nomi Zimmer** on her graduation from Hunter College.

## And also:

**Jenny Rose Nicolas** on her graduation from The University of Edinburgh with a Masters in Chemistry.

## MAZAL TOV

To All of the  
Chai-Q 5777  
Competitors and Winners!

CHAI-Q GRAND CHAMPION 5775 !!!!

# ARIELLE EBER

**Kitot Gimmel & Dalet**  
(3rd & 4th Grades)

First Place: ARIELLE EBER  
Second Place: HELENA GREENBERG  
Third Place: RYAN PASTER

**Kitot Hey & Vav**  
(5th & 6th Grades)

First Place: ARI KITT  
Second Place: CHLOE COHEN  
Third Place: GRACE BOBER

## Fall 2017 Early Childhood Programs at Brotherhood

Register Now!

Classes begin September 7!

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.

- **Baby** (3 mos- 12 mos)
- **Pre-Toddler** (12 mos -18 mos)
- **Toddler** (18 mos-3 years)
- **Thursday Corner** (3-5)
- **Shabbat Corner** (3-5)

Visit the Early Childhood Programs page on the Brotherhood website to register.

**Class sizes are limited and are filled on a first come, first served basis so register now!**

Feel free to call Roberta at 212.674.5750 or email her at [rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).



## SHAVUOT SERVICES

**Second Day Wednesday, May 31, 8:30 pm**  
**of Shavuot: Thursday, June 1, 9:30 am**

*Yizkor will be recited around 12 pm at services on Thursday, June 1. Shavuot is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones. It is traditional to give gifts of charity in their names. May every gift be blessed and the givers thereof.*



## CELEBRATE ISRAEL

**Sunday, June 4**

**PARADE 11 am-4 pm - Rain or shine**

The Parade begins at 57th Street and travels up to 74th Street from 11 am to 4 pm along Fifth Avenue.

**FESTIVAL 2-5 pm**  
**Terminal 5, 610 West 56 Street**

March at the parade and then dance at the Festival. Music, culture, live entertainment, food, art and family activities. Hosted by IAC and sponsored by UJF-Fed of NY.



**To say "thank you"\* for giving to Brotherhood's Annual Fund...**

**You're invited to a sizzling time**

**Join us at Brotherhood Synagogue's ANNUAL FUND BBQ**

Join us for hotdogs, burgers (veggie too), a frosty long neck beer, and good times. Bring the kids of course. And—thanks to you—celebrate an extraordinary year for our Annual Fund.



**MONDAY, JUNE 5  
6 PM**

**\*There's still time to join us by making your Annual Fund gift.** Call 212-674-5750 or make your gift online at [www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org/make-a-donation](http://www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org/make-a-donation). **Be sure to specify your gift is for the Annual Fund.**

**IFTAR**  
**in the Synagogue**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 pm**



The annual Iftar (breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan) in the Synagogue which Brotherhood's Interfaith Committee has co-hosted for the past several years will take place on **Tuesday, June 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m.** This special event serves to enhance spiritual and social bonds between the Muslim and Jewish communities and will involve both Jewish and Muslim prayer services (with the traditional breaking of the Ramadan fast with water and dates in between the services), followed by a dinner in our Community Room.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person.

If you would like to join us for this special evening, please register for the event by **Friday, June 2** on the synagogue website or by calling the office.

## Honoring Cantor Mike Weis

**Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm at Services**

Join us for a festive celebration of Cantor Michael Weis as we wish him and his family well on their new adventure joining Highland Park Conservative Temple in New Jersey.

A special service will be held in Cantor Weis' honor featuring memories and songs. A deluxe oneg will follow!



**REMINDER! Brotherhood Synagogue Annual Meeting • Tuesday, June 13, 2017 • 6:30 PM**

The congregation will vote on important matters including the budget and trustees.  
Please come and help us form the mandatory quorum!

## Happenings in Our Kehilah

### B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

**Jonathan and Devi Ellant** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Haley Ellant**. Haley, a student at Speier Legacy School, will celebrate her simcha with her brothers, **Bram and Dylan**.

**Marianne Boesky** on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, **Ellie Culman**. Ellie is a student at Grace Church School.

**Mina Birnbaum** on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, **Al Birnbaum**; and to Al's uncle, **Brett Green**. Al is a student at Quest.

### Births, Mazal Tov to:

**Eileen and Bill Hofstetter** on the birth of a grandson, **Spencer Avery Frank**, born to **Lisa and Cory Frank**; and to older sister, **Kyle**.

### Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

**Allegra Cohen** and **David Monk** on their marriage.

**David Monk** and **Allegra Cohen** invite you to their aufruf at Shabbat morning services on Saturday, June 10 with a luncheon to follow.

### Condolences to:

**Judith Alpert** on the passing of her husband, and our member, **Herbert H. Alpert**.

**Ellen Renstrom** on the passing of her mother, **Marion Renstrom**.

**Rochelle Schattner** on the passing of her father, **Howard Greif**. 🌊

## President's Post

by Trudi Rae Bartow

"I believe climate change is fundamentally the greatest threat to the integrity of our national parks that we have ever experienced."

—**Jonathan B. Jarvis**,  
*Former Director of the National Park Service*



years. Glacier Bay National Park was established for studying the natural cycles of glaciers and scientists have called it a "living laboratory" as it is a tremendous place to study how life retreats with the colder winter months and reemerges in the wake of the retreating ice. However, no natural cycle can explain the more extreme retreats and less regrowth that has been documented in the past decades.

Of the more than 100,000 glaciers in the state, 95% are currently thinning, stagnating, or retreating, and most of Glacier Bay's glaciers are following this trend. But the

rangers don't leave us feeling hopeless, in fact, they are excited to share with us all the ways we can make a difference to help minimize the impact. Reducing our use of fossil fuels, limiting the amount of waste we produce, and increasing recycling efforts will reduce the amount of CO2 we add to our atmosphere. The average American uses five times more energy than the average global citizen does. To help do our part for climate change we need to consider an energy diet. It is easier than you think. The below are easy to implement ways to reduce, reuses and recycle as recommended by National Park Service and can be viewed by heading over to [nps.gov](http://nps.gov). Bonus, you can search for individual parks and learn more about amazing places like Glacier Bay.

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## A Note from Development:

### Annual Fund

As we enter the month of June, we are crucially aware that our 2016/17 Annual Fund year is coming to an end on June 30, 2017 and we have not yet reached our goal! This writing is one of our last opportunities to appeal to you as a congregation. If you have not already done so, PLEASE consider making a gift to this year's Annual Fund. Every gift counts, large or small. Unlike designated gifts (Homeless Shelter, Tikvah, Schools Benefit, the Hebrew School Play, among others), the Annual Fund pays the costs necessary to keep the Synagogue operating on a daily basis. The Annual Fund enables us to offer the rich array of programs and services we do and it covers the cost of keeping this magnificent building up and running. Won't you please consider your gift to the Annual Fund before the month

of June comes to an end so we can count it in this fiscal year? We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to hearing from you. You may reach me at 212-674-5750 or by email at [mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org) to discuss your gift—or for any other reason. It has been my delight speaking with, meeting and getting to know so many of our wonderful members and I look forward to hearing from and meeting many more in the weeks and months to come!

### Rothman Fund: "The Year of Phil" Extended

You may recall, in September of 2016, we kicked off "A Year of Phil" in celebration and recognition of Phil Rothman's extraordinary 36 years as Executive and Educational Director at The Brotherhood. At that time, in Phil's honor, our Board of Directors established an endowment fund to ben-

efit the Hebrew School, known as The Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School. Given the enormity of Phil's impact on the Synagogue community, we've come to realize that one year is not enough to do him justice, so we are extending the "Year of Phil" another year, to conclude with a festive fundraising event in September or October of 2018. In the interim, we have brought a Director of Development (that's me!) on board and we are mounting a strategic campaign to raise a minimum of one million dollars for the Rothman Fund, an ongoing endowment which will continue on well after 2018 and carry Phil's legacy on in perpetuity. We will keep you informed of the various stages of the Campaign as it progresses. Stay tuned for further developments.

—**Marilyn Strozak**  
Director of Development 🌊



# YAHREZITS

^Garden of Remembrance \*Book of Remembrance

## Reduce

- Dependence on fossil fuel, by carpooling, using public transportation, and using electric, hybrid, or alternate-fuel vehicles.
- Home heating and cooling by using automatic thermostats, adding insulation, and sealing cracks.
- Use of electricity by changing conventional bulbs to compact fluorescents and LEDs, purchasing renewable energy from your utility company, replacing inefficient appliances, and by adding photo voltaic panels to your home.

## Reuse

- Containers and products.
- Items by donating to a charitable organization.
- Lawn and yard waste for composting.

## Recycle

- Aluminum cans, other metals, cardboard/plastic, and bottles.
- Products by purchasing new items with recycled content.
- Batteries, computers, paint, oil, tires, and chemicals.

—Trudi ([Trudirae@gmail.com](mailto:Trudirae@gmail.com))

## The Chesed\* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and are interested in joining a bereavement group, we have posted information on available groups under Helpful Resources on the Chesed Committee page on the Brotherhood website.

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

### June 3 -9

^Irving Abraham, \*Hyman Berkowitz, ^Rose Bernstone, ^Irving Birnbach, Edwin Blate, ^Louis Hannon Burgoff, Ralph Click, Irving Cohen, Dean Dodd, Ellen Doherty, Abraham Ellias, Richard Evans, Mary Feinstein, Maryann Ferrari, ^Julius Field, ^Israel Finder, Bernice Fine, Jeffrey Gelb, ^\*Morton Geller, Dona Gracia Nasi, ^Sally Green, ^Lena Green, \*Arthur Greeninger, \*Jacob Grossman, Charlotte Hamburger, Jacob Hill, Freda Hofstetter, \*Lena Elias Israel, \*Louis Katz, Edward Klauber, Roberta Klein, ^Ruth Labiner, Marcia Lash, Susan Levin, \*Ana Otilie Lourie, Kate Markovitz, Sam Miller, Isador Moed, \*Edith Perman, Sherley Plasse, ^Fannie Cohen Poller, Jacob Pukatch, \*Harry Ralston, Adina Raviv, Emily Rich, Mary Rockower, Shirley Rosen, Jacob Schneider, David G. Schorr, Mildred Shainmark, Hinde Shragowitz, Julia Simon, Ruth Simring, Ruby Strauss, ^Sol Sunkin, \*Fred Weidger, Sam Weinman, Boris Weisman, Arthur Weiss, Gertrude Winn, Louis Zonon

### June 10 -16

Diana Balaber, Ruth Bergman, Sylvia Braun, \*Pauline Cagen, Eli Bodie Enzer, \*Rose Farland, Lillian Feinstein, ^Arthur Feitell, Martin Finegold, ^Manny Fox, Jacob Goldklang, \*Rose Goldman, ^Wilhelm Goldreich, ^Elizabeth S. Goldschmidt, \*Tillie Goldstein, Charlotte Gothelf, David Greenleaf, ^Sima Kislak Jelin, Herman Kasman, Eva Kaufman, \*Harold Klein, Julian Koenig, Rose Korach, ^Faye Kuhne, ^Eugene Labiner, Sally Leatherman, Irwin Magerfield, \*Betty Mald, ^Harold Merkelson, Rhoda Moed, Robert Nelson, \*Jean Pauker, Elliott Perlman, Irving Plutzer, Fred Profeta, ^Norman Redlich, ^Maurice Rickles, Melvin Rudoltz, Frank Savits, ^Anna Schaffer, Gertrude Schorr, Marcia Schwartz, Frances Schwartz, ^\*Patricia Greenhouse Seaman, \*Harold John Shaine, Albert Shainmark, Judith Shiffman, Michael Shiffman, Shirley Speer, ^Morris Steinberg, ^Ezra Strong, Willie Walther, \*Elias Werner, ^Lili Wolf, \*Henry Wolfson, ^Harry Zolick, ^Samuel Zolick, Rose Zonon, ^Seth Zucker

### June 17 -23

^George Z. Abrams, ^Robert Adler, ^Herman Asnas, ^Lillian Benardo, ^Joseph Benardo, Josephine Burson,

^Samuel Coppersmith, \*J. Howard Denny, ^Lillian Dursht, Leon Epstein, Elsie Frommer, Dorothy Gaum, Jack Gelb, Arthur Gold, Leo Goldberg, ^Gerry Goldberg, ^Martha Golden, ^Aaron Gottlieb, ^Frank Scott Green, ^Max Greenberg, Ellen Greenleaf, ^Ruth Holzberg, ^Alter Michael Kaplan, ^Leisel Kaye, Helen Klein, Ivor Lederer, Victoria Leffel, Abraham Levine, ^Sue Machlin, \*Dora Magerfield, \*Fay Markel, \*David Moses, ^\*Nathan Neidich, Phyllis Noone, Eileen Osofsky, ^Rosalind Pesiri, Maurice Pine, Morton Pollak, Morris Press, Philip Raphael, ^William Raskin, \*Helen Rubenstein, Moische Sage, \*Regina Schlanger, \*Fannie Schwartz, Sadie Schwartz, Ruth Schwartzberg, ^Ira Sollar, Mary Sonnenfeld, Rose Storick, ^Jacob Weisman, ^Audrey Zollman

### June 24 -30

\*Sidney Altman, ^Sylvia Altman, Esther Ashkenazi, Celia Bersoff, ^Milton Bloom, ^Mary Blum, Sylvia Brumberg, ^Florence Burrell, \*Fannie Chizner, Leon Cohen, \*Abraham Cooperman, ^Joseph Cosnow, ^Elaine Davidorf, ^Jennie Douglass, \*Sadie Elson, Ruth Feiner, Daisy Fish, ^\*Annafay Bayuk Franklin, \*Samuel Friedwald, ^Sarah B. Glass, Morris Glusband, \*Jack Harrison Gorta, Harold Green, ^Mollie Green, Michael Greenspan, Enid Guttman, ^Philip Haim, ^Louis Himmel, ^David S. Hocky, Charles Kalisky, Deborah Sue Kornblatt, ^Dr. Leo J. Koven, Sidney Levin, Benjamin Levine, Gregory Litwack, \*Dora Lowy, \*Nicholas Lowy, Lillian Mandel, Julius Marke, Jeanne Marshall, Victoria Menashy, Janet Miltenberg, ^Pauline Pessar, ^Dr. William Reisner, Miriam Roland, ^Molly Rosenblum, \*Rose Rothchild, ^Ethel Rubinstein, Sam Sagman, ^Frances Schechter, ^Celia Shorin, \*Dorothy J. Sims, William Spielberger, Hugo Stern, ^Jeff Sugarman, William Tricanowicz, Edward Tuft, \*Henry Unterweiser, ^Benjamin L. Wasserman, Miriam Weber, Irene Weiss, Herbert Weissberg, Thomas Werner, \*Mark Werner, Rose Yatrowsky, ^\*Rose Zweibach

## Brotherhood Book Club Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm

Michelle Spieza will lead a discussion of *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this powerful debut novel reveals an incredible story of love, redemption, and terrible secrets hidden for decades.

**Future Book Club Date: Thursday, July 20.**

Margie Katz will lead discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March*, this story tells of the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war

If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Margie Katz at [margie.katz@me.com](mailto:margie.katz@me.com).



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