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## Fear Not

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

In his book *A Believing Jew*, Rabbi Milton Steinberg<sup>71</sup>, suggests that most of us have not only a fear of death but also a “fear of life.” And only human beings are afraid of life, because only human beings can imagine the future. Steinberg wrote, “We fear for our children because we know what strange paths they may wander. We are timorous about our health because we can picture ourselves in the grip of malignant disease.” And we are afraid of the future because it may lead to failure, hardship, and pain. Because we yearn for so much, life can disappoint us in so many ways. How can we get over our fear of life?

More than eighty times in the Bible, God tells people not to be afraid (usually translated as “fear not”). God says it to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, to Moses. God repeats it four times in His first remarks to Joshua, lest Joshua be overwhelmed by the task of succeeding Moses. God tells each of the prophets not to be afraid of the demands of their role and commands them to tell the people not to be afraid as well.

Why do we need to be told “Don’t be afraid” so often? Perhaps, suggests Rabbi Harold Kushner, God realizes how many things there are that frighten us, but God does not want us to live lives dominated by fear. Fearful people cannot be fully happy. Fearful people cannot be sufficiently generous, charitable, or forgiving. Fear constricts the soul and keeps us from being as fully human as God would like us to be.

In the Bible, virtually the first words spoken by a human being to God are an expression of fear. Responding to God’s question, “Where are you?” Adam says, “I heard Your voice in the garden and I was afraid.”


God spoke to the generation of Moses, the generation that left Egypt, and gave them the Ten Commandments, forbidding murder, theft, and adultery, enjoining them to respect the truth and honor their parents. But God also spoke to the generations before them and after them and gave them, and us, the commandment: Don’t be afraid.

God commands us not to be afraid, not because there is nothing to fear but precisely because the world can be such a frightening place, and God realizes that we can never

fulfill our potential as human beings if we are paralyzed by fear. The commandment not to be afraid is meant to keep us from missing out on many of the blessings of life that are accessible only to those who are able to face their fears, see them clearly, and stare them down.

Rabbi Steinberg recommends that we face reality without illusions, that we develop a sense of duty, that we realize that we don’t have to do it all alone, and that we use the resource of faith.

**Please join us on Sunday, March 11th at 11:00 am when the Brotherhood Chesed Committee presents a program entitled “Finding Resilience in Times of Adversity” led by the inspiring young rabbi, Avram Mlotek. Enjoy a little music, some shared stories of struggle and spiritual assistance from our tradition.**

Don’t be afraid of being afraid. Our goal should never be the denial of fear but the mastery of fear, the refusal to let fear keep us from living fully and happily. 

## Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Noemi Maller*  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 5:30 PM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Silver*

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Nelson*  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 5:30 PM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Anna Mintzer*

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Eden Monk*

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of David Simon*

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 6:30 PM  
*First Seder*  
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 9:30 AM  
*First Day of Pesach*

## Synagogue to Host Passover Seder

On the first night of Pesach, Friday, March 30, we will again host our annual Seder at the synagogue, led by Rabbi Alder and Cantor Yager. Services will begin at 6:30 pm with the Seder following at 7:00 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.



**Save the Date**  
**Wednesday & Thursday**  
**May 16 & 17 @ 7:00 pm**  
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**The Brotherhood**  
**Hebrew School Adaptation**

## My Two Cents by Martha and Irwin Feinstein

While we don't often attend services during our travels, Martha and I always make it a point to visit synagogues and other places of Jewish, historical interest wherever we are. Sometimes we do a bit of research before setting off and sometimes, as in this case, we just get lucky.

A few years ago, we took a month's cruise from Barcelona to Dubai which included among others, stops in Rhodes, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Petra and Oman. We had previously traveled extensively to some of these destinations, but we were particularly looking forward to a few days in Israel and a first visit to Petra. Cyprus however, turned out to be the highlight of the trip.

Years before in Florida, we had befriended a young man who came from Cyprus and when he heard that we were making a stop there, he suggested we make a date with his mother who lived on the island. Martha, being who she is, not only contacted Androulla, but they made a date for lunch. She offered to take us sightseeing, but we told her we had made arrangements for a driver and guide.

We did our morning sightseeing of ruins, etc., and the plans after lunch consisted in part of a visit to the Jewish cemetery, which they said, was all that remained of Judaism on the island.

At lunch we became immediate friends with Androulla and when we told her about visiting the cemetery she commented that she knew where the synagogue was, but had no idea that there was a cemetery.

It turned out that the shul was around the corner from her home and she was acquainted with the Rabbi as her older son is an attorney and helped the Rabbi with a legal, civil matter.

Our guide rallied and found the phone number of the shul. Although it was Shabbos, she called and to our collective amazement, the phone was answered. We were told that the Rabbi's son was celebrating his Bar Mitzvah and we were invited to join them.

We stopped at the cemetery (a plot of land no larger than our apartment) where no one has been buried for decades, and then continued to the shul for a party.

The synagogue, hidden from the street, was behind a high, stone wall. We were met by an

armed guard and we explained our reason for being there. He excused himself, verified what we had said and allowed us to go in. We were greeted with joyful clapping and song. Places were cleared for us and we were invited to sit.

The party was in full swing. The tables were set with beautiful fruits, cakes, nuts and chocolates. There were bottles galore of wine and vodka (the Rabbi's family hailed from Russia) and scotch and evidence that many had gotten an early start on toasting!

It was a gathering of people from all over.. across from me was a young Rabbi from Seattle and Martha chatted with an Israeli woman who had a married daughter living in Five Towns.

We listened to speeches, including a particularly impassioned one, from the Rabbi's father, expressing how proud he was of his son. Having given up a successful position in the private sector in Israel, he was drawn to moving to Cyprus and to starting a Chabad congregation. Speeches were in a mixture of languages, weaving Russian with Yiddish, Hebrew and English. We had to fill in a lot of the blanks, but always got the gist.

Despite their efforts to have us stay longer, it was time for us to leave and the piece de resistance occurred as we were saying our goodbyes, when the Rabbi's father hit on Martha, which she chalked up to too much vodka. Think of what a field day the media would have today with that.

Recently, when Martha learned of the death of the Rabbi's mother, she reached out to him to express her regrets. He told her that she had done a true mitzvah and that he learned a lesson from her. He explained that while he was always ready to join a celebration, he never knew how to reach out to people in times of sadness and she had helped him realize that he needed to address this shortcoming.

Years later we remember bits and pieces of this trip in its entirety, but neither of us will ever forget the Bar Mitzvah party we stumbled onto on Cyprus. We have often wondered why the phone was answered on Shabbos, but for whatever reason, it was our great fortune. ~

## Service and Study for the First Born

This service will be held on Friday morning, March 30 at 7:30 AM. Those who choose not to observe the fast of the First Born should attend the service and then participate in the completion of a tractate of study. In celebration of that accomplishment, a light breakfast will follow.

## Passover Services

### First Days

Friday, March 30, 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 31, 9:30 am

Sunday, April 1, 9:30 am

### Concluding Days

Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm

Friday, April 6, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 7, 9:30 am

*Yizkor will be recited at services on Saturday, April 7th at around 11:30 am. Passover 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.*



## Shabbat Club

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 pm

On Saturday, March 24, our rabbi, Daniel Alder, will speak on the topic, "Keeping Kosher for Pesach." He will share his thoughts and learning on this aspect of Passover, which begins Friday evening, March 30. All are welcome to attend. We will meet in the second floor reception room at 1 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Members and non-members, regulars, and first-timers, friends of friends—join us on this Shabbat afternoon to hear Rabbi Alder and join in the discussion.

## Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm

On March 15, Susan Halper will lead a discussion of *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo. Set in an upper-middle-class Tel Aviv apartment building, this best-selling and acclaimed Israeli novel examines the interconnected lives of its residents, whose turmoils, secrets, unreliable confessions, and problematic decisions reveal a society in the midst of an identity crisis.

Please contact Margie Katz [margie.katz@icloud.com](mailto:margie.katz@icloud.com) if you would like further information about the Brotherhood Book Club. All are welcome!



## BROTHERHOOD FILM SERIES

PART III OF ERIC GOLDMAN'S 3-PART FILM COURSE

### A LENS ON ISRAEL: A SOCIETY THROUGH ITS CINEMA

Israeli movies provide insight into Israel's birth, growth, and development as a country. Dr. Eric Goldman will continue our examination of the changing nature of Israeli society as reflected through its cinema. (Previous attendance not necessary!)

Thursday, March 8 • 7:00 pm  
**COMING OF AGE**

In search of its national identity, Israel struggled with the Palestinian conflict by producing numerous films about Jews and Arabs in romantic relationships. With the Oslo Accords, these films all but ceased and Israeli filmmakers began identifying societal issues that became the subject of an increasingly more sophisticated cinema. Over the last decade, the variety of issues tackled onscreen and the quality of filmmaking has drawn the world's attention (and that of the Oscars).

Cost: \$10 per session payable at the door

*Eric Goldman is adjunct professor of cinema at Yeshiva University and was a fellow at Brandeis University's Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies. He has been a host, with Robert Osborne, on Turner Classic Movies, for the series "The Projected Image: The Jewish Experience on Film."*

## The Tallit Woven with Love and Tradition

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 pm



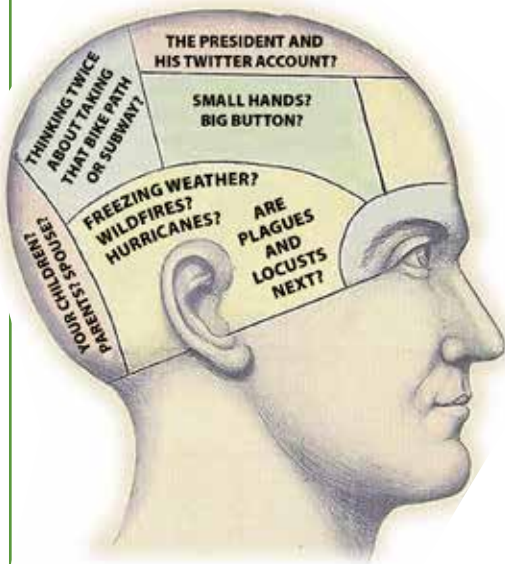
Come meet Robert Kleiman who will be visiting us from Israel to share how his family has been hand weaving tallitot (prayer shawls) in Jerusalem for the past 35 years. Robert will discuss how this family of weavers came to Israel, the significance of wearing a tallit as a ritual object, and show us how to tie tzitzit.

His talk will be accompanied by a visual presentation and a display of the family's magnificent tallitot. We encourage everyone who is interested in this very special art form to join us and especially encourage children in 5th grade and above and their parents as they think about their upcoming bnai mitvat. If you have a special occasion coming up you may want to purchase or custom order a tallit!

Learn more here: <http://jerusalemallit.com/>

## The Brotherhood Synagogue Chesed Committee Asks

*Is your "nothing-can-bother-a-real-New-Yorker" self-assurance feeling a little wobbly right now?*



Then give yourself a break and come to

## Finding Resilience in Times of Adversity

PRESENTED BY  
THE CHESED COMMITTEE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11  
@ 11:00 AM**

Join Rabbi Avram Mlotek, named in 2016 by *The Forward* as one of America's "most inspiring rabbis," and co-founder of Base Hillel, a new initiative in Jewish engagement, in exploring how our Jewish tradition offers tools to relieve the existential angst many of us are feeling. Enjoy a little music, some stories of struggle and spiritual assistance from our tradition, and share your own experiences. Light refreshments will be served (because that always helps).

Non-members of Brotherhood Synagogue are welcome to attend!



## Traditional Jewish Bread Baking Class

With Brotherhood Member  
Mark Goldey  
Sunday, March 18,  
Noon-4:00 pm

Learn to make bialys, pletzl, and cornbread—the good stuff—like your parents used to get at the neighborhood bakery. One secret is the flour. Another is the technique. With a little practice, you can make these things at home, better than your local bakery. Learn how! **This class is limited to 12 participants and to those 16 years old and above.**

\$36 for members, \$46 for non-members (the fee covers the cost of the materials supplied).

Please visit the Adult Education page of the website or call the office to register.



## Happenings in Our Kehilah

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

**Joseph and Michelle Maller** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Noemi Maller**. Noemi, a student at Simon Baruch Middle School, will share her simcha with her older sister, **Lila**.

**Thomas Silver and Natasha Silver Bell** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benjamin Silver**. Ben, a student at Birch Wathen Lenox School, will celebrate his simcha with his siblings, **Samuel and Sarah**.

**Richard and Wendy Nelson** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Lucas Nelson**. Lucas, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate his simcha with his older brother, **Jack**.

**Kevin and Dawn Mintzer** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Anna Mintzer**. Anna, a student at Simon Baruch Middle School, will celebrate her simcha with her older sister, **Sarah**.

**David Monk and Alison Monk** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Eden Monk**; and to grandparents, **George and Madeleine Brecher**. Eden, a student at Simon Baruch Middle School, will celebrate her simcha with her older brother, **Jacob**.

**Michael and Fifi Simon** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **David Simon**. David, a student at Rodeph Sholom School, will celebrate his simcha with his older siblings, **Noa and Nathan**.

### Births, Mazal Tov to:

**Marita and Michael Altman** on the birth of their grandson, **Winston August Gardner**, born to **Samantha and Evan Gardner**.

### Condolences to:

**Penny Domow** on the passing of her brother, **Elliot Domow**.

**Margie and Bram Jelin** on the passing of their daughter, **Sandra Jelin Plouffe**. 🌸

## The Chesed\* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW

We recognize it is sometimes difficult to find a full selection of Passover-appropriate items in the local grocery stores. If you have challenges which make it difficult to acquire your Pesach provisions, please contact the synagogue office by Wednesday, March 14. We may be able to pick up missing items for you at a store outside Manhattan with a larger selection.

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

## President's Post by Trudi Rae Bartow



**S**lang for money, a divine symbol, and a basic staple made from the commonest of ingredients, bread is both simple and profound. While there are many things in this life that can divide us (politics, religion, race, ethnicity) bread is something associated with bringing us together. There are numerous faith and secular traditions that feature bread on the center stage.

**This month Brotherhood member, Mark Goldey, will be returning to teach his very popular and interactive class on Jewish Bread Baking (sign up on our online calendar—Sunday, March 18—before all the spots are filled!!) I have had the great pleasure of taking this class and tremendously enjoyed learning how to make (and tasting!) traditional delicious breads.**

I have a passion for bread, I would forego all other foods if I had to but I could never pass on a freshly baked slice of warm bread. In thinking about this upcoming event, and my love of the yeasty treat, I wanted to share some very interesting facts I have learned over the years about bread:

Mankind has been eating a baked combination of flour and water since at least 10,000 B.C.

The ancient Greeks were already producing more than 80 types of bread in 2500 B.C.

Bread was so important to the Egyptian way of life that it was used as a type of currency. They

revered it so much they would often place it in the tombs of their dead.

Bakers were powerful credit brokers during the Middle Ages in France. They often loaned out bread as currency and as a form of credit. King Louis IV said, "He who controls a nation's bread is a greater ruler than he who controls their souls."

Napoleon gave a common bread its name when he demanded a loaf of dark rye bread for his horse during the Prussian campaign. "Pain pour Nicole," he ordered, which meant "Bread for Nicole," his horse. To Germanic ears, the request sounded like "Pumpnickel," which is the term we use today for this traditional loaf.

Bakers used to be fined if their loaves were underweight so they added an extra loaf to every dozen, hence the term "Baker's Dozen."

Superstition says it is bad luck to turn a loaf of bread upside down or cut an unbaked loaf.

Assuming a sandwich was eaten for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, it would take 168 days to eat the amount of bread produced from one bushel of wheat. A family of four could live 10 years off the bread produced by one acre of wheat.

When first sold, sliced bread was advertised as "the greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped." This led to the popular phrase "the best thing since sliced bread".

So whether your preferred bread is risen or flat, braided or round, filled with raisins or seeds, egg washed, savory, or sweet—I wish you happy baking and, more importantly, happy eating! 🌸

Thanks to all our members and friends who contributed, rolled up their sleeves and prepared meals, and then helped distribute food to the needy/hungry on Sunday, January 28 along with our partner, The Hunger Van.





# YAHRZEITS

^Garden of Remembrance \*Book of Remembrance

## March 3 - 9

Mary K. Abrams, ^Charles A. Akins, Frances Allen, ^June Alpers, ^Sylvia Alpren, Stanley Berk, Elliott Berman, ^Morris Bernstein, Benjamin Cohen, Irvin Cohen, \*Hannah Cohen, Jacob Dobrow, Deleah Eisenberg, Louis Elson, George Evans, Benjamin Feinsilber, ^Michael Irwin Fenner, ^Sherwin Finsie, Sam Friedes, \*Edward Friedman, Irene Friedman, ^Irving Friedman, \*William Friedman, ^Samuel Marshall Goldin, ^Vivian Goldreich, George Gostin, Ross Gottlieb, ^Susan Greene, ^Beth Greenhouse, Taube Ha Levi, Jacob Hausner, \*Anne Herbst, ^Karen Jeffreys, Ishaiv Kleiman, Louis Kleinbein, ^Alex Knopf, Martha Kolbert, Claire Kramer, Samuel Kupferwasser, ^Fannie (Phillips) Kurland, ^Isaac Lazoff, Ida Lederer, Herman Lutwak, Anni Lutwak, \*Sol Marks, ^Louis H. Martus, Gerard Marx, ^I. J. Mayo, ^Harry Mesibov, Miriam Miller, ^Dr. I. Franklin Miller, ^Jack Muskat, \*Bertha Naftalis, ^Lotte Noymer, Sam Olken, ^Rose Patiky, \*Fae Pearl, \*Meyer Pearl, ^Harry Pollak, Ronald Ragovin, Max Rosenbach, Andrew Rothstein, ^Ida Rothstein, Charlotte Rubin, ^Ella Sandler, Morris "Moishe" Sapir, Martin Saportas, Ida Schiffman, \*Isidore Schneider, ^Charles Schonhaut, ^Charles Schotland, Jacob Schwartzberg, \*David Siepser, ^Jean Silverman, \*Jacob L. Slotnick, Harry Solomon, Dixie Spielberger, ^Anna Sunkin, ^Isadore Tewelov, \*Simon Toby, Edward Tomkin, \*Abe Jay Treu, Harriet Van Blerkom, David Waldman, ^Florence Ward, Abraham Weinman, \*Henry Weisburg, Louis Weprin, Benjamin Wine, ^Jennifer Winicki, \*Fay Wolfson, Charles Zucker, Solomon Zucker

## March 10-16

Isaac Abraham, ^Sophie Ader, Paul Basch, Naomi Bernard, ^Mania Bernstein, Rachel Blitz, Ethel Brill, ^Stanley Laurence Chodos, Lillian Cohen, Dr. Harold Damask, \*Robert Dubin, \*Rose Dym, ^Norman Ember, Charles Falick, \*Augusta Fassler, ^Joseph Feldman, William Gertz, Rose Gingold, Morris Gluckman, Bebe Goldenberg, \*Barnett Goldstein, ^George Goldstein, Shirley Goodman, Evelyn Greenberg, ^Al E. Greene, ^Lois Greene, ^Belle Gruber, ^Adele Joseph, Douglas Kessler, ^Eva Klein, ^Sara Laderhandler, Peter LaMann, ^Bertha Levy, Phillip Lipman, ^Nellie Lipton, Anna Marke, Sylvia Marke, ^Pearl B. Merksel, Frida Meyers, Paul "Buddy" Miller, \*Louis Moskowitz, ^George Novom, ^Seymour Offerman, Phillip Palmer, Annie Press, ^Howard Rapaport, Nathan Riff, \*Fay Rothman, ^Abraham Rothstein,

Norman Samberg, \*Edith Schechter, Adele Schneider, \*Eliezer Schulwolf, Nathan Schutz, ^William Secunda, \*Sol Seiger, ^Blanche Lorraine Seinfeld, \*Hyman Shafer, \*Anne Shames, Irving Sherinsky, Herbert Siegel, ^Hyman Starr, Israel Stern, ^Jerome Stutzel, ^Samuel Topper, Ruth Weissberg, ^Emanuel Weissler, Lillan Wernick

## March 17-23

Alan Berkowitz, Anna Bernstein, Sylvia Bluestone Arnold, ^Boris Lewis Braverman, Samuel Charters, ^Sophie Cohn-Reisner, Theodore A. Cooperstock, \*Charles Eisinger, Michael Enzer, May Epstein, ^Dorothy Fein, Maurice Fishman, Abraham Franklin, Doris Friedman, ^Dora Greenberg, George Greenfield, ^\*Samuel Greenhouse, Sandra Helfeld, Helen Hochbaum, Dolores Hoffman, Arthur Kellman, ^Philip Kenner, Miriam Kleinbein, ^Molly Pitcher Krauss, Charlotte Kwasha, Barry Laighold, \*Stanley Joseph Landsman, \*Dorothy Lese, ^Davis Levine, ^Ida Chika Leah Litsky, ^Joseph Mald, Max Mandell, Sarah Davis Mandell, ^Sadie Mosberg, \*Max Naftalis, ^Gussie Offerman, Ira Ostrow, \*Joseph Rizzman, \*Erwin Isaac Rossman, ^Charlotte Schneider, Miriam Silver, Herman Silverstein, Louis Sobel, Sally Sorrell, ^Tillie Sweet, ^Abraham Versh, \*Lilyan Weber, Gail Weinstein

## March 24-30

Ann Abeles, ^Selma E. Abraham, ^Rachel Alster, Beatrice Alter, \*Rachel Ash, \*Celia Baum, Ella Berenstein, Bernard Buchman, George Casper, \*Joseph Chizner, Dani Clemons, ^Dorothy Cohen, \*Rebecca Ellenbogen, Jerry Epstein, ^Albert Epstein, Betty Estersohn, Miriam Feingold, \*Morris Feldman, \*Fred Firstenberg, ^\*Cyril Freedman, ^Selma Frishling, ^Joseph Goldenberg, Morton Goldman, \*Simon Gourse, ^Ralph Isaac Green, Charlie Greenberg, ^Lilyan Gross, ^Steven Hueglin, ^Victoria Jacobs, ^Regina Kesternbaum, \*Fred Klein, Sylvia Kletzkin, Celia Kligler, ^Anna Klonsky, Karen Kupper, \*Sarah Levine, \*Fannie Mandelowitz, Blasina Marte, Hortense Luria Mintzer, Nathan Neiderman, Florence Parker, ^Claire Pollak, Marilyn Radovsky, Sol J. Rauch, Raphael Rich, Herman Rich, Martin Rosen, Michael Rosenstock, ^Henry Ross, Fay Rothstein, Neva Sacco, Grace Salant, ^Sigmund Schutz, ^David M. Schwartz, ^Bertha Seeman, Charles Segal, ^Bertha Antler Seinfeld, ^Barry Smulian, ^Harold Spahn, \*Samuel Tepperman, \*Emanuel Wallach, Albert Wertheim, Jack Wildstein, ^Matilda Dursht Wolf, Rose Zucker

## March 31 - April 6

Dr. Julius Leonard Abrams, ^\*Erwin T. Basch, Michael Baslow, Brig.Gen. Irving Bersoff, \*Gussie Biegeleisen, Betty Cohen, Nancy Crown, Victor Danberg, Rose Erman, ^George Farkas, Bertram Feinberg, \*Louis Feldman, ^Isaac Feldman, Martin Frey, Judith Gaines, Harry Genzer, ^Stanley Glassman, ^Jakov Gleizer, ^\*Sara Anna Goldfarb, ^Bertha Gomby, \*Eva Passman Greenberg, Harry Gussman, Eddie Hans, Roselyn Hauptman, Catherine Hern, Martin Hoff, Samuel Ir, \*Samuel Jacobs, ^Nathan D. Jacobs, Nathan Kaplan, Alex Kasson, Honon Kommissaroff, Jeffrey Korman, ^Patricia Learner, Dalia Leeds, Max Leinweber, Regina Handel Leslie, ^Saul Levy, Selma Licht Gold, ^George Markowitz, Molly Menschenfreund, Dorothy Moldov, Irving Morse, Sylvia Moskowitz, ^Harvey Nelson, ^Louis Offerman, Philip Petchenik, Bertha Pollick, ^Jennie Rabinoff, ^Sadie Rickles, \*Helen Robinove, \*Rose Rosen, Joseph Rothchild, Sharon Salant, Oscar Saltzman, Carl-Olof Sandberg, Hannah Schimel, Nathan Shapiro, ^Morris Samson Sidran, ^Abraham Silberling, \*Jacob Tepperman, ^Frank Turteltaub, ^\*Meyer Warmbrand, Leah Weisman, Harry Wolf, ^Alexander Wolf, James Yassky, ^Alice Zelmanowicz, ^Susan Zuckerberg

## Social Action

### Project Ezra: Serving the Jewish Elderly on the Lower East Side-Collecting March 1 - March 18

Brotherhood's Social Action Committee will be collecting donations of Passover foods from March 1 to 18 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.**

**Please join us at PROJECT EZRA to give out Passover food to needy elders!!**

If you have access to a car and would like to help us out, here are the details:

**Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 am**

465 Grand Street

The Apple Bank Building

(Back Entrance on East Broadway)

It should take a minimum of 1 hour, or you can stay until we are done!

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY CHESSED!!**

Reserve your spot with Jayne Skoff

(iamjayne@gmail.com) ☺

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CANTOR ISAAC YAGER,

RABBI IRVING J. BLOCK<sup>21</sup> D.D.: Founding Rabbi

HERMAN DIAMOND: Cantor Emeritus

TRUDI RAE BARTOW: President

PHILLIP ROTHMAN:  
Executive and Education Director

Congregation founded in 1954  
Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859

## Life Goes On

Thank you very much to Jack Cassis and Sheila Zaslower for the wonderful opportunity to learn to use our computers fully. In general, our February meeting, learning, and dining together, was a great success.

On **Tuesday, March 13 at 4:30 pm**, we will be going to the fabulous and much discussed **Downton Abbey exhibit** at 218 West 57th Street! This event is being organized by Judy Schneider, please **rsvp to Judy** ([jjudith26@gmail.com](mailto:jjudith26@gmail.com)) and email her if you have any questions. The entrance fee is \$28 per person, and viewing the exhibit will take about 60-90 minutes. We plan to have dinner together afterward at the famous and fun Brooklyn Diner, next door to the exhibit, and graciously they will provide separate checks for everyone.



**Save the date:** Our April meeting will be at **7:00 pm on Thursday, April 26** at the **Center for Jewish History**. Harvard Professor Dr. Ruth Wisse will speak on the topic of *Politics of American Jewish Power*. Our group will only have 15 reserved seats at a cost of \$10.30 per ticket, so do **RSVP to Brenda Pace**, [Bapace172@gmail.com](mailto:Bapace172@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you wish to attend. Dinner will precede the lecture, with details to follow.

Our March book club date and book have not been set yet - members will be advised as soon as that information is available. As usual, NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion and wine and desserts will be served. Please remember that you must RSVP in advance 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.

*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 *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](mailto:Iagnesmarton@gmail.com) or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750, email [rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).

## A Note from Development

### Rothman Educational Fund

The Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School is off and running. In January, members Diane and Arthur Abbey, in support of the Fund, hosted an intimate group for a private tour of **Japanese Bamboo Art: The Abbey Collection** at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at their home. Arthur made a compelling appeal for the need and importance of the Fund to ensure the future of the Hebrew School for generations to come. There will be additional small, member- or Trustee-hosted events like this, and we invite you to let us know if you are interested in holding one at your home in support of the Rothman Fund!

### Why an Endowment Fund for the Hebrew School?

The Brotherhood Synagogue's last Capital Campaign—a brick-and-mortar campaign to fund major renovations to the building—was nearly twenty years ago. After much deliberation and careful consideration, the Board of Trustees recognized the need to embark on a second Capital Campaign, this time to establish an Endowment Fund to benefit one of the most important programs that takes place in the building—our Hebrew School.

One unique aspect of our Hebrew School is our ongoing commitment to our **Hebrew Language Lab Program**. Labs are comprised of multiple small groups of Hebrew students studying together with experienced and innovative Hebrew teachers. This program allows us to give each child the individual attention they deserve. The Lab Program began in 2006 under Phil Rothman's leadership, starting with just 5 students. It currently serves 52 students, approximately 25% of the School's total student population. While the Lab Program demonstrates our concern for each individual student's progress, it necessitates hiring more teachers. We believe that Lab learning is the future of Jewish education, and we are committed to welcoming students to our Hebrew School regardless of their current level of learning or their ability to pay. Thus, the importance of this endowed Fund is to help maintain and grow The Lab Program, offset scholarships and allow us to offer more innovative programming.

We will be sending individual appeals for the Rothman Fund out at the end of March, and we hope that you will open your hearts—and your checkbooks—to help us ensure that our Hebrew School remains vital, thriving and meeting the needs of students in the 21st century!

Arthur Abbey pointed out that in the decades that he has known Phil Rothman, Phil has never said no. Whatever the need, he somehow makes things happen. This is your chance to honor Phil and say yes!

If you have any questions about the Fund or would like to discuss a gift, please contact me at 212-674-5750 or [mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).  
—Marilyn Strozak, Director of Development

## Hebrew School News: Purim to Pesach (14th Adar–15th of Nisan)

The month of March starts off with a Purim blast—precisely because it is Purim!

And now the question: when Purim comes, can Pesach be far behind? Of course not! Pesach is always four weeks after Purim!

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 sections of the Hagaddah in Hebrew. And almost all of our children will be learning the *Mah Nishtana?* (*Why is this night different from all other nights?*)

On Tuesday March 27, the 11th day of Nisan, our Gan (Kindergarten), Kitah Aleph (1st Grade) & 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 Sagi Shahr—in our Sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 pm.

And on Wednesday March 28, the 12th day of Nisan, (just two days before Erev Pesach, which is Friday March 30), 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 5:00-6:00 pm. All Hebrew School parents/grandparents are welcome!

Wishing you a joyous Purim and a liberating and meaningful Pesach!

—Barbara Simon,  
Hebrew School Principal

## Nursery School Thoughts

by Evan Gasman

In the halls of the Brotherhood Nursery School, I'm a ghost dad. I've done drop-off maybe twice, pick up never, and I'm nowhere to be found during Sukkot breakfasts and Chanukah parties. This is not by choice, of course, but the nature of working market hours demands an early arrival and very little flexibility. Such sacrifices are balanced, however, by the fact that I am home everyday between 4:30 and 5pm and that's when I get cooking.

I love to cook. My specialty is bringing back old-world Ashkenazi cuisine and updating it with a modern touch. I find that after a long day of work, nothing makes me happier than chopping vegetables to prepare a big meal. The issue is, of course, that with me in the kitchen, I'm not with my children, so in the beginning my son Leo would watch me chop from his high chair. As he progressed through preschool, so did his knowledge of the Jewish holidays, so we would embark on little cooking projects together as a way to bolster the celebrations he learned in class. After visiting my grandfather in Forest Hills, we'd shop on 108th Street in advance of our feasts. Now, Leo can name each variety of

nuts or dried fruit housed inside big glass bins at the Russian gourmet shops, and he knows the difference between beef and veal ribs at the old kosher butcher. Nothing makes me prouder.

With our little meals, Leo is learning how to cook for the family and how to honor all of the Jewish holidays through—what else—food? My cooking has also improved and we even started a fun Instagram handle called @SchmaltzyChef. (Follow us as we teach you the recipes at home!) We bake Challah and loaves of traditional caraway rye. We make chicken paprikash, sweet and sour meatballs, cholent and racks of lamb. Leo leads the way. We talk about the differences and traditions of what to eat over the holidays, like dairy on Shavuot and fruit on Tu BiShvat. This Purim, we will likely make hamantaschen, where Leo will decide what goes inside. As I look back on the last three years of our meals together, I have the Brotherhood Nursery School to thank for fostering this passion of ours. Not only has our cooking brought us closer, it has sparked a joy in our home—whether we're celebrating Jewish holidays or the little rituals of everyday life. ~



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

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**Friday, March 9**

5:30 pm - Children up to age 3 with  
Saskia Lane

5:30 pm - Children ages 4-6 years old  
with Katie Shea

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

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**Friday, March 23**

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

## ♪ Cantor's Notes ♪

by Cantor Isaac Yager

Undoubtedly, classical Jewish liturgy is a sacred demonstration of worship. To some, this sacredness is untouchable. Yet, there is no doubt that religious observance and the level of strict adherence to Jewish liturgy in the practice of prayer and worship is different for everyone. Ultimately, the development and expansion of Jewish liturgy is based on specific religious orientation, and more fundamentally, on individual liturgical tastes. Consequently, this means that “liturgical red lights,” or unbreakable liturgical practices, are dependent upon what factors weigh more heavily on individual worshippers. For some, both Jewish law and the respect for historical preservation are determining factors in the way in which their “liturgical red lights” are shaped. However, some are able to find other more flexible components in worship (translations, music, etc.), to adjust and modify in order to satisfy their desire for a personalized prayer experience. Yet, for some Jewish thinkers and scholars, the reconstruction of classical Jewish liturgy shows a lack of respect to the intent of the whatever prayer is being modified. In fact, some argue that the challenges we face within classical liturgy can actually strengthen and enhance our relationship to

Judaism as a whole, as well as our individual prayer experiences.

In his work *The Limits of Change in Judaism: Reshaping Prayer*, Alan W. Miller writes of the importance of the Hebrew language in Jewish prayer. Miller describes all language as “ideological,” that is, each individual language has the capacity to elicit certain philosophical and conceptual ideas that are inherent and exclusive to that particular language. According to Miller, the reconstruction of classical Jewish liturgy shows a lack of “elementary respect” to the intent of the original prayer. Furthermore, while Miller acknowledges that there are ideas within classical Jewish liturgy that are in some ways an affront to our “modern sensibilities,” including certain narrow-minded and chauvinistic components, it is necessary for us, as Jews, to wrestle with these complexities in order to extract genuine meaning and “experience the psychic soil from which they grew.” Ultimately, Miller believes that this approach, though more complicated, and in some ways more difficult, will in the end lead to a more worthwhile prayer experience. Even if some classical Jewish liturgy seems out of touch and dated to our contemporary sensibilities, if these difficulties are dealt with head on and not mod-

ified for personal convenience “worship will become vital and relevant rather than tedious and boring.” For Miller, our personal struggle with the elements within Jewish liturgy that make us uncomfortable or even angry, in the end, generates a more spiritually energetic and rewarding prayer experience.

On the other hand, Jewish scholar J. Petuchowski seems to have a much more embrace outlook to the way in which liturgy can be changed. Petuchowski writes at the beginning of *Some Laws of Jewish Liturgical Development* of the artistic and ever-changing nature of Jewish liturgy. He goes on to say of Jewish liturgy, “But unlike a painting or symphony, it is not the work of one artist or even the by product of one period.” In this sense, liturgy can be approached as a compositional mosaic that has been configured over the expanse of countless generations. Fundamentally, there is much to be discovered from the close examination of Jewish liturgy, even if this analysis somehow modifies the original intent of the liturgy. Though some might view the exploration of modification in Jewish liturgy as a desecration, there will always be an inherent value and a positive outcome to the affects of study and being open to change. ~

# Brotherhood Synagogue



Adar / Nissan 5778  
March 2018

☆ Saturday Mornings

Shabbat Corner 9:45 am / Junior Congregation 10:30 am / Alef-Bet Club 11 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>25 11 am: Children's Purim Carnival</p>	<p>26 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Torah Study 7 pm: Prayerbook Hebrew 8 pm: Jewish Current Events</p>	<p>27 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!</p>	<p>28 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class Noon: Interfaith Bible Study at Calvary 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Purim Puppet Show 6:30 pm: Purim Megillah Reading &amp; Family Purim Service 6:30 Traditional Purim Service &amp; Megillah Reading</p>	<p>1 7:30 am: Purim Services &amp; Megillah Reading 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner Section 2</p> <p><b>Project Ezra Food Collection Begins</b></p>	<p>2 4:57 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services</p>	<p>3 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Noemi Maller 5:30 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Silver</p> <p><b>KITISSA</b></p>
<p>4 9:30 am: Tikvah</p>	<p>5 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Torah Study 7 pm: Prayerbook Hebrew 8 pm: Jewish Current Events</p>	<p>6 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!</p>	<p>7 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class Noon: Interfaith Bible Study at Brotherhood 4 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: The Art of the Shaliach Tzibur on Erev Shabbat 6:30 pm: The Tallit-Woven with Love and Tradition</p>	<p>8 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner Section 2 7 pm: Brotherhood Film Series: A Lens on Israel</p>	<p>9 5:05 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat up to age 3 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat ages 3-6 6:30 pm: Family Shabbat Grades 2-7 6:30 pm: Services</p>	<p>10 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Lucas Nelson 5:30 pm: Bat Mitzvah of Anna Mintzer</p> <p><b>VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI</b></p>
<p>11 9:30 am: Tikvah 11 am: Finding Resilience in Times of Adversity</p>	<p>12 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Torah Study 7 pm: Prayerbook Hebrew 8 pm: Jewish Current Events</p>	<p>13 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 4:30 pm: Life Goes On 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!</p>	<p>14 Parent-Teacher Conferences-Nursery School 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class Noon: Interfaith Bible Study at Cavalry 4 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: The Art of the Shaliach Tzibur on Erev Shabbat 6:30 pm: Interfaith Seder</p>	<p>15 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner Section 2 7 pm: Brotherhood Book Club</p>	<p>16 5:14 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Havurah Family Shabbat Dinner 6:30 pm: Services</p>	<p>17 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Eden Monk 6:30 pm: Havurah Havdallah</p> <p><b>VAYIKRA</b></p>
<p>18 9:30 am: Tikvah Noon: Traditional Jewish Breads Baking Class with Mark Goldey</p> <p><b>Project Ezra Food Collection Ends</b></p>	<p>19 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School</p>	<p>20 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!</p>	<p>21 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School</p>	<p>22 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner Section 2</p>	<p>23 5:22 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat up to age 3 6:30 pm: Services</p>	<p>24 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of David Simon 1 pm: Shabbat Club</p> <p><b>TZAV</b></p>
<p>25 9:30 am: Tikvah 11 am: Project Ezra Food Delivery</p>	<p>26 4 pm: Hebrew School</p>	<p>27 10 am: English in Action 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!</p> <p><b>Last Night of Homeless Shelter</b></p>	<p>28 Last Day of Nursery School before Passover vacation 4 pm: Hebrew School</p>	<p>29 Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action</p>	<p>30 4:57 pm: Candles 7:30 am: Service and Study for the First Born 6:30 pm: Passover Service 7 pm: Passover Seder</p> <p><b>EREV PESACH</b></p>	<p>31 ☆ 9:30 am: Passover Service-First Day</p> <p><b>PESACH</b></p>