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## AA and the Issue of Control

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

A couple of months ago I was invited by a friend to attend her landmark anniversary of sobriety at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. I left the meeting once again impressed with the AA program and its effectiveness in creating an honest and supportive community.

It was a refreshing experience to rediscover the egalitarianism in AA. In the meeting rooms, all are equal. The money and prestige of the affluent can buy them nothing in AA. Strikingly different individuals are simply two suffering human beings trying to restore a degree of sanity to their lives. I was also impressed by the dedication of people in AA to help one another. The person who is experiencing recovery reaches out to help another sufferer whatever the time or place.

The individual freedom that is so essential to spirituality cannot be one's exclusive privilege. To be spiritual, one must respect others' rights to the same degree of freedom. If we offend someone, injure him, or deprive him of something that is rightfully his, we have encroached upon his freedom and his rights. This spiritual aspect of recovery is addressed in steps eight and nine of the Twelve Steps:

Step Eight: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all. Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Exerting or attempting to exert control over other people, whether overtly or covertly, is one of the most frequent sources of interpersonal problems. Some people try to control by allowing themselves to be controlled. It is like the mouse in the experimental psychologist's laboratory who

remarked to his comrade, "I've really got that guy conditioned. Every time I push this lever, he throws me a food pellet." Little do people realize that trying to control is ultimately futile, and contrary to the opinion of the one who believes he is in control, it usually backfires.

The renowned psychiatrist, Rabbi Abraham Twerski, teaches that control problems exist, to some degree, in every problematic relationship. However, the whole control issue stands out in bold relief in the family of the alcoholic, and this can be used as a paradigm for all other relationships. To begin with, the practicing alcoholic believes himself to be in control of his drinking, although it is abundantly evident to everyone else that he has absolutely no control over the alcohol, and that to the contrary, it is alcohol that is controlling him.

People in the alcoholic's life are under the delusion that they can control him, and are constantly thinking up ingenious new methods to curb his drinking. In spite of the fact that all previous methods have failed, they continue to search for a method that will work, and that will enable them to be in control. The alcoholic, on the other hand, often has everybody dancing to his tune, and far from being controlled, he is actually controlling others because they must adapt to his behavior. Dr. Twerski notes that it is a well-established fact that when everybody stops trying to control everything and everyone else, recovery usually occurs.

It is difficult to overcome the urge to control when one sees another person, particularly a loved one, behaving in a self-destructive manner. Parents and spouses frequently ask, "How can

## Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:30 AM

*Bat Mitzvah of Lielle Nahum*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9:30 AM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 5:45 PM

*Bat Mitzvah of Julia Goldberg*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6:30 PM  
*Shabbaton Dinner following*  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6:30 PM  
*Speaker at Services: Dr. Sheldon Teperman*  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 9:30 AM

I stand by idly with folded hands and see him destroy himself?" The answer, says Dr. Twerski, is that unfortunately we have no option. All we can do is advise the person and to the best of our abilities try to impress upon him that his behavior is self-destructive, but beyond trying to convince him to modify his behavior, there is really nothing we can do.

Acceptance of this impotence is most difficult. This is where the Serenity Prayer is of such crucial importance. The prayer for serenity to accept the things we cannot change makes us aware that there are things beyond our control and this it is fruitless to exhaust ourselves in trying to accomplish the impossible.

*The Brotherhood Synagogue is pleased to host an AA meeting every weeknight evening, Monday through Thursday.*

## Save the Date

### Rabbi Irving J. Block Memorial Lecture

Monday, November 5, 2018 7 PM

### Israel@70: Moving Zionism Forward

Speaker: Richard D. Heideman, President,  
American Zionist Movement

Richard D. Heideman, President of the American Zionist Movement, is senior counsel of Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C., the Washington law firm which represents American Victims of Terror. He is past President of B'nai B'rith International and Founding Chairman of The Israel Forever Foundation and author of *The Hague Odyssey: Israel's Struggle for Security on the Front Lines of Terror and Her Battle for Justice at the United Nations*.



## FALL 2018/5779 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.

## By the Book

This year we will be featuring members answering “By the Book” questions in order to get to know one another better and to encourage further reading. Please let us know if you’d be willing to answer these questions (you need not be an author/writer). Email to: [rabbi@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:rabbi@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).

Member, **Judy Batalion**, is the second to answer in our series.....

### What books are on your nightstand?

I’m generally a minimalist — my bedroom has little furniture and is entirely adorned in off-white. That is, except for the rainbow obelisk of books on my nightstand which stretches halfway up to my ceiling. My literary spire comprises all kinds of titles: trendy bestsellers and prize-winners (including those by fellow Canadians), classics I’ve never finished (or even started), books sent to me by writer friends and publicists (I’m a writer myself and sometimes pen book reviews and features), books I’ve dutifully purchased at author events (I know only too well: every copy counts), and books I acquired for now-completed projects which I never ended up reading. So, at this very moment, a selection from my nightstand includes: *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer, *Transit* by Rachel Cusk, *Paddle Your Own Canoe* by Nick Offerman, *The Lonely Hearts Hotel* by Heather O’Neill, *China Rich Girlfriend* by Kevin Kwan, *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, *Feminist Fight Club* by Jessica Bennett, and several volumes on mid-life crises, anxious parenting, grief therapy, and grilled cheese.

### What was the last truly great book you read?

I recently read David Grossman’s *A Horse Walks Into a Bar* and was blown away by how the

novel blended humor and pathos, trauma and slapstick, suspense and depth. I found it to be strange and wise and troubling and puzzling and funny.

### What’s your favorite Jewish book of all time?

I don’t really do “all time;” my tastes change frequently. Right now, I’d probably have to say *A Horse Walks into A Bar*. For me, “Jewish books” are often those that merge humor and tragedy, joy and anguish. The late David Rakoff’s essay collection *Fraud* is a perennial favorite. So is *Are You There God? It’s Me Margaret* by Judy Blume. I also love the Hagaddah — what other book starts with a to-do list and ends with a repetitive chant about goats?

### What’s your favorite thing to read? And what do you avoid reading?

I always prefer humor. A witty turn of phrase, a well-timed aside, an absurd premise, laugh out loud satire — those are my favorites. But I also go dark and serious. My tastes are wide ranging. The only thing I categorically avoid reading for leisure are books that I am reading for work. At the moment, I am writing a narrative nonfiction book about Jewish women who fought in the resistance against the Nazis inside the Polish ghettos. I spend my days immersed in real life tales that are both astonishingly incredible and horrific — but those texts are for my desk and for daytime. If I read them at night, I’d never sleep.

### What book would we be surprised to find on your shelf?

Just about any cookbook. I took a class at the Institute of Culinary Education last year and finally acquired some “knife skills.” I can ex-

actly mince a garlic clove and I do a fine chop of cilantro, but that’s about as far as I go in the kitchen.

### What kind of reader were you as a child?

I was a voracious reader. *Pig and the Blue Flag*, *All of a Kind Family*, *Ramona Quimby*, *The Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler*, *Bruno & Boots*, everything Judy Blume. I recall that during the summer after 4th grade, each student was given 6 “book report cards” on which to write reviews of 6 books we read over the holidays. I proudly returned to school that September with 32 cards. But then the boy who sat behind me (he was funny, I had a crush) mocked me. He made fun of me for reading so many books. I was 10, and for the first time it dawned on me that my interests might not be super cool. I was officially a nerd. After that, I kept reading, but in secret. I filled out no more cards, I never openly discussed my imaginary adventures. For most of my adult life, I was mad at my 10-year-old self for having been so insecure, for caring what others thought, for hiding my passions. But lately I’ve been considering how the secretiveness of reading made the whole endeavor more personal for me, more intense, more important. Maybe that feeling of danger is what led me want to write.

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*Our member, Judy Batalion, is the author of White Walls: A Memoir about Motherhood, Daughterhood, and the Mess in Between (NAL/Penguin 2016) and the forthcoming Daughters of the Resistance (tentative title) about Jewish women who fought in the resistance against the Nazis, to be published by William Morrow/Harper Collins in 2020. 🌸*

## 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.

Touring Ellis Island was a wonderful and fun way to start our fall season! Thank you so much to Judy Schneider and Sheila Zaslower for arranging the afternoon.

Our traditional tour of the **Chelsea Art Galleries**, led by Luise Ross, will take place on **Thursday, October 18 at 4pm**. We’ll see some fabulous contemporary art and, if the weather cooperates, walk a bit on the High Line. Then we’ll have dinner in the The Park Restaurant’s lovely glass enclosed garden (118 Tenth Avenue, between 17th and 18th). The tour is free, so the only expense is the cost of your prix fixe dinner. We will **meet at 4pm** at Matthew Marks Gallery (523 W. 24 St.). Please reply ASAP

to Luise at [luiseross@icloud.com](mailto:luiseross@icloud.com) or to Agnes at [Iagnesmarton@gmail.com](mailto:Iagnesmarton@gmail.com).

An unusual event will take place at **3pm on Wednesday, November 14th!** *Life Goes On* will be going to the **Center for Jewish History** for a private genealogy workshop guided by their specialized librarians. There will be a tour of the facilities and a workshop with hands on practice in doing your own family history research using the Center’s extensive genealogy databases. Dinner together will follow nearby. Thanks so much to Arthur Plutzer ([aplutzer@hotmail.com](mailto:aplutzer@hotmail.com)) for arranging the workshop, and to Brenda ([bapace172@gmail.com](mailto:bapace172@gmail.com)) and Paulette ([plerne@aol.com](mailto:plerne@aol.com)) for completing the arrangements.

Please save the date: our annual **Hanukkah Party** will take place on **Thursday, December 13th**. Details to follow...

Our book clubs have been generating fascinating discussions and our September look at

*The Essex Serpent* provided lots of good material. Unfortunately, we do not have the date or the book selected for our October meeting yet; that information will be sent to all our members as soon as it’s available. We do know that it will take place in the library at Brotherhood and, as usual, NYU Professor Margaret Birns will guide our discussion. Wine and desserts will be served. You must RSVP in advance to Ellen Kenigsberg ([ellensken14@gmail.com](mailto:ellensken14@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend and the cost of participation is \$20 per person, 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 [Iagnesmarton@gmail.com](mailto:Iagnesmarton@gmail.com) or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750, email [rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org). 🌸

## Sukkot Services



### SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, September 30, 6:30 PM

Monday, October 1, 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

Monday, October 1, 6:30 PM

*Hakkafot* (processions) and dancing with the Torahs

Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 AM

Presentation of Simchat Torah honors to:

Beth Barry, Kallah Torah

Neal Rosenberg, Chatan Bereshit

## Simchat Torah Honorees

### Beth Barry

Our Kallah Torah grew up in the small, working class town of New Bedford, MA where her family was very involved in the Conservative synagogue. For eleven years she attended the Zionist Camp Pembroke. Beth graduated in Studio Art and Child Development from Connecticut College, in Art Therapy from Pratt, and in Social Work from NYU. She has a private practice and also shows her art work regularly. Beth is married to Dan Sussman and they have two post-college sons, Matt and Jake. A member of the Brotherhood synagogue for twenty-five years, Beth serves on the Board of Trustees and co-chairs the Social Action committee of which she has been a long-time member.

### Neal Rosenberg

Our Chatan Bereshit was born in the Bronx and raised in Little Neck, Queens where his parents are long-time members of Marathon Jewish Community Center. Neal graduated from SUNY Albany where he met his wife of 41 years, Michele. They reside on the Upper East Side and are the parents of Jonathan, who is currently working towards an MBA at the Wharton School. Neal is a CPA who has worked at various public accounting firms. A member of the Brotherhood Synagogue for twenty-three years, Neal serves on the Board of Trustees and as former Treasurer and now as chair of the Budget Committee. 🐚



## A NIGHT AT THE RACES AT YONKERS RACEWAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4,  
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE  
ROTHMAN EDUCATIONAL FUND  
TO BENEFIT THE HEBREW SCHOOL

Giddy up and get ready to join **Phil Rothman** and friends at Yonkers Raceway for "A Night at the Races" **Thursday evening, October 4th**, as we celebrate Phil and raise funds for The Rothman Fund. The evening will consist of cocktails and a buffet dinner overlooking the racetrack and live harness races at 7:00 pm. We will have the opportunity to name a race, bet on it and have a group picture taken in the winner's circle with the horse and driver. Invitations have gone out via email and snail mail. To purchase tickets, please visit the Brotherhood website calendar of events or call Marilyn Stozak at 212-674-5750. (Optional transportation from the Synagogue will be available.) We are looking forward to this fun and festive event and hope you will join us. All proceeds go to the Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School.

## LOVE, MARIA

Join us for a special presentation by Gregor Collins, author of "The Accidental Caregiver"

Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm

Gregor Collins will share his experience caring for Maria Altmann who inspired the 2015 film *Woman in Gold* starring Helen Mirren. Maria's escape from the Nazis, her fight and subsequent win in the Supreme Court case to return her family's original Gustav Klimt artwork and the extraordinary people she met along the way.

Cost: \$12 for lecture/\$20 for lecture and book

Kindly RSVP by **Tuesday, October 9!** Registration/payment form available on the homepage of the Brotherhood website, on the online calendar, or in our weekly mail! Or, you can call the office 212.674.5750!



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## SHABBATON@BROTHERHOOD

Friday, October 19

### Congregational Dinner and Tish\*\*!

Our planned Friday night dinner speaker, Avi Jorisch, had a last minute conflict and will not be able to with us. **HOWEVER!!!** . . . .

Following Friday evening services, we are still having an amazingly delicious congregational dinner from Pomegranate on Friday, October 19 (with wine!!) and we hope you will join us!

Following our meal, Cantor Yager will lead us in a \*\*rousing chorus of traditional Jewish melodies and songs.

**For complete details and to rsvp, see the enclosed flyer or our website.**



Speaker at Services • Friday, October 26, 6:30 pm

### Dr. Sheldon Teperman: What Doctors Think About Gun Violence

Ninety-two people a day times 365... That's more than 33,000 Americans who are killed by guns every year. More than double that, about 84,000, is how many are injured by guns annually. "The worst part of my job is walking out of the operating room after losing someone who has been shot and having to tell a mother her child is not coming home..."

On Friday, October 26 please join us at services where we will be joined by **Dr. Sheldon Teperman, Chief Trauma Surgeon at Jacobi Medical Center, and Board member of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence**, who will speak to us about his experiences as a Trauma Surgeon and what we can do, as New Yorkers, to address this crisis.



# Happenings in Our Kehilah

## B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Eric and Betsy Goldberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Julia Goldberg**. Julia, a student at the Clinton School, will celebrate her simcha with her younger sister, **Brooke**.

**Yaron Nahum** and **Miriam Rahav** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Lielle Nahum**. Lielle, a student at the Clinton School, will celebrate her simcha with her siblings, **Yarden, Oren** and **Zohar**.

**Jared Epstein** and **Francesca Rosenberg** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Channing Epstein**. Channing will celebrate her simcha with her older brother, **Hollis**.

## Births, Mazal Tov to:

**Julia** and **Dean Lederman** on the birth of their daughter, **Shayna Isabel Lederman**; and to older sisters, **Kayla** and **Rachel**.

**Elina** and **Vladimir Dadashev** on the birth of their daughter, **Natalie Dadashev**; and to older sister, **Naomi**.

## Condolences to:

**Lori Perlow** on the passing of her mother, **Rita Perlow Langué**.

**Dan Orlow** on the passing of his father, **James Orlow**.

**Sandra Samberg** on the passing of her mother, **Beatrice Sherman**.

The family of **Lillian Lederberger** on her passing.

## Welcome New Members:

**Isabel Schein** of the Upper East Side is a learning specialist at the JCC Nursery school in Manhattan and the early childhood consultant at the Shaaray Tefila Nursery School. Isabel was the early child consultant at Brotherhood Nursery School for many years.

**Andy** and **Arabella Pollack** of Chelsea came to a Purim Carnival at Brotherhood and enjoyed it so much they decided to join the congregation! Andy is an actuarial consultant with First Actuarial Consulting. Arabella is an academic director at Columbia University. Their two sons, **Samuel**, 6, and **Nathan**, 4, both attend the British International School. Sam will be attending our Hebrew School this fall.

**Michelle Jacobson** of West Chelsea is an interior designer at her own firm called ML Jacobson Design. Michelle is also a senior interior designer with Michael Aiduss Design in Montclair, New Jersey. She has two daughters, **Charlotte**, a senior at Colorado College and **Emilia**, a sophomore at Penn State University.

Welcome to **Bob Feinland** and **Helene Podziba** of Greenwich Village. Robert is an artist and business owner and Helene is a writer/lecturer at NYU. Their son, **Isaac**, will be starting at Brotherhood Nursery School in September.

**David Adler** and **Amie Weitzman** of Greenwich Village have two children—a son, **Jonah**, who attends MIT and a daughter, **Maya**, who attends the University of Michigan. David works at Paragon Capital Partners and Amie is an interior designer.

**Jordan Tupper** and **Sarah Ratzenberger-Tupper** live in Kips Bay. Jordan is a project manager with HBO and Sarah is a VP of rate sales with BNP Paribas. Jordan had his Bar Mitzvah at Brotherhood.

Welcome back to **Alan** and **Laura Isenberg** of the West Village and their two children, **Jackson**, 6, who attends Fieldston Lower School and **Esme**, 3, who attends Beginnings Nursery School. The Isenbergs spent the last four years in Hong Kong.

Welcome to **Jason** and **Rachel Gerstein** of Nolita. Jason is a portfolio manager at Tudor Investments and Rachel is a freelance writer. They have a daughter, **Sybil**, and a newborn son, **Gus**. Sybil is starting nursery school at Washington Market in TriBeCa this fall. Gus' bris took place at Brotherhood over the summer.

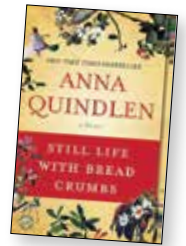
Welcome to **Richard Mellen** and **Viviane Eisenberg Mellen**. Richard is the owner of Mellen, Inc. Viviane is an entertainment and media lawyer. They have three children—a son, **Joshua**, who is a management consultant, a son, **Alex**, who is a VP at Mellen, Inc., and a daughter, **Ruby**, who is a journalist.

Welcome to **Jonathan** and **Dara Pavlich** of NoMad. Jonathan is an attorney with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Dara is an SVP with Teneo Strategy. Their son, **Gideon**, is starting the Brotherhood toddler program in the fall. 🌸

## Brotherhood Book Club

October 18, 2018, 7:00 pm

Ellen Renstrom will lead a discussion of *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen which begins with an imagined gunshot and ends with a new tin roof. Between the two is a portrait of Rebecca Winter, a photographer who discovers, in a tree stand with a roofer named Jim Bates, that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life.



If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Margie Katz at [margie.katz@me.com](mailto:margie.katz@me.com). All are welcome!

### Future Book Club Meetings/Books:

**Thursday, Nov. 15:** Debra Aaron will lead a discussion of *Apples from the Desert* by Savyon Liebrecht.

**Thursday, Dec. 20:** Barbara Feingold will lead the discussion: TBD

**January, Dec. 17:** Margie Katz will lead a discussion of *The Diamond Setter* by Moshe Sakal and Jessica Cohen.

## A Note from Development:

### 5779 Annual Fund

As you know by now, our Annual Fund drive is off and running! Many of you have already made your gifts and we are most grateful to have gotten off to a healthy start with your early support. If you have not yet participated, our first appeal of the New Year has gone out and we urge you to give in whatever way you can. No gift is too large or too small. We will be keeping you informed and updated on the progress of the Fund and we hope we can count on every member's support. We simply can't do all that we do without you!

### The Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School

**DATE CHANGE!** Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to move the date of the **Family Havdalah Ceremony**, which was to be held at the Synagogue, on Saturday evening, December 1, 2018. **The new date is Saturday evening, February 2, 2019.** We are planning a festive evening, with several surprises in store for Phil. Stay tuned for more information on this and other Rothman Fund news as we move to wrap-up this Year(s) of Phil with a goal of \$1 million raised for this endowment, benefitting the Hebrew School and honoring Phil's legacy. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event, learn more about the Rothman Fund or make a contribution to the Fund, please call me at 212-674-5750 or email at [mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:mstrozak@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).

Wishing you *Shanah Tovah!* May it be a year of peace, health and happiness for all!

—Marilyn Strozak, Director of Development 🌸

# Thank You for Your Support of The Brotherhood



Each year we take the opportunity, as the New Year begins, to thank our members who gave so generously to our Annual Fund in the past year. As membership dues do not cover the Synagogue's expenses, it is your support of the Annual Fund that enables us to continue to offer a wide array of programs and services and to maintain our beautiful landmarked building

Through your support, the Brotherhood was able to provide shelter for our homeless guests in the winter months, give scholarships to Hebrew School students who would otherwise not be able to pursue a Jewish education, provide transportation to services for seniors, offer High Holiday tickets to members of the community at large at no cost and to run our Tikvah program for children with special needs, also at no cost to participants. It is your spirit of generosity—above and beyond your membership dues—that makes all this—and more—possible. We simply could not do it all without you.

Last year, nearly 500 members gave more than \$600,000 to the Annual Fund, and we thank each and every one of you! And to those who gave to numerous other causes at the Brotherhood, we thank you one and all!

Joseph & Renee Abada

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## President's Post

by Tracie Basch

No matter how many times I look at the calendar, the holidays always seem to sneak up on me and I am always rushing to prepare for them. But then, Rosh Hashana starts, the family gathers around the table, we all enjoy a meal together before heading to services, and I have a moment to look around the table and realize how lucky I am to be surrounded by family.



At Brotherhood, it's not much different—everyone on the staff works so hard to make sure that the building is ready for services—carpets and cushions are cleaned, paint is touched up, video and sound are checked, sermons and speeches are written—and then, before we all know it, we all come together and raise our voices in song and prayer to usher in Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. It's always a great feeling for me to sit in the sanctuary, look around at all the full seats, see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy our Cantor and Rabbi as they lead us through prayer, and this year was no different.

As I mentioned last month, the holidays also mean the resumption of all our programming—both adult, kid and family. We are so fortunate to have such robust programming—please look at our website for the calendar of events and attend as many as you can. A highlight of this month's programming is our **Night at the Races** benefitting The Rothman Educational Fund to Benefit the Hebrew School on Thursday, October 4. In addition to raising money for the Hebrew School, we will also have the opportunity to name a race and be in the winner's circle. This is definitely a unique one-of-a-kind experience and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I look forward to seeing you on October 4 and at other Brotherhood events!

Shalom,

— Tracie

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New Yorkers lag behind nearly every other state in signing up to be organ donors. Start your new year with a *mitzvah* by becoming an organ donor—one donor can save eight lives. It's easy to become a donor—see [donate.life.ny.gov](http://donate.life.ny.gov).

\*The Chesed Committee provides help and compassion to Brotherhood members in times of need. We can be reached at [chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org) or through the synagogue office.



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### October 13-19

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### October 20-26

Clara Aaron, \*Lillian S. Ager, ^Jack Bardack, ^Irving Berk, ^George Birnbach, Lillian Borkow, ^\*Edward Brandwein, Louis (Lipa) Brill, Leon Brumberg, Saul Cantor, Irving

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Cohen, ^Herman Douglass, \*Charlotte Dubin, Abraham Ellenzweig, Norman Epstein, ^Anna Fine, \*Bertha Goldstein, ^Helen Gordon, Louis Green, Doris Greene, ^Harry Greenfield, Norman Halper, Abraham Henzel, \*Philip Heyman, ^Elmer Hollander, Kenneth Kemper, ^Harry M. Koepfel, ^Yetta Krupnik, ^Caleb Lahana, ^Arnold Lesser, ^Louis Magram, Sylvia Margolis, Harry Mayers, Jerry Mendlowitz, Jerome Menell, Viola Meskin, Naomi Mittman, ^Alice Novom, Sol Pearlstein, ^Samuel Perlman, Ann Plutzer, Ralph Potell, ^Myer Press, Jessie Rosen-Axell, \*Jack Rossman, ^Samuel Rothbart, ^Lee S. Topolski, \*Ethel Samilow, Viola Scher, \*Pauline Schnapp, Robert Silver, Lois Solomon, \*Jeannette D. Solomon, ^Dr. Julian Stern, ^Harry J. Stern, ^Lee Strauss Topolski

### October 27 – November 2

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# Hebrew School News: October 5779 -The Conclusion of Sukkot & Mishpacha Programming

During the month of October (22nd of Tishri - 22nd Cheshvan) we conclude the festival of Sukkot, and celebrate 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.”

In late September, our Hebrew School children decorated the Synagogue’s Sukkah and learned 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.

One important way that we strive toward this goal is to get the entire family involved in their children’s Jewish education. Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, whose ideas paved the way for 21st century Jewish life in America, articulated the importance of family education and family involvement in a child’s Jewish education. He said: “**To educate the child without educating and involving the parents and the entire family can be compared to heating the house while leaving the window open.**”

Consistent with the wisdom of Rabbi Kaplan, our on-going Mishpacha programming, brings the entire family into the learning process. This month, October (Tishri/Cheshvan) 5779, the Hebrew School calendar is filled with Mishpacha (Family) programming.

This program was an initiative of long-time Brotherhood Synagogue member Annette Rosner, who made a generous contribution to fund the Mishpacha Program. The idea behind the program is that family learning and family participation in synagogue life builds strong

families and a strong Jewish community. So, each year, we invite parents and grandparents, to learn alongside their children/grandchildren.

Each grade has its own topic. This month the 2nd 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grades are having Mishpacha Programming. Kitah Bet (2nd Graders) and their families will be learning about Shabbat (10/30). Kitah Gimmel (3rd Grade) and their families will be learning about the Ten Commandments (10/24). Kitah Dalet (4th grade) and their families will be learning about Kashrut (10/17). Kitah Hey (5th Grade) and their families will study about Tzedakah (10/10). Kitah Vav and their families will learn about the Havdalah ceremony (10/03). Kitah Aleph (1st Grade) and their families will be learning about the Sanctuary in the coming month (11/13).

How is the Mishpacha Program set up? We begin our Mishpacha programs with a brief discussion of the topic or a story which illustrates the central issues to be explored. That discussion often leads to questions that our researchers (all of the Mishpacha participants) will explore. The children and their parents are then divided into three or four groups and are assigned questions related to the Mishpacha topic to be explored. Parents and children are provided with study packets to help them in their guided learning.

For example, during the Tzedakah mishpacha, groups are provided with Moses Maimonides (1135-1204) hierarchy of tzedakah—without knowing how Maimonides ranked the levels of Tzedakah. The task of that group would be to analyze the eight levels of giving and decide for itself—based upon discussion and debate—to figure out the “correct order” (according to Maimonides) of the types of tzedakah—from best to worst—although it can be argued that even the “worst level” or “lowest ranking” of Tzedakah is better than no participation in the mitzvah of tzedakah at all. After lively discussion, debate and analysis, each group reports its conclusions to all of the Mishpacha participants. In this way parents and children learn together—making the Mishpacha Program true intergenerational learning. Mishpacha participants are assigned “follow-up” activities. For example: Participants in the havdalah session are given travel havdalah kits and asked to perform the havdalah ceremony over the coming weeks—and then to write about their experiences.

Thanks to the vision and support of Annette Rosner, the Mishpacha program is alive and well at the Brotherhood Synagogue Hebrew School!

—Barbara Simon,  
Hebrew School Principal

## Shabbat Corner, Aleph Bet Club, Junior Congregation Saturday Mornings at Brotherhood Have Begun!

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.

## Nursery School Thoughts

by Jason Crelinsten

Brotherhood Synagogue was an accident that happened to me in my first autumn in a strange city in a foreign country. I did not know many locals and few of those I knew were Jewish. After some entirely normal procrastinating and then some casual surveying of the pre-iPhone internet, I was on the verge of abandoning my effort to find a shul. Then a guy from back home mentioned this synagogue that offered a community service in the evenings of the High Holidays to non-members. So one night in October 2005, I lined up on the bluestone sidewalk waiting to attend Kol Nidre at Brotherhood for the first time.

When you are a foreigner, living in New York comes in pieces. You gather the building blocks of a life one at a time, and before our smart world of the last decade, these came by word of mouth and, failing that, by chance. I did not know that one random dinner with an acquaintance would lead to standing on Gramercy Park South wondering how many Teamsters attended a place called the Brotherhood Synagogue. I could not have predicted that Brotherhood would be the place where my fiancée decided to become

Jewish, and where each of my sons had his bris. From an initial enthusiastic welcome to us as strangers, this has become our community.

My oldest son shared his first year in Brotherhood Nursery School with about five other kids with parents from Montreal's English-speaking community. When your trajectory randomly deposits you in the same place as a bunch of other folks who all started in more or less the same place 30 years ago and 400 miles away, it's a little weird. And now my younger son shares a class with kids whose parents are from more different U.S. states than I have visited. All have found in Brotherhood nursery school a nurturing home where children can start individual journeys that will almost certainly stray far from Gramercy Park. But a small part of me hopes that in about 30 years, four or five new parents show up at a synagogue far away, nervous as they begin to let their children grow up. They get to talking and realize that they have the Yellow Room, Red Room and Blue Room in common. Hopefully, the things they learned from this downtown Manhattan community will help them feel a little more at home in their new one. 🌊

## 🎵 Cantor's Notes 🎵

by Cantor Isaac Yager

One of my favorite texts from the High Holiday liturgy is *V'chol Ma-aminim* (*And All Believe*). *V'chol Ma-aminim* is a dramatic declaration of faith when it is congregationally recited during the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service. Though we sing it as a congregational tune at Brotherhood, I have studied a setting of the text by Hazzan Moshe Ganchoff, one of our greatest composers and interpreters of classical *hazzanut*. In fact, I sang Ganchoff's setting in my cantorial senior recital. The setting does not include the liturgical text in its entirety, but rather focuses on the first two verses of the prayer that convey God's ability to read our minds and raise the dead, as well as a verse toward the end of prayer evoking God's supreme righteousness and compassion. This complicated mix of characteristics is intensely conveyed in Ganchoff's vivid musical setting (a recording of Ganchoff singing it can actually be found on Youtube). The piece was one of the first examples of *hazzanut* I received from my cantorial coach in Jerusalem, Raymond Goldstein, when I studied there for the year. I remember Raymond saying after one of our lessons, "One day, this is going to be a good concert piece for you," so it felt fitting to include it on my senior recital.

I have a similar relationship to another liturgical musical setting that we sing on Shabbat, *Uv'yom HaShabbat*. Interestingly, many prayer books will often offer an alternative selection to recite during the Shabbat Musaf service, omitting the prayer because of its focus on animal sacrifice. Indeed, for many contemporary Jews, the idea of animal sacrifice is antiquated and takes away from their spiritual connection to the liturgy. Of course, as a vegetarian, I can sympathize with this position, but I also respect the deep-seated roots of this verse from the book of Numbers. For me, it is possible to recognize the historical significance of animal sacrifice without necessarily condoning the practice. The setting of *Uv'yom HaShabbat* that I sing on Shabbat is actually a composition "as heard" by the father of another one of my coaches in Jerusalem, Hazzan Naftali Herstik. Though I never worked on this particular piece with Hazzan Herstik, singing his music reminds me of my time studying with him in his Jerusalem apartment over the course of my year abroad. For me, these musical settings are powerfully communicative not simply for the beauty of their music and text, but perhaps on a more personal level, the context in which I discovered and learned them. 🌊

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



October 5 and 26

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

October 26

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

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

## Shabbat Club

Saturday, October 27, 1:00 pm

On October 27, **George Arzt**, a member of our congregation and a Democratic political consultant, will discuss the Midterm Elections: What they mean to us as Americans and as Jews; why the Ocasio-Cortez victory may be perilous for the Democratic Party and centrist voters, and—"Can we save a divided America?"

George has been actively involved in the politics and public affairs of New York City and the nation for decades as a journalist, television news producer, mayoral press secretary, and public relations consultant.

All are welcome to join us—you don't need to be a member of the synagogue or to attend the morning service. You are welcome to bring friends. Please also 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 and we meet on the 2nd floor in the Reception Room

Save the Date: **Saturday, November 10**, a representative of the **Faith Coalition Against Genocide in Burma** will speak about the atrocities being committed in Burma, and give action steps that citizens can take to fight against this genocide on the Rohingya Muslim minority.

Please contact Deborah Newman (*newman ddale@aol.com*) with any questions or suggestions for future topics. 🌊



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October 2018

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 6:30 pm: Shemini Atzeret Evening Services <b>HOSHANAH RABBAH</b>	1 9:30 am: Morning Services 6:30 pm: Simchat Torah Evening Services <b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b>	2 9 am: Morning Services 5:40 pm: Minyan <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>	3 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	4 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II 6 pm: A Night at the Races - An Evening to Honor Phil Rothman	5 6:13 pm: Candles: 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat (up to age 3) 6:30 pm: Services <b>SHABBATON</b>	6 ☆ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Lielle Nahum <b>BERESHIT</b>
7 9 am: Tikvah	8 <b>COLUMBUS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>	9 9:30 & 10:45 am: Toddler 10 am: English in Action 1 pm: Hadassah 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	10 7:30 am: Minyan 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	11 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 2 pm: English in Action 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II	12 6:02 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services	13 ☆ 9:30 am: Services 6 pm: Bat Mitzvah of Julia Goldberg <b>NOACH</b>
14 9 am: Tikvah	15 11:30 Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Torah Study 7 pm: Jewish Current Events	16 9:30 & 10:45 am: Toddler 10 am: English in Action 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH! 7:30 pm: Pirkei Avot	17 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class Noon: Interfaith Bible Study (at Brotherhood) 4 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: Intro to Trope 7 pm: The New York Jew	18 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 2 pm: English in Action 3 & 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner 4 pm: Life Goes On 7 pm: Book Club	19 5:51 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services	20 ☆ 9:30 am: Services <b>LECH LECHA</b>
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## Social Action

### Brotherhood City Harvest Campaign During 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 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 21, 10 am – 4:00 pm The Brotherhood Synagogue's 16th 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 16th 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 21. 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!!!**