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# Hebrew Tabernacle Welcomes New Clergy: A Time of Growth and Transition

by Justin M. Shames

hat a year 2020 has been! We've learned to worship and continue to build community virtually. Hopefully, we'll all be able to see and celebrate the New Year together this fall. The change of seasons will also bring changes to Hebrew Tabernacle, as we say thank you and Mazel Tov to Rabbi Jeffrey Gale and Cantor Robby Wittner. We are grateful for their many years of service and dedication to HTC. Rabbi Gale is moving on to a new rabbinate at the Free Synagogue of Flushing and Cantor Robby has accepted a position in Birmingham, Alabama.



We are excited to welcome new clergy to Hebrew Tabernacle. Please join me in welcoming **Rabbi Paula Feldstein** and **Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson** to the HTC family. Both Rabbi Paula and Student Cantor Jacobson came to us after searches led by the dedicated members of the Rabbi and Student Cantor Search Committees. Rabbi Paula, as she likes to be called, comes to us after a career that has spanned pulpits from Illinois,

Massachusetts and New Jersey, and as editor of such books as The Tot Shabbat Handbook for the URJ Press and Mishkan T'filah for Youth for the CCAR Press, and most recently from a position with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) as a consultant to other Reform congregations.

As we wait to meet Rabbi Paula in person, here in her own words Rabbi Paula tells us why she became a Rabbi and how she feels about joining HTC:

"People often ask me why I became a rabbi. I'm not sure that there is one answer to that question or one event that made me decide that I wanted to be a rabbi. I found the rabbinate appealing because it would allow me to do so many different things that I liked to do: to teach Judaism, to help people, to speak about issues that I care about, *Continued on page 3* 

# Annual Member Meeting Endorses Hire of Rabbi Paula Feldstein

The 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting, held on May 31, 2020 via Zoom, unanimously endorsed the Board's recommendation that Hebrew Tabernacle hire Rabbi Paula Feldstein as our new professional part-time clergy, beginning on July 1.

One third of the members were present. And 40% had participated in electing via Proxy these new and returning Board members: for 3-year terms: Andrew da Silva, Rita Hamburgh, Desma Holcomb, Michael Klein, Todd Rubinstein, Amy Wittner; for 2-year term: Kate Sussman.

Earlier in the meeting, members had thanked Rabbi Gale for his 11 years with Hebrew Tabernacle and 40 years in the pulpit. (We celebrated his rabbinate at our Kabbalat Shabbat Service on June 12.)

Members reviewed our Treasurer Sara Silver's Report on the 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021 Budget, which was based on the Financial Report for the current year, through 5/29/20, and Assumptions about projected expenses and income for the coming year. After some discussion, the Budget was adopted 47 to 0, with 4 abstentions.

Joan Laufer then introduced Rabbinic candidate Rabbi Paula Feldstein. Rabbi Feldstein gave some introductory remarks, which supplemented her personal statement, circulated earlier to members. After Rabbi Feldstein left the meeting, the vote was held. Following the business meeting, members socialized with our incoming rabbi.

Members had already received reports via email on the prior year's accomplishments of 12 Committees. So the 15 Committee leaders or co-chairs were able to focus their brief remarks on future plans for the coming year.

President Laufer expressed appreciation to all who attended, sent in proxies, and are committee members, volunteers and leaders. Members welcomed our returning and new Board members. The Board sent appreciation, in writing, to our outgoing Board members, Morton Orentlicher and Larry Cytryn.





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# Hebrew School Expands Programs and Enrollment

This year we had 43 students in the Hebrew School and 12 in the Hebrew High School, taught by seven teachers. Our students also worked with Student Cantor Robby Wittner and Student Rabbi Rebecca Hecht. Several of our older students were involved as helpers with younger children and the Tot Shabbat program.

When parents informed us that picking up their child from school and getting them to Hebrew Tabernacle was the obstacle to them enrolling, Loren Christian created and ran a "Pick up and Early Drop Off" program. Eight children were picked up from their respective bus stops and escorted to Hebrew School. Using the toys and games that Loren donated from her play space, "Gotham Kids," students were engaged and active until Hebrew School started. We hope to expand this helpful service to additional schools next year.

In March, when all non-essential businesses were closed, Hebrew School pivoted to online learning. With the help of dedicated teachers, support from parents and a quick learning curve of Zoom, Hebrew Tabernacle Hebrew School was able to continue classes for all students.

This year 17 students enrolled in the "Extended Hebrew Language Arts" program, which began on May 4 and continued on Zoom through June 15. Mitch Gershonowitz and Sara Silver continued the very successful and popular Saturday night social and recreational program for teens called, "Havdalah Hang."

The Hebrew School Parents Association volunteer network was revived, contributing ideas and volunteer time to the Hebrew School and sending two of its leaders, Deb Canning and Kate Sussman, to represent the HS Parents Association on the HT Board of Directors.

Our school is thriving. Our students really enjoy learning here with their friends. We have openings in all grades for the Fall so if you know of any potential students, please refer them to Principal Shelly Koy at skhspr@gmail.com.

### Open the Zoom Door to Tabernacle Services, the Book Club and the Film Club!

Want to take a short, basic class on how to use Zoom? How to use it on your phone; how to use it on your iPad or home computer; muting/unmuting yourself, participating in the Chat box; and Zoom etiquette.

Desma Holcomb will be offering basic Zoom classes for HT members over the summer and early fall. Look for specific dates and times in the HT e-mail blasts.

### **NEW CLERGY**

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to sing and play Jewish music, to discuss and think about big questions, and to contribute, in some way, to the future of the Jewish people. I also suspected it would never be boring.

"I am so honored and excited by the opportunity to be the rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle and become a part of your community and congregational family. This is a very strange time to make this transition. We have all had our lives disrupted in so many ways and the inability to gather and meet in person is certainly challenging. And yet, we will just have to be a little more creative, and thankful for the technology that we do have which will allow us to get to know each other and be emotionally and spiritually present for one another. And of course, when it is safe, we will certainly rejoice in the opportunity to be physically together."



Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson is a 3rd year Cantorial student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. A Washington Heights local, Kalix is thrilled to be a part of a congregation so special, and so close to home! Hailing from St. Louis, MO, they grew up entrenched in Jewish learning, community, and culture.

Kalix has been a professional musician for over a decade, and has been working in Cantorial spaces for six years. When they are not working as a religious school teacher or doing homework for their classes, they enjoy writing music and lyrics, and learning different instruments (they currently play nine).

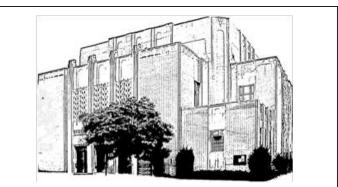
Student Cantor Kalix Jacobson uses gender neutral pronouns "they/ them/their." Kalix is asking us to respect this self-identification as nonbinary, meaning neither male nor female.

I for one cannot wait to meet these amazing people in person and welcome them into our congregation as our leaders and friends.

Stay safe, stay healthy and may we all be together again soon.



Display from Pride Shabbat 2019



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### **Tot Shabbat Thrives**

by Jen Talansky & Laurie Slodounik

**O**ur highly interactive Tot service that was partly lay-led, partly clergy-led, had proven to be a success, with 30-50 kids and parents every other Friday in colder months, and once a month in the warner ones.

Join us if you have children up to six years old!

The 30-minute service introduces them to many Hebrew prayers, Shabbat blessings, and Jewish rituals (e.g., honoring the Torah, understanding what we do on Shabbat). Parents, a teen volunteer or clergy lead each part of the service. Content examples:

· Shema with interpretive hand motions

Torah, Torah as we circle holding mini Torahs

לתודה רבה!

- Hallelu, sung in rounds
- "That's what we like about Shabbat" song, with Shabbat toys: candlesticks, Challah, cup. Etc.
- The Rabbi offers a child-friendly explanation of something about Shabbat, a prayer, or a Jewish holiday

We have created a welcoming environment for both long-time synagogue participants and new attendees. We start the service with a Shabbat Shalom welcome song, saying the names of all the parents, children (and sometimes their stuffed animals!). And we conclude with a child-friendly Oneg that encourages people to linger and mingle. Since we've been under stay-at-home restrictions, we have shifted to briefer Zoom services, held every other week.

### Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club



## HT Book Club Readies for More Reading Adventures

ver since the Covid-19 emergency struck, our Hebrew Tabernacle Book Club has continued to connect to outstanding reading-and to its members in the community and beyond-with discussions via Zoom technology.

On May 27, we delved into Ilana Kurshan's remarkable memoir, If All the Seas Were Ink. Her work chronicled her self-discovery and healing while engaging in Daf Yomi, the daily page of Talmud reading (argu-



# **HT Film Club**

Zoom in for Great Discussions at Our HT Film Club Watch the film, then come prepared to share some thought-provoking insights at our new Hebrew Tabernacle Film Club.

June 3 was our first meeting, done via Zoom because of the Covid-19 emergency. The focus was on the critically acclaimed Netflix documentary "Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution," winner of this year's Sundance Audience Award and released by Michelle and Barack Obama's Higher Ground Productions.

Our discussion leader for the 2020 film, which profiled the Catskills summer campers who sparked the U.S. disability rights movement, was Shelly Koy, HT Administrator and Hebrew School Principal. Shelly's ably being part of the "world's biggest book club").

Members of our club were asked to send their favorite Talmudic passage to share. We were honored to have Student Rabbi Rebecca Hecht lead a Talmudic discussion to complement our experience.

Many of our members have adult children who've inherited the Ireally-want-to-read-something-thought-provoking gene. On June 24, the daughter of one of our mainstay members was scheduled to lead the discussion on the memoir by Abby Chava Stein. The work, Becoming Eve, is the highly relevant and fascinating story of a direct descendant of the Baal Shem Tov who transitions to a female. Other adult children were encouraged to share their impressions about what a courageous young person faced in leaving an insulated world for unchartered territory that had to be reached.

On July 22, we are scheduled to delve into a work of fiction, Three Floors Up, by popular Israeli author Eshkol Nevo. Set in Tel Aviv, the book goes beyond the walls and facades (in more ways than one) of an apartment building. The lives of the building's tenants are explored, floor by floor. It truly demonstrates that behind every story of an address there exists a personal story (or two or three or more). Please check our website for all available information and updates. As with our Film Club, Temple members and friends who wish to participate can contact the HT office for Zoom info.

parents both had polio and attended Camp Jened as campers. He worked at Jened for 10 years, eventually becoming Co-Director. Shelly provided much of the historical footage of the youth whose feelings of inclusiveness would later empower them to engage in protests that resulted in passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At press time, the topic for our next Zoom meeting, scheduled for July 1, was another award-winning documentary, 2018's "Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel." Discussion leader Rose Ellen Neidish would share impressions on what happens when Israel's team players have a chance to prove themselves--finally--in the World Baseball Classic. (Complete with a "Mensch on the Bench" mascot!)

The players, including some Major League Jewish Americans, learn to connect more deeply to their spiritual heritage and nurture their pride as representatives of Israel on the global field.

August 5's selection is scheduled to be the powerful 2015 film, "Woman in Gold," with discussion leader John Authers. The movie depicts the true story of Maria Altmann (played by Helen Mirren), a Jewish woman of advanced years. She is determined to gain back family items plundered by the Nazis when she'd escaped from Vienna sixty years before.

Among the stolen objects: celebrated artist Gustav Klimt's exquisitely rendered "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I"--Maria's much-loved aunt. Maria struggles to regain possession of precious artwork, and asks the help of a young attorney, Randy Schoenberg. The battle takes her years up the legal ladder, all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court (case Republic of Austria v. Altmann).

Please check our Hebrew Tabernacle website for discussion time and latest updates. Temple members and friends who wish to participate can contact the HT office for Zoom info.



### SEND FRIENDS AND FAMILY ROSH HASHANAH HONEY FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR.

et's start the New Year with a new Hebrew Tabernacle tradition. Send jars of honey to those you love with wishes for a sweet and happy Rosh Hashanah (and buy one for yourself, too!).

The 8 oz. jars of kosher organic honey are <sup>\$</sup>15.00 a piece with the synagogue retaining the difference between the price and the actual cost.

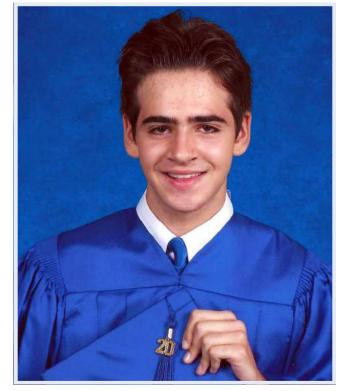
It's easy as **A BEE C**. To order honey, go online to our dedicated webpage at www.honeyfromtheheart.org/HTW and follow the step by step instructions. Order by July 22, 2020 for free shipping within the United States. And your honey recipients will receive your gift for a sweet new year, before Rosh Hashanah, with a note that it came from you.

This sale is up and running and will close by July 22, 2020. So put your lists together and start ordering. What better way to wish family friends and business associates a sweet and healthy new year than by sending a jar of honey (and helping Hebrew Tabernacle, as well)?



### **Zooming Into Manhood**

Bugs Kelley's Bar Mitzvah was held via Zoom on Friday evening, June 26th and Saturday morning, June 27th, 2020. Read all about our Bar Mitzvah young man! We are very proud of him!



### Kalmen John Hornstein Kelley Age 13

Bugs Kelley is a very recent graduate from the 8th-grade class at P.S./I.S. 187, Hudson Cliffs. He is on his way to a freshman year at the Professional Performing Arts School (PPAS), with a major in classical voice. Bugs has just won 2nd prize in the Olly H. Kukepuu Vocal Awards in the New York Young Performers' Awards competition (held online in April), and he performed online in the Honors Concert presented by the Associated Music Teachers League at the end of May. Since 2016, Bugs has sung with the Choir of Men and Boys at the Church of the Transfiguration, performing works by composers including Mozart, Byrd, Handel, Vivaldi, Britten, Bernstein, Menotti, and Thomas Tallis. He traveled with the choir to Saint Albans, England, in 2018 and also to Barbados in 2019 for summer choir residencies.

As a trombonist, Bugs has won the National Gold Medal in brass and Class I Honors from the Royal Conservatory Certificate Program for two years in a row, and he performed both years at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, in the Royal Conservatory's Celebration of Excellence showcase concerts. He earned a 100% score in trombone at the NYSSMA auditions in New York last spring. He has attended Kinhaven Music School's Junior Session as a scholarship student in trombone, and he has performed at Merkin Concert Hall in the Kaufman Music Center's Contemporary Festival and at United Palace with the P.S./I.S. 187 Elite Band. Bugs was a two-time winner of the Spelling Bee for all grades at his primary school, the Neighborhood Charter School of Harlem, and he loves basketball and rapping in his free time.

# Fundraising for Major Projects: Opportunities to Give

### **Leadership Circle**

Hebrew Tabernacle has developed a Leadership Circle to honor and express our gratitude to members who make a major donation—currently towards the Building Fund/AC system—of \$5,000 to \$10,000 (which can be given over time).

We are happy to report that \$38,000 has been donated over the past two years, plus a gift of a Charitable Annuity worth \$10,000 (see below). A plaque with names of Leadership Circle (or of those in whose honor they give), including the names of those who have left bequests in the past two years (below) will be placed in Gold Wing soon. There is always room for more members who wish to join the Leadership Circle. Please contact Desma Holcomb, Fundraising Committee, if you are interested.

#### **Planned Giving**

Tabernacle received a bequest of \$25,000 last year and a \$165,000 Cultural Endowment this year (a portion of which may be used each year). These are beautiful legacies from long-time members. Please consider including Hebrew Tabernacle in your will. You can contact Sara Silver, if you would like to discuss this.

### **Charitable Gift Annuity Program through HT and the UJA**

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) enables our members to give a charitable contribution to Hebrew Tabernacle and receive financial benefits for themselves during their lifetimes. Members who create a CGA will receive guaranteed monthly income for life, and the potential for an immediate tax deduction and future tax savings.

The UJA-Federation of NY administers the program on behalf of synagogues. The funds members donate to the annuity (the minimum amount is \$10,000) are managed by UJA investment advisors. Starting when they are 65, the UJA sends monthly fixed-rate annuity payments to the members. Upon their death, 90% of the remaining amount in the annuity goes to Hebrew Tabernacle as a donation (and 10% goes to the UJA for its administration of this program). For more information about this program, please contact Alana Weisman, Development Associate, Planned Giving & Endowments, UJA-Federation of New York, 212-836-1733, weismana@ujafedny.org.



# Tabernacle Has Record Membership Growth

Twice as many new members joined Hebrew Tabernacle this year, as last year. We were happy to welcome the 31 following new (or returning) members during the past year:

Tracey & Jason Bernstein Binyamin Epstein & Ulrika Thunberg **Rachel & Scott Fein** Scott Paranada-Fried Jesse Gerber Georgette Gestely & Hermann Teifer Lynn Goldstein Rebecca Gonzalez Daniella Jampel & Matthew Schneid Marvin Kleeman Linda & Mark Kotowski Michael Kotowski Daniel Macht & Rosaleen Ortiz Amanda Milam & Oliver Reardon Patrick Moschitto Eric Moskowitz & Hannah Swartz Matthew Pickar & Tracy Pickar-Klein Amanda Schneider & Tabitha Tavolaro **Amy Westfeldt** Dr. Emily White



### **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 July 19 – 25 services following the date. If you would like a name read, please call the office in the preceding week.

### **YAHRZEIT LIST** July 5-11, 2020

Morris Abrahams Sophie Adler Liddy Becker Gary Blum Erna Blumenthal Herman Blumenthal Hansi Brinitzer Irene Bronheim **Ernest Caspary** Eric Cohn Alvina Coin Paul Ernst Sally Fuld Abraham Garfunkel Sigmund Glauber Manfred Golding Leo Goldstrom Mac Greenbaum Mary Greenberg Else Grumbacher Max Gutmann Clara Hamburger Dora Herz Rosa Heyman Allen Kalfus Willy Kasel Gerdy Kleinman Jeanette Koch Hilde Kracko Staff Sqt. Hyman Levine Martin Levite Hanschen Levy Albert Mandel Rose Marx Augusta Merber Paul Meyer Marcel Montrose Ella Mosback Susan Myerson Jacob Neugarten Dr. Grete (Teutsch) Norman Julius Oppenheimer **Ruth Pierson** Minnie Rawle Johanna Reinhardt Sidney Salzman Max Schachter Florence Schulhafer

- Benjamin M. Schwartz Felix Schwarz Jacob Schweitzer Madeleine Secunda Irving Silverman Selma Simon **Otto Strauss** Leonhard Vogel Abraham Wecker Isidore Winchell
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William Appel Greta Pecker Bauer Sieafried Collin Jennie Finkelstein Sieafried Frank Arthur N. Goodman Hilda Grau Dorothea Herrmann Fannie Kessler Helene D. Klein Julia Kronman Trude Lehmann **Rita Leopold** Berta Levina-Okon Louis A. Levy **Bernard Malvin** Henry Marx Toni Marx Rosa McDowell Emma Meyer Fanny Naschke Willi M. Nelkens Sally Neugarten Solomon Neumann **Oskar Oppenheimer** Fritz Philipp Jonas Phillips Adolf Schloss Candido Sdoia Miriam Silver Paula Simons **Edith Springer** Henry M. Steinberger Leopold Gershon Steiner Ilse Strassburger Joseph W. Tucker Morris A. Wartell Paul Weinberg

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### July 26 – August 1

Johanna Baum Kurt Berlin Lucy Bissinger Linda Braunschweiger **Jacqueline Feitler** Dr. Max Hamburgh Hedwig Hochberger Ida Kahn

Mathilda Kahn Leo Kahn Carl Koestler Philip Lacob **Benjamin Loebenberg Hildegard Maas** Lena Maculla Daniel McCracken Jacob Merber Anne Morks Hyman Morris Otto I. Neu Ilse Neuberg Rebecca (Dolly) Nieman Dora Trachman Perlroth **Flse Redelmeier** Hannah Samuels David Schnurmacher Harry Schwartz Toni Seligman Nathan Silver **Gustav Stamm** Margot Steinhardt Albert Stream Elisabeth Tobar Dr. Elie Toueg Alexander S. Waldman **Gussie Weingarten** Dr. Herman Wolf Egon Wollner

#### August 2 – 8

Sarah Abrahams Phyllis Allman Minna Altmann Sylvia Austern Elizabeth Barth Edward Baum Max Baumgart Elsa Bauml **Robert Becher** Paul Berger Gerda Brandon Leo Burkhardt **Irving Collin** Martha Dingfelder **Rosettel Englander** Theodore Eulau Simon Fleischmann Trude Froehlich Alfons Goldsand Walter H. Goldschmidt Millie Heidelberger **Coralie Herz** Arthur Heynemann Jeanette Kaiser Continued on page 9

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#### August 9 - 15

Juda Allweil William Altschuler Fred Dittman **Babette Eichberg** Ernest W. Eisenheimer Martha Ettlinger William W. Falk **Richard Froehlich Regina Goldsmith** Joseph J. Golieb Walter Gross Anna Hammer Theodore Hecht Mathilde Heilbronn Wilhelmine Hersberg Adolph Hirsch Paul Joseph Hirsch Bertha Jaglom Leon Kahn Walter Katz Adolph M. Kornreich Hirsch Leib Zvi Arye Fred Marcus

Henry Meyer Jakob Michel Mendel Michel Abraham Myerson **Bella Reutlinger** Max S. Rosenfeld Seymour Sapadin Abraham Scheuer Herbert Schnur Helen Schott Helen Borsody Sdoia Ida Silverman **Bettina Simon** Jerry J. Strauss Joseph Sturman Abraham Unger

#### August 16 – 22

**Rose Altschuler** Helen Blum Otto Brunell Moses Cohn Rose Ebel Lawrence A. Eschelbacher Sadie R. Fischler Milton Geist Stella Simons Glassman Adele Goetz Martha Greger Kurt Hanff Fanny Hirsch Sarah Jacobson Irma Jonas Alfred Kadden **Rudolf Kahn** Erna Kaufman Ernest & Walter Kaufman Maurice E. Keidan Kurt Kessler Samuel Klein Alice Eva Kulb Toni Lehman Hugo Lowenthal Ella Maier **Morris Manheimer** Greta Oppe Henny Ottenheimer Jacob Regensburger Corp. Sidney Rosenberg Esther Caplin Rosenberg Irving J. Rosenberg Hugo Rubel Carl Salamensky Frieda Salomon Etta Sherez Irma Sinsheimer

Jenny Straus Louis Straus Helene Strauss Fred Tager Auguste Thalheimer Lillian Vernoff Clementine Vooss

#### August 23 – 29

Martin Ahrens Leopold Althof William Bankoff Hilda Bassist Greta Bloch Anny Bondy Mortimer Charig Jeanne M. Engel **Victor Friedlein** Arthur Friedman Sam Gorton Ludwig Gutman Albert Hamburger Katie Heilbronn Julia Hirschowitz Ernestine Israel Erna Joseph Emma Kahn Hugo M. Kaufman **Gunther Knoepfler Eugenia Kreuchen** Fred Laubheim Helen Gitsky Laurie Rose Leslie Ruth Levi Hermann Levy Flora W. Matthews Martha Militzer Eileen Commandav Mullen Ida Neu Helen Oliver Wolfgang Ollendorff Susanne Popper Edelman Gustav Schretski Sigi Seligman Edward B. Silverman Louis Solomon **Moses Strauss** Joseph Tobias Rabbi Ernest Weiss Lawrence Wiener **Robert Wollmeringer** 

### August 30 – Sept 5

Martha Abraham Saul Adams Sarah Allman Ludwig Aron Max Block Alma Blum Arthur Bosnak Amelia Cohn **Eva** Collin Hannah Eisner Isaac Englander Paul Englander Herman Farber Anna Ossip Finestone Carrie Frankenthaler Otto Fried **Edith Fromm** Armand Ginsberg Nathan Greenberger Kurt Gruenebaum Frances Guthman Eva Gutmann Heinz Haas Lotte Haas Kate Hamburger Barbara Heiman Lee Heymann Ehrhardt Hirsch Stephen H. Hirsch Israel Henry Horowitz Hilde Jordan Lilli Karlsruher Ludwig Karlsruher Hedwig Kaufmann William Lesser Herta Levite Sigmar Lewy Jack H. Lowenstein Siegfried Mannheimer Willi May Rose Meverhoff I ena Newman Eugene Ottenheimer **Dorrit Rosenstein** Sonia Rutberg **Benjamin Schaye** Seymour Schneider **Regina Schwartz** Martha Schwarz Arnold Secunda Flora Spector Louis Spiro **Daniel Steinharter** Leopold Stern **Emanuel Strauss** Meta Uhlfelder Amelia Wachtel

### **Hebrew Tabernacle Forward**

As the phases of reopening our city begin, staff and volunteers have spent the last month preparing Hebrew Tabernacle. Our goal was to make sure our congregation, students and community would feel welcome and safe returning to this important place when the time was right.

To this end, the entire building was cleaned and sanitized. With the building unusually empty, we were able to spend extra time and care in the Sanctuary, Kitchen and Social Hall. The custodial staff did an incredible job from start to finish, top to bottom. We are grateful for their hard work.

Mike Klein put in countless volunteer hours sprucing up the men's bathroom, Social Hall, and stairwells. Patching edges and doing repairs here and there, he even repainted the radiators and Social Hall doors. The building's care and maintenance is an endless and often thankless task. Thank you, Mike, for your dedication and diligence.

Work began inside the Fort Washington entrance with muchneeded plastering, sanding and painting of the entire back stairwell and surrounding area. This entrance as well as updating the women's bathroom is a project that continued through June.

New all-matching chairs now adorn our library thanks to the generosity of Congregation Shaarei Shalom. We appreciate the many donations that this congregation made to Hebrew Tabernacle, including a beautiful Torah, portable Ark, chairs and other special decorative items that you will see in our space.

The inside of our Hebrew Tabernacle building was not the only place that saw attention recently. The entrance to the Sanctuary on 185th Street was given a beautiful remake, by sanding down the stairs and revealing their natural limestone. The door on 185th Street and the side entrance on Fort Washington were also given their very own unique touch-ups. While exterior projects will continue, the completion of these entrances to our building is a huge accomplishment, as these specific steps will be welcoming back our community in the coming months.



Last year our Hebrew School students created a beautiful display to celebrate Pride Shabbat - we hope this will happen again next year.

### **The Builders**

All are architects of Fate, Working in these walls of Time; Some with massive deeds and great, Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low; Each thing in its place is best; And what seems but idle show Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise, Time is with materials filled; Our to-days and yesterdays Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these; Leave no yawning gaps between; Think not, because no man sees, Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art, Builders wrought with greatest care Each minute and unseen part; For the Gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well, Both the unseen and the seen; Make the house, where Gods may dwell, Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete, Standing in these walls of Time, Broken stairways, where the feet Stumble as they seek to climb.

Build to-day, then, strong and sure, With a firm and ample base; And ascending and secure Shall to-morrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain To those turrets, where the eye Sees the world as one vast plain, And one boundless reach of sky.