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163rd Anniversary Celebration

honoring

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Valerie Lieber

Director of Education
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Sunday, June 2, 2019

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Greetings from the 163rd Anniversary Commemorative Committee

Welcome! Tonight, we celebrate the ongoing vitality and strength of our community, exemplified by the leadership of Rabbi Valerie Lieber, Director of Education & Family Programming. Our Hebrew School is thriving and growing due in large measure to the sustained efforts and talents of Rabbi Lieber; she is indeed worthy of this recognition and of our praise!

We are both long-time Kane Street members (we REALLY don't want to tell you how long!). When we arrived at Kane Street, children's services were held upstairs in a small room approximately where our lovely chapel stands now. There were rudimentary classrooms, built out of plywood partitions. Learning was difficult due to the ambient noise. Supplies were always in short supply. There is much that love, talented educators and commitment can make up for, but the physical setup was for many children not conducive to learning.

In the late 1980s, a group of young congregants joined forces with long-time congregational leaders to improve the Hebrew School and professionalize the school. Former President Isaac Druker was a driving force in helping this group of parents realize their dream of a better school.

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Sol and Lilian Goldman Foundation, Kane Street was able to renovate that drafty and cramped space into a modern educational center. But we've both been in many a "modern" school building where there is no love of learning, no spark of interest.

Rabbi Val IS the Kane Street Hebrew School. She has a passionate commitment to Jewish Education of the next generation and to Tikkun Olam through both Social Justice and the environment. She is leading her students and staff to the next level. Kane Street is a sought-after and educationally-sound Jewish learning environment and we are proud of Rabbi Val for leading us to this moment.

We are grateful for the fundraising efforts of Ellen Bowin, Hedi Hruby, Laurie Lieberman, Susan Rifkin and Jill Rose.

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With endless love and affection for Kane Street,
Rena and Barbara

~ Reflections ~

Rabbi Sam Weintraub

Every morning, seven days a week, at the beginning of prayers, we recite a passage from the Babylonian Talmud:

“These are the precepts whose fruits a person enjoys in This World but whose principal remains intact for him or her in the World to Come. They are: the honor due to father and mother, acts of kindness, early attendance at the house of study in the morning and in the evening, hospitality to guests, visiting the sick, providing for a bride, attendance at funerals, absorption in prayer, bringing peace between people, and the study of Torah is equivalent to them all.”
(Tractate Shabbat 127a)

These are the Mitzvot upon which the world rests, and whose spiritual power is so great that they carry us not only in This World, but in the Next.

They also form a grid upon which to gauge the success of our community. Are we working to increase justice and *chesed*/lovingkindness in the greater world? Are we supporting one another at life's most difficult and most joyous moments? Are we involving people with more passion and knowledge in prayer? Are we searching for answers for today in our texts of yesterday?

We find the answers not primarily in our special Holiday services or in milestone occasions of Bar and Bat Mitzvah or weddings. We find it in the daily commitment which our staff and members bring to the life of our community. And here I can report success... Our Social Justice Committee steadfastly supports refugees and now asylum seekers as our federal administration closes doors and turns its back. A dedicated and broad-based group of members worked tirelessly this year to develop an enhanced musical leadership position which will enliven Shabbat prayer. In a wonderful affirmation of our educational seriousness, fifty members have started to study *Pirkei Avot*, a foundational Talmudic text, in intimate, bi-weekly groups.

Through all, step by step, day by day, we make our community and our world more caring and G-dly places.

In these efforts, we are blessed to be led by a wonderfully committed and talented group of lay and professional leaders. Our President Adina Solomon has met significant Congregational challenges with characteristic strength and focus, and led us with patience, wisdom, and indefatigable energy and love for our community. Executive Vice-President Leslie Wilsher combines a broad and loving vision of our community with great common sense, and has helped to steer us through office, personnel, and other institutional changes. I thank all of our officers, trustees and committee chairs for thousands of hours of volunteer service, for maintaining our fiscal and organizational health, and for shepherding new religious, educational and social initiatives. Their efforts are mostly unsung, but they are the backbone of our volunteer-run community.

You and I are also blessed with a very dedicated staff. I would like to first mention our Director of Education and Family Programming, and this year's Honoree, Rabbi Valerie Lieber. Rabbi Valerie has led us with tremendous drive and creativity for the last eleven years. She loves her job, and as she shares her passion for Jewish ritual and ethics with kids and their families, she inspires many others. Don't take my word for it; just walk through the Hebrew School on any given day and feel the love! Rabbi Valerie follows and adapts for us cutting edge advances in supplemental and family Jewish education. So, she has graced our community with exciting initiatives in teaching *Tikkun*



Olam, Jewish environmentalism, and query-based learning about modern Israel. She has now taken an important role in efforts to bring our entire community together in more engaging Shabbat services. Finally, she has doggedly revived our teen program. After many years of “drought” we now have a core group of committed teens enjoying BBYO social activities, the Bogrim study program, and the Madrichim teacher aide training. *Kol HaKavod*, Rabbi Valerie! Enjoy this well-deserved honor and I look forward to continued service together.

I would also like to thank the rest of our professional staff. Rabbi Jason Gitlin continues to be a very welcoming presence, integrating new members into our community and into increased Jewish commitment as Engagement Director. Judith Berkson skillfully serves us as Music Director, leading services with her exquisite voice and heartfelt *kavannah*, and continuing to train our lay leaders in traditional prayer melodies and in the subtle art of effective prayer leadership. Rivka Seeman has been a delightful addition to our staff as Kane Street Kids Director, and guides her teachers in joyfully nurturing the emotional, social and spiritual growth of our youngest students. Thank you as well to all of our Preschool and Hebrew School teachers, to whom we entrust our precious children.

I would also like to appreciate Lori Tompkins, who served for seven months as Interim Executive Director this past year. Lori brought increased stability and organization to the office, and her professional and gracious manner fostered efficiency and good will in our community. I wish her the best in her new position. Our Hebrew School, whose success we celebrate tonight, owes a great deal to the modest but critical attention of our loyal and upbeat Hebrew School and Family Programming Administrative Assistant, Priscilla Murphy. I would like to thank Office Administrative Assistant Erica Southward for conscientiously fulfilling many day-to-day requirements in our organizational “nerve center.” A *Yashir Ko’ach* as well to William Waldman, our Financial Support Specialist, for ably handling so many financial details in a consistently organized and careful manner. Finally, thank you to custodians Nestor Restrepo, Pedro Sanchez, Trevor Malcolm and Gerald Bertrand for their daily stewardship of our facilities, and for making sure that we can hold so many services and programs in safe, clean and convivial settings.

I close with deep thanks to several members whose selfless efforts helped assure the success of our Anniversary Celebration tonight. Dinner chairs Jessica Schoengold and Elizabeth Schacher have spent scores of hours preparing every detail so that we could dine, dance, celebrate, honor, reminisce and envision together. Rena Schklowsky and Barbara Solomon-Speregen, with undying love for our Synagogue, led efforts for yet another “Journal season,” and spent many hours assuring the fundraising success of this evening. For them, and for all of our dedicated volunteers and staff, I close with this blessing from our Shabbat morning prayers:

“May the One who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, bless all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community...remove from them every illness and forgive their every sin...and send blessing and success to all their endeavors, along with all Israel, their brothers and sisters. Amen!”

Shalom,
Rabbi Weintraub

~ *Reflections* ~
Adina Solomon, President



As president of the congregation, I am afforded three formal opportunities every year to address the kehillah. I speak during Kol Nidre, in the fall, when I welcome the congregation and encourage us all to reflect on our commitment to the community during the coming year. I speak at the Annual Meeting, in June, to wrap up the year and meditate on our accomplishments. And I write a message for the Journal, in which I am given the opportunity to thank the honoree and discuss their contributions to the synagogue.

One of the benefits of a long tenure on the board—this has been my sixteenth year serving—is the opportunity to see the long view of how things change at Kane Street, behind the scenes. Much of what we do at Kane Street is cyclical: not only in terms of the calendar, which gives us the drumbeat that guides our work year in and year out, but also the nature of our successes and failures. Neighborhoods change, congregations grow and shrink and grow again, programs are added and flourish and stabilize and dwindle and die and are reimagined and reborn. This is the nature of synagogue work; the only constant is the work, which always takes up as much time as you have for it, and never feels like enough.

Kane Street has been in a long period of expansion, in which most of the cycles are on the upswing: membership, fundraising, programming. And one particularly bright light in the midst of this expansion has been the growth of Kane Street's Hebrew School, led unswervingly for the past 11 years by Rabbi Valerie Lieber.

Rabbi Val has done truly extraordinary work in not only increasing enrollment and expanding the ages of children we serve in the Hebrew School, but in deepening our concept of what a Hebrew School education can look like for families who are dedicated to the quality of our program. Recently, a congregant stopped me at Kiddush after a bat mitzvah and asked "Where did she go to school? Did she go to day school?" "Nope," I replied proudly, "she's a Hebrew School kid, just like me."

Rabbi Val has challenged us to go farther than I would have thought possible ten years ago: in Shabbat attendance for kids, in the quality of the instructors we hire, in the types of classes and electives we offer our students. All of this is reflected in the joy I see on the face of my son when I pick him up from Hebrew School, and I am truly proud to know that he is receiving the best Hebrew School education available in Brooklyn right here at Kane Street Synagogue.

I spoke in my Kol Nidre appeal last fall about gratitude. I was grateful that our problems are our problems: that we are challenged to keep up with the demands of a growing and thriving congregation, that we struggle for space to fill the needs of our schools, that our buildings are bursting at the seams with children. Tonight, I am profoundly grateful that Rabbi Val came to us 11 years ago, and that she has helped drive our growth and vision during her tenure. Kane Street could not ask for a better leader or a more devoted educator to continue to challenge us and show us what's possible.

Rabbi Valerie Lieber Biography



Rabbi Valerie Lieber has served as the Director of Education & Family Programs at Kane Street Synagogue since 2008. She oversees the Hebrew School, Shabbat and Holiday services for children and families, and a range of other family education programs. Previously, Rabbi Val served as Rabbi of Temple Israel of Jamaica in Queens, as well as the Rabbi and the Religious School Director of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

Rabbi Val was born and raised in Indianapolis, where she was an active member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She graduated from Swarthmore College with an honors degree in English Literature and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Rabbi Val earned her ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1995.

During her tenure at Kane Street, Rabbi Val has deepened her skills through professional development and leadership programs. She launched the Hebrew School's *L'Tzedek* initiative—a service learning initiative—in conjunction with her participation in the Express Innovation initiative of the Jewish Education Project. She helped to lead the synagogue in greening initiatives while taking part in the Jewish Greening Fellowship. Last year, she took part in the year-long *Qushiyot* Fellowship for Revitalizing Israel Education. In 2015, Rabbi Val was named to the Forward's list of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis.

Rabbi Val has written interpretations of Torah and Haftarah, including an examination of Parashat Emor, "Elitism in the Levitical Priesthood," for *The Women's Torah Commentary* (Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, ed.); a chapter in *The Women's Haftarah Commentary* (Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, ed.); and an essay on Parashat Toldot in *The Torah, A Women's Commentary* (Women of Reform Judaism).

Rabbi Val has been an environmentalist since high school. She has participated in four Hazon New York bike rides and co-chaired the steering committee for the 2012 ride. For the past four years, she has cycled in the Pan Mass Challenge to fundraise for Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston—riding from Sturbridge to Provincetown in Massachusetts. In the spring and summer months, she enjoys training in the Palisades.

In addition to cycling, Rabbi Val enjoys doing *The New York Times* crossword puzzle and exploring New York City's neighborhoods and architecture. Rabbi Val lives in Park Slope with her wife Leah Kopperman.

~ *Reflections* ~ *Rabbi Valerie Lieber*

I am delighted to be the honoree at this 163rd Anniversary of Kane Street Synagogue. It's a thrill to be a part of the storied history of this congregation and a pleasure to lead the Hebrew School and many of our family programs. Thank you.

While I'm very proud of the numeric and qualitative growth of the Hebrew School over the 11 years since I've been at the helm, I usually focus on the individuals and how proud I am of them. I think of the youngest students who were just starting in Roshanim and Gan in 2008, and how they are now in high school, flourishing and now so much taller than I am. I think of the children who were in elementary grades and who helped improve the school by participating in many pilot programs and paving the way for programs like our *L'Tzedek* service learning initiative, and helping us build youth services. They are now in college, and it is such a joy to see them when they are back at Kane Street. I think of the students who were in our very first Bogrim groups who have now graduated from college and are now doing great things with their lives. They are all "my kids."

I use the term "my kids" to refer to children from age 4 to almost 40 - all the people who have been in my Hebrew Schools since I was ordained in 1995. I feel such a deep fondness for each of my kids, and kvell so much about them. It is a huge treat to have mentored these children along their Jewish path. They have taught and challenged me, and provided me with motivation to lead Hebrew School programming. I think of all who have worked as *Madrachim* (teen teaching assistants), spreading their wings as leaders. I am so proud of the skills they have developed and their commitment. Nothing could make a rabbi happier than to see young people grow into Jewish leaders and ethical adults.

I also think of all the parents who give so darn much to make sure their children receive a strong Jewish education. The dedication shown by parents is truly fulfillment of the mitzvah *V'shinantam L'vaneicha* from the *V'ahavta* prayer "You shall teach your children diligently." While I know parents get a good dose of *nachas* seeing their children singing the Alef-Bet song, asking and answering questions about Moses, chanting *Haftarah* and much more, I also know you make giant sacrifices – of time, energy and finances, and I deeply commend you.

I think of all the adults who do not yet have kids or never will, and those who already raised their children before my time at Kane Street Synagogue. You have shown wellsprings of support for the Hebrew School, and I'm very appreciative. You have given me freedom to try out new projects, to experiment with curricula, and to collaborate across the broader neighborhood. Sometimes our experiments spark excellence; sometimes they fall short. But we keep trying to make our young people's experiences more fulfilling, uplifting and meaningful. Thank you.

I share this honor with my colleagues, senior staff members and our Hebrew School the teachers. You make this institution a place of intellectual ferment, holiness and menschlikeit. Thank you.

I'm very lucky where family is concerned. Leah, I love you. Mom, you are amazing.

Thank you so much again for this honor. I especially share my gratitude to those who worked so hard on this journal and event: Jessica Schoengold, Elizabeth Schacher, Rena Schlowsky, Danny Tamman and Barbara Solomon-Spergen.

Love, Val



Kane Street Synagogue welcomes the following new members to our community

July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019

Paul Allam & Jessica Grynberg, and Gideon, Clementine, and Tobias Allam

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Daniel Mollin & Stephanie Hochman, and Margot Mollin

Daryl & Jesse Hom, and Avery Hom

Claire & David Konviser, and Sophia and Evie Konviser

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Matthew Zaklad & Laura Newmark, and Elias Zaklad

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Claudio Taratuta & Chana Rosenthal, and Elia Taratuta

With gratitude the
Kane Street Synagogue Community
honors and thanks its staff:

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Our mostly unspoken appreciation is keenly felt. You make our community whole!**

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Rabbi Simkha Weintraub	

Guest Speakers

Naftuli Moster	Dr. Werner Steger
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Yashir Koach on behalf of the Kane Street Synagogue Community to

Rabbi Samuel H. Weintraub

Judith Berkson, Musical Director

Thank you for leading services, reading Torah on Shabbat and Holidays.

We pray each week through your leadership.

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Lay ritual leadership is a core value at Kane Street. If you'd like to learn to chant Torah or Haftarah or lead services, please contact Rabbi Weintraub at rabbi@kanestreet.org

Kane Street Kids Preschool

The Kane Street Synagogue Community Salutes and Celebrates
The Kane Street Kids Preschool

Congratulations on another remarkable year of growth, learning and creative expression.
With heartfelt thanks for the professional skills and dedication of

Rivka Seeman, Preschool Director

Teaching Staff

Tori Baker, Erica Burgos, Michelle Burgos, Rebecca Caplow, Ramon Castellon,
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Red Class

Charlie Bergman
Riley Brauntuch
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Orange Class

Bryce Blank
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Elihu Arz
Lev Ayalon
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Sammy Mestel
Quinn Starkey
Jay Wagowski

Green Class

Sydney Blachar
Dahlia Bower
Harry Cohen
Sam Davis
Lena Kaplan
Greyson Orban
Aviva Raman
Phoebe Ryan
Liam Silverstein
Nayan Skolnick
Layla Thomases
Miles Topol
Serena Weintraub
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Yellow Class

Liel Berger
Tessa Berlin
Oscar Bierman
Phoebe Crane
Mairead Griffin
Lucy Johansson
Mia Korn
Zachary Lerner
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Genevieve Migdal
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Blue Class

Felix Archer
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OUR TALMUD TORAH

(Organized 1905)

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WITH the conclusion of the present school term, our Talmud Torah will have rounded out 24 years of effort in the field of Jewish education of which it can well be proud.

During the 24 years of its existence, our Hebrew School has raised a generation of Jews, conscious of their Jewishness, proud of their ancestry, loyal and faithful to the Jewish cause. A number of our former pupils have, after leaving our portals, embarked upon the higher studies of Hebrew Lore; one has become a rabbi of prominence, others are preparing themselves to become authorities in Jewish education, while the rest have carried away from our classrooms an appreciation of Judaism which will remain with them for the remainder of their lives.

Our Talmud Torah is not a Hebrew School in the ordinary sense of the word. It is more than that. It is a reservoir of Jewish inspiration. In our School the pupils do not only learn to "daven." They come to sing Jewish songs, to hear Jewish stories, to familiarize themselves with Jewish current events and Jewish problems the world over. Our pupils became impregnated with a sense of Jewish responsibility, a feeling of sympathy for suffering Israel and a deep love for our ancestral homeland—Palestine. At the same time we seek to implant into the hearts of our boys and girls the spirit of American idealism and patriotism, a love for the principles upon which this great country was founded and a deep respect for its traditions and laws.

If you could but see and hear our pupils at our Sabbath services; if you could but witness their Sabbath afternoon gatherings at which the responsive reading of "Thillim," the "Minchah" services, the "Sholosh S'udos," or Sabbath meal, are participated in by happy boys, singing "z'miroth" and discussing among themselves Jewish problems, you too would be proud of our Talmud Torah.

If you want YOUR children to remain Jewish and to bring you immeasurable happiness by their future conduct, send them to our Talmud Torah and we will do the rest.

**Our School Is Yours.
Come and Enjoy Its Facilities.
Send Us Your Boys and Girls.**

The officers of the Talmud Torah: Harris Kohen, Chairman; Jacob Kronman, Treasurer; Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, Principal. Teachers: Abraham Lieberman, William Martin, Samuel Leibowitz. Assistant, Max Martin. Secretary, Beatrice Schwartz.

Reflections ~ School Days at Kane Street Synagogue

The idea of a Hebrew School at what is now Kane Street Synagogue is what might be called a core value. In 1905, Rabbi Israel Goldfarb began his long tenure at Kane Street. That year at High Holiday services, Rabbi Goldfarb's sermon focused on the importance of establishing a Hebrew School. The school was founded that very year.

Ultimately, we started an afternoon school (Talmud Torah) and a Sunday school, and we are fortunate to have some recollections from our earliest students. Their memories were included in the 2006 Kane Street Historical Journal, which commemorated Kane Street's 150th anniversary. Rabbi Goldfarb's son Joseph, remembered:

We had a Talmud Torah and we had a Sunday school. The Talmud Torah was a small weekday school. The kids came for two hours, M-T-W-TH afternoon. That was the Hebrew School... At the end of Talmud Torah, in May or June when the school year was ending, they had public examinations for pupils in each class. For the kids it was a very terrifying experience... The kids would be called in class by class. And along this wall (south wall) there would be another line of folding chairs for invited guests and parents to sit on the side. The classes would come in and then there would be an examination. My father or the teacher would ask them certain questions and hear the questions and then hear how well the children would respond or perform. If someone springs a surprise, it's a challenge for the kids to come up with the right kind of answer. After ten minutes or so that class would go out and the next class would come in.

The other school was a Sunday school. They met every Sunday for two hours in the morning, and it started for kids of about six or seven, more or less parallel with the public school classes, and they stayed through eight grades...

There were volunteer teachers. Tuition was five cents a week. The teachers were not paid. The reward that the teachers got was that every year when the congregation had its annual dinner dance, which was an annual function that continued years and years. Each year the teachers were invited as guests of the congregation, no charge. It was a big gala social affair.

By the post-World War II era, our membership had dwindled significantly. While there were no longer enough children to justify the expense of a Hebrew School, we always left the door open for a renaissance, and that renaissance arrived in the 1960s, when Brooklyn was "rediscovered." Brooklyn Heights, Park Slope, Cobble Hill and surrounding neighborhoods had wonderful housing stock that had been neglected for years. Energetic young people bought homes in Brooklyn, and Kane Street's re-birth began to take shape. New members started a Young Couples Club, and there were children! So Arthur Lichtman, Isaac Druker and Rabbi Elliott Rosen started a Nursery. As Rabbi Rosen recalled:

I have the fondest memories of Arthur. We were really "shul running buddies," meaning that we were both equally naive as to how to run the place... I was a newly minted rabbi, he was a hotshot downtown lawyer, and neither one of us had quite prepared for our new roles...

What I remember best and most vividly is how we nearly single-handedly started the Kane Street Nursery. I think it was 1972. [ed. note: it was 1971] Basically it was a question of where we were going to send our own kids – his Adam, my Aliza. There wasn't a nursery school in the area that we liked – and none that had even the hint of Jewish content. Believe me, it

was folly to do this. The building was falling apart. Mr. [Julius] Kahn, who really ran things, thought we were nuts. This was something that had never been done before and we didn't have a dime. And we weren't sure that anybody would ever take a chance to send a kid to this kind of place.

Arthur was determined, and my utter doubt that we could ever pull this off was only assuaged by his constant activity and certainty that we were going to have a nursery school. I remember vividly that one night we were sitting in the shul and needed to make a final decision – to go or not to go.

He turned to me (and I swear I remember this nearly verbatim) and said, “Have you ever failed at anything that you really wanted to do?” I thought for a moment and tentatively replied, “No, I don't think so.” Arthur replied, “Well I never have. So what's the worst that can happen?”

And forward we went. The rest, as they say, is history.”

As the children grew up, we needed a Hebrew School, which Arnold Badner organized. And then in 1975, the second floor of what is now the Goldman Educational Center was renovated, thanks to a generous donation from Herman and Florence Belth. Hebrew School took place in the Belth Room and in partitioned classrooms, serving us until the school was bursting at the seams.

In the 2000s, a gut renovation of the building, funded by the Sol and Lillian Goldman Foundation, allowed us to modernize our facility, enrich the Hebrew School, strengthen Shabbat programs for children and establish Kane Street Kids, our beloved preschool.

Many congregants toiled long and hard to make Kane Street a place where children could grow and learn. In the 2006 Kane Street Historical Journal, Carol Levin cited the following members (current and former) who led our Prozdor/Hebrew School: Arnold Badner, Isaac Druker, Howard Schneider, Miryam Wasserman, Carol Levin, Rena Schklowsky, Penny Owen, Dean Ringel, Ellen Bowin, Arthur Mahler, Rene Stoller, Louise Lukowsky, Michael Stoller, Leslie Wilsher and Tracy Makow. We were also extremely fortunate that Miryam Wasserman served as our Prozdor principal.

By the 1990s, we needed to reorganize. Rena Schklowsky partnered with Isaac Druker to revamp the Hebrew School's curriculum and focus. In 2005, Prozdor was renamed, becoming the Hebrew School. Since then, many Kane Street members have lent their time, support and leadership to the Hebrew School. We thank (with apologies for any omissions!) Ingrid Abramowitz, Gordon Baldwin, Sarah Berger, Jonathan Bloom, Jenny Breznay, Rebecca Brodsky, Leslie Budnick, Rachel Burton, Elizabeth Cleek, Norman Cohen, Allison Day, Dominic Fumusa, Bena Gershon, Andrea Glick, Sharon Gordon, Sarah Gundle, Hedi Hruby, Ro Johnson, Stephanie Kaufman, Jeff Klein, Michael Klein, Hal Klepper, Denise Kohn, Aviya Landesberg, Michal Lewin-Epstein, Reed Lowenstein, Barry Nass, Brett Parker, Susan Radin, Renee Rettig, Joanne Robinson, Jill Rose, David Salz, Elizabeth Schacher and Laura Tamman.

These dedicated members of the Kane Street community recognized the need to further professionalize the teaching staff and those efforts culminated in the hiring of Rabbi Valerie Lieber in 2008. Currently, the Hebrew School Committee is ably chaired by Sari Fensterstein and Judith Hoffman

The rest, as they say, is history.

Hebrew School and Youth Programs Staff

Rabbi Valerie Lieber, Director of Education & Family Programming

Priscilla Murphy, Hebrew School Administrative Assistant

Teaching Staff

Norman Chernick-Zeitlin, Roshanim (Pre-K) & Alef (1st Grade)

Eden Ladin, Gan (Kindergarten)

Wendy Gimán, Gan (Kindergarten)

Jordan Jacobs, Alef (1st Grade)

Moran Lantner, Bet (2nd Grade)

Nadav Kesler, Bet (2nd Grade)

Alon Benjamini, Gimmel (3rd Grade)

Shayna Goodman, Gimmel (3rd Grade)

Leah Nagar-Powers, Gimmel (3rd Grade) & Hey (5th Grade)

Amit Goldberg, Dalet (4th Grade)

Eyal Hai, Hey (5th Grade)

Noam Weisenberg, Hey (5th Grade)

Tamy Skolnick, Vav (6th Grade)

Rabbi Daniel Bronstein, Miftan (7th Grade)

Yonatan Peled, Bogrim (8th Grade+)

Melissa Zimmerman, B'nei Mitzvah Tutor

Dan Aran, Judaica Teacher

Alana Rettig, Kadima Coordinator

Sammy Nassau, Administrative Madrich

Family Programming

Lauren Demby, Sunday Open Play

Paul Wolf, High Holidays Children's Services Leader

Landon Braverman, Youth Services Leader

Sarah Rebell, Youth Services Leader

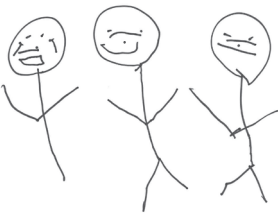
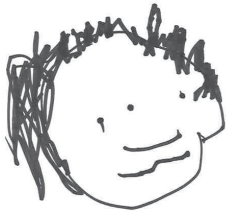
Ora Fruchter, Bialy Rock

Roshanim (Pre-K)



Norman Chernick-Zeitlin, Teacher
 Ethan Ordower, Madrich
 Lucas Paschke, Madrich
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Elijah Agdern
 Elliot Barad-Capone
 Andrew Spatzner
 Nina Cantor
 Aaron Finocchiaro
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 Lara Pollock



Gan ('Kindergarten)



LILY

JACOB

ARI

ZADIE

Penelope

Naomi

NITZAN

Eden Ladin, Teacher
Wendy Giman, Teacher
Yona Browne, Madrich
Pearl Nadaner, Madrich
Sarah Kohler, Madrich
Caleb Fumusa, Madrich

Summer Crespi
Naomi Edmonds
Eli Bromberg
Daniel Bruton
Lyla Gilbert
Ari Margolis
Sadie Mark
Lily Panas
Jacob Pliner-Bloom
Micah Ritter
Aria Rubenstein
Zev Schwartz
Jacob Stein
Penelope Tamman
Raffaella Tamman
Alice Umansky

Lyla

Gilbert

ELI

dANIEL

Raffaella

zev

RUBENSTEIN

Aria

SUMMER

Alef (Grade 1)



Gideon
Tams
fox

Alex

Leo

Sophie
Cohen

At

Asher Treister

Sophia

Rosalyn

Ethel
Griffin

Pilas

Jordyn Jacobs, Teacher
Caleb Kohn-Blank, Madrich
Violet Westrom, Madrich
Emily Cleek, Madrich
Danny Cleek, Madrich

Tovi (Tobias) Allam
Eitan Berger
Sophie Cohen
Sophie Cooperman
Paz Elul
Leo Feuerstein
Gideon Fox
Rosalyn Griffin
Alexander Korn
Isaac Kueny-Lichtman
Maya Margolis
Connor Reavely
Clark Scheihagen
Asher Treister
Ethan Warner Ruf
Elias Zaklad

ETHAN

Tobias gabe Allam



RUSSELL

Sophie
Cooperman

Clark
Isaac

R

Connor Reavely
CAR

Bet (Grade 2)



Tallulah

Meitar

Stella

Yaniv

Sylvie

SAMSON

Inna

Alice*

Maimouna Ndao



Moran Lantner, Teacher
Ori Jacobson, Teacher
Eran Lomnitz, Shinshin
Simon Kessler, Madrich
Zorah Schlesinger, Madrich
Will Cohen, Madrich

Rose Blackstone-Gitlin
Livi Fletcher
Elikai Friedman
Lilah Haskel
Sylvie Indig
Meitar Lantner
Sylvie Millstone-Rivo
Dashiell Nadaner
Maimouna Ndao
Frasier Panagiotidis
Norah Panas
Samson Pennington
Stella Plener
Alice Poliner
Jacob Ritter
Yaniv Robinson
Nava Stein
Tallulah Tamman
Isaac Umansky
Livie Yosha

nava

Lili

Sylvie*

Li'v

Dashiell

Rose

Norah

Norah

Gimmel (Grade 3)



IMB
Isldberg

James

GEORGIA


Lily

Alon Benjamini, Teacher
Shayna Goodman, Teacher
Leah Nagar-Powers, Teacher
Sadie Gladstone, Madrichim
Benny Gedanke, Madrichim

Isla Berg
Max Crespi
Ryan Gilbert
James Griffin
Sage Herman
Ariel Mikics
Madeleine Pollock
Georgia Reavely
Noah Schacher
Malcolm Seifman
Jonah Sugarman
Aviva Treister
Dylan Warner Ruf
Lily Westrom

Sage 

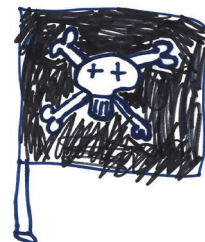
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Malcolm

Ariel

DYLAN
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Noah



Dalet (Grade 4)



Anna R. Kuflik

אָנאַ ר. קופּליק

Charlotte

Mili Fletcher

RAE

Samuel Fensterheim-Bronstein

Amit Goldberg, Teacher
Joela Susman, Madrich

Renzo Cohen
Gemma Coplan
Nava Elul
Samuel Fensterheim-Bronstein
Mili Fletcher
Zachary Kohler
Anna Kuflik
Elan Landesberg
Madeleine Plener
Charlotte Ryan
Rafael Winer

Madeleine
Pollock

Jonah Sugarman

Renzo Cohen

Elan

Zachary Kohler

Aviva

Hey (Grade 5)



Eyal Hai, Teacher
Noam Weisenberg, Teacher

Ella Cohen
Ruby Feuerstein
Rose Geen
William Geen
Abigail Gladstone
Mira Goldhaber
Eve Harris
Isaac Klein
Max Klopfer
Julius Kohn-Blank
Alexandra Lowenstein
Margot Mollin
Talía Salz
Maya Sugarman
Tali Susman

Talia

Mira

Ruby

Abigail

Rose

Maya

Margot

Ella

Isaac

William

Alexandra

Vav (Grade 6)



Tamy Skolnick, Teacher

Gideon Browne
Elijah Edmonds
Devra Goldhaber
Avi Grosgold
Noah Kueny-Lichtman
Talya Landesberg
Arielle Lichtman
Bayard Parker
Gilad Robinson
Jakob Warner Ruf

Gideon

Noah

Talya

BAKAR

Arielle

Devra

Gilad

JAKOB WARNER RUF

Miftan (Grade 7)



Daniel
Davis

Benny

♥ Joela ♥

Zorah

Talia

Rabbi Daniel Bronstein, Teacher

Talia Ben-Eli
Daniel Cleek
Emily Cleek
Daniel Davis
Caleb Fumusa
William Gaige Cohen
Benny Gedanke
Sadie Gladstone
Becca Greenberg
Sarah Kohler
Talia Kohn-Blank
Ariela Lowenstein
Pearl Nadaner
Zorah Schlesinger
Joela Susman
Violet Westrom
Charlie Winer

Violet

Sadie

Emily

Daniel

Sarah

Becca

Greetings



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2019

Kane Street Synagogue
236 Kane Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for Kane Street Synagogue's 163rd Anniversary Celebration.

This egalitarian Conservative synagogue, Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes, has served the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of its membership and fostered a greater appreciation of Jewish identity while encouraging charity, unity, and friendship throughout the area. I commend everyone affiliated with this well-respected synagogue for their generous support and dedicated involvement in the Cobble Hill neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Tonight, you come together to look back at a year of achievements serving as a center for Jewish life and learning. I join in congratulating your distinguished honoree, Rabbi Valerie Lieber. Her leadership as your Director of Education & Family Programming and her many years of meaningful contributions will long be of benefit to the grateful people of Brooklyn served by the Kane Street Synagogue.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

June 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to send greetings to each of you attending the Kane Street Synagogue 163rd Anniversary Celebration.

I am grateful to the Kane Street Synagogue for fostering a thriving Jewish community in Cobble Hill. The synagogue provides Hebrew classes and other family programs, as well as support for immigrants and refugees, effectively engaging with local Jewish families and assisting in social justice initiatives. Congratulations to the honorees. I am thankful for their service to the community.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand". The script is fluid and cursive.

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ
7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK
June 2, 2019

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to extend my sincerest congratulations to Kane Street Synagogue on your 163rd Anniversary Celebration. Thank you for being an exceptional addition to the Brooklyn and New York Community.

Since its conception in 1856, Kane Street has grown into a vibrant epicenter of Jewish life. The Hebrew School reaches nearly 150 students of diverse backgrounds, providing for engagement through family programs and music classes. Kane Street continues to show their commitment to the community's well-being with the Cobble Hill Center, which provides vital support to the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue Homeless Shelter.

I commend the Executive Director Alan Bell, Rabbi Sam Weintraub, Rabbi Jason Gitlin and the entire staff at Kane Street for the selfless work in our communities. I would also like to recognize tonight's honoree Rabbi Valerie Lieber, who has made invaluable contributions to her community as the Director of Education & Family Programs at Kane Street.

Thank you, Kane Street for being leaders for social justice in our community. Best wishes for many years of success.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress



BRIAN KAVANAGH
SENATOR, 26th District

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK



June 2, 2019

Kane Street Synagogue
Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes
236 Kane Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to send greetings to the many members, friends, and supporters of Kane Street Synagogue as you gather for the 163rd Anniversary celebration and to commend the Synagogue on its longstanding role as a vital hub for local Jewish life and its continued efforts to promote social justice.

As a cornerstone institution in the Cobble Hill area, Kane Street Synagogue has kept members of the neighborhood's Jewish community in touch with their traditions and values, and has extended its reach across Brooklyn to support immigrants and refugees and provide basic necessities like food, clothing, and toys for those in need.

Tonight, I also join Kane Street Synagogue in honoring Rabbi Valerie Lieber, Director of Education and Family Programming and the Hebrew School. I thank Rabbi Lieber and the entire Kane Street community for your commitment to your work and all that you do to inspire charity, wisdom, and mutual understanding in these challenging times. Congratulations again on 163 years, and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Brian Kavanagh



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

June 9, 2019

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to send greetings to all those celebrating the Kane Street Synagogue's 163rd Anniversary.

We have a responsibility, every one of us, to ensure that New York remains a beacon of hope and progress, and I am proud to be Mayor of the largest urban Jewish community outside of Israel, one that has worked hard to build a better and brighter future for our city. For 163 years, Kane Street Synagogue has provided a steadfast spiritual home for New Yorkers that is firmly committed to social justice and making a positive difference in its Cobble Hill neighborhood. In addition to uniting its members for times of fellowship, Kane Street has offered a variety of adult education courses, programming for youth, and a variety of volunteer opportunities for people to get involved in lifting the floor for their fellow residents. As we celebrate this milestone in its history, I am proud to applaud this outstanding congregation that has inspired a passion for Jewish heritage and traditions as we continue to ensure that all people in our city can practice their faith in peace and freedom.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year's honoree, Rabbi Valerie Lieber. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful anniversary celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor

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*Congratulations to Kane Street Synagogue
on the 163rd anniversary of
Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes!*



Sanctuary interior, Brooklyn Daily Eagle, c1930.

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ב'צדק



Angels

Thank you, Rabbi Val, for your commitment
to our children, our synagogue and our
community. You are an inspiration to us all.

Tracy Makow and Howard Brickner

פ'אליס



Angels

Rabbi Val, what you have accomplished at Kane Street is extraordinary. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and inspired leadership have been a blessing for our community.
Yasher Koach, and thank you!

Lisa and Jonathan Sack

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Thank you to the many Angels of Kane Street.

Ann & Barry

Angels



Dear Mickey,
 Did you ever-ever think the way our lives would
 one day re-entwine is that you'd come to work
 for the shul where we daven? Life is full of surprises.
 This surprise is extremely welcome. As are you.
 We look forward to kibitzing at kiddush, and to watching you
 wrap this cantankerous congregation around your finger.

Much love,
 Noah and Carolyn



I've faced the giants of brute force, that swell
 And rear erect on heaped-up nothingness:
 Caesars and autocrats and princes, yes,
 All those whom mortals worship, loathe, adore:
 I've faced the Jupiters of total power
 For forty years, victorious, running wild!
 Look now: I'm vanquished by a little child.
 –Victor Hugo

Congratulations, Jay and Naomi, on the arrival of little
 Noa, and the start of your most joyous adventure.

–Noah and Carolyn

Congratulations!


BankUnited applauds
this year's honoree

Rabbi Valerie Lieber

Thank you for your leadership
and commitment to the
Kane Street Synagogue.



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The sounds of children fill the buildings!
 Congratulations to Rabbi Val and to all the dedicated
 trustees and parents who have helped
 the Hebrew School and children's programming
 to thrive under her leadership.

Susan and Bill Rifkin

Congratulations to Rabbi Val
and thanks for all you do for the
children of our Congregation.

Ronnie and Dean Ringel



We honor Rabbi Simkha Weintraub on his well-deserved
recognition by T'ruah: Rabbis for Human Rights

Vivien and Mike Shelanski



Rabbi Val

Thank you for your dedication to Kane Street's
children, to our community and our environment.

Kol ha Kavod!

Vivien and Mike Shelanski



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Congratulations to our dear Rabbi Val who instills a love
and knowledge of Judaism in our beloved children.

Judy and Seth Greenwald



Thank you, Rabbi Val, for your many years
of service to Kane Street families.

Ann Powell & Barry Nass

pride
Gardians

In Memory of Tovah Hechtman 2/12/67–4/4/08

In Our Hearts Forever

Daniel & Fay



In honor of Daniel McCormack's graduation
from Boston University.
Daniel is following in the footsteps of his Mom,
Tovah, with a BA in International Relations

–Fay

Rabbi Val,

Thank you for showing us what's possible, and
for teaching us to always expect more.

All our best,
Adina, Torsten, and Clark

To the Officers and Trustees of the Kane Street Synagogue,

Thank you for your dedication and service. You
inspire me every day to continue to strive for better
on behalf of our congregation and community.

With gratitude,
Adina



Michael Young and Debra Raskin
salute Rabbi Val Lieber
for her leadership and contributions
to Kane Street



Adina Devora Solomon:

Amazing Shofar Blower
Dauntless and Darling Daughter
Incredible Wife
Nurturing Mother
Awesome Shul President

Proud to be your mom!

Val, you bring life to our congregation!
You're a terrific role model when it comes to being
active, being dedicated to important values like the
environment, being innovative in terms of programming.
We're so lucky to have you at Kane Street!

Marion and Ron



Congratulations to Rabbi Val
And All the hard-working members and staff
of The Kane Street Synagogue
Especially to Barbara and Rena, whose tireless
efforts made this journal successful.

Nancy Fink and Family

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Val for all that you do for Kane Street!

Jeremy Kaplan, Melissa Kushner, Raya, Aviv, Leyla & Lena



Congratulations to Rabbi Valerie Lieber.
Kane Street Hebrew School's dynamic and enthusiastic leader.

Adam Lichtman,
Jaquelline Perlman-Lichtman and Arielle Lichtman

In memory of Arthur Lichtman, Maier Perlman,
and all those that are sorely missed.

Adam Lichtman,
Jaqueline Perlman-Lichtman and Arielle Lichtman



Rabbi Val, we are grateful for your leadership and devotion to our Hebrew School and the Kane Street community. Thank you for making Jewish learning and Jewish “doing” an integral part of the lives of our children and our families. Mazal tov!

Lisa Smith and Alan Salzberg

and
Guardians

The Officers and Board of Trustees of Kane Street Synagogue

Life Trustees

Arnold Badner*

Benjamin Zalman*

Evelyn Rubenstein*

Howard Schneider*

Allen Rubenstein*

Rena Schklowsky*

Home Service Work,



KANE STREET SYNAGOGUE

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With Great Admiration for Rabbi Val and the
Continued Success of our Hebrew School.

Shira Scheindlin and Stanley Friedman



BDG-CPAs salutes Rabbi Valerie Lieber,
Kane Street Synagogue's Educational Director.
May you go from strength to strength!

Thank you, Rabbi Valerie Lieber, for your dedication,
creativity and devotion to Jewish Education.
How thrilling it is to see the Hebrew School, Shabbat Morning
Services and Family Programs bursting at the seams.

Thank you to all staff members who work with our
children, encouraging a love of Yiddishkeit.

Yasher Kochem to all those who are serving or who have
served on the Hebrew School Committee for your time and
effort in maintaining and building such a strong program.

And thank you, Isaac Druker, for agreeing to come
out of “retirement” in the mid-80s to work with a
small group of upstarts on the reorganization
of Prozdor. Our present Hebrew School relies
on the structure you helped create.

With much appreciation,
One of the upstarts,
Rena Schklowsky

Congrats to Rabbi Val on being honored at the Kane Street
 dinner! Your leadership and energy are an inspiration to
 all the children and families who've participate in your
 programs! Thank you for all your tireless work and for
 making Kane Street a wonderful place for everyone.

The Visser Family – Yael, Philippe, Aaron and Tal

In Blessed Memory of our Parents
Benno and Rivka Anavi
Hasko and Violette Zalman

Ben and Desi Zalman

Congratulations to Rabbi Valerie Lieber for her
exemplary leadership as Educational Director

Ben and Desi Zalman

To our sons, Pablo and Raphael,
daughters-in-law, Chloe and Francesca and
granddaughters Isabella and Josephine—
We are so grateful for your love and
devotion to what truly matters.

Rena and Andre Schklowsky

All hail Rabbi Val! She has breathed new life into
 our Hebrew School, turned Junior Congregation
 into the best-attended youth services in town,
 and made our beloved community stronger.
 Mazel tov on this well-deserved honor.

Ralph and Lisa Kleinman

“Teachers and school children are society’s
most beautiful ornaments”
–Midrash Song of Songs Rabbah 1:10.2

For Rabbi Valerie, strong leader and cherished colleague.

Rabbi Sam Weintraub

Thank you to the entire congregation for this wonderful honor! I am grateful for this and for all the support you have given me to try to create the best Hebrew School, youth programs and family activities in all of Brooklyn!
I hope to continue to inspire and educate our children and teens and this community and be inspired and energized by them for many years to come.

- Rabbi Val

To my original inspirations: My family

- Thank you to my wife Leah. You inspire me daily with your high ethics, your very tough Jewish questions and your love. I am lucky to come home to you every day. We must laugh all the time.
- Thank you to my mom, Ann T. Lieber, a lifelong teacher and creative educator who inspired my love of Jewish learning.
- Thank you to my siblings and their spouses for sharing our Jewish lives: Barry - the first in Hebrew School who got me so excited about Hebrew letters all those years ago. Wendy, the one who first wanted to be a rabbi and became a youth group leader before me, paving the way. Mike, who attended the first High Holy Day services I ever led and buoyed my confidence. Thank you to Oscar, Ayal and Rebecca for being my nicest siblings.
- Thank you to the kids on whom I try out all of my stories first, and from whom I get so many great educational ideas. More important, you give me my favorite role in life, Aunt Valerie: my nieces and nephews: Adva, Nomi, David, Evan, Sarah, Gabriel and Reece. I love you so much.

Thank you to my colleagues and the lay-leaders at Kane Street Synagogue for your standards of excellence and dedication to our holy mission. Thank you Rabbi Sam Weintraub for your passion for Judaism, incisive guidance and masterful Tzmitzum.

Thank you Rabbi Jason Gitlin for your dynamism and untiring creativity.

Thank you to all those who have led the congregation and trus-tees over my years. Your commitment to this holy work is ex-traordinary. Thank you for always supporting the Hebrew School and our mission: Adina Solomon, Lisa Smith, Jonathan Sack, Vicky Vossen, Harry Chevan, Jay Brodsky and Susan Rifkin.

Thank you Priscilla Murphy, my assistant, without whom the Hebrew School would not be nearly as organized, warm and safe. Thank you for your cool head and your "glue" that keeps it all afloat.

Thank you to Lori Tompkins who, this past year, led us with extreme devotion, intelligence, and organization. We miss you.

Thank you to all the rest of the staff who keep the children safe, comfortable and with a good space to learn and who make this community run: Rivka, Erica, William, Trevor, Nestor, Pedro, Yvette, Gerald, Quadasia and all the preschool teachers.

Thank you to the Teachers, Teen Madrichim and the Children who fill our classrooms with energy, curiosity, vitality and wisdom! Thank you to all the teachers and staff I've worked with at Kane Street Synagogue Hebrew School over the years.

Staff this year

Priscilla Murphy
Yiram Aldouby
Moran Lantner
Melissa Zimmerman
Tamy Bentor
Noam Wiesenberg
Paul Wolf
Linda Kamalic
Ora Fruchter
Jordyn Jacobs
Eyal Hai
Wendy Giman
Amit Goldberg
Leah Nagarpowers
Sarah Rebell
Landon Braverman
Eden Bareket
Norman Chernick-Zeitlin
Nadav Kesler
Ori Jacobson
Alon Benjamini
Alon Near
Rabbi Dan Bronstein
Yonathan Peled
Deborah Strauss

Past Years

Yoshie Fruchter
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Worked 4 -5 Years

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To the Parents: I feel so lucky to work here, to lead you and your children in Jewish learning, and to have learned so much from you. Your encouragement, constructive critiques, and suggestions have been invaluable. Your hard work and dedication is mind-boggling. Being Jewish has never been convenient or easy, and I deeply admire your devotion to raising your children as knowledgeable, active Jews. Thank you.

Thank you especially to the chairs of the Hebrew School Committee over the years who have done yeoman's work, sweating physically and emotionally over the Hebrew School, our families and the congregation. You have all been utterly invaluable partners in this sacred endeavor:

Thank you Judith Hoffman, Allison Day, Sari Fensterheim, Leslie Budnick, Reed Lowenstein, Elizabeth Schacher, Norman Cohen, Elizabeth Cleek, Rachael Burton, Jenny Breznay, and Andrea Glick. And thank you to Fay Pallen, my educational coach.

And to all those who have served on the committee over the years, I thank you:

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Welcome To The World
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Congratulations to Rabbi Val!



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Prize Heroes

In loving memory of Arthur Lichtman;
beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Celia Lichtman

Rabbi Val and the Hebrew School Committee-



Leaders- fabulous and fierce.

What amazing accomplishments!

From these heights ... to ones even higher.

Rabbi Sam and Rabbi Jason-

Thank you both for leading our community in times of trial and times of joy. You always offer comfort.

Trustees and Officers of Kane Street Synagogue-

Thank you for all the tireless, thankless hours you spend and for your devotion to our community.

To our children- Josey and Max,

Our delight in you increases daily. We are impatient to witness your next adventures.

We are truly grateful to be part of this community.

Peace,

Jenny Breznay and Dan Klein



Thank you Rabbi Val for guiding our children throughout their Hebrew School experience and Judaic education.

Your dedication and tireless effort to the children of Kane Street is truly appreciated. Mazel Tov!

With gratitude, Denise, Adam, Caleb, Talia and Julius

Congratulations to Rabbi Val for a job well done and
A big Todah Rabah to the Hebrew School Committee

Allen and Carole Rubenstein



Val, I'm so glad you've found a place that recognizes
your intelligence, hard work, and kind heart.
I'm so proud to be your wife, today and every day.

With all my love,
Leah

פ'חן



Shepherds

Val,

I'm so proud of you. Not only do you "learn for life," you have taught generations of Jews, inspired them to find life's deepest meanings, and consoled them in times of darkness.

I love you.

L'chaim and Mazel Tov!

Mom

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Valerie Lieber. You have re-energized
our Hebrew School and imbued Kane Street's students
with your passion for learning and Tikkun Olam.

Best regards,
Barbara and Mike Speregen



may my heart always be open to little birds who
 are the secrets of living whatever they sing
 is better than to know and if men should not hear them
 men are old may my mind stroll about hungry and fearless
 and thirsty and supple and even if it's sunday may i be
 wrong for whenever men are right they are not young
 and may myself do nothing usefully and love yourself so
 more than truly there's never been quite such a fool who
 could fail pulling all the sky over him with one smile
 -e.e. cummings

Irving, I love and respect you so much. I am
 so proud of you for becoming a Bar Mitzvah
 and a man who knows his own mind.

Love,
 Mommy

Mazal Tov, Rabbi Val.

Congratulations to Olivia for completing elementary school and to Chloe for knowing every river in Africa.

Yashar Koach to Nanette Weiser for
reading Hebrew at the Seder at 99.

Thank you those of you in the Kane Street
Community who have been and are a support.

Best and hugs,

Miryam Wasserman—member since 1977!!!

פִּדְיוֹן



Shepherds

In honor of
Our children–
Ariel & Eyal
Ami & Michelle

Our grandchildren–
Nerya
Ateret
Halleli Miryam
Reshef
Alexis Veronica
and Brenden Levi
(our newest grandchild)

Gloria and Bob Blumenthal

We remember Our Parents
Irving Bregman and Esther Bregman Bialer
Robert and Rose Rabin

We honor
Kane Street Synagogue
Bob and Rose's much beloved Jewish Community
On its 163rd Anniversary

Bob was devoted to Jewish education
He imparted knowledge with love and creativity

We honor Rabbi Val Lieber
Val is devoted to Jewish education
She imparts knowledge with love and creativity
We are grateful for people like Val
who carry on Bob's tradition

Bill Bregman and Sheila Rabin

פ'תר



Shepherds

In Memory Of My Beloved Husband,
Herbert A. Weinstein, and
Son, Bob Weinstein

Blanche Weinstein

Congrats to Rabbi Val and her fabulous staff for a great job!

Leslie Wilsher and David Freed

פ'דר



Shepherds

Congratulations to Rabbi Val and the
Entire Kane Street Hebrew School Staff.
You Along with the Students and Parents
Have Established a Hebrew School
Where Community and Learning are Paramount.
Kol Ha Kavod.

Laurie Lieberman and Edward Telzak

Rabbi Val,
Thank you for your contributions to
the Kane Street Community.

Fred Terna and Rebecca Shiffman

פִּדְיוֹן



Shepherds

In Celebration of Rabbi Val
For over a decade of commitment to
the Children of Kane Street

Andrew, Miriam, Nina and Eve Harris

Congratulations Rabbi Valerie Lieber,
for a well-deserved honor.
Thank you, Rena and Barbara, for your “Journal Enthusiasm”

Evelyn Rubenstein and Family

פ'דל



Shepherds

To celebrate David Erlij,
his love of family, Israel, and learning.
In addition, I would also like to celebrate
the anniversary of the Synagogue.

–Sarah Erlij

Valerie –

Much love and mazel tov at this wonderful occasion! We are so proud that Kane Street Synagogue is enriched by your energy, intelligence and caring spirit.

We are lucky to have you as a sister and our children are lucky to have you as their aunt.



Love,

Barry and Oscar

Wendy and Ayal

Michael and Rebecca

Adva, Naomi, David, Evan, Sarah, Gabriel and Reece

אדם מה־טוב ומה־השם דורש ממך כי אם־עשות

משפט ואהבת חסד והצנע לכת עם־אלהיך

Great thanks and appreciation for Rabbi Val Lieber!
For your service to the the Hebrew School and the
Synagogue, and for your commitment, enthusiasm,
patience in building the Hebrew School and the many
Family Programs!

We also celebrate our wonderful Hebrew School and
Community—teachers, parents, and students—who enrich
our *kehilla*, and make it a joy for our children to learn, and
participate in many events through the year.

We also thank Rabbi Sam, Rabbi Jason, the synagogue
staff, and all of our fellow volunteers, for all of your
hard work to support our community, as well as the
whole congregation for making Kane Street a warm and
welcoming place for our family, every time we are there.

Happy 163rd Anniversary, Kane Street!

*Laura, Danny,
Tallulah, Penelope, and Raffaella
Tamman*



Herb Cohen, Kim Warner-Cohen and
Jessy Warner-Cohen congratulate Adina Solomon on
a fabulous first year as President of our congregation.
It has been particularly enjoyable to have watched
Adina grow from a Bat Mitzvah to President.

פ'דר



Shepherds

Best wishes to the Kane Street Community
for 163 years Young!
Congratulations to Rabbi Val and
Thanks to Rabbis Sam and Jason.

Deborah & Alan Polinsky

Congratulations Rabbi Val for this well-deserved honor in recognition of your dedication and hard work on behalf of our wonderful, flourishing Hebrew School. Thank you for creating a place for learning, friendship and community in resourceful and imaginative ways.

Mazel Tov from the Pomerantz-Robinson Family!!



A big, big Mazel Tov to Rabbi Valerie Lieber!!!!
 For the past 11 years you have thoughtfully
 and carefully shepherded our children.
 Your hard work and commitment have added
 so much to our Kane Street Community.
 Thank you for your incredible leadership!

Gratefully, The Hebrew School Committee
 Judith Hoffman and Sari Fensterheim, Co-Chairs
 Rebecca Brodsky
 Leslie Budnick
 Allison Day
 Stephanie Kauffman
 Michael Klein
 Hal Klopper
 Reed Lowenstein
 Brett Parker
 Laura Tamman

We honor Rabbi Valerie Lieber for her rabbinic leadership,
her teaching, and her deep commitment to Jewish values.

Martha Leibowitz Rothman and Elliot Paul Rothman

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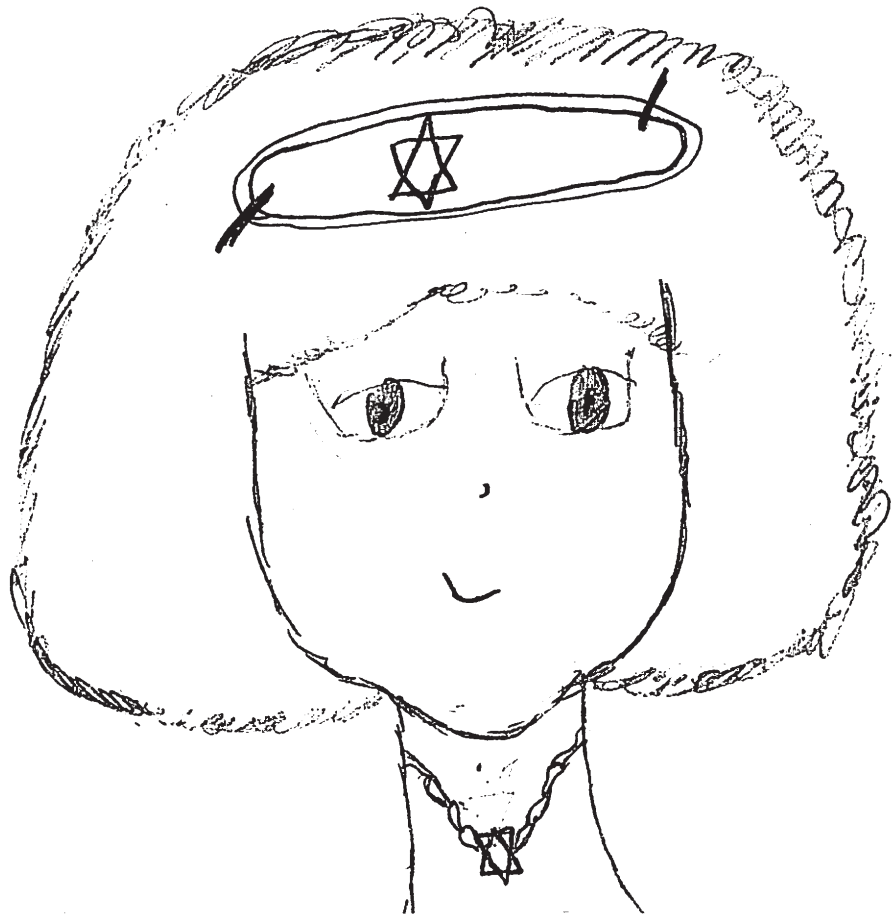


Shepherds

Congratulations

From Madeleine,
Nitzan, Michal
& Adam ♡

Rabbi Val



In memory of
Maurice H. Blumenthal
Genevieve W. Blumenthal
Philip M. Blumenthal
Norman Shulman
Miriam Shulman

Gloria and Bob Blumenthal

Real sign in the window of a former Carroll Gardens restaurant:

“HAPPY HOUR FOR EDUCATORS! All drinks half price!
They’re our kids. We know you need a drink!”
Yasher Koach, Rabbi Val!

Vicky Vossen and David Bloomfield

Congratulations Rabbi Val!
Thank you for your tremendous work to support Jewish education
at Kane Street Synagogue.
Your dedication and passion can be seen in everything you do!

The Rose Family (Jill, Todd, Mathew, Jessie and Jake)

Hedi and Susan,
Thank you for being such intelligent, strong and inspiring leaders,
not to mention kind, witty and so enjoyable to work with.
You have both taught me so much and I am truly lucky to call you friends!
Hedi, you consistently amaze me. You have the strength and tenacity of 10 people.
Thank you for continuing to steer the Finance ship so brilliantly!

With Love,
Jill

Dear Val,
Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom (TBAS)
was very fortunate to have you as our Rabbi as you began your career and
it's wonderful to see how much you've achieved since your years with us.
Personally, I will be forever grateful to you for introducing me to Hazon,
which opened my eyes to the multitude of things that are happening
in the Jewish world.
May you continue to enrich the education and experiences of Jewish youth
for years to come.

All the best,
Eric Platt

Rabbi Val Thank you for so many years of dedicated teaching with joy.
Your love of learning and Judaism has been transmitted to the next generation and,
as parents, we are forever grateful.

Rachael Burton Michael Abrahams Max Abrahams

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We wish Rabbi Val Mazel Tov!
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

Mazel tov,
Alissa, Mark, Zoë, and Jordan Owens

Dear Rabbi Val,
It is our honor to salute you on this well-deserved occasion.
Mazal Tov!

Arlene & Howard Schneider

Thank you, Rabbi Val, for all that you do for our Community!

Love, the Radin/Macks Family,
Susan, Adam, Jeremy, and Eleanor



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Mazal tov and todah
rabah, Rabbi Val!

You are our favorite
minyanaire.

Thank you for playing an
integral role in guiding
Ruby and Leo on their
Jewish educational
journey.

Justin, Jessica,
Ruby and Leo

Tell me and I forget
Teach me and I remember
Involve me and I learn.
–Benjamin Franklin

Ellen and Alan Bowin

Elizabeth, my love...
Thank you for all your support and encouragement, for your faith and your confidence,
and for your never-ending supply of love and affection.
Because of you, I'm a better man.
Because of you, I continue to strive to be a better husband and father.

Forever,
Mitchell



Thank you Rabbi Val
for helping to create
a wonderful community
for our children.

Flora and Jon Margolis



”Who is wise? The one who learns from all” (Pirke Avot)

Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Rabbi Ellen Lippmann, Rabbi Hara Person,
Rabbi Sarah Reines, and Rabbi Amy Schwartzman,
the other members of your sermon-writing group, salute you,
Rabbi Valerie Lieber, as you are honored.
We cherish the learning and the wisdom we have received from you.



Laurie, Ellen, Hedi and Jill
The best part of our projects together has been getting to work with
such smart, capable and interesting women.
Thank you for your dedication to the Shul on
these complicated projects and for putting up with me.

Susan

Mazel tov to Rabbi Val.
You are a blessing to us all.

Laura Barbanel & Ernest Fried

Mazel Tov On A Job Well Done

Toni Lichstein and Steve Houck

Mazel Tov Val!
We are so happy for you and
the community you serve!

Your Friends at
Brooklyn Heights Synagogue

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Val
Kudos to you

Fay

To Rabbi Val Lieber,
Mazel Tov and Yashir Koach!

From Roberta Weisbrod
and Harry Klug

In memory of Bob and Rose Rabin

Gloria and Bob

In honor of our mother Janet Wohl

In honor of our parents, of
blessed memory, Nettie Ptaszek,
Robert Ptaszek, David Wohl

Howard Ptaszek and Marisa Wohl

To Rabbi Val,
A Dynamic, Nurturing, Leader Who
Makes Learning Interesting and Fun.

Thank you.
Rose and William Geen, Natasha and
David Geen, Susan and Arthur Geen

Mazal Tov Rabbi Val!
Thank you for your leadership!

Joy Fallek

"Conscientious teachers of children are
destined to sit at the right hand of God."
(Pesikta deRav Kahana, chapter 28)
Thank you so much, Val, for your
phenomenal educational leadership!

Simha Rosenberg and
(Rabbi) Simkha Y. Weintraub

TO RABBI VAL
MAAZEL TOV AND THANKS FOR
YOUR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP.

Woody Blaufeux

Dear Rabbi Val,
We are extremely grateful for your
leadership and tireless work in creating
a Hebrew school where our girls both
learn so much and have so much fun.
They've developed close friendships
and a deep sense of Jewish identity,
and we owe much of that to you.
Todah rabah! We are so happy for this
opportunity to recognize this truly
invaluable work and honor you.

Best,
The Plener Family

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Val on
this special honor.
We thank you for all that you
do at Kane Street and wish
you continued success.
Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Alan, Alana, and Bryce Blank

The Kuflik Family—Anna,
Allison and Arthur—
are in awe of Rabbi Val.
Thanks so very much for all your hard
work to make the Jewish education
of young people an enjoyable
and meaningful experience.

Wishing a huge Mazel Tov
to my granddaughter
Becca Greenberg
as she is called to the Torah
as a Bat-Mitzvah!

With all my love, Eddie

Keep up the good work, Rabbi Val!
Betsy and Hai Knafo

Congratulations to Rabbi Val
and continuing appreciation to
Rabbi Sam for his always
inspiring and dedicated efforts.

James Goldman

Mazel Tov Rabbi Val and
Thanks for Everything!
Seth Seifman, Jennifer Yang, and
Malcolm & Jerome Seifman

Congratulations Rabbi Val
On Your Great Work Enriching
the Kane Street Community

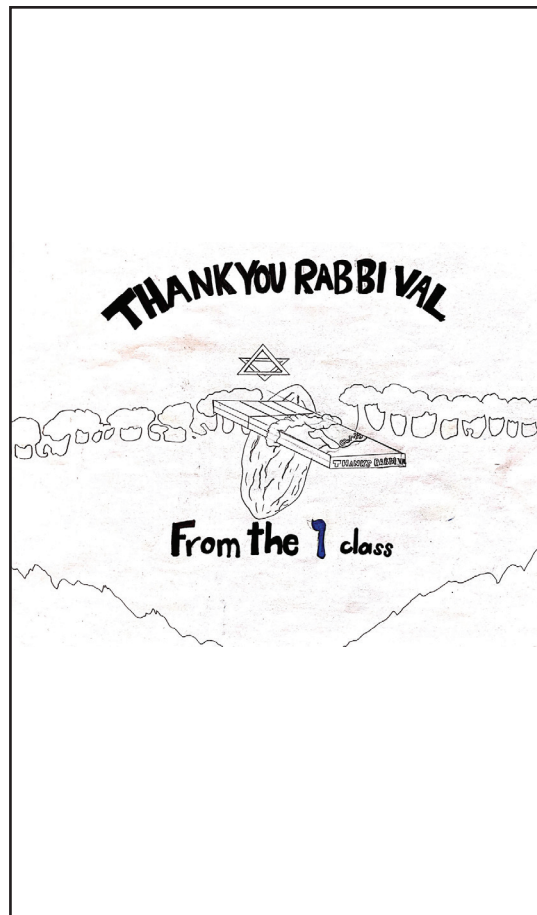
From Bob and Carla Cohen and Family:
New addition 5/3/19, Gussie Cohen
Gong, sister Esther and parents
Becky and Ming in Austin, TX
Harrison, Ruby and Bayla and parents
Rachel and Gordon in Clarksville, MD
Sam, Henry, Edith, Asher and
Eva and parents Nicole and
Lauren in Belmont, MA.

Mazal Tov and Yesher Koach
to my friend and colleague
Rabbi Valerie Lieber
רב ומורה
~ a teacher in Israel, a pillar
of our community ~
Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman

Rabbi Val, Yasher Koach
and Todah Rabah!
Love, The Fensterheim-Bronsteins

Mazal Tov, Rabbi Val! Thank you
for everything you've done for our
children and for the young people
and families of Kane Street.

Andrea Glick, Seth Lieberman,
Sophie and Evan



Congratulations Rabbi Valerie Lieber!
Your great success in running the
Hebrew School certainly deserves
highest commendation!

Isaac E. Druker & Marjorie P. Pollack

Mazel tov to our wonderful daughter
on graduating from Mark Twain
and beginning her Brooklyn Tech
journey! We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

Todah Rabah to Rabbi Val for 11 years
of leadership, support, and guidance!

Laurie, Stephen and Elena

Judith Berkson—a chazzan, a facilitator,
a friend—but never a diva! We will
miss feeling the prayers through
your voice, the depth and musicality
of your singing, and your warmth,
patience, and encouragement in your
teaching. Thank you, and congrats
earning your Masters in Composition!

Laurie, Stephen, and Elena

Thank you Rabbi Val for enriching
the lives of the children and
families of Kane Street.

Penny Owen

Mazal Tov to our children Uriel
on graduating Hannah Senesh,
Na'ama on graduating from
Heschel High School,
Eliana on completing her first
year at Goucher College
We are so very proud of you!!



**MAZEL TOV TO RABBI VAL, AND THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE
CHILDREN OF KANE STREET SYNAGOGUE!
LOVE, SARAH, RACHEL, NOAH, AND ISAAC**

For Leah, Barnard College Class of '89
"Least Likely to Marry a Rabbi"

Ellen Shaw

Rabbi Val, a Jewel in our midst
reflects its beauty
through the threshold of our
community

The Romano Family

Mazel Tov Rabbi Val

The Pliner-Blooms
Eric, Jonathan, Jacob,
Jeremiah, and Ezra



Congratulations to
Kane Street Synagogue and
to Rabbi Valerie Lieber!

Joshua Gleis, PhD
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Dear Valerie, ואלרי יקרה,

“מכל מלמדיי השכלתי, כי עדותיך שיחה לי”
(תהילים, קיט', 99)

תודה:

Working with you, under your supervision,
with your support, your faith in people, is a
source of inspiration.

תודה:

Seeing you practice great values -
improving, believing in people, listening to
and caring for your environment in so
many ways, is a source of strength.

תודה:

You bring clarity as you set the structure,
yet open to explore new ideas and methods
in our learning environment, your
conversation is alive, a source of light and
love - to teachers, to students.

With great appreciation,
Moran Ben-Shaul Lantner

בהערכה רבה,

מורן בן-שאול לנטנר



We are so proud of you, Joela,
on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
Thank you, Rabbi Val, for your
leadership and encouragement
through the years.

With love and gratitude,
The Susman Family.

To Rabbi Val

Thank you for commitment to
Kane Street, to the planet and
to each and every child.

Mazel Tov on this honor.

Jewish, Greening and Fellowship
are your everyday mission!!

With Love and gratitude,
Jeff, Ariel, Marah, Manny and, Eran



In memory of Barnett Berger
"All peoples, clap hands, shout
out to G-d with a sound of
glad song." –Psalm 47:2

Howard Ptaszek and Marisa Wohl

CONGRATULATIONS
RABBI VAL
FOR ALL YOUR
WONDERFUL WORK

And To My Evolving Tribe
Naava & David Broxmeyer,
Eddie Grupper & Lily Balsen
for Preparing, Hosting and Leading
Your First Seder!
Love,
Yo Mama, Hedda

Dear Rabbi Lieber,
With many fond memories, Mazel Tov.

Roz Kirschenbaum

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Val
Todah Rabbah for your
service to Kane Street

Howard Ptaszek and Marisa Wohl

Mazal Tov, Rabbi Val!
Thank you for your dedication
to our community.
Kol haKavod.

Jason, Laureve and Rose

In honor of Rabbi Valerie
Lieber and Jewish education
for children (and adults).

Anita Dinerstein

Mazal Tov Rabbi Val and Todah
Rabah for all of your leadership and
hard work here at Kane Street!!

Linda Kane, Jonah and Isaac Nemetz

Thank you, Rabbi Val, for
your excellent work.

Sharon Neuman

Thank you, Rabbi Val

In honor of Hedda Kafka

Ira Sherman

In honor of Gloria and Bob Blumenthal

Ira Sherman

In memory of Howard Herzog

Ira Sherman

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Val and
Kane Street Synagogue

Deborah and Lloyd Miller
And Aiden El Perro

The Gedanke's would like to thank Rabbi Valerie Lieber for her dedication and support to our family, in special to our daughter Hannah and soon to become Bar-Mitzva Benny. Rabbi Val has been a great source of inspiration to us through her leadership, Hebrew school programming to extra-curricular activities through larger community outreach. Thank you for being a great source of light in our Jewish lives.

With Love,
Natalia, Hannah, Benny
and Sergio Gedanke

Congratulations, Rabbi Val

Amy Hornick and Lawrence Becker

Mazel tov to Rabbi Val Lieber -
a great rabbi and a great friend!

In admiration,
Rabbi Hara Person

Thank You Rabbi Val for the
tremendous work you do at
Kane Street! and Mazal Tov on
this well deserved honor!

Ilana, Dominic, Georgia And Caleb

Kol haKavod, Rabbi Val!
I love being one of your
Brooklyn colleagues.
Rabbi Heidi Hoover



Congratulations, Rabbi Val!

Thanks for all you do for
Kane Street's youth and families.

The Cleek Family

Congratulations to Rabbi Val!

Sam and Fran Silverman

Thanks to Rabbi Val for helping create
Coby's first Jewish home in Brooklyn.
Mazal tov

Dahlia Lithwick and Aaron Fein

Rabbi Val,
Thank you for your many
years of service to our
Hebrew School and our children.

Renee, David, Alana and Max Rettig

To Rabbi Val--
Job well done!

Congratulations and best wishes,
Rita Zweifach

A well deserved honor to a gifted Rabbi,
wonderful woman and dear friend.
Many years ahead going from
strength to strength.

Much love from the Schneider,
Schlesinger-Jaffee family.

Susan, You are the wind
beneath my wings.

Hedi

Jill, You complete me.

Hedi

עשה לך רב וקנה לך חברה

Make for yourself a Rav (a teacher);
acquire for yourself a friend
(Pirke Avot 1:6)

Rabbi Val, You are our colleague,
our collaborator, our partner in
Education, and most important,
OUR FRIEND. Mazal Tov on
all of your accomplishments
at Kane Street Synagogue
Love, Aileen, Franny and Mindy

Congratulations Rabbi Valerie Lieber

from The Lazar Family

Mazel tov, Rabbi Val!

Janet & Mark Zimmerman
Melissa Zimmerman

Dear Valerie:

May you continue to be an
inspiration and a source of strength
to the Jewish Community.
Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor.

Joyce Kantrowitz and Family

We honor Rabbi Simkha Weintraub
on his well-deserved recognition
of the Founders Award by T'ruah
Rabbis for Human Rights

Marsha and Eliot Solomon

Continued success to Rabbi
Val imparting enthusiasm for
Yiddishkeit to new generations.

Riva & Ira

Congratulations, Rabbi Val.
You are a treasure! We especially
appreciate your being the first
employer of Isaac and Aaron.
What a great start for them to
become responsible citizens.

B'Hatzlacha,
Elise and Tony

Mazel tov to Rabbi Val!
Thank you for all your years of service
and guidance to the families at
Kane Street Synagogue.

The Coplan Family
Mary, Stephen, Caleb and Gemma

The Maggid of Mezritch was so pious
and wise that his students would
learn just by watching the way he
tied and untied his shoelaces. Rabbi
Valerie Lieber teaches with her heart,
her sharp mind, her creativity, her
humor, and her deep love for Judaism
and Jews, and probably even her
shoes. Mazal Tov to my colleague,
my teacher, and my friend!
Rabbi Sharon Forman and
Dr. Steven Marx, Abby, Josh, and Ben

Thank you for all your years of
service to Jewish education

Bob Marx

Dear Val,

Congrats to the always and forever BBE!

Love, Meryl and Melissa

With deep appreciation for
Rabbi Val and her leadership!
You have created a home for
our children at Kane Street.

Sincerely,
Diana and Rob with Sammy and Zorah

Mazel tov to Rabbi Simhka
in recognition of his 2019
Truah Founders' Award.
Mechayil el chayil

–Laurie and Stephen

Rena and Barbara, thank you for your
tireless service to our shul, and for
your endlessly entertaining parodies!

–Laurie and Stephen

Dear Rabbi Val,
Thank you for creating such a joyous,
warm, and fun place to learn, grow,
and make friends. We are so grateful
for you! Mazel tov and todah rabah!

Lily, Violet, Leslie, and Glenn



Mazel Tov on 163 Years, Kane
Street, and Yashar Kochech to
Rabbi Val Leiber for years of
dedication to Jewish education.

כל הכבוד

~ Clergy, Board, Staff
and community of
Kolot Chayeinu / Voices of Our Lives ~



“My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
and the meditation of my heart shall
be of understanding.” –Psalm 49
Thank you, Rabbi, for your guidance
and teaching from the beginning.
In fact, I continue to learn from you,
even now, whenever I see you.
Congratulations and all the best always.

Yvette Pomeranz



Todah Raba Rabbi Val for your
incredible vision and leadership.
Model seders; social justice, openness
to all families and your commitment
to what cannot be compromised.
We love you and are grateful for you!!
Mazel Tov!!!–The Poliner Family



We will miss Domino and Gizmo, our
first Grandpets. These two sisters brought
joy to our son Pablo, who loved them
dearly. When the time came to find a new
home, we felt so fortunate that Carolyn,
Noah and especially Moses, took them in
(thanks to the Kleinmans' encouragement)
and gave them such loving care.

Andre and Rena

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Irving Hruby

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Molly Klein

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Roger Samuel Kleinman
Elliot Max Kleinman

Max Laszlo Klopfer

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