



Brotherhood Synagogue קהילה קדושה בית אחים



Weekly Email March 14, 2018

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Shabbat Services

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Candle Lighting at 6:45 pm

Friday, March 16, 6:30 pm

Oneg sponsored by Allison Monk, David Monk, and Allegra Cohen
on the occasion of Eden's Bat Mitzvah
and by

Wayne & Nancy Merkelson on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Wayne's mother, Pearl

Saturday, March 17, 9:30 am

Kiddush sponsored by Allison Monk, David Monk, and Allegra Cohen
on the occasion of Eden's Bat Mitzvah

Weekly Portion: Vayikra

Social Action: Project Ezra Passover Food Collection



We are collecting
donations of Passover foods through March 21
to be distributed to the frail elderly
on the Lower East Side by **Project Ezra**.

All donations MUST be marked "Kosher for Passover"
(the kosher sign alone is not acceptable for Passover use!)

Most requested foods are:

Tuna, Salmon or Sardine Cans - Canned Fruits and Vegetables - Matzo Farfel - Grape Juice - Vegetable Oil - Instant Coffee or Tea - Small jars of Honey - Nuts or Dried Fruit

If you would like to **volunteer on Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 am** to help Project Ezra by driving a car and helping with the food distribution, please reserve your spot with [Jayne Skoff](#) of Project Ezra.

Selling Your Chametz

Since it is prohibited to possess chametz (leavened product) on Passover, any chametz left un-disposed must be sold to a non-Jew. A rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Passover and also to buy it back the evening after Passover ends.

[Click here for the online form to sell your chametz.](#)

You may also download, print, sign and mail the form back ([click here to download](#)).

Forms should be received by March 28.

Upcoming Events

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm

Susan Halper will lead a discussion of *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo. Please contact [Margie Katz](#) if you would like further information about the Brotherhood Book Club. All are welcome!

Baking Jewish Breads Class with Mark Goldey

THIS Sunday, March 18, Noon - 4:00 pm



WE STILL HAVE SOME OPEN SPOTS!!!

[Register for class](#)

Learn to make bialys, pletzl, and cornbread!

With a little practice, you can make these things at home, better than your local bakery!

Class is limited to 12 participants. Must be 16 years above.

Cost: \$36 for members, \$46 for non-members

Passover Services

Service and Study for the First Born

Friday, March 30, 7:30 am

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

First Days

Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 1, 9:30 am

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am

Concluding Days

Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm

Friday April 6, 9:30 am & 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 7, 9:30 am

Yizkor will be recited at services on Saturday, April 7 at around 11:30 am. Passover is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones. It is traditional to give gifts of charity in their names. May every gift be blessed and the givers thereof. You can print and download the Yizkor card [here](#) or make a donation online [here](#).

Screening: Levinsky Park

Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 pm

The documentary film, **Levinsky Park**, tells the stories of residents, refugees and activists riding the tide of history in Tel Aviv. The refugee conflict as presented in Israel is particularly heightened since as a country created to give refuge to Jews, Israelis are also a people all too familiar with 'otherness.'

In English and Hebrew - Subtitled 66 mins.

Discussion following with **filmmaker and Brotherhood member, Beth Kruvant**

\$10 suggested at the door

Sponsored by the Israel Committee

[More details](#)



Hadassah Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 1:00 pm

Please join us for our monthly meeting when our speaker will be **Brotherhood member, Naomi Jones**, who will speak to us on the topic: *Jerusalem: Then & Now*, regarding her personal memories of growing up in Jerusalem during the War of Independence and her impressions of Jerusalem now. All are welcome to join us at our meeting in the Second floor reception room!

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 pm at the Museum of Jewish Heritage



Brotherhood Synagogue, along with Downtown Jewish Life (DJL),

will hold a community commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day at *The Museum of Jewish Heritage* with guest speakers, musical presentations, including **The Brotherhood Choir, Harmoni-Ah!**, candle lighting and memorial prayers.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage is located at 36 Battery Place

Downtown Jewish Life (DJL) Celebration of Yom Haatzmaut:

Yael Deckelbaum & Prayer of the Mothers Ensemble

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 pm at Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St.

Award-winning Israeli multi-cultural women's ensemble Yael Deckelbaum & Prayer of the Mothers celebrates Yom Haatzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). Celebrating the great diversity of Israel at 70.

\$25 [Tickets](#)

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm

We will be reading and discussing *The Sympathizer*, a sweeping epic of love and betrayal by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Please contact [Margie Katz](#) if you would like further information about the Brotherhood Book Club. All are welcome!

Harmoniah! At Services

Friday, April 20, 7:30 pm



on Friday, April 20
when Brotherhood Synagogue Congregational Choir -
Harmoni-AH!

- will perform a variety of contemporary and traditional Jewish musical selections during the evening Ma'ariv service.
All are welcome!

Brotherhood Celebrates Israel at 70!
Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm

12:30 pm:
Ella's Trip to Israel!
An Interactive Musical
CHILDREN'S Performance
[More Details](#)



4:00 pm:
Celebrate Earth Day and
Israel's 70th Birthday at
The Fascinating Eco-Systems of
Israel: Travel the Land
with Hedy Ben Eliahu
[More Details](#)



Life Goes On

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm

Our April meeting will be at the Center for Jewish History. Harvard Professor Dr. Ruth Wisse will speak on the topic of "Politics of American Jewish Power." Our group will only have 15 reserved seats at a cost of \$10.30 per ticket, so do [RSVP to Brenda Pace](#) as soon as possible if you wish to attend. Dinner will precede the lecture, with details to follow.

Life Goes On is a group for those of us who have lost a spouse or life partner and want to experience the beauty, joy, and opportunity that New York life offers surrounded by supportive friends who understand and share in the loss. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of *Life Goes On*, please come to our meetings - we would be happy to see you! If you have any questions, please call Agnes Marton at 917.519.4427 or [e-mail her](#) at 1agnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750 or [email her](#).

From The Chesed Committee: Bikur Cholim Conference



The 29th Annual Bikur Cholim Conference on Visiting the Sick
Sunday, April 29 at UJA-Federation of New York, 130 East 59 St.

If you would like to attend the Bikur Cholim conference, [please email Roberta](#) or call her in the office (212.674.5750).

Brotherhood's Chesed Committee has graciously offered to cover registration costs.
More details about the day's events and speakers

Brotherhood Nursery School Benefit

Brotherhood Nursery School Benefit
Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

[Please visit the Benefit website for ticket purchase and more information](#)



Donate Items to our Homeless Shelter

Our Homeless Shelter runs through March 27. We will have 8 male guests each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night. Donations of: **new socks, underwear, scarves, hats, gloves or any other new articles of clothing** would be most appreciated. Please bring these to Leah Glasser in the Synagogue Office on the 3rd Floor.

Of Note



Zurbarán's Jacob and His Twelve Sons: Paintings from Auckland Castle **Through April 22 at the Frick**

From 2pm - 6pm on Wednesdays, the Frick offers a pay-what-you-wish entry fee. On Wednesday, March 7 at 4:00 pm, a gallery talk with curator Susan Grace Galassi will take place and on March 28, April 4 and April 11 other free talks about the exhibition will be taking place.

The works, by the Spanish Golden Age master Francisco de Zurbarán, are an ambitious series of thirteen life-size paintings depicting Old Testament figures. The iconography is derived from the Blessings of Jacob Chapter 49 in Genesis where he blessed each of his sons and foretold their destinies. In 17th century Spain, it was commonly believed that indigenous peoples of the Americas were descended from the so-called lost tribes of Israel. The paintings were newly uncovered and auctioned in 1720 when purchased by a Jewish merchant. In 1956, they were acquired by Richard Trevor, Bishop of Durham, a supporter of Jewish rights and hung in the dining room of Auckland Castle for 250 years. They are traveling after a two year restoration and study brought to light by the new owner of Auckland Castle.

10th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival/NYC

The largest festival of its kind promoting awareness and inclusion of people with different abilities returns on March 8 for its 10th year. Join in for a week of celebrating inclusion with fabulous films, conversations, and special events for all ages. The Festival will open with the award-winning film *Keep the Change*.

Keep The Change

Written and directed by Brotherhood member,
Rachel Israel

Screening March 16-22 screening at [The Quad Cinema](#)

[Watch the Trailer](#)



Untold Stories of Jewish Women

A Festival of Plays, Music and Conversation

at the Museum of Jewish Heritage March 20-22

We are all familiar with the archetype of the Jewish woman. From the biblical legends of Sarah and Esther, to the "Iron Lady" of Israeli politics, Golda Meir – from time-honored 'Jewish mother' jokes to the comedy of actual Jewish women like Joan Rivers and Sarah Silverman. As a group of women who have contributed so meaningfully to the zeitgeist, it is still true that their stories have been told from only a few perspectives, and some have not been told at all. UNTOLD STORIES OF JEWISH WOMEN brings these cross-generational stories to life.

Artistic Director, Shellen Lubin, and Literary Manager, Susan Merson, have solicited material from a large group of outstanding playwrights, poets, and performers—known and unknown—writing about Jewish women (who themselves are both known and unknown) from the bible through to 2018. There are pieces about scientists, revolutionaries, survivors, and artists of all kinds

Tickets: \$25 for the entire festival / \$10 per day.

Israeli Songbook: The Songs of Rachel and Leah

Monday, March 19, 7:00pm

Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16th Street

Israeli Singer Ariella Edvy leads an ensemble of musicians from MusicTalks in an evening of songs by the most influential Israeli poetesses Rachel Bluwstein and Leah Goldberg. The concert will feature anecdotes telling the story of these incredible women who took a major part in the rejuvenation of the Hebrew language and shaping the identity of Israeli poetry and culture. Program presented in English featuring songs sung in Hebrew.

Tickets are \$15 or \$10 with code: **Rachel**

Weekly Links

[Israeli Dance Master Roy Assaf's 'Girls & Boys](#)

[Israeli Mikveh Attendants Trained to Identify and Aid Victims of Domestic Violence](#)

[An Encounter, in Verse, Between a Palestinian-American and an Israeli Jew](#)

['Never Again': Fighting Hate in a Changing Germany With Tours of Nazi Camps](#)

[Halachic Institute Invents Shabbat-Friendly Technologies](#)

[Macron Vows To Fight Anti-Semitism, Addresses Céline Controversy](#)

[German Art Without Jews -A pair of exhibits, one at Harvard Art Museums, the other at New York's Neue Galerie, try to read the signs of a coming conflagration and its attendant guilt in works made under the rise and fall of National Socialism](#)

[Glazov Gang: Confronting Islamic Indoctrination in American High Schools.](#)

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

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