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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

“Loving the stranger”, as mandated in the Torah, is part and parcel of the American Dream. We are a country in which immigrants have played a major role in its development. We are a country which prides itself on embracing diversity and multiculturalism.

Hence, I am proud to announce our third annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Program. **It will take place at the Hebrew Tabernacle on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00.** At least twelve organizations will be participating which will represent the rich diversity of Washington Heights. We will be visited by a number of public officials as well, including Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez, who is enthusiastically supporting this event.

The program will consist of readings, prayers, and messages from leaders within our community. There will be musical presentations and communal singing. The exhibit in the Gold Wing is closely linked to the Interfaith Thanksgiving program and will focus on the lives of eight individuals who have made major, difficult choices in their lives. They reflect the entire range of the religious and racial spectrum.

At present, there is great religious and racial divisiveness in American society. The Interfaith Thanksgiving program at the Hebrew Tabernacle will not by itself eliminate racism. However, by producing a program that is totally inclusive and respectful of the different religious organizations and ethnic groups in Washington Heights, we can cultivate deep relationships that will remain long after the event is over.

Our health as a religious organization is intimately connected to the overall health of our neighborhood. At the tail end of the Torah service, we customarily pray for our host country. This custom is based on a verse from Jeremiah which states: “Seek the welfare of the country to which I have carried you and pray for it; for in its peace shall be your peace.”

As a people schooled in religious persecution, we dare not focus only on ourselves. The “turf and tribe” mentality in which ethnic groups keep to themselves is counter-productive. Our destiny as Jews is tied up with the destiny of the greater society. When Yeshivah students are harassed by anti-Semites, the whole community suffers. When Latino and Afro-Americans are the victims of discrimination, the whole community suffers. When Muslims are singled out because of the fanaticism of a handful of self-radicalized terrorists, the whole community suffers. When Afro-American men are shot for no good reason or when police officers are targeted as reprisals for the senseless killing of Afro-Americans, the whole community suffers.

While we can't control racism in other parts of the country, we can all play a major role in promoting excellent race relations within Washington Heights. We can transform Washington Heights as a model of

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## T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

**November 2016 TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5777**

**Friday, November 4, 2016 CESHVAN 3**

7:30 pm: *Family Service/Dinner*

**Saturday, November 5, 2016 CESHVAN 4**

**Parashat Noach**

10:00 am: *Shaharit*

**Friday, November 11, 2016 CESHVAN 10**

7:30 pm: *Kristallnacht Service*

**Saturday, November 12, 2016 CESHVAN 11**

**Parashat Lech-Lecha**

**Bat Mitzvah of Andie Authers**

10:30 am: *Shaharit*

**Friday, November 18, 2016 CESHVAN 17**

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

**Saturday, November 19, 2016 CESHVAN 18**

**Parashat Vayera**

10:00 am: *Shaharit*

12:00 pm: *Special Kiddush for Cantor Robby Wittner*

**Sunday, November 20, 2016 CESHVAN 19**

3:00 pm: *Interfaith Thanksgiving Program*

**Friday, November 25, 2016 CESHVAN 24**

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

**Saturday, November 26, 2016 CESHVAN 25**

**Parashat Chayei Safa**

10:00 am: *Shaharit*

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**Friday, December 2, 2016** KISLEV 2  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Services*

**Saturday, December 3, 2016** KISLEV 3  
**Parashat Toldot**  
**Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Hametz Berner**  
10:00 am: *Shaharit*

**Friday, December 9, 2016** KISLEV 9  
6:30 pm: *Family Service/Dinner*  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Services*

**Saturday, December 10, 2016** KISLEV 10  
**Parashat Vayetzei**  
10:00 am: *Shaharit*

**Friday, December 16, 2016** KISLEV 16  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Services*

**Saturday, December 17, 2016** KISLEV 17  
**Parashat Vayishlach**  
10:00 am: *Family Friendly Service*  
10:00 am: *Shaharit*  
12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*

**Friday, December 23, 2016** KISLEV 23  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat Services*

**Saturday, December 24, 2016** KISLEV 24  
**CHANUKAH: Candle 1**  
**Parashat Vayeshev**  
10:00 am: *Shaharit*

**Friday, December 30, 2016** TEVET 1  
**CHANUKAH: Candle 7**  
7:30 pm: *Community Chanukah  
Candle Lighting Service*

**Saturday, December 31, 2016** TEVET 2  
**CHANUKAH: Candle 8**  
**Parashat Miketz**  
10:00 am: *Shaharit*

## THANK YOU!

I can't thank everyone enough for the cards, flowers, telephone calls, text messages, E-mails, and visits to the hospital and home, as well as for offering to prepare meals. My family, the Washington Heights community, Hebrew Tabernacle and Fort Tryon Jewish Center went all out in their support. It all helped through my stay at the hospital and with a speedy recovery. — Mike Klein

## RABBI'S Message

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reconciliation and interfaith cooperation in New York. As our synagogue is just across the street from the highest point in Manhattan, we can literally become a "city on the hill".

Rev. Dr. William Barber, a Protestant minister and political leader from North Carolina, argued at the Democratic National Convention that we are being called like our foremothers and forefathers to be the moral defibrillators of our time. He stated:

*We must shock this nation with the power of love. We must shock the nation with the power of mercy. We must shock this nation and fight for justice for all. We can't give up on the heart of our democracy, not now, not ever! And while you're fighting, sing that old hymn, "Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above." Hallelujah! Find the glory.*

Our synagogue is being given a golden opportunity to make a huge difference in Washington Heights. We currently rent our facilities to another local synagogue, to three local churches, and to several secular organizations in our community. We also have connections to groups that are not using our building at this time. Many of these organizations have deep connections within Washington Heights and beyond. All of our current rentals have younger families that can bring renewed energy into our building.

As an outgrowth of these connections, I occasionally participate in monthly unity lunches and network with other professionals in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Westchester County. Most recently, I have been invited to participate in a faith based initiative think tank. The purpose of this group is to examine how we can improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. We hope to examine such issues as police-community relations and the social problems caused by gentrification. We hope to have the occasional meeting at 551 Fort Washington Avenue.

One might legitimately ask, "Why should we be poking our nose into the wider community? Shouldn't we be focusing more of our energies upon meeting the needs of our own members?" The simple answer is that our health as an organization is intimately connected to the overall health of our neighborhood. At the tail end of the Torah service, we customarily pray for our host country. This custom is based on a verse from Jeremiah which states: "Seek the welfare of the country to which I have carried you and pray for it; for in its peace shall be your peace."


As a people schooled in religious persecution, we dare not retreat into "Fort Tabernacle", draw up the mote, hide in our building, and focus only on ourselves. The walls of the synagogue were never intended to shut us off from the world. In fact, Jewish law requires us to worship in a building with windows. As we recite the prayers of our liturgy and ponder the fine ethical principles that flow from them, we should be able to look outside and see the pain which exists in the world. The "tribe and turf" mentality, which characterized multicultural life in New York in previous decades, is no longer an option. Our destiny as Jews is tied up with the destiny of the greater society. If we turn a blind eye towards the community around us, we do so at our peril.

Outreach to the wider community is part of the Hebrew Tabernacle DNA. Several decades ago, our synagogue collected money for families victimized by the fire at the Triangle Shirt Company. Our long time spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Lehman, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in 1964. Our facility on 161<sup>st</sup> St. also opened its doors to outside organizations. Some Beth Am members had a formidable history of working with our Dominican neighbors.

I eagerly look forward to our Interfaith Thanksgiving program which will take place at our synagogue on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 P.M. At least six organizations will be represented and the program will be even more inclusive than it was last year. It will include prayers in English, Spanish, and Hebrew. Ten volunteers, who give their bodies and souls to their respective communities, will light candles and be honored. There will be an interfaith band and we will witness the singing and dancing of children.

Interfaith Thanksgiving is being propelled by a diverse group of clergy who respect and care for each other and represents a watershed in multicultural relations in Washington Heights. What could be more heartwarming than several hundred people of different races and religions joining hands in fellowship and singing with one voice, "We Gather Together".

No one person or group of people can put an end to racism, violence, and inequality. However, all of us have the opportunity and the ability to create an "alternative universe" in our local neighborhood. We can create a model of interfaith and interracial cooperation that can be emulated in other parts of Manhattan. In our efforts to spread love and to create a better world lies the secret of redemption.



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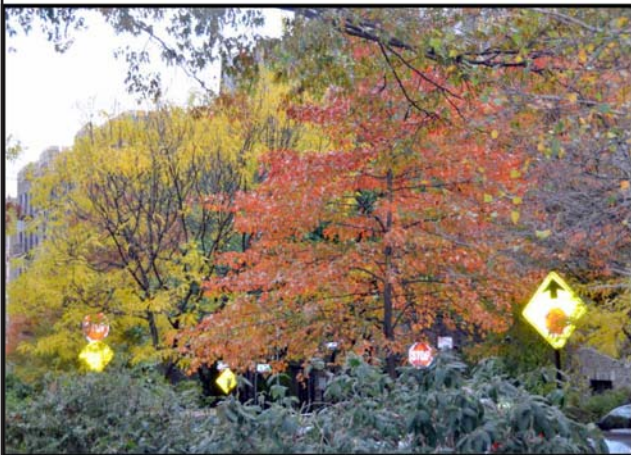
## The Inspiring Beauty of Nature and the City Photographs by Caroline Brown

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Caroline Brown's interest in photography blossomed when she and her husband Harry built a large camera that took 8" x 10" negatives, which could be printed to fit on a wall of the Fort Washington Collegiate Church.

She combined her interests in photography, history, historical preservation, architecture, Nature, and people in serving on the boards of NY museum houses such as the Dyckman Farmhouse, as well as contributing to what has become the classic resource book for the study of 18th Century architecture, *Period Details*. Her work has been seen in health magazines and calendars for the United Nations, and is now in the elevator of the "A" train at 184 St. Her charm and skill have made her the photographer for group and individual photographs of the Gold Wing's annual Thanksgiving exhibits.



*Caroline believes that the layers of different textures that show the beauty of nature can be an inspiration in our daily lives, bringing us good cheer and relieving us from the strains of the pressures, noise and bustle of our city life.*

**Please join us at the Gold Wing  
Artist's Opening Reception  
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