Weekly Email - April 1, 2020

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Stay safe and be healthy.

Shabbat

Shabbat Services

Join Brotherhood Shabbat services from your computer, tablet or phone:

Zoom meeting ID: 225 253 5818
Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/2252535818

We will be using the Sim Shalom prayerbook for this service. You can download a PDF of the prayerbook for Friday evening here, and for Saturday morning shacharit here, Torah service here, and Musaf here.

Etz Hayim Chumash Torah reading for Parshat Tsav

PLEASE NOTE: the Zoom link above is the same one we will be using for ALL SERVICES - Shabbat Services, Tuesday Minyan, and Passover Services.
Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting at 7:05 pm

Shabbat Services
Saturday April 2, 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: Tzav

Service and Study for the First Born

Service and Study for the First Born
Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 am
This service will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00 AM. Those who choose not to observe the fast of the First Born should join the service and then participate in the completion of a tractate of study.

Zoom meeting ID: 225 253 5818
Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/2252535818](https://zoom.us/j/2252535818)

Passover Services

Passover Services
First Days
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 9, 9:30 am
Friday, April 10, 9:30 am
Concluding Days
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 16, 9:30 am
Yizkor will be recited at services on Thursday, April 16 at around 11:00 am. Passover is one of the four times a year when we recite Yizkor prayers in memory of our loved ones. It is traditional to give gifts of charity in their names. May every gift be blessed and the givers thereof.

All services will be conducted at the usual services Zoom meeting ID and link:

Meeting ID: 225 253 5818
Link: [https://zoom.us/j/2252535818](https://zoom.us/j/2252535818)

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday Minyan via Zoom
Every Tuesday, 5:40 pm
Cantor Yager leads our weekly Tuesday Minyan at 5:40 PM. A link to the prayerbook service can be found [here](https://zoom.us/j/2252535818).

Zoom meeting ID: 225 253 5818
Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/2252535818](https://zoom.us/j/2252535818)

Lunch and Learn with Phil Rothman

Lunch and Learn with Phil Rothman
Thursdays at 12 noon

Join Phil Rothman Thursdays at 12 noon by phone for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion which can be found above in the Shabbat Services information section.

**Zoom Meeting dial in information is below:**

**Dial by phone:**
1-929-205-6099
**Meeting ID - 230 014 648**

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**Friday Family Shabbat Singalong for children ages 6 and under**

**Friday Family Shabbat with Daphna & Saskia**

**Friday, April 3, 5:30 - 6:00 pm**

Join Daphna Mor and Saskia Lane for a Friday Family Shabbat Singalong on Zoom. Session is starting at 5:30 pm SHARP.

**Zoom link:** [https://zoom.us/j/858690751](https://zoom.us/j/858690751)

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**Hebrew School Online Learning Sessions**

Please click here for the schedule and links to all Zoom online learning sessions being offered for our Hebrew School students.

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**From the Social Action Committee**

There have been so many in our community who want to know what they can do to help, and others who may need our help. Below are some resources that we hope you find helpful:

- **UJA Coronavirus Resource Page:** UJA's network of day schools, synagogues, and nonprofits are mobilizing to adapt quickly to the evolving needs of the COVID-19 global pandemic. We've compiled resources to help our community navigate these uncharted waters. We are updating this page as new information becomes available. Please continue to check back.

- For any member feeling the need to talk to a mental health professional, please contact Beth Barry at 917-445-6814.

We will continue to share resources and ways in which we can stay connected during this difficult time:

**Food Delivery/Food Pantry Services**

[https://www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com/](https://www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com/) Free deliveries for the most at-risk community members facing COVID-19. Request a delivery of supplies, groceries or whatever else you may need. A volunteer will bring it to your doorstep. Use the website or call (732) 639-1579

The FPC has created a series of **Coronavirus NYC Neighborhood Food Resource Guides**. Each of the 59 editions includes listings of food pantries, soup kitchens, farmers’ markets, grocery stores, meal distribution sites for children and seniors, and resources for immigrants and undocumented individuals.

The City has created the **GetFoodNYC food delivery program** to provide food for coronavirus-vulnerable and food-insecure New Yorkers not currently served through existing food delivery programs. Sign up at the link above or call 311.

**GrowNYC's 50 open-air Greenmarkets** are open for business and observing social distancing and other best practices during the outbreak. The Greenmarkets are crucial to the 250 regional farmers and producers who sell through them; 85% of these farms report that they wouldn't be in...
Preparing for Passover/Selling Your Chametz

**PREPARING FOR PASSOVER**

Chametz (leavened grain) results when one of the five types of grain (wheat, barley, spelt, rye, and oats) comes in contact with water and is allowed to stand for a period of time before being baked. In commemoration of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt, we are forbidden during Passover to eat, own, or derive benefit from any such product that has been allowed the time to rise. Some Jews of Ashkenazic descent also avoid legumes (*kitniyot*) such as beans, peas, corn and rice. Matzah ("the bread of affliction") is the unleavened bread which we eat on Pesach to commemorate the oppression of our ancestors and their hasty departure from slavery.

Compliance with the probation of eating or owning chametz takes three forms. The first is the actual removal of chametz from our homes, either through consuming it or disposing of it. The Brotherhood Synagogue will distribute any unopened boxes or cans of chametz to community food pantries.

This process of cleaning culminates in a symbolic search for chametz (*b'dikat chametz*) on the evening of Tuesday, April 7, 2020 and in a disposal of all chametz (*bi'ur chametz*) on Wednesday morning by 11:00 a.m. The recitation of a formula of nullification of ownership over any chametz (*bitul chametz*) which we might inadvertently have in our possession is then recited.

See the start of the Haggadah for the wording.

Finally, any chametz which can neither be consumed or disposed of before Passover should be stored away and sold to a non-Jew through the Rabbi (see form for sale of chametz--*m'chirat chametz*--on the reverse side). After Pesach, the non-Jew will sell the chametz back to its original owners.

In addition to not using chametz products during the festival, we also avoid the use of dishes and utensils which have been used with chametz all year round. For that reason it is necessary to have additional sets of dishes for Passover use. There are certain types of utensils that can be ritually cleansed--or koshered--for Passover use. Please consult the Rabbi with any questions. Most foods that are used on Passover require rabbinic supervision. This is especially true of all processed foods. There should be a label indicating that the product is "kosher for Passover."

*Chag kasher Ve'Sameach--a Kosher and Happy Holiday to All!*

To sell your chametz, please [click here](#).

**Blood Donations**

Due to the current health emergency, blood supplies are at dire levels. Please consider making an appointment at one of the standing Blood Centers or note that there are MOBILE DRIVES that are very convenient as well! Union Square, Grand Central, Port Authority - and many other locations.
Make an appointment at www.nybc.org and use the Brotherhood Chuck Ginsburg Memorial Blood Drive number of 14200 as well when you check in to donate. You can donate every 56 days - save a life today. Thank you to all who can help in this way.

Passover Meals Catering

Two of the kosher caterers that we frequently use are offering kosher for Passover meals with delivery:

Pride Caterers: Marty Grossel (201- 410- 3278)
Max's/Majestic Catering: Bobby Leshanksy (516-205-2737)

Weekly Links

City College Routs Kentucky at the Garden in March Madness
They Survived the Spanish Flu, the Depression and the Holocaust
Netflix’s 'Unorthodox' Sensitively Charts a Woman's Escape From a Hasidic Sect
Rethinking the Seder Plate. Designers are putting modern spins on Judaica
Devastation Looming on the Upper West Side. What’s next for kosher butchers, Judaica stores, and other centers of Manhattan Jewish life?
My Own Private Haggadah. My father, Natan Sharansky, lived through his own Exodus. The seminal Passover text taught me how to tell his story.

Of Note

Hebrew Lessons from member, Naomi Jones
I am offering to any of my fellow congregants and friends who may be interested, the following: Hebrew lessons (beginners, intermediate and, if necessary, advanced) from the book HAYESOD (which we used when I taught at Brotherhood a few years ago). If interested, please let me know via email or cell no. 917-741-2232 and I will be happy to talk to you and then add you on to the appropriate class. I expect to have between 4-5 participants and will teach through ZOOM. Lessons are free of charge, but if anyone feels compelled to contribute, please make a contribution to those who are in need during these troubled times.

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Other Info

Submitting Names for Healing Prayer
When someone is ill, we traditionally say a Misheberach, a special prayer for healing during Shabbat morning services when 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. 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.

**Brotherhood Monthly Bulletin**

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