



Brotherhood Synagogue קהילה קדושה בית אחים



Weekly Email, February 13, 2019

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Shabbat Services

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Candle Lighting at 5:12 pm

Friday, February 15, 6:30 pm

Oneg sponsored by Beth Barry & Daniel Sussman
on the occasion of Beth's father, Nathan Barry

Saturday, February 16, 9:30 am

.Kiddush sponsored by Judy Kuttler
in celebration of her birthday & the birthday of Meredith Kelly
and also in honor of bring privileged to read from the Torah

Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh

Project Cicero Book Collection



During the month of February the Social Action Committee is sponsoring a collection of **new and gently used books appropriate for kindergarten-high school age children** for [Project Cicero](#), a non-profit organization which provides books to under-resourced NYC schools. The Project Cicero mission is to enable children to build a love for reading by ensuring that each classroom has a viable library.

High school aged students may fulfill school community service requirements by volunteering to help with this project. For more information, please contact Linda Yee Kaleko through the synagogue office.

[More details](#)

Upcoming Events

Friday Family Shabbat

Friday, February 15

Please join us at Brotherhood for our Family Shabbat services!

5:30 pm: Children up to age 3 in the Community Room with Daphna Mor

Shabbat Club

Saturday, February 16, 1:00 pm

A "Game of Thrones" -- Understanding the Upcoming Israeli Elections

Beginning with the February meeting of the Shabbat Club, our Israeli Shaliach (Emissary), **Ophir Tal**, will lead a monthly lecture and discussion series on Israel -- its history, culture, and economy. Because Israel will hold elections on April 9, Ophir will begin by helping us to understand the election process in Israel. Join Ophir at these monthly sessions, as he breaks down what the upcoming Israeli election is all about. Who is against whom? What's at stake? And, why do we go to elections now? With old and new friends, and our Shaliach, we can find out some answers, and share our ideas. We meet in the 2nd floor reception room. Beverages and light snacks are provided. All are welcome!

Life Goes On

Thursday, February 21, 4:15pm

Our own highly qualified Certified Nutritionist and Yoga Instructor/Therapist Gaby Kende will guide us through a yoga class on mats or on a chair. A talk about nutrition will follow and further discussion about eating alone and diet. Please [email Gaby](#) if you have any concerns regarding her yoga or nutrition presentation.

A nutritious vegetarian buffet dinner will follow the class at \$15 per person. Please [email Paulette Lerner](#) and let her know if you're planning to join us for yoga and dinner.

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 LGO, 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 or email Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, February 21, 7:00 pm

Pamela Marcus will lead a discussion of *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henrique. Please contact Margie Katz margie.katz@icloud.com if you would like further information about the Brotherhood Book Club. All are welcome!

Shabbaton at Brotherhood

Friday - Saturday, March 8-9

Friday, March 8

Following services and a congregational dinner, we will have a talk with **Ophir Tal**,

Israeli Downtown Community Shaliach, titled

**"The Uniqueness of Israeli Democracy:
Representation of Sectors in the Israeli Political Map"**

This important overview will cover the Israeli political landscape as we head into the national elections being held there on April 9.

[RSVP for dinner here](#)

Saturday, March 9

On Saturday, **Phil Rothman** will lead a **Torah Talk** titled "*When you build it, build it right.*" at 9:30 am, **Rebecca Kryspin** will lead an hour of **Spiritual Yoga** at 1:00 pm, and **Daphna Mor** will lead **Terrific Toddler Time** at 3:00 pm for children up to age 3.

SHABBAT@BROTHERHOOD

Friday-Saturday, March 8-9

Friday, March 8, an evening with

OPHIR TAL, ISRAELI COMMUNITY SHALIACH

**Uniqueness of Israeli Democracy:
Representation of Sectors in the Israeli
Political Map**

Following services and a congregational dinner, Ophir Tal, Israeli Shaliach ("emissary") who serves at The 14th Street Y and in downtown partner synagogues and organizations, will speak to us about Israel and its current political climate in view of the now fast approaching (April 9) elections there.



Ophir Tal is a former journalist with a keen understanding of the geo-political map. He covered the 2014 war in Gaza while serving in the army's journalist corps. Ophir has also worked in the Israel Supreme Court and has facilitated dialogues between Israelis and Palestinians. He offers Israel education through "lunch and learn" series, Hebrew classes and more. He is currently running a multi-part series at our Saturday monthly Shabbat Clubs.

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

9:30: Home Shabbat Services with Rabbi Alder and Cantor Yager
Noon: Kiddush Lunch in the Community Room
1:00-2:00 pm: Spiritual Yoga with Rebecca Kryspin. All levels welcome.
3:00 - 4:00 pm: Terrific Toddler Time with Daphna Mor.

Dinner tickets are \$30 for each adult; \$16 for children under 13. To reserve seats, please send this order form and a check payable to Brotherhood Synagogue to the Synagogue office by March. We encourage you to sign up early, as congregational dinners tend to sell out! Please, no phone reservations.
You may also visit the Brotherhood website to sign up and pay for the dinner online at www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

Brotherhood Film Series Presents:



THE OPTIMISTS (2018, 55 mins)

Sunday, March 10, 4:00 pm

The Optimists tells the story of Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed, a Palestinian chemist and Academic Director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies on Kibbutz Ketura which was founded to advance cross-border environmental cooperation by bringing together Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians and others in an academic masters program that teaches "nature knows no borders". Kibbutz Ketura was founded in 1973 by a group of Young Judea pioneers from the US who continue to maintain the spirit and structure of a collective community. The film reveals how the kibbutz manages to maintain the essence of kibbutz life notwithstanding difficult challenges and explores the question of whether this optimistic Kibbutz spirit and the Arava Institute can survive and thrive in today's Israeli society, and whether the kibbutz's liberal orientation can absorb Muslim Arab Israelis.

\$10 suggested at the door

[More details](#)

Salon Sanctuary* At Brotherhood

Wednesday, March 13, 8:00 pm

Ester, Liberatrice del Popolo Ebreo

by **Alessandro Stradella**

Known as the "Caravaggio of Music", the violent and volatile Alessandro Stradella can be considered a bridge between Carissimi and Handel. His innumerable works, both sacred and secular, still await a broader hearing in our time. Brotherhood Synagogue sets the stage for this work dedicated to the Hebrew Queen who saved her people, in the first New York performance in over 30 years.

COMPLIMENTARY Tickets for Brotherhood members
Enter code 1865 in the coupon box

**Salon/Sanctuary Concerts presents innovative projects of historical performance in intimate venues matched to the repertoire. Founded in 2009, Salon/Sanctuary concerts continues to garner critical praise and attract loyal audiences for projects that view history through the prism of music. For more information about the series, [click here](#)



Save the Date...
Thursday, April 4
[Click here for more information and to purchase tickets](https://www.brotherhoodbenefit.org)



Seeking Volunteers for English in Action Thursday Unit

English in Action Volunteer Opportunities - Thursday Afternoon Unit

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Our Thursday "English in Action" unit is seeking **volunteers!** EIA helps newcomers to the States gain fluency and confidence in conversational English by pairing them with volunteer tutors for weekly conversation sessions. In addition to practicing the language, students from more than 50 countries around the world learn about life in this country and teach their partners about their own lands and customs. The unit runs weekly on Thursdays from 2-4 pm at Brotherhood. Prospective tutors are interviewed to make sure they are eligible and would be a good fit for the program and, if accepted, a one-time training and orientation session will be provided. **Please [contact Roberta](#) if you are interested in volunteering as a tutor in the Thursday EIA unit at Brotherhood.**

Spots Available in Baby & PreToddler Classes

We have spots available in the following Brotherhood Early Childhood Classes:

Baby Class: Wednesday 10:00 am (children up to 12 months old)

Pretoddler Class: Wednesday 11:00 am (children 12 - 18 months old)

Please [email Roberta](#) or call her at 212.674.5750 if you would like more information about our classes and rates!

[The Progressive Assault on Israel](#)

[Anti-Israel Bias in Public Schools Is an American Problem](#)

Send your links to: rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org

Of Note

Bernard-Henri Lévy in Conversation with Simon Schama

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 pm at the 92StreetY

Is America in the process of retreating from its traditional world leadership role? Bernard-Henri Lévy, one of the West's leading intellectuals, takes an informed and provocative look at the state of world politics today, in conversation with historian and author Simon Schama. How are Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, and Sunni radical Islamism taking steps to assert power and influence? And what are the ramifications of the steps they are taking to undermine the liberal values that have been a hallmark of Western civilization? Join him for a clear-eyed look at the world stage, as he talks about his important new book, *The Empire and the Five Kings: America's Abdication and the Fate of the World*. Drawing upon lessons from history and the eternal touchstones of human culture, Lévy reveals the stakes facing the West as America retreats from its leadership role, a process that did not begin with Donald Trump's presidency and is not likely to end with him. The crisis is one whose roots can be found as far back as antiquity and whose resolution will require the West to find a new way forward if it-and its values-are to survive.

[Tickets here](#)

Discount code for 20% off : 92YFriend

Joint concert of HUC and JTS Choirs

Thursday, February 14, 7:30 pm at Center for Jewish History

HUC and JTS Cantorial School choirs, conducted by Joyce Rosenzweig and Natasha Hirschhorn, are performing a wonderful joint concert of 20th and 21st century Jewish choral music at the Center for Jewish History (on West 16th Street) The concert is presented by the American Society for Jewish Music as its 2019 "Music in Our Time" concert.

[Purchase Tickets here](#)

Screening: The Cakemaker

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 pm

Engleman Recital Hall at Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue Bet. 25-26

"The Cakemaker believes in a love that neither nationality, sexual orientation nor religious belief can deter." -- The New York Times

Beginning as one thing and ending as quite another, this softly lighted melodrama follows Thomas (Tim Kalkhof), a reserved German pastry chef with a cozy cafe in Berlin and a handsome Israeli lover, Oren (Roy Miller). Directed by Ofir Raul Graizer.

General Admission: \$8.50

[Tickets here](#)

UJA Federation Center for Youth Philanthropy & Leadership presents:

Israelsectionality: Complexities, Conversations and College:

Addressing the Perception of Israel on Campus

Sunday, March 3, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

@ Central Synagogue, 652 Lexington Avenue

Current college students and campus professionals share what it's really like for Jewish students on campus. You'll learn important strategies - from those already on the ground - for speaking rationally and respectfully about Israel with peers from all walks of life and with diverse beliefs. You'll also learn what resources and initiatives are available to help meaningfully express your connection to Judaism on campus. Speakers will include:

Hilar Lehar, Director of the Center for Israel Education at Columbia/Barnard Hillel

Omer Hit, Coordinator for Israel Engagement at the NYU Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life and a panel of college students from Columbia and NYU

This event is intended for teens in high school and their parents and is FREE.

[Please register here](#)

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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