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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Last summer, I was greatly saddened to learn that our country chose to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Even more distressing was President Trump's curt phrase, "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not the citizens of Paris." In essence, it was a restatement of the buzz phrase, "America First". As the journalist Fareed Zakaria of CNN points out, "we now have a Trump Doctrine". It is posited on the belief that the world is not a global community but an arena where nations, nongovernmental actors and businesses engage and compete for advantage. To put it bluntly, the "America First" mentality is morally bankrupt.

Just as we must reject the concept of "America First" in the strongest possible terms, so we must reject the concept of "Hebrew Tabernacle First." Our health as individual faith communities is connected to the overall health of our neighborhood. What takes place east of Broadway impacts upon those who live west of Broadway and visa versa. 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. When undocumented immigrants are scapegoated and unfairly targeted for deportation, the whole community suffers.

At present, Amanda Morales and her three beautiful children are receiving sanctuary at Holyrood Episcopal Church, about ten minutes down the road. Amanda is a political refugee from Guatemala who seeks asylum. While she is an undocumented immigrant, she has been working in this country for thirteen years and paying taxes. If she is deported to Guatemala, she will be in harm's way and there is the real risk that her children, who are American citizens, will become orphans. Amanda's plight sadly coincides with the President Trump's pardoning of Joe Arpaio, an Arizona sheriff who was recently convicted for defying an injunction which barred him from further "immigration round-ups". The pardon sends the frightening message that violators of human rights are above the law and can come after Amanda at will.

Why should we care about Amanda Morales and her three children? The mitzvah to love the stranger is mentioned 36 times in the Tanach, more than any other commandment. We must not oppress them for we were strangers in Egypt. The Jewish people began as political refugees from Egypt. Many of our own congregants were once political refugees from Nazi Germany. Thus, our hearts naturally go out to a political refugee from Guatemala.

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T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

November 2017 CHESHVAN-KISLEV

Friday, November 3, 2017 CHESHVAN 14

Kristallnacht Service

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat –
Kristallnacht Commemoration*

Saturday, November 4, 2017 CHESHVAN 15

Parashat Vayera

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, November 10, 2017 CHESHVAN 21

6:30 pm: *Family Service*

7:30 pm: *Buffet Dinner (Reservations Required)*

Saturday, November 11, 2017 CHESHVAN 22

Parashat Chayal Sara

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*

Friday, November 17, 2017 CHESHVAN 28

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, November 18, 2017 CHESHVAN 29

Parashat Toldot

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, November 24, 2017 KISLEV 6

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, November 25, 2017 KISLEV 7

Parashat Vayetzei

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*





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December 2017 KISLEV/TEVET 5778

- Friday, December 1, 2017** **KISLEV 13**
6:30 pm: *Tot Shabbat*
6:30 pm: *Shabbat Youth Group*
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, December 2, 2017** **KISLEV 14**
Parashat Vayishlachi
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, December 8, 2017** **KISLEV 20**
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, December 9, 2017** **KISLEV 21**
Parashat Vayeshev
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*
- Friday, December 15, 2017** **KISLEV 27**
Chanukah: 4 Candles
6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*
6:30 pm: *Family Service and
Menorah lighting*
- Saturday, December 16, 2017** **KISLEV 28**
Chanukah: 5 Candles
Julia Klein Bat Mitzvah
Parashat Miketz
11:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, December 22, 2017** **TEVET 4**
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, December 23, 2017** **TEVET 5**
Parashat Vayigash
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, December 29, 2017** **TEVET 11**
7:00 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, December 30, 2017** **TEVET 12**
Parashat Vayechi
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

SAVE THE DATE:
Interfaith
Thanksgiving Celebration
November 19th at 3:00 pm.

RABBI'S Message

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Furthermore, why should we care about the real possibility that DACA--Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, could be repealed? Such a move risks the deportation of roughly 800,000 young adults who were born outside of the United States, but who have lived in this country for a decade. Aside from the fact that it will lead to a skilled labor shortage, \$60 billion loss in tax revenue and \$280 billion hit to economic growth over ten years, it is downright cruel.

Moreover, President Trump's desire to drastically reduce the number of refugees admitted to our country is also cause for great concern. It would create a nightmare scenario for thousands of people like Amanda Morales. As Jews, we remember the fate of the 937 passengers who sailed from Hamburg on *The St. Louis* in 1939. The passengers were refused entry into Cuba and the United States. The ship ultimately returned to Germany and 254 Jews met their deaths at the hands of the Nazis. It was truly "a voyage of the damned"!

As so many of our own congregants were once political refugees from Nazi, we dare not turn our backs on Amanda Morales and her family. In the celebrated words of Pastor Martin Niemoller:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.*

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

Hebrew High's Alec Farber Drash on Leviticus, Ch. 12-15.

On the Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Hebrew High student Alec Farber presented a drash on Parshah Vayikra. This is an excerpt of that drash.

"Up until now in Genesis and Exodus, the Torah has covered important, and eventful stories that touch universal themes. Leviticus is where the Torah, it seems to me, slows down. The section from Chapters 12-15, takes place in between—when the Jews have left Egypt and are in exodus in the Sinai Desert. The Jews are in limbo. There are no compelling stories and characters: no Adams, no Abrahams, and no Isaacs, dealing with high aspirations or existential battles of good and evil. There are only God's words, told to Moses through the Tabernacle. God tells the Jewish people how to live their lives: How to be "pure," by maintaining a pure body and a pure home.

If we don't get Leprosy anymore, and hold modern, scientific views of our bodies, why must we still read this Torah portion about biblical-era problems? And why on Yom Ha'atzmaut, when we should be celebrating Israel?

The Jewish people, during Leviticus, are preparing themselves to enter Canaan. Although they don't know it yet, they will have to survive without Moses to guide them. They will face external threats from belligerent Canaanites and the threat of loss of wealth through intermarriage. Internally, there is the threat that, once Jews live in an all-Jewish society, as opposed to being the oppressed minority in Egypt, they will lose their Jewishness.

In order to create an actual, successful Jewish society in Canaan, the Jews of the Sinai cannot live off just the Ten Commandments and stories of Abraham. There will not be biblical struggles with the forces of good and evil every day. Instead, God is preparing the Jewish people to deal with the everyday evils, the everyday challenges that loom to remaining pure. This makes the Jewish people stronger, because it equips them to live in the real world.

So we see that Leviticus represents the beginning of Judaism as a religion of customs, and regularity. Without customs for everyday life, Judaism is not a religion, it is just a philosophy. Similarly, believing in

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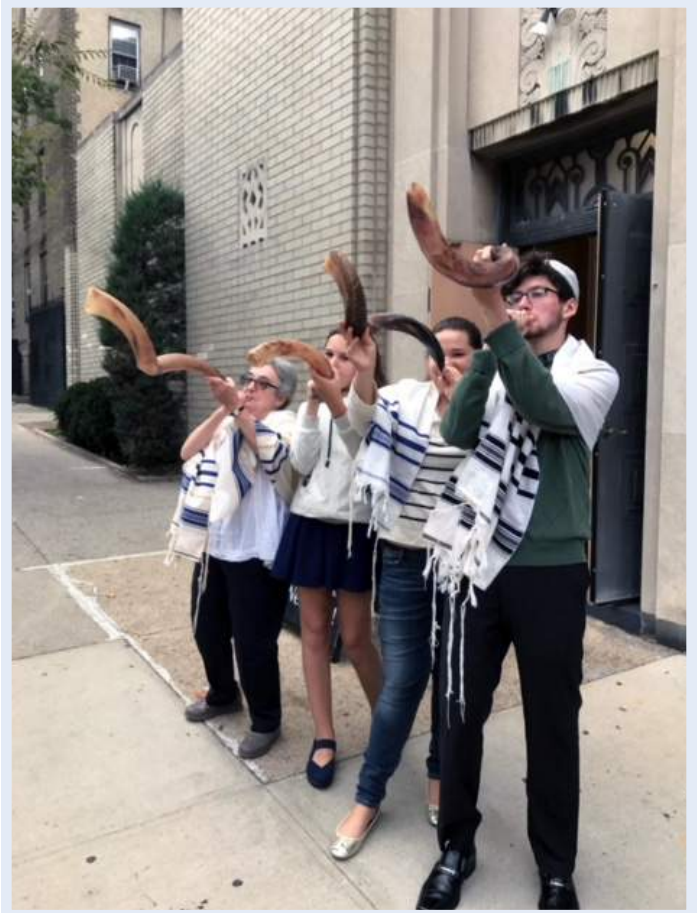


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Sunday, November 19, 2017 3 pm
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 Opening of the Thanksgiving Art Exhibit on the Theme of:
ANGELS AMONG US!

Three inspiring neighbor who know how to help others move from "Me" to "We"

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In grateful memory of the departed whose names are taken from the records of Hebrew tabernacle and Beth am and which appear on a separate weekly Yahrzeit list. It is our minhag to read Yahrzeit names at the Shabbat services following the date. **If you would like a name read, please call the office in the preceding week.**

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November 5 – 11, 2017

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Jacob Dessauer
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Emma Eschelbacher
Nora Frajer
Leonard Friedland
Grigori Glaz
Inge Goodkind
Bina Hamburger
Frieda Hamburger-Schmer
Daniel Hamelburger
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Theresa Heiman
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Photo Taken Saturday October 28th, 2017 at Hebrew Tabernacle With Rafi Rothenberg and wife Rabbi Gale Cantor Wittner and Ralph Selig. Service featured the Music of Emanuel Kirschner. Rafi Rothenberg, is The Great Grandson of Emanuel Kirschner, who was one of the last Cantors of Munich Prior to World War 2



Julia Klein Bat Mitzvah December 16, 2017

Julia was born in New York City and has been going to the Hebrew Tabernacle on a regular basis ever since she had her Hebrew baby naming ceremony, "Yehudis Gavriella". Since then she has been very active in synagogue life. Julia has attended Hebrew School since Kita Aleph and will be enrolling in Hebrew High School next semester. She has participated in baking Hamantaschen for Purim, decorating the Sukkah, volunteering for the annual Rummage Sale and Purim Carnival and lending a hand with Tot Shabbat. For the last two years, she has been a member of the HT Shofar Choir during the High Holidays and has also assisted her dad with synagogue projects such as planting bulbs around the perimeter of the building and helping to clean up at events.

Julia is currently in the 8th grade at PS / IS 187, The Hudson Cliff School, which she has been attending since pre-K. She has been very active there as well. She has participated in the choir and musicals and has been in the school productions of "Annie" and "The Lion King." Julia will be auditioning for this year's production "High School Musical." Julia has staged an awesome solo singing performance in the talent show, is learning how to play the clarinet and has made the Dean's and Honors list.

Julia has done a fair amount of traveling. She has been to the United Kingdom on several occasions, Israel, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and frequently travels to Florida. Being an outgoing person, Julia has many international friends. Some of them will be attending her Bat Mitzvah. Julia has been going to day camp for several summers but last year was her first time at the sleep away camp at Crane Lake. She had such a great time, while also learning more about being Jewish, that she plans on returning next summer.

Besides traveling, her interests are wide and varied. She is an excellent swimmer, loves to write, draw, sing, dance, ice skate, play basketball, ride her bike and hang out with her friends. She also volunteers with the Friends of Fort Tryon Park and is a Girl Scout. She is a recent graduate of the Barbizon School for Acting and Modeling and is preparing for auditions. Julia is very family oriented and likes hanging out with her big brother and sister and her cousins. She enjoys doing many activities with her mom and dad such as dining out, exploring the city, going to concerts, shows and movies and also spending fun days down in Asbury Park, NJ. To quote Julia, "I can't believe I'm getting Bat Mitzvahed! Now I start a new chapter in my life. It will be tough but there are always amazing moments as you move on."



SAVE THE DATE

for our Annual Rummage Sale

Seeking Volunteers to Make this a Success

This year's annual **Rummage Sale** will be held on **Sunday, November 12 and Monday, November 13 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Clean out your closets and cabinets, ask neighbors for their gently used items and share this information with your friends and community. The Rummage Sale is one of the Hebrew Tabernacle's largest fund-raisers and we so need the funds!

We accept donations of housewares, furniture, software, CD's, DVD's, books, toys, games, artwork, jewelry, linen, handbags, and children's clothing. **All items must be in good working order and in saleable condition.** You may bring in donations during regular office hours but please call ahead at **212 568-8304** to confirm.

Our Corner Café will be open again. We gladly accept donations of fresh baked brownies, muffins, cookies, bread, etc. that can be dropped off the mornings of the sale. The delicious aromas wafting from these treats encourage shoppers to stay longer and buy more!

As always we beseech your help! Volunteers are needed prior to the Sale for sorting, pricing and setting up. Each day of the sale floorwalkers, concessionaires, cashiers, and baggers are needed. Please contact Mike or I and let us know your availability.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Rose Ellen Neidish & Mike Klein, *Co-Chairs*

Raising and Decorating the Sukkah Together

Ten volunteers from Tabernacle and Beth Am and synagogue building staff had the sukkah up by lunchtime. Lush foliage including holly and laurel was laid across the bamboo slats. "We were chucking great big bushes up there," said member John Authers and his three children. Meanwhile, eight Hebrew School students and their parents made paper chains, pipe cleaner creatures, Tikkun Olam ribbons and painted Popsicle-stick Stars of David, which adorned the interior. The sukkah, lit by a lamp from inside the storage room, was well used all week long.

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"the idea" of Israel doesn't build kibbutzim, or drain swamps, or establish borders, or guarantee human rights to all Israelis. The Torah acknowledges the world of leprosy and disease, and the Talmud doesn't try to be above politics and daily challenges. We are lucky to be part of a religion that recognizes the struggles of daily life, which are usually a step lower in intensity than those of Noah and Abraham.

High Holidays for People of All Ages

Student Cantor Robbie Wittner's warm baritone combined for a second year with Rabbi Jeffrey Gale's deep bass throughout the High Holiday services. This year, they were accompanied by organist David Shuler and a stunning four-person choir. The well-chosen singers, with just one voice to each part, delivered beautifully clear harmonies. Best heard from the mezzanine seats in back, they reminded all how music can help us to focus on prayers rather than be a performance.

While all Aliyah's are honors, the entire congregation was honored to see Rita Rosenthal, 106, Hebrew Tabernacle's oldest member recite the blessings before reading the Torah on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. A Holocaust survivor and proud grandmother, Rita agreed to move her Aliyah up from Yom Kippur to take the place of a congregant who was ill. She did insist on having two handsome escorts, the Glass brothers, who were spending the holidays with their parents.

Hebrew Tabernacle was blessed by a phalanx of shofar blowers. Leader Miriam Frank has taught a new generation to blow the shofar – and directed much-needed business to Westside Judaica in the process. Miriam and three teens – Alec Farber, Andie Authers, and 12-year-old Julia Klein, form the Shofarellas. With more rams horns than found in many herds, the players sustained the 30-blast shofar service with

koach. Afterwards, Tabernacle hosted its 2nd Rosh Hashanah potluck meal in the community room of Castle Village and on the lawn, where children picnicked and played.

Rabbi Gale's daughter, Leanne, left her studies at Yale Law School to read the haftarah on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. The passage talks about G-d's everlasting love for the people of Israel, and how its exiles will be gathered in future. The last verse speaks of the beloved Ephraim, who stands for the children of Israel, and follows the day's attempts to have G-d remember us in a positive light on Yom Kippur. Several Hebrew School parents also led readings during each service.

Our new president Joan Laufer made the synagogue's annual appeal sweet, asking that those in the audience join us, as members, for Shabbat services, and in supporting the congregation. The somber atmosphere of Yom Kippur was lightened by our service for families in the afternoon. Normally hoarse from singing for so long without water, our clergy had clear voices for this session, which led into the Ne'ilah and Havdalah services.

Giant thanks to all those who made the services possible by volunteering to welcome visitors, hand out prayer books, take tickets, collect donations, to serve refreshments and to tidy afterward.

Family Camp Guitar Service

The sounds of Bob Marley and campfire prayers filled our first Friday night Family Shabbat of the season on October 5, which focused on Crane Lake Camp. Brett Hausler, assistant director of, the Reform camp in West Stockbridge, Mass and his guitar led a fresh Kabbalat Shabbat service, which linked Marley's "Redemption Song" to our own prayers for redemption.

Four students from our community spoke about their weeks away from screens and their families, and what drew them together and toward a new sense of peace. Each bonded with their bunkmates after moving as a group through a daylong concatenation of meals, prayers, swimming, hiking, bunk tidying, art, Israeli dancing and sports including soccer, rugby and lacrosse.

Jasper Saar, 15, who went for the sports, sports and more sports, was surprised to discover a religious identity in his fourth and final year at the camp. Julia Klein said Crane Lake's warm waters and abundant inflatables felt like a second home, giving her space to recreate herself the summer before her bat mitzvah. Ellie Levin, age 11, did a great impression of her mother asking if her daughter was SURE about going to a sleepaway camp that she knew about only through Brett's talk a year ago and a cool, freebie pencil. Once there, Ellie described feeling centered in a way she had not thought possible, and even managed to limit her showering close to the three-minute rule. And 8-year-old Josie Levin, an unabashed public speaker, said she "had no complaints, and that's saying something."

Hausler also spoke about Union of Reform Judaism's other camps,

the larger and older Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, Mass., and the new Six Points Sci-Tech camp for those who desire a more academic summer. Camp scholarships are available through the URJ and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the children of Tabernacle members.

Social Action –

Praying with Guatemalan Immigrant Amanda Morales

On September 6, Rabbi Gale led a brief prayer service inside the sanctuary of the Holyrood Episcopal Church where Amanda Morales has taken sanctuary with her three children. Members of Tabernacle, including President Joan Laufer, Regina Gradess, Denny Kelk and Fredy Seidel spoke to Amanda of their family's experiences of the Holocaust and how strongly they feel about protecting immigrants today from discrimination, arrest and deportation to a dangerous country. Morton Orentlicher and Harriet Bailer gave warm personal greetings and our commitment of solidarity. Sara Silver shared her personal and professional experiences in Guatemala and Mexico and her pledge to be as welcoming to this Guatemalan family, as Guatemalan and Mexican families had been to her. Desma Holcomb highlighted the part of the service that called for "freeing the captive" and her hope that Amanda may win true freedom at the end of this period of sanctuary. Hebrew Tabernacle is part of a network of Northern Manhattan Clergy who are working together on this case as well as on the upcoming Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Nov. 19.

Letter from one of the Vice Presidents

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and the entire Board would like to welcome all our new members to our congregational family. We look forward to greeting you at services and enjoying many life cycle events as well as festivals and holidays in the years to come. If you have any questions please feel free to contact David in the office or reach out to one of the officers.

Gabriel Blau and Dylan Stein - Elijah Blaustein; Loren Christian - Maddy & Xander; Gisele & Anatoly Garelik - Boaz & Lior; Eve Leopold & Marvin Reinheimer; Meredith & Joshua Rubin - Sylvie & Arlo; Stacy Silver - Amitai; Matthew Scherer & Roy Kushner - Emmett & Natalie; Robinanne Turiel & Todd Rubinstein; Lori & Michael Uysal - Zachary & Rachel; Susan Weiner

TOT SHABBAT

Jason & Lori Laufer - Jonah

OUR NEW CUSTODIAN

Please help me welcome the newest member of our custodial staff Dervish Hasani. Dervish is a local resident who grew up in Washington Heights. He has general maintenance and custodial experience. I look forward to working with Dervish for many years to come.

OUR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

Our ancient Air Conditioning system held up during the high holidays, but since it was installed back in 1973 we know that its days are numbered. A committee has been created to investigate the various types of systems that are available, and to determine what would be the best replacement. Appointments have been set up with various companies to survey our existing system and submit various proposals. I will keep you updated during this long process.

Mike Klein, Vice President



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