Weekly Email, February 12, 2020

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Shabbat Services

Shabbat Services
Candle Lighting at 5:11 pm

Friday, February 14, 6:30 pm
Oneg is sponsored by sponsored by Beth Barry and Daniel Sussman on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Beth's father, Nathan Barry

Saturday, February 15, 9:30 am
Kiddush is sponsored by the Yager family on the occasion of Hazel's baby naming

Weekly Portion: Yitro

Upcoming Events

ADULT EDUCATION AT BROTHERHOOD

Beat the winter chills by warming up to a good Jewish study course filled with conversation and camaraderie. Courses include:

**Torah Study  **Jewish Current Events  **Prayerbook Hebrew
**Lunch & Learn  **Individual Study with Cantor Yager
**Enlivening your Passover Seder  **Interfaith Bible Study
**Biblical Characters Outside the Bible

Please visit here for detailed course descriptions and to register

HIAS Shabbaton Dinner Follow Up
To those who were unable to attend our terrific Shabbaton Friday night dinner with Mark Hetfield of HIAS this past Friday, you can learn more about HIAS and the amazing advocacy work this organization does protecting and resettling refugees and asylum seekers or get involved or if you can donate to help support their efforts in helping refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.

Brotherhood Film Series: American Muslim
TONIGHT! Wednesday, February 12 7:00 pm
Five Muslim Americans, each once an immigrant and now a naturalized citizen, are forced to contend with a changing world in the Age of Trump. The filmmaker chronicles five diverse Muslims in his hometown of New York City, telling the stories of an Indonesian Imam in Jamaica, a Bengali small businessman in Ozone Park, a Palestinian community organizer in Bay Ridge, and an Algerian mosque director in Sunset Park. Together they create a composite portrait of Muslim life today.

Firmly committed to the U.S., they find their presence here questioned in ways never imagined, and each fights back against the Muslim Ban while continuing to explore a Muslim identity. Across the year a half period from the President’s Inauguration to the Supreme Court’s decision on the ban, Shamsi, Kobir, Debbie, Aber and Mohamed navigate the constantly evolving reality of being an American Muslim.

Following the screening we will be joined by producer, editor and director, Adam Zucker, for a Q&A. Admission $10

Friday Family Shabbat
Friday, February 14
5:30 pm - Children up to 3 years old with Daphna Mor or Saskia Lane
5:30 pm - Children ages 3-6 years old with Katie Shea

Brotherhood Book Club
Thursday, February 20, 7:00 pm
Gail Pierris will lead a discussion of The Starlet and the Spy by Ji-min Leed.
If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Margie Katz. All are welcome!

Life Goes On
Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 pm
We’re having a movie night at Brotherhood! We’ll have dinner together first and then will watch Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, the award winning 1990 film starring Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. Details about the dinner will be forthcoming to LGO members only.

Please notify Brenda Pace and Paulette Lerner if you’re planning to join us.

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 or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750 or email her.

Rosh Chodesh Minyan
Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 am
Join us for services and stay for breakfast to follow.
Brotherhood Synagogue Security Training Meeting  
Wednesday, February 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

We invite all members of our community to join us on Wednesday evening February 26 for a security
information and training session with Amit Bigelman, Brotherhood Synagogue's Security Advisor. We
will discuss recent hate crimes and the current rise in anti-Semitism and how Brotherhood has
prepared to prevent and mitigate similar incidents. Learn how to use our lock down system and other
security/emergency measures we have in place.

Life Goes On Book Club  
Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm

We're reading The Body In Question by Jill Ciment. Professor Margaret Boe Birns will guide our
discussion and dessert and wine will be provided. Please make sure to notify Ellen if you plan to
join us for any of our book club meetings.

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Friday Family Shabbat  
Friday, February 28

5:30 pm - Children up to 3 years old with Daphna Mor
or Saskia Lane
5:30 pm - Children ages 3-6 years old with Katie Shea
6:30 pm - Grades 2-7 with Phil Rothman.

Brotherhood Film Series: Ma’abarot: The Israeli Transit Camps
2019 Hebrew with English subtitles 84 minutes, Director:Dina Zvi Riklis
Sunday, March 1, 4:00 pm

The transit camps of 1948-1952 were a temporary housing solution to accommodate Israel's surge of
immigrants following World War II. Over 300,000 immigrants lived in tents and tin huts in this controversial
initiative, contributing to the divide between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews in Israel. The impact of the camps
on the lives of immigrants resonates into contemporary Israeli culture, but has largely been forgotten in the
public consciousness.

Ma’abarot takes a close look at life inside the camps through interviews with former residents, research, and
archival footage, shattering misconceptions and offering stark insights into the racial divides that still permeate
Israeli society.

Join us for the special screening and a discussion following with Ophir Tal, DJL(Downtown Jewish Life)
Shaliach
Tickets: $10
Salon Sanctuary at Brotherhood:
Ester, Liberatrice del popolo ebreo
Thursday, March 5, 8:00 pm

The Old Testament story of a blustering genocidal despot and the canny queen who resists and brings him down finds voice in one of the most innovative works of the violent, volatile, and tragically short-lived genius Alessandro Stradella.

Please join us for this groundbreaking masterwork by "the Caravaggio of Music" in a return of last year's critically praised production celebrating the story of a minority's triumph over religious persecution.

Read the program notes here

Tickets here

For Brotherhood discounted (50% off) tickets, please enter code 1865 in coupon box

This event is co-produced by NYU Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marinó and the American Society for Jewish Music, and presented in partnership with Centro Primo Levi.

Wordless Music Presents: Koolulam
One Song, One Voice, One Unique Experience
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm

THIS EVENT HAS SOLD OUT!

Social Action: Project Cicero Book Collection During the Month of February

During the month of February we are collecting new and gently used books appropriate for kindergarten-high school age children for Project Cicero, a non-profit organization which provides books to under-resourced NYC schools. The Project Cicero mission is to enable children to build a love for reading by ensuring that each classroom has a viable library.

Kindly bring your new or gently used hardcover or paperback books suitable for children and young adults to the collection box in the lobby. Picture books, early readers, reference books, fiction, non-fiction, and biographies are welcome. Please NO textbooks, library discards, or reference books more than five years old.

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

Brotherhood Teen Groups
Downtown BBYO at Brotherhood
for 8th-12th graders

Thursday, February 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 5, 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 at Brotherhood and offers a full array of activities - social, community service, and leadership development - all with Jewish teens in charge!

Just come to any of our meetings and see what it's all about! Brotherhood Synagogue will cover the cost of 50% of membership! Contact Emmy Goodman with any questions.

Calling all 6th & 7th graders!
Brotherhood is excited to announce our weekly Teen Groups!

Eat dinner with your friends - and make new friends, too! Plan activities, including field trips to museums, exhibitions, plays, and concerts! Participate in Social Action programs ...and so much more! And, have fun and learn about Judaism and being Jewish, of course!

The 7th Grade Group meets on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm
The 6th Grade Group meets on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 pm

No need to enroll. Just come when you can. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions about the Teen Groups, please contact Michael Mantell at BrotherhoodTeenGroup@gmail.com

Weekly Links

Open for Business-on Shabbat? Restaurants in Israel push for changes to kosher-certification rules

One of our reporters got an email from a rabbi asking for gift cards. Here's what happened next.

The Mystery of the Painting in Gallery 634

Abbas' Palestinian Authority Hurts Everybody

Netanyahu meetings with Saudis, Gulf leaders won't happen before election

Please send your links to: rkahns@brotherhoodsynagogue.org

Of Note

Census 2020 Information Session at East End Temple
(245 E 17 Street, off Second Avenue)
Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

East End Temple is extending an invitation to the Brotherhood community and other interfaith communities for a Census 2020 Information Session on Wednesday. This event will be led by Julie Menin, Director of NYC Census 2020 (Office of The Mayor) and her team, along with Jolie R. Goldin, Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau (NY Regional Field Division).

The purpose is to increase everyone's understanding of the importance for all New York City residents to complete a census form. The first hour will highlight topics such as the history of Title XIII of the U.S. Census Code ("The Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies"), volunteering opportunities such as Neighborhood Organizing Census Committees (NOCCs), and awareness of the Quality Control Process. The second hour will focus on how to apply for a job with the U.S. Census.

If you would be interested in working as a "Census Taker," you are welcome to bring a tablet or laptop to the event. Ms. Goldin will assist in completing an on-line application that evening.
Can't vote in Israel? That's OK - you can vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections! The World Zionist Congress happens once every five years, and elections to the Congress are going on now!

**Voting open through March 11**

Slates representing the diversity of the American Jewish community will compete in an election to join the 38th World Zionist Congress (WZC), set to convene in October 2020 in Jerusalem. The slates, comprised of more than 1,800 candidates, will fight for 152 American seats for the 38th World Zionist Congress in an election organized and facilitated by the American Zionist Movement. Those elected from the United States will join delegates from Israel and around the world at the 38th World Zionist Congress to help determine the allocation of nearly $1 billion in funding for and the priorities of the World Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Theodor Herzl, considered the father of modern-day Zionism, convened the first Zionist Congress in 1897. To date, WZC is the sole democratically elected global Jewish forum.

Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard. Go to [www.ZionistElection.org](http://www.ZionistElection.org) by March 11 to view the different slates and their platforms, make the small administrative payment, and cast your ballot. Tell your friends, too!

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**Sanctuary City**  
By Martyna Majok  
Directed by Rebecca Frecknall  
at New York Theatre Workshop  
March 31, 7:00 pm  
Hosted by  
THE SYNAGOGUE COALITION on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis

DREAMers. Love(r)s. Life-long friends. Negotiating the promise of safety and the weight of responsibility, they'll fight like hell to establish a place for themselves and each other in America. 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner and NYTW Usual Suspect Martyna Majok brings us an unforgettable story that asks what we're willing to sacrifice.

Tickets are $75 with $25 of each ticket supporting the Aissetou Cisse Scholarship for Undocumented Students at Lehman College and the New York Immigration Coalition. To purchase tickets, click here or, call the NYTW Box Office at 212-460-5475 and use code: DREAMERS.

**Panel discussion following the performance with:**  
Martyna Majok, Pulitzer Prize winner and writer of Sanctuary City  
Mouhamed Kaba, DACA recipient and Founder of Aissetou Cisse Scholarship Fund  
Jesus Hernandez, DACA recipient and past president of Lehman College Dream Team  
Theresa Thanjan. New York Immigration Coalition

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**Other Info**

**Tuesday Minyan**  
Every week 5:40 pm  
Do a mitzvah and help count toward the ten needed to allow those in mourning to recite the kaddish. In the library on the 4th floor.

**Submitting Names for Healing Prayer**

When someone is ill, we traditionally say a Misheberach, a special prayer for healing during Shabbat morning services 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 or phone (212-674-5750). Ideally, we would use the person’s Hebrew name and that of their mother; if this is not known, then we can use their English name. May God send healing to all those in need.

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