



Brotherhood Synagogue קהילה קדושה בית אחים



Weekly Email May 16, 2018

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Shabbat Services

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Candle Lighting at 7:51 pm

Please note that Shabbat candles are now available in the Community Room before Friday evening services for individual lighting

Friday, May 18, 7:30 pm

Oneg sponsored by Daniel & Corinne Goldman
on the occasion of Olivia's Bat Mitzvah
and by

Albert Nicolas & Thelma Mann on the occasion of the yahrzeit
of Albert's mother, Grace Nicolas

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am

Kiddush sponsored by Daniel & Corinne Goldman
on the occasion of Olivia's Bat Mitzvah

Weekly Portion: [Bemidbar](#)

Upcoming Events

Life Goes On

Wednesday, May 16, 2:30 pm

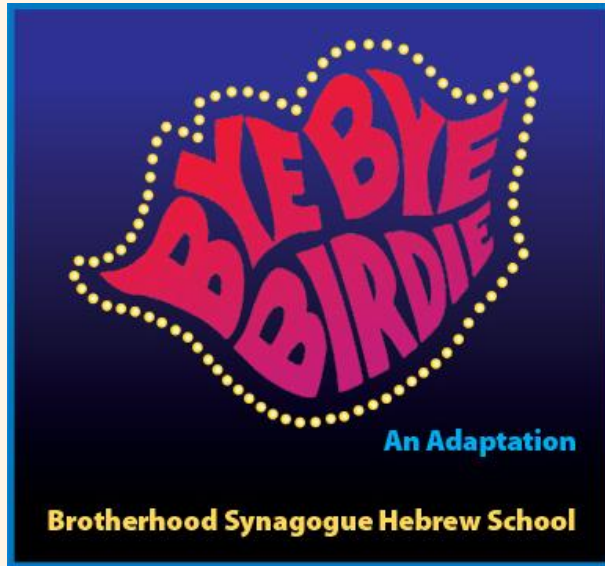
We are touring the interior of New York's Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House at 1 Bowling Green, near the southern tip of Manhattan. Our private tour is \$25 per person. Please email [Paulette Lerner](#) ASAP if you would like attend the tour or meet us on the steps of the Customs

House at 2:30 pm.

Life Goes On is a group for those of us who have lost a spouse or life partner and want to experience the beauty, joy, and opportunity that New York life offers surrounded by supportive friends who understand and share in the loss. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of *Life Goes On*, please come to our meetings - we would be happy to see you! If you have any questions, please call Agnes Marton at 917.519.4427 or [e-mail her](#) or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750 or [email her](#).

Hebrew School Musical: Bye Bye Birdie **Wednesday & Thursday, May 16 & 17, 7:00 pm**

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets online.



Brotherhood Book Club **Thursday, May 17, 7:00 pm**

Pamela Marcus will lead a discussion of *Paris in the Present Tense* by Mark Helprin. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact [Margie Katz](#).

Shavuot Services **Saturday, May 19, 7:30/9:00 pm**

We commemorate the giving of the Torah by following the practice of engaging in Jewish study on Erev Shavuot. A light dairy meal will be served at 7:30 pm with a study session led by Rabbi Alder followed by a brief evening service at 9:00 pm.

Communal late night study and fun then continues at the [14th Street Y](#) at *INTO THE NIGHT: a contemporary spin on Tikkun Leil Shavuot*.

First Day of Shavuot: Sunday, May 20, 9:30 am

Second Day of Shavuot: Monday, May 21, 9:30 am

Yizkor will be recited around 12:00 pm at services on Monday, May 21. Shavuot is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones. It is traditional to give gifts of charity in their names. May every gift be blessed the givers thereof.

Shavuot Ice Cream Party for Kids & Families! **Monday, May 21, 4:00 pm**

[Kindly RSVP](#) so we know how much ice cream we need!

Shavuot Ice Cream Party

for Brotherhood Kids, Families & Friends

Monday, May 21 at 4 pm



Shavuot is the festival which celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai and is a time for reaffirming one's commitment to Judaism.

We will stand together and hear the ten commandments, read to relive the Sinai experience when every Jewish man, woman and child witnessed the giving of the Torah.

Please then join us for the sharing of a dairy dish to symbolize the sweetness of the Torah and the land of milk and honey:



Ice cream sundaes with all the toppings!

Please take this opportunity to introduce a new family to Brotherhood!

RSVP in advance so we know how much ice cream to have on hand!
Contact Roberta at rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

Iftar in the Synagogue

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 pm

The annual **Iftar** (breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan) in the Synagogue which Brotherhood's Interfaith Committee has co-hosted for the past several years will take place on Tuesday, May 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This special event, serves to enhance spiritual and social bonds between the Muslim and Jewish communities and will involve both Jewish and Muslim prayer services (with the traditional breaking of the Ramadan fast with water and dates in between the services), followed by a dinner in our Community Room.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend but **must RSVP by May 16**.
Cost of the dinner is **\$20 per person**.

[RSVP here](#)



Back by Popular Demand!
Estate Planning Seminar

Thursday, May 24, 6:00 pm

TIAA's estate planning experts Joe Goldgrab and Tamara Telesko will be returning to conduct a second estate planning seminar on Thursday, May 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We had such a great response to our December Estate Planning Seminar, both in attendance and in requests for another date for those who were unable to attend the Sunday morning session, we hope that many of you will be able to make this date! Please email [Marilyn Strozak](mailto:Marilyn.Strozak) or call her at 212-674-5750 to register or for further information.

Happier Together: A CommUnity Conversation with Tal Ben-Shahar

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 pm

Want to know the secret to a happy life? Join Brotherhood Synagogue, UJA and Manhattan synagogues to hear from Israeli happiness expert, best-selling author, and Harvard's most popular professor, Tal Ben-Shahar. He'll speak about the power of positive psychology, the joy of community, and his unique perspectives on Israel in honor of Israel@70.

Hosted at The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center | 10 East 66th Street, New York City
Couvert: \$18. Your gift represents a charitable contribution to UJA-Federation of New York.

[Register Here](#)

UJA-Federation of New York's CommUnity initiative brings the Jewish community together around shared values. CommUnity offers educational briefings, hands-on volunteer opportunities, and scholars-in-residence at local synagogues.



Shabbat Club

Saturday, June 16, 1:00 pm

Andrew Gross, of the Consulate General of Israel - New York, will be speaking on the topic "Israel Updates". Mr. Gross is Director of Political Affairs and the advisor to the Deputy Consul General of Israel in New York. All are welcome to attend. The group will meet in the second floor reception room, opposite the sanctuary entrance. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact [Deborah Newman](#) if you have any questions.

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm

Joan Price will lead a discussion of *The Yid* by Paul Goldberg. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact [Margie Katz](#).

Speaker at Services

Friday, June 22, 7:30 pm

Why Should Jews in NYC Care About the Farm Bill?

Morgan Powell, a Board member of MAZON, the Jewish Response to Hunger, will discuss how the Farm Bill before Congress now will affect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), better known as food stamps, and its effect on women and children, military families, and older Americans and why the social values we hold as Jews compel our involvement in shaping a solution to nutritional insecurity. Mr. Powell will join us at the Oneg afterwards to continue to conversation. This program is sponsored by the Social Action Committee and is one of several policy topics to be brought to us in the coming months.

Of Note

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

Wednesday, May 23, , 6:30 - 9:00 pm

The Jewish Center, 131 West 86 Street, New York City

Join UJA and Jewish communal organizations, including Brotherhood Synagogue, for a pre-Memorial Day program to honor those who fell in service to our country. Hear from Jewish military leaders and help create care packages for those serving abroad, sponsored by Major Stuart Adam Wolfer Institute (MSAWI).

Guest Speaker: Colonel Jack Jacobs, U.S. Army, Ret., Medal of Honor Recipient -- Vietnam War

[Register Now](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Weiser at weiserb@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1844

"I on Campus": Today's Actual Jewish Experience on College Campuses

Wednesday, May 30, 6:00 pm

Calling all 11th and 12th graders and their parents!

Join UJA-Federation, Columbia/Barnard Hillel, NYU Hillel, Hunter College Hillel, Manhattan BBYO, and The Jewish Education Project to explore the complex experience of being Jewish and engaging with Israel on today's college campuses. Hear from current college students about how they navigate these complicated waters, and engage in thoughtful conversations to grapple with the complexity of these issues. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2lojDjw> and reach out to [Erica Cohen](#) at with any questions.

A Conversation with Andre Aciman

Thursday, May 31, 8:00 pm

National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South

Novelist and memoirist Andre Aciman is best known for his novel *Call Me By Your Name*, made into a 2017 feature film, and which won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay. His 1995 memoir, *Out of Egypt*, recounts his family's odyssey as they were forced to leave their native Alexandria following then-president Nasser's overt anti-Semitism. Michiko Kakutani reviewed *Out of Egypt* for *The New York Times*, calling it a "remarkable memoir...that leaves the reader with a mesmerizing portrait of a now vanished world." Aciman's 2017 novel, *The Enigma Variations*, echoes themes of love and the nature of romance that appear in his earlier novels. Aciman speaks with NAC Literary Committee member, David Masello about his life as a writer, as a teacher of writing (currently at the Graduate Center of City University of New York), and the inspirations for his works.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jewish Camping - The 14th St Y's New Country Day Camp in Station Island - for Kindergarten-8th grade

Your kids can spend a summer in the country, so close to the city!

[New Country Day Camp](#) is a Jewish day camp of the 14 Street Y located on Staten Island, with busing from all over Downtown Manhattan and Brooklyn. We provide kosher lunches 5 days a week and a great Jewish cultural outdoor experience. It is a great feeder to Jewish life and engagement. At camp, rising kindergartners through 8th graders can savor the peace that's only found in nature while belonging to a close-knit community that celebrates the unbridled joy of youth and the diversity of New York City. The camp is located on Henry Kaufmann Campground, where swimming pools, hiking trails, and open meadows set the scene for a summer of adventure and enrichment. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Gadi Paskoff at GPaskoff@14street.org.

Weekly Links

[A Syrian Treat for Shavuot. Tired of cheesecake and blintzes? Make cheese-filled sambusak your new holiday recipe.](#)

[Steeped in Blood, Soutine's Work Revels in Life, Not Death](#)

[As Israel Celebrates Dream of Independence, Many See Nightmare Taking Shape](#)

[Netta Barzilai of Israel Wins Eurovision With a Chicken Dance](#)

[Jewish Gangsta Rapper Takes On Germany's Hip-Hop Scene](#)

Send your links to: rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org

Other Info

Tuesday Minyan

Every week 5:40 pm

Do a mitzvah and help count toward the ten needed to allow those in mourning to recite the kaddish. In the library on the 4th floor.

Submitting Names for Healing Prayer

When someone is ill, we traditionally say a Misheberach, a special prayer for healing during Shabbat morning services and Rabbi Alder will read the names of those who are ill. If you would like the name of someone mentioned during the Misheberach prayer, please let Rabbi Alder know by [email](#) or phone (212-674-5750). Ideally, we would use the person's Hebrew name and that of their mother; if this is not known, then we can use their English name. May God send healing to all those in need.

Social Services Available

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCS) has assigned a senior social worker to work with Brotherhood Synagogue and its congregants. The agency offers a range of services for children, families, adults, and the aging. Should you wish to avail yourself of these services, the agency will accept referrals from Rabbi Alder, Phil Rothman, Barbara Simon and Merrill Feinstein. Please contact any of these staff members to be directed to our social worker.

Brotherhood Monthly Bulletin

[You can read the Brotherhood monthly bulletin online here.](#) If you wish to receive the monthly bulletin as email rather than receive a hard copy in the mail, please [email Marc Abrams](#).

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