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RABBI'S MESSAGE
Beth D. Davidson

Words: *Bridges or Blocks?*

Would a rose by any other name smell as sweet? William Shakespeare famously thought so, though I have to wonder, if we were to call members of the Rosaceae family "skunk cabbages," would we find them fragrant or odiferous?

The words we use, how we use them, and our tone of voice often reveal our thoughts and feelings. Language is crucial, which is why I have spent virtually my entire rabbinic career using gender free language when talking about God! Why use He or Him or His, knowing full well that we don't really think God has a gender?

You may have noticed that many Jews don't use BC or AD, rather we use BCE and CE. Why? As Jews we don't mark time with theological timestamp of "Before Christ," or "Anno Domini, Year of our Lord." "Before the Common Era," and



"Common Era" are descriptive of the same periods of time, yet they do not make religious statements. Similarly, we don't use Old Testament (for

us, there is NO New Testament): we call our Sacred Scripture the Bible, Hebrew Scriptures, or use the acronym Tannach.

Nor do we use the noun "Jesus Christ." Christ, from the Greek for "the Annointed One," refers to the Messiah. We may think that Jesus was a teacher, a preacher, or a rabbi, but we don't believe he was our Messiah, so we don't label him as such. This in no way denigrates who Jesus is for our Christian neighbors; it simply and correctly identifies how Judaism views him.

Monadnock Piques TAY Hikers



4-30-17. On Sunday, these 6 hikers—ages 7 to 67—climbed Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH, on a trip organized by the JFNH. From left, TAY member Jeff Crocker of Peterboro—who is also the Chair of JFNH this year. Next to him, TAY member Mary Singer of Goffstown, then JFNH Board member Matthew Jordan Lee of Francestown (his two adventurous daughters are in the foreground), and Udi Goren, Israeli photographer, wearing knitted cap. Goren organized this picture at the peak and then handed his camera to a skilled amateur who snapped the shot. More on p.5.

Parenthetically, if you have heard someone call themselves a "Jew for Jesus," there is no such thing—someone who believes that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, and that he died on the Cross to take away humanity's sin: that person is Christian. "Jews for Jesus" may observe Jewish holy days, even use Jewish ritual objects, but they aren't Jews, and it is disingenuous for them to call themselves anything other than Christian.

Words are important. I suspect that some among us may think that the notion of PC (political correctness) has gone too far, that the many words which have been added to the "unacceptable" list have made a mockery of what was originally an important idea. But I disagree.

English is rich in vocabulary, and we can find words that are not harmful or offensive. We can use "cheater," or "thief" to describe someone who has done us wrong—we don't need to use the word "gypped," which feeds into a centuries-old stereotype that labelled all Gypsies as thieves and swindlers. And in fact many people don't use the word Gypsy at all, derived, as it was, from the word Egypt, making a pejorative comment on the often

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swarthy skin tones of the people who call themselves the Rom.

And yes, I admit that I am a little embarrassed that Daniel Snyder, the Jewish owner of the Washington Redskins, has refused to consider changing the team's name, a label which is offensive to so many. When I run the world, perhaps things will change. (Kidding, sort of!)

Few of us today are Yiddish speakers, but many of us sprinkle some Yiddush words into our day to day existence. I know I couldn't make it without the word "chutzpah," (there is no English equivalent); and I would have a very hard time without some of Yiddish's more colorful "curse" words, words that I won't print here but you may know what they are.

I could, however, easily do without the all too common *shiksa* or *sheygetz*, which we usually translate as a seemingly harmless noun for someone who is not Jewish. However, both of these words are derived from the Biblical Hebrew word for something that is an "abomination." Perhaps when our grandparents used these words they really felt that a non-Jew was so; I don't know anyone in our congregation who would agree to that today, so why use a word which is derogatory and offensive?

Some might answer that the majority of folks who use these words have no clue where the words originate. To that I say we should know what we are saying, even if and when the rest of society is ignorant. Just because "everyone" uses it, doesn't mean we should. We should, in fact, educate people about why they shouldn't use these nouns!

In this edition of the Bulletin, you will find a piece that uses the phrase "Shabbos Goy," and I will admit that I have a great deal of discomfort with this label (not the piece itself, just the nomenclature). As many of you may

already know, a "Shabbos Goy" was the non-Jew who could be hired by an observant Jew to do things forbidden to Jews on Shabbat—lighting a fire, for example. Hiring people to do what you cannot do makes sense, and in and of itself, the idea isn't a bad one. I am left however, with a negative *kishke* (a Yiddish word for intestines) response every time I hear or read "Shabbos Goy."

Why? Because "GOY" has taken on negative connotations, and in recent memory it has been used in a dismissive and derogatory way. And, because the general public didn't understand that the tasks performed by the "Shabbos Goy" were banned for religious reasons, not because of class strata, the idea of the Shabbos Goy became problematic as antiSemites latched onto the idea that Jews were too good to light a fire, and accused us of taking economic advantage of poorlypaid flunkies.

In fact, "GOY" is simply the Hebrew word for "nation" or "people", sometimes used Biblically to refer to a group of non-Jewish people. It is not pejorative, simply descriptive.

So when asked if this belonged on our FaceBook page I said "No," and I admit to the same "no" when our Bulletin Editor, Miri Singer, asked me what I thought about running this piece in the Bulletin. My gut instinct was "Why open this can of worms, why use such a negatively laden language, why give those who don't know anything except the negative about this phrase the chance to look at our *Bulletin* (which I am sure is read across the nation!) and repeat the classic canard?"

And then our Assistant Editor, Jonathan Pollack, pointed out that I was missing a teaching opportunity. What rabbi can resist such a moment? Certainly not this one. So you will find the piece in question in our Bulletin, as both our Editor and Assistant Editor thought the bigger message was timely and uplifting. I am curious to hear from others, and perhaps our Editors will run, in the next issue, the comments they receive.

Steve Short Directs MCTP Spring Musical

Manchester Community Theatre Players caps off its 3-show Spring with FAME. The Musical, directed by our own Steve Short.

FAME provides an open look at the New York City's High School of Performing Arts, where sweat and hard work are the key factors to a successful life as a performer. The plot follows a group of students across the acting, dancing and music faculties from 1980-1984 as they learn to master their craft and grow up alongside each other, rising to the various challenges that face them.

This youth/young adult show welcomes returning MCTP players, but over half the cast are new to the company. MCTP provides theatrical performance and instructional opportunities in acting, vocal performance, dance, orchestra, and technical theatre—without production fees which might discourage financially challenged youth or adults—to residents of Manchester and the surrounding communities.

Our neighbors at The North End Montessori School across the street from TAY are graciously hosting this event. MCTP hopes that you will come see FAME. The Musical—on June 2, 3, and 4. Please see www.mctp.info for tickets and performance times.

Send your good news, awards & Honors to the Bulletin:

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I hope and pray for a day when everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and our beautiful words and languages are used not in a derogatory way but in celebration that roses by any name do in fact smell sweet.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cate Tanzer

Dear Congregants,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and getting ready for summer. As a parent of two school-aged children, I truly realize how busy and active we all are at the end of the school year. This year will be especially busy as my daughter, Serena, will be graduating from high school in June.

I am experiencing as most parents do, the pride of having a graduating senior



and the shock of how fast time passes. It seems one minute, you are taking them to preschool and the next, they are moving on to college and the rest of their lives. It is mostly a happy feeling with a

twinge of sadness: happy my child will be starting her college career and her adult life, and sad she is no longer my little baby. It is all part of the life cycle that continues to turn whether we are ready for it or not.

As my children grow up, I am still fortunate to have my father in my life. Over April vacation week, I was able to spend some time with my Dad at his Assisted Living Facility in New Jersey. It has been a difficult year as my father's health declined when my mother died last June. He is currently in the lockdown unit due to his dementia.

As sad as that sounds, Dad is a pretty cheerful guy. He enjoys going out to the Jersey diners and ordering creamed chip

"I grew up among the wise and found that there is nothing better for people than silence. Knowledge is not the main thing, but deeds."

~Adapted from Pirkei Avot.

beef and milkshakes. He likes to shop and we had a good time going to the Cherry Hill Mall. My dad gets a little confused about the present, but remembers a lot of the past and has been telling me stories of when he was a little kid growing up in Philadelphia.

Although the situation is not ideal I am grateful to have this time with him. My experience is not uncommon. I know many of you are juggling children, work, aging parents, and life with a capital "L." As I speak with other temple members, I realize this is something we all go through at one time or another. While we can't really prepare for it, we support each other when it does happen.

Being part of this congregation is very special. I have made many good friends over the years and am forever grateful for the support during the good times and the bad. If you haven't engaged in temple life for a while, I urge you to get involved and make some friends. There is always something happening or a committee to join and we are always happy to see new faces.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting

on Monday, May 15. We appreciate your support, questions and suggestions. We hope to continue to keep you engaged throughout the year. If you were unable to attend, we will publish a recap in the June Bulletin.

As this year winds down, we say good bye and thank you to Board Members Barry Frank and Emilie Kaplan; and hello to Kaitlyn Woods and Phil Hollman. While it is sad to see Barry and Emilie go, we are excited to welcome Kaitlyn and Phil to the Board of Directors. As always, we have an energetic and enthusiastic group of volunteers who see to the preservation and financial health of the temple.

I invite all Temple Members to attend our board meetings which are on the third Thursday of each month. The June meeting will be on Thursday, June 22. We begin with a "Nosh and Schmooze" at 6:30 and the official meeting begins at 7 PM. I welcome you in June or any month.

Sincerely, *Cate Tanzer*



Joke for May 2017

by Ted Yegerman

The *shadchan* (marriage broker) heaved a sigh of relief when the man finally broke down and agreed to see the young woman he had suggested. It had been a long, tough fight.

"There is just one qualification before I accept," the man said, interrupting the broker's happy thoughts. "Before I give you my answer, I must see her in the nude."

"How dare you!" shouted the outraged broker. "What kind of suggestion is that to make to a nice Jewish girl?"

"I insist."

The *shadchan* threw up his hands in resignation, went to the young woman's house and told her of the fellow's decision. After strenuous objections, indignant tears and refusals, she finally agreed to appear before her "intended" stark naked.

"Nu," said the shadchan the next day, "did you find her satisfactory?"

"No, said the man. "I didn't like her nose."

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Israeli Artist and Educator Udi Goren Engages with Stories and Photos

by Mary Singer

4-29-17. From 10 AM to Noon, the 20+ participants who came to Torah Study were captivated by Udi Goren's presentation connecting Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom Hazikaron (Israel's Independence Day).

Goren's visit to New Hampshire was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire (JFNH), and he will be presenting at various venues across the state.

He began with a review of the wars Israel has fought since it became a sovereign nation in 1948, and then explained and illustrated the close connection between the Memorial Day and Independence Day, which are observed on two consecutive dayssundown to sundown, of course.

tions and answers about the vision of Israel's leaders—then and now—and what the implications and problems are if peace is ever to be achieved. The presentation was eye-opening and provocative.

An equally engaging presentation was part of a Saturday night 7:30 PM TAY program on May 6, focused on Goren's hike and photography of the Israel National Trail.

Goren will also be presenting a Jerusalem -focused session at TAY on Thursday, May 18 for the Seniors Forever Young. Lunch from Jerome's Deli will be 11:30 AM. (For lunch, advance registration was required by May 10.) Goren's presentation will begin at 1 PM, and is open to the public.

Check out the Federation website to see what other public presentations Goren will be giving while he is in New Hampshire.

He engaged many participants in ques- [Editor's Note: On page 1, see Goren's photo on top of Mount Monadnock with TAY and JFNH members.1

Excerpted from

Yuli Edelstein's Yom Ha'atzmaut Speech April 22, 2015

"We stand facing the graves of our beloved sons, young and handsome, solemn testimony to the price we pay in blood, that we've never stopped paying for the protection of this land. This mountain enfolds within it the vision, its actualization, and its price. It memorializes and celebrates those who dreamt and those who fought. Both [fighters and dreamers] are tied together, observe each other, and declare. 'This land is still bought with agony, and we have to pay the ultimate price for the right of being sovereign."

~Translated by Udi Goren, 5-6-17.

The annual service at the end of the day is given at Har Herzl, followed by the annual lighting of the torches.

Prime Minister Netanyahu October 26, 2015

"I'm asked if we will forever live by the sword."—yes, says prime minister.

"Did This Fallen Soldier Die for a Reason?" Udi Goren asks the audience.

"The name of the soldier is Guy Sudai. This memorial is in a forest, overlooking the city of Shoham in central Israel. He was 19. It's very common in Israel to find such memorials in beautiful outlooks all over the country."

Caption provided by Udi Goren, photographer and presenter at the 2-hour presentation at TAY on 4-29-17.



PEACE & **POMEGRANATES**

Stacy Garnick

"May God strengthen you and inspire you to teach the eternal truths of our Torah, to instill the moral requisite of good character, and to imbue our children with a love of God and Judaism."



I don't know from whence this blessing came. A wise and dear friend sent me this upon • the genesis of my Jewish • education career. I hope to live up to this credo. We are blessed to have a

staff who is also committed to this credo.

As a Jewish educator, I consider myself a partner in the divine enterprise of building the Jewish people. My vocation is my avocation. I feel this with every cell of my being.

The responsibility is wide and deep. Although the rewards of teaching are often intangible, they are awesome in their scope. It's an especially sterling experience as we watch our students

grow and struggle, and develop into thinking, feeling, responsible people, charting out their personal theologies that will guide them through their

I am excited to bring fresh ideas, insights and experiences to Temple Adath Yeshurun. I hope, with the help of our teachers, to incorporate new elements and express strong commitments to specific values—especially those most commonly reflective of Jewish education:

lidrosh: to interpret l'havdil: to distinguish l'faraysh: to clarify l'hasbir: to explain.

We are blessed at Temple Adath Yeshurun to have teachers who embody Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's famous quote (for the sake of modernity, pronouns have been changed) reprinted in the box at the top of column 3.

We aspire to help create a positive climate in our school, as it's the direct means through which we educate, hone, and shape our Jewish future: our children. We want the Temple to be a warm, inviting place where everyone

"To guide a pupil into the promised land, we must have been there ourselves. When asking ourselves, 'Do I stand for what I teach? Do I believe what I say?' We must be able to answer in the affirmative. What we need more than anything else is not textbooks but text-people. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that the pupils read; the text that they will never forget. The modern teacher, while not wearing a snowy beard, is a link in the chain of a tradition. We are the intermediary between the past and the present as well. Yet, we are also the creators of the future of our people. We must teach the pupils to evaluate the past in order to clarify their future."

~Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

feels at ease.

I have always told my students that some day when I'm 80 and I meet up with them wherever, it'll be fantastic if they still can regurgitate a variety of Jewish facts; but I'll be even prouder if they're mensches.

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Religious School Teachers Receive Recognition on Shabbat~May 5, 2017

From left, Rabbi Beth Davidson, Education Director Stacy Garnick (at the podium), Benita Lebow, Kara Swedlow, Janice Belmont, Barbara Scotch, Michelle Harrison, Alan Kaplan. Not available for picture: teachers Shirley Ginn, Lisa Schectman, Michael Yellin. Madricha Penina Levine; Madrich: Ryan Rosenberg. ~photo by Stephen Rothstein

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Perhaps if we concentrate on the whole child, we will have a hand in *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World).

I know there are many people who share my vision. In September when we had our first staff meeting, the Rabbi and I asked each teacher to express why she or he has volunteered to teach at the Temple, and what they hope to instill in their students. The room continued to fill with bright light as each teacher shared from his or her heart. We were all moved and touched.

I felt proud of my staff, and yet it was only the beginning. As the year has progressed, I have met individually with teachers. I am delighted with their enthusiasm, vibrancy, and continuing commitment.

As the Education Director, and as a leader I know that I have multiple roles. The Education Director needs diverse skills, and there are many expectations. Effective leadership is built on collaboration, cooperation, and partnership. We need to share ownership in the Temple community as we move forward, building upon its strong foundation.

Education is grounded in relationships. Relationships between the Rabbi, the faculty, students, parents and their families, lay leaders, the greater Jewish community, my colleagues, and myself, must inspire trust and confidence. Each new day brings a series of challenges. I know that the Temple Adath Yeshurun community will be invested in this journey with an eye on the long view while navigating the short term.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner draws a parallel between the words MITZVAH and RE-SPONSE. Teaching Torah to our children is the most sacred of tasks, fulfilling a Divine commandment. In our liturgy, we learn in the prayer Ahavat Olam that God shows love for us by giving us the Torah. In the V'Ahavta,we show our love for God by heeding the command to "Teach (the words of Torah) over and over to your children." This is our *brit* (Covenant) with God. Judaism is about reciprocal responsibility and relationship.

I agree wholeheartedly with the words of Arnold Jacob Wolf.

[Ed. note: See the boxed quote in Col. 2 for Wolf's words.]

"I try to walk the road of Judaism. Embedded in that road there are many jewels. One is marked "Sabbath" and one "Civil Rights" and one "You Shall Be Holy"...
There are at least 613 of them and they are all different shapes and sizes and weights. Some are light and easy for me to pick up. Some are too deeply embedded for me...I do not believe that God expects me to lift what I cannot, nor may I condemn my fellow Jew who may not be able to pick up even as much as I can."

~Arnold Jacob Wolf

If you are able, I invite you to share in the divine mitzvah of educating our children.

I encourage everyone to meet with me, call me (566-1261), or email me: eddirectorTAY@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can work together to make the Temple Adath Yeshurun education program the most scintillating it can be.

Wishing you laughter and light.

L'shalom,

Stacy Garnick

TAY's Teachers, Staff, & Children Participate at Bagels & Biscuits 5K

4-9-17. Getting ready to participate in the 5K, TAY Religious School teachers Kara Swedlow and Benita Lebow stretch their legs in the picture below. Benita Lebow placed first in her age group. Also Overall Women's winner for the race was teacher Michelle Harrison, whose daughter Kylie won for her age group. Hebrew teacher Shirley Ginn also ran, and Director Garnick spent hours at the registration desk.



For 4th Bagels and Biscuits: The Sun Shines!

by Cate Tanzer, TAY President, Co-Chair (with Jonathan Baron) of the 2017 Bagels & Biscuits 5K Fundraiser



The Race Begins Sunday, April 9, 2017

Many thanks to our dedicated temple photographer David Rosensweig who took all of our B&B 5K photos on pages 7, 8, and 9. He makes us all shine.

The MANTY Marshalls for the Bagels & Biscuits 5K, 2017

(Picture on Bottom of page 9)

From the left: Cate Tanzer (TAY president and Co-Chair of the 5K), Brad Silver, Max Tanzer, Dani Taub, Sam Muskat, AJ Mazzella, Chloe Mazzella, Adam Tanzer, Adam Flanders, Serena Tanzer, Mia Fishman, Adam Klein (Advisor).

Nose to Nose, 2017—(below)

Doggy Participants Check out the Competition.



After months of snow, rain, and freezing weather, the sun decided to shine on our 4th Annual Bagels and Biscuits 5K. It was a perfectly sunny morning on Sunday, April 9th as many paws and sneakers joined forces at Derryfield Park to run and walk through the streets of Manchester.

The overall male and female winners were Daniel Verrington from Bradford, Massachussetts, and our own TAY member **Michelle Harrison** of Londonderry.

Two children of temple members won their age groups: **Nathan Gallant**, son of Jessica and Joe Gallant of Londonderry; and **Kylie Harrison**, daughter of Bruce and Michelle Harrison of Londonderry. (Apparently winning races runs in the family.)

TAY member **Benita Lebow** of Hooksett was also a winner in her age group. Congratulations to everyone.

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BB5K, cont. from p. 8.

It was great to see so many people come out to support Temple Adath Yeshrun and the Animal Rescue League of NH. Even Corky the Clown, showed up to cheer on the many runners and walkers.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who schlepped tables and chairs, registered runners, took photos, donated food and games, handed out snacks, acted as Race Marshalls and of course the set up and clean-up crew. It was a great community event that we hope to build on with each year.

After expenses, Bagels & Biscuits brought in \$6,308 for the temple. The Animal Rescue League of NH will receive a check for \$630.

The co-chairs for this year's event were **Jonathan Baron** and **Cate Tanzer**.

Serving on the committee were Darcy Bernstein, Maddy Fishman, Janet Susan, Mike Litvin, Lee Hill, Michelle Harrison, and Alan Kaplan.



Amherst and Al Halpern Oo Goffstown help Pre-registered Runners get their badges.

At left, Ruthie Gordon of

So many great pictures, we couldn't show them all.

Look for yourselves in best shots at slide shows at some TAY events.

At right, Rabbi Beth Davidson offers human runners "bits of bagels and a schmeer." Dog Biscuits were also available at the next table.

For MANTY names, see Textbox in Col.1, p. 8.



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Memorial Day at Hebrew Cemetery



The traditional Memorial Day Service at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery will be held in the cemetery

5 PM on Monday, May 29, 2017.

US flags will have been placed at the gravesites of the veterans who are interred in the cemetery. The program will honor not only those veterans who are buried in the cemetery but all who have served our country in military service, regardless of their final resting places.

Rabbis Beth Davidson from Temple Adath Yeshurun and Eric Cohen from Temple Israel will conduct the service.

Please join us as we remember and honor those who have helped keep us free. The cemetery is located at 289-325 South Beech Street in Manchester.



MAZEL TOV for APRIL

At left, Bob Katchen and June Mittelmark-Katchen at the Copper Door Restaurant in Bedford.

June says, "The only other thing I can say, is how wonderful it is to be with the love of my life!"

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

Many thanks to Dot Warshaw for chairing our Second Night Seder so



well again this year. About 70 people celebrated together as Rabbi Beth led us in the service. The tasty meal was catered by Roots at Robie's Country Store. It was a pleasant even-

ing to share this holiday with our TAY community, family, and guests.

Emilie Kaplan generously hosted a pot -luck dinner for Sisterhood members in her home. We welcomed the month of Iyar with a dairy meal and a Rosh Chodesh program by Rabbi Beth.

Our Sisterhood/Brotherhood Shabbat service always promises to be special. We hope many of you will plan to join us on **Friday, May 19.**

Janice Belmont is coordinating the Sisterhood members for the service, and JoAnn Meyers and Gail Ellis the oneg following.

Ruthie Gordon and I are preparing for our annual meeting on **Monday, June 5** in the TAY social hall. We will have mainly a social evening with a pot-luck meal and election of officers for the coming year. We hope many of you will be able to join us. If you plan to come, please notify Linda at Rockenmacher@comcast.net.

It is time to think about our *Sisterhood Woman of the Year* again, and I would welcome nominations from any of our members—whomever you feel is deserving of this recognition. You can send nominations to me at the e-mail address above. It's helpful if you give a few reasons along with the name(s) you submit.

The *Woman of the Year* will be selected by our previous recipients and announced and awarded at our Sisterhood Paid-up Dinner in the fall.

"I was the Shabbos Goy of Sterling Place and Utica Ave."

by Joe Vellarde

[Editor's Note: We're pleased to present this thoughtful memoir from Joe Velarde, Fencing Coach at Columbia University during the 40's & 50's, and civil rights activist. While he warmly remembers his time as a Shabbos Goy" for an Orthodox Jewish family during the 1930's, time, social change and political correctness have tarnished the term Goy," as the rabbi points out in this month's column on page 1-2, even for those who understand its origins. We invite you to read Joe's essay below and, should you be so inclined, send us your feedback. J. Pollack.]

Snow came early in the winter of 1933 when our extended Cuban family moved into the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn . I was ten years old. We were the first Spanish speakers to arrive, yet we fit more or less easily into that crowded, multicultural neighborhood. Soon we began learning a little Italian, a few Greek and Polish words, lots of Yiddish and some heavily accented English.

I first heard the expression 'Shabbos is falling' when Mr. Rosenthal refused to open the door of his dry goods store on Bedford Avenue . My mother had sent me with a dime to buy a pair of black socks for my father. In those days, men wore mostly black and Navy blue. Brown and gray were somehow special and cost more. Mr. Rosenthal stood inside the locked door, arms folded, glaring at me through the thick glass while a heavy snow and darkness began to fall on a Friday evening. "We're closed, already", Mr.Rosenthal had said, shaking his head, "can't you see that Shabbos is falling? Don't be a nudnik! Go home." I could feel the cold wetness covering my head and thought that Shabbos was the Jewish word for snow.

My misperception of Shabbos didn't last long, however, as the area's dominant culture soon became apparent; Gentiles were the minority. From then on, as Shabbos fell with its immutable regularity and Jewish lore took over the life of the neighborhood, I came to realize that so many human activities, ordinarily mundane at any other time, ceased, and a palpable silence,

a pleasant tranquility, fell over all of us. It was then that a family with an urgent need would dispatch a youngster to "get the Spanish boy, and hurry."

That was me. In time, I stopped being nameless and became Yussel, sometimes Yuss or Yusseleh. And so began my life as a Shabbos Goy, voluntarily doing chores for my neighbors on Friday nights and Saturdays: lighting stoves, running errands, getting a prescription for an old tante, stoking coal furnaces, putting lights on or out, clearing snow and ice from slippery sidewalks and stoops. Doing just about anything that was forbidden to the devout by their religious code.

Friday afternoons were special. I'd walk home from school assailed by the rich aroma emanating from Jewish kitchens preparing that evening's special menu. By now, I had developed a list of steady "clients," Jewish families who depended on me. Furnaces, in particular, demanded frequent tending during Brooklyn's many freezing winters. I shudder remembering brutally cold winds blowing off the East River. Anticipation ran high as I thought of the warm homebaked treats I'd bring home that night after my Shabbes rounds were over. Thanks to me, my entire family had become Jewish pastry junkies. Moi? I'm still addicted to checkerboard cake, halvah and Egg Creams (made only with Fox's Ubet chocolate syrup).

I remember as if it were yesterday how I discovered that Jews were the smartest people in the world. You see, in our Cuban household we all loved the ends of bread loaves and, to keep peace, my father always decided who would get them. One harsh winter night I was rewarded for my Shabbes ministrations with a loaf of warm challah (we pronounced it "holly") and I knew I was witnessing genius!

Cont. at "SHABBOS GOY", p. 14.

"SHABBOS GOY", cont. from p. 13.

Who else could have invented a bread that had wonderfully crusted ends all over it -- enough for everyone in a large family?

There was an "International" aspect to my teen years in Williamsburg. The Sternberg family had two sons who had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. Whenever we kids could get their attention, they'd spellbind us with tales also introduced us to a novel way of thinking, one that embraced such humane ideas as "From each according to his means and to each according to his needs." In retrospect, this innocent exposure to a different philosophy was the starting point of a journey that would also incorporate the concept of Tzedakah in my personal guide to the world.

In what historians would later call The Great Depression, a nickel was a lot of mazuma and its economic power could buy a brand new Spaldeen, our local name for the pink-colored rubber ball then produced by the Spalding Company. The famous Spaldeen was central to our endless street games: stickball and punchball or the simpler stoop ball. One way. balmy summer evenings our youthful fantasies converted South Tenth Street into Ebbets Field with the Dodgers' Dolph Camilli swinging a broom handle at a viciously curving Spaldeen thrown by the Giants' great lefty, Carl Hubbell. We really thought it curved, I swear.

Our neighbors, magically transformed into spectators kibitzing from their brownstone stoops and windows, were treated to a unique version of major league baseball. My tenure as the resident Shabbes Goy came to an abrupt end after Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. I withdrew from Brooklyn College the following day and joined the U.S. Army. In June of 1944, the Army Air Corps shipped me home after flying sixty combat missions over Italy and the Balkans. I was overwhelmed to find that several of my Jewish friends and neighbors had set a place for me at their sup-

per tables every Shabbos throughout my absence, including me in their prayers. What mitzvoth! My homecoming was highlighted by wonderful invitations to dinner. Can you imagine the effect after twenty-two months of Army field rations?

As my post-World War II life developed, the nature of the association I'd had with Jewish families during my formative years became clearer. I had learned the meaning of friendship, of loyalty, and of honor and respect. I discovered obedience without subservience. And caring about all living things had become as natural as breathing. The worth of a strong work ethic and of purposeful dedication was manifest. Love of learning blossomed and I began to set higher standards for my developing skills, and loftier goals for future activities and dreams.

Mind, none of this was the result of any sort of formal instruction; my yeshiva had been the neighborhood. I learned these things, absorbed them actually says it better, by association and role modeling, by pursuing curious inquiry, and by what educators called "incidental learning" in the crucible that was pre-World War II Williamsburg. It seems many of life's most elemental lessons are learned this way.

While my parents' Cuban home sheltered me with warm, intimate affection and provided for my well-being and self esteem, the group of Jewish families I came to know and help in the Williamsburg of the 1930s was a surrogate tribe that abetted my teenage rite of passage to adulthood. One might even say we had experienced a special kind of Bar Mitzvah. I couldn't explain then the concept of *tikkun olam*, but I realized as I matured how well I had been oriented by the Jewish experience to live it and to apply it. What a truly uplifting outlook on life it is to be genuinely motivated "to repair the world."

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And, when I argue issues of human or civil rights and am cautioned about showing too much zeal, I recall how chutzpah first flourished on Williamsburg sidewalks, competing for filberts (hazelnuts) with tough kids wearing payess and yarmulkes. Along the way I played chess and one-wall handball, learned to fence, listened to Rimsky-Korsakov, ate roasted chestnuts, and read Maimonides.

I am ever grateful for having had the opportunity to be a Shabbos Goy.

Aleichem Sholom.

Other notable Shabbos Govim:

Mario Cuomo—former governor of New York;

Colin Powell—former Secretary of State under G.W. Bush, and Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

Pete Hamill—cartoonist and long-time journalist for the *New York Times*.

This piece was published on Aish.com Jewish website on 6-16-07, and is reprinted here for your interest. Aish.com is an apolitical educational international website.

MANTY Announcement: Advisor Needed for Fall, 2017

With Adam Klein no longer available, we must search for someone to take over in the fall for this part-time job.

The right candidate will

- be 20-something, or older
- enjoy working with teenagers
- understand and appreciate liberal Jewish values
- have flexible schedule
- want to help shape the future by working with tomorrow's Jewish leaders

We found Adam Klein through the recommendation of a congregant. If you know of someone who might be interested in this part time job, please ask him or her to get in touch with

Rabbi Beth Davidson at 669-5650.

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TAY School Graduation Form for the June Bulletin

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May Birthdays

Sadie Cadugan Nathan Gallant Elliott Frank

Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE (usually the first Friday of each month) children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings.

June's Family Service will be on June 2, 2017.

Congregants are welcome. Thanks to the volunteers who have helped organize the dinners.

Lee you on Chabbat.



June Birthdays

Ariana Bell

Alix Ratinoff

Simon Ratinoff

Lauren Resnick

Olivia Resnick

Cameron Suls

Julia Waldman

DONATIONS

Donations are listed from April 4, 2017 through May 4, 2017.

Capital Campaign Fund

By Joan Izen and Joel Schwelling to Rabbi Beth and the TAY Family in appreciation.

Special Purpose & Named Funds

Alex Shapiro Building Fund

By Charlotte Krentzel, in memory of Lena Sideman, Emma Shapiro and Alex Shapiro.

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- By Jonathan Baron to Marsha Paiste and family in memory of Albert Starr.
- By Jonathan Baron to Bernice Singer, in memory of Jordan Singer.
- By Jonathan Baron to Debra Garlin & Michael Yellin, in honor of Tzipora becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- By Jonathan Baron to Ryan Rosenberg, in honor of receiving your Ner Tamid Award.
- By Jonathan Baron to Rabbi Robin Nafshi, in memory of Robert Leonard.

Building Maintenance Fund

By Linda and Sol Rockenmacher to Bob Katchen and June Mittelmark-Katchen in honor of your marriage, Congratulations!

Judith & Michael Goldsmith Family Trust Fund

By Judith & Michael Goldsmith in memory of David Gerber.

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- By Alan Halpern in memory of Norma Halpern.
- By Janice Belmont in memory of Amelia Wohlgemuth.
- By Stacy Rozen to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson in appreciation.
- By Bob Katchen & June Mittelmark-Katchen to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson in appreciation.
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- By Richard Friedman to Hope Inman in memory of Floyd Inman.
- By Richard Friedman to Marsha Paiste and family in memory of Albert Starr.
- By Richard Friedman to Jonathan Silver and family in memory of Bert Silver.
- By Richard Friedman to Milton Novak and family in memory of Stephen Novak.
- By Richard Friedman to Robert Singer and family in memory of Jordan Singer.
- By Richard Friedman to Rabbi Robin Nafshi in memory of Robert Leonard.
- By Richard Friedman to Nancy Potvin in memory of Richard Potvin.
- By Thelma Seidenberg in memory of Louis Elfman.

Religious School Fund

By Steven and Karen Rothstein to Hope Inman in memory of Floyd Inman.

Trees in Israel

By Susan and Jay Niederman to Robert Singer and family in memory of Jordan Singer.

Whitaker Music Fund

- By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Marsha Paiste and family in memory of Albert Starr.
- By Jonathan Baron to Dr. Miri Singer in honor of Douglas and Sarah's marriage.

Yahrzeit Fund

- By Sylvia Friedmann in memory of Alfred Friedman.
- By Rita and John Davis in memory of Andrew Gevirtz.
- By Bennett Freeman to the family of Bert Silver, in memory of Bert Silver.



Linda & Sol Rockenmacher

Happy 45th Anniversary

To

Janíce & Judson Belmont



Happy 35th Anniversary

To two couples:



Rona Zlokower & George Bruno Rebecca Kadish & Robert Levine

Happy 30th Anniversary To Emilie & Alan Kaplan



TAY Security Reminders for ALL

Please remember that as part of our plan to increase security in the building, the front doors will be locked 15 minutes after the start of any service or class that is held when the office is not open.

We understand this may sometimes be an inconvenience. When the office is closed, we don't have anyone working the buzzer to screen visitors.

Thanks for helping us make Temple Adath Yeshurun a safer place.



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June Anniversaries

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Beth Davidson & Clifford Lopate Rita & John Davis Lee & Jeffrey Forgosh Margie & Jay Hodes

Rebecca Kadish & Robert Levine—35

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Are you a HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, OR
A FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL
STUDENT (Up to age25), AND
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You are invited to compete for:

THE SAMUEL SUGERMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Samuel Sugerman Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of a 500-word (or fewer) essay. Judgment will be based on the structure, content, and the manner in which the writer treats the chosen subject. The activities of the student, both curricular and extracurricular, will be a strong consideration.

The premise of the essay is as follows:

"Sam Sugerman was a man devoted to the advancement and security of the Jewish People, the perpetuation of our heritage, and the welfare of Temple Adath Yeshurun. He served the Temple nobly and with distinction, always concerned with the quality of Jewish life. In an essay, not to exceed 500 words, describe why you feel qualified for the scholarship that bears his name." (Be sure to include your background, your Jewish and secular activities, and your goals.)

- 1. The cover page of the essay must have your name, address, phone number, parent's name and address, the name of the secondary school or college you attend (or will be attending), and the expected year of your graduation.
- 2. During the selection process, the name and address of the writer and his/her parents will be concealed.
- 3. Essays must be typed, double spaced, and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Samuel Sugerman Scholarship Essay."
- 4. Essays must be received at the Temple Office by the close of the business day on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 5 PM.
- 5. The winner of the \$500 cash award will be announced at the Brotherhood Annual Meeting and BBQ on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 and the presentation will be made that night.
- 6. Each applicant must be a member of a TAY family in good standing.
- 7. Each applicant must be between high school senior age and 25 years of age.

TAY Brotherhood reserves the right to have the winning essay read at the BBQ

Coming Soon: New Facebook Content for Temple Adath Yeshurun

Coming soon...new content on a revised TAY Facebook page. TAY members will soon receive (or have already received) an email to join our FB page to see information more quickly. TAY/community news, pictures of TAY events, Jewish humor, recipes...the sky is the limit. This page is secure and open only to TAY members and their families as well as friends in the greater Manchester Jewish community. We hope that you will join our FB community...and let us know what you think.

If you have not yet received your invitation, please log on to Facebook and either search for "Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester", or copy/paste https://www.facebook.com/groups/1541017486121653/ in your web browser.

DATES & TIMES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MAY

FRIDAY, May 12 Shabbat Service 7 PM SATURDAY, May 13

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day! Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Monday, May 15

Dinner at 6:30, followed by

TAY ANNUAL MEETING 7 PM



Tuesday, May 16
Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM
Thursday, May 18
TAY Board Meeting 7 PM
FRIDAY, May 19

Shabbat Service 7 PM

~Welcome to New Members

~Sisterhood & Brotherhood Service TAY choir will sing.

SATURDAY, May 20

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, May 21

Religious School 10 AM—Noon LAST DAY of School & EXPO

Monday, May 22

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

FRIDAY, May 26

Shabbat Service 7 PM, with Cantor Shira

SATURDAY, May 27

Torah Study 10 AM

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Service at Manchester Hebrew Cemetery Chapel 5 PM

Tuesday, May 30

Family Service 6 PM *Shavuot*, followed by Mount Sinai sundaes.



Wednesday, May 31 Yizkor 7 PM.

JUNE

FRIDAY, June 2

Family Shabbat Service 6 PM, Followed by potluck supper.

SATURDAY, June 3

Spencer Cannon is called to the Torah, 3 PM.

Monday, June 5

Sisterhood Annual Members Meeting, potluck at TAY Social Hall, 6 PM

Tuesday, June 6

Brotherhood Annual BBQ, 6 PM Followed by program: Man of the Year and Sugerman Award.

FRIDAY, June 9

Shabbat Service 7 PM With Cantor Shira

SATURDAY, June 10

Bagels with the Rabbi + Torah Study 9:30—11AM

FRIDAY, June 16

Shabbat Service 7 PM, Honoring High School Graduates.



SATURDAY, June 17

Shabbat Service 10 AM Olivia and Lauren Resnick are called to the Torah.



Monday, June 19

Seniors Forever Young Board Mtg 10 AM

Thursday, June 22

TAY Board Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, June 23

Shabbat Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, June 24

Shabbat Service 10 AM Elliott Frank is called to the Torah.



Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh 5:30 PM, off site.

FRIDAY, June 30

Shabbat Service 7 PM

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Construction may sometimes cause Office hours to vary.

The **Sisterhood Gift Shop** is open during normal office hours.

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 11 AM—5 PM

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 9 AM—2 PM

(Call to check before you drive over.)

CORRECTION:

The April 2017 Bulletin listed thank you to Oneg Shabbat hosts from Nov. 2016 through April 2017.

Karen & Stephen Rothstein also hosted but were inadvertently omitted. Thank you.

Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell hosted and were listed, but Mary's last name was misspelled. Sorry for error.



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