

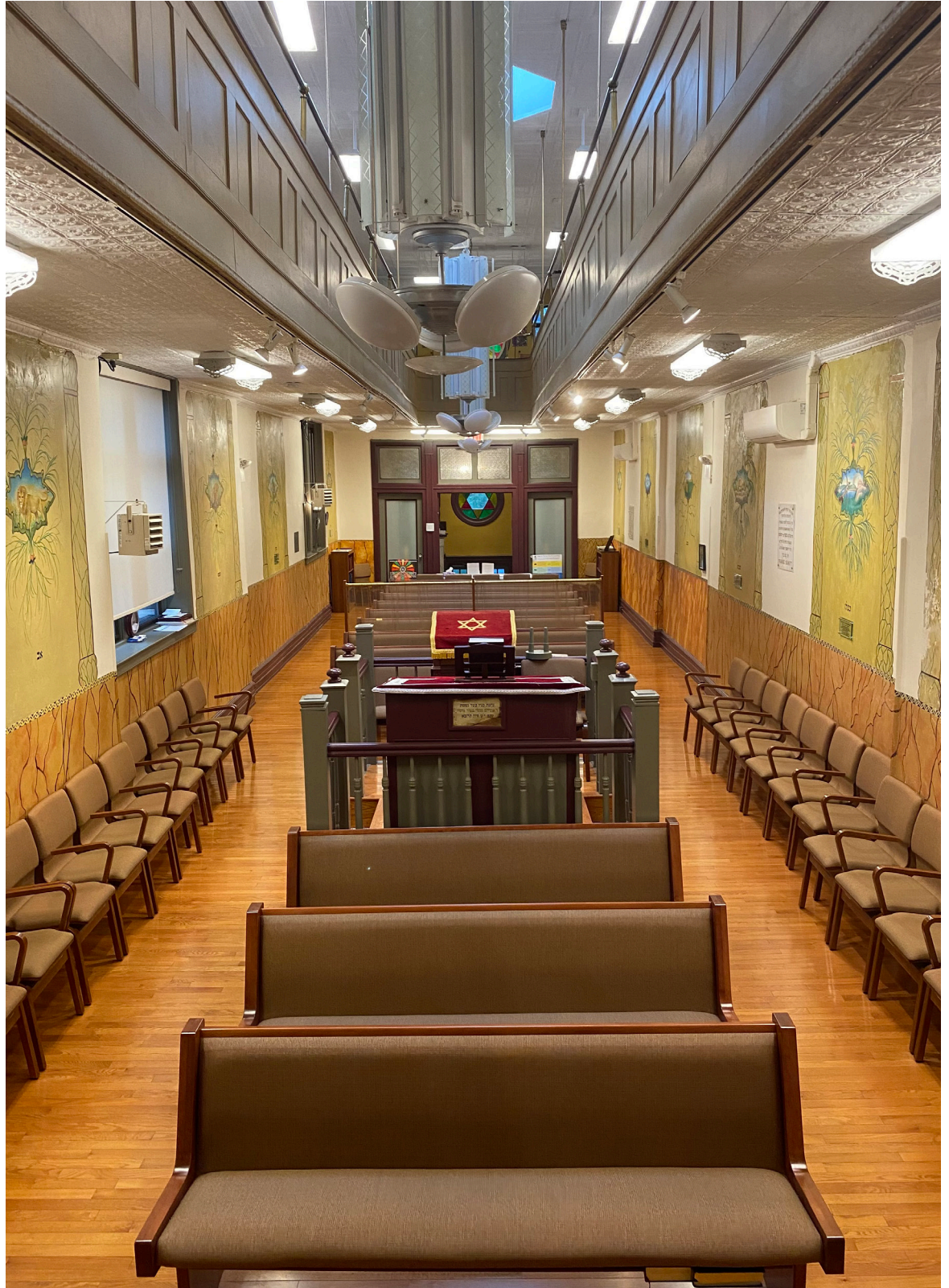
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# BULLETIN

The  
Stanton  
Street  
Shul

180 Stanton Street  
New York, NY 10002



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## HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5782

### Rosh Hashana I:

Tuesday, September 7th, 9am Services in Shul  
Community shofar blowing at 1:30pm at Attorney Street cul-de-sac

### Rosh Hashana II:

Wednesday, September 8th, 9am Services in Shul  
Community shofar blowing at 1:30pm at Attorney Street cul-de-sac

### Fast of Gedalia:

Thursday, September 9th  
Fast begins at 5:07am and fast ends at 7:57pm

### Shabbat Shuva Drasha:

Saturday, September 11th, 12pm after Shabbat Services  
in the courtyard of Rabbi Leead and Shoshana's building, 194 East 2nd St.

### Kol Nidre:

Wednesday, September 15th, 6:15pm Services In Shul  
Fast begins at 6:47pm

### Yom Kippur:

Thursday, September 16th, 9am Services in Shul  
Fast ends at 7:45pm

### Sukkot:

Thursday, September 16th, 9am Services in Shul  
Fast ends at 7:45pm

### Shmini Atzeret:

Tuesday, September 28th, 9am Services in Shul

### Simchat Torah:

Wednesday, September 29th, 9am Services in Shul  
Fast ends at 7:45pm

### COVID Delta Variant Policy for High Holiday Services

All attendees must submit proof of vaccination and wear a mask. Vaccination status may be updated to [stantonstshul.org](https://stantonstshul.org) in advance or brought in paper form on day of services. Non-vaccinated individuals will not be permitted to enter. This is meant to ensure the health and well-being of all of our members and friends.



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## SHUL LEADERSHIP

### RABBI:

Leead Staller

### MAHARAT INTERN:

Emily Goldberg Winer

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is vital to the future of our shul.

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## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Rabbi Leead Staller and his wife  
Shoshana Bachrach



Rabbi Staller and Shoshana joined our shul last September and were installed, officially, at our ZOOM Gala on June 6th. Leead has semichah from Yeshiva University and is finishing his Masters in Jewish History there. Originally from Highland Park, New Jersey, he attended the University of Pennsylvania as an undergrad, where he studied history and philosophy. Leead is passionate about Jewish community and innovation, and hopes his degrees will position him to best serve the Jewish community.

This past year, Rabbi Staller was awarded the prestigious Ateret Zvi Prize in Hiddushei Torah by the Hadar Institute for his Hanukkah dvar Torah delivered on Shabbat Vayeshev, *Prometheus' Havdalah: Divine Dependence & Human Self-Reliance*. The award recognizes an outstanding essay displaying rigorous scholarship and religious insight.

Maharat Intern Emily Goldberger  
Winer and her husband Johah Winer



Emily Goldberg Winer is so excited to be joining the Stanton Street Shul community this year. She loves community building and sharing Torah with people from all walks of life and across generations. Her most recent positions include rabbinic intern at Congregation Beth Shalom/Talmud Torah, the Columbia/Barnard Hillel, visiting chaplain at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, community educator at Brandeis, and teen coordinator at the Hebrew Home of Riverdale. She completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Jewish Innovation Fellowship at the 92nd Street Y, the Join for Justice Fellowship, and the rabbinic student fellowship at Shalom Hartman Institute. A Wexner Graduate Fellow and Master's student at Yeshiva University, Emily loves pluralism and inter-faith dialogue. She has engaged in programs rooted in religious diversity, first among fellow Jews at the Bronfman Youth Fellowship and Drisha, and later across faiths at the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Tanenbaum, and Auburn Seminary. A South Florida native, Emily graduated Magna Cum Laude from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA with degrees in Religion and Jewish Studies. She lives in Riverdale with her husband Jonah, a student at YCT, and together they can be found reading, petting dogs, adding puns into regular conversations, and facetimeing Jonah's bubbie.

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## Rosh Hashana Dvar Torah by Rabbi Leead Staller



Rav Soloveitchik used to tell a story of preparing for Rosh HaShanah with his Lubavitch Cheder Teacher back in the old country. His teacher, as is the norm in Chabad and some other Chasidic circles, used to refer to Rosh HaShanah as Coronatzia Nacht, Coronation Night. His Cheder teacher explained that every Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish people gather together and crown God as our king and ruler, coronating and accepting God's divine reign anew for the year. However, unlike human kings, God is not crowned by high priests, noblemen, and ranking officials. Rather, God's coronation takes place at the hands of the collective Jewish people—be they butchers, school teachers, or garbage collectors. In God's case, there is no need for nobility or status to legitimize the coronation and impress upon His subjects. Rather, it is the very fact that God's divine status is acknowledged by the masses of the Jewish people that invests it with regal authority.

While this idea may seem shocking, or even borderline heretical, it is undoubtedly a core tenant of what we're trying to accomplish on Rosh HaShanah. We know that the Mussaf for Rosh HaShanah features three special sections that accompany our Shofar blowing: Zichronos, in which we beseech God to remember us for the good, Shofros, in which we expound about the symbolic meaning of the Shofar and our use of it, and finally, Malchiyos, in which we acknowledge God's kingship. While the first two sections obviously relate to the repentant nature of the day, it is this last category of Malchiyot that captures the coronation element of Rosh HaShanah's regal celebration. The reason we blast our royal trumpets—the shofar—and ask God to remember us for the good is because we've accomplished Malchiyot and crowned God as our king. Only once we, the Jewish people, have acknowledged the divine kingship can we then turn and beseech God for kingly mercy.

In fact, this idea, while perhaps unexpected, is found in a familiar part of our regular prayer service. The very first few lines of the Adon Olam prayer that we sing together every Shabbat are:

*“Master of the World, who reigned before any creature was created;  
At the time when all is done as He wished, then His Name was called ‘king’”*

On the one hand, God “reigned before any creature was created.” However, on the other hand, we acknowledge in the Adon Olam that it was only after God created the world and made humans who could recognize Him that “then His Name was called king.” Humans, as God's subjects, are paradoxically invested with the power and authority of crowning God, as a king without subjects is hardly a king. Similarly, being as we utilize the Nusach Sepharad liturgy in our congregation, every Shabbat and holiday in the Kedushah of Mussaf we proclaim “A crown they are preparing for you, Hashem our God. The angels of above along with your Jewish nation down below.” Again we recognize the role we play in crowning God and recognizing the authority of divine kingship. This role we play—crowning God along with the angels—is actualized on Rosh HaShanah, when it is we, the Jewish people, who crown God and invest the day with its regal meaning, as it is ultimately we, the Jewish people, who populate God's palace and are His subjects.

What's true of the broader Jewish nation is also true of our own little Stanton Street

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## Rosh Hashana Dvar Torah by Rabbi Leead Staller continued

community as well. Just as Rosh HaShanah— with its focus on humanity's place in coronating God—reminds us of the essential need for personal initiative and human participation in the divine project, our Stanton Street Shul is similarly dependent upon human initiative and participation if we are going to thrive. In the past year since Shoshana and I joined the community, the community has managed to do amazing things and see wonderful steps towards growth and normalcy after a difficult period of COVID. We've resumed Friday night and Shabbat day services, held a number of weekday Minyanim for Yhartzeits and Chiyuvim, creatively celebrated a year's worth of holidays together despite restrictions and complications, and maintained an impressive curriculum of weekly Torah content over Zoom. However, the community is not the rabbi, the board members, or the leadership. Ultimately, the Stanton Street Shul is comprised of its members, and our community derives its religious authority and meaning from the active participation and recognition of those members that comprise it. Just as a king without a following is hardly a king, a Shul without the hard work, commitment, and participation of its congregation is nothing more than a library of Jewish books.

As we turn to this new year together, as a Shul, I think I speak for all of us when I say that we can look back at mine and Shoshana's first year here as a great match and a success. The Shul is growing and the future is bright for the Stanton Street Shul. However, much like God's coronation on Rosh HaShanah, if we are going to actualize the bursting potential in our Shul, it won't be because of an amazing sermon or impressive rabbinic leadership. Rather, for our Shul to thrive, it needs the active participation and commitment of every one of its members in its divine mission. Our power as a spiritual community comes not from above, but from below, as the Shul members make the community and invest it with divine meaning and authority.

As we turn to this new year, let us set a collective goal together, that we should actualize this holy potential within our membership and transform our quaint century-old building into a lively palace fitting of God. Through individual initiative and commitment—spearheading new initiatives, participating on committees, attending Minyanim, and supporting Shiurim—we, as a Stanton Street community, can merit this Rosh HaShanah to not only place the God's crown upon the divine head, but to elevate our Shul to be recognized as the crown-worthy jewel that it is. But we can't do it without you.



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## Rosh Hashana Dvar Torah by Maharat Intern Emily Goldberg Winer



This past Summer as we read from Parashat Chukat, we almost immediately and abruptly witnessed Miriam's death. And as soon as she is buried, the entire community is parched, left without water to quench their thirst and longing for nourishment. Water is also a tool for self-reflection in its shimmery and mirror-like ways, so without Miriam and the water she danced through, B'nai Israel is without ability to truly see themselves. They are immediately brought back to their trauma as slaves and even miss those days compared to their current physical and spiritual drought.

I can no longer read these pesukim without sharing Tamar Biala's midrash from Dirshuni: Israeli Women Writing Midrash. Biala beautifully weaves together the image of Miriam's passing with the words from Shir HaShirim: "יִשְׁקֵנִי מִנְּשִׁיקוֹת פִּיהוּ כִּי-טוֹבִים דְּדִידָךְ מֵיַיִן" or "Oh, give me of the kisses of your mouth, For your love is more delightful than wine." She writes:

*...Miriam sat alone, as the people were scared of her leprosy, lest it return, and she herself waited for that leprosy to come and destroy her face and take her soul. And what would she do every night at the time that she would come to the well? She would lean down to those very same waters, to see if the delicate splendor of her face had dimmed. She wanted to know if the skin pendant on it had been devoured, and her eyes sunk again in their graves. When at that time she would see that the light still flowed from her countenance, that she had asked for forgiveness and been forgiven— she wept for her face, which nobody any longer ever saw or kissed, not her beloved, not her brothers, not her friends.*

*One night, at the time she usually went to the well to check her appearance, the full moon that hung above her appeared to her in the water. Her tears dripped into the well, and the reflections of her face and of the moon mixed one with the other.*

*As she cried, the waters began to recede. She wanted to know what they were up to, and she doubled over the mouth of the well and her heart sank, as her image was no longer visible in the water. She strained her eyes into the waters and the moon rose in them again in all her fullness. The moon trembled in the waters, and her visage hid and revealed itself and seemed like that of her mother, Yocheved.*

*Miriam's heart rose up, as the longings imprisoned in her from the day that her mother had died broke the lock of her heart and flooded her. She wanted to look at her more, sank her head into the well until she felt a mouth kissing her on her lips.*

*Her empty pitcher slipped to the ground and shattered.*

*...Some say that as they were preparing her body for burial, some say they wailed "Oh, let him kiss me (yishakeni) with the kisses of his mouth!"*

Miriam died by fulfilling this very pasuk in Shir HaShirim; in that beautiful and heart-breaking moment, Miriam and her mother reunited in water through her ability to see her face in the water. In that moment of seeing her mother in the well, Miriam for a fleeting moment felt connected, seen, and free of leprosy and blemish. Seeing her own reflection gave Miriam the opportunity to connect and--according to this midrash--literally kiss her past, allowing her to view her present self in its best light.

The Stanton Street shul is a community that is not unlike one of the deepest wells. Intergenerational with a rich history in the heart of the Lower East Side, Stanton allows us to use our past like a mirror through which we can see Torah, tefillah, and our very selves in the best possible light. I am so excited to be joining this beautiful community this coming year. It is such a zchut to have this opportunity to build relationships with each one of you and all that you bring to this lucky community-- be it leprosy, blemishes, peaks, valleys, Torah, or all the above. Stanton is a community for all the above, and I am here for it all.

# Help Us Thrive! Join A Committee!

The Stanton Street Shul relies on the participation of our members, working in partnership with our lay and clergy leaders, to sustain and grow our community. **To join one of our committees in formation please contact Shul President Jeff Katz ([Jeff.Katz48@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.Katz48@gmail.com)), Vice President Paul Ruffer ([Paul.Ruffer@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Ruffer@gmail.com)), or Vice President Magie Segal ([margie.segal@gmail.com](mailto:margie.segal@gmail.com)). We welcome your participation!**



## **Building Committee, Chair: Jeff Katz**

The Building Committee manages the physical space of the shul. The Committee is responsible for coordinating with contracted vendors and volunteers to maintain the building; manage events in gallery space; and plan for additional renovations consistent with necessary repairs and Building Master Plan.



## **The Fress-capades Food Committee, Chair: Risa Gerstein**

The Food Committee oversees and executes all food-related operations. This includes maintaining inventory; ordering food and paper goods; receiving delivery of orders; refrigerating and placing items before Shabbat in the warming ovens; setting up/cleaning up kiddush and dinners; coordinating with volunteers and hired staff.



## **Development Committee, Chair: Peretz Berk**

The Development Committee works to maintain current streams and cultivate new streams of revenue for the shul through individual giving and grants. The Committee is tasked with organizing and executing an Annual Dinner, overseeing fundraising events and campaign drives throughout the year, and maintaining an inventory of named sponsorship opportunities.



## **Membership Committee Chairs: Barry Feldman and Paul Ruffer**

The Membership Committee cultivates new and existing members. The Committee maintains the membership rolls in the ShulCloud database and oversees communication with members, in partnership with the Data & Communications Committee. The Membership Committee manages the annual membership drive and annual meeting.



## **Chessed and Social Action Committee Chair: Margie Segal and Brina Chu**

This Committee manages the implementation of life-cycle necessities, including meal trains for births, deaths, other life-cycle events, and bikkur cholim, with appropriate attention. We will respond to our tradition's call to act in the face of injustice and suffering. Programs may address social justice, environmental justice and economic justice issues.



## **StantonKids Committee Chairs: Elizabeth Miller, Elissa Sampson, and Aliza Deutsch**

This Committee plans and implements all children's programming at Stanton, including monthly Shabbat classes for children ages 2-8, High Holiday programming for children of all ages (2 days of RH and 1 day of YK), and several Sunday and holiday programs (Sukkot, Lag B'Omer and Purim) in the shul and the Siempre Verde Garden. The StantonKids Committee employs and manages several teachers who are paid by the Shul for their teaching hours in this program. This Committee has access to ShulCloud and manages all PR for the programs including email blasts, a client list, and website pages.



## **Women's Tefillah Group Chairs: Margie Segal and Rachel Mincer**

This Committee plans, oversees, and does PR for the popular Women's Tefillah services at Stanton. They run the services, assign layning and davening responsibilities, and email their client lists to advertise programs. They coordinate special occasions such as Bat Mitzvah and Shabbat Kallah services.



## **Ritual and Programming Committee Chair: Paul Ruffer**

The Ritual and Programming Committee, in partnership with the Rabbi and Board, cultivates davening talent; ensures minyanim; assigns gabbaim and aliyot and kibbudim; plans and oversees holiday tefillah and programming; recruits and oversees high holiday "greeters"; maintains siddurim and chumashim; plans and oversees Shabbatonim; and brings in guest speakers.



## **Arts & Cultural Programming Chair: David Wander**

The Arts & Cultural Committee plans and oversees arts, music, and cultural programming at Stanton.



## **Israel Awareness Committee, Chair: Jeff Katz**

The Israel Awareness Committee will celebrate as a community the culturally rich, ethnically diverse and miraculous Jewish State.



## **Young Leadership Chair: To be identified**

The Young Leadership Committee brings together members and future members who are under 35. This Committee plans and executes young professional dinners and special programming; and develops opportunities for young adult members and friends to participate and lead at Stanton and within the Jewish community.



## **Security Committee, Chair: To be identified**

The Security Committee addresses the security needs of the shul and makes recommendations to the Board regarding security assessments and evacuation and emergency plans. The Security Committee oversees evacuation drills as well as maintains fire equipment and locks for the shul. The Security Committee works with contracted vendors, local police and elected officials, and community member volunteers.



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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As the summer comes to an end, and the fall season approaches our shul will celebrate, along with every Jewish community, the holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This year it is especially early so there is precious little time and much for us to do in preparation. This is the time to reflect on our personal spiritual growth, to renew our commitments, and to rededicate ourselves to building and strengthening our amazing Stanton Street Shul. Now is the time to pause, to take a deep breath, and take a good look at what we have accomplished as individuals and as a community in anticipation of a New Year in which much will be required of us.

The month of Elul leading into the holiday season should be a time to recharge our batteries. It is a time to acknowledge God's sovereignty, delve more earnestly into davening more seriously, and to study more Torah. It is a time to become more supportive of communal activities, by renewing our Stanton membership, sponsoring kiddushes or a dinner, and by attending services more frequently. It is equally a time to reflect on how we can become more active participants in the day-to-day affairs of our Shul.

Stanton Street is grounded in history and tradition, but the future is for us to create. As a community we have much of which to be proud. A new generation has overseen the renovation and restoration of an aging building, bringing it back to its original beauty. We have worked diligently to establish and maintain an active structure of governance that plans, analyzes and sets policy in partnership with our dynamic rabbi, Leead Staller. Torah study, albeit via ZOOM, has flourished, women's tefilla services and StantonKids programs continue to grow, and kiddushes each week throughout the summer following well attended Shabbat services strengthen our Shul's social networks. Nevertheless, let's take a breath and consider whether we have maximized our potential.

In so many ways, we are still confronted with virus variants and health regulations that have become a major part of our lives. We have responded cautiously and appropriately to these threats and continue to follow health guidelines. But the pandemic is limiting and the full return of our congregation has yet to be. We long for the time when we can offer Shabbat mincha, seudat shlishit and havdalla in person; when our Shul will become equally a beit haknesset and a beit hamidrash. And while our lives are busy and often chaotic, filled with career, family and communal duties and obligations, let's recount the brachot we as individuals and as a community have been granted. And let's embrace the personal and communal challenges that surround us, and, aspire for a better future. In advance of the holidays, let us recharge our spiritual batteries, so we can approach the New Year ready for the challenges and the joys that lie ahead.

This is the time to repair and rebuild broken personal and communal relationships. It is the time to ask for forgiveness from God and the people we love whom we may have hurt, and it is a time to rededicate ourselves to the core principles upon which our Shul is founded. The time for Tshuva, to return to ourselves, to God, and to our community, is upon us.

Join me in this process and let us celebrate together and build a more perfect Stanton Street Shul community this New Year, 5782.

Jeff Katz, President

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## LETTER FROM OUR TREASURER



Dear Friends,

I am writing to you with a gratitude-filled heart. While this past year has been challenging in so many ways, at The Stanton Street Shul, we have so much for which to be grateful. Last year began with the onboarding of Rabbi Leead Staller as our full-time spiritual leader. Rabbi Stallers's weekly classes and shabbat drashot are intellectually stimulating and engaging. Our young rabbi and his wife Shashana Bachrach are exemplary leaders—welcoming members of the community into their home, building relationships and expanding our reach.

This past year—my first as treasurer—was one of learning the financial rhythm of our beloved organization. I am humbled by the generosity of our stakeholders; our little shul has much of which to be proud. Each year, fundraising begins with our membership drive. Last year we had close to 70 household members and this year, we hope to reach 100. Our High Holiday appeal, yielding nearly \$20,000 from a broad spectrum of stakeholders, enabled us to once again offer free High Holiday seats to all who desire to join our services. At the close of 2020, we asked for your support, and so many of you responded generously.

By far, the most important fundraising event of the year is our shul gala. Given the unusual circumstances, much deliberation went into planning last year's event. Thanks to the gala committee—Margie Segal, Jill Slater & Barry Feldman—it was a huge success. Hosted by Shoshanah Bachrach, we officially installed Rabbi Staller with presentations by rabbinic luminaries from around the globe. We expressed our appreciation to essential workers, honored trustee Alvin Goldstein, and celebrated our shul's teachers—all via ZOOM. We raised over \$80,000, while keeping expenses to a bare minimum. It was a special event in the life of our shul; one that will be long remembered not only for its financial success but for its uniquely engaging content.

In addition to financial support for our shul, I am especially proud of the tzedakah that we raised and contributed to those in need, locally and in Israel. For Purim we fulfilled the mitzvah of matanot leevyonim communally, and for Passover we raised over \$1,800 for maot chitim to assure that those in need had food for the holiday. Lastly, The Stanton Street Shul fulfilled our assessed financial contribution to the Manhattan eruv, allowing our neighborhood to enjoy shabbat in conformity with Halacha.

These great successes are truly a communal effort, I want to express my appreciation to the trustees of our synagogue and my fellow officers. Thank you to Judy Joseph and her team for their meticulous bookkeeping. A special thank you to my wife Jill Slater, our shul administrator, who works tirelessly to make sure every detail is attended to. Most importantly, I want to thank you, the members and stakeholders of our shul. Your support, commitment and friendship is what makes Stanton Street so special. We are privileged to rest on the shoulders of generations of immigrant Jews that called Stanton Street their shul. May we be given the wisdom and strength to continue to enhance this great legacy, to be generous and to extend a helping hand to all those in need.

I hope and pray that this coming year will be filled with peace and good health and that we may be able to see one other and celebrate many happy occasions in person in 5782.

Shana Tova,

Marc Schwartzberg, Treasurer & Financial Secretary

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## “FINDING STANTON” – A PERSONAL ESSAY FROM A NEW MEMBER



I moved downtown last October to take care of my mom. She has dementia could not understand why her assisted living facility forbade visitors during the pandemic. Ostensibly, I moved here for her, but it was also for me. I'd been feeling out of place, politically, in the Chareidi community of Monsey for years.

Arriving a few weeks before my mother, I began to explore the local shuls. I tried Sixth Street first. Its Facebook page featured a Black Lives Matter poster, but I soon discovered it was closed because of COVID. So, I did more research. Of all the nearby shuls, I tried Stanton next because of its book club. I figured progressive politics were too much to hope for in a shul, but at least the congregants were literary.

On my first Shabbos here, I saw a little girl wearing in a pink and purple tutu. Forgetting it was Halloween, I thought, “What cool parents to let a kid dress how she chooses!” Little did I know, I'd be in for bigger surprises than that. As some of you may recall, that weekend was unseasonably cold. The shul doors were wide open for COVID safety, so everyone had to daven in their coats. It got uncomfortable after a while. “I think I'll try Chasam Sopher next week,” I told myself. Then came the rabbi's drasha. It was Parshas Lech L'cha, so naturally he spoke about Avraham Avinu. At the end, however, he talked about supporting the nations of the world and civil rights, even for people who don't support Israel or don't like jews. Justice is justice, no matter for whom. After having been smacked down by both sides in Monsey/Spring Valley, that was a message I was primed to hear.

I was so impressed with the drasha that I introduced myself to Rabbi Staller after services. He told me that the shul has a social justice committee in need of a chair. What a welcome! A role in the kehilla already! But since I came for my Mom, I couldn't commit to a leadership position. As to joining in on such activism, you betcha.

I returned the next Shabbos, and since the weather was warm, the open doors didn't bother me a bit. Actually, it turned out to be a boon. People were cheering outside. I tuned it out at first, but Rabbi Staller picked up on it right away. President Joe Biden had just been declared the winner of the 2020 election. The cheering got louder, as did the sounds of honking horns and the clanging of pots and pans. “In honor of this, we are going to reinstitute the prayer for the American medina,” Rabbi Staller announced. He recited it even before the sefer Torah was put away. The whole kehilla gave a hearty “Amen!” and then we sang “Havu L'Hashem.” While the people of New York were raising their voices in celebration, we raised ours in song.

*“Kol Ado-shem al ha-mayim!” “The voice of Hashem is upon the waters!”*  
*“Kol Ado-shem ba-koach!” “The voice of Hashem is in power!”*  
*“Kol Ado-shem be-hadar!” “The voice of Hashem is in majesty!”*

I sang along, too, which was a pretty big deal for me. Because of the restrictions on kol isha, I hadn't sung in shul in years. I was originally mekarev at Carlebach, so I love to sing. I won't go so far as to say I belted it out, but if all of New York was going to make some noise to celebrate Biden, then absolutely, I wanted to celebrate the jewish way with my new shul because that is who we are.

After Mussaf, Jeff addressed the shul, telling us that we would always have the memory of being together at Stanton for for this historic moment. Someone brought out a celebratory liquor for an impromptu yet to be COVID sanctioned kiddush. That's how I knew not only Rabbi Staller supported progressive politics. It was the whole kehilla. I finally found my spiritual home.

Kressel (Karen) Housman



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## WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP UPDATE

The Stanton St. Women's Tefillah Group (WTG) has remained active despite the difficulties of the past sixteen months. Soon after the pandemic began, we provided the community with several remote learning opportunities, including a three-session Shir ha-Shirim class taught by Chavie Sharfman Sosa, Rachel Mincer's haftorah chanting class, and a number of Tanach classes taught by Bible scholar Rachel Frazer.

By the fall of 2020, we felt like we wanted to daven together again, although we were not comfortable doing so in person. We decided to organize ZOOM Rosh Chodesh services and have been meeting online every Rosh Chodesh since November 2020 (except for Rosh Chodesh Av, which fell on a Shabbat). These services, which always include a dvar Torah given by a member of the group, have enriched us, both spiritually and educationally, at a time when many of us were not going to shul. They also helped to foster a sense of community during a period of relative isolation and gave us a chance to briefly catch up with one another every month. Because we were meeting remotely via ZOOM, we were able to expand our community to include women who no longer live nearby or who moved away temporarily because of the pandemic.

We've enjoyed our ZOOM Rosh Chodesh services so much that we expect to continue them for the foreseeable future. Eventually, we hope to create hybrid opportunities such that some people be together in shul and some will join remotely. Please check the Stanton Street weekly email newsletter (archived on our website) for any and all future WTG activities.

Rachel Mincer and Margie Segal, Women's Tefillah Group Co-Coordiators

### WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP ROSH CHODESH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Cheshvan—Wednesday, October 6th at 8:00am

Kislev—Friday, November 5th at 8:00am

Tevet—Sunday, December 5th at 9:00am

Shevat—Monday, January 3rd at 8:00am

Adar I—Tuesday, February 1st at 8:00am

Adar II—Friday, March 4th at 8:00am

Iyar—Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am

Sivan—Tuesday, May 31st at 8:00am

Tammuz—Wednesday, June 29th at 8:00am

Av—Friday, July 29th at 8:00am

(In Nisan and Elul, Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat.)

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## StantonKIDS UPDATE

StantonKIDS began offering exciting programs for the many young children in our community just a few years ago. Our year-round programming has blossomed in that short time even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; our activities, led by our professional teaching staff of Aliza Deutsch and Leslie Levinson, are enjoyed by all. We have built a beautiful, diverse community together with parents and grandparents, children, and teachers, and look forward to another meaningful and fun year together in 5782.

This past year, we hosted several holiday-themed ZOOM classes on Sunday mornings, as well as an in-person Shavuot and mid-June Shabbat event. This coming year, we intend to provide in-person high-quality, holiday-themed Shabbat and holiday-themed programs. All StantonKIDS gatherings include Shabbat tefiloth (prayers), a Torah service, kiddush, a special healthy snack, and interactive, hands-on activities relating to Jewish themes and holidays. We hope to hold family-friendly Sunday events for Purim, Sukkot, and Lag B'Omer, often celebrating them in the Siempre Verde Garden—a community garden across the street from The Stanton Street Shul.

Our professional children's programming is provided at no cost. We ask that community members and participants alike help support StantonKIDS by making a donation. Here's one easy way: sponsor a program in honor of your family's or child's simcha. See our website ([www.stantonstshul.com](http://www.stantonstshul.com)) for sponsorship opportunities.

The StantonKIDS Committee warmly thanks all participants and contributors. We are grateful for your support, presence, and participation in our programs. Join us in this New Year, 5782, as we expand our inclusive programming and welcome new children to learn about holidays and Shabbat through interactive, experiential activities involving music, play, prayer, and food.

Elizabeth Miller, Aliza Deutsch, and Leslie Levinson, StantonKIDS Co-Coordiators

### StantonKIDS SCHEDULE

Possible Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur programming (TBD)

Sukkah Decorating: Sunday September 19, 10am - 12pm

Shabbos October 9th, 10:30am - 12pm

Shabbos October 23rd, 10:30am - 12pm

Shabbos November 6th, 10:30am - 12pm

Shabbos November 20th, 10:30am - 12pm

Shabbos December 4th (Chanukah), 10:30am - 12pm

Shabbos December 18th, 10:30am - 12pm

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## ZOOM GALA PHOTOS



Rabbi Leead Staller delivers his dvar Torah



Peretz Berk presents Community Service Award to Alvin Goldstein



Rabbi Leead and Shoshana watch congregants' videos of gratitude for them.



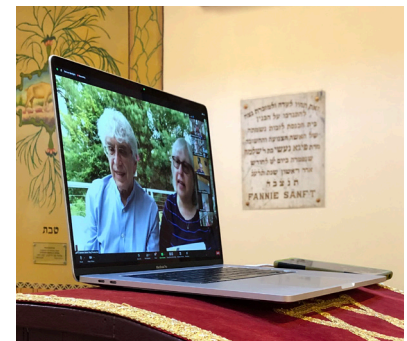
Jeff Katz introduces Rabbi Leead Slater for installation



Margie Segal celebrates Rabbi Leead and Shoshana in a personal video



Alvin Goldstein, honoree, accepts his award for Community Service



Phyllis and Paul Ruffer shower Rabbi Leead and Shoshana with accolades and a certificate of achievement



Barry Feldman shares the history of our shul



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## THE ZOOM GALA WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Last year, we partied at the precipice of a world-wide pandemic. It was a wonderfully successful fundraiser and thankfully, the community did not suffer, healthwise as a result. This year, our gala was held online on June 6th. Some speakers and award recipients spoke live from the bima of our shul and everyone else attended via ZOOM from remote locations worldwide. In spite of, or perhaps because of the fact that we were confined to our respective ZOOM squares, it was quite a meaningful, dynamic and fun event!

Shoshana Bachrach, our shul's rebbetzin, was our skilled and entertaining emcee for the evening. Rabbi Leead Staller was installed as our new shul rabbi by three pre-eminent rabbis—Rabbi Lichtenstein, Rabbi Schacter and Rabbi Simon, with a generous introduction by Katz. Shul trustee David Deutsch served mixologic cocktails—Krupnik served in a rzeit candle holder, Landing (in honor of his kitchen as we introduced community service Goldstein who accepted it.


We saw photo collages of our congregants accompanied by the sounds of great klezmer from the past century. There were costumes and person events of also took a walk watching our shul century disrepair renovated status. the essential work-city safe, fed and to, throughout this honored members who stepped up delve into jewish and to explore the ZOOM. All of these our lives and deep-tions during a chal-ing time. We closed out with a hora, dancing into the sunset and feeling proud of our 'little shul that could.'



The Stanton Street Shul

♪ ZOOM Gala Gala Gala ♪  
 ZOOM Gala Gala Gala

Installation of Rabbi Leead Staller



Esteemed Rabbinic Presenters:  
 Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein is a co-Rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion  
 Rabbi JJ Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History & Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future, at Yeshiva University  
 Rabbi Baruch Simon is Colonel Jehiel R. Elyachar Professor of Talmud at the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies at Yeshiva University

Rabbi Leead Staller joined The Stanton Street Shul in late 2020. Since then, he has been knitting our community back together in the face of, and beyond, our COVID challenges. Join us to officially welcome him as our spiritual leader.

Sunday June 6, 2021 / 26 Sivan 5781  
 4:00 - 5:15 PM EST

MC Shoshana Bachrach

Recognition of Essential Workers    Creative Cocktails with David Deutsch  
 Community Service Award    Singing • Dancing  
 for Alvin Goldstein    Games!

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As a fundraiser, our ZOOM gala met our aspirational financial goals and will go a long way towards supporting our expenses for the coming year. So many members of our community were so very generous! We were pleasantly surprised that congregants could be inspired to buy event tickets without the usual pomp and circumstance (and food) of a typical annual gala. Those who were particularly generous received engraved crystal tumblers as a gift from the shul. And Rabbi Leead and Shoshana received an engraved glass serving bowl from the shul as part of their installation.



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# IN-PERSON CHAGIM: HANUKKAH AND PURIM AT STANTON



COVID-era candle-lighting and housewarming celebration in the courtyard of Rabbi Leead and Shoshana's home (above and above left)

Chanukah package delivered to every StantonKID (left)



Megillah reading in-person and in costume; as well as via ZOOM





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# ZOOM LEARNING AT STANTON

A silver lining of this COVID era is that we have learned so much from our peers via ZOOM. At a minimum, each week, Rabbi Staller lead two shiurs: Tefillah and Parshat HaShavuah. Here's what happened on the other nights of the week. All of our classes are archived on our YouTube Channel, accessible through our website.

**Dr Michelle Friedman:**

## Preparing Mentally for a COVID Winter

### Rachel Frazer:

A Multi-Part Shiur on Sefer  
Shoftim (Book of Judges)  
*How the Torah Exodus Morphs  
into the Haggada Exodus  
Reverberations of the Joseph  
Narrative*



### David Deutsch:

## Four-Part Class on *Polish Expression Since the 17th Century*

- *Polish Jewish Relations from 1648-1918*
- *Polish-Jewish Relations in the Interwar Period, 1918-39*
- *Poles, Jews and Others during WWII*
- *Jews in Poland since WWII*

### Three-Part Class *From Antisemitism to Extermination—the Evolution of Nazi Jewish Policy*

- *Germany and Hitler's Antisemitism: The Place of Jews in*
- *Weimar Germany and the Nazi Consciousness*
- *Judenfrei: Nazi Jewish Policy in the 1930's*
- *German Military Ambitions, Failures, and the Adoption of the Final Solution*

### Diane Reich:

*The Jewish Immigrant Experience to Israel in Honor of Yom Yerushalayim*

**Rabbi Leead:**

- *Purim Hamantaschen Baking Class*
- *Cooking for Tu B'Shvat*

### Sandra Rappaport:

- *Solving Mysteries in Megillat Esther:*
- *Whatever Happened to Vashti?*

### Nancy Wolfson Moshe:

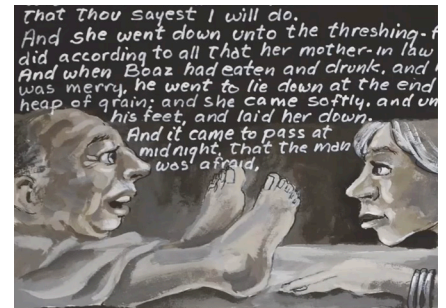
### Pre-Chanukah Cooking Class

### Richard McBee:

*Mourning, Memory and Art:  
Images of the Destruction of Jerusalem*

**Zach Levine:**

## It's a Thin Line: Eruv and the NYC Jewish Community



## Stanton Street Shul Bookclub:

### *The Book of Intimate Grammar:*

*A Novel* by David Grossman

## *The Tunnel* by A. B. Yehoshua

*Last Days in Babylon: The Exile of Iraq's Jews, the Story of My Family* by Marina Benjamin

*The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race,*

*Identity* by Eric L. Goldstein

*My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

### Aliza Deutsch & Leslie Levinson:

StantonKIDS Holiday Programming





## MISSION STATEMENT

All Are Welcome, All Will Feel Welcome!

## CORE VALUES at STANTON

We celebrate diversity while focusing on what we share in common, welcoming all who seek a place of Jewish prayer and community.

We are dedicated to Jewish learning and strive to create an inclusive environment, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and ritual participation for all.

We encourage members to play an active role in shul leadership and programming, alongside our rabbi and board.

We are stewards of our century-old shul building, which is a vessel for vibrant and loving transmission of our heritage and history.

We are committed to strengthening our own congregation while also building connections with other local communities and to Israel.

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## MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

Dear Friend,

If you are reading this bulletin, you're either a member, friend or stakeholder in the Stanton Street Shul. As you know, we are a warm traditional Synagogue where everyone is welcome and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Stanton Street is an oasis where everyone belongs, is included, and is invited to share in the celebration, joy and love that is this 'little shul that could.' It is important, therefore, to renew your membership if you haven't yet done so or to become a member and more formally join our community. To grow and continue to thrive WE NEED YOU TO JOIN, bring friends and attend our services, classes and programs.

We are all Stanton Ambassadors and need to let our neighbors, family and friends discover what an extraordinary jewish community asset exists at 180 Stanton Street. Together, we can continue to grow our vibrant, inclusive yet diverse, caring and spiritual community

We look forward to greeting you in shul and wish all of us and our world a healthy and peaceful year, where we strive to see the image of G-d in everyone and everything that crosses our path.

Kativa Chatima Tova,

Barry Feldman & Paul Ruffer  
Membership Co-Chairs

# Please Join Us!

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## Candle Lighting - New York

### Hebrew Year 5782 (2021 - 2022)

			Candle Lighting	Havdalah				Candle Lighting	Havdalah
Sep	6	<b>Rosh Hashana</b>	7:01		Mar	18	Tzav	6:48	7:48
Sep	7	<b>Rosh Hashana</b>	7:59	7:57	Mar	25	Shmini	6:55	7:55
Sep	10	Vayeilech	6:54	7:52	Apr	1	Tazria	7:02	8:03
Sep	15	Yom Kippur	6:46	7:44	Apr	8	Metzora	7:10	8:11
Sep	17	Ha'Azinu	6:43	7:40	Apr	15	<b>Pesach</b>	7:17	
Sep	20	<b>Sukkot</b>	6:38		Apr	16	<b>Pesach</b>	8:19	8:20
Sep	21	<b>Sukkot</b>	7:35	7:33	Apr	21	<b>Pesach</b>	7:23	
Sep	24	Sukkot	6:31	7:28	Apr	22	<b>Pesach</b>	7:24	8:27
Sep	27	<b>Shmini Atzeret</b>	6:26		Apr	29	Achrei Mot	7:32	8:36
Sep	28	<b>Simchat Torah</b>	7:23	7:21	May	6	Kedoshim	7:39	8:44
Oct	1	Bereshit	6:19	7:16	May	13	Emor	7:46	8:52
Oct	8	Noach	6:08	7:05	May	20	Behar	7:53	9:00
Oct	15	Lech-Lecha	5:57	6:55	May	27	Bechukotai	7:59	9:07
Oct	22	Vayera	5:47	6:45	Jun	3	Bamidbar	8:04	
Oct	29	Chayei Sara	5:37	6:36	Jun	4	<b>Shavuot</b>	9:13	
Nov	5	Toldot	5:29	6:29	Jun	5	<b>Shavuot</b>	9:14	9:14
Nov	12	Vayetzei	4:22	5:23	Jun	10	Nasso	8:08	9:18
Nov	19	Vayishlach	4:16	5:18	Jun	17	Beha'alotcha	8:11	9:21
Nov	26	Vayeshev	4:12	5:15	Jun	24	Sh'lach	8:13	9:22
Dec	3	Miketz	4:10	5:14	Jul	1	Korach	8:13	9:21
Dec	10	Vayigash	4:10	5:14	Jul	8	Chukat	8:11	9:18
Dec	17	Vayechi	4:12	5:16	Jul	15	Balak	8:07	9:14
Dec	24	Shemot	4:15	5:20	Jul	22	Pinchas	8:02	9:08
Dec	31	Vaera	4:20	5:25	Jul	29	Matot-Masei	7:56	9:00
Jan	7	Bo	4:26	5:31	Aug	5	Devarim	7:48	8:51
Jan	14	Beshalach	4:34	5:38	Aug	12	Vaetchanan	7:39	8:41
Jan	21	Yitro	4:42	5:45	Aug	19	Eikev	7:30	8:30
Jan	28	Mishpatim	4:50	5:53	Aug	26	Re'eh	7:19	8:18
Feb	4	Terumah	4:59	6:01	Sep	2	Shoftim	7:08	8:07
Feb	11	Tetzaveh	5:08	6:09	Sep	9	Ki Teitzei	6:57	7:54
Feb	18	Ki Tisa	5:16	6:17	Sep	16	Ki Tavo	6:45	7:42
Feb	25	Vayakhel	5:24	6:25	Sep	23	Nitzavim	6:33	7:30
Mar	4	Pekudei	5:32	6:32	Sep	25	<b>Rosh Hashana</b>	6:30	
Mar	11	Vayikra	5:40	6:40					