

KANE YIRBU

A Weekly Publication of Kane Street Synagogue



Shabbat Toldot: November 5-6
Candle Lighting: 5:29 PM / Shabbat Ends: 6:32 PM
Shabbat Vayetze: November 12-13
Candle Lighting: 4:21 PM / Shabbat Ends 5:24 PM

Service Times: Friday night, 6 PM; Saturday morning sanctuary service, 9:30 AM;
Sunday morning minyan, 8:30 AM (Nov 7) and 9 AM (Nov 14)

This Shabbat (Nov 6): Singing Service in the chapel at 9:30 AM; Torah Study, 3rd floor, at 11 AM

Rabbi Weintraub's Teaching "Enough!"

In this political season, an old joke: Candidate Smith is stumping and meets a familiar constituent, Sol. The candidate asks for his support. Sol says he's going with his opponent. Smith presses him: "Sol, don't you remember before the last election, I got you that zoning variance for the display in front of your store?" Sol replies, "I remember." Smith also reminds him, "And then about five years ago, when your wife was ailing, I put the call through to that trustee at Suburban Hospital." "Yes, that's true," Sol answered. "And when I first entered politics, it's got to be 18 years ago, I helped get through that pedestrian plaza for your commercial district." "I know" Sol admits. "I know." "So", Smith wonders, "Why can't I count on your support?" Said Sol: "Because I'm thinking: What have you down for me lately?" **Read More...**

Farewell, Todah Rabah, and Welcome

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Barbara Solomon-Speregen, who has just "retired" after three incredibly devoted years as editor of the Kane Yirbu. Barbara spent many late evenings organizing scores of details into a friendly and engaging presentation of all the life at Kane Street. She poured her knowledge and love of our community into this project, as she had with many other Synagogue efforts. Yashir Ko'ach, Barbara. Ron Dicker, who wrote for the New York Times for nine years and now freelances for many outlets, including the Forward and AOL, will serve as our new editor. Good luck, Ron. Submissions for the Kane Yirbu should be sent to Ron at rodicker@aol.com. Please be brief. **Next deadline for submissions: Thursday, November 11, 5 pm.**

Shabbat Book Talk: "97 Orchard" with Jane Zeligman Saturday, November 13, 1 p.m.

Local author Jane Ziegelman will discuss her recently published *97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant families in one New York Tenement* (Harper Collins, 2010). "97 Orchard" has been reviewed widely and favorably, with one critic calling it "a tasty, satisfying, stew of history, sociology, cultural anthropology and spicy prose." The

discussion will follow Shabbat services and a Kiddush luncheon. We encourage participants to read the book but this is not a requirement. Copies of "97 Orchard" are available for purchase at Book Court, 163 Court Street, in Cobble Hill.

Soul Music: Havdalah and Dessert with Pizmon A Cappella: Nov. 20

Daven, sing and even hum a few bars as you celebrate Havdalah on Saturday, Nov. 20, with Joey Weisenberg, followed by a performance and song workshop with members of the Jewish a cappella group Pizmon. Fun for all ages, especially if you like music...or dessert! Begins at 5:45 p.m. \$4 per person. RSVP to Rabbi Valerie Lieber, ylieber@kanestreet.org.

Volunteer at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue's Homeless Shelter

As it does every year, Kane Street community members will staff the BHS Homeless Shelter for three weeks in December. Located on the ground floor of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, 131 Remsen Street, between Henry and Clinton Streets, the Shelter provides a warm, safe place to sleep, along with dinner and breakfast, for ten women, Monday–Thursday. Kane Streeters will cover December 13-16, December 20-23, and December 27-30 You have two options:

- 1) Spend the night at the Shelter (you will get sleep; great to do with a friend or spouse)
- 2) Cook and serve a meal (does not require an overnight stay; perfect for families with young children) Sign-up early! **For more information or to volunteer:**

socialjustice@kanestreet.org.

Rabbi's New Course: Sixteen Talmudic Texts Which Every Jew Should Know

It's not too late to sign up for this fascinating class, which began Tuesday, November 2, 7:30-8:45 pm. We will focus on classic passages about critical ethical and religious themes. No Hebrew, Aramaic or Judaic background is required. Each of the ten sessions will look at different texts, so students can come as often as they can or like. Register by calling (718) 875-1550 or e-mailing office@kanestreet.org.

Pitseler Power: Tuesday Story Time for Little Ones

Great Jewish stories for children aged 2-3 with a parent or caregiver on **Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7**. Plus activities based on the stories: play-acting, singing, dancing, games, drawing, puppets and food. Led by Rabbi Val and friends. Five sessions for \$36. For more information and registration, contact Valerie ylieber@kanestreet.org

Eat, Pray, Love—Every Third Friday of the Month

Next Celebration Shabbat: **November 19**

We've started a new tradition of monthly Shabbat dinners for the entire congregation. The schedule for Nov. 19 includes: 5:30 p.m. schmooze and nosh;

6 p.m. service in chapel (plus story for kids during the D'var Torah); 7:15 p.m. dinner (\$10 adults; \$5 kids). No advance RSVP necessary. All ages welcome. To sponsor the dinner

in honor of a November birthday or anniversary, or for more information, contact Rabbi Valerie Lieber, vlieber@kanestreet.org. To volunteer as a member of the Dinner Squad, contact the Doyenne of Dinners, Susan Radin, sradin@tcco.com

Kids's Chanukah Funday on Sunday, December 5

Chanukah Puppet Show plus other great activities to make a celebration that others can't hold a candle to. Starts at 10 am.

Kane Street Wants to Stay in Touch with College-Age Members

Even if they're away at school, we'll bring 'em the shul! Kane Street wants to help parents keep their college-age children connected to the synagogue: We plan to send them a Chanukah Care Package, to welcome them to a Shabbat dinner in early January, and send a Purim Care Package. All we need is your child's name, mailing address and email address. Please send the information **by Nov. 15** to Rabbi Valerie Lieber, vlieber@kanestreet.org.

Editors Wanted: Help Kane Street Songbook Write Its Next Chapter

We need editors and others for Kane Street's book of Shabbat melodies, modeled on the songbook created close to a century ago by the long-time Kane Street leader, Rabbi Israel Goldfarb. Those who want to pitch in should contact Joey Weisenberg, joeyweisenberg@gmail.com

New Adult Education Course Explores Evolution of Shabbat

Shabbat is the "crown of creation", the center of religious Jewish life, but Jews have disagreed over the centuries about how best to honor it. Understand why our day of rest awakened debate through the ages in eight sessions taught by engaging scholar and author David Kraemer, the library director and former Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Few seats remain. Open to Me'ah graduates and those with a background in Jewish studies. Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 11. Tuition is \$395 plus \$27 to access the JTS Blackboard site. Register online at <http://www.jtsa.edu/context/registration>. For more information, contact Tim Rucinski at tim_rucinski@yahoo.com

Find Singing Service Melodies Online

Joey Weisenberg leads a singing service on the first and third Shabbat of every month 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Chapel. This informal, spirited group shares melodies, niggunim (wordless chants), and short teachings. Upcoming: Nov. 6, 20 and Dec. 4, 18. To get on the mailing list and to be connected to MP3s of the nigunim as they are posted online, contact Betsy Knafo at betsykn@gmail.com.

Have an Adult Bar/Bat mitzvah!

Rabbi Weintraub and Music Director Joey Weisenberg are now working with adults who want to affirm their commitment to Judaism and Jewish learning before the Congregation.

The program is open to all, whether you had an adolescent Bar/Bat Mitzvah or not. Contact the Rabbi @ 718 875 1550 or rabbi@kanestreet.org

Brooklyn Film Fest Unspools in January

Save the dates for three nights of award-winning Israeli films and thought-provoking discussion from cinema mavens. The Brooklyn Israel Film Festival at Kane Street Synagogue returns for its seventh edition Jan. 27, 29 and 30.

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