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Introducing the Havurah to the Brotherhood Synagogue

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

The philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer wrote a parable for our times in which he describes a group of porcupines who are sitting by themselves shuddering in the wintry snow longing for some sort of comfort, for some sort of warmth. And very slowly they begin to move closer together, to huddle against each other but the quills which each of them carry in themselves are razor sharp and they pierce the skin of the other porcupines. And so they decide they cannot huddle together for warmth and they retreat and each of them remains shuddering in the snow, looking at each other from a distance and longing for that kind of warmth.

We have learned in our society to keep a distance from each other. We have learned to be suspicious of each other, to be frightened of real contact because the other may hurt us when we get too close. When I get too close to you I feel that you make all kinds of demands upon me, that you want something of me. Sometimes you can hurt me or get under my skin, and so we have decided to stiffen our quills and to grow them longer and sharper to avoid contact.

And now we are lonely but the human being, unlike the porcupine, can rationalize and make a virtue out of even this loneliness and call this loneliness 'independence.' I am independent,

I am an individual, I am not a joiner, I am a non-conformist, I am self-sufficient. And so successful is this independence, this exalted notion of imperial self that social psychologists note that there is isolation even from family that may live in the same home.

To counter this trend and to celebrate the richness of Judaism in community, the Brotherhood Synagogue is organizing Havurot (singular: Havurah), groups of congregants—singles, couples, families—who occasionally get together to socialize and celebrate Jewish life together. Surveys were included with last month's bulletin and are also available online through our synagogue website or our weekly email. By completing the brief survey you indicate your interest in being part of this endeavor to enhance our community and the connections that lead to a sense of holiness.

Once upon a time, according to ancient Jewish teaching, the angels were plotting against human beings because God had created the humans in God's own image. And the jealous angels said, "Where are we going to hide holiness, where are we going to hide divinity, godliness from humans?" One angel said, "Let's hide it in the mountains." Another angel said, "Let's hide it beneath the seas." Another said,

Shabbat Services


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 9:00 AM
Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot
B'nai Mitzvah of Noah and Sarah Salzman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Lidsky
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:00 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Prince

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 9:30 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Steuer
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:00 PM
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Weber

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:30 PM
Shabbaton Dinner and Speaker:
Author Haroon Moghul
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 9:30 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Stone
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 5:30 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Paroff

"Let's hide it among the trees." And the wisest of all the plotting angels said, "Nonsense, you hide the holiness and divinity in human beings; it's the last place in the world that they would suspect to find godliness and holiness."


The Havurah is an opportunity to discover the holiness in each of us through our relationship with another in the context of our shared Jewish tradition. It is a sacred opportunity to be cared for and nurtured. It will be a blessing for our people. It will be a blessing for our synagogue. It will be a blessing for me and you. 

Simchat Torah Honorees

Daniel Neiden

Our Chatan Beresheet is from Lincoln, Nebraska where his family was involved in the Conservative synagogue. Since the congregation did not have a Cantor, Daniel was leading services from the bima even before his Bar Mitzvah. Daniel has worked in theater here in New York since the 1970s. For the last thirteen years, Daniel has been leading free High Holiday services at St. John's in the Village. He is married to Irene and they are parents of Evan, a freshman at Northwestern University, and Dora, a high school junior at Packer in Brooklyn. Daniel has often served as a substitute Cantor here at Brotherhood.

Susan Halper

Our Kallah Torah was born in Oklahoma but raised here in New York City in Peter Cooper Village. Her family were members of Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. Susan joined Brotherhood Synagogue where her daughter Katie Ida was named and marked her Bat Mitzvah. Katie Ida is presently a medical student at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Susan has worked as a private art dealer and now does fine art appraisal. She served on the Board of Trustees for six years, co-chairs the Special Events Committee, has served on the Cantorial Search Committee, and ushers at Shabbat and holiday services. 

FALL 2017/5778 ADULT EDUCATION

Brotherhood's Adult Ed classes will begin in October after the holidays. Please visit our website: <http://brotherhoodsynagogue.org/adult-education.html> for the full list of courses and to register. A printed version of our course offerings will be available through the synagogue office and in the lobby.

Tikvah Family Camp

by Evan Stein and Jennifer Stein

We just got back from our second summer at Tikvah Family Camp at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, a 5-day camp for Jewish families with children with special needs. So why did we go last year? Why did we go back? Well, this isn't just any camp or even any family camp. This is an opportunity for Jewish families with children with special needs that, in some ways, changed all our lives—from our boys, Josh and Sam, to both Jen and me. Camp Ramah is a popular Jewish summer camp affiliated with the Conservative Movement of Judaism and the National Ramah Commission. They run day camps and sleep-away camps across the country and the Camp Ramah in the Poconos runs their Tikvah Family Camp program the week after their regular camp session ends in August.

Each family at Tikvah Family Camp sleeps in a bunk - the same bunks that the campers stay in during the summer. The bunks overlook a beautiful lake, but we are not talking about 5-star accommodations. If someone is in the shower don't turn on the sink or flush the toilet!

Every morning we went to the Chadar Ochel (dining hall) for breakfast. When we arrived, our autistic son, Josh, was met by his chaver (buddy), Oz. Sam was also assigned to a group of typically developing siblings his age with 3 counselors.

After breakfast everyone went to t'fillot (prayers) at either a traditional service or a sensory service that was specially designed to appeal to kids, some of whom have issues with loud noises or sitting still.

The kids spent the mornings with their chaverim and counselors doing typical camp activities: swimming, omanut (arts and crafts), sports, cooking, and music. This gave the parents the mornings

free to do whatever we wanted. There were organized parent activities (Zumba, boating, learning with the rabbis) or parents could just go for a walk, read on their porches, or take a nap.

At lunchtime, we met back at the Chadar Ochel, and after lunch there were family activities like swimming, tie dying, and scavenger hunts. After dinner, there was another family evening activity. Our favorites were midurah (campfire) and s'mores with shirah and rikud (singing and dancing). After the evening activity, parents got their children ready for bed and a counselor came to the porch of the bunk to allow the parents to go to a parents-only evening activity like trivia night, pita making, and Israeli dancing. This was a great opportunity to meet other Jewish parents with special needs children.

A note about Josh's very special chaver, Oz, who we were lucky to have both years at camp—Oz is Israeli and has been to Camp Ramah as a camper and counselor and his parents have been with the program for even longer. When Jen spoke to the camp director before our first summer, she warned her that Josh can be fairly strong and obstinate and asked if we could have a strong chaver. We were reassured when the camp director sent us a picture of Oz in his IDF uniform.

Oz turned out to be one of the best parts of camp. He was like a big brother to both Josh and Sam and was able to get Josh to step out of his comfort zone. Oz made Josh comfortable enough to try activities he wouldn't do anywhere else—ride in a speedboat, ride a horse, and milk a cow. For 5 days, with Oz's help, he got to just be a kid at sleep-away camp who happens to have autism.

But for Sam, it may have been the most impactful of all. Sam jumped right into camp life: playing sports, dancing, learning Hebrew words and songs and making friends with anyone he met. Jen and I looked at each other and said, "This kid belongs at camp."

So, this year, we sent Sam to day camp at Camp Ramah in Nyack for the whole summer. There he learned songs and dances, had fun-filled Jewish study and even learned to swim. When he came back to Tikvah Family Camp at Camp Ramah in the Poconos this year he was an old hand. At the carnival on the first night, when the Hebrew music started, he jumped up and said, "This is my favorite song!" and started dancing with the counselors using the same moves he learned at Ramah Nyack. At the end of camp, his counselors nicknamed him Sam "I know that one already" Stein. He loved learning Hebrew and can't wait to start Hebrew school at Brotherhood this year.

So, how has this changed our lives? Well, it is 5 days that Jen and I have an opportunity to reconnect with Judaism in a non-judgmental environment for our children. In the many essays you have read in the Brotherhood newsletter this past year, you may have been struck by the special ruach of Jewish summer camp that comes from praying, playing and living so close to nature. At Tikvah Family Camp we got to experience that and much more. Most importantly, while we got to speak with rabbis and other parents about issues of particular interest to parents raising a special needs child, both of our children were safe, secure, and having a wonderful time. It is a Jewish experience without equal. 🌊

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.

Many thanks to Steve Cohen, our docent extraordinaire, for his wonderful guided tour of Central Park. A delicious dinner followed at the Boat-house as we watched the sun set over the lake.

On **Wednesday, October 25 at 3:30 pm** we will visit the Morgan Library (225 Madison Avenue) to tour their amazing new exhibit: *Drawn to Greatness: Master Drawings from the Thaw Collection*, highlighting more than 150 master drawings from one of the world's finest private collections with a focus on pivotal artists and key moments in the history of draftsmanship, from Rembrandt to Picasso.

At 2:00 pm prior to the tour, we plan to meet in the Morgan's glass-roofed café for their famous afternoon tea. A traditional English tea will be served with finger sandwiches, scones, and more! The cost of tea and the tour combined is \$45 per person; the tour alone is \$15.00 per person. **Our tour is limited to 20 participants, so please advise Agnes ASAP if you plan to attend.**

Our November event will be extraordinary: a private tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and its gold vault where we can learn about the history, role, and responsibilities of the bank while checking out its iconic home. Dinner will follow as usual in an interesting restaurant in the Wall Street area. The date and details for this event will be provided as soon as they are available.

Our October book club meeting will be on **Thursday, October 26**. We will discuss *The Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles which explores what it meant to be a man of purpose during the tumultuous decade of the Russian revolution. As usual, NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion and wine and desserts will be served. **Please remember always to RSVP 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.**

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 lagnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750. 🌊

Shabbat Club • Saturday Oct. 14, 1 pm

Lesley Sachs, Executive Director of Women of the the Wall (WOW), will lead a discussion on religious pluralism in Israel and gender equality at the Kotel (The Western Wall in Jerusalem).



Women of the Wall (WOW) is a group of women who have asserted women's right to pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem since 1988. As stated on their web site, "... our central mission is to attain social and legal recognition of our right, as women, to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah, collectively and aloud, at the Western Wall." The women's monthly prayer has been met with violent opposition from Orthodox worshipers, both male and female. Similar violence has also met Reform and Conservative congregations of Jews which have attempted to pray near the Western Wall in mixed prayer groups of men and women. All are welcome to join us at Shabbat Club for this topical conversation in the Reception Room on the 2nd floor opposite the Sanctuary. Snacks and beverages provided.

Sukkot Services

FIRST TWO DAYS OF SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 5,
9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday, October 6, 9:30 AM



HOSHANAH RABBAH (7TH DAY OF SUKKOT)

Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 AM

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

SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 12, 9:30 AM

Yizkor prayers recited around 11:30 AM
Shemini Atzeret is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones and it is traditional to light a memorial candle and give gifts of charity in their names.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 PM

Hakkafof (processions) and dancing with the Torahs

Friday, October 13, 9:00 AM

Presentation of Simchat Torah honors to:

Susan Halper, Kallah Torah

Daniel Neiden, Chatan Bereshit

Havurah Kick Off at Brotherhood Complete the survey and participate!!

Join a group of friends to celebrate Jewish life together!

By now, most of you will have read about, heard Rabbi Alder and other members at High Holy Days speak about, or heard from the Brotherhood schools about—our Havurah kick off this year at Brotherhood!

The word "Havurah" comes from the Hebrew word "Haver," meaning a friend. A Havurah is a group of Brotherhood Synagogue members who join together to enrich their lives and to reinforce the spirit of Judaism in themselves and their children. Each self-directed Havurah becomes a small community of congregants who meet in each other's homes to study, socialize and/or celebrate Jewish life together. We hope that you will complete the survey, join a Havurah, and start on this meaningful journey. You may request to be in a Havurah with someone you already know.

Please return your survey by **OCTOBER 20**. The link to the very brief survey is found on the homepage of our website or in our weekly email.

HATE SPACES

-THE POLITICS OF INTOLERANCE ON CAMPUS-

Sunday, October 15 • 4:30 pm

A screening of this powerful documentary film on how anti-Semitism is being made fashionable at many American universities. Q & A to follow with Susan Tuchman, Director, ZOA Center for Law & Justice and Zach Stern, Director of ZOA on Campus.

Fall 2018 Intensive Learning Class:

A Taste of Mussar

Wednesdays, October 18 -
December 13



To register for this class or if you have any questions, email Trudi Bartow: trudirae@gmail.com

Cost: \$200 / Maximum 12 students

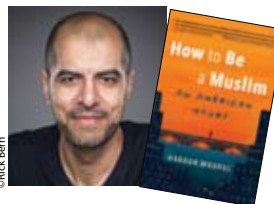
Instructor: Rabbi Judith B. Edelstein,
Doctor of Ministry, BCC

Learn about and experience the life-changing practices of "Mussar"—journaling, meditating, chanting, etc., which are formulated to help you make incremental changes in the way you behave and relate to the world. Deepen your ethics, spiritual sensibilities and relationships. Know and grow yourself from inside out within a Jewish framework.

SHABBATON AT BROTHERHOOD

Friday-Saturday, October 27-28

How to Be A Muslim: An American Story A Conversation with Author Haroon Moghul



Following services and a congregational dinner on Friday evening, October 27, join us for a talk and discussion with **Haroon Moghul**, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Policy and the Muslim Leadership Initiative facilitator at the Shalom Hartman Institute. In *How to Be a Muslim: An American Story*, Moghul details his coming-of-age story as an American Muslim and his struggle to forge his identity as a second-generation immigrant in a post-9/11 world. He documents the crushing pressures of living in a world that shuns and fears Muslims, as well as his own complicated relationship with Islam and his battles with bipolar disorder.

Book available for purchase in advance or at the dinner for \$18.

Haroon Moghul builds Muslim-Jewish engagement at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He was selected as one of five hundred Muslim Global Leaders of Tomorrow, has been a fellow at the Center on National Security at Fordham Law and with the New America Foundation, has served as the director of public relations at the Islamic Center at New York University, and is part of the Multicultural Audience Development Initiative at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. He's written for the *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, *Time*, *Foreign Policy*, *Haaretz*, and *CNN*. Haroon was a guest instructor at Brotherhood's *Judaism and Islam* class this past winter.

Friday, October 27

6:30-7:30 pm:

Shabbat Services with
Rabbi Alder and Cantor Yager

7:30 pm: Congregational
Dinner for members and friends

8:30-9:15 pm: Speaker -
Author Haroon Moghul

9:15-9:45 pm: Oneg Shabbat -
Stay for dessert, coffee, and
after-dinner conversation.

Saturday, October 28

9:30-Noon: Shabbat Services
with Rabbi Alder and Cantor
Yager

9:30-10:15 am: Torah Talk
with Phil Rothman, Topic: *Go to
Yourself: What a Concept* in the
4th floor library

Noon: Kiddush Lunch in the
Community Room

1:15-2:15 pm: Spiritual Yoga
with Rebecca Kryspin. All
levels welcome.

4:00 - 5:00 pm: Terrific Toddler
Time with Saskia Lane

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday,
December 5, 2017
at 7 pm

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik
Executive Vice-President of The New York Board of Rabbis
will speak at The Brotherhood Synagogue's
RABBI IRVING J. BLOCK MEMORIAL LECTURE
Reception to follow



Happenings in Our Kehilah

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Ken and Lisa Salzman on the B'nai Mitzvah of **Noah and Sarah Salzman**. Noah and Sarah, students at Salk School of Science, will celebrate their simcha with their older sister, **Fraya**.

Steven and Lisa Lidsky on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Ryan Lidsky**. Ryan is a student at the Rodeph Sholom School.

Michael and Sheryl Prince on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Isaac Prince**. Isaac, a student at I.S. 104, will celebrate his simcha with his older brother, **Elias**.

Jonathan Steuer and Marjorie Ingall on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, **Maxine Steuer**. Maxine, a student at Institute for Collaborative Education, will celebrate her simcha with her older sister, **Josie**.

Anat Weber on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, **Sarah Weber**. Sarah is a student at Grace Church School.

Eric Stone and Marianna Vaidman Stone on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Rachel Stone**. Rachel, a student at Stephen Gaynor School, will celebrate her simcha with her older sister, **Emily**; and to Rachel's grandparents, **Chester and Donna Stone**.

Sean and Susan Paroff on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Alexander Paroff**. Xander, a student at LREI, will celebrate his simcha with his younger sister, **Harlan**; and to Xander's grandmother, **Liane Ginsberg**.

Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

Carol and Thomas Franken on the marriage of their son, **Gordon Franken** to **Amy Levine**.

Roberta Haim and Manny Henzel on their marriage.

Sam Breier on his engagement to **Yuli Shushan**; and to Sam's parents **Alyson Fendel Breier** and **Richard Breier**; and to Sam's grandmother, **Sylvia Fendel**.

Sonia and Zach Glazer on the engagement of their daughter, **Ilana Glazer** to **Mathew Matro**.

Births, Mazal Tov to:


Susan Greenberg and Evan Schneider on the birth of a granddaughter, **Abigail Charlotte**

Scheer, born to **Emily and Billy Scheer**; and to **Abigail's aunt and uncle, Rachel Schneider and Joshua Erich (and Lily)**.

Condolences to:

Susan Silverman Ascher on the passing of her mother, **Dorothy Silverman**.

The family of our member, **Viola Harris**, on her passing.

Mara Lipner on the passing of her mother, **Judith Lipner**. 

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 10 at Services
Veteran's Day Shabbat
sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Social Action

Brotherhood City Harvest Campaign During the Month of October

The Social Action Committee is hosting its annual food drive to benefit City Harvest during the month of October.

By donating food items from the lists below you can help feed a family in need. Kindly bring your food donations to the collection box in the Synagogue lobby anytime during the month of October.

The most needed foods are:

- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- peanut butter (plastic jars)
- mac and cheese (packaged)
- hot and cold cereal (packaged, family sized)

You can also donate the following items:

- canned tuna
- snack packs of fruit or apple sauce
- shelf stable 100% juice
- juice packs
- shelf stable milk
- canned soup
- baby food (all stages)

****No glass, with the exception of baby food!**

The following donations will feed a family of four for a day:

- **Breakfast:** Box of cereal or oatmeal; dried fruit; powdered milk; 100% fruit juice.
- **Lunch:** Tuna, peanut butter, or soup; canned vegetables; canned fruit.
- **Dinner:** Any canned protein (i.e. beef stew, chicken), or meat sauce; macaroni and cheese, pasta or rice; canned fruit or applesauce.



Sunday, October 22, 10 am – 3:30 pm

The Brotherhood Synagogue's 15th Annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood and "Be the Match" Bone Marrow Drive

Chuck Ginsburg was a cool, generous and loving guy. His family and friends remember him with love each and every day. Blood plasma helped give him energy and some feeling of normalcy during his battle with cancer. In the loving spirit of Chuck's life, the Brotherhood Synagogue, the Social Action Committee and Chuck's family are proud to sponsor the Fifteenth Annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive.



"Be the Match" Bone Marrow Drive during the Blood Drive

Want to save a life? Every 3 minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer. A patient's doctor will search for an unrelated donor through "Be The Match" (<https://bethematch.org>) when their patient has exhausted all other treatment options. A bone marrow transplant is their last chance at life. You must be between the ages of 18-44 to donate.

Please call the office at 212-674-5750 immediately to schedule an appointment. You can also make an appointment online: go to <http://nybloodcenter.org>, click "Schedule Donation" and search on Group Number 14200 or the Brotherhood Synagogue Drive on October 22. No SS# is required but you must bring a photo or signature id. The NYC Eligibility Line is 1-800-688-0900.

Remember to eat protein rich meals the week before!!!

Brotherhood Book Club

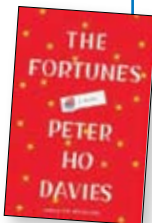
The Brotherhood Book Club schedule is as follows this fall:

October 19: Pamela Marcus will lead a discussion of Peter Ho Davies' *The Fortunes*

November 16: Barbara Feingold will lead discussion of Ronald H. Balson's *Saving Sophie*

December 21: Wendy Linderman will lead a discussion of Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad*

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



Thank You for Your Support of The Brotherhood



Each year, we have the opportunity to make a difference—in the world, in our communities and in the lives of those around us. This year, our members joined together in support of a community we all hold near and dear—this Brotherhood community.

We are pleased to report that nearly 600 members contributed to the Annual Fund 2016–2017, once again making it possible for us to continue to offer the broad array of programs, services and many acts of *chesed* that make this synagogue as special as it is. In addition to knowing we have a home here in times of joy and sorrow, a beautiful sanctuary to come to in prayer on Shabbat and Holidays and a community to support us through our times of illness or loss, the Synagogue offers countless other means of support for its members and for the community at large. We shelter the homeless during the winter months, teach children with special needs at no cost to their families, provide free High Holiday tickets to the community, offer transportation to those who would otherwise be unable to attend services, and perform many quiet acts of *chesed* that no one hears about. And last but not least, your support of the Annual Fund keeps our beloved landmarked building, which houses our Sanctuary and all our program spaces, up and running.

Since membership dues simply do not cover the cost of running our many programs and services, we are happy to report that we raised more than \$620,000 from you, our wonderful members, this year to help us defray these costs. *Shana tovah* to all and may we, as a community, continue to go from strength to strength in this New Year and beyond!

Joseph & Renee Abada

Arthur & Diane Abbey

Larry & Michelle Abraham

Seth & Lynn Abraham

Nick & Caren Abramovich

Alan Adelsberg

Benjamin Akman & Danielle Ofri

Michael Altman & Marita Finsie

Bruce & Maria Antelman

Andrew & Robyn Arias

George Arzt & Ann Weisbrod

Perry Ascher &
Susan Silverman Ascher

Phyllis Auliano

Jessica Balaban

Dov & Kara Barnett

Michael & Susan Barr

David Barry & Hollis Salzman

Gene & Diane Bartow

Trudi Bartow

Mark & Tracie Basch

Robert Bauchner

Denise Baum

Randi Bayroff

David Behrens &
Patricia McGovern

Izac & Abby Ben-Shmuel

Shirley Berenstein

Evelyn Berger

Charlotte Berglas

Edward & Sharon Bergman

Stanley & Marion Bergman

Marilyn Berkman

Michael Bijaoui & Sara Gubins

Henrietta Bittman

Charles & Aviva Blaichman

Koren Blair

Susanne Blate

Mark & Linda Bledstein

Eric & Stephanie Block

Ira Block &
Madelon Rosenfeld
Jonathan & Mara Blum
Neil & Rachel Blumenthal
Norton & Diana Blumenthal
Bill & Diane Blumenthal
Adam & Jennifer Bobker
Marianne Boesky
Norman Borden &
Ann Schwartz
Nathan Borochoy
George & Madeleine Brecher
Richard Breier & Alyson Fendel
Liliane Bronfman
David & Nathalie Brown
Loren & Moran Brown
Elaine Brumberg
Alma Bryan
Douglas & Lorraine Burack
Brandon Cardet-Hernandez &
Ariel Foxman
Brian & Pamela Chisling
David Cohen & Jane Korach

Gary Cohen &
Marsha Rubin-Cohen
Hannah Cohen
Melissa Cohen
Michael & Sharon Cohen
Rhoda Cohen
Stephen & Sara Cohen
Dennis Consumano &
Cindy Appelblatt
Marion Cooper
Bernard & Milena Cornick
Jason Crelinsten &
Elizabeth Henries
Marvin & Ruth Davenport
Debbie Davis
Howard Davis & Loren Averick
Malcolm & JoAnne Davis
Richard & Nan Davis
Harold Dessler
Cantor Emeritus Herman &
Evelyn Diamond
Walter Diamond
Arthur Dobelis
Wally & Inge Dobelis
Avi Drucker & Serafina Galella
Michael & Alba Dwass
Ellen Eanet

Corey Eber & Melissa Rutkin
Mark & Lynda Eichner
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Sheila Eisenberg
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Nancy Lieberman
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Ellen Evans
Bob & Karen Falk
Elliot & Jennifer Favus
Diana Federman
Harold & Marcia Fein
Irwin & Martha Feinstein
Alan & Millie Fell
Sherry Field-Almaraz
David & Jacqueline Fine
Jeffrey Fine & Marcia Ellias
Jeffrey Fisch & Joan Schechter
Lynne Fischman
Gail Fox
Thomas & Carol Franken
Bonnie Franklin
Mark & Missy Frey
Lillian Fridman
Harriet Friedes
Alan Friedman &
Maya Memling
Jeffrey & Helen Friedman
Richard Friedman &
Rochelle Korman
Roberta Friedman
Ran & Shira Fuchs
Carolyn Fuss
Val Gadsden

Claire Gaines
Daniel & Jordan Gaspar
Alvin & Ronda Gelb
Betty Geller
Carole Genzer
Alice Giddins
Gary Giddins &
Deborah Halper
Steve Gilman & Gayle Russon
Wendy Gimán
Liane Ginsberg
Carol Ginsburg
Philip Paone &
Marge Ginsburg
William Glaser
Howard & Rachel Glatzer
Wayne Glaubinger &
Ellen Abramowitz
Zachary & Sonia Glazer
Theodore Gleser &
Dina Wizmur
Paul Glimcher &
Barbara Knappmeyer
Ilana Glusband
Steve & Roberta Glusband
Bea Gold
Matthew Gold &
Liza Landsman
Suzanne Gold
Andrew Goldberg &
Karen Putterman
Stanley & Sue Goldberg
Michael Goldenberg
Ruth Goldklang
Robert & Abby Goldstein
Steven & Laura Goldstein
Steven & Michelle Goldstein
Michael Goldstone &
Rochelle Fox
Georgina Gonzalez



Andrew Gordon	Seth Hulkower & Lissa Perlman	Lillian Lederberger	Mel & Elaine Mayers
Timothy & Rachel Gordon	Jeffrey & Susan Hunter	Dean Lederman & Julia Singley	Wayne Merkelson & Nancy Roistacher
Susan Gottsman	Myra Hushansky	Ashley Leeds	Fay Mesibov
Marc & Kristine Granetz	Howard Jeffreys	Fred Leffel & Laurie Malkoff	Travis & Rebekah Metz
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Randy Rothstein & Molly Morse		Peter Taylor & Shelly Jacobson-Taylor	

President's Post

by Trudi Rae Bartow

I hope you all enjoyed the high holidays at Brotherhood! Every year so many people work behind the scenes to create a peaceful and reflective environment and I want to say a big THANK YOU to them all. Thank you ushers, security personal, envelope stuffers, prayer book in the right place putters, tallis folders, speech givers, Torah and haftorah readers, candle lighters, shofar blowers, and (most important) break fast cake hander-outers!

As we enter a new year I would like to share a reading a dear friend posted on Facebook before the Selichot prayers. It has become an instant classic to me as it speaks about the chance we all have to make the most of each day that we are blessed with. We have the power to write on the pages of our lives, the stories we want to tell. Whether it's good or not, each day brings a new light, new hope, and new opportunities.

Selichot. A Night of Turning

Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins

I am the New Year

I am unused, unspotted, without blemish
I stretch before you three hundred and
sixty five days long

I will present each day, in its turn, a new
leaf

In the Book of Life, for you to place upon
it, your imprint.

I am the New Year

Each hour of every day I will
Give you sixty minutes that have
Never known the use of humans.

White and pure, I present them,
It remains for you to fill them;

With sixty jeweled seconds of
Love, hope, endeavor, patience and
Trust in God.

I am the New Year,

I am coming, but once past, I can never be
recalled.

What I am depends on you.

You choose—and choose well,

What I am depends on you. 🌿



YAHARZEITS

^Garden of Remembrance *Book of Remembrance

October 7-13

^Nettie Baum, Hilda Berliner, *Nathan Brass, Beatrice Bryan, Rosetta Ciechanowicz, Betty Davis, Adele Estrine, ^Abraham Feitell, ^Sarah Feldman, ^Lowell Flame, Eugene Frommer, Lillian Gartenbaum, ^Max Gold, ^Isaac Goldberg, ^Samuel Goldman, Warner Goldschmidt, *Emanuel Goldstein, ^Sid Green, Bella Gussman, Dr. Magdalena Robits Hahn, ^Marcia Sager Israel, ^David Izenzon, ^Dr. Perry Izenzon, Rachel Kalisky, Kate Kampel, ^Esther Miriam Kaufman, David Kreitman, ^Freda Levine, ^*Ann Levy, Judith Loewinger, Leslie Lowen, *Louis Magerfeld, ^Siegfried Mansfeld, *Bessie Markowitz, ^Harriet Moresch, Jeanette Niederman, Rosa Nohorayof, *George Perman, Monroe Potash, ^Sylvia Protter, Zalman Rabinowitz, *Samuel Rabinowitz, ^Ilse Reisner, *June Robins, *Muriel Rubenstein, Alex Schwartzberg, *Dorothy Sepersky, Florence Shapley, ^Adele Siegel, Marion Silverstein, *Rose Spindel, Ralph Tekel, ^Rosa Tuchfeld, Lora K. Weisman

October 14-20

Irene Agin, Roslyn Bernstein, Hersch Blitz, ^L. Roy Blumenthal, Bennie Chernick, *Samuel Chizner, *William Cohen, Samuel Collins, Herbert Davis, *Carol Satosky Druckman, Joshua Enzer, Norman Epstein, ^Florence Friedman^, ^Morris Friedman, ^Ellen Gail Fox Gaetani, Jerome Alan Gold, *Mamie Goldberg, William Gottlieb, Eileen Henzel, ^Gordon Hochhauser, ^Joseph Honig, *Rosa Hudes, *Harry Katt, ^*Marie E. Kaye, *Murry Knapp, *Rose Knapp, *Bessie Krumholz, Dorothy Kurland, *David Levow, ^*Elaine Lowenstein, ^Jacob Meresman, Viola Meskin, ^Minna Cohen Michael, ^Louis I. Nash, *Abram Zelik Neidick, Edward Osborne, Sally Papush, David Rabinovich, Martha Reisner, Naomi Reissman, ^Albert Rich, *Henrietta Rizzman, Lois Ross, *Jack Rossman, ^Mayer A. Rubenstein, *Ethel Samilow, Rosie Sherman, Esther Strongin

October 21-27

^Esther Abeles, *Lillian S. Ager, Irving Bender, ^Irving Berk, Florence Blumenthal, ^*Edward Brandwein, ^Harry Burrell, Joseph Chetrit, *Abraham Cohen, ^Samuel Cohen, Ann Davenport, ^Lillian Denny, *Charlotte Dubin, Morris Edelstein, Bruce Engell, Max Enrenpreis, ^Max Feld, Paula Fields, ^Anna Fine, Ruth Frey, Steven Ginsburg, ^Olga Gladstone, ^Louis Golden, *Sarah Goldstein, ^Lisa Goldstein, ^Helen Gordon, Doris Greene, Dr. David D. Hain, Norman Halper,

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October 28 - November 3

Bennet Abramson, ^Jack Bardack, Louis Bersoff, ^George Birnbach, ^*Rabbi Irving Block, Richard Bogen, Lillian Borkow, Murray Bossowich, Louis (Lipa) Brill, Eleanor Brown, Leon Brumberg, Saul Cantor, *Lizzie Cassell, Max Cooper, *William B. Cooper, Abraham Davis, Leonard Denari, ^Herman Douglass, Abraham Ellenzweig, *Abraham Franklin, Rose Friedman, Jerome Gillman, *Bertha Goldstein, ^Harry Greenfield, ^Harry Gross, Harold Guttman, *Philip Heyman, Rose Jacobs, ^Max Josselson, Esther Kapelus, ^*Herman Klein, ^Caleb Lahana, Abraham Lewis Lazar, Judi Leff, Stanley Lefkowitz, Betty Levy, *Samuel Lipshie, ^Louis Magram, Harold Margolis, Harry Mayers, Abraham Miller, Naomi Mittman, Jacob Morris, ^Alice Novom, Sol Pearlstein, Hernando Perex, ^Samuel Perlman, ^Joan Phillips, *Miriam Post, *Jules H. Press, ^Robert M. Richman, Jessie Rosen-Axell, Johanna Rosenblum, Ellen Rubin, ^Lee S. Topolski, *Lea Schlager, *Pauline Schnapp, ^Gertrude Schwartz, ^Diane Silberling, Rose Singer, *Jeannette D. Solomon, ^Dr. Julian Stern, ^Lee Strauss Topolski, Leonard Tuft, ^Sol Wolf, ^*Abraham Zacks

The Chesed* Committee

WANTS YOU TO KNOW

On our page on the Synagogue website (www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org/chesed-committee.html), you can find helpful resources, from a list of local bereavement groups, to videos of speakers at our prior programs, to a guide to end of life issues. If you have suggestions for other information that would be helpful, please let us know through the contact link on the page.

*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.

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A Note from Development

While our 5778 Annual Fund is off and running—as we appeal to every member to support the cause—we are pleased to introduce some new initiatives we are rolling out this year.

Launching the Brotherhood's Irving J. Block Legacy Society

We are pleased—and honored—to launch Brotherhood's first Planned Giving Society, and to have received the blessing of Rabbi Block's family to name the society after our beloved founding Rabbi. We invite you to become a charter member of the Society by including the Synagogue in your estate plans. Come to learn about the various ways you can name the Synagogue as a recipient of a planned gift at a Planned Giving Seminar—tentative date is Sunday brunch, December 3, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. You will become a charter member of the *Irving J. Block Legacy Society* (along with recognition in our printed materials and an invitation to an Annual Recognition Event) once you name the Synagogue in your estate plans or advise us that you have already done so. More importantly, you will help secure the future of the Brotherhood's services and programs in perpetuity. Look for further

updates in upcoming weekly emails, flyers, and email blasts.

Community Building Events

We are inviting our Trustees and members to host small or midsize groups in their homes with the goal of bringing members together to “build community” around a common theme. We ask you to consider hosting a Shabbat dinner, a Shabbat lunch, havdalah or a Sunday brunch for fellow members—along with the Rabbi and Phil—to share in a Jewish experience, while getting to know one another in smaller group settings. The theme of the event could be geographic—members in your building and your larger neighborhood—or could be built around an age group—young couples, parents of teens, singles in their 50's and 60's, or any other group the host may want to develop. There are 2 events already scheduled in November, and we are hoping to have one or two of these events each month throughout the year. If you are interested in hosting one, please contact me at mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org or at 212-674-5750.

—Marilyn Strozak

Director of Development

Hebrew School News: Sukkot— The Festival of Booths

During the month of October (11 Tishri-11 Cheshvan) we are celebrating the festivals of *Sukkot*, *Hoshanah Rabbah*, *Shemini Atzeret*, and *Simchat Torah*!! When we celebrate the festivals of Tishri, we connect ourselves to our ancestors of biblical days.

In the parasha *Emor*, (Leviticus Chapter 23), we are given very specific directions how to celebrate Sukkot—beginning with line 39, which reads: “Mark, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month (Tishri), when you have gathered in the yield of your land, you shall observe the festival of the Lord seven days: a complete rest on the first day, and a complete rest on the eighth day. On the first day you shall take the product of *hadar* trees [*etrog*], branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees [*myrtle*], and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your G-d seven days. You shall observe it as a festival of the Lord for seven days in the year; you shall observe it in the seventh month as a law for all time, throughout the ages. You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the Lord your G-d.”

Our Hebrew School children will decorate the Synagogue's Sukkah and learn the blessing for the *arbaah minim* (the four species)—the *lulav* (comprised of the palm, myrtle and willow) and *etrog*. The rabbis offer additional symbolic significance for the *arbaah minim*. Each of the four species was interpreted as representing different parts of the body: the willow represents the mouth, uttering prayer; the *etrog*, the heart, seat of wisdom and understanding; the *lulav*, the spine, symbolic of upright character; and the myrtle, the eyes, tools of learning and enlightenment.

Another interpretation equates smell with righteous deeds and taste to learning. The *etrog*, with both taste and smell represents the person who is knowledgeable and performs good deeds. The myrtle, with smell but no taste, is the person who is righteous but ignorant. The *lulav* has a taste, but no smell, indicative of one who is learned, but does not engage in righteous acts. The willow, with neither taste nor smell, symbolizes one who is neither learned, nor engages in righteous acts.

As our Hebrew School students continue their study of Torah, it is our hope that they will, like the *etrog*, engage in righteous deeds and be learned in the Torah. May we rejoice together during this, our season of joy—*zman simchataynu*—the Festival of Sukkot. *Chag Sameach!*

—Barbara Simon

Hebrew School Principal

Shabbat Corner, Aleph Bet Club, Junior Congregation Saturday Mornings at Brotherhood Beginning October 7

A great way to celebrate Shabbat with your children is by attending one of these warm, fun-filled, and educational Shabbat morning experiences!



***Shabbat Corner:** For children 3-5 years old led by the amazing Mira Shaar at 9:45 am in the Yellow Room. (*There is a fee for Shabbat Corner—please visit our website to register and for further information at <http://brotherhoodsynagogue.org/early-childhood-programs.html>)

Aleph-Bet Club: For children kindergarten-2nd grade at 11:00 am on the 4th Floor.

Junior Congregation: For children in 3rd grade and up led by our beloved Phil Rothman, at 10:30 am on the 4th floor.

Come celebrate Sukkot at Pizza in the Hut

Tuesday, October 10
@ 5:00 pm

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

It is a mitzvah to eat together in the Sukkah during the seven days of Sukkot!
No need to RSVP. Hope to see you there!



Nursery School Thoughts

by Seth Schinfeld

Many years ago, before I met and married my better half and had kids, I traveled with friends to Southeast Asia. While there, I learned and saw some amazing things. But one of the sillier things that stuck with me is a phrase I heard over and over from the Thai street vendors and children peddling their wares and assorted knick-knacks to easily-identifiable tourists like myself: “Same same, but different.” The plain meaning of each word is clear. What gives this saying its memorable and far more amusing quality, however, is the context in which it is used—to describe or promote an item for sale that looks like another brand or feels like another product that it actually (and, often, not so subtly) isn’t. Example: “This shirt’s 100% silk?” “Oh yes, sir. Same same, but different.” Or: “You’re sure it’s a Rolex?” “Absolutely. Same same, but different.” The sales pitch is so ubiquitous that tourists can even buy t-shirts bearing the phrase!

As I entered Brotherhood Synagogue last month and walked down the stairs to the Nursery School to meet my daughter’s new teachers—my first visit to the classrooms since the prior school year broke for summer—one phrase kept bouncing around my head: “Same same, but different.” This sure looked like the same place I dropped Sophie off for the Red Room. And it felt a lot like the place I remembered hoping, as a nervous first-time Nursery School parent, would protect Sophie and help her to thrive. But things were also palpably different. This time, I was suddenly a Blue Room parent. This time, I was suddenly a veteran member of Brotherhood’s parenting club. This time, I didn’t have to worry whether Sophie would enjoy, make friends, learn, and grow each day at school—because I’d already seen how Brotherhood’s wonderful teachers and staff had nurtured her intellectually, physically, emotionally, creatively, and Jewishly the year before. (And don’t take my word for it, just ask Sophie, she’ll tell you.)

As I try to predict what 5778, the year ahead, has in store for me and my family, I know that some things will be “same same,” and some things will be “different.” But, at least when it comes to Brotherhood, I know the different will be good. This kind of different is comforting. With this kind of different, unlike certain purchases abroad, I know I can trust the quality. 🌸

Please join us on the following Friday evenings to welcome Shabbat together with stories and song.



October 13 and 20
5:30 pm - Children up to 3 years old with Daphna Mor and Saskia Lane

October 20
5:30 pm - Children ages 3-6 years old with Katie Shea
6:30 pm - Grades 2-7 with Phil Rothman

♪ Cantor's Notes ♪

by Cantor Isaac Yager

Traditionally, Jews have always had a reputation for being inquisitive. We are called the “People of the Book” for a reason, especially seeing as how we are able to reread the same book every year and still find new ideas and concepts to question and scrutinize. Because of our inherent curious nature, as well as the overall value we place on learning in general, great efforts have continuously been made throughout time to address and support our inquiring minds. Even to this day, Jews have access to a variety of contemporarily developed resources (modern writings, adult education classes, mindfulness meditation, etc.) that seek to give questioning and/or spiritually needy believers greater support along their sacred journeys. I love this about Judaism.

Ultimately, our ability to still find contemporary relevance in bodies of work including the Torah and the early canon of classical Jewish texts is a testament to its enduring applicability and germaneness.

Yet our ongoing recognition and tolerance of grappling with personal spirituality and observance gives us additional insight into our people’s historic recognition of and sensitivity towards Jews who wrestle with their own theology and who seek answers to often unanswerable questions. Our individual paths towards the attainment of spiritual and theological transparency are diverse and complicated. Throughout history, Jews have acknowledged this confusion and sought to rectify this bewilderment through the exploration of progressive theological concepts. This was done not to directly incite mutiny against the religious establishment, but rather, to aid and enhance the ability of Jews to overcome their own spiritual impasse that was preventing them from living authentically and faithfully as Jews.

As we enter a new year, I encourage us all to sustain this tolerance and to always take an inquisitive Jewish mind seriously. *Shana tova!* 🌸

All our thanks to member, Millie Fell, for teaching another great round challah class for our members and friends just before Rosh Hashanah!



Brotherhood Synagogue



Tishri / Cheshvan 5778
October 2017

☆ Saturday Mornings

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	3 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan	4 10 am: Baby Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 6:30 pm: Erev Sukkot Services EREV SUKKOT	5 9:30 am: Sukkot Morning Services 6:30 pm: Sukkot Evening Services SUKKOT FIRST DAY	6 6:11 pm: Candles 9:30 am: Sukkot Morning Services 6:30 pm: Services SUKKOT SECOND DAY	7 ☆ 9:00 am: Services B'nai Mitzvah of Noah and Sarah Salzman CHOL HAMOED
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY	10 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 5:00 pm: Pizza in the Hut 5:40 pm: Minyan	11 10 am: Baby Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 6:30 pm: Shemini Atzeret Evening Services EREV SHEMINI ATZERET	12 9:30 am: Shemini Atzeret Morning Services 6:30 pm: Simchat Torah Evening Services SHEMINI ATZERET EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	13 6:00 pm: Candles 9:30 am: Simchat Torah Morning Services 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat up to age 3 6:30 pm: Services SIMCHAT TORAH	14 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Lidsky 1 pm: Shabbat Club 6 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Prince BERESHIT
15 4:30 pm: Hate Spaces Screening	16 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	17 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!	18 10 am: Baby Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 7 pm: A Taste of Mussar	19 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	20 5:50 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	21 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Maxine Steuer 6 pm: Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Weber NOACH ROSH CHODESH
22 10 am: Fifteenth Annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive	23 9 am: Torah Study: Leviticus 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Torah Study: Genesis 7 pm: Learn to Read Hebrew 8 pm: Jewish Current Events	24 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: Learning to Read Midrash 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH!	25 10 am: Baby Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 3:30 pm: Life Goes On (off-site) 4 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: The Art of the Shaliach Tzibur on Erev Shabbat 7 pm: A Taste of Mussar	26 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: Life Goes On Book Club	27 5:40 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services Shabbaton Speaker: Haroon Moghul	28 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Stone Shabbaton at Brotherhood 5:30 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Paroff LECHA LECHA
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On Sunday, August 27 Brotherhood members volunteered at a Backpack Giveaway interfaith event with Dream Center church for families in public housing in West Chelsea. Thanks to all who volunteered!

