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Why Yom Kippur is Author Etgar Keret's Favorite Holiday

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

A couple of years ago we were fortunate to have the Israeli author Etgar Keret as a guest speaker at the Brotherhood Synagogue. His deceptively simple short stories deliver a great impact. At this High Holiday season, I turn my column over to an excerpt from his ruminations on Yom Kippur:

Yom Kippur was always my favorite holiday. Even in nursery school, when all the other kids liked Purim because of the costumes, Hanukkah because of the latkes, and Passover because of the long vacation, I was hooked on Yom Kippur. If holidays were like kids, I once thought when I was still a boy, then Purim and Hanukkah would be the most popular in class, Rosh Hashanah would be the most beautiful, and Yom Kippur would be a kind of weirdo, a loner, but the most interesting of all. When I think about that now, "a kind of weirdo, a loner, but the most interesting of all" is exactly how I saw myself then, so maybe the real reason I loved Yom Kippur so much is that I thought it was like me. The thing is that even though I'm not a kind of weirdo anymore, definitely not a loner, and grown-up enough now to understand that I'm not the most interesting, I'm still in love with that holiday.

Maybe it's because Yom Kippur is the only holiday I know that, because of its very nature, recognizes human weakness. If on Passover, Moses and God settled accounts with the Egyptians, on Hanukkah Judah Maccabee beat the crap out of the Greeks, and on Israeli Independence Day we fought bravely against the Arabs and won our country, on Yom Kippur we're not a heroic dynasty or a people, but a collection of individuals who look in the mirror, are ashamed of what demands shame, and ask

forgiveness for what can be forgiven. And maybe that was actually the quality that attracted me to Yom Kippur from the very beginning, that it is the most private of all our holidays, a day when you stand alone before your deeds and their consequences without TV, without bustling cafés and restaurants, without stores crammed with merchandise, without all the rest of the day-to-day noise that makes them more palatable. It's the holiday when you come face to face with your life as it is, and there's no stupid reality show to divert your attention, no news updates, no chocolate-chip ice cream cone to offer you some consolation.

For me, Yom Kippur was and remains the holiday, always. That's why, even though it's been years since I've bothered to wish people a happy new year on Rosh Hashanah, or since I've taken the trouble to dress up on Purim, as Yom Kippur approaches, I still apologize to people I feel I've hurt. It doesn't happen too many times, but when I finally call to ask for someone's forgiveness and I'm waiting in embarrassment for the phone to be answered, still praying deep down that no one will pick up so that I can settle for an apologetic message on the answering machine, I feel with every bone in my body that there's something very healthy about being compelled to ask for forgiveness. So, maybe it's easier to love a holiday that commands you to eat jelly donuts than a holiday that requires you to put yourself in a vulnerable, uncomfortable position, but when you're finally done, you feel that, thanks to that weird holiday, you've gotten rid of a burden that has been oppressing you for a very long time without your even knowing how much. 🌊

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Lorelei Greenberg

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Huppert
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:00 PM
Selichot Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:30 PM
Note new starting time through Spring
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Edlitz
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Michael Feeney

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00 PM
Kol Nidre
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:15 AM
Yom Kippur

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.

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.

Havurah Kicks off at Brotherhood in the New Year!

Join a group of new friends to celebrate Jewish life together.

by Laura Nova

Last March I attended the Children's Purim Carnival with my 5-year-old son, Gabe. Since joining Gan (Kindergarten) at the Hebrew School, he's been racking up the attendance stickers at every Shabbat morning Aleph Bet club and holiday event. In the midst of the Purim games and the sugar rush, I bumped into a childhood friend, Alan Weinstein, with his two kids Lily and Davis.

Alan looked around the room and said, "I don't know anyone here; this synagogue needs a Havurah." The word *Havurah* comes from the Hebrew word *haver*, meaning "a friend." A Havurah is a group which gets together to socialize and celebrate Jewish life together. Alan and I are both new members here and we didn't grow up in Manhattan. Our parents all fled the City to raise their families in the suburb of West Hartford, CT and joined the Emanuel Synagogue, a Conservative congregation made up of 800 families.

The Emanuel is a large synagogue where the walls can be rolled back to adjoin three rooms and accommodate the large membership during the high holidays. With the influx of new families arriving in the suburbs in the late 1970s, the Havurah movement was a way for people to create smaller groups and connect to the Jewish community.

So it got me wondering why don't they do this at the Brotherhood Synagogue?

My parents were very interested from the get go since they didn't know anyone or have much family close by. They wanted to make holiday memories and traditions for their kids like the ones they enjoyed growing up with. I would like to do the same for our family at Brotherhood.

Surveys went out and the synagogue helped form groups based on interests, age of children, neighborhood, etc. Everyone got assigned to a group but once formed, the groups were self-started and self-directed. My family was paired with my mom's tennis partner, Maxine Kates, along with the Kron, Lippman, Mantel, and Miller families. So it began 36 years ago.

The first thing we did as a group was a Shabbat dinner. Thereafter, each family hosted a different holiday, book club, or Jewish Film Festival. We learned to make challah, knishes, latkes, and hamentashen. My parents always host Rosh Hashanah lunch. While there is some discussion about what exactly the rabbi said or how well the cantor performed, food is always central. Everyone brings something and what came of that was, the same people made the same things, year after year. Janet's kitchen sink salad with poppy seed dressing, Maxine's brisket, Arlene's string beans and wild rice, my mom's chicken marsala and knishes always from The Crown Kosher Supermarket. And no one changes it up at all, ever. Traditionally we would take a walk around the neighborhood after the festive meal to a stream for *tashlich*, but really it was to make room for dessert.

My favorite memories revolve around the sense of continuity, deep connections and extended family that our Havurah generated. It has grown as children matured and have families of their own. We also include in-laws, extended family members, friends or neighbors without a special place to go on the *chagim*, the holidays. Most important is the comfort level that we all feel. Our group has had our share of illnesses and loss as well as celebrations, instilling in the children and grandchildren a love for our Jewish traditions and the importance of genuinely caring for and about one another. It has been remarkable to watch as 12 people slowly added 14 kids and we are now in the third generation with countless grandchildren and a group of grandparents.

Last year as we gathered to take our annual group photo an owl showed up on the lawn. We all decided it was a good omen. Let's carry the wisdom of the owl to Brotherhood and start a Havurah!

Please also join us at Brotherhood's first Shabbaton congregational dinner of the year on Friday October 27 for the **Havurah kick off!**

For those who would like to participate, we have created a survey to find out more about your general interests as a guide in helping us form our various Havurah groups. Please complete the enclosed survey (hard copy) and return it to the synagogue office **OR** an easy link to the survey online (<http://bit.ly/2wFNiv5>) is in the email sent with electronic version of the September bulletin **OR** you can find the link to the online survey in Brotherhood's Wednesday weekly mail each week **OR** on the homepage of the Brotherhood website. **Kindly return your survey by no later than Friday, October 20!**

Shalom Haverim, until we meet again,

The Brotherhood Havurah Committee:

Laura Nova / Heather Turk

If you would like to be a part of the Havurah Committee, please email Laura (laura@lauranova.com) and/or Heather (h.f.turk@gmail.com). We would love to meet you and would be thrilled to have your help! 🐙

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 again, Luise Ross, for leading our June event, an inspired tour of Chelsea's wonderful galleries organized around viewing exhibitions of famous women artists.

Our next event on **Monday, September 18 at 4pm** will take us back to Central Park for a walking tour led by our favorite tour guide from the Central Park Conservancy, Steve Cohen. We'll learn about the two chief designers of the park, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and their brilliant visions to create the most famous artistic landscape masterpiece in 19th century America.

We'll end at Central Park's Loeb Boat House. For all those who would like a special treat, please plan to stay at the restaurant and watch the sun set over the lake while enjoying a delicious dinner. A table has been reserved for us, but the cost per person will depend on how many attend. That said, **attendance is limited, so please advise Agnes asap if you plan to join the tour and stay for dinner afterward. You can also join us for dinner only if that is your preference.**

Our first book club meeting will take place on **Monday, September 25 at 7pm**. We're reading *The Portable Veblen* by Elizabeth McKenzie. *The New Yorker's* review described it as "a dazzlingly original novel that's as big-hearted as it is laugh-out-loud funny." As usual, NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion and wine and desserts will be served. **Please always RSVP if you plan to attend and the cost to do so is \$20 per person in advance, which is non-refundable.**

Our next book club meeting is **Thursday, October 26, 7pm**. 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.

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of *Life Goes On*, please come to our meetings—we would be happy to see you! If you have any questions, please call Agnes Marton at 917.519.4427 or e-mail her at Iagnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750. 🐙

Fall 2018 Intensive Learning Class: A Taste of Mussar

Wednesdays October 10, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 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"—a hidden gem of Jewish tradition for generations. Deepen your ethics, spiritual sensibilities and relationships. Know and grow yourself from inside out within a Jewish framework. You will receive weekly emails consisting of comprehensive reading materials to introduce you to Mussar history, thought and practice and in class we will discuss these readings and review the Mussar focused practices of journaling, meditating, chanting, etc., which are formulated to help you make incremental changes in the way you behave and relate to the world.





High Holiday

SERVICES



SELICHOT PENITENTIAL PRAYERS

Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20

Community Service 6:00 PM

Members' Service 8:00 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Family Service at
Calvary Church 10:30 AM

Children's Service 1:30 PM

Children's Tashlich 2:30 PM

Tashlich 5:00 PM

Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 22

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Children's Service 1:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29

Members' Service 6:00 PM

Community Service 8:45 PM

Yom Kippur Day

Saturday, September 30

Early Yizkor 8:45 AM

Morning Service 9:15 AM

Yizkor 12:00 PM

Musaf 12:45 PM

Children's Service 2:30 PM

Community Yizkor 3:45 PM

Discussion 4:30 PM

Mincha 5:00 PM

Neilah 6:00 PM

Yom Kippur concludes at 7:22 PM



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.

Only a few spots left 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>

From the Ushering Committee...

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

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

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

SAVE THESE DATES IN OCTOBER:

**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 with Q&A to follow.

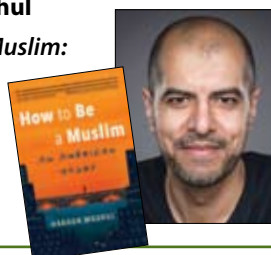


SHABBATON 5778

**Friday, October 27
8:30 pm**

A Conversation with Author,
Haroon Moghul

*How to Be a Muslim:
An American
Story*



Interfaith Committee Update & Activities

The Interfaith Committee had a full and exciting season last year, which included a 6-part Adult Education class on *Judaism and Islam*, working with the Dream Center Church to help families living on a fixed income in West Chelsea, and hosting an **Iftar in the Synagogue** during the season of Ramadan. This coming year, we are looking forward to continuing the traditions of sponsoring **Muslims Against Hunger/Hunger Van** events and the **Interfaith Seder** at Brotherhood just prior to Passover. In addition, we will be welcoming Shabbat speakers **Haroon Moghul**, author of *How to Be a Muslim* on Friday, October 27 at this year's first Shabbaton congregational dinner and **Father Patrick Ryan** of Fordham University on December 1 at Friday night services.

If you are interested in joining the Interfaith Committee or supporting our events, please contact Bob Wolf (rwolf@tarterkrinsky.com) or Ellie Wertheim (elliewertheim@yahoo.com), Co-Chairs.

A Note from Development: Annual Fund 5778

5778. Welcoming in a New Year at the same time that we usher out an old one is often a time of contemplation, reflection and perhaps a time of committing ourselves anew to some aspect of Jewish living. How many times do we hear, during the High Holiday services, that acts of *teshuvah*, *tefilla* and *tzedakah* are particularly auspicious at this time of year? As our High Holiday Campaign 5778 kicks off, we hope that you will find it in your heart to perform the mitzvah of *tzedakah* by contributing to our Annual Fund. This fund is the lifeblood of the Synagogue, keeping all of our robust programs and services afloat—including

free High Holiday tickets to the community at large—as well as the upkeep of this beloved building that is our home. You will hear more about the importance of this fund at Kol Nidre services, and we hope you will be moved to participate. **No gift is too large or too small!**

We are pleased to announce that we raised \$620,000 in this past year's Annual Fund campaign, surpassing last year's total of \$595,000, and we feel confident that we can reach \$650,000 in this New Year. **Please help us reach this goal!**

—Marilyn Strozak

Director of Development 🐟

Social Action

Mazon Corners of Our Fields Campaign

On this Yom Kippur, we ask that you make a contribution to MAZON: a Jewish Response to Hunger for its support of programs which help feed hungry people here in New York, throughout the United States, Israel, and the world. Our tradition provides that the “corner of our fields; and the gleanings of our harvest be left for the poor.” Special MAZON envelopes will be available in the Synagogue for your direct contribution to alleviate hunger, or you can donate online at www.mazon.org or by telephone at 1-800-813-0557.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 22

**The 15th Annual
Chuck Ginsburg
Memorial Blood Drive**



Brotherhood Book Club

The following is the schedule for the Brotherhood Book Club for the months of Fall 2017:

September 28:

Joan Simon will lead a discussion of Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*



October 19:

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

November 16: Barbara Feingold will lead discussion - book TBD

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!

Shabbat Club

Shabbat Club monthly meetings will resume on **Saturday, September 16, at 1 pm.**

We will begin the New Year with a talk from our new cantor, Isaac Yager. **Cantor Yager will discuss the role of the shaliach tzibur and his personal relationship to the responsibility of leading prayer.** To better understand this responsibility, we will examine text from the *Shulchan Aruch* that addresses what it means to be a prayer leader. Specific focus will also be given to the cantor's role during the High Holiday season.

Save the date: On Saturday, October 14 at 1 pm, Lesley Sachs, Executive Director of Women of the Wall (WOW), will speak to our group. Leslie will lead a discussion on religious pluralism in Israel and gender equality at the Kotel. We are thrilled to have support from the Israel and Shabbaton committees at the synagogue, along with Rabbi Alder, in helping to bring Leslie Sachs to Brotherhood for Shabbat Club.

All are welcome to join us at our Shabbat Club meetings. You do not need to be a member of the synagogue. You do not need to attend the morning service. You can bring a friend or two. You do need to bring an open mind and a willingness to share some relaxed Shabbat time with new and old friends. Beverages and light snacks will be available. 🐟

Happenings in Our Kehilah

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Paul Greenberg and Jessica DeCoux on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Lorelei Greenberg**. Lorelei, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate her simcha with her younger sister, **Helena**.

Barry and Florie Huppert on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Nathan Huppert**. Nathan, a student at Clinton School, will celebrate his simcha with his younger siblings, **Beatrice, Leah and Isaac**.

Mark Edlitz and Suzie Shapiro on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benjamin Edlitz**. Benjamin, a student at Salk School of Science, will celebrate his simcha with his younger sister, **Sophie**.

Peter Feeney and Donna Milrod on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Michael Feeney**. Michael, a student at Village Community School, will celebrate his simcha with his younger brother, **Ethan**.

Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

Josie Sandler on her marriage to **Josh Flug**; and to Josie's parents, **Alice and Ross Sandler**.

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Jenna and Robert Wizenberg on the birth of their son, **Nathan Izak Wizenberg**; and to older sister, **Reese**.

Courtney and Adam Crown on the birth of their son, **Noah Myer Crown**.

Condolences to:

Karen Falk and Morissa Falk-Freedman on the passing of their step-mother and step-grandmother, **Selma Babitz**.

Ellen Weinstein on the passing of her mother, **Debora Weinstein**.

Roz Weinman and Jennifer Maxwell on the passing of their mother and grandmother, **Judith Weinman**.

Diana Federman on the passing of her father, **Jack Soffer**.

Daniel Goldman on the passing of his brother, **William Sachs Goldman**.

Suzanne Silber-Goldstein on the passing of her mother, **Rochelle Denise Silber**.

Jason Rosen on the passing of his grandmother, **Cynthia Tych**.

Leslie Lopez on the passing of her father, **Seymour Spiro**.

Marnie Potash on the passing of her mother, **Perle Potash**.

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President's Post

by Trudi Rae Bartow

It seems like whenever I pop onto Facebook I'm shown a memory. A Facebook memory is an anniversary of a post. The post could be from a year ago, it could be from five years ago. I love to see these reminders of a funny anecdote, a joyful moment, a political exclamation, or even a sad expression. Seeing these pictures and words triggers a response that mirrors the emotions on the day the post was made.



As we prepare to start a new Jewish year I like to look back at all the moments and emotions that went into the year. I like to reflect on the goals I set for myself last year and see how I came up to scratch. The first thing you need to know is that I didn't lose those 10 pounds, but I did have an amazing year being president of the Brotherhood Synagogue. This year I was allowed access to events and programs that weren't specifically designed for me and I got to see how amazing our community is. I attended the nursery schools' Sukkah breakfast and helped make pinecone and twig art with some very adorable children and I got to sing along to "to life to life l'chaim!" with the cast of our Hebrew school musical. I sat in amazement on one committee meeting after another as I saw dedicated people make plans for the future. Our Chesed committee matched me with a homebound member and I got to visit with them and talk about what Brotherhood was like before I was born! But I think my best memories are of the times I got to speak one-on-one with members at a kiddush, oneg, or running into someone on the street!

I look forward to another year of working side-by-side with all of you and making this great community stronger. I think I'll go post that right now on Facebook, and one day be reminded of how truly happy I was in this moment! ~

The Chesed* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

The Chesed Committee is here to support Brotherhood members in times of need. Do you need help with something? Can you offer help to others in the Brotherhood community? Do you have an idea for services or programming we should offer or information we should post on our web page? We want to hear from you. Contact chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org or 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.



YAHREZITS

^Garden of Remembrance *Book of Remembrance

September 2-8

Sarah Abraham, ^Joan Antelman, ^Jerome Blumenthal, ^Simon Bohrer, Eva Braslow, Helen Bush, *Nathan Cantor, Harvey Domow, ^Anna Dursht, *Myer Elson, Ina Epstein, Albert Falk, Freda Fell, Harriette Getz, *Julius Gewirtz, Ruben Glassman, Max Gold, Leon Goldstein, *Alfreda Goldstein, ^Adele Gross, Edward Hunter, *Rhoda King, Saul Klein, Saul Koppelman, Elsie Kramer, Max Kramer, ^Julius Krauss, Sarah Ladani, *Joan Lappert, Pearl Levitz, H. Kirke Lewis, ^*Murray Meyer, *Peppie Meyer, Zelda Michaels, ^William Miller, *Cantor Leo Mirkovic, ^Nina Moore^, Sheila Polks, ^Maxwell M. Powell, ^Walter Prichap, ^*Abraham Jacob Rechtschaeffer, ^Pauline Rubinoff, Mark Schimmel, Melanie Schneider, Sharon Silbiger-Gaynor, Elaine Simon, ^Martha Simon, Karin Joan Singer, ^Al Sloane, Leonard Stein-Sapir, ^David Noah Sugarman

September 9-15

Leon Berenstein, Arnold Bergman, ^Elyse Bohrer, Florence Brandes, Ruben Bush, Harry Danoff, *Max Edelstein, *Charlotte Eisinger, Judith Evans, ^Irving Feinberg, ^David Samuel Fine, ^Simon Fink, Theodore Fisch, Carl Samuel Friedes, Simon Gaum, Laicha Gellman, Meir Gellman, ^Ruth Glass, ^*Harry Eli Goldfarb, ^Hannah Kurland Goldman, Juan Gonzalez, *Ethel Gourse, Gilbert Grabisch, ^*Nathan Greenhouse, Edith Greir, Ann Grody, ^Alexander Heisler, Bruce Hendricks, ^Leon Herzfeld, ^Aaron Horwitz, Gayle Israel, ^Eric Kaminsky, Bernard Katz, ^James J. Kleinman, ^Ida Lieberman, ^Samuel Shmoael Litsky, ^Myra "Myke" Mandell, Michael Miller, Mollie Miller, *Rebecca Natilson, ^Jacob Zvi Newman, Sebastian Quiniones, ^Howard Rosenblum, ^Belle Troy Rothbart, *David A. Schechter, Gertrud Schmutzer, Ida Schneider, ^Hattie Schwartz, Irma Schwartzberg, ^Aaron Settle, Benjamin Shapley, Moshe Shragowitz, ^Miki Silberstang, Arthur Sonneberg, Judith Starns, Ruth Straus, Frank Sugar, ^Samuel Sutro, Harriet Vernikoff, ^Jacob Warmbrand, *Jacob Weinreb, Berish Weinstein, Irene Weiss, Dawn Weiswasser, Mable Yee

September 16-22

^Sidney Abbey, Lucille Barbarash, *William Baumann, Abraham Bezief, Simon Brenner, ^Alter Dienstag, Elliot Eisenbach, *Harry Elson, ^Bernard Feldman, *Miriam Field, Ann Finegold, *Jack Frankel, Janet Gelb, ^Rudolf E. Goldschmidt, ^Lester Goldwater, ^Joseph I. Harris, *Eleanore Kane, Terry Katz, ^Helen Kestenbaum, ^Ira Krupen, Lillian Lazar, *Joan Rose Lebon, Dora Lieberman, ^Herman Lowy, ^Irving Marks, *Jacob Meyer, Bernie Miller, David Mittman, Lynn Profeta, Ira Radovsky, ^Henry Reisner, ^*Morris Reyburn, *Rose Rosenberg, Corrine Rosenthal, Addie Roth, ^Gussie Goldberg Rothstein, Ethan Sabal, Mollie Schurberg, Ruth Schutz, *Helen Ruth Schwartz, ^George Shankman, ^Alice Gallub Sharron, Doris Silber, Armin Speer, Alfred Sternfels, ^Morris Teitelbaum, ^Deborah Williams, ^Irving Willis, Ray Woitovich

September 23 -29

Monroe Alter, *Maurice Appel, Jacob Applebaum, Susan Bailis, ^Rubin Baum, ^Murray Blum, Bertha

Bornstein, Mae Roffis Dobrow, Charles Eanet, Morris Ellowitz, Irving Erman, Maurice Friedman, ^Raymond Goldberg, Ida Goldstein, *Samuel Goldwasser, Estelle Gutterman, ^Elvera Herbitsman, ^Helen Kars, Miriam D. Kaufman, Janos Kende, *Joseph Lipshie, Gertrude London, Harry London, *Abraham Meyer, ^Mollie B. Newman, ^Susan Novom, Jens Nygaard, *Earl Ostroff, Julia Palmer, Al Parker, *Anne Posner, *Philip Presser, Rabbi Robert Raab, Frederick Raine, ^Martin Rich, Gussie Roth, Abram Rubin, ^Ruth Scalyer, Sarah Schenker, ^Ruth Schlesinger, Aaron Shapiro, ^Gerald Sherman, Cantor Jacob Singer, ^Elaine Sugarman, ^Grace Fanwick Sugarman, *Morris Sussman, Bessie Tekosky, Arnold Tepner, ^Ellen Claire Varsano, ^Sarah Zisslin Weisman, Victor Weissman, Sam Wertzer

September 30-October 5

Flora Altaras, Seymour Altman, Pablo Alvarez, Renee Bauchner, Itzhak Berenstein, *Arthur S. Berg, *Edith Berg, Irving Bergofin, Evelyn Berry, Cesia Blaichman, Lawrence Cid, ^Celia Z. Cohen, Sidney Conowit, *Rachel Gross Cooper, ^Col. Samuel Cummings, Hyman Ellenbogen, George David Freier, *Bela Friedman, Nathan Gold, ^Isidore Goldberg, ^*Morris Goldman, Ceil Gordon, Samuel Gottlieb, Phyllis Greenbaum, ^Betty Gross, ^Melvin Jaffe, Ruth Kaplow, ^Tullah Kellman, ^Jean Kelvin, Frieda Klein, ^Oswald Kolbert, ^Sylvia Kramer, ^Nathaniel Krass, Abraham Kreseloff, Helen Colnes LaMann, Henry Lapidus, Elizabeth Levine, Dr. Hyman Lupeson, Rogena Maloff, Harold Moldow, ^Carl Murzin, *Meyer Pearl, ^Beulah Pintel, *Dora Ropp, ^*Esther Rothenberg, ^*Joseph Rothenberg, *Fishel Noah Scheiner, Lynn Schneider, Emily Schorr, ^Rose Signer, ^Sarah Silberling, *Emma Siskind, ^Howard Swiss, *Sophie Tepperman, ^*Feiga Trencher, ^*Moses Trencher, Theodor Herzl Unterman, ^Joseph Ward, ^*Avrom Weissman, ^*Hentshe Weissman, ^*Hersh Weissman, ^*Lonka Weissman, ^*Necha Weissman, Ronald Wilen, Albert Avraham Yudkovitz, Sam Zweibach

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Hebrew School News

How quickly the summer has flown by!!! Our Hebrew School year begins the week of September 11, with students in Grades 3-6 beginning on Monday, September 11, and students in Gan (Kindergarten), 1st, 2nd and 7th Grades beginning their classes on Tuesday, September 12. Wednesday evening September 13 from 7-8 pm marks our **Hebrew School Meet and Greet**, where Hebrew School parents and Hebrew School teachers will have the opportunity to meet one another and learn more about what the children will be learning this Hebrew School year.

Here is a preview of some of the highlights of our Hebrew School year!

In addition to studying Hebrew, Tefillah, Torah, Customs and Ceremonies, Jewish Values and Hebrew songs, our Hebrew School will continue our successful **Mishpacha (Family) programming**, where our children and their family members join together in learning about Jewish rituals and practice; our **Purim Spiel** on Wednesday, February 28; our **Haggadah Sing Along** on Tuesday, March 27, our **Model Seder** on Wednesday, March 28, our **12th Annual Great Chai-Q Contest** on Wednesday May 2 which focuses (in *Jeopardy* fashion) on facts re: basic Jewish literacy; and, of course, our annual spring **"Broadway Musical"**—TBA (Wednesday May 16 and Thursday, May 17 @ 7:00 pm!) On Friday, May 18, our **Kitah Zayin (7th Graders) Siyyum (Graduation)** will take place, with our Kitah Zayin graduates co-leading parts of the Friday evening Shabbat Services. On Saturday morning May 19 @ 10:30 am, our **Kitah Bet (2nd Grade) students** will "step up" from the Aleph Bet Club to Junior Congregation and from our one day of Hebrew

School per week program to our two days a week of Hebrew School, as they transition into Kitah Gimmel (3rd Grade) in the fall of 2018.

We are pleased to announce the continuation and expansion of our **Hebrew Lab Program**—supported, in part, by the **Phil Rothman Education Fund**. For those unfamiliar with our Hebrew Lab Program, it is a special program set up for students who learn better in smaller group settings. [At Brotherhood, traditional Hebrew classes number 6-10 students, while lab students learn in even smaller groups.] Although the lab does offer some students remediation of their Hebrew skills, most of the students choose to participate in lab because—for one reason or another—they are not on grade level. Some of our Hebrew School families speak Hebrew at home, while others have lived in Israel for a period of time. We strive to meet the learning needs of each Hebrew School student. The Hebrew Lab is helping us to achieve this goal.

During this Hebrew month of Elul, we are in the process of getting ready spiritually for

the Yamim HaNoraim—the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah (Erev Rosh Hashana takes place on September 20, Rosh Hashana is on Thursday, September 21, and Friday, September 22, and Yom Kippur is Friday evening September 29 and Saturday, September 30.)

Rosh Hashanah Family Services (for families with children in 3rd Grade and older) will take place on the first day of Rosh Hashana—Thursday morning, September 21, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon at 61 Gramercy Park North.

There will also be **Rosh Hashanah Children's Services** from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm on both Thursday, September 21, and Friday, September 22, which will take place at our synagogue.

Yom Kippur Children's Services will take place on Saturday, September 30, at 2:15 pm, also at our synagogue.

Wishing you all a Sweet and Peaceful New Year 5778! L'Shana Tova!

—Barbara Simon

Hebrew School Principal 

Contacting All College Students

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

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Welcome New Members:

Welcome to **Matt Lloyd-Thomas** of Murray Hill, an associate consultant at Bain & Company and recent graduate of Yale University. In his spare time, Matt enjoys running, cycling, reading, and cooking. He's looking forward to becoming part of the Brotherhood community.

Jonathan and **Amy Berk** and their two sons, **Oscar** and **August**, live in Astoria. Amy works at The Spence School and Jonathan is a nursery school teacher at Brotherhood Synagogue in addition to teaching philosophy at Pratt Institute, The New School and William Paterson University.

Harvey Sawikin of the Upper West Side is a Fund Manager at Firebird Management. Harvey is a native West Sider, as is his wife, **Andrea Krantz**, and in fact he was in the first class at B'nai Jeshurun Day School (which became Heschel School). Harvey and Andrea

have two sons: **Leo**, a musician who attended Bard College, and **William**, an animation student at School of Visual Arts. Harvey finds the trip downtown to Brotherhood more than worthwhile.

Justin and **Alexandra Kosslyn** of Greenwich Village look forward to sharing in many Jewish life events with the Brotherhood community. Justin is a product manager with Google and Alexandra is a partner in investor relations for Pershing Capital Management. Their newborn son, **Asher**, recently had his bris at Brotherhood.


Arvind Gopal and **Karen Sumberg** of Gramercy Park have a son, **Sachin**, who will be starting at Brotherhood Nursery in the Yellow Room in the Fall. Arvind is a VP at Alt Point Capital and Karen leads Diversity and Inclusive for the Americas at Google.

Welcome to **Robert** and **Leora Burger** of Sutton Place. Robert is a Financial Advisor at Lenox Advisors and Leora is an Executive Producer at CNN. They have two children, **Ethan** and **Ella**. Both attend Friends Seminary.

Deanna Sadykov of Brooklyn is mother to **Valentina**, who attends the Schechter School of Manhattan and son, **Lucien**, who attends Abraham Heschel School of Manhattan.

Mark and **Chris Stumer** of Gramercy Park have a son, **Harrison**, who is enrolled in Brotherhood's Nursery School this fall. Mark is an attorney for 22 years in the city, and Chris is a mother, model and active volunteer on the Brotherhood Social Action Committee and the President of Bowery Babes 501 (c)(3).

Welcome to **Lee Bronsnick** and **Jael Wagener** of the Lower East Side. Lee is a trader with BNP Paribas. Their two sons, **Max** and **Samuel**, both attend PS 11.

Welcome to **Geraldo Pereira Neto** of Washington Heights. Geraldo is originally from Brazil and he moved to the U.S. six years ago to study Economics and International Affairs at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. He currently works as a Country and Sovereign Risk Analyst at Morgan Stanley. 

Nursery School Thoughts

by Caroline Tell Gasman

My son became a boy this summer.

I'm not quite sure when it happened. Somewhere between summer camp, swim lessons and weekends at the beach, Leo shed the remaining qualities of his *toddlerdom*—think facial flab, tantrums and the overnight diaper—and suddenly realized his status as a four-year-old boy. His tan legs grew longer, ganglier, his face more defined. Even his teeth looked bigger. As he'd play with his toys after a long day at camp, I'd study him, wondering how on earth we got here.

Leo is going into Pre-K this year—the Blue Room. He'll be part of the oldest group of children at the Brotherhood Nursery School. It feels like last week, not two years ago, that I was waiting outside the Yellow Room, listening for his little whimpers before getting the green light to leave, knowing he would be OK. When he entered the Red Room last year, I could barely keep up as he burst into the building. He couldn't wait to meet his new teachers and join his old friends, so much so that he practically fell down the stairs (which, if you know Leo, isn't all that uncommon). Leo and I

are both excited to start school again this year. I'm thrilled to see the staff and my fellow Blue Room parents. After a long summer trading text messages and Instagram comments, I look forward to rejoining the Brotherhood community.

Seeing as it's Leo's final year at Brotherhood, I'm going to try to stay in the moment, be present, enjoy. I expect a nuanced sadness or sentimentality to take hold at some point, to accompany each holiday or school celebration. It will be the last time we make latkes at nursery school and the last time we dress up the kids for the Purim parade. But I'm grateful for these three wonderful years. I'm grateful for the teachers who taught Leo, each of whom had his best interest at heart. I'm grateful for the warmth of all the staff members and for Merril. I'm grateful for the easy laughter among the parents and teachers and I'm grateful for the education, the Jewish values and the confidence that Brotherhood has instilled in Leo. With Brotherhood's support, my son has grown into a sweet, caring, virtuous young boy.

Even if he still throws the occasional tantrum. 🐉

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



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

Oct. 13, 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, 8, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 16, March 9, 23, Apr. 13, 27, May 12

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

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

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, March 9, Apr. 27

♪ Cantor's Notes ♪ by Cantor Isaac Yager

I have felt very much at home since I began serving as your cantor at the beginning of July. Undoubtedly, this ease is a testament to the Brotherhood community. The warmth, kindness, and openness displayed by all of you has strengthened my transition here in innumerable ways. Thank you for welcoming Meredith and me so genuinely into this congregation!

Admittedly, this past year was challenging. The uncertainty of where I would find a job after graduation was stressful to say the least. To help cope with this anxiety, Meredith and I decided to travel at the beginning of June. It was our big trip to celebrate my graduation from the seminary before I started my new job. We began and ended our trip in Barcelona, but also made our way to Bavaria with stops in Munich, Salzburg, and Austria. Ultimately, our choice of which cities to visit was directly related to reasonable airfare and clean Airbnbs. However, as the grandson of an expelled German-Jew during the war, I had a particular interest in being close to the land of my ancestors. Of course, we did all of the touristy things. We went to the famous beer hall in Munich and ate big delicious pretzels. In Salzburg, I took a photo of

Meredeth in the exact spot in front of the fountain where Julie Andrews stood with the children in *The Sound of Music* after their famous rendition of *Do-re-mi*. We ate apple strudel and *sachertorte* in Vienna, and also paid our respect to the great maestros at the graves of Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Though I had every intention of making this a light-hearted trip, a friend reminded me that the concentration camp, Dachau, was just outside the city of Munich and a short train ride away. We were only in Munich for less than twenty-four hours so a day trip was somewhat impossible. I mentioned this attempt in passing to my mother during one of our Facetime calls after a long day of sightseeing. My mother reminded me that my great uncle Siegfried (Siggy for short) was originally sent to Dachau before being transferred to Matthaussen concentration camp where he eventually "died of natural causes" according to a telegram my grandfather (Siggy's brother) received from the American Red Cross many years after the war. Siggy was a boxer, and apparently, a troublemaker known for getting into fights in and out of the ring. In fact, his nose was broken so many times that

doctors had to remove the bone, making his nose completely soft to the touch. These were the types of stories I heard growing up, yet only connected to peripherally. My great uncle was long gone, and though I empathized with his tragic end, his presence was distant and foreign to me. When I realized how close we were to Matthaussen after speaking with my mother, I knew that we could easily make a trip to the camp on our drive from Salzburg to Vienna, and we did. I had never been to a concentration camp before. It was strange to see the rooms and chambers I grew up hearing about and seeing photos of. Real life is always different. I found myself circling the same corridors over and over again, trying impossibly to take it all in. Maybe this was where my great uncle once stood. One of the last stops on the self-guided tour of the camp is the Hall of Remembrance, a room containing several mammoth sized books that catalog the death of all those who perished at Matthaussen. It took me no more than twenty seconds to find my Uncle Siggy's name, his birth year and place, and year of death. It was the first book that I approached. And for the first time, Uncle Siggy didn't seem so distant. 🐉

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☆ Saturday Mornings Shabbat Corner 9:45 am / Junior Congregation 10:30 am / Alef-Bet Club 11 am					1 7:10 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	2 9:30 am: Services KI TETZE
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	5 5:40 pm: Minyan	6 6 pm: Perspective Member Open House	7 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner Section 2	6:58 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	9 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Lorelei Greenberg KI TAVO
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17	18 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 4 pm: Life Goes On	19 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10 am: English in Action 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan	20 6 pm: Community Services 8 pm: Member Services EREV ROSH HASHANAH	21 9 am: Morning Services 10:30 am: Family Services at Calvary Church 1:30 pm: Children's Services 2:30 pm: Children's Tashlich 5 pm: Tashlich 7 pm: Mincha/Ma'ariv ROSH HASHANAH	22 6:35 pm: Candles 9 am: Morning Services 1:30 pm: Children's Services 6:30 pm: Services* <i>*Note new starting time through spring</i> ROSH HASHANAH	23 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Edlitz 6:30 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Michael Feeney HA'AZINU
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Dear Members:
Please tell your friends,
family, and colleagues
about Brotherhood's
open house on
September 6!

Please join us!
at Brotherhood Synagogue's upcoming
Open House for Prospective Members

If you've been thinking about joining a downtown congregation,
please come to an
Open House
at Brotherhood Synagogue
to learn more!
Wednesday, September 6 • 6:00-7:00 pm

Our warm and welcoming synagogue offers schools for kids, classes for
adults, engaging programming, and a socially progressive membership.