



# Brotherhood Synagogue ב"ה

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## Invitation to Gabrielle's Bat Mitzvah

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

Dear Friends and Family,

As my Bat Mitzvah approaches, I have come to realize how fortunate I am for all that I have and also how important it is to give to those in need. A charity close to my heart is Chasdei Naomi that provides food and other basic needs to some 10,000 families throughout Israel.

This summer, in Jerusalem, I had the opportunity to volunteer my time for the good work of Chasdei Naomi. Their motto is "We are one family"; that is how we see the people who are being helped and so that is how they feel.

*Rebecca and I hope that you can join us.*

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this organization through UJA-Federation of New York's Give a Mitzvah – Do a Mitzvah program. One hundred percent of your donation will go directly to Chasdei Naomi, and, after you have given, UJA-Federation will let me know that you have done so in my honor.

You may donate on line at [www.ujafedny.org/mitzvah-projects/gabriellealder/](http://www.ujafedny.org/mitzvah-projects/gabriellealder/) or by check payable to UJA-Federation of New York with "Gabrielle Alder's Bat Mitzvah" on the memo line and mailed to:

UJA-Federation of  
New York  
Give a Mitzvah –  
Do a Mitzvah  
130 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022

If you prefer to make a gift to me, all money that I receive will be used to buy myself my first full-size violin. I have been playing violin since I was three years old and it brings me great satisfaction.

L'Shalom,  
Gabrielle Alder

## Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7:30 PM  
*Speaker: Amit Bigelman*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Cohen*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 PM  
*\*Note new starting time through Spring\**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Alder*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Falter*

## From the Ushering Committee and Brotherhood Staff:

Please read and keep in mind the following rules so that we all may experience a meaningful High Holy Day season:

- There is no cell phone or tablet usage in the Synagogue during High Holiday Days (as well as other holidays and Shabbat). If you need to use your phone, kindly go outside and step away from the building.
- We understand that families may want to reserve seats to sit together, but please realize there will be a large number of congregants attending services and we ask that you be considerate of others.
- Brotherhood is always happy when families and children come to services. Please be mindful of your fellow congregants and consider stepping outside the Sanctuary if your child needs a break. During High Holidays, the middle room on the 4th floor will be set up with toys for young children where there will be a TV feed of the main service from the Sanctuary so all may still observe and participate in prayers and songs.

We want to extend much appreciation to our volunteer ushers and to our Synagogue custodial staff who make all events occur safely and smoothly.

## 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 5780 High Holy Day services by contacting our Ushers Committee co-Chairs Richard Breier ([Richard.Breier@BreierGroup.com](mailto:Richard.Breier@BreierGroup.com)) or Sam Breier ([Samuel.Breier@BreierGroup.com](mailto:Samuel.Breier@BreierGroup.com)) and let them know at which service/s you would like to usher.

### Did you know...

...that the sanctuary at Brotherhood is outfitted with an induction loop (an assistive listening device)?

For the benefit of those who use hearing aids, the left hand side of our sanctuary (when facing the ark) was outfitted with an induction loop several years ago. Please spread the word if you know of someone that this might be helpful to when attending Shabbat or High Holy Day services!

## Shabbat Club

### Saturday, September 14, 1:00 pm Israel Elections — Round Two

Last spring, in a twist seemingly pulled right from *House of Cards*, Benjamin Netanyahu's Right Wing coalition collapsed as Avigdor Liberman refused to join his government. New elections for the 22nd Knesset (Israeli parliament) were announced, and Israel's political scene changed dramatically as the second elections in less than a year were set for September 17.

Election results will be just ahead, so we will discuss (at least) 5 questions with Israeli Shaliach and former journalist **Ophir Tal**:

1. Why are there new political alliances in Israel?

2. Why does one small party have so much power?
3. How has Religion vs. State become a major issue in these elections?
4. Who's the real majority — Right or Left?
5. How will the elections affect Netanyahu's own immunity from trial?

All are welcome at this meeting. Snacks and beverages provided.

The next meeting of the Shabbat Club will be on October 12. Ophir Tal will discuss the question: *What's Next After the Second 2019 Israeli Elections?* All Shabbat Club meetings are open to everyone interested in the topics—membership in the synagogue is not required.

## A Note from Development:

### 5780 Annual Fund

Just as we begin the New Year celebrating the High Holy Days of 5780, so do we launch the Brotherhood's High Holiday 2019/20 Annual Fund appeal during this auspicious season.

Whether you have been a member for decades, or just joined us this year, we call upon all of our members at this time to ask for your support of our Annual Fund. The simple economic reality is that membership dues do not cover the cost of running the wide array of programs and services we offer. Nor do they cover costs such as the maintenance of our beautiful landmarked building and its surrounding gardens. It is your support of the Annual Fund that enables us to offer High Holiday services to the community-at-large at no cost, to operate a homeless shelter during

the winter months, to sustain the Tikvah Program, our tuition free Hebrew School for Children with Special Needs, and to offer generous scholarships to our Hebrew School students. And these are just a few of the many offerings that your support makes possible. **Won't you look deep into your heart and consider what the Brotherhood means to you and to all those we serve and make your most generous gift?** Go to our secure website at [www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org/donate](http://www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org/donate), mail your check, or call the office at 212-674-5750 to make your gift by credit card.

We thank each and every one in advance and we wish you a happy and sweet New Year!

—Marilyn Strozak,  
Director of Development

## 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.

For our final spring event in June, we toured the Rambles of Central Park with our tour guide extraordinaire, Steve Cohen. We wandered along the lovely trails leading to hidden gems—a waterfall, unusual old bridges, and amazing views—with ongoing commentary by Steve about the Park's history, with supreme knowledge and humor. The tour was followed by dinner with Steve, in the company of good friends.

We're starting the fall season with excellent plans as well, on **Tuesday, September 17th, at 2:30 pm**, we are going to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for a private guided tour of the garden's seasonal highlights! The tour will last approximately 90 minutes, at the cost of \$20 per person. For those who are interested, lunch will be offered prior to the tour at the wonderful **Yellow Magnolia Cafe in the Garden**. Lunch will include an entree and dessert, with a non-alcoholic beverage, at \$43 per person including tax and tips. You can join us for both lunch and tour, or just one, but please be aware that attendance is very limited for both lunch and the tour; please email Agnes right away if you plan to come: [Iagnesmarton@gmail.com](mailto:Iagnesmarton@gmail.com).

Save **Thursday, September 5th**, for our first book club meeting of the season, at 7pm at Brotherhood, as usual. We're reading *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, "a gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt and survival from a remarkable young author, winner of the Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize." The book will surely generate a lively controversial discussion under the guidance of our NYU professor Margaret Birns. We will be reading *Mrs. Bridge* by Evan S. Connell Jr. for our October book club, date to be chosen by our members at the September meeting.

Please RSVP in advance for every book club meeting to Ellen Kenigsberg ([ellensken14@gmail.com](mailto:ellensken14@gmail.com)) and Ellen will keep you posted. As a reminder, if you have responded that you're coming but cancel within 3 days of the date or don't show up, you will still be responsible for the payment of \$20. This is to ensure that we are able to pay and keep our wonderful moderator, NYU Professor Margaret Birns. Our meetings take place at 7pm in the library room of Brotherhood Synagogue, with wine and desserts served. Thank you, Ellen, for all your work in managing the group.

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).



## High Holiday

S E R V I C E S



### SELICHOT PENITENTIAL PRAYERS

Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 PM

#### ROSH HASHANAH

*Erev Rosh Hashanah*

*Sunday, September 29*

Community Service 6:00 PM

Members' Service 8:00 PM

*First Day Rosh Hashanah*

*Monday, September 30*

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*

*Tuesday, October 1*

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Children's Service 1:30 PM

### YOM KIPPUR

*Kol Nidre*

*Tuesday, October 8*

Members' Service 6:00 PM

Community Service 8:45 PM

*Yom Kippur Day*

*Wednesday, October 9*

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 4:00 PM

Mincha 5:00 PM

Neilah 6:00 PM

*Yom Kippur concludes at 7:08 PM*



## Round Challah Baking for the New Year! with Millie Fell

Sunday, September 15, 12 Noon

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 for the holidays from scratch. All you need is to bring a large ceramic mixing bowl — we will supply the rest!

\$36 for members, \$46 for non-members.

The fee covers cost of supplies and benefits the synagogue.

Only a few spots left!

Please call the office 212.674.5750.



## SCRIC Informational Meeting



Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 pm

At this moment when many Jews are looking for ways to reach out in brotherhood to those seeking refuge in the U.S. as many of our ancestors once did, we are excited to introduce a new ad-hoc committee at our synagogue: The Brotherhood Committee on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis (BCRIC). Our goal for BCRIC is to provide information on resources and volunteer opportunities to help immigrants and refugees in New York and nationwide, and to coordinate the efforts of Brotherhood members who are interested in volunteering.

We are proud that Brotherhood is a member of the Synagogue Coalition on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis (SCRIC), a coalition of 21 New York City synagogues and

six non-profit organizations. Our experience with SCRIC has heightened our awareness of the power of Jews acting together.

Please join us at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 24 to hear more about the work of SCRIC and our goals for BCRIC, and to hear about various volunteer opportunities including visiting people recently released from detention facilities who are now housed at the nearby Seafarers Institute; accompanying people to immigration hearings; and assisting with legal cases of immigrants facing imminent detention. We hope some of you will also consider joining our new committee!

—In partnership, Barbara Stern and Ellie Wertheim, co-chairs of BCRIC

## Register for Brotherhood's Fall 2019 Intensive Learning Class!

### The Sabbath Through History

Instructor: Professor David Kraemer, Director of the Library at the Jewish Theological Seminary

Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

(8 Wednesdays) October 23 – December 18

(except November 27)) Cost: \$200

**Description:** There is no more meaningful and consequential Jewish institution than the Sabbath. But the Sabbath has been understood in different ways, observed in different ways, and embodied different values, through our history. By examining the various Sabbaths that Jews have observed, we will understand Jews and their values—in different times and places—as well as we could through any other lens.

Please contact Trudi Bartow ([trudirae@gmail.com](mailto:trudirae@gmail.com)) for further info about this class.



SAVE THE DATE

Medicare Educational Event:

GET TO KNOW MEDICARE

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 pm

The Chesed Committee is pleased to sponsor this Medicare Educational Event which provides an overview of the four parts of Medicare and explains how beneficiaries can make an informed decision when selecting Medicare coverage.

Topics to be discussed include:

- When and how to enroll in Medicare
- An explanation of the different enrollment periods, including Initial, Annual, Special and General Enrollment periods
- Changes to Medicare for 2020
- Coordinating Medicare coverage with employer provided health insurance
- Review of the benefits and associated costs of each different part of Medicare, including monthly premiums, deductibles, co pays and coinsurance charges
- Sources of assistance for those who may be eligible for help paying Part B premiums as well lowering prescription drug costs.

## Happenings in Our Kehilah

### B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Stephen and Sara Cohen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Jonah Cohen**. Jonah, a student at Wagner Middle School, will celebrate his simcha with his younger brother, **Asher**.

**Daniel Alder** and **Rebecca Kryspin-Alder** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Gabrielle Alder**. Gabrielle, a student at Ramaz, will celebrate her simcha with her younger brother, **Yonatan**.

**Holger Falter** and **Debra Laefer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Aidan Falter**. Aidan, a student at Simon Baruch MS104, will celebrate his simcha with his older sister, **Alana**.

### Births, Mazal Tov to:

Jill and **Dan Katz** on the birth of their daughter, **Arden Blair Katz**; and to older brother, **Micah**.

**Judith Batalion** and **Jonathan Lightman** on the birth of their son, **Bram Harold Lightman**; and to older sisters, **Zelda** and **Willa**.

**Dara** and **Jonathan Pavlich** on the birth of their son, **Levi Max Pavlich**; and to older brother, **Gideon**.

**Sherry** and **George Kirschenbaum** on the birth of their grandson, **Theodore Grant Kirschenbaum**, born to **Kim** and **Greg Kirschenbaum**.

### Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

**Jayne** and **Charles Rich** on the marriage of their son, **Alex Rich**, to **Amanda Tendler**.

**Gail** and **Floyd Tupper** on the marriage of their son, **Dustin Tupper**, to **Stacy Garston**.

**Susan** and **Mitchell Lipp** on the marriage of their son, **Robin Lipp**, to **Lynn Conell-Price**.

**Candy** and **Rob Roth** on the marriage of their daughter, **Jamie Roth** and **Jake Ralston**.

**Naomi Abramowitz** and **Neil Cooper** on the marriage of their son, **Jeremy Cooper**, to **Lauren Goldberg**.

### Condolences to:

**Rhona Susser** on the passing of her father, and our member, **Martin Greenbaum**.

**Gayle Russon** on the passing of her sister, **Bonita Judy Davis**.

**Linda Fields** on the passing of her husband, and our member, **Joel Fields**.

**Saaron Laighold** on the passing of his mother, **Lorraine Laighold**.

**Alyson Fendel Breier** on the passing of her mother, **Sylvia Fendel**.

**Hollis Salzman** on the passing of her husband, and our member, **David Barry**; and to David's two children, **Finn** and **Willa**.

**Fred Rottman** on the passing of his father, **Howard Rottman**. 🌊

## President's Post

by **Tracie Basch**



As I sit here writing my column, the sun is shining, we are about to head into yet another heat wave and I am in the midst of a laundry marathon. My children returned home from sleepaway camp and the laundry is endless. But it is also a sign that my family is once again together, and that we are ready to embark on a new adventure, and that puts a smile on my face.

September, although the ninth month of the year, is full of new beginnings in both our secular and religious lives... School starts again with new classmates, teachers and routines; programming at Brotherhood resumes, including all of our early childhood programs and schools; and we celebrate Rosh Hashanah at the end of the month, hoping for a better year ahead.

I re-read my column from last September and it got me thinking. Last year, I talked about how we should learn from the past year and see how we can become better people and make the world a better place. This year, this is even more important as the world around us seems to be going crazy, if it hasn't already. We owe it to ourselves, our children, and our communities to do what we can to be better versions of ourselves. It's a ripple effect—if we change, those around us change and then, hopefully, real change can happen making the world a better place for everyone.

So, I challenge you, for your Rosh Hashana resolution (yes, I know we don't really do those), take a really good look at yourself and think of something that you can do to become a better person and then commit to it. I know I will.

From my family to yours, Shana Tova u metukah. We look forward to seeing you at services.

— *Tracie*

## 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

### UPCOMING IN OCTOBER:

#### City Harvest Food Collection during the month of October

#### The 17th Annual Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive Sunday, October 27



contribution to alleviate hunger, or you can donate online at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org) or by telephone at 1-800-813-0557.

## Hadassah Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10, 1:00 pm**

Please join us at our first Hadassah Meeting of the 2019-20 year! We'll have a brief discussion with a prominent immigration attorney on today's immigration issues. All are welcome!

## Brotherhood Book Club

**September 19, 7:00 pm**

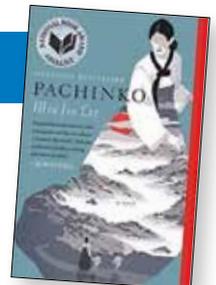
Wendy Linderman will lead a discussion of *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

### Future Book Club Meetings/Books:

**Thursday, Oct. 17:** We will be reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owen.

**Thursday, Nov. 14:** Susan Franklin will lead a discussion of *Man in the White Shakeskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado.

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!



## Memorial Book Listings

The deadline for listings is Friday, September 6

If you had a listing last year and would like to be included in this year's edition, please verify its accuracy or let us know of any changes you would like to make.

You may also choose to add a new listing if you didn't have one in the past. In either case, please call the office, 212-674-5750, and speak to Manda or email her at [mhegardt@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:mhegardt@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).



## Brotherhood Continues Tradition of Providing Transportation for Cemetery Visits



The Social Action Committee helps arrange cemetery visits for those who need transportation to area cemeteries in Long Island, Queens, Westchester, and New Jersey before the High Holidays. If you are in need of transportation and would like to travel to the cemetery with a member of the congregation, **please call Manda in the office (212.674.5750) by September 13.**

**DRIVERS NEEDED!** If you are able to perform the mitzvah of driving others to a cemetery and haven't done so previously, please call the office and let Manda know you would like to volunteer.

The program was specifically requested to be undertaken at the urging of our founding rabbi, Rabbi Irving J. Block,<sup>z"l</sup> and we honor his memory in the fulfillment of this mitzvah.

**\*\* Please note that Rosh Hashana begins this year on Sunday, September 29.**



## Yahrzeits

^Garden of Remembrance \*Book of Remembrance

### September 7-13

David Alter, Goldie Berkowitz, ^Jerome Blumenthal, Maurice Brandes, Helen Bush, \*Nathan Cantor, \*Samuel Cassell, ^Bernard Drimmer, Mary Edlis, \*Charlotte Eisinger, \*Myer Elson, Judith Evans, Albert Falk, Freda Fell, Lillian Fishman, Carl Samuel Friedes, Theresa Genzer, Harriette Getz, ^Anne Goldman, Juan Gonzalez, \*Joseph Gross, ^Elaine Handler, Harriet Hochman, ^Eric Kaminsky, \*Estelle Katz, ^James J. Kleinman, Max Kramer, Sarah Ladani, Virginia Leffel, \*Julius Levine, Pearl Levitz, Frances Weissler Lilienfeld, Milton Meyerowitz, Zeldia Michaels, ^Nina Moore, James Orlow, Nancy Philipps, Aaron Port, ^Maxwell M. Powell, Etta Prusky, Sebastian Quiniones, ^\*Abraham Jacob Rechtschaefter, Anne Rich, Leon Rooney, ^Belle Troy Rothbart, Max Rottenbach, ^Irving Schaffer, \*David A. Schechter, Gertrude Schmutzer, \*Fannie Seidler, Elihu Silver, ^Al Sloane, Arthur Sonneberg, Leonard Stein-Sapir, Frank Sugar, ^Bertha Tenenbaum, ^Jacob Warmbrand, ^\*Frances Weintraub, Irene Weiss, ^Sophie Yaker

### September 14-20

^Joan Antelman, Arnold Bergman, Abraham Bezief, ^Elyse Bohrer, Eva Braslow, Ruben Bush, Harry Danoff, Harvey Domow, ^Anna Dursht, Elliot Eisenbach, ^David Samuel Fine, ^Simon Fink, \*Jack Frankel, Meir Gellman, \*Julius Gewirtz, Ruben Glassman, ^\*Harry Eli Goldfarb, ^Hannah Kurland Goldman, ^Rudolf E. Goldschmidt, Leon Goldstein, \*Ethel Gourse, Gilbert Grabisch, Edith Greir, Ann Grody, ^\*Adele Gross, Bruce Hendricks, ^Leon Herzfeld, Gayle Israel, Terry Katz, \*Rhoda King, Saul Klein, Elsie Kramer, ^Julius Krauss, Lillian Lazar, Brenda Lewis, Dora Lieberman, ^Ida Lieberman, ^Samuel Shmoael Litsky, ^Herman Lowy, ^Myra "Myke" Mandell, ^\*Peppie Meyer, ^\*Murray Meyer, Michael Miller, ^William Miller, \*Cantor Leo Mirkovic, Sheila Polks, Lynn Profeta, ^Gussie Goldberg Rothstein, ^Pauline Rubinoff, Ida Schneider, Melanie Schneider, Marjorie Schulman, \*Helen Ruth Schwartz, ^Hattie Schwartz, Irma Schwartzberg, ^Aaron Settle, Benjamin Shapley, Doris Silber, Elaine Simon, Karin Joan Singer, Alfred Sternfels, Harriet Vernikoff, ^Deborah Williams, ^Irving Willis, Ray Weitovich

## The Chesed\* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

The Jewish Theological Seminary offers a new podcast series called "What Now?" in which a JTS alumna interviews prominent JTS professors and rabbis who, drawing from Jewish texts and traditions, offer their thoughts on overcoming personal loss and turning that loss in a positive direction. It's an impressive collection of insightful conversations and moving anecdotes that is worth a listen..

\*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.

### September 21-27

Susan Bailis, \*William Baumann, Leon Berenstein, Bertha Bornstein, Florence Brandes, Simon Brenner, Mary Edelson, \*Max Edelstein, ^Irving Feinberg, ^Bernard Feldman, \*Miriam Field, Ann Finegold, Theodore Fisch, Maurice Friedman, Simon Gaum, Laicha Gellman, ^Ruth Glass, \*Samuel Goldwasser, ^Lester Goldwater, ^\*Nathan Greenhouse, ^Alexander Heisler, ^Aaron Horwitz, \*Eleanore Kane, ^Bernard Katz, Janos Kende, Helen Kestenbaum, ^Anita Lappert, \*Joan Rose Lebon, Lillian Lederberger, Gertrude London, Harry London, ^Irving Marks, \*Jacob Meyer, Mollie Miller, David Mittman, \*Rebecca Natilson, ^Jacob Zvi Newman, Jens Nygaard, \*Earl Ostroff, Arthur Philipps, \*Anne Posner, Frederick Raine, \*Rose Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenblum, ^Howard Rosenblum, Sarah Schenker, ^Ruth Schlesinger, Mollie Schurberg, ^George Shankman, ^Alice Gallub Sharron, ^Gerald Sherman, Moshe Shragowitz, ^Miki Silberstang, Judith Starns, Ruth Straus, ^Grace Fanwick Sugarman, ^Samuel Sutro, Bessie Tekosky, ^Ellen Claire Varsano, \*Jacob Weinreb, Berish Weinstein, Mable Yee, ^Molly Zolick

### September 28-October 4

^Sidney Abbey, Pablo Alvarez, \*Maurice Appel, Lucille Barbarash, Renee Bauchner, ^Lucie Benekdikt, \*Arthur S. Berg, Evelyn Berry, ^Celia Z. Cohen, ^Col. Samuel Cummings, ^Alter Dienstag, Mae Roffis Dobrow, Morris Ellowitz, \*Harry Elson, Horace Enger, Irving Erman, George David Freier, Nathan Gold, ^Raymond Goldberg, Estelle Gutterman, ^Joseph I. Harris, ^Elvera Herbsman, ^Helen Kars, Miriam D. Kaufman, Janos Kende, ^Nathaniel Krass, ^Ira Krupen, Elizabeth Levine, \*Abraham Meyer, Bernie Miller, Julia Palmer, Al Parker, ^Beulah Pintel, Rabbi Robert Raab, Ira Radosky, ^Henry Reisner, ^\*Morris Reyburn, Corrine Rosenthal, Gussie Roth, Addie Roth, Abram Rubin, ^Ruth Scalyer, Ruth Schutz, Cantor Jacob Singer, Armin Speer, ^Rabbi Howard Swiss, ^Morris Teitelbaum

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RABBI DANIEL ALDER  
CANTOR ISAAC YAGER

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HERMAN DIAMOND: Cantor Emeritus

TRACIE BASCH: President

PHILLIP ROTHMAN:

Executive and Education Director

Congregation founded in 1954

Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859

In the Torah portion *Emor* (from the Book of Leviticus) we are instructed: “In the seventh month (Tishri), on the first day of the month, you shall observe a complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts. You shall not work at your occupations.” This year *Rosh Hashanah* falls on Sunday evening September 29th, Monday September 30th and Tuesday October 1st.

This year we will continue our successful: *Mishpacha* (Family) programming during the months of October, November and December, where our children and their family members join together in learning about Jewish rituals and practice; our *Brotherhood Synagogue Book Fair*, which will take place during Jewish Book Month—December 9th–11th, our *Purim Spiel* on Monday March 9th; our *Hagaddah Sing Along* on Tuesday April 7th, our *Model Seder* on Monday April 6th; the *14th Annual Great Chai-Q Contest* on Wednesday May 6th which focuses (in *Jeopardy* fashion) on facts re: basic Jewish literacy; and, of course, our annual spring “Broadway Musical”! (Please mark your calendars for Wednesday May 13th and Thursday May 14th at 7:00 pm!) On Friday May 15th our Kitah Zayin (7th Graders) Graduation will take place, with our Kitah

Zayin students co-leading parts of the Friday evening Shabbat Services. On Saturday morning May 16th at 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 Gimel (3rd Grade) in the fall of 2020.

In addition to our traditional Hebrew School fare, we will be continuing our amazing Tefillah programming under the direction of Cantor Isaac Yager, Daniel Meron and Sagi Shahar.

We will continue the expansion of our Hebrew Lab Program. For those unfamiliar with our Hebrew Lab, 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 and every Hebrew School student. The Hebrew Lab helps us to reach this goal.

Hebrew School classes for our Monday/Wednesday students (3rd Grade through 6th Grade) begin on Monday, September 9th, and our Tuesday classes (Kindergarten through 2nd Grade and 7th Grade) begin on Tuesday, September 10th.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Hebrew School, please do so at your earliest opportunity. Registration forms and additional information are available through the Brotherhood Synagogue website [[www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org](http://www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org)] under the heading “Hebrew School.” If you have any questions about Hebrew School, please contact me at [HebrewSchool5775@gmail.com](mailto:HebrewSchool5775@gmail.com).

**Rosh Hashanah Family Services** will take place on Monday morning September 30th from 10:30am-12:00 noon at 61 Gramercy Park North. There will also be Rosh Hashanah Children’s Services at 1:30 pm on both Monday September 30th and Tuesday October 1st, which will take place at our synagogue.

**Yom Kippur Children’s Services** will take place on Wednesday October 9th at 2:15 pm, also at our synagogue.

Wishing you a Good and Sweet Year!

May you be inscribed for a good year!

*Shana Tova u’Metukah! Leshana tova tikatevu!*

—Barbara Simon,

Hebrew School Principal

## CALLING ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!!

### Downtown BBYO Kickoff Meeting at Brotherhood

Thursday, September 19, 6:30-8:00 pm



BBYO, the world’s leading pluralistic youth movement for Jewish teens in grades 8-12, **has a co-ed chapter that meets every other Thursday evening from 6:30-8pm right here**

**at Brotherhood Synagogue!** BBYO offers a full array of activities—social, community service, and leadership development—all with Jewish teens in charge! BBYO fosters leadership and friendship and is an international movement of more than 80,000 teens. Now is a great time to get involved! Come to one of our first meetings—either September 19 or October 3—and see what it’s all about!

Join BBYO at [bbyo.org/become-a-member](http://bbyo.org/become-a-member). Only \$149 makes you a member from 8th grade through high school graduation! **Special offer for 8th grade graduates of Brotherhood’s B’nai Mitzvah program: The synagogue will cover 50% of the cost of your BBYO membership!** To learn more about BBYO and how to take advantage of this special offer for Brotherhood families, contact Jon ZefTEL, BBYO Manhattan regional director, at [jzefTEL@bbyo.org](mailto:jzefTEL@bbyo.org). For the most up-to-date list of programs visit <https://bbyo.org/bbyo-near-you/regions/manhattan-region> and scroll to the bottom of the page.



## 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](mailto: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!

## Nursery School Thoughts

by Merrill Feinstein, Director Brotherhood Synagogue Nursery School

Somewhere along the way people ascribed units of time to measure human activity. I've read that "time is what keeps everything from happening at once" (there are too many attributions to list, but I'll go with Einstein here).

Our Gregorian or western calendar marks January 1st as the beginning of the year. The Jewish calendar lays claim to four New Years. Rosh Hashanah marks the years since creation (this year 5780). Tu B'shevat and the 1st of Eylul address agricultural imperatives and the 1st of Nisan references the exodus from Egypt and redemption.

As I write this, it is late August and the beginning of my New Year. It is not on any calendar but I know it is has arrived because the Staples TV ads are heralding the notebook and pencil sales. The pre-teen girls just back from

camp are meeting up at 16 Handles and their fearless squeals reach my window.

I like to think that the alignment of Rosh Hashanah with the beginning of school is part of the grand plan. Each requires reflection and forethought. Both present open books ready to receive new stories, pronouncements, and possibility. The cacophony of children's voices that will soon fill the nursery school and the sounds of the shofar remind me to wake up and take careful notice. There is renewed vivacity and purpose. "Love and work. Work and love." (This one is Freud.) What else is there really? I have both, and the added benefit of meaningful, important work among a thriving, vital, loving community. I am lucky and I know it. I head into my New Year cognizant of and humbled by the days of awe that wait for me. Shana tova. 🌊

## ♪ Cantor's Notes ♪

by Cantor Isaac Yager

I fully admit that I am intrigued by Christianity. When I was living in Jerusalem I ended up visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (the church built on the site of Jesus' crucifixion and initial burial spot) more than you might think. I was drawn to it, in a totally secular way of course. The stone slab mounted in the entrance to the church where it is believed that Jesus' body was laid and washed after his death was like a siren's call to me; fascinating, intriguing, but too risky to approach. Visitors on their holy pilgrimages would kneel next to the stone and pull out of their pockets a seemingly endless supply of *shmatas*, making sure each piece of fabric came into contact with the mystical slab believed to hold spiritual power. Above and near to the stone is the spot where Jesus was crucified. A mark now exists where the cross is believed to have stood in the ground. The mark is somewhat hidden in a tunnel like structure that forces visitors to penitently crawl on their hands and knees in order to bear witness; making it difficult for a cantorial student to inconspicuously try and lay eyes on it. Without a doubt, my interest in the other team goes back a long way. I remember visiting Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral with my parents around Christmas time and inquiring about the kneelers attached to the back of pews. Once their purpose was explained to me I immediately wanted to give them a test drive, but was quickly encouraged not to do so. Of course, I was too young to understand why my kneeling would be inappropriate, but old enough to be genuinely intrigued by the rituals and iconography that were so foreign and mysterious to me. I think my family might have caught on to my forbidden interest. Every year I would go with my best friend to cut down his family's Christmas tree. Between the apple cider donuts and the brief escape from my young Jewish identity, I was in heaven. When I petitioned my mother for us to get our own Christmas tree, as I had one Jewish friend growing up who had one in her home, I was swiftly told "no" and that I would break my mother's heart if I ever had one in my future home. No judgment to those who choose to have Christmas trees in their homes, but my mother's warning worked as I'm afraid to even bring a colorful houseplant into my home today. Ultimately, I've come to understand that my interest in other religions doesn't stem from my wanting to break free from Judaism, but rather, is tied to the fundamental Jewish principal of honoring curiosity. There's nothing wrong with being inquisitive, or with kneeling for that matter; as long as it's during the Great Aleinu. *Shana tova!* 🌊

## Early Childhood Classes

**There are still spaces left in some of our Early Childhood Program (ECP) classes which start early September!**

Please visit the website or call Roberta 212.674.5750 for further information.



### BABY CLASS

Wednesday 11:00 am

### PRE-TODDLER CLASS

Wednesday 10:00 am

### TODDLER CLASS

Tuesday 10:45 am

### THURSDAY CORNER

Thursday 3:00 pm

### SHABBAT CORNER

Saturday 9:45 am

**Please join us on the following Friday evenings during 5780/2019-2020 to welcome Shabbat together with stories and song!**



### Friday Family Shabbat

Friday, September 27, 5:30 pm

Join us for our first Friday Family Shabbat for children up to age 3 with Daphna Mor and children ages 3-6 with Katie Shea!

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

Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 3, Apr. 17, May 1, May 29

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

Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 3, Apr. 17, May 1, May 29

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

Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 13, Apr. 3

# Brotherhood Synagogue



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am: Minyan  <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY</b>	3 5:40 pm: Minyan	4	5 7 pm: Life Goes On Book Club	6 7:02 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	7 9:30 am: Services  <b>SHOFETIM</b>
8 9 am: Tikvah	9 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	10 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10:45 am: Toddler Class 1 pm: Hadassah Meeting 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan	11 4 pm: Hebrew School	12 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II 6 pm: Prospective Member Open House	13 6:51 pm: Candles 7:30 pm: Services	14 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Cohen 1 pm: Shabbat Club  <b>KITETZE</b>
15 Noon: Round Challah Baking Class	16 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	17 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10:45 am: Toddler Class 2:30 pm: Life Goes On (off-site) 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan	18 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	19 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II 6:30 pm: BBYO 7 pm: Brotherhood Book Club	20 6:39 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services <i>*Note new starting time through spring</i>	21 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Alder 10 pm: Selichot Penitential Prayers  <b>KITAVO</b>
22	23 11:30 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	24 9:30 am: Toddler Class 10:45 am: Toddler Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 7 pm: SCRIC Informational Meeting	25 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	26 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II	27 6:27 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat (up to age 3) 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat (Ages 3 to 6) 6:30 pm: Services*	28 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Falter  <b>NITZAVIM</b>
29 6 pm: Community Services 8 pm: Member Services  <b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b>	30 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  <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>	1 9 am: Morning Services 1:30 pm: Children's Services  <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b>	2 10 am: Pre-Toddler Class 11 am: Baby Class 4 pm: Hebrew School	3 9:30 am: Toddler Class 11 am: Pre-Toddler Class Noon: Lunch and Learn 3 pm: Thursday Corner 4:15 pm: Thursday Corner II 6:30 pm: BBYO	4 6:25 pm: Candles 6:30 pm: Services	5 9:30 am: Services

**Dear Members:**  
**Please tell your friends,**  
**family, and colleagues**  
**about Brotherhood's**  
**open house on**  
**September 12!**



**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!  
**Thursday, September 12 • 6:00-7:00 pm**

Our warm and welcoming synagogue offers schools for kids, classes for adults, engaging programming, and a socially progressive membership. We can't help but think you'll love what you experience and that Brotherhood Synagogue might be exactly the synagogue you've been looking for!