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Summer Travels

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

Over the years, I have been fortunate to travel in the summer to many foreign countries. I have also made it a practice to connect with the local Jewish community and sites. In Istanbul and Marrakesh and on the Island of Rhodes I visited historic synagogues. In Paris, Buenos Aires and Cape Town I was able to participate in Shabbat services. In Prague I was pressed into service to lead the prayers.



offering our skills to help the congregation flourish. Services continue during the summer months. Come recharge your spiritual batteries and welcome our new cantor, Isaac Yager.

The Traveler's Prayer—also known as *Tefilat Haderekh* in Hebrew—is a prayer said at the onset of a journey. It is customary to recite when one embarks on a long trip, regardless of the mode of transport. The prayer asks God to deliver the traveler safely, to protect them from any dangers or perils they may encounter along the way, and to return them in peace.

Numerous congregants have shared with me their stories of travel and the Jewish community they encountered on their journey. Sometimes it is a story of personal connection. Often the positive experience has an element of sadness for a thriving Jewish community that no longer exists.

This is good reason to appreciate the vibrancy of our own Jewish community but, at the same time, not to take it for granted. If one makes the important effort to visit synagogues abroad, one should also attend services in our home congregations. There is a dispiriting effect on those assembled in prayer here in New York City to know that we have a large congregation but sometimes have to scramble for a minyan at the start of our services.

Our investment in community has to go beyond the financial aspect of paying dues. It means giving of our time to the quality programs offered at the Brotherhood Synagogue. It means

In the coming Jewish year, we will be turning over the "My Two Cents" column of our newsletter to those who will write about their travel experiences with local Jewish communities. Please email me your articles. Safe travels and have a great summer.

P.S. The "My Two Cents" column this year was dedicated to the many benefits of attending a Jewish summer camp. "Dear Evan Hansen" star Ben Platt credits Camp Ramah in helping "decide for myself what kind of Jew I would be." He elaborated by saying "going to camp and being your own person there, and learning how to socialize with these other Jewish kids and discuss Judaism openly was a huge impactful thing for me, and that is the reason that I am still very close to my Judaism." 🌊

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Phillip Rothman

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Rabbi Alder

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Julie Mintz

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Penny Domow

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Ilse Hoffman

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 9:30 AM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Robin Weiss

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Meredith Shifman

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Jeff Ross

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 7:30 PM

Speaker: Thelma Mann

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 9:30 AM



Seeking Ushers for the High Holidays!

Ushering during the High Holidays (and during Shabbat services) is a great contribution to the Synagogue and a great way to get to know our community better. Please volunteer for this important task at upcoming 5778 High Holy Day services by contacting our Ushers Committee co-Chairs Richard Breier (*Richard.Breier@BreierGroup.com*) or Sam Breier (*Samuel.Breier@BreierGroup.com*) directly and let them know at which service/s you would like to usher.

He Said, She Said: Summers at Cejwin

by Mitchell and Susan Lipp

He Said

My parents sent me to Cejwin Camps in Port Jervis NY in the summer of 1969. I was almost nine and clearly not ready for all that would come. I stayed at Cejwin for a decade—up the ranks, from camper to counselor, along the way I met the woman who would later be my wife. Not meaning to bore or delight you with the travails of my awkward childhood, I'll focus on what is germane here—the Jewish thing.

The name “Cejwin” is derived from the founding organization, the, “Central Jewish institute,” a defunct non-denominational Zionist group with strong connections to a branch of Judaism one seldom hears about anymore (Reconstructionism). By the time I arrived, camp was at once at its height and the beginning of its decline. It closed in the 1990s. The camp was like a fresh air fund for middle class Jewish kids from NYC and the surrounding burbs. By background, I grew up in Brooklyn (when people were fleeing Brooklyn), attended NYC public schools, and went to Hebrew School at a conservative temple- so I fit right in. In the day, being Jewish was an identity rather than a practice or belief system. From a nine year old's perspective it was who we were as opposed to the alternative, being Italian.

Cejwin challenged my ideas about being Jewish. On day one, I was handed a yarmulke and sent to the dining hall for lunch. We began with the ha motzi and finished the meal with birkat hamozen: hundreds of kids of all ages singing in unison. I felt like I was in some kind of exotic tribal cult-this had no



connection to what I experienced going on occasion to temple or Hebrew school. There were no prayer books. How did everyone know the words? They sang with passion and fervor as if they enjoyed it. The idea that there was something to enjoy in this—was to me really strange... Cejwin was a utopian Jewish community that saw its mission in terms of building positive associations toward Jewishness. Looking back I discovered how heretical its traditions were. For example, erev Shabbat-Activities ended early so that there was time to shower and change clothes. There was a Shabbat dress requirement—you must wear white. Before dinner there were services, followed by a traditional Shabbat meal. The white paper table cloth in the dining hall seemed so elegant. After dinner, the evening activity was Israeli dance that went on for hours. Music, dancing, electricity, all against observant practice—but who knew?

She Said

I was 15 my first summer at Cejwin in its Leadership Training Program (LTC), a two-summer program for teenagers that involved

classes in Jewish studies in the morning and free time in the afternoon. Israeli dancing was a big part of the LTC experience. Not only was there Israeli dancing every Friday night, but also, a lot of time was spent rehearsing for a dance performance before the entire camp, called a “Rikudiah.”

But I was a little skeptical in the beginning. The only dance I was familiar with was the horah. That first Friday night, I hid in the bunk with my friend, questioning my decision to spend my summer this way. But once I decided to give it a try (ok, the counselors found us and dragged us out), I never looked back. I loved learning the steps to the different dances and enjoyed the music that went along with them. There was much energy and laughter.

Thanks to Israeli dancing, I had one of the most embarrassing experiences of my life. We were given somewhat flimsy costumes to wear during the Rikudiah. As I was dancing around the stage, I felt the clasp holding up my skirt give way and I realized with some alarm that my skirt was about to fall off. I gamely tried to dance my way off stage while holding onto the skirt for dear life. I thought I was being very discrete, but from the reaction of both the audience and the other dancers, this was not the case. For the rest of the summer (thankfully, we were near the end), I was known as the girl whose skirt fell off during the Rikudiah.

The following summer, I befriended a boy with two left feet who had a very hard time learning the dance moves. I tried to help him. And yes dear readers, I married him. 🌸

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Life Goes On

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

Thank you to Luise Ross for arranging an amazing tour of some of Chelsea's most interesting art galleries! Our tour was followed by a long relaxing dinner at the Park restaurant in the company of good friends while enjoying delicious food and drinks—a perfect ending to the lovely day.

What a pleasure to see so many friends at our last book club meeting when we discussed Jonathan Safran Foer's new novel, *Here I Am*. It is always fascinating to hear different perspectives and gain new insights in our discussions, wonderfully moderated by Professor Birns. We have scheduled the next meeting for **Thursday, September 7 at 7pm**—the book will be selected and advised shortly. Professor Birns will guide our dis-

cussion and wine and desserts will be served as always. The cost of participating is \$20 per person. Please RSVP ASAP if you're planning to attend.

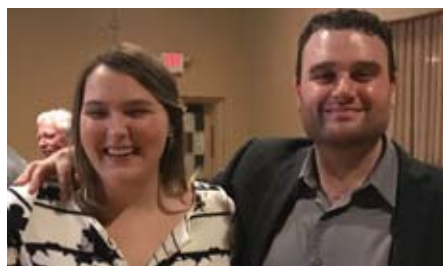
As usual, we will not have any pre-organized events during July and August; but do be on the lookout for a quick email invitation for a picnic dinner and a movie outdoors in one of New York City's wonderful parks.

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 **Agnese Marton** at 917.519.4427 or e-mail her at Iagnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750. 🌸

Welcome Cantor Isaac Yager

After a thorough search that included dozens of resumes from talented cantors all over the county, we are pleased to announce that Cantor Isaac Yager will be joining Brotherhood Synagogue on July 5 as our new full-time hazzan.

Cantor Yager is a recent graduate of the cantorial school of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) with a degree of Hazzan, a Masters in Sacred Music (MSM) and an M.A in Jewish Education. He graduated from Bard College in 2006 and received a Master's in Music from Boston University in 2010. During this past year, Cantor Yager has been the sole clergyman during the Rabbi's sabbatical at Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown, CT where he led Shabbat services, read Torah, delivered the



weekly d'var Torah, conducted pastoral visits, worked with the Religious School, taught a conversion class and contributed to a monthly newsletter. He also has led High Holy Day Services for the past two years, most recently at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Greenport, NY.

Cantor Yager has taught in the Religious School of Park Avenue Synagogue where he developed and implemented a Shaliach Tzibur Workshop and a Jewish social awareness curriculum.

Thank you to the congregation for your invaluable feedback during this process. Thank you as well to all the volunteers of the Cantorial Search committee for their diligent and hard work in recruiting such a talented cantor to Brotherhood.

Please join me in welcoming our new Cantor, and his wife Meredith, at a special oneg celebration following Shabbat services on Friday, July 7.

—Debra M. Aaron, Chair of the Board

Trudi Rae Bartow, President

Tisha B'Av SERVICES

Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av) marks the day when the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and also when the Romans burned down the Second Temple in 70 CE. To commemorate this sad day on the Jewish calendar, Tisha B'Av was designated a full fast day, although one is permitted to work

On the evening of Tisha B'Av, Jews gather in the synagogue to hear the mournful chanting of the Biblical book of Lamentations (*Eicha*), an ancient dirge written by the prophet Jeremiah after the destruction of the First Temple. Congregants often sit on the floor of a darkened room like mourners. This year, Erev Tisha B'Av services will take place on **Monday, July 30 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm.**

We will hold morning services for Tisha B'Av on **Tuesday, August 1 at 9:00 am** and mincha/ma'ariv services (at which tallis and tefillin are worn) on **Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm** followed by a light meal to break the fast.

Summer Candle Lighting and Torah Portions

Friday, June 30, 8:13 PM
Saturday: Parshat Chukat

Friday, July 21, 8:03 PM
Saturday: Parshat Mattot-Massei

Friday, August 11, 7:40 PM
Saturday: Parshat Ekev

Friday, July 7, 8:11 PM
Saturday: Parshat Balak

Friday, July 28, 7:57 PM
Saturday: Parshat Devarim

Friday, August 18, 7:31 PM
Saturday: Parshat Re'eh

Friday, July 14, 8:08 PM
Saturday: Parshat Pinchas

Friday, August 4, 7:49 PM
Saturday: Parshat Va'etchanan

Friday, August 25, 7:20 PM
Saturday: Parshat Shofetim

Brotherhood Book Club Thursday, July 20, 7:00 pm

Margie Katz will lead a discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March*, the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. Inspired by a true story, *People of the Book* is at once a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity, an ambitious, electrifying work by an acclaimed author.

Annual picnic is postponed until August when Billie Elias will lead a discussion of the book *Pearl's Party and You're Invited*.

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



Round Challah Baking for the New Year with Millie Fell

Sunday, September 10,
12 pm - 3

If you love the taste of freshly baked Challah and have wanted to learn how to make it yourself, this is the class for you! Millie will teach you how to make round Challah from scratch. All you need is to bring a large ceramic mixing bowl, we will supply the rest.

Class sells out fast and is limited to 20 participants so register NOW!!!

\$36 for members, \$46 for non-members (the fee covers cost of supplies and benefits the synagogue).

Register online at

<http://brotherhoodsynagogue.org/challah-class.html>

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.

THE BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE

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Happenings in Our Kehilah

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Harvey and Sandy Markovitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their first grandson, **Zachary Hoffman**, son of **Jamie Markovitz** and **Lee Hoffman**; and to younger brother, **Jake**.

Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

Rochelle and **Glenn Schattner** on the marriage of their daughter **Cori Schattner** to **Jason Fogel**.

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Janet Heller on the birth of her grandson, **Zvi Harvey Kramer**, born to **Ava** and **Ari Kramer**; and to older sister, **Eliana Gisele**.


Candy and **Rob Roth** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Adeline Sophia Chertok**, born to **Jessie Roth** and **Dan Chertok**.

Alexandra and **Justin Kosslyn** on the birth of their son, **Asher Orson Kosslyn**.

Condolences to:

Seth Hulkower on the passing of his father, **Bernard Hulkower**.


Barry Huppert on the passing of his father, **Herb Huppert**.

Lola and **Leo Glazer** on the passing of their mother, and our member, **Catherine Glazer**. 

Welcome New Trustees

Alice Beckman: Alice Beckman has been a member of Brotherhood Synagogue for forty years. She had her naming here with Rabbi Block when she was born. She has always been very connected to the synagogue, whether through attending services, events, classes, or donating her time. Alice is also a celebrated fashion designer and has graced the covers of many fashion magazines. She has dressed celebrities and has collaborated with Uniqlo and other select retailers. She is a member of the CFDA and continues to design for high end retailers and specialty clients. Alice has brought her fashion expertise to Brotherhood by courageously undertaking the creation of costumes for the Hebrew school musical annually for the last decade. Alice lives and works in Gramercy and is dedicated to both the betterment of the neighborhood and to the synagogue.

Jeff Ross: Jeff Ross is a Senior Medical Director, Medicare Medical Operations at Aetna. He relocated to NYC from Cleveland in 2007 and began coming to Brotherhood Synagogue to say Kaddish for his father. Because of his positive experiences with people at our Tuesday minyan, with Rabbi Alder, and with Phil Rothman, he decided to join the shul! Since then, Jeff has been deeply involved with the work of the Interfaith Committee and most recently, with the Cantor Search Committee. On occasion, the Rabbi calls him up to chant Haftarah. Jeff enjoys the diversity and spirit of the congregation and our commitment to social action. He is very happy to have found a new spiritual home in NYC, given his lifelong membership with his Cleveland synagogue.

Seth Hulkower: Seth Hulkower is President of Strategic Energy Advisory Services, a privately held consulting company. Seth and his wife, Lissa Perlman, and their daughters, Talia and Sasha, have been members at Brotherhood for over twenty years. Both girls attended Hebrew school at Brotherhood and held their bat mitzvahs here. The welcoming nature of Brotherhood revealed itself on their first visit when Talia, age one at the time, started crying and they rushed out of the sanctuary. Long-time member and past President, Val Gadsen, urged them to come back and then at the end of services Rabbi Alder invited the family with the “singing” baby to open the ark for Aleinu—a terrific introduction to a warm and open community and Seth is very happy to serve on the Board. 

July 1 - 7

*Ray Aaronson, ^Joseph Alster, *Samuel Ash, Norman Block, Rosalind Cohen, Irving Cooperman, ^Irwin Diamond, Morris Feinstein, Rosalind Fleckman, Irving Gaines, Israel Garfin, *Heinrich Gelber, Seymour Gerstenhaber, Rose Glazer, Isidore Gluck, *Barney A. Goldman, ^Benjamin Gordon, ^Kenneth Greenberg, ^Lewis J. Honekman, ^Harry Kirshbaum, Rose Klau (Goldberg), Barbara Levine, ^Saul Magram, Ida Medwed, Elizabeth Meyerowitz, *Nathan Natilson, Robert David Newman, ^Sandra Newman, ^Doris Perlman, Irving Protaz, *Carl Rosner, Naomi Rubin Strumpf, Joseph Saltzman, Margot Salzman, *Jacob H. Schlager, Sylvia Sidney, Harry Siegel, Joseph Silver, ^Joseph Silverstein, ^George Singer, *Murray Sirkin, Jack Sorrell, *Samuel Sosnen, ^Morton Usdan, ^Ruth Weintraub, *Gertrude Werner, Gustav Wertheim, Jeannie Wilen, Harold Wiles, ^Emma H. Wolff

July 8 - 14

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July 15 - 21

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July 29-August 4

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August 5 - 11

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Brotherhood Continues Tradition of Providing Transportation for Cemetery Visits

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

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

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

Memorial Book Listings

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

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



President's Post

by Trudi Rae Bartow

It has been a few years since I was in school but that doesn't mean I still don't get a thrill thinking about summer. I no longer get to take two months off, but I still make sure to get in as many lazy days as possible (hopefully at a beach or a rooftop deck!)



This summer I am looking forward to diminishing the stack of recommended reading I have accumulated, doing a long overdue spring cleaning of my closets, and spending time with my friends and family sitting outside in our New York City sidewalk cafes.

At Brotherhood, we are busy planning fun, social, and edifying events in preparation for the of launch another great year. The Adult Education committee is hard at work looking for interesting speakers and topics to bring to the synagogue, including a program on mussar (Jewish mindfulness practices). The Social Action committee is planning out a year filled with wonderful and worthwhile events that support important causes and institutions, and they're even looking at ways to continue to "green" our synagogue and make us more eco-conscious. Shabbaton is working on hosting a havdallah concert for families and I heard a rumor that the Israel committee is knee-deep in the details of another fantastic Vodka & Latka evening to celebrate Hanukkah! And all this is just the tip of the iceberg of programs and events coming your way.

While we get ready to kick off 5778 with a flourish I wish you and your family a peaceful and relaxing summer!

—Trudi 🌊

The Chesed* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Even though it's summer, the Chesed Committee is still here for you. If you need someone to help you to/from a doctor, to make a "friendly visit" if you are home bound, or to lend a helping hand, get in touch with the Committee through the Synagogue office.

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

A Year of Accomplishment and Activity for Social Action

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

We started the year by taking members who had no easy access to transportation to area cemeteries in Westchester, New Jersey and Long Island prior to the High Holidays so that they could visit the graves of their departed loved ones. In October, we began our fifth year of *English in Action*, a program that helps newcomers to our country gain fluency and confidence in conversational English. We also began a nascent program partnering our senior community with our nursery school to participate in various activities together. We look forward to continuing this effort.

We brought the message of hunger and nutritional deprivation to our members by doing something about it. For the High Holidays we asked our members to donate to *Mazon, the Jewish Response to Hunger*, an amount equal to their Yom Kippur fast. We followed this with a very successful *City Harvest Food Drive*. With donations and the generous support of the Board, we provided many boxes of food and beverages for toddlers and children. Prior to Passover, we collected food and donations for *Project Ezra*, an independent, non-profit grassroots organization serving the frail elderly on New York's Lower East Side.

We staffed and organized the *14th annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive* and, once again, had many volunteers and blood donations. We participated with *DOROT*, a social service agency under Jewish communal auspices, and delivered a Thanksgiving meal and had a friendly visit with homebound seniors over the Thanksgiving weekend. We had our second holiday visit with the residents of the *Hebrew Home in Riverdale*, making this an annual tradition. In conjunction with *Project ORE* and the *Educational Alliance*, we served Shabbat lunch for at risk Jewish older adults. Our annual non-profit book drive, *Project Cicero*, was extremely successful. *Project Cicero* is designed to create or supplement school and classroom libraries for children in under-resourced New York City public schools.

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

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

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

A Note from Development:

As we welcome in the upcoming summer months, with longer daylight hours, warmer climes and perhaps more relaxed schedules, here at Brotherhood we have just completed our Annual Fund year 2016/17 on June 30 and, immediately following, we commenced the new Annual Fund year 2017/18, beginning on July 1, 2017. We will provide final numbers in the September bulletin, but for now, we want to thank EVERYONE who participated in this year's Fund, which helps the synagogue continue to offer the wide array of diverse and robust programs and services that distinguish us from any other synagogue.

On a personal note, since I've joined the staff in late November, I've had the opportunity to attend a number of the synagogue's offerings, each one special and unique. I don't know where to begin to express how impressed and moved I was on every occasion—whether it was one of Phil's Bible classes (my first day!); the homeless

shelter, providing a warm and safe space for our overnight guests with our dedicated volunteers sharing warmth and camaraderie, along with a nutritious hot meal, with our guests; Tor Shabbat services where Rabbi Alder sat on the floor with the children around the bima to welcome Shabbat in a lively, kid-friendly style; Friday night services and Shabbat dinners with fascinating speakers; a packed house for our Passover seder; and *Ifar* services and dinner with our Muslim brothers and sisters. There are so many more examples, but space simply does not permit. **The bottom line is that the Annual Fund makes programs like these and many more possible.**

So, here's wishing all of you—those I've met and those I look forward to meeting in the near future—a wonderful and restful summer. I look forward to seeing you in September, when our High Holiday 5758 Fund kicks off!

—Marilyn Strozak
Director of Development 🌊

The 20th Maccabiah



Brotherhood Synagogue is proud to cheer on member, **Meredith Shifman**, as she represents the United States as goalie on the Women's Open Field Hockey team at the **20th Maccabiah Games** in Israel this July!

The Maccabiah Games (often referred to as the Jewish Olympics) was first held in 1932. The Maccabiah is an international Jewish multi-sports event and is held every four years in Israel. It is

the **third-largest sporting event in the world**, with 9,000 athletes competing on behalf of 80 countries.

The Games are open to Jewish athletes as well as Israeli athletes regardless of religion. The Maccabiah is a forum for Jewish athletes to meet and convene, it also provides these athletes with opportunities to explore Israel and Jewish history.

Good luck, Meredith! 🌸

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 - 12 mos) **Filled**
- **Pre-Toddler** (12 - 18 mos) **Almost Filled**
- **Toddler** (18 mos-3 years) **Available**
- **Thursday Corner** (3-5) **Filled**
- **Shabbat Corner** (3-5) **Available**

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



To be put on a waiting list for any of our filled classes or for further information, please email Roberta at rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

The Tikvah Program

A Hebrew school program for children with special needs since 1994 at Brotherhood Synagogue has openings for Fall 2017

We serve children starting at age 7 on Sunday mornings

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This program is tuition-free for our students. Families do not have to be members of Brotherhood to attend.

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August 19 - 25

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