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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

The finale of last season's *Law and Order: SVU* was nothing short of terrifying. Three masked men broke into a Syrian family's restaurant, stole the money, trashed the restaurant, killed the father, raped both of his adult daughters, then killed one of those daughters. Along the way, the criminals spray-painted "Muslims must die" on the refrigerators. As the two hour episode continued to develop, a gay Muslim man who was an illegal immigrant was arrested by ICE agents and deported, a Latino man was shot dead by a white supremacist, and a mosque was firebombed and five worshippers were murdered. Public protests demanding justice for the Syrian family were deafeningly vocal.

The tragedy of Charlottesville was a shocking sequel to the general storyline. While I was celebrating a family simcha and giving out hugs in Michigan, white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and members of the Ku Klux Klan, were spewing their venom and peddling naked hatred in Charlottesville.

The pretext of the demonstration was to protest the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee, the general of the Confederate Army. Symbols of the Confederacy are offensive to many of us as they legitimize the legacy of slavery that has tarnished our history. As the clash between demonstrators and counter demonstrators was spinning out of control, James Alex Fields, Jr. drove his car into a group of anti-Fascist protestors. There were three senseless deaths and nineteen people were injured. Fields was a troubled and violent teenager who had become obsessed with Hitler and Nazi ideas. Just as there are self-radicalized Muslim extremists in our country, so there are also self-radicalized neo Nazis as well.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration, which took place on Sunday, November 19th, represented the antithesis of what took place in Charlottesville. Over 500 people, representing the rich diversity of religious and ethnic groups in New York City, gathered together to celebrate the American festival of Thanksgiving. The most powerful features included the blessing of all of the children in four languages, the diverse musical presentations from the Washington Heights Community Conservatory, the Statement Arts, and the combined bands of Uptown Church and Nuevas Buenas. The Jewish children from Hebrew Tabernacle teamed up with the mainly Latino children from Operation Exodus to lead the community in singing thanks in Hebrew, English, and Spanish. Who could not be moved by the courageous presence of the children of Amanda Morales, a Guatemalan woman seeking sanctuary in our neighboring church, Holyrood Episcopal. That afternoon represented the triumph of the human spirit over the national chauvinism and bigotry that has dominated our national discourse.

People are not born with hate. On the contrary, they are naturally

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## T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

### January 2018 TEVET-SHEVAT

**Friday, January 5, 2018** **TEVET 18**

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

**Saturday, January 6, 2018** **TEVET 19**

**Parashat Shemot**

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

**Friday, January 12, 2018** **TEVET 25**

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*

6:30 pm: *Shabbat youth Group*

6:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

**Saturday, January 13, 2018** **TEVET 26**

**Parashat Vaera**

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*

**Friday, January 19, 2018** **SH'VAT 3**

6:30 pm: *Family Service*

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

**Saturday, January 20, 2018** **SH'VAT 4**

**Parashat Bo**

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

**Friday, January 26, 2018** **SH'VAT 10**

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*

7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

**Saturday, January 27, 2018** **SH'VAT 11**

**Parashat Beshalach**

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

# SAVE THE DATE

CONGREGATIONAL/COMMUNITY SEDER

# Friday, March 30, 2018

(First Seder)



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## T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

February 2018 SH'VAT/ADAR 5778

- Friday, February 2, 2018** SH'VAT 17  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, February 3, 2018** SH'VAT 18  
**Parashat Yitro**  
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, February 9, 2018** SH'VAT 24  
6:30 pm: *Family Service*  
7:30 pm: *Buffet Dinner*  
(Reservations Required)
- Saturday, February 10, 2018** SH'VAT 25  
**Parashat Mishpatim**  
**Shabbat Shekalim**  
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*  
12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar*
- Friday, February 16, 2018** ADAR 1  
**Rosh Chodesh Adar**  
6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*  
6:30 pm: *Shabbat Youth Group*  
6:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, February 17, 2018** ADAR 2  
**Parashat Terumah**  
11:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, February 23, 2018** ADAR 8  
7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, February 24, 2018** ADAR 9  
**Parashat Tetzaveh**  
**Shabbat Zachor**  
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018** ADAR 13  
6:00 pm: *Chai For A Pie*  
6:30 pm: *Erev Purim Service & Purimspiel*



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## RABBI'S Message

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born with curiosity about those who are different from them. Hate is an acquired quality. It is passed down from parents to children. It is taught by teachers to students. It is articulated by demagogues to ordinary citizens. It is instilled by unscrupulous clergy to congregants. It is communicated by the fringe media to unsophisticated consumers.

Just as hate is programmed into innocent minds, so love and tolerance can be inculcated as well. The SVU finale and the events in Charlottesville make me even more determined to build bridges in our community. If I can serve as a conduit which brings people from diverse religions, skin colors, and ethnic backgrounds to work together for the common good, I will be a very fortunate man. Washington Heights is a very special place with very talented leaders. In this community, we can become an outstanding role model within New York City for interfaith cooperation. I pray for the day when Bennett Park will be transformed from being a center of community vigils to a center of community celebration.



*The Hebrew Tabernacle office staff  
(L to R Irina Shneerson, Sheldon Koy, David Hirsch)  
with Dr. Ruth Westheimer.*

## While the grown ups discuss the meaning of God, Life and Judaism, the Kids Get Desserts, Costumes, Swords, & Wrestling – a new Friday program

In the sanctuary, the grown ups welcomed Shabbat with a singing service.

Downstairs, the kids (age 5 to 13) learned a Hanukkah song and Adon Olam, which they led at the close of the early adult service. Everyone came downstairs for a delicious break with Israeli food catered by Grill Point 181.

While the kids learned and rehearsed a fun skit on the story of Jacob/Israel, the parents and other adults discussed their own experiences of “wrestling with God”: events that challenged their belief in God or God’s benevolence—a death on September 11, a young relative’s suicide—or just reconciling a modern life with ancient texts and prayers in which the “King of the Universe” commands us to take specific actions. Do we wish that God would intervene when we pray, or do we like that we humans are called upon to repair the world?

At the end of these important exchanges, we watched our kids enthusiastically act a dramatic and humorous skit with Jacob, his wives Leah & Rachel, his boss Laban, and even his black sheep—not to mention the wrestling angel, his brother Esau, a narrator who kept the story line moving and a happy author & director Mitch Gershonowitz.

Don’t miss the next Friday Family Program, on January 12, with singing, falafel, discussion and drama.



*Mid-Skit moment in “Paint it Black” skit on Jacob’s life,  
written by Mitch Gershonowitz.*



*Adult Discussion*



# THANK YOU

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In honor of HT 111th year, on behalf of Hilary, Robert and Eliot Zatz.

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*January/February, 2018 Exhibit*

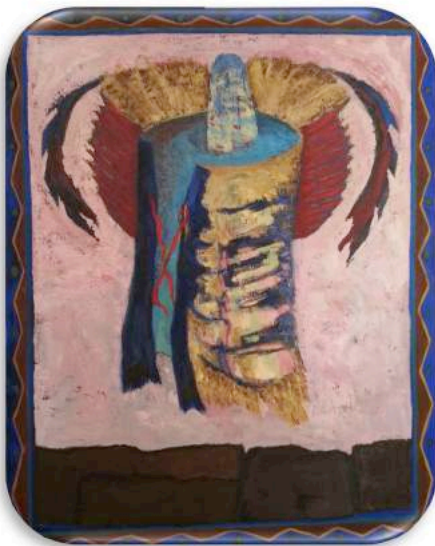
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*Catching Dreams, Catching Moods*



**ARTIST'S STATEMENT:** I've been drawing since I was three years old, but when I retired and had time, I discovered how mysterious and exciting the creative process can be as I try to catch dreams and moods. [KarenArt37.com](http://KarenArt37.com)



**ARTIST'S OPENING RECEPTION:**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

Free admission M, W, F 9:30 – 4:30, some evenings. Call for hours.



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**Exhibit open through Monday, February 26**



## IN MEMORIAM

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.**

### YAHREZIT LIST

#### January 7 - 13, 2018

Isaac Acker  
Dr. Arthur Arndt  
Alfred Bacharach  
Kurt Bachenheimer  
Charles Bargeski  
Ruth Batt  
Hertha Baumblatt  
Sally Baumblatt  
Ruth Bekker  
Hortense Bender  
Samuel Berger  
Carl Berney  
Bella Bimberg  
Herman Cohen  
Ludwig Dahlberg  
Glady Ebel  
Caroline Felsenthal  
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Walter Frankel  
Isaac Gitsky  
Emanuel Glantz  
Samuel Golden  
Felice Gould  
Helen Graff  
Jeanne Hamburger  
Henry M. Harris  
Willi Heimann  
Josef W. Herzberg  
Joseph Hirschheimer  
Sidney Jacobs  
Elsa L. Jonas  
Ludwig Katz  
Rudolph Kaufman  
Natalie Klein  
Philip Laufer  
Stephan Leopold  
Stephan Leopold  
Frieda Lesser  
Augusta Levy  
Joseph Maculla  
Moritz Marx  
Werner H. Norman  
Sidney C. Norris  
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Celia Perlman  
Hilde Pollack

Betty Rosenberg  
Joseph Rosenthal  
Emma L. Samuels  
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Alex Sonnenfeld  
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Louise Stern  
Alice Sternheimer  
Max Teichner  
Ellen Wall  
Rudolf Waller  
Herman Weikersheimer  
Gretl Weil  
Julius Weinstein  
Louis Winkler

#### January 14 – 20

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Josef Bachenheimer  
Martin Baer  
Nellie Blum  
Julia Cahn  
Gerald Cappel  
Leonie Damitt  
Milton Dostis  
Richard Feist  
Joseph Florsheim  
Max Florsheim  
Werner Frank  
Irma Frankel  
Joseph Friedland  
Sadie Gold  
Lilly Golub  
Hugo Gutmann  
Louis M. Hart  
Dr. Max Hofmann  
Erna Kastan  
Gerda Katzenstein  
Leopold Kestenbaum  
Samuel Kirchheimer  
William Kunreuther  
Ancel Land  
Bill Leipzig  
Alice Loewensberg  
Salomon Loewensberg  
Isidore Mannheim  
Fred Mathes

Tillie Michel  
Ruth Oppenheimer  
Lilly Porjesz  
Sydney Rosenfeld  
Werner Rothenberg  
Clem Salmon  
Hans Samuel  
Diane Carol Schnee  
Dr. Solomon Schwartz  
Mary Seelig  
Hermine Simon  
Norman Steiner  
Max Strauss  
Ruth Strauss  
Tillie Weiler  
Harry Wertheim  
Fred Wolf

#### January 21 – 27

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Louis Austern  
Cecile Bialos  
Daniel Bloch  
Simon Cohen  
Esther Engel  
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Oswald H. Mayer  
Paul Meyer  
Ida Morgenroth  
Simon Moskowitz  
Jehuda Naor  
Emmy Newburger  
Kate Nordlinger  
Alexander Ockun  
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Harry M. Osers  
Witkie Remiz  
Sigmund Rollman  
Rosalie Rosenbaum  
Friedelle Rothschild  
Manuel Saez  
Polina Schretski  
Sarah Mode Sichel  
Sam Silverstein  
Samuel Sommers  
Leopold Stiefel  
Charles Sussman  
Isidor Weil  
Alfred Wurzinger

#### January 28 – February 3

James Astor  
Herta Bachenheimer  
Amalie Barth  
Ruth Berger  
Joseph Blankenstein  
Sol Briskie  
Margaret Burckhardt  
Lieselotte Callman  
Edward Collin  
Erna Daniel  
Stella Daub  
Josef Eichenberg  
Frieda Fleishman  
Greta Friedman  
Adalbert L. Furst  
Frederick Gerber  
Bertha Gluck  
Sylvia Goldberg  
Walter Greenbaum  
Frank Gretzer  
Frieda Hanff  
Cecilia Hirsch  
Regina Hirsch  
Berthold Hutz  
Rhoda Jaffin  
Jenny Kahn  
Archie Kalmus

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David Lowenthal  
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Henry Maienthau  
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Linda Diane Millett  
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Hermann Mueller  
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Rudolf Neuburg  
Herbert Neufeld  
Henry Phillips  
Elga Rosenfeld  
Ray Rosenfeld  
Louise Sanders  
Rose Schwartz  
Anna Sedwitz  
Reny Smerka  
Ida Strauss  
Nathan Strauss  
Rose Strauss  
Selma Strauss  
Erna Teichner  
Walter Tunick  
Rosa Uhlfelder  
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Carrie Weiler  
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Iosif Barg  
Ruth Bargeski  
Leo Barth  
Walter Bassist  
Isaac E. Cohen  
Leah Coin  
Eva Davidoff  
Lina Erle  
Edward Felsenthal  
Julia Fleischer  
Herta Frank  
Klara Fried  
Moritz Gartner

Else Godwin  
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Nathan Hausman  
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Walter Horn  
Jerome Jacobs  
Frieda Kahn  
Herbert Katz  
Solomon Katz  
Albert Kaufman  
Betty Kestenbaum  
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Elsie Monatt  
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Frieda Moses  
Richard Mueller  
Martin Neuhaus  
Abe Newman  
Else Newman  
Julio Ottenheimer  
Mark Pomper  
Ira Robinson  
Lenora Miller Robinson  
Marianne Romano  
Eli Rosenberg  
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Herbert Saalfeld  
Hannah Schaye  
Paul Schiff  
Max Schuster  
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Lillian Schwartz  
Luise Seeman  
Samuel Solow  
Walter Sondhelm  
David Strauss  
Joseph Stream

Frieda Suran  
Helen B. Weisel

### February 11 – 17

Rose Adler  
Max Baender  
Julius Baer  
Emily Baker  
Hugo Baumgart  
Rae Bendheim  
Max Bloch  
Fred Brandon  
David Brickman  
Isaac Doniger  
Ida Dreifus  
Morris Duhan  
Lucy Zobel Eliaser  
Hermann Englaender  
Sybille Francke  
Curt Frankel  
Amelia Fuld  
Estelle Gold  
Max Goldmann  
Polly Grohs  
Lillian Gruberg  
Fred H. Hamburger  
Harold Hersh  
Clementine Herz  
Ernest Hesse  
Pauline Isaacs  
Irma Isner  
Matthew Jacobs  
Louis Joseph  
Julius Kaufmann  
Joan Landauer  
Herbert Lichtstern  
Margo Lindauer  
Hyman Mandelsberg  
Alfred Mayer  
Ernestine Morris  
Lou Myerson  
Abe Neuman  
Judes Neuman  
Ida Neumark  
Irwin Reutlinger  
Edith Rosenthal  
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Friederike Rubens  
Paula Salzman  
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Samuel Weitzenhoffer  
Max Wetzler  
Rosa Winkler  
Friedel Wollmeringer  
Ann Zizmor

### February 18 – 24

Edward Baar  
Helen F. Berg  
Charles Berger  
Else Cohn  
Dorothy Davis  
William Davis  
Gerda Dittman  
Sari Dolinger  
Moritz Eberhardt  
Helen Eckstein  
Robert Ehrlich  
Alice Eisenheimer  
Oscar Eisner  
Caroline Eppstein  
William Eston  
Martin Fox  
Harriet Fuss  
Minnie Glauber  
Rose Golden  
Teddy Graubard  
Rosa Grunwald  
Louis Hart  
Max Heyman  
Lilly Heymann  
Bernard Hirsch  
Joel S. Hirschfeld  
Frieda W. Hochberger  
Leo Hochberger  
Siegmond Jaeger  
Anni Kastan  
David Klein  
Sgt. Edmund J. Klingenstein  
David Lacob  
Ernest Landsberg  
Susan Kun Leddy  
Arthur Levy  
Leopold Levy  
Sophie Mayer  
Carrie Meyer  
Emil Mortge  
Aron Gerson Muetz  
Samuel Oberst

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Julius Philipp  
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Jeanie Rosenzweig  
Elsye R. Rothschild  
Arthur Saalfeld  
Paul Schachter  
Norma Scharmaz  
Jennie Schwarzbaum  
Moritz Schwarzbaum  
Edward Sink  
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Philip Weinstat  
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## February 25 – March 3

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Charles Berger  
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Dorothy Davis  
William Davis  
Gerda Dittman  
Sari Dolinger  
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## Annual Rummage \$ale a Huge \$ucce\$\$

The idiom, *one man's trash is another's treasure*, couldn't be more accurate when referring to the Hebrew Tabernacle's annual Rummage Sale. As volunteer, Ellen Freilich said, "Donors de-clutter a bit, buyers acquire things they enjoy, and the temple makes money. It's just a "win" all around." And win, we did. This year's sale raised over \$8,000 for the synagogue.

The sale was certainly a community event. With the help of more than three dozen volunteers, many hours were spent collecting, sorting, pricing, and setting up hundreds of items to sell ranging from artwork to zippers. An hour before opening, a line was already forming that snaked halfway down Ft. Washington Ave. We put Black Friday to shame! At 10am, when we opened our doors, the room was filled with shoppers picking out bargains galore. Volunteers roamed the room, offering help to the myriad of customers.

Heartfelt thanks to all who devoted their time, energy, ideas, merchandise, and camaraderie preparing for, working the days of, and closing down the sale. This could not have happened without all of you.

A special thanks to Carolyn "CC" Blackburn who traveled all the way from her home in North Carolina to be a part of this. She has not missed a sale even though she moved from the Heights several years ago!

We certainly are the "best in the Heights"!

The "Before & After" photos below tell the story!

Rose Ellen Neidish and Mike Klein, *Rummage Sale Co-Chairs*



## Interfaith Thanksgiving

By John Authers

Thanksgiving means much the same to everyone, regardless of religion, or race, or language. They just have very different ways of expressing it. That was the clear message from the 4th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service that took place in the Tabernacle's sanctuary on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Hebrew Tabernacle's vast sanctuary hosted some 500 worshippers, who celebrated the vibrancy and diversity of Washington Heights with a profound sense of gratitude and mutual respect. Children from all faiths were invited to the bimah to be blessed in Taino, Spanish, Hebrew and English. This range of languages and faiths fostered an extraordinary range of music, from Beethoven's Ode to Joy, to powerful gospel, to works by the Dominican composer Julio Alberto Hernandez, played by the 30-piece Washington Heights Conservatory youth orchestra. Our Hebrew School children joined with those of Operation Exodus to sing Ve-al Zeh, with the added sparkle of Robbie Wittner, our student cantor.

Rabbi Gale succeeded in attracting a broad range of prayer leaders, including a Greek Orthodox priest, a Mormon bishop, a Franciscan Brother, a Baptist minister, women pastors from the United Palace of Inspiration, Altagracia Faith and Justice Works and Ft. Washington Collegiate Church, and clergy from three congregations that share our building – Ft. Tryon Jewish Center, Uptown Community Church and Nuevas Buenas.

While remaining focused on faith and music, the congregations bonded together to support keeping together families threatened by the current wave of deportations. Rev. Juan Carlos Ruiz of the New Sanctuary Movement called up the three American children of Guatemalan Amanda Morales, who has taken refuge at Holyrood Church. Too emotional to speak, their presence alone warranted a standing ovation.

The service honored nine lights in our community – three poets, three artists and three angels – who each lit a candle and are profiled in the Gold Wing gallery exhibit coordinated by Regina Gradess. They included our own Diana Douglas and her partner, poet Lester Howard. He described Diana, who sheds her light on our parks, our seniors, our youth and those in need of healing, as an angel who warms us all, "who allows for hands to reach out and join together."

Enormous thanks to all who volunteered, especially Denny and John Kelk for their heroics in preparing and coordinating food for the hundreds who came and broke bread together at Hebrew Tabernacle.



# Hebrew Tabernacle's Book Club

Artist/writer and neighbor, Miriam Katin, honored the Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club by attending our Nov. 29 discussion of her memorable book, "Letting It Go." Katin was born in Hungary during World War II, immigrated with her family to Israel at the time of the 1956 Hungarian uprising, and immigrated again to New York City in 1961. Her career in graphic arts and animation, a decades-long epilogue to a powerful war-time family narrative, and the inspiration of the ground-breaking work of Art Spiegelman's survivor's tale "Maus" gave Katin the ability, subject, and "permission" to address her family history in graphic form, the author told us. "Letting It Go" (2013) is Katin's second book, describing her coming to terms with her son's decision to live in Berlin and the remembered past aroused by that decision. Katin told the group that she and her husband now spend each summer in Berlin. One of the pleasures of Katin's book is her wonderful drawings of our neighborhood. Another was her short treatise on the "terrifying world" of procrastination. "Letting It Go" was such a riveting volume that I immediately ordered Katin's first book, "We Are On Our Own" (2006) published by Montreal-based Drawn & Quarterly and distributed in the USA and abroad by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Having just finished it, I strongly, strongly recommend it. The Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club next meets on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the "Penthouse." Enter at 551 Fort Washington Avenue. We are reading and discussing "All Other Nights" by Dara Horn (2010), a gripping, historical novel that follows a Jewish soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. Temple members and neighbors attended the November 29 book club meeting and all are welcome to the January 3 gathering.



## Kids and Grown Ups: Join Us for Mitzvah Day!

Mitzvah Day is a joint project of Hebrew Tabernacle and Beth Am, The People's Temple, held in the Tabernacle Social Hall on Sunday, January 7th, 10am-2pm. Activities for kids and grown ups include both good deeds and social action:

- Packing backpacks for Refugee Children with Operation Refugee Child,
- Packing lunches for a neighborhood soup kitchen,
- Knitting/crocheting hats & scarves for homeless people,
- Packing toiletries for homeless LGBT Youth & the Corner Project,
- Making homemade cards for pediatric patients &
- Writing social action letters with Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights & Amnesty International.

# Lively Rosh Chodesh/New Moon Study after Shabbat

After the Rosh Chodesh/New Moon Shabbat service on Oct. 21, Julie Stevens led a discussion with 15 members of Tabernacle and guests from Ft. Tryon Jewish Center on Sarah—woman, wife, barren step-mother, birth mother, "evil" stepmother and Jewish Matriarch.

Thanks to our leader and the rich knowledge and insights of the participants, the discussion ranged over the historical, theological and ethical dimensions of Sarah's life and actions and those of her family in the context of ancient society. But we also talked about historical and current-day diverse family structures from both an ethical and social outlook, as well as touching on the Islamic perspective on Abraham's son Ishmael, his mother Hagar, and Abraham's son Isaac.

Julie Stevens will be leading three more Rosh Chodesh sessions in the spring. Hold these dates (and spread the word): March 17, May 12 and June 16.



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