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RABBI'S MESSAGE

iversity is central to God's plan for the world. In the early days of creation, there was no notion of a dominant species or a superior group of people. All creation had value in the eyes of God. If all varieties of plant and animal life are worthy of respect, how much the more so does this principle apply to human beings who are created b'tzelemelohim. Therefore, whenever traditional Jews see a person of unusual appearance, they say, Baruch at a Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olamm'shaneh ha breeyot: Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe who varies the forms of creation. Such a prayer is an acknowledgment that God in wisdom has created many different kinds of people and thanks are to be given to God for the rich variety of these creatures. On Sunday, November 18, at 3pm., the Hebrew Tabernacle along with a number of religious organizations in Northern Manhattan will be holding hosting an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration. Several hundred people of different races, religions, and ethnic groups will be entering our doors. We will be celebrating our diversity. How inspiring it is to see people of different colors blend together seamlessly, go arm and arm, and sing Hinei Mah Tov—how good it is and how beautiful when brothers and sisters dwell together in harmony! This is a blessing in and of itself. In the first chapter of Genesis, we celebrate the creation of human beings and acknowledge that each of us is created b'tzelemelohim-in God's image. Each of us entitled to be treated with dignity and respect. All individuals, regardless of ethnic background, are capable of making awesome contributions to community life.

The annual interfaith Thanksgiving program reminds us of how interconnected our Northern Manhattan community really is. Our health as individual faith communities is connected to the overall health of our neighborhood. What takes place east of Broadway impacts upon affects those who live west of Broadway and visa vice 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 unarmed 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 become scapegoats for the ills of society and become unfairly targeted for deportation, the whole community suffers. I always come away truly inspired from our Interfaith Thanksgiving celebrations. However, there is the realization that much work still needs to be done, whether it be in Washington Heights or around the globe. The first principle of establishing a humane society is to affirm the humanity of all people. In the words of our Sages, "Hold no person insignificant and nothing improbable, for there is no person that has not his hour and no thing that has not its place."

T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

November 2018 CHESHVAN / KISLEV

Friday, November 2, 2018 **CHESHVAN 24**

6:00 pm: Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 3, 2018 CHESHVAN 25 **Parashat Chayei Sara**

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, November 9, 2018 **KISLEV 1 Rosh Chodesh Kisley**

7:30 pm: Kristallnacht Service – 80th Anniversary

Saturday, November 10, 2018 **KISLEV 2 Parashat Toldot**

10:00 am: Shabbat Service 12:00 pm: Film: About Face -Kristallnacht Anniversary

Friday, November 16, 2018 **KISLEV 8**

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 17, 2018 **KISLEV 9** Parashat Vayetzei

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Sunday, November 18, 2018 **KISLEV 10**

3:00 pm: Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Friday, November 23, 2018 **KISLEV 15**

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 24, 2018 **KISLEV 16** Parashat Vayishlach

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, November 30, 2018 KISLEV 22

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat





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December 2018 KISLEV/TEVET 5778

Saturday, December 1, 2018 KISLEV 23
Parashat Vayeshev

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Sunday, December 2, 2018 KISLEV 24
Chanukah Begins

Friday, December 7, 2018 KISLEV 29
Chanukah: 6 Candles

6:30 pm: Tot Shabbat – Family Service – Chanukah – Buffet Dinner

Saturday, December 8, 2018 KISLEV 30
Chanukah: 7 Candles
Parashat Miketz
Rosh Chodesh Tevet

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 14, 2018 TEVET 6

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 15, 2018 TEVET 7
Parashat Vayigash

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 21, 2018 TEVET 13

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat* 7:30 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, December 22, 2018 TEVET 14
Parashat Vayechi

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 28, 2018 TEVET 20

7:00 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 29, 2018 TEVET 21

Parashat Shemot

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

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Simchat Torah

fter reading the very last and very first Torah portions and consecrating our students at the beginning of Hebrew School, we danced with our Torahs, to member Mike Santoro's klezmer band. This year, the musicians included two women playing on Broadway, including in Fiddler on the Roof. Our Torahs were also feted by the energetic members of the Beis Community on Ft. Washington and by a few members of FTJC who took a break from their service to come up.

Many of our Hebrew School families celebrated our community's love of Jewish learning that night, which marked the opening of our new school year. We finally presented our principal Shelly Koy with two Hawaiian silk shirts to thank him for his warmth, dedication, wisdom and menschlichkeit during the past school year.



Hilary Zatz & family with Torah outside of HT.



Jen Talansky & kids dancing with Torah on the street.



Mike Santoro's klezmer band kept the party going.



Recollections from Rummage Sales Past

By Rose Ellen Neidish

🦰 everal years ago, I was boxing up the extra books that had not sold during our two day sale. As I picked one up I noticed that it felt as though there was something left between two of the pages. I opened the book and to my surprise found a small, waxed envelope with what looked like an old flower corsage, with decorated straight pin still attached. There was a note next to the flower saying "prom".

I was so thrilled to encounter the find, but also saddened that someone donated a book leaving behind such a treasured memory. The title of the book held no clue, but amazingly enough the owner of the book's name was written on the inside cover. Imagine my surprise when I saw the name Marga Marx, our very own member and President of the Sisterhood, no less.

I got in touch with Marga and she was overjoyed that I had found her keepsake. In fact, she hadn't even remembered that her corsage was kept there after all these years. She was so appreciative of having her memento returned, flooding her with many long forgotten memories of her youth.

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Diane Rode Schneck: Artist's Statement:

I have been sewing since my grandmother taught me to embroider at age 6. My mother taught me to love handwork and crafts. My father, a noted Cleveland architect, taught me to love color, line and pattern. Quilting is my way of combining my heritage, my interests and my reactions to the world.

Patriotic colors and themes are a particular favorite of mine, and recently I've found myself returning to the flag as a way to comment on current affairs.

Patchwork quilting has roots in Egypt, China and medieval Europe. Now it is also considered as one of the truly original American art forms. Quilts are frequently used as a metaphor for America, with our country's incredible variety of traditions and immigrant cultures, all blending together into one big, harmonious whole.

Please join us for the Artist's Opening Reception Monday, November 12th from 6-7:30 pm

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Exhibit open through Friday, December 28th

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his year's High Holidays were a success on many levels. Our clergy did a sterling job with the assistance of the choir and organist. There were many new faces in the pews (some have returned for other services). Our Shofarellas (AKA the Shofar Choir) led by Miriam Frank did an amazing job and were one of the highlights of the services. Happily, we had a slight increase in overall attendance this year. I want to thank Tara Collins, Desma Holcomb and Sara Silver for organizing all the volunteers, and a special thank you to all of our ushers and volunteers who greeted and worked at the ticket table. I am sure we will build on this year's success.





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The High Holidays and a Renewal of Faith

By: Justin M. Shames

love the fall. Most people see the fall as a time when things begin to quiet down and rest for the year. The trees start to fade from green to yellow, orange and brown. Birds start their migration south for the coming winter. Our children complain of going back to school and doing homework instead of running and playing all day in the sun.

I see fall as a time of renewal. It's the time that we as Jews celebrate our New Year and with our holiest of days beginning with Rosh Hashanah and culminating with Yom Kippur. It's a time to reconnect with our congregation and our spirit. A time to reflect, not just on ourselves but on the year that has passed and the year that is to come. We sing and we pray and we fast, we spend our days during that week thinking about how can we be better people, to ourselves and to our community.

It took me some time to find a place to become part of a Jewish community again and I am happy that my family and I found Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation. We look forward to many falls to come with our new friends and family here.

Here's to a happy and healthy year ahead for all of us!



Rummage Sale is Here!

Sunday, November 11, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday, November 12, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Set up on Saturday, November 10

Donate your time and your merchandise to help make our rummage sale the most successful ever!

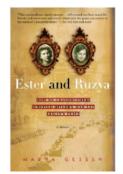
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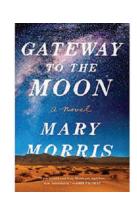
By Hillary Zatz

Members of the Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club had tackled and amazing selection of titles in the past several months:



Ester and Ruzya: How My Grandmothers Survived Hitler's War and Stalin's Peace by Masha Gessen, is a powerful memoir about two very different personalities that forged a family. Bridging the time from the Second World War, the emergence and lowering of the Iron Curtain, into the modern era, it gives an intimate chronicle behind history's headlines.

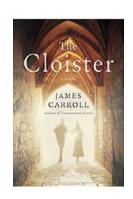
Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris, travels 500 years from the time of Columbus, against the terrors and destruction of the Inquisition in Spain, Portugal, and the New World. Against a backdrop of historical and fictional characters, from the time of Luis de Torres, Columbus's interpreter on his voyage, it traces the fates of Jewish men and women who died or had to secretly practice their faith during reigns of terror until only vestiges of observances remained. A teenager full of promise, fictional descendant Miguel Torres, is about to discover some startling secrets about his immediate family and his heritage that will be as remarkable as his beloved stargazing in the small New Mexican town of entrada de la luna.





Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin, shrewdly told from multiple viewpoints, is a novel that explains the double standard men and women experienced by a young adult intern who has an ill fated affair with a political figure. Reinventing her identity and her life, working to better and strengthen a future for herself and her daughter, the character Jane Young learns how to not be defeated by the past and how to courageously move forward.

The Cloister by James Carroll, set in our own Washington Heights Inwood community, is a powerful novel set in three historic times. In 1950, a local priest, meets a young Frenchwoman and Holocaust survivor now working at the Cloisters. Together, they reexamine the fabric of their faith, the clergyman beset with the mysterious reappearance of a friend, the woman tormented over the fate of her father in World War II Paris. Engagingly and poignantly set against the 12th Century story of Abelard and Héloïse, the book explores the beautiful power of the mind working in tandem with the spirit.



Our October choice, **Snow in August** by Pete Hamill, explores the friendship in a 1947 Brooklyn neighborhood between a young working class Catholic boy and a rabbi who has sought refuge in America from Prague. Scheduled for November 14 is **The Mystics of Mile <u>End</u>**, by Sigal Samuel, and December 19, **A Terrible Country** by Keith Gessen.

Most meetings take place in the Hebrew Tabernacle "Penthouse" enter on the Fort Washington side at 551 Fort Washington Avenue at 7:00 PM. Check our posters and website to confirm upcoming dates we can't wait to share ideas with you!



Letter From One of The Vice Presidents

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors warmly welcome our new members to our congregational family:

Matthew Erlich & Kristin Witty (daughter, Sadie Erlich); Luba Nakhutina (daughters, Anna & Jane Gurevich);

Martin Hubert; Hilary Zatz; Adam Hametz -Berner (Student Member)

AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM UPDATE

The AC committee is in the process of hiring an engineer to advise and help supervise the selection and installation of the new AC system. This project is a huge financial undertaking and funding will have to come from four sources. 1) Hebrew Tabernacle reserve funds 2) Donations from members and friends 3) Grants 4) Bank loan. During our President's Yizkor speech an appeal was made for donations to the new AC fund. Please consider making a donation to the AC fund so we will be able to stay cool during the spring and summer months.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Our shrubs and trees around the perimeter of our building need some TLC so we need a Gardening Committee. If you would like to join please leave your contact information with me or the office.

CUSTODIAN UPDATE

Please help me welcome our new custodians Joel Polanco, Beatriz Prado (our first female custodian) Tigran Zakaryan and Ralph Raukx.

BUILDING UPDATE

Last winter we replaced about 40% of the original steam traps from 1932 saw a significant improvement in the heating. This year we are replacing another 15% to 20% in critical locations.

— Mike Klein, Vice President & Building Committee Chair



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