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RABBI'S MESSAGE

This profound statement strikes a Jewish chord. When Jews drink a toast, they are likely to say *L'Chayyim*, "To Life!" This is no accidental custom; it reflects a zest for life, and a high valuation of the worth of human beings, inculcated by Judaism itself. At its deepest level, this reverence for life is rooted in the daring affirmation of the opening chapter of the Bible that God created human beings according to the Divine image, implying that the spirit of a human being is God-like and therefore sacred.

On Yom Kippur and on the three pilgrim festivals, we recite Yizkor because we cherish the lives of our loved ones who are no longer with us. Indeed, over a period of about one year, we have lost five Holocaust survivors. They were once pillars of our congregation, either by regularly attending Shabbat services, by serving the community, or by performing *tikkun olam*. Their deaths particularly sadden me because they represent the end of an era at Hebrew Tabernacle. In their own particular ways, they overcame the scars of the past to begin a new life in America. Their lives inspire me to this very day.

Another major lesson that emerges from the recitation of Yizkor is the importance of valuing our relationships, whether they be family or friends. Most of us are busy people. We get so involved in our affairs that we often take our loved ones for granted. We need to take time to tell them how much we love and appreciate them. We need to settle any disputes or disagreements before it's too late. None of us knows the date of our death or the date of the death of our loved ones. What is most tragic about death is when our loved ones are suddenly taken from us, when we have unfinished business, and when there is a sudden hole in our lives.

Today, I also reflect on how many people never attend to unfinished business. They impoverish their lives by either bearing long-standing grudges or by failing to appreciate their loved ones before it is too late. I think of the following words written by Charles Hanson Towne:

*Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by, and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.
And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine.
We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men:
Tired with playing a foolish game,
Tired with trying to make a name.*

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T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

July 2019 SIVAN-TAMUZ 5779

**No Services on July 5 & 6 –
Congregants are invited to attend
Ft. Tryon Jewish Center services in our
building at 8:20 pm (5th) and 9:00 am (6th)**

Friday, July 12, 2019 TAMUZ 9
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, July 13, 2019 TAMUZ 10
Parashat Chukat
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, July 19, 2019 TAMUZ 16
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, July 20, 2019 TAMUZ 17
Parashat Balak
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, July 26, 2019 TAMUZ 23
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, July 27, 2019 TAMUZ 24
Parashat Pinchas
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*





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August 2019 TAMUZ-AV 5779

- Friday, August 2, 2019** AV 1
Rosh Chodesh
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, August 3, 2019** AV 2
Parashat Matot-Masei
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, August 9, 2019** AV 8
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, August 10, 2019** AV 9
Shabbat Chazon
Erev Tish'a B'Av
Parashat Devarim
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, August 16, 2019** AV 15
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, August 17, 2019** AV 16
Shabbat Nachamu
Parashat Vaetchanan
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, August 23, 2019** AV 22
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, August 24, 2019** AV 23
Parashat Eikev
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
- Friday, August 30, 2019** AV 29
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*
- Saturday, August 31, 2019** AV 30
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Parashat Re'eh
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*



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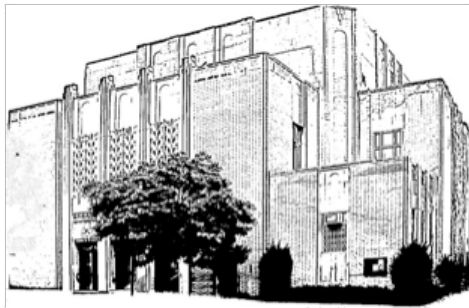
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RABBI'S Message

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*"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes--and tomorrow goes.
And the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner!--yet miles away...
"Here's a telegram, sir,"
"Jim died to-day."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end:
Around the corner, a vanished friend.*

Whenever we recite Yizkor, we think of our family members and loved ones who are no more and reflect on how we can best preserve their memories. We honor them by reflecting on the wonderful moments we had with them when they were alive and by cherishing our relationships with those loved ones who are still living. We honor them by regarding all humans as being created in God's image. We honor them by taking their dreams and aspirations to the next level, by continuing where they left off, and by doing our part to build a better world. In the words of Rabbi Tarfon, *"The day is short, and the work is great, and the Master of the House is insistent. It is not our duty to finish the work, but we are not free to neglect it."*



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"Ask Dr. Ruth" a Resounding Success at Hebrew Tabernacle

More than 300 community residents previewed "Ask Dr. Ruth," the new Hulu documentary about the radio sex therapist, sharp-shooter and Holocaust orphan who is Hebrew Tabernacle's most famous congregant. Dr. Ruth Westheimer's talk of hot sex will help keep our building cool, as the event raised \$8,000 to fund upcoming air conditioning repairs.

The documentary "Ask Dr. Ruth," which is now available on Hulu, traces the path of a European orphan who studied psychology in Paris and at Columbia Teacher's College and became a forceful advocate of sexual and mental health, and an early proponent of gay rights and AIDS education. Dr. Ruth's commitment to good sex and frank talk are as relevant today as ever, as is her determination to stand up to discrimination and bigotry and to educate Americans about the Holocaust.

"From all of the things I've survived, I have an obligation to live large and make a dent in this world," said Dr. Ruth in the free community screening that took place at Hebrew Tabernacle on Sunday, May 19.

The YM-YWHA of Washington Heights/Inwood co-sponsored the event, and hosted an audience discussion moderated by Y CEO Martin English. We were also grateful for the sponsorship of NY Presbyterian Hospital and the support in publicizing the event from other congregations that share our building: Fort Tryon Jewish Center, Iglesia Nuevas Buenas, and Uptown Church. We especially appreciate all our neighborhood and Congregational sponsors and all those in the audience who came and made donations.

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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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Pride Shabbat Celebrates “Community”

Our Pride Shabbat service included special readings on the theme of transgender and lesbian, gay and bisexual life within Jewish community and spirituality, selected by Rabbi Gale and read by Miriam Frank, Shelly Koy, Hilary Zatz, Regina Gradess, Andie Authers and Richard Allman—who also gave the drash. Allman spoke about the cross-connections he has experienced as a gay Jewish community organizer—talking to renters in gay bars about tenant rights organizing, finding a Jewish home in inclusive synagogues, working to connect the Jewish and the Dominican gay communities uptown.

He shared a vision from our own Union of Reform Judaism: audacious hospitality. “Audacious Hospitality is a transformative spiritual practice rooted in the belief that we will be a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community when we fully welcome and incorporate the diversity that is the reality of modern Jewish life.” <https://urj.org/audacioushospitality>

He gently challenged us to go further in engaging with the community and LGBT issues than our annual Pride Shabbat service.

It turns out our Hebrew School, which includes children with lesbian parents, has started that process: at the Oneg after services was a beautiful display of art and Hebrew words that students had created to celebrate pride the week before.

Cantorial Student Robbie Wittner was given funds by the congregation in May to help him buy a guitar. It was wonderful to end the service by singing with his strumming, the lesbian and gay anthem by Holly Near, “Singing for our lives.” Two special guests enhanced our congregational singing: Cantor Kruk (& his wife) whose daughter has just moved to the neighborhood, and our future Rabbinic Intern Rebecca Hecht who added beautiful harmonies to several songs.



Day of Service At HT

On Saturday, June 22, a group of volunteers assembled at HT to work on cleaning and beautifying the building, inside and out. VP Denny Kelk coordinated the activities which included painting classroom 2, polishing the pews in the Sanctuary, preparing the Fort Washington Avenue door for painting, trimming the hedges, cleaning out the weeds and planting flowers. Navi, John and Shelly went shopping for supplies beforehand.

The people who worked hard on the projects included:

Diana Douglas, Denny and John Kelk, Ellen Knickmeyer, Shelly and Noah Koy, Jeremiah McGarvey, Ethan Park, Iris Snyder with Elijah and Jordan, Justin Shames with Aidan and Gavin, Sara Silver with Andie and Josie, Navi Stoller.

We are hoping to schedule more days of service so watch for future announcements!

HELP WANTED!!!

We are fixing and improving the building in many important ways, while increasing religious, social, and community programs. Our building is becoming a community social hub. Past President Joan Taub started the Hebrew Tabernacle slogan, "There's always something happening at the Hebrew Tabernacle." This has only become truer in recent months!

Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped make things happen and who have contributed time and money to our efforts. Much has been done and much is being done, but so much more is needed. I am personally asking everyone to consider devoting just a little extra time to what they are already doing or to become more active if you haven't been very involved. Our committees are open to all members, as participants and, in some cases, leaders! These include: the Chesed Committee, Finance, Fundraising, Hebrew School Parents, House/Building, Membership & Program, Publicity, Social Action, and Tot Shabbat Committees. There are so many ways everyone can help, and many hands always make light and fun work.

We have many important volunteer opportunities, either on a one-time, periodic, or regular basis such as preparing the Friday night Kiddush or Shabbat morning Oneg, seasonal help with plants and trees, ushering, or assisting in the office.

If you think you might enjoy volunteering or joining any of the above committees, or if you see an unmet need that you would like to help with, please let me know! My email is joanhtpres@gmail.com or leave a message for me in the office and I will call you back!

We need you!

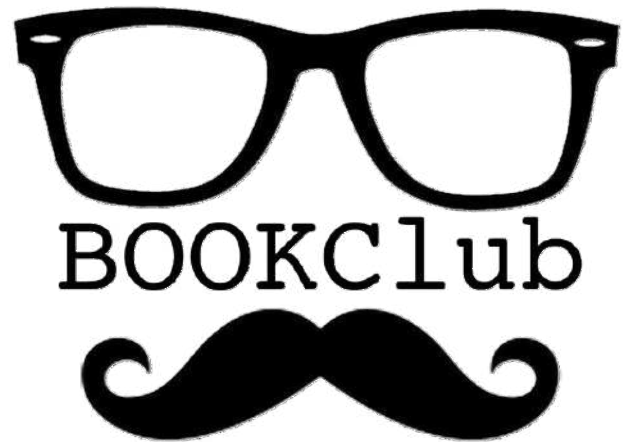
Looking forward to hearing from you,

Joan Serrano Laufer



The Shames and Snyder families polished the pews in the Sanctuary

Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club



Join us for the next meeting of the Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club, open to the community.

Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 7 – 8:30 pm

Meeting in Classroom 2

***Kaddish.com*, by Nathan Englander (2019)**

Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses — imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hatches an ingenious if cynical plan, hiring a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest.

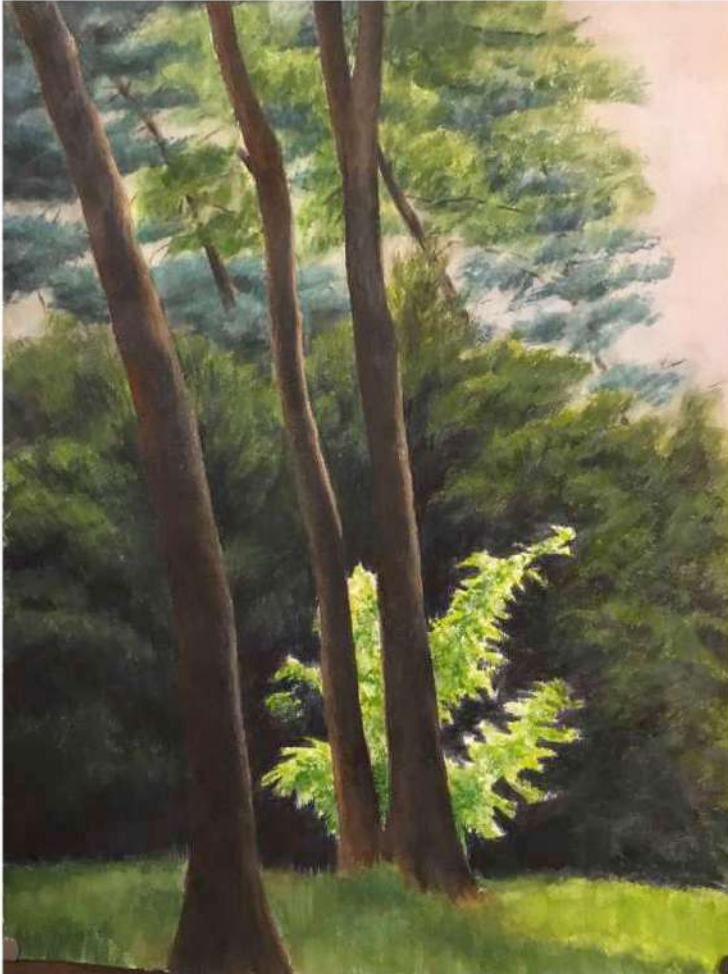
Sharp, irreverent, hilarious, and wholly irresistible, Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity — a book to be devoured in a single sitting whose pleasures and provocations will be savored long after.

Questions and Suggestions:

Contact Susan Gellert at susan_gellert@yahoo.com

The Hebrew Tabernacle's Armin and Estelle Gold Wing Gallery
July/August, 2019 Exhibit

A SUMMER WAVE



Three Sisters by Joyce Tsai, watercolor

Susan Bresler
Santos Coelho
Lilia Levin
Harry Mandel
Eugene Rodney McCray
Mario Tavarez
Maria Torres
Joyce Tsai
Hilary Zatz

July 6 to August 30

OPENING RECEPTION
Saturday, July 6
noon to 2 pm

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HebrewTabernacle.org 212-568-8304
Free admission

Open Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:30 AM - 4:45 PM.
Open some evenings,
weekends after services, and by appt. with
artist. Wheelchair accessible.
Volunteer Curator: Regina Gradess

Annual Member Meeting

Attendees shared plans for next year and welcomed incoming rabbinic intern Rebecca Hecht.

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting was upbeat and oriented toward the future. In-person attendance exceeded the required quorum, and in combination with proxy ballots, represented 45% of our membership (59 people). After President Joan Srrano Laufer's opening remarks and Rabbi Gale's invocation, Nominations Committee Chair Rose Ellen Neidish oversaw the election in which the slate of Board members and Officers was elected with broad support. This slate had been developed by the Board, based on candidates recruited or reconfirmed by Ms. Neidish's Committee, and no additional candidates had been put forward during the petition period outlined in our By Laws.

Members had already received reports via email on the prior year's achievements of 14 Committees (with hard copies on-site). So the 11 Committee leaders or co-chairs were able to focus their brief reports on future plans for the coming year. Some highlights:

- Additional Hebrew School sessions on Hebrew language in May/June.
- The theme of "connectivity" for Tot Shabbat—connecting these 35 young parents to the Hebrew School, older members with grown kids and to adult services
- The Ritual Committee announced that we will use a new Reform prayer book, liturgy and music for the High Holidays.
- Just as members have started a Book Club, teen Havdalah Hang and 10 Treasures tai chi class, Program Committee encourages mem-

bers to initiate peer-led clubs & classes.

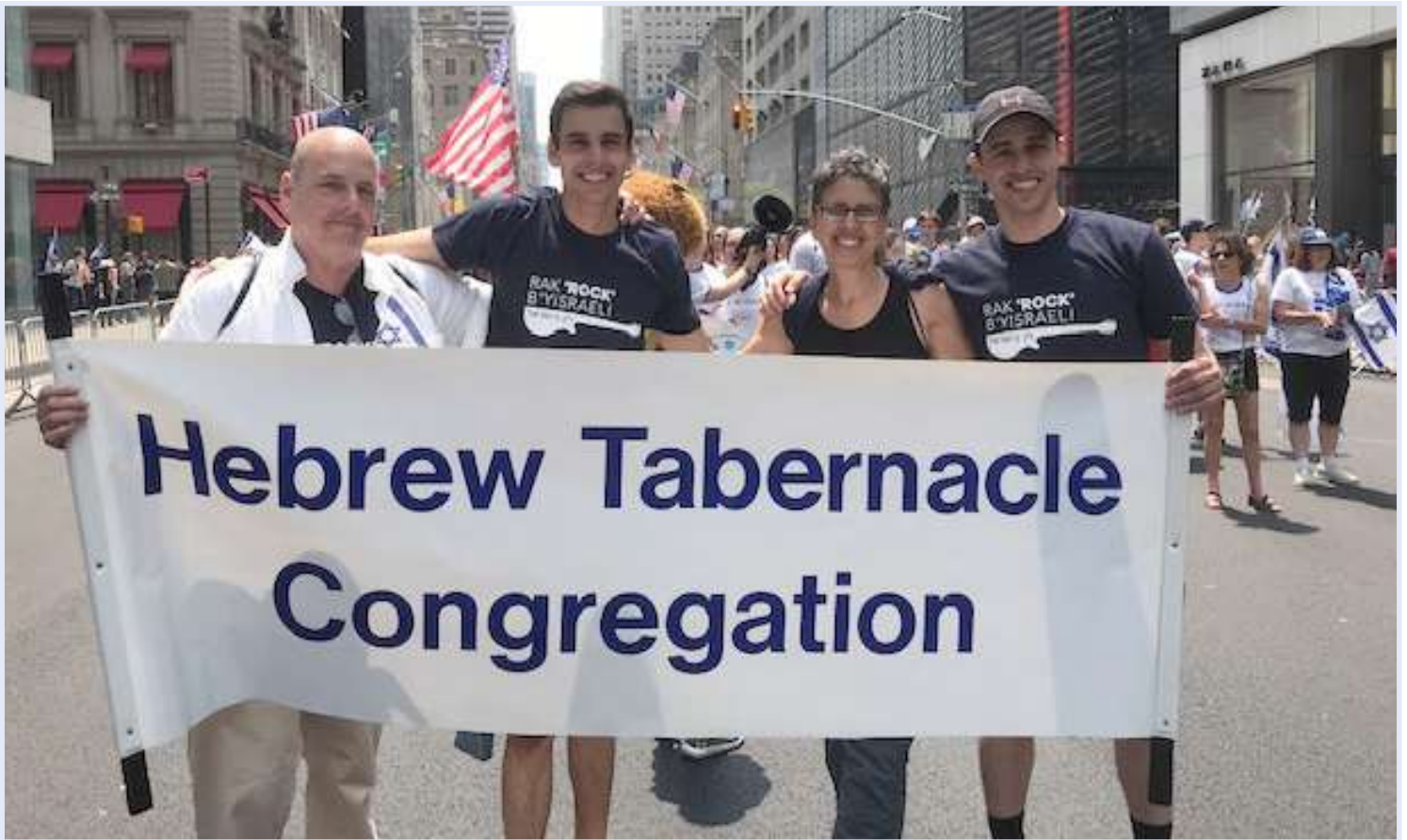
- Sisterhood is looking to re-start for a new era and plans to fund-raise for summer camp scholarships in support of our Hebrew School families
- Volunteers are needed for fun, caring visits to our homebound and hospitalized members & nursing home residents.
- Watch for a congregation-wide meeting to set one Social Action priority for this year.
- We are applying for a substantial grant to meet the security needs of our building—please join the HT Security Committee and work with the other 3 congregations to implement the plan to keep our members and children safe.
- Everyone can participate in some way in fundraising for our community and specifically for our new Air Conditioning (AC) systems—from a GoFundMe page, significant Leadership Circle Donations, member-loans and events — see the article on "Ask Dr. Ruth" event! Donations to the Seder kept the cost affordable for the 80 attendees and will be needed again for the coming year.

Following the business meeting, members socialized with our clergy: incoming Rabbinic Intern Rebecca Hecht (Fall 2019), continuing Cantorial Intern Robby Wittner and Rabbi Jeffrey Gale.

Thank you to all who attended, sent in proxies, and are committee members, volunteers and leaders. We sent our appreciation, in writing, to our outgoing Board members, and we welcome our returning and incoming Board members and Officers.



Hebrew Tabernacle Hebrew School students show their support for our LGBTQ community



Thanks to Eileen Scigliano and Larry Cytryn for sponsoring HT's participation in the "Celebrate Israel" Parade!! From left are their sons Sam & Eddie



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