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End of Life

by Rabbi Daniel Alder

As you might imagine, my request for questions at the high holidays brought in not only questions but also statements and requests. One of those dealt with the issue of hearing loss that affects one-third of people between the ages of 64 and 75 and half of those over 75. The writer hoped that I would work with technology leaders to caption/transliterate on-line Hebrew. It is something that I will look into but, in the meantime, I'd like to address the issue of aging in Judaism—which was also the subject of a Chesed Committee sponsored workshop held here at Brotherhood at the end of April.

If, as a popular poem teaches, "Birth is a beginning and death is a destination, and life is a journey," then preparing for the end of that journey is both an imperative and a responsibility.

Clarifying our priorities, principles and preferences about decisions we and/or those caring for us may need to make as death approaches can assure that our wishes are carried out. And, by making end of life preparations, we can avoid placing family, friends, medical personnel and clergy in confusing or competing positions of trying to imagine what we would want done, or not done, under a number of imagined circumstances.

The harsh reality of this was brought home to me most recently by a member of our congregation who passed away in her apartment suddenly without making known her desires. Without known family, it has fallen upon me to try to determine where she should be buried even as the city bureaucracy slowly investigates the matter. **In that regard, if anyone has an unused gravesite in the New York area that they can donate for her immediate use, please contact me; you would be doing a great mitzvah.**

End of life planning is often associated with aging, and often assumed to be something we need to consider when we reach the imagined final decades of life. But planning is a responsibility that ought equally to be fulfilled at an earlier stage of adulthood, and ought especially to be considered if one

has entered into a committed relationship, particularly if that relationship involves children. While each of us would like to think we will have a long lifetime, illness or death can arrive at any time.

And while many people diligently complete Living Wills, Health Proxies and the like, preparing for their demise, what often doesn't get as much attention are the years just prior to that end. Many fail to deal with the issues of where and how they will spend their "twilight" years. There are so many What-ifs to consider.

Taking the first steps towards making an end of life plan is often the hardest stage, as it may stir thoughts and feelings about mortality and related spiritual concerns. When beginning an end of life planning process feels uncomfortable or intimidating, a conversation with a rabbi—either myself or Rabbi Miriam Herscher, our synagogue social worker—may be a helpful place to start. Jewish tradition has many insightful as well as comforting perspectives on life and death, and on our opportunity as well as responsibility to leave a legacy that will comfort, calm and support those who will mourn our death.

In ways that transcend rational understanding, you will be comforted by going to the synagogue and reciting the

Shabbat Services

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Gabay

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 6:30 PM
Honoring our Volunteers
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 9:30 AM

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 9:30 AM
Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Klipper

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 6:30 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 9:30 AM
2nd Day Shavuot and Yizkor

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

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. 🌊

Brotherhood Hebrew School Presents

**LITTLE SHOP
OF
HORRORS**

**Buy Your Tickets
Online Now**

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

Homecoming
BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE HEBREW AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Benefit

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
6:30PM - 10PM**

**COMMUNITY ROOM
BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE**

DINNER, DANCING & COMMUNITY!

Buy Your Tickets Here

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.

On **Wednesday, May 24, 2-4 pm**, we will enjoy an incredible tour of The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. First, we will tour the church, exploring the many highlights of the Cathedral's history, architecture, and artwork, from the Great Bronze Doors to the seven Chapels of the Tongues. Then we will visit the Textile Conservation Laboratory in the Cathedral—second only to that at the Metropolitan Museum—where the conservators have worked on such significant tapestries as the Barberini *Life of Christ* and *The Acts of the Apostles*. We are limited to 20 people, at the **cost of \$30 per person**. A lunch together will also be arranged, with details to follow to those attending. Thank you to Ruth Grossman for arranging it all! **Please let Ruth or Aggie know right away if you are interested in joining us.**

We have extraordinary plans for June as well, with thanks to Joan Goldfield. On **Wednesday, June 7 at 2 pm**, our favorite tour guide, Rick from NYC Discovery, will take us on a grand tour of Grand Central Station and its new Madison Avenue Extension. Our tour will include art installations by Yayoi Kusama and Kiki Smith and cover the secrets of Grand Central's history with a discussion of the

symbolism behind its decor and the mysteries behind the Beaux Arts gem. Stops include the "whispering arch," a secret apartment used as a speakeasy during the 1920s, the classic ceiling mural with its mysterious constellations painted in reverse, and Jules Coutan's masterpiece, the Roman group god sculpture. As usual, lunch together will be arranged prior to the tour, with details to be sent to participants. The cost of the tour is **\$29 per person**. **Please contact Joan or Aggie if you would like to join us.**

In book club news, we have voted and decided to return to in-person book club meetings in Brotherhood Synagogue's Library. We have found that our discussions are so much more enjoyable in person. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 22, 7 pm**, with the book selection to be sent to club members as soon as it is available. Professor Margaret Birns will lead our discussion as usual, and the **cost remains \$20 per person**. You must advise Aggie in advance if you plan to participate—we cannot 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 1agnesmarton@gmail.com or call Roberta in the Synagogue office at 212.674.5750, email rkahn@brotherhoodsynagogue.org. 🐞

Social Action

City Harvest Passover Food Collection

Our Passover Food Collection for City Harvest yielded 400 pounds of Passover foods helping to feed New Yorkers struggling to put food on their tables during the holiday. Thank you to all who contributed with **special thanks to Abby Goldstein**, co-chair of the Social Action Committee, for spearheading the drive!!

Brotherhood Joins Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition

We are excited to share that Brotherhood has joined the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition, a nationwide group of nearly 200 synagogues and Jewish organizations convened by [Adamah](#) (formerly Hazon). **Special thanks to Marilyn Berkman** for taking the lead on this initiative! By signing onto this agreement, we are committed to creating annual goals for our community that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as mobilize our community around climate action. Our goals so far include making our building "greener" and

sharing information and resources with members, including through the Hebrew School and family activities. Participants and ideas are welcome! Contact Marilyn Berkman (marilyndberkman@aol.com), the Social Action Committee (socialaction@brotherhoodsynagogue.org), or our Executive Director, Alisha Goodman (agoodman@brotherhoodsynagogue.org).

Shabbat Club

Saturday, May 13, 12:30 pm

Cantor Isaac Yager will lead a discussion on *Preparing for Shavuot: Conversion and the Book of Ruth*. The meeting will focus on why the Book of Ruth is read during Shavuot and explore the festival trope that is used to chant this megillah.

All are welcome to this meeting. There will be refreshments. Masking is suggested. Contact Deborah Newman at debd.newman@gmail.com with your ideas for future meetings.

Shavuot Services

Erev Shavuot:
Thursday, May 25
6:30 pm



We will follow the practice of engaging in Jewish study following the brief service on Erev Shavuot, as we commemorate the giving of the Torah. A traditional light dairy meal will be served at 7 pm.

First Day of Shavuot:
Friday, May 26, 9:30 am

Second Day of Shavuot:
Friday, May 26, 6:30 pm
Saturday, May 27, 9:30 am

Yizkor will be recited around 11:00 am at services on Saturday, May 27. Shavuot 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.



The Brotherhood Committee on the Refugee and Immigration Crisis

The Brotherhood Committee on the Immigration and Refugee Crisis (BCRIC) will meet on **Monday, May 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm in person at Brotherhood in the 2nd floor reception**

BCRIC UPDATE room to review our past year's activities and plan for the upcoming year beginning in September. Please join us to hear about BCRIC's recent work supporting asylum-seekers and advocating for policies that support asylum-seekers, refugees, and immigrants; and to share your ideas about ways that Brotherhood Synagogue can "welcome the stranger" along with other NYC Jewish organizations. We especially welcome newcomers and members of other Brotherhood committees that might want to coordinate activities.

The next BCRIC dinner for asylum-seeker families with children at PS 11 will be on **Wednesday, May 31 from 6:00-7:30 pm**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Stern at blee50@verizon.net.

The State of Extremism

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm
IN PERSON AT BROTHERHOOD

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

The Antisemitism Task Force (ASTF) invites you to a Signature Synagogue* presentation from ADL's Center on Extremism. **Alex Friedfeld**, ADL Associate Director of Investigative Research, will discuss what extremism is, trends ADL is seeing, and what communities can be doing to help combat the rise of extremism.



Alex Friedfeld is an Investigative Researcher with the ADL's Center on Extremism where he monitors anti-government extremism, Islamic extremism, and white supremacist activity. Prior to joining the ADL, he worked as an analyst in the New York Police Department's counterterrorism and intelligence bureaus, monitoring terrorist activity around the world and running terrorism-related investigations in the city.

*ADL's Signature Synagogue Program ignites congregation-wide commitment to raising awareness of and speaking out against antisemitism and hate. The program connects dozens of New York/New Jersey synagogues under a common goal of fighting antisemitism—addressing local issues and developing community strategies to prevent future incidents.

[Register here](#)

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

Happenings in our Kehilah

Births, Mazal Tov to:

Tamara and Samuel Lerer on the birth of their son, **Nolan Lerer**; and to older brother, **Ryan**.

Francine and Nadav Silberstein on the birth of their granddaughter, **Anna Rose Goldrick**, born to **Ariela** and **Simon Goldrick**; and to big brother, **Fred**.

Robert and Jane Lewis on the birth of their granddaughter, **Alexandra Kendyl Lewis**, born to **Meredith** and **Samuel Lewis**; and to older brother, **Theo**.

B'nai Mitzvah, Mazal Tov to:

Daniel and Marla Gabay on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benjamin Gabay**. Ben, a student

at Friends Seminary, will celebrate his simcha with his sisters, **Sofia** and **Nina**.

Alexander and Rebekah Klipper on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Sadie Klipper**. Sadie, a student at Friends Seminary, will celebrate her simcha with her younger brother, **Leo**.

Michael Shopsin and Anna Livak on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Tamara Shopsin**. Tamara is a student at **West End Day School**.

Condolences to:

Mark Ellman on the passing of his wife, and our member, **Nancy Lieberman**.

Jane Warren on the passing of her sister, and our member, **Nancy Lieberman**.

SAVE THE DATES!

The Audacity of Faith

Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 @ 7:00 pm on Zoom
with Rabbi Avi Strausberg

[Register here](#)



Faith by definition is required at the very moment when we are in doubt, unable to see our way forward. What do we do when, in the moments when we most need our faith, we find ourselves at a loss, unable to say, I believe? In this class, we'll turn to the writings of several important modern Jewish thinkers to uncover their own teachings and struggles with faith. From the ghetto of Warsaw and the writings of Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira to the modern poetry of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai, we'll ask: what is the nature of faith, what do we do when we find ourselves without it, and on whom or what might we rely in moments of struggle?

May Classes with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program

Jesus the Jew

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 1:00 pm
Prof. Marc Michael Epstein

[Part 1 - Jesus Didn't Have a New Testament](#)

[Part 2 - Sects and Parties](#)

[Part 3 - Here's Spit In Your Eye](#)

[Part 4 - Law and Love](#)

CROSSROADS OF CULTURE:

[A Virtual Visit to the New Eastern Mediterranean Gallery at the Penn Museum](#)

Thursday, May 4 | 7:00 pm
Dr. Sharon Keller

The Glory & The Grandeur:

[A European Synagogue Ceiling Mural in a Lower East Side Shul at the Bialystoker Synagogue](#)

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 am – Noon
IN PERSON event in NYC
Dr. Sharon Keller



Brotherhood Synagogue Adult Education in partnership with the Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program (CSP) presents the following roster of amazing online classes during the month of May!

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

Art and Idolatry in the Ancient World

Sunday, May 7 | 2:00 pm | Nachliel Selavan



The Essence of Exploration: Unraveling Journeys and Their Impact

Thursday May 11 | 1:00 pm
with Dr. David Mendelsohn

On Cancel Culture: Why Jews Don't Cancel
Thursday May 18 3:30 pm
with Rabbi R. Jeff Salkin



Sleeping as Fast as I Can

Sunday, May 21 1:00 pm
with Richard Michelson



The King, the Priest, the Heroine and the Prophet: Passionate Portraits of Lesser-Known Biblical Characters

Tuesdays May 30, June 6, 13, & 20 3:30 pm | with Rafi Zarum

[Part 1 – Malkitzedek](#)

[Part 2 – Jethro](#)

[Part 3 – Elisheva](#)

[Part 4 – Bilaam](#)



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 to help cover the cost of this and other important education programs.

[Visit our website](#) and designate your contributions as a gift to "Adult Education" in the dropdown menu.

Save the Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 • 6:30 pm

BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The congregation will vote on important matters including the budget and trustees.
Please come via Zoom and help us form the mandatory quorum!

Brotherhood Synagogue Board of Trustees

Honorary Presidents:

Arthur Abbey, Inge Dobelis, Bernard Esrig, David Lande

Honorary Trustees:

Naomi Blumenthal, Sam Brown, Jay Dankberg, Arthur Plutzer

The following have been nominated by the Nominating Committee:

Nominated for Officers:

President Seth Hulkower
Chairperson, Board of Trustees..... Russell Kohn
First Vice-President..... Marge Ginsburg
Second Vice-President Pamela Chisling
Treasurer Michael Sobel
Corresponding Secretary Tracie Basch
Recording Secretary..... Bradley Miles
Counsel Robert Wolf

Trustees Serving Until 2024

Michelle Abraham	David Fine
Edward Bergman	Carol Ginsburg
Samuel Breier	Lisa Goldey
Richard Breier	Sari Imberman*
Pamela Chisling	Lew Teperman
Malcolm Davis	Gloria Zimmerman

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Debra Aaron	Russell Kohn
Trudi Bartow	Matthew Pace
Inge Dobelis	Sara Rothman
Alba Dwass	Michael Sobel
Morissa Falk Freedman*	Gloria Weishar*
Seth Hulkower	Robert Wolf

Trustees Serving Until 2026

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Alan Fell	Bradley Miles
Marge Ginsburg	Ruth Raskin
Howard Glatzer	Charles Rich
Abby Goldstein	Fifi Simon
Paul Hill	Karen Sumberg*

* Denotes new trustees

The nominating committee has presented its candidates above.

Other candidates can be added by written petition by not fewer than five (5) members in good standing in congregation and filed with the Secretary of the congregation at the office of the Synagogue not less than 5 days before the date of the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

*Nominated for New Trustees

Morissa Falk-Freedman is a lifelong member of The Brotherhood Synagogue: her Bat Mitzvah was Rabbi Block's last and Rabbi Alder's first as head rabbi. Rabbi Alder married Morissa and her husband Mike, and he later officiated their daughter, Katie's, naming. And having grown up at Brotherhood, she attributes a huge amount of her Jewish identity to Phil Rothman—and is thrilled to see her own daughter receive her Jewish education and build her Jewish community here too.



Morissa is a lawyer with 17 years of experience litigating and working in the insurance industry. As a Director of eRisk Claims at Crum & Forster, Morissa manages a team of claims adjusters who handle cyber attacks (ransomware attacks, business email compromise, etc.), technology malpractice and MPL claims. Morissa received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and her B.A. from Haverford College.

Morissa is excited to join the Board and help play a role in shaping the future of Brotherhood!



Sari Imberman is also a lifelong New Yorker who has been a member of the Brotherhood Synagogue since birth. She now lives in Chelsea with her husband Matt and their children Toby (a second grader in the Hebrew School) and Fiona (a soon-to-be Blue Room alum) and their dog Raisin. Her claim to Brotherhood fame is that for her bat mitzvah service project she volunteered in the Shabbat Corner class and had Sara Rothman as her student.

Sari is a pediatric dietitian and the founder of Fun with Food. She works with parents and kids to make feeding and eating less stressful and more fun. In her free time she enjoys going to the theater (once a theater kid, always a theater kid!), traveling, puzzling (crossword, jigsaw, sudoku you name it!), and cooking (& eating!). She's excited and honored to join the Brotherhood board and to be a part of the future of Brotherhood.

Jon Lightman and his wife Judy Batalion have been involved in many aspects of the Brotherhood community since they moved to New York over a decade ago. Their youngest child attends the Nursery School and their two older children (both alumni of the Nursery School) attend the Hebrew School.



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President's Post by Russell Kohn



Some of my fondest memories from childhood are the school plays we put on at my school. I don't even remember all of the roles I played—was I really Potiphar in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*?—but I still remember many of the songs and sets. While learning our lines and choreography, we also learned about supporting our classmates and speaking in front of an audience. We learned about set design and costuming, lighting and sound.

That is why I can't wait for May 10 and 11 when the curtain goes up Brotherhood's very own production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, this year's Hebrew School musical. Every year I am amazed at the quality of the production, the commitment of our students, and the support of the audience. I have heard from some parents of past performers who tell me that the experience was truly transformative for their child—fears overcome, new talents discovered, confidence gained.

So I hope you will join me on May 10 or 11 at 7pm in the Community Room to see the show and cheer on our Thespians as they put on an incredible show! Tickets are on sale now.

And don't forget to purchase your tickets to the *Brotherhood Synagogue Schools Benefit on Thursday, May 18—the party of the year!*

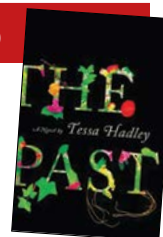
Warmly,
Russell Kohn

Brotherhood Book Club

Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm

Roberta Koza will lead a discussion of *The Past* by Tessa Hadley.

Please contact Gail Pierris abend@nyc.rr.com if you are interested in joining.



The Chesed* Committee WANTS YOU TO KNOW

Rabbi Miriam Herscher, our part-time social worker from Jewish Community Services (JCS) of the Jewish Board of Family and Children Services reminds us on her every email that:

You're allowed to have bad days, to feel sad or overwhelmed or exhausted.

Sometimes we can't share our hardships even with—especially with—those closest to us.

Rabbi Herscher is here to extend a listening ear. She is experienced in addressing the crises that every one of us faces, and in directing members to an array of supportive services. We can all use emotional support at times so don't hesitate to reach out to her at socialworker@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.

*The Chesed Committee provides help and compassion to Brotherhood members in times of need. Reach us at chesed@brotherhoodsynagogue.org or through the synagogue office.

May 6-12

Maurice Adams*, Myer Block, Y'chiel Bronfman, Rose Carlin^, Helen Cohen, Julius Cohen*, Selma Eisinger*, Philip Elson*, Renee Feinberg^, Scott Keith Ferraiolo^, Irene C. Field*, Karen Frank, Anita Frankel*, Fannie Gerstein, Ceal Goldman^, Annette Green^, Howard Greif, Hans Guggenheim, Frieda Guterman, Mildred "Midge" Haas^, Jean Haberman, Belle Hocky^, Nathan Izenzon^, Irving Jacobs, Rachel Jacobs, Jonas Landau^, Joan D. Laufer*, Rose Magram^, Charles Frank Maikish, Alan Mamber, Mortimer M. Natilson*, Max Nelson, Alexander Neurath, Grace Nicolas^, Neil Pace, Herbert Pollack*, Hal Reiff^, Lili Reinis^, Curt Reisner^, Marion Renstrom, Isidore Rosenbaum*, Sidney Rosenfeld, Mina Rubin Roth^, Cliff Rubenstein, Benjamin Salom, Bernard Schneider, Dorothy Schorin, Samuel Schwartz^, Col. Milton Seaman^, Stanley Shanies, Gittel Silberling^, Lillian Singer Simon^, Alita Dee Star^, Anita Stern, Philip L. Sulzer^, Milton Teitelbaum, Lenora Vassil, Anabel Weiner*, Isaac L. Weiner^, Seymour Weisglass^, Martin Wittenstein*

May 13-19

Alfred Alterman^, Roberta Berk, Alfred Berk^, Harry Berke^, Bob Birnbaum, Wilbur Bobker, Jackie Breit^, Sylvia Brown, Harry Cohn^, Florence Dolitsky*, Salvatore Ferraiolo^, Aaron Friedman^, Seymour Gazes, Edith Glassman, Carol Grunberg^, Harry Hansell, Joe Hill, Bernard Hukower, William Jassey, Robert E. Jordan III, Lorraine Axelrod Kaplan, Isidor Korein*, Pearl Krauss^, Max Krumholz*, Mr. Philip Abraham Levine^, Jennie Mahler^, Chaim Meyer Marcus, Abraham Menaker^, Israel Miller^, Hymen Monk^, Pauline Musiker^, Ida Newton, Edward Perlow, Harold Pomerantz^, Esther Rabinowitz, Nathan "Nat" Ray^, Eric Reagen, Emanuel Rosenberg^, Elizabeth Rosenblum^, Samuel Rubino^, Esther Sager^, Abraham Schenker,

YAHREZEITS

^Garden of Remembrance *Book of Remembrance

Donald Schneider, David Shapiro, Jack Silverstein, Evelyn Storick-Sobin, Abraham Boris Strauss^, Stanley Topper^, Joseph Weisglass^, Millie Wine

May 20-26

Edward S. Abrahams^, Jack Abramowitz, Minnie Anes, Simon Baumann*, Ernest Beck, Jack Berkman, Harry A. Bernstone^, Theodore Blum^, Hananiah Borochov, Max Braver^, Marcus Breier, Ida Cooper, Vera Cushin*, Bernard Domow, Michael (Mickey) Eichner, Joseph Epstein, Geraldine Finsie^, Hanna Flame, Sarah Fox, Pearl Greeninger^, Olly Billig Hahn^, Barbara Hernandez, Charlotte Frances Heyman*, Milton Hoffman^, Eric Bradley Jelin^, Jerome D. Kaleko, Helen Kasman, Daniel King, Ralph M. Larkin, Max Levine^, Louis Lieberman, Esther Lipshie*, Phoebe Margolis, Asher Markowitz*, George Marton^, Seymour Meskin, Harry Meyer^, Frieda Meyerson^, Esther Miles, Sylvia Morris, Manny Mortz, Malke Moses*, Irving Moskowitz^, Dorothy Newburg^, Bernard Plutzer, Joel Reiss, Richard Robbins, Clara Rofman, Martin Roth, Blair Salinas, Harry Schlanger*, Joyce Schupak, Hyman Seidman*, Judith (Julia) Seinfeld^, Sarah Rivie Slotnick, Adele Topolsky*, Ruth Varsano^, Irving Weber, Jerry Weiss^, Joel Weprin

May 27-June 2

Norman Apt, George Bergofin, Helen Shrom Berkman*, Irving Birnbach^, Edwin Blate, Armand Blatt^, Louis Hannon Burgoff^, Ralph Click, Irving Cohen, Concetta DeCrette, Ben Dubin^, Hyman Eisenberg, Blanche Eisenstadt^, Abraham Elias, Gussie Epstein, Richard Evans, Mary Feinstein, Joseph Feldman, Dr. Arnold B. Field*, Bernice Fine,

Frank Frankel*, Albert W. Fuss, Catherine Glazer, Anna Gold^, Mary Goldstein, Sally Green^, Arthur Greeninger*, Jacob Grossman*, Louis Katz*, David Khabie, Edward Klauber, Arnold Jonas Lappert^, Marcia Lash, Lia Lerner, Kathe Mansfeld^, Rudolf Nachman^, Hermann Nachmann*, Edith Perman*, Sherley Plasse, Fannie Cohen Poller^, Sidney Poswolsky*, Adina Raviv, Herman Reinis^, Maurice Rickles^, Mary Rockower, Louis Ross, Abram Rubinstein^, Besse Dworski Satosky*, Eydie Scher, Max Jack Schneider, Jacob Schneier, Beatrice Schoenberg, Julia Simon, Dr. Ruth Simring, Rina Stempel, Sol Sunkin^, Sol Sunkin^, Lottie Tucker, Fred Weidger*, Julius Winicki^, Gertrude Winn, Daniel Wolf^, Louis Zanon

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Executive Director
PHILLIP ROTHMAN:
Executive Director Emeritus



Congregation founded in 1954
Historic Landmark Building erected in 1859

Hebrew School News

by Tess Neider
Hebrew School Principal

You may feel like the year is winding down as we enter the month of May and the days on the calendar seem to be quickly passing us by. HOWEVER... the next four weeks of Hebrew School are going to be filled with endless opportunities for fun, learning, and growing together.

Here are the upcoming events that we hope you and your students will choose to join us for:

- May 6: Saturday Shabbat Programming
- May 10: Little Shop of Horrors - Musical
- May 11: Little Shop of Horrors - Musical
- May 13: Saturday Shabbat Programming
- May 17: The Chai Q Competition
- May 18: The Hebrew School and Nursery School Benefit
- May 19: Friday Night Family Services
- May 19: 7th Grade Graduation followed by a 6th Grade and 7th Grade Dinner
- May 20: Saturday Shabbat Programming
- May 20: 2nd Grade Stepping Up Ceremony (during Junior Congregation)
- May 24: Shavuot Ice Cream Party



Union BBYO @
Brotherhood

BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen leadership movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

****unless otherwise indicated, Union BBYO Chapter Programs take place every other Thursday evening from 6:30 pm-8 pm at Brotherhood Synagogue.**

****Save the Dates! Registration links will be released two weeks prior to programs****

- Thursday, May 4th: New Member Murder Mystery Game Night
- Thursday, May 18: StandUp Challah Bake **Off Site
- Thursday, June 1: Union BBYO Maccabiah Games
- Thursday, June 8: Union BBYO Chapter Elections

We hope to see you at our next program!! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!!

Daphne Brown, Union BBYO Chapter President, daphnebrown06@gmail.com

Aliya Cohen Manhattan BBYO Associate Regional Director agotthrehercohen@bbyo.org; (516)404-5330

BECOME A BBYO MEMBER!

Seeking Graduation News

We would like to hear about all graduations from High School, College and Professional and Graduate Schools for listing in our June bulletin. Please contact the synagogue with this information and any future plans of the graduates by May 14. Please email: rabbi@brotherhoodsynagogue.org



**BROTHERHOOD
KIDS AND FAMILIES!
JOIN US FOR A**



**SHAVUOT
ICE CREAM PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH AT 5:30
IN THE SYNAGOGUE COURTYARD**

Nominees, continued from page 4

Jon, a former English attorney, is currently a partner in the global technology research and advisory firm ISG where he has worked for the last 20 years in a variety of roles.



Karen Sumberg and her husband Arvind Gopal live around the corner from Brotherhood and have been members since 2017. Both of her kids attended the nursery school. Her younger son Elias will be graduating from the Blue Room in June. Her oldest son, Sachin, is a second grader in the

Hebrew School. She has been the PA president for the Nursery School for the past two years and is on the Benefit Committee this year.

Karen has worked in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Human Resources for most of her career across a wide range of industries, including consulting, tech, and, currently, financial services. Outside of work she enjoys traveling (this summer's plan includes a trip to India to see family), going to theater, trying new restaurants, and shepherding her kids to various activities. She looks forward to being more involved in the Brotherhood community.



Gloria Weishar and her husband Matthew have been involved with the Brotherhood community since 2018. Gloria is a member of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and often volunteers her time for various programs, including Dorot's meal delivery to isolated seniors, the NY Common Pantry Food Prep and the Purim carnival.

Gloria has been an attorney for 15 years and is a partner at a crisis management and strategic communications firm. Outside of work, she enjoys baking challah and sweet treats for her family.

Cake & Wine!

In March we learned how to bake some delicious rugelach thanks to Mark Goldey and we tasted some excellent Kosher for Passover wines and had a great afternoon together thanks to Susan Halper and Debra Aaron of our Special Events Committee!

Join us next time!



Community by Amelia Gross

You'd never know if you met him today, but my five-year-old son, Remy (Blue Room), was born 8 weeks early. And while becoming a first-time parent is an exhausting, thrilling and joyful experience for most, me and my husband Max were thrust into a world of fear, uncertainty, and powerlessness as he spent 6 weeks in the NICU and was diagnosed with a chronic brain condition. We were the first of our friends in New York City to start a family and we spent much of the first year of Remy's life in and out of the hospital, navigating the impossible balance of a career and a baby and struggling to figure out who we were as individual people.

I remember when Remy started walking and our sleep deprivation subsided, I would attempt to attend Tot Shabbat at Brotherhood on Friday evenings. The familiar tunes from my childhood were comforting and seeing my Eitan Ziv (strength, light) dance to Saskia's 'sambonani' was the light at the end of a full week that I always needed. I remember looking around the community room at the other parents and wondering who I could see us being friends with. On one occasion, after the challah was passed around, I got the courage to chat with another mom who had a little boy that seemed similar in age to Remy. Making conversation, I asked her his birthday and she said May 5. I remember freezing and my palms beginning to sweat. May 5 was four days before Remy's due date, May 9. In my mind, we couldn't be friends because she had the experience, I wished I'd had. The story I immediately told myself was, she had the full-term baby, the pictures in the hospital bed, and she brought him home just a few short days later. I abruptly ended the conversation and walked away. I wanted to find community so badly, but my own trauma was keeping me from that.

Fast forward to the fall of 2020. That summer Remy became a big brother to Jules (Yellow Room) who had a (just barely) full term birth in the thick of the pandemic. During my pregnancy I found an exceptional therapist and Max and I had decided to send Remy to school at Brotherhood, willing to accept the

risks. The Yellow Room was special that year because without really knowing each other, the five remaining families had made a silent commitment to each other that we were in this together. We taught our two-year-olds to wear masks, and for those first few months, we didn't even see friends or family outside of our small community. I remember one weekend that fall, Max and I took Remy and tiny baby Jules to the St. Augustus Gaudens playground. If you recall (and maybe you've blocked it out), playgrounds still felt risky to some, but we were in survival mode and wheeled our double stroller for some chilly, outdoor fun. Two other yellow room families happened to be there, and while our kids played on the slide, and one of the dads made a coffee run for all of the tired parents, I chatted for the first time with two moms that I had no idea would become two of my closest and most valued friendships.

Fast forward again, to present day and Remy is two months shy of finishing his third and final year at Brotherhood Synagogue Nursery School. We have all grown and changed so much since we dropped him at the gate that first day in September of 2020. He is the lucky classmate to 11 other happy and healthy children that get to play, learn, sing songs, and read books every day. And while I'm happy for him and the lasting impact the past three years will have on him, as he embarks on his journey into kindergarten, I am even happier for myself and my husband, as we found our community. And the craziest part of all — they were there all along, it was me who needed a bit more time to heal and process. To me, that may be one of the best parts of being a Jew. Besides the sweet challah on Shabbat, the four glasses of wine at the Passover seder, and the opportunity for a clean slate with each new year, to me the best part is that there is community everywhere. You must seek it, and you must be open to it and ready, but they're there. We hosted our first Passover seder this year with friends from our community and I can say our home has never been more chaotic, and yet our hearts have never been so full. ~

SAVE THE DATE!

The 1st Annual
Cantor Herman and
Evelyn Diamond z"l
Memorial Concert
Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 pm
Brotherhood Synagogue
Sanctuary

♪ Cantor's Notes ♪ by Cantor Isaac Yager

The first concert I produced at Brotherhood took place in December 2017, several months after I became the cantor of the synagogue. The concert repertoire was a mix of different types of content including some opera and hazzanut, some liturgical selections featuring our choir Harmoni-AH!, and of course the musical stylings of my deeply talented and upstaging wife. But undoubtedly, the star of the show was Cantor Herman Diamond z"l whose powerhouse performances of "Old Man River" and Sarastro's aria from The Magic Flute brought down the beit k'nesset. And while I had heard Cantor Diamond sing through these musical selections for me before during our weekly meetings, seeing him perform them in front of a live audience was a different experience altogether. He came alive as only true performers do. Given this history, it seems more than fitting that our first post pandemic concert be given in Cantor Diamond and his wife Evelyn's honor. Please join us on Sunday, June 4 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary for the first annual Cantor Herman and Evelyn Diamond memorial concert generously sponsored by the Diamond family. This musical event will feature many of the selections that I used to sing for Cantor Diamond during our weekly coachings in his apartment, from German lieder and Italian art song to classical hazzanut and opera. Our concert will also feature several guest performers including our congregational choir Harmoni-AH! and the youth choir of Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County in Baltimore led by colleague Hazzan Asa Fradkin. I am excited to finally come together as a community for this musical celebration. Looking forward to seeing you all there! ~



**Sunday,
June 4, 11:00 am** **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Year End
Concert with
Daphna and
Saskia!!!**

**Please join us for a very special year-end musical
gathering at Brotherhood with Daphna Mor and Saskia Lane!!!**

For children age 6 and under and their families but ALL are welcome!

**Please stay tuned for Fall 2023 Early Childhood Programs (children age 5
and under) registration announcements & information and register EARLY!!**

Family

Shabbat

for Young Children*

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

Friday, May 19

5:30-6:00 pm

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

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

Brotherhood Synagogue



Iyar / Sivan 5783
May 2023

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

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Interfaith Seder

Many thanks to **Jeff Ross, Bob Wolf** and **Ellie Wertheim**, co-chairs of the Interfaith Committee, for hosting another warm and meaningful Interfaith Seder this past March just prior to Passover.



Wall in the Garden of Remembrance

Brotherhood Synagogue's beautiful **Garden of Remembrance** provides a meaningful opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one on the garden wall. Dedications submitted by **May 31** will be engraved on our wall in time for the High Holy Days.

To make your gift and submit your name(s) now, please visit the Brotherhood website and select "Dedication: Garden of Remembrance" from the drop-down menu on our donation page. For more information, please contact Jennifer Rosenberger, Director of Development and Member Engagement, at jrosenberger@brotherhoodsynagogue.org.