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## Saying Kaddish

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

This month I'm addressing questions about the Kaddish prayer.

The Kaddish prayer is in Aramaic, not Hebrew, except for the final sentence. This is because it stems from a time in history (the period of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, 516 BCE–70 CE) when many Jews used Aramaic as their everyday language rather than Hebrew. To the untrained ear it can be difficult to distinguish the two languages as they are related and share common features, including much vocabulary, but they are nevertheless distinct languages and each has a separate system of grammar.

The name of the Kaddish prayer indicates holiness and reflects that the prayer sanctifies God by publicly affirming God's goodness and holiness. As the core of the prayer is a public affirmation of God's goodness, it is said only in the presence of a minyan and not by a person who is praying alone.

Originally Kaddish was said by rabbis when they completed giving a sermon. Then it was adopted and said by congregations when they finished a section of a prayer service, hence the current practice of Kaddish being said a number of times during a prayer service, and especially after major prayers.

Later again, although there is uncertainty as to exactly when, it began to be said by mourners on behalf of their deceased relatives in order to accrue religious merit to them. The underlying idea is that it reflects well on the deceased if they brought up their child to be able to stand up and publicly affirm the goodness of God even in the face of the overwhelming personal loss of a parent or other close relative.

However, a countervailing influence was the Jewish belief that the soul of even the most evil person spends no more than one year in Gehenna (the Jewish version of hell) before being released to go to *Olam Ha'ba* (the 'World to Come'). Out of concern that saying Kaddish on behalf of a deceased parent every day for 12 months after their death would imply the parent was a very

wicked person expected to spend the maximum time in Gehenna, the practice developed of reducing the time frame by one month and saying Kaddish on behalf of a deceased parent for 11 months after their death. Kaddish is then said again on behalf of a parent on every *yahrzeit* (anniversary of their death).

The text says nothing explicit about death or mourning; it simply affirms faith in God. It thus reminds mourners that life continues despite death, that God still rules over us, and that God deserves praise for our own lives and for the deceased whom we once knew. Especially after a tragic death, this affirmation may be the last thing that we emotionally want to say, but that is precisely its point: saying it affirms the value of life in the face of death. It also helps us emote about the person we lost. It brings us out of our sadness and anger by having us utter appreciation and praise just when we are tempted to deny the importance of both.

I suspect that the Jewish mourner reciting the Kaddish and being comforted by it is responding not to the words but to the "music." Saying Kaddish is not a theological pronouncement. It is the traditional Jewish way of responding religiously to a death. The prayer says more than the words say. The prayer says, "At a moment like this, contemplating my mortality and that of everyone I know, I know that I am a Jew and I reach out to the Jewish tradition to channel God's healing love into my life."

In ways that transcend rational understanding, you will be comforted by going to the synagogue and reciting the Mourners' Kaddish during the mourning period or on a *yahrzeit*. You will be comforted by the knowledge that you are doing what Jews have always done over the centuries. And you will be comforted by the presence of other worshippers, including mourners like yourself, trying to come to terms with the outrage of death and loss. You will find that the system really works. 🌊

## Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 6:30 PM  
*Shabbaton Dinner and Speaker*  
*Mark Oppenheimer*

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Ella Burger*  
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 7:00 PM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Evan David*

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 9:30 AM  
*Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach*

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 9:30 AM  
*Bar Mitzvah of Noah Glimcher*

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6:30 PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9:30 AM  
*Bat Mitzvah of Aria Platt*

Or join Brotherhood Shabbat services from your computer, tablet or phone:

Zoom meeting ID: 225 253 5818  
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/2252535818>  
Password: 1818

Using your phone, call 646-558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID 225-253-5818

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HORRORS**

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**MAY 18**  
**HOMECOMING GALA**  
**TO BENEFIT THE NURSERY**  
**& HEBREW SCHOOLS**  
**DINNER, DANCING & COMMUNITY!**  
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## 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.

Our curator-led tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's collection of paintings by John Singer Sargent in March was spectacular! After the tour, we relaxed and caught up during afternoon coffee in the American Wing's courtyard. It was a lovely and inspiring afternoon—and thank you to Ann Sturiale for arranging it.

On **Thursday, April 27, at 2:30 pm**, we will have a private guided tour of the Jewish Museum's exhibit "The Sassoons," a fascinating journey of a remarkable Jewish family's story, following four generations from Iraq to India, China and England. As a bonus, the exhibit features several paintings by Sargent of the various Sassoon dynasties. Lunch together will precede the tour, details to follow. Our group is limited to 20 people at \$20 per person, so **please let Agnes know right away if you're planning to attend.**

We have extraordinary plans for May and June as well thanks to the hard work of some of our members. Details for both events will be sent to LGO members with meals before or after each event to give us time to catch up together. On **Wednesday, May 24, 2 pm**, we will tour the amazing and enormous Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in Morningside Heights as well as their Textile Conservation Laboratory. Many thanks to Ruth Grossman for leading this event. Next: on **Wednesday, June 7, 2 pm**, our favorite tour guide Rick from NYC Discovery will guide us on a grand tour of Grand Central Station and its new Madison Avenue Extension with its new art installations. Thanks to Joan Goldfield for arranging it.

The next book club meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 24, 7 pm**, but whether it's virtual or in person is still to be decided. Information about our book choice will be sent to the members as soon as available. Professor Margaret Birns will lead our discussion as usual, and the cost remains \$20 per person. **Please know that you must advise Agnes in advance if you plan to participate**—we can not reserve Professor Birns' time without a sufficient number of participants.

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 [agnesmarton@gmail.com](mailto:agnesmarton@gmail.com) or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750, email [rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org). 🌸

## NEW PATHS TAKEN BY SEPHARDIC JEWRY

**Mondays, April 24, May 1 & May 8 on Zoom  
with Elisha Russ-Fishbane**

This three-part course picks up with the trauma of the Inquisition and Expulsion before doing a deep dive into new settlements of the expanding Sephardic diaspora. Class 1 begins with an appreciation for the ongoing and far-reaching impact of the Spanish Inquisition on crypto-Jews and open Jews alike from the end of the fifteenth century and into the modern period. We then examine, in class 2, eastern Sephardic migrations, focusing on the Ottoman Empire: the revival of Jewish life in Ottoman Palestine, the rise of Jewish Salonika, and the emergence of Ladino as the language of eastern Sephardic Jewry. In class 3 we will explore the western Sephardic diaspora, focusing on two new centers of Sephardic Jewish life: Amsterdam and the New World.



**Register here**

Brotherhood Synagogue continues to offer Adult Education classes on Zoom through your kind and generous donations. Please consider making a donation of \$36 or more per session to help cover the cost of this and other important education programs. [Please visit our website](#) and designate your contributions as a gift to "Adult Education" in the dropdown menu.

## April Classes with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program

Brotherhood Synagogue Adult Education in partnership with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program (CSP) presents the following roster of online classes.

**Please click on the class titles for full description and to register**  
or go to <https://occsp.net/current-online-events/>.

### **Jewish Tunisia: At a Crossroads of Civilization**

Sunday, April 2 | 1:00pm | Rafram Chaddad



### **Egypt, the Exodus, and the Passover Story**

Monday, April 3  
1:00pm  
Sharon Keller

**Pharaoh in Canaan: Egyptian Presence in Israel**  
Sunday April 9 | 1:00pm  
Nachliel Selavan



**"I'm Sorry I Ate Your Fish": The Sturgeon Controversy and the Fish that Divided the Ashkenazic World**

Tuesday, April 11 | 3:30pm  
Prof. Howard Lupovitch

**The Jews of Summer: Summer Camp and Jewish Culture in Postwar America**

Sunday, April 16 | 1:00pm  
Sandra Fox



### **Mysticism in Islam and Judaism**

Thursday, April 20  
1:00pm  
Dr. David Mendelsohn



### **The Remarkable History of Codex Sassoon**

Sunday, April 23  
1:00pm  
Sharon Liberman Mintz

### **Finding God in Unexpected Places**

Sunday April 30, 2023 | 1:00pm  
Rabbi Jack Riemer in conversation with Rabbi Elie Spitz

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## Service and Study for the First Born

This service will be held on Wednesday morning, April 5 at 7:30 am. Those who choose not to observe the fast of the First Born should attend the service and then participate in the completion of a tractate of study. In celebration of that accomplishment, a light breakfast will follow.

## Passover Services

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 pm  
Thursday, April 6, 9:30 am  
Friday, April 7, 9:30 am

## Concluding Days

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 12, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm  
Thursday, April 13, 9:30 am

**Yizkor will be recited at services on Thursday, April 13 at around 11:30 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.

To make a gift online, [go to our donations page](#) and choose Yizkor: Member or Yizkor: Non-Member from the drop down menu. Thank you.

## VOLUNTEER @ Brotherhood in April

### for a New York Common Pantry Food Prep Event

**Sunday, April 23, 11:00 am**



Brotherhood Synagogue's Interfaith Committee is again seeking volunteers for **Sunday, April 23 11:00 am** at Brotherhood to help prepare brown bag meals for

[New York Common Pantry](#), an organization that works toward the reduction of hunger and food insecurity.

We encourage and welcome family participation in this worthwhile event!

To help cover the cost of the meals we will be preparing—we are also seeking donations of \$15 per individual and \$30 per family from those who are volunteering.

If you are unable to participate, you can [make a donation online here](#) and select "Interfaith Programming" in the drop down menu. We would welcome your support in any amount!

[Register here](#)

## Israel's 75th Birthday Celebration

**Sunday, April 23, 4:30 pm**



To honor Israel's 75th Independence Day, Naomi Jones and ensemble will present an evening of poetry, prose, and music in English and Hebrew. The readings will include the Declaration of Independence as well as readings from some of Israel's foremost writers. Refreshments to follow.

Brotherhood's Special Events Committee presents

## THE SASSOONS

A private docent led tour at the Jewish Museum

**Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 pm**

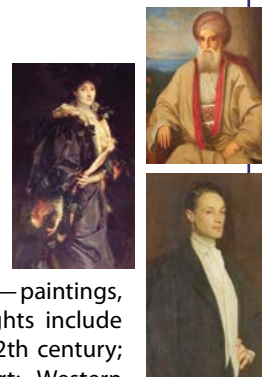
**\$20 per person**

*The Sassoons* reveals the fascinating story of a remarkable Jewish family, following four generations from Iraq to India, China, and England through a rich selection of works collected by family members over time. The exhibition highlights the Sassoon family's pioneering role in trade, art collecting, architectural patronage, and civic engagement from the early 19th century through World War II through over 120 works—paintings, decorative arts, illuminated manuscripts, and Judaica. Highlights include lavishly decorated Hebrew manuscripts from as early as the 12th century; Chinese art and ivory carvings; rare Jewish ceremonial art; Western masterpieces including magnificent portraits by John Singer Sargent of various Sassoon family members. The Sassoons explores themes such as discrimination, diaspora, colonialism, global trade, and war that not only shaped the history of the family but continue to define our world today.

Our group will gather 15 minutes before the tour at 4:45 pm in the museum lobby. Please leave enough time to pass through the security station and coat check just prior.

Group size is limited to 20.

[Register here](#)



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**Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm**

On **Tuesday evening, April 25**, Brotherhood's Israel Committee hosts our first CAFE ISRAEL, featuring food, wine, and conversation as the sun sets on Yom HaZikaron—The Day of Remembrance—and becomes Yom HaAtzma'ut—Independence Day. Israel: One of the most vibrant and controversial of countries on Earth, celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Bring your appetite and your opinions!

**SAVE THE DATE! | Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm**

## The State of Extremism

A Report from ADL's Center on Extremism with Alex Friedfeld

Brotherhood's Anti-semitism Task Force (ASTF) invites you to join us for a Signature Synagogue presentation from [ADL's Center on Extremism](#).

Join Alex Friedfeld, ADL Associate Director of Investigative Research, as he discusses what extremism is, trends ADL is seeing, and what communities can be doing to help combat the rise of extremism.

This ASTF program at Brotherhood is brought to you thanks to the generosity of The Raymond and Gloria Naftali Foundation.



[Register here](#)



## Happenings in Our Kehilah

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

**Robert and Leora Burger** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Ella Burger**. Ella, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate her simcha with her older brother, **Ethan**.

**Irene David** on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, **Evan David**. Evan, a student at Shuang Wen School, will celebrate his simcha with his older brother, **Daniel**.

**Paul Glimcher and Barbara Knappmeyer** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Noah Glimcher**; and to Noah's grandparents, **Arnold and Mildred Glimcher**. Noah, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate his simcha with her older siblings, **Matthew and Zoe**.

**Seth Platt and Ellen Cohen** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Aria Platt**. Aria, a student at Horace Mann, will celebrate her simcha with her younger brother, **Silas**.

### Weddings, Mazal Tov to:

**Gail Schupak** on the marriage of her daughter **Sarah Karron** to **Dmitry Klyuy**.

### Births, Mazal Tov to:

**Marissa Moskowitz and Jason Israel** on the birth of their daughter, **Annabel Blake Israel**; and to older sister, **Charlotte**; and to grandparents, **Debra Aaron** and **Reed Moskowitz**.

**Michelle Bayefsky and Nate Loewentheil** on the birth of their daughter, **Sophie Dorit Bayefsky Loewentheil**.

**Marielle and Matthew Bernstein** on the birth of their son, **Rhyse Hayes Bernstein**; and to older brother, **Haiden**; and to grandparents, **Joette and Mitch Mindlin**; and to aunt and uncle and cousins, **Cara and Greg Weiss**, **Ella** and **Theo**.

### Condolences to:

The family and friends of our member **Lauretta Horton** on her passing.

**David Silver** on the passing of his wife, and our member, **Roberta Silver**.

## President's Post

by Russell Kohn



A couple weeks ago, my mother visited Israel for the first time in 15 years. Throughout her trip, we received WhatsApp updates with all the normal highlights you would expect: The Western Wall, the beach in Tel Aviv, Roman ruins in Caesarea, and the Israel Museum.

Her trip, though, included a few unexpected highlights: Mass protests against the ruling coalition's measures to limit the power of the courts. I don't believe it is my place here to share my view of these changes, and so I will let you do your own research and form your own opinions. But I will share my thoughts on the discourse itself.

Part of being Jewish is debating, questioning and arguing. We're encouraged by our Rabbis to dive into important topics and study them for ourselves, rather than just taking someone else's word for it. The debate over Israel's future is no different.

Although we live more than 5,000 miles from Jerusalem, we all have a vested interest

in the strength of the Jewish state. Israel is our homeland and, whether we like it or not, is often seen as speaking for Jews globally. Maintaining a vibrant, healthy democracy in Israel is something each and every one of us should care about.

Once again, I'm not going to tell you what to think or what side to support. But I hope you will take the time to read about what is going on and form your own opinion. The future of the State of Israel is too important for us to sit by and watch while history is made. At the same time, we should all remember that these are difficult issues and while we may disagree — vehemently, even — we are all in this together.

As we say every Shabbat in the Prayer for the State of Israel, "Avinu Shebashamim [...] Bless the State of Israel, [...] Guide its leaders and advisors, [...] Bless the Land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy."

Warmly,

Russell Kohn



## Shabbat Club

Saturday, April 1, 12:00pm

Rabbi Daniel Alder will share his thoughts on the topic, "Beyond Matzo: The Quinoa-Kitniyot Conundrum." Rabbi Alder will discuss what we can and cannot eat on Passover, how those rules have changed, and why Ashkenazi Jews and Sephardi Jews may differ. Bring your questions and comments — and your family anecdotes.

All are welcome to this meeting, which will be held in the second floor reception room. There will be refreshments. Masking is suggested. Contact Deborah Newman at [debd.newman@gmail.com](mailto:debd.newman@gmail.com) with your ideas for future meetings.



The Brotherhood Committee on the  
**Refugee and Immigration Crisis**

The next dinner for asylum-seeker families with children at PS 11 will be held at Brotherhood on April 27. We are expecting families with fifth-graders and other siblings to attend. Many Brotherhood members have already signed up to volunteer at the dinner, but there may be other opportunities to help prepare for this and future dinners. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Stern at [blee50@verizon.net](mailto:blee50@verizon.net).

We are looking for ways to expand work with asylum-seeker families in the NYC public school system. This could include working with additional schools; adding supports such as collections of clothing, toys, and school supplies; and forming partnerships with other downtown synagogues to do this work on a larger scale. Do you have other ideas? Please contact us.

## Need a listening ear or emotional support?

Our social worker Rabbi Miriam Herscher can provide assistance with getting help in your home, if you are having a hard time or feeling lonely, if you are bereaved, if you are looking for support as a caregiver, and for many other reasons or issues.

If you would like to speak with Rabbi Herscher, please contact her directly at 917-664-1956 or [socialworker@brotherhoodsynagogue.org](mailto:socialworker@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).

## Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our Community Conversations, and especially the volunteers who led these discussions. All of your input will be instrumental as we move into the next phase of our planning process.

At the beginning of April, you will receive via e-mail an invitation to complete a survey, which will provide us with additional insight about our community as we move forward with the strategic plan. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you in advance for your support!

# WE REMEMBER

**Brotherhood Synagogue,  
along with Downtown Jewish  
Life (DJL) will hold our annual  
community commemoration of  
Holocaust Memorial Day at  
Congregation  
Beit Simchat Torah  
130 W 30th Street  
New York, New York  
Monday, April 17, 7:00 pm**



## April 1-7

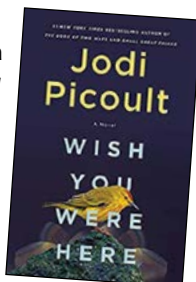
Gussie Bardack<sup>^</sup>, Paula Berenstein, Elliott Berman, Herb Carp, Ms. June Chusid, Benjamin Cohen, Rose, Selma E. Abraham<sup>^</sup>, Dr. Julius Leonard, Abrams Rachel Ash<sup>\*</sup>, Erwin T. Basch<sup>\*\*</sup>, Celia Baum<sup>\*</sup>, Gussie Biegeleisen<sup>\*</sup>, Lillian Bloom<sup>^</sup>, Bernard Buchman, George Casper, Betty Cohen, Estelle Edlis, Sarah Ehrlich, Albert Eidelberg<sup>^</sup>, Rebecca Ellenbogen<sup>\*</sup>, Albert Epstein<sup>^</sup>, George Farkas<sup>^</sup>, Miriam Feingold, Louis Feldman<sup>\*</sup>, Fred Firstenberg<sup>\*</sup>, Cyril Freedman<sup>\*\*</sup>, Martin Frey, Selma Frishling<sup>^</sup>, Iakov Gleizer<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Goldenberg<sup>^</sup>, Sara Anna Goldfarb<sup>\*\*</sup>, Bertha Gomby<sup>^</sup>, Simon Gourse<sup>\*</sup>, Ralph Isaac Green<sup>^</sup>, Charlie Greenberg, Eva Passman Greenberg<sup>\*</sup>, Steven Hueglin<sup>^</sup>, Samuel Ir, Nathan D. Jacobs<sup>^</sup>, Alex Kassin, Ella Klein<sup>\*\*</sup>, Celia Kligler, Anna Klonsky<sup>^</sup>, Patricia Learner<sup>^</sup>, Jules Lederberger<sup>\*</sup>, Max Leinweber, Regina Handel Leslie, Selma Licht Gold, George Markowitz<sup>^</sup>, Hortense Luria Mintzer, Nathan Neiderman, Harvey Nelson<sup>^</sup>, Edward Porco, Joan Porco, Marilyn Radovsky, Sol J. Rauch, Sadie Rickles<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Rothchild, Freddy Rovello, Grace Salant, Carl-Olof Sandberg, Jacob Henry Schoenbaum,

## Brotherhood Book Club

**Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm  
Hybrid Meeting (in Person & on  
Zoom)**

Margie Katz will lead a discussion of *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult.

Please contact Gail Pierris [abend@nyc.rr.com](mailto:abend@nyc.rr.com) if you are interested in joining.



## VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED IN OUR GARDEN

As we mark Yom HaShoah, observed on April 17-18, 2022 (27 Nissan 5783), we think of members of families in our congregation who perished during the Holocaust and whose names are memorialized on the wall of our Garden of Remembrance.

Rivka Leah Aspis | Chaim Berglas | Herman Berglas | Rachel Leah Berglas | Elvira Berkowitz Regina Berkowitz | Alma Bermann | Leo Bermann | Bertha Brenman | Moses Brenman | Fanny Friedenstein Israel Friedenstein | Mina G. Friedenstein | Rosa Friedenstein | Sonia Friedenstein | Hedwig Friedjung | Boris Glucksman David Glucksman | Esther Glucksman Helena Glucksman | Ilya Glucksman | Lola Glucksman | Masha Glucksman | Nadia Glucksman Sasha Glucksman | Yetta Glucksman | Zsayama Glucksman Pincus P. Goldman | Berish Goldreich | Sarah Goldreich | Yitzak Goldreich | Adolph Hamburger | Bella Hamburger Ilse Hamburger Joseph Hamburger | Natalie Hamburger | Ibi Hausler | Rifka Hausler Frieda Heidelberger | Adolph Hirsch | Yaakov Michel Hirsch | Abraham Hirschfeld | Bertha Jacobowitz | Bertha Blume Jacobowitz | Fannie Jakobovits | Kaethe Kelemen | Sandor Kelemen Ferdinand Kohn Sophie Kohn | Avraham Kolodicki | Feige Kolodicki | Wolf and Sarah Lebowitz Family | Emma Anna Lowinger | Leopold Lowinger | Miklos David Marton | Elizabeth Nachmann Florine Nachmann | Julius Nachmann | Ruth Nachmann | Gita Najberg | Tzvi Najberg | Margarete Neumann | Rudolf Neumann | Benjamin Orenbuch | Isaac Rabinowitz Erwin Roth | Isidor Roth Mina Rubin Roth | Esther Rothenberg | Joseph Rothenberg | Abraham Rothstein | Ida Rothstein The Family Rothstein | Max Rubin | Ella Schaeffer | Hugo Schaeffer | The Family Schreier | Ernö Schwartz | The Family Silberling | Samuel Stanger | Sari Orován Steiner | Feiga Trencher Moses Trencher | Ida Berger Veisz | Lajos Veisz Avram Weissman | Avrom Weissman | Hentshe Weissman Hersh Weissman | Lonka Weissman | Necha Weissman | The Family Weygman | Emma Wolff | Josef Wolff | Avrum Wolkove

**And the children who perished.**

## YAHREZEITS

<sup>^</sup>Garden of Remembrance <sup>\*</sup>Book of Remembrance

Bertha Antler Seinfeld<sup>^</sup>, Nathan Shapiro, Barry Smulian<sup>^</sup>, Samuel Tepperman<sup>\*</sup>, Florence Teviovitz, Jack Weinman<sup>^</sup>, Albert Wertheim, James Yassky, Alice Zelmanowicz<sup>^</sup>, Rose Zucker

## April 8-14

David Aaronson<sup>\*</sup>, Lottie Abrams<sup>^</sup>, Sarah Altman, Rachel Balaber, Irwin A. Bassett<sup>^</sup>, Brig. Gen. Irving Bersoff, Olga Blum, Elio Cohen, Paul Benjamin Cohen, Herbert E. Cohen<sup>\*</sup>, Samuel A. Eichner<sup>\*</sup>, Bertram Feinberg, Fannie Feitell<sup>^</sup>, Isaac Feldman<sup>^</sup>, Robert Fink<sup>^</sup>, Helen Friedman<sup>^</sup>, Harry Genzer, Gertrude Gerson, Stanley Glassman<sup>^</sup>, Nathan Goldschlag<sup>\*\*</sup>, Harry Gussman, Eddie Hans, Roselyn Hauptman, Harold Irving Hill<sup>\*</sup>, Henry Hodys<sup>\*\*</sup>, Kati Jacobs<sup>\*</sup>, Samuel Jacobs<sup>\*</sup>, Esther Kassin, Isak Katz<sup>\*</sup>, Sheila Leah Klein, Honon Kommissaroff, Jeffrey M. Korman, Lillian Kosta<sup>^</sup>, Shirley Krieger, Owen Kupferschmid, Phillip Langer<sup>\*</sup>, Mrs. Dalia Leeds, Esther Levine, Saul Levy<sup>^</sup>, Ruth Lewen<sup>^</sup>, Louis Lockett, Daniel Mann<sup>^</sup>, Dr. Robert C. Mayo<sup>^</sup>, Molly Menschenfreund, Gertrude Miller, Larry Miller<sup>^</sup>, Dorothy Moldow, Edward Moskowitz, Sylvia Moskowitz, Sylvan Nathan<sup>^</sup>, Louis Offerman<sup>^</sup>, Philip Petchenik, Rose Pollack<sup>\*</sup>, Jennie Rabinoff<sup>^</sup>, Helen Robinove<sup>\*</sup>, Rose Rosen<sup>\*</sup>, Anna Helen Rothbart<sup>^</sup>, Sharon Salant, Johannes Schmutzer, Marcus Schnapp<sup>\*</sup>, Joseph Selterman, Pearl Settle<sup>^</sup>, Vera Shapiro, Rene Shapshak, Morris Samson Sidran<sup>^</sup>, Samuel Signer<sup>^</sup>, Abraham Silberling<sup>^</sup>, Joan Silverman, Nathan Simon<sup>^</sup>, Benjamin Siskind<sup>\*</sup>, Sidney Solomon, M.D.<sup>\*</sup>, Michael S. Soloway<sup>^</sup>, Dorothy Spatt<sup>^</sup>, Dorothy Spatt<sup>^</sup>, Stanford Stillpass, Jacob Tepperman<sup>\*</sup>, Frank Turteltaub<sup>^</sup>, William Vishner, Meyer Warmbrand<sup>\*\*</sup>, Meyer Warmbrand<sup>\*\*</sup>, Belle Weissman, Gussie Wilf, Harry Wolf, Alexander Wolf<sup>^</sup>, Ruth Yudkovitz, Susan Zuckerberg<sup>^</sup>

## April 15-21

Eva Aaron, Sidney Alper, Jack Babitz, Elaine Bailin, Joel Berger, Herman Berglas<sup>\*\*</sup>, Martin Berkman<sup>\*</sup>, Martin Blank, Max Bledstein, Sarah Block<sup>\*</sup>, Donald Brandt, David Cagen<sup>\*</sup>, Kenneth DeCrette, Dr. Ariel Distenfeld, Hillel Eisenberg, Mark Ellenbogen<sup>\*</sup>, Carole Feinberg, Bella Flame<sup>^</sup>, Jules Gaynor, Harry Gingold, Catherine Glazer, Dr. Samuel Gross<sup>\*</sup>, Rose Gross<sup>\*</sup>, Saul Grossman<sup>\*</sup>, Hyman Herbst<sup>\*</sup>, Joan Hulkower, Gizelle Joblin, Manya Kaplow<sup>^</sup>, Cornelius Joseph King<sup>\*</sup>, Edith Kitt, Dr. Jerome J. Klein<sup>\*</sup>, Millie Koppelman, Alice Kresic, Sarah Lesser<sup>^</sup>, Stanley Levitt<sup>^</sup>, Carl Maisel<sup>\*\*</sup>, Blanche Mann<sup>^</sup>, Miklos David Marton<sup>\*\*</sup>, Ruth Mason, Jessie Meyer<sup>\*</sup>, Rosalind Miller, Bertram Miller<sup>^</sup>, Milly Monk<sup>^</sup>, Beatrice Nemser<sup>\*</sup>, Paul Newton<sup>^</sup>, Marian L. Plotka<sup>^</sup>, Sophie

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## Kitah Zayin Mitzvah Project

### RECLAIM THEIR NAMES

Community Fundraiser  
Sunday, April 23  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm



As an act of Zachor (Remembrance), our Kitah Zayin is committing this year's Mitzvah Project to raising awareness and funds for Holocaust education.

Meet us at the Brotherhood Synagogue for a community walk around Gramercy Park 6 times—a total of 1.5 miles—to commemorate the 6 million Jewish souls, including 1.5 million Jewish children, lost in the Holocaust.



We will conclude our community event with a talk with Holocaust survivor Alex Konstantyn, whose testimony will be featured in the upcoming documentary *Escape to Nowhere*.

To Register and/or Donate, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ReclaimTheirNames>.

The money raised will be donated to the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center (HMTTC) of Nassau County. HMTTC's mission is to educate young people about the history of the Holocaust and its lessons through education and community outreach.

This program is open to our entire community—all ages and abilities are welcome, strollers, too! So please join us to walk, cheer us on, and listen to Holocaust survivor Alex Konstantyn.

*Light refreshments will be available.*

If you cannot come to our event, you can still donate to support this wonderful cause!

For more information, please contact: [MichaelMantell@Holocaust-Nassau.org](mailto:MichaelMantell@Holocaust-Nassau.org).

**Rehearsals are underway for our Brotherhood Synagogue Hebrew School musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and we once again will be publishing our outstanding Playbill!**



Ads are available in 3 sizes:

1/3 Page - \$54 (4.5" x 2.4")  
1/2 Page - \$90 (4.5" x 3.675")  
Full Page - \$180 (4.5" x 7.5")

To place an ad, create your graphic in one of the sizes above and save it as a jpeg. Please send your completed ad to [Tess.Neider](mailto:Tess.Neider).

Ads will be accepted through April 17!

Payment can be made either online or by check. If you would like to pay online, please [visit here](#) and select Hebrew School Play (Donation) from the dropdown. If you would prefer to pay by check please write Hebrew School Play Ad in memo.

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Polk, Benjamin Protter<sup>^</sup>, Sylvia Regan<sup>^</sup>, Dora Robins<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Rofman<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Rofman<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Rofman<sup>^</sup>, Murray Rosenberg, Victor Samama, Kalman Schindel<sup>^</sup>, Ruth Shaine<sup>^</sup>, Maxwell Siskind<sup>^</sup>, Florence I. Stark<sup>^</sup>, Minna Tornek

#### April 22-28

Luna Alhadeff, Rabbi Albert Altaras, Max Bachrach<sup>^</sup>, Dorothy Baumstein, Cynthia Blumenthal<sup>^</sup>, Irving Bogash<sup>^</sup>, Gale G. Brown, Alain-Gerard Cohen, Matthew Consumano, Samuel J. Friedman<sup>^</sup>, Carole Gelfand<sup>^</sup>, Richard Glaubinger<sup>^</sup>, Robert Glazer, Barbara Goldman, Paul Goldman, Belle Greene<sup>^</sup>, Abraham Zvi Halpern, Ruth Hill, Adele Hirsch<sup>^</sup>, Robert Jacobson<sup>^</sup>, Leonard Kahn<sup>^</sup>, Leonore Soloway Lippman<sup>^</sup>, Marion Lipshie<sup>^</sup>, Jacob Menschenfreund, Bernard Morwitz, Mrs. Henrietta Nunno, Edith Penchina, Jonathan Poole, Sue Press<sup>^</sup>, Phillip Prichap<sup>^</sup>, Sid B. Prichap<sup>^</sup>, Jonathan Marc Ragovin, Samuel Rosenberg, Ben Rothstein<sup>^</sup>, Yetta Gustin Safadi<sup>^</sup>, Sheila Sagman, Marvin A. Saltzman, Max Schlanger<sup>^</sup>, Conrad Schreider, Florence Sherinsky, Leo Sigal, Claire Silverstein, Cantor Samuel M. Soloway<sup>^</sup>, Ella Soroka, Harry L. Spindel<sup>^</sup>, Kenneth Stark<sup>^</sup>, Fay Stelzer<sup>^</sup>, Fay Stelzer<sup>^</sup>, Henrieta Tarlow<sup>^</sup>, Rabbi Manfred Wimer, Charles Zimmerman

#### April 29 – May 5

Israel B. Aaronson<sup>^</sup>, Rebecca Abelson<sup>^</sup>, Arlene Abramowitz<sup>^</sup>, Thomas Akkerman, Lony Alexander, Albert Anes, Ruth Ascher, Abel Seymour Bauchner, Shirley Bauchner, Bernard Baumstein, Barbara Berci, Charles Bloom<sup>^</sup>, Norton Blumenthal, Gertrude Bogash<sup>^</sup>, Jillian Erin Chernick<sup>^</sup>, John Delay-Naftalis<sup>^</sup>, Arthur Dorman<sup>^</sup>, Paul Ellant, Irving Feldman<sup>^</sup>, Julian Fish, Sadie Flax<sup>^</sup>, Herman Fox, Ann Friedman, Jeanne Engel Friedman<sup>^</sup>, Judith Godin, David Goldsmith<sup>^</sup>, Lydia Goldstein<sup>^</sup>, Marjorie R. Goodrich<sup>^</sup>, Nathaniel H. Goodrich<sup>^</sup>, Herbert Gourse<sup>^</sup>, Theodore Green<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Greene, Barbara Herman, Max Hofstetter<sup>^</sup>, Louis Kaplan, Sylvia Korman, Theresa F. Lasser<sup>^</sup>, Samuel Mandel, Joseph Margolis<sup>^</sup>, Ruth Marlowe<sup>^</sup>, Helen Millstone<sup>^</sup>, Kenneth Negin, Michael Press, Jacob Rootenberg, David Israel Rosen, Joel Alan Rosenfeld, Carl Ross, Rosalind G. Roy<sup>^</sup>, Irvin Russ<sup>^</sup>, Laura Dee Russell<sup>^</sup>, Joseph Saba, Carol Sue Schreider, William Schwartz<sup>^</sup>, Billie Seffens, Esther Shifrin, Ronald Silber, Ethel Solender, Rose Williamowski Strauss<sup>^</sup>, Margit Sugar, Dorothy Unger, Saul Unterweiser<sup>^</sup>, Sol Varon, Samuel J. Warner, Martin Wexer

**Brotherhood Synagogue  
Hebrew School  
Model Passover Seders**

**Monday April 3rd**  
Grades 3rd - 6th  
5:00-6:00pm

**Tuesday April 4th**  
Grades K - 2nd  
5:00-6:00pm

**Parents and siblings are invited to join us!!  
We hope to see you there!**

JOIN THE HEBREW SCHOOL  
AS WE CELEBRATE

**Yom Ha'atzmaut  
Israel's 75th  
Birthday!**

April 26th  
5:30-6:00pm  
in the Community Room

**SHABBAT  
DINNERS**

FOLLOWING FAMILY  
SHABBAT SERVICES WE  
WILL BE HOSTING  
GRADE LEVEL DINNERS

**APRIL 28  
GRADES K-2**

**MAY 19  
6TH AND 7TH GRADE**

HEBREW SCHOOL  
MUSICAL

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS  
MAY 10 AND MAY 11

PLAYBILL ADS ARE ON SALE NOW  
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY

# Nursery School News: Life After Brotherhood

by Melissa Nhaissi

Dear Brotherhood Nursery,

I thought I was a doomsday prepper.

Not necessarily in the 'if the end of the world comes DON'T WORRY because I've stockpiled 340 cans of chickpeas!!' type of way. Truth be told, I don't even know where my husband keeps our flashlights and extra batteries. I'm more the 'end of the world is coming at some point? Great—I'm hysterical and devastated for my great great great great great (you get the point) grandchildren' type. I know—I'm such a romantic.

So, when my husband and I closed on our house in the (gulp) suburbs in December 2021 I started prepping. My life, as I knew it, was over. Rather than creating a Pinterest board of my dream kitchen or getting the necessary documentation together to register Elle for kindergarten, the only thing I could think about was losing my beloved second home—aka my local coffee shop and my friends at Brotherhood.

Sure enough, on the night before Elle started Kindergarten this past September, I felt completely unprepared. I hadn't gotten her a haircut or a new outfit to wear for her first day. I forgot to get her a lunchbox and I couldn't, for the life of me, remember if I had ordered her school supplies. I'll spare you the details of how long I debated whether or not I should wear makeup for the drop off.

And—just as I had romantically predicted, Elle cried hysterically and clung to my leg at that first drop off (those of you who know her are not at all surprised). Kind of automatically I told her that she was brave and kind, that I loved her and that I couldn't wait to hear about her first day. And then, like a robot (with makeup on), I grabbed her hand and walked (but really dragged) her right to her teacher (practically INTO her teacher)—I waved goodbye, turned around and left. Phew. The whole thing felt just as drawn out and dramatic as that sentence. It felt so awkward and yet so right that in a moment of comic-book-like clarity I realized that it was Yellow Room all over again. Rivki nudged me into believing in Elle—that she would be fine, and that goodbyes should never linger. The sense of familiarity was immensely comforting (because who are we kidding—I was a literal wreck leaving her at the door).

I obsessed over how I would make friends. The parents I was introduced

to all seemed to somehow know each other—either because 'she plays Pickleball with my sister-in-law!' or 'we sat next to her at the town pool all summer!' or 'we went through nursery together!'. I had no choice but to surrender to Elle's lead in the hopes that I could make friends with some of her new friends' moms. And while the fall of 2022 was nothing like the start of our Red Room year in the fall of 2020, it felt eerily the same—I was looking to Elle for guidance in the hopes that she'd lead me through my days in our new landscape.

And when I noticed some changes in Elle's sleep patterns once school was in the thick of it? Well—my 'mom-gut' started telling me that her week was over-scheduled and so I listened to it and gave her more down time after school for this semester. I didn't for once question my decision, despite most of Elle's friends being scheduled for after school clubs every day, because my year in the Purple Room taught me that my mom-gut was good and strong and right (most of the time) as long as I nurtured and trusted it.

What I've realized while navigating my new life in the 'burbs is that the lessons I've learned and wisdom I've gained from our three years at Brotherhood have become my 'lovie,' and I carry them with me wherever I go. Brotherhood watered me as a seedling mom. It sheltered me during COVID. It taught me that doing what everyone else does, or thinks is the right thing, isn't always the right thing if my gut doesn't believe it is. And, in a hilariously ironic plot twist, it taught me that even if I don't think I'm prepared, I most likely am. Brotherhood—my lovie—I'll carry you with me for the rest of my days.

With all my love, Melissa

PS – my husband read this over my shoulder as I was writing it. I now know where our flashlights are! (In case of an actual emergency.)

While I will be savoring the milestones and events (including the Hebrew and Nursery School Benefit and Auction on May 18th—mark your calendars!) over the next few months, I know that my family's involvement with the synagogue will continue long after our time in the Blue Room comes to a close. So here's to the end of one terrific chapter and to the start of another. I am so grateful that we moved off the waitlist and into this forever community. 🌈



**for Young Children\***

**Please join us to welcome Shabbat together with stories and song!**

**Fridays, April 14 & 28**

**5:30-6:00 pm**

**with Daphna & Saskia  
in the Community Room  
at Brotherhood**

**\*For children 4 and under. Older sibs welcome!**

## ♪ Cantor's Notes ♪

by Cantor Isaac Yager

As a cantor, I am now on the other side of life cycle events when, prior to my entering the clergy, I had previously been a participant. I had a bar mitzvah and now I train those entering Jewish adulthood. I got married and now I officiate weddings. And I used to just attend funerals and now I sing at them. But perhaps the most interesting shift in perspective that has taken place since becoming a spiritual leader has been in my relationship to the conversion process. My personal connection to Jewish conversion began over ten years ago on my first day of school at the seminary. The dean spoke to all of the incoming rabbinical and cantorial students about the requirements for personal observance including the prohibition of romantic relationships with non-Jews. I promptly spilled my guts to the director of the cantorial school confessing that I was living with my non-Jewish girlfriend who had agreed to convert somewhere down the line. As it turns out, the line was drawn that afternoon and my relationship to the conversion process swiftly began. Presently, I teach a weekly conversion class for eight students. Our classes include the study of holidays, home observance, Torah, and the Hebrew alphabet. Additionally, we held a "Learning Shabbat" last month geared towards the conversion class which featured live explanations of the prayers within the service. We will be holding two more of these services in April on the 7th and 22nd of the month. Guiding people into the Jewish faith is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. Having been connected to the other side of this process, I have sought to develop curriculum that is both informative and practical, enabling converts to meaningfully and feasibly integrate Judaism into their every day lives. And perhaps the most profound impact is that I am learning too. There is never a shortage of new knowledge when it comes to Judaism. My own Jewish identity has only been strengthened by the fresh perspectives and insights from my conversion colleagues; for that I am grateful and humbled.



# Brotherhood Synagogue



Nisan / Iyar 5783  
April 2023

✧ Shabbat Corner: 10 am | Aleph Bet Club: 11 am | Junior Congregation: 10 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9 am: Tikvah <b>Community Conversations</b> 10 am   3 pm	27 4 pm: Hebrew School 7 pm: Jews of Medieval Spain <b>7pm: Community Conversations (on Zoom)</b>	28 9:30 am: Toddler Class I 10:30 am: Toddler Class II 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 7 pm: <i>Ahead of Time</i> <b>7pm: Community Conversations</b>	29 10 am: Mah Jongg Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 6:30 pm: Mah Jongg Class & Practice	30 9:30 am: Pre Toddler Class 10:30 am: Toddler Class III <b>11 am: Community Conversations</b> 11:15 am: Lunch & Learn 11:30 am: Baby Class 3:10 pm: Thursday Corner I 4:20 pm: Thursday Corner II	31 7:01 pm: Candles 2:30 pm: Tikvah 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat for Children 4 & under 6:30 pm: Services 7:30 pm: Dinner 8:30 pm: Speaker	1 ✧ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Ella Burger 7 pm: Bar Mitzvah of Evan David  <b>TZAV</b>
2 <b>PASSOVER</b>	3 4 pm: Hebrew School <b>7pm: Community Conversations (on Zoom)</b>	4 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan	5 7:30 am: Service and Study for the First Born 6:30 pm: Services 7 pm: Passover Seder <b>NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES</b>	6 9:30 am: Services <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>PASSOVER</b>	7 7:09 pm: Candles 9:30 am: Services 6:30 pm: Services <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>PASSOVER</b>	8 9:30 am: Services <b>PASSOVER</b>
9 <b>PASSOVER</b>	10 <b>PASSOVER</b>	11 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Services <b>NO NURSERY SCHOOL, HEBREW SCHOOL OR ECP CLASSES</b>	12 9:30 am: Services 7:30 pm: Services <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>PASSOVER</b>	13 9:30 am: Services 11:30 am: Yizkor <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>PASSOVER</b>	14 7:16 pm: Candles 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat for Children 4 & under 6:30 pm: Services	15 ✧ 9:30 am: Services Bar Mitzvah of Noah Glimcher <b>SHEMINI</b>
16	17 4 pm: Hebrew School	18 9:30 am: Toddler Class I 10:30 am: Toddler Class II 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH! 7 pm: Board Meeting <b>YOM HASHOAH</b>	19 4 pm: Hebrew School 5 pm: Jewish Museum Tour - The Sassoons	20 9:30 am: Pre Toddler Class 10:30 am: Toddler Class III 11:15 am: Lunch & Learn 11:30 am: Baby Class 3:10 pm: Thursday Corner I 4:20 pm: Thursday Corner II 7 pm: Brotherhood Book Club	21 7:23 pm: Candles 2:30 pm: Tikvah 5:30 pm: K-2 Shabbat Service 5:30 pm: 3-5 Grade Shabbat Service 6:30 pm: K-2 Grade Dinner 6:30 pm: Services <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	22 ✧ 9:30 am: Services <b>ROSH CHODESH TAZRIA-METZORA</b>
23 9 am: Tikvah 11 am: Common Pantry 1 pm: 7th Grade Mitzvah Project Walk-a-thon 2 pm: BBYO 4:30 pm: Israel at 75	24 4 pm: Hebrew School 7 pm: New Paths of Sephardic Jewry 7 pm: LGO Book Club	25 9:30 am: Toddler Class I 10:30 am: Toddler Class II 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:40 pm: Minyan 6:30 pm: Harmoni-AH! 7 pm: Cafe Israel Event	26 10 am: Mah Jongg Class 4 pm: Hebrew School 5:30 pm: Hebrew School Israel Yom Haatzma'ut 6:30 pm: Mah Jongg Class & Practice <b>YOM HAATZMA'UT</b>	27 9:30 am: Pre Toddler Class 10:30 am: Toddler Class III 11:15 am: Lunch & Learn 11:30 am: Baby Class 3:10 pm: Thursday Corner I 4:20 pm: Thursday Corner II 6 pm: BCRIC Asylees Dinner 6:30 pm: BBYO	28 7:31 pm: Candles 2:30 pm: Tikvah 5:30 pm: Family Shabbat for Children 4 & under 6:30 pm: Services	29 ✧ 9:30 am: Services Bat Mitzvah of Aria Platt <b>ACHREI-KEDOSHIM</b>
30 9 am: Tikvah 11 am: Aging Smart with Heart						

The Chesed Committee invites you to join us for

**Aging Smart with Heart:**  
*If you fail to make a plan, you will plan to fail*  
**Sunday, April 30, 11:00-12:30 pm**

Please join us at the Brotherhood Aging Workshop, led by Rabbi Miriam Herscher, our part-time social worker, which will take place on April 30 from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the Community Room. We will share articles to read and discuss, learn how you can anticipate and plan for your needs and care in advance, learn how to make your wishes known, and what you can do to be smart about this next journey.



And enjoy coffee and bagels while you do it! What's not to like??!

[Register here](#)