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Photograph of the Board of Trustees

Credit: Sixtieth Anniversary Journal

This photograph marked "Lee's" pictures the leaders of the congregation surrounding president Pincus Weinberg. The Editor's key identifies who's who.

Four Who Kept the Congregation Alive

Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, Jack Hertz, Julius Kahn and Herman Belth enabled the congregation to continue functioning during the declining years when membership was skeletal. Jack Hertz is installed as the Congregation's youngest president on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941, and serves for most of the next 18 years

"A Historical View from Rabbi Ray Scheindlin"

By Rabbi Ray Scheindlin, *Credit: L'Dor VaDor, January 2002*

Ray Scheindlin wrote this article about the passing of responsibility for the synagogue from the older generation to the younger leaders in the 1960s for the Renewal Campaign newsletter, *From Generation to Generation*.

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By Rachel Epstein from *The Scroll*, December 1977

The Scroll, November 1986, reprinted the 1977 article by Rachel Epstein

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By Sara Sloan from *BIAE Journal*

In this issue ...

We feature stories about extraordinary BIAE leaders of the mid-20th Century who carried the responsibility of the synagogue for decades of declining membership and deteriorating building conditions until new leaders emerged. On Shabbat Parah, we read the chapters of *Ki Tissa* (Exodus 32-34) about the Golden Calf episode, the quintessential example of leadership and responsibility. While Aaron succumbs to the people's desperation and faithlessness and helps build the Calf, Moses responds with powerful rage and powerful compassion, saving the people through a brilliant appeal to God.

The Congregation gratefully remembers the lasting works of Julius Kahn, Jacob Hertz, Herman Belth and Rabbi Israel Goldfarb, who sustained our synagogue during the tenuous decades before Kane Street Synagogue's revitalization. We honor the memory of each of these leaders. Their unflinching devotion enabled our Congregation to survive, and eventually to renew its strength.

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About the Journal ...

The Synagogue Journal" is a one-year online publication at www.kanestreet.org/historical_journal.html, designed to highlight the three periods of the Kane Street Synagogue congregation: the first fifty years as Congregation Baith Israel at both the Atlantic Street and the Boerum Place sites; the middle years (1905-1956) with Rabbi Israel Goldfarb as spiritual leader of the consolidated Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes at the present location that was known as Harrison Street, and the last fifty years, as the synagogue evolved to be the Congregation that we know today.

We welcome submissions of reminiscences, letters and photographs to help shape the BIAE story. For a list of upcoming Journal themes or to read past issues, see "Archives," located under the Journal banner.

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Presidents in the Goldfarb's Years

Rabbi Israel Goldfarb served the Kane Street Synagogue congregation from 1905-1960. The following list provides the names and addresses of seventeen presidents during Rabbi Goldfarb's fifty-five years as BIAE Hazzan and Rabbi. Several men had multiple terms in the office such as Bernard Kalischer who was president of Congregation Baith Israel at the Boerum Place Synagogue in the decade following the sudden departure of Rev. Marcus Friedlander. We wonder what part Mr. Kalischer played in Rabbi Friedlander's departure and if Rabbi Goldfarb had a notion of controversy concerning his predecessor.

Presidents Alexander, Kalischer, Salit and Copland all had belonged to Congregation Baith Israel. Louis Summer, who lived and worked on Columbia Street came from the Talmud Torah. Michael Salit, Isaac Applebaum and Rabbi Goldfarb were three of the twenty-two founders of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in 1913. Harris Copland presided during the challenging year of the Baith Israel and Anshei Emes merger.

Pincus Weinberg, who was instrumental in the move from Boerum Place to Harrison Street, served in many capacities of leadership, including the purchase of a safe for the synagogue after a rash of burglaries. (Weinberg's safe made news in recent years.) He was president when membership reached its peak. The Weinbergs were one of the many BIAE families who moved away from Downtown - South Brooklyn to resettle in the popular new residential areas of Brooklyn and other suburbs. Pincus founded the East Midwood Jewish Center in 1924 and served as its first president. Michael Salit emigrated to Palestine in 1933 and established Colony Raannanah.

Rabbi Goldfarb, in the Centennial Banquet book, commended depression presidents, Goldberg and Turk for their "superhuman task" in steering the congregation through "one of the most critical periods in its history." Every one of the presidents is to be commended for their dedication to the congregation.

Bernard Kalischer	1893....175 Clinton St
Herman B. Alexander	1904....86 Ashland
Bernard Kalischer	1905....175 Clinton St
Michael Salit	1906....100 Pineapple St
Harris M. Copland	1907....625 Washington Ave
Louis Summer	1910....256 Columbia St
Isaac Applebaum	1913....87 1 st Pl
Herman Alexander	1914....57 Lafayette Ave
Jacob Kronman	1917....361 Smith St
Pincus Weinberg	1919....177 Atlantic Ave
Samuel Lederman	1922....324 5 th St
Phillip Lille	1925....300 Sackett St
Louis Summer	1929....256 Columbia St
Isaac A. Goldberg	1931....92 Hamilton Ave
Harold L. Turk	1934....281 Carroll St
Bernard Eisenberg	1937....179 Smith St
Julian Friedman	1934....168 Douglas St
Jacob Hertz	1942....261 Clinton St
Harold Turk	1948....281 Carroll St
Oscar Hertz	1950....608 Henry St
Jacob Hertz	1957-1972....261 Clinton St

The Weinberg Family

By Carol Levin

The 150th year celebration has spurred much interest in the congregation's history. This article lists the archives and records of Pincus and Sophie Weinberg and their extended family. The Weinbergs were members of Baith Israel at the Boerum Place Synagogue and became leaders at the Harrison Street Synagogue location. Pincus was president from 1919-1921, the years when the congregation reached peak membership. Sophie was sisterhood president from 1912-1915. Their children attended the Talmud Torah and Sunday Schools on Boerum Place and at Harrison Street.

The Weinberg family story illustrates the changing periods of the congregation's prosperity. Shortly after Pincus' term as president, the family moved to Midwood where Pincus founded the East Midwood Jewish Center. This was a time when many Jewish families relocated from downtown Brooklyn for newer communities, thus depleting BIAE's membership base. Rabbi Goldfarb installed Pincus as the first president of the EMJC in 1924. After leaving the congregation, the Weinbergs generously supported BIAE benefits for decades.

Rabbi Israel Goldfarb's Marriage Ceremony records

- Sidney J. Weinberg – Helen Livingston wedding (9/2/1920)
- Florentine Weinberg – Murray Lieberman (2/33/23 wedding)
- Sylvia Weinberg – Julius Klein (10/21/20 wedding)
- Bertha Weinberg (Bertha Helen Litwin) – Louis Goldstein (5/23/18 wedding)

Talmud Torah and Sunday School Records – JTS Archives

Address: 1901: 177 Atlantic St, 1910: 239 Columbia St (liquors), 1913: 51 Strong Pl

- Julius Weinberg – ss admit 9/1894, age 6; 3/15/1896 enrolled in 3rd class; Bm c.1901
- Mortimer Weinberg – ss admit 5/1894 age 4; Bm c.1903 (Beth Eloheim)
- Sol Weinberg – ss admit 1905 age 8; Bm c. 1910
- Sylvester Weinberg – ss admit 1905 age 8; Bm c. 1910
- Louis Weinberg – Bm 11/1/15 page 5; on loose TT letterhead in 1913-17 minutes book "pupil admitted since 12/1/13" Reference to Pincus' request to have the white marble memorial tablet placed in a conspicuous place in the Talmud Torah building (5/17/17)
- Emil Weinberg – tt 1910-13; Bm c. 1913
- Fred Weinberg (son of Jacob-205 Pacific); tt1917-19, ss12/1/1913; Bm c. 1917

Additional Sunday School Records exist for the Weinberg girls

Trustee Minutes – Pres 1919-21

Sisterhood Minutes – President Sophie Weinberg

Souvenir Journal: 1916 - 60th anniversary - member Joseph Weinberg, Miss Jennie Weinberg on School Board and Teaching Staff page

Souvenir Journal 1936 – Ad from Pincus in sacred memory of Sophie, one of the founders of the Sisterhood: president of the sisterhood 1912-15. Pincus member for about 40 years (he belonged to Boerum Shul); trustee for many years; president 1919-1921, active worker, liberal supporter, founder and honorary president of the East Midwood Jewish Center. Page from M & A Barr, in memory of their loving sister Sophie.

B'nai Mitzvah Project Files

Cemetery Records

- Machpelah Cemetery

Kane Street Synagogue memorials

- Sophie Weinberg memorial tablet 1917
- Moses Barkhan (Barr) memorial window (1911)
- Rebecca Barkhan (Barr) memorial window (1911)
- Commemorative Box (11/18/2003) – List of presidents
- Check WWI plaque, memorial plaque, bench furnishings, building campaign

Photographs

- Board of Trustees (1916)- Chairman Pincus Weinberg seated in center – 60th Anniversary Journal
- Portrait (1916) - President of the congregation
- Original Portrait of Pincus in profile – needs restoration
- Dinner tendered to Sunday School Teachers (1919) – Miss Jennie Weinberg
- Check Brown family Palestine photo for PW

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

- Obit of Mrs. Hannah Weinberg, widow of cloth and woolen merchant Phillip Weinberg (1/16/1902). Survived by sons Gustave and Morris, members of Consolidated Stock Exchange.
- Gustave Weinberg article of 1/2/1898 p.94 refers to GW as first editor of the Bklyn Blade begun 4/2/1881.
- Julius Weinberg article of 4/5/1891 p.9 refers to Fulton Street furrier JW role in Frederick Clark's profitable skunk trade
- Julius Weinberg article of 3/30/1893 p.5 refers to name change of 1848 fur house from J.Weinberg & son to Isidor Weinberg.
- Weinberg attendees at Baith Israel Ball 2/21/1889
- Lily Weinberg in confirmation class 6/1/1892

Avenues of Research

We know that both the Weinberg and the Barr families belonged to the congregation during the days of the Boerum Synagogue. Our archives at JTS will tell us when these families first affiliated with Baith Israel. The gathering of details from cash books, membership receipts, list of marriages, seat books, sisterhood minutes, Talmud Torah and Sunday School records, the data often reveals an unknown relation or clarify a date. Although our trustee minute books from 1889 to 1901 are missing, online access to the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, <http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org>, provides an interesting look at the Brooklyn Jewish community to 1902, (EagleOnline is limited to the years 1840-1902). The Eagle covered Baith Israel's social, educational and charity events, described religious practices, reprinted sermons, profiled personalities, announced weddings and obituaries.

Samuel P. Abelow's *History of Brooklyn Jewry*, published in 1937, offers a comprehensive study of the course of development of every Jewish institution in this borough, beginning with the settlers in 1837 and ending with individual leaders of his day. A careful reading of the book shows how almost every Brooklyn synagogue has roots connecting it to Baith Israel Anshe Emes, Brooklyn's mother synagogue. Some were founded by former members of BIAE. Some had Rabbis who were former students of BIAE's Talmud Torah. Some had teachers who graduated from Rabbi Goldfarb's teacher's institute, or choirs that sang from his songsters. Some had Chasan's who were studied with Rabbi Goldfarb at JTS or Hebrew Union and used his cantorial books. Some had presidents who were former BIAE presidents.

Abelow's book refers to the Weinberg family:

- Sophie Weinberg p.46 1908-First VP of Sisterhood, President 191, died 1915
- Pincus Weinberg p.88 – Goldfarb installed Pincus as first pres of East Midwood JC
- Sidney Weinberg – Union Club
- Mortimer Weinberg – p.28 Beth Elohim trustee

Rabbi Reuben Kaufman, who was a BIAE bar mitzvah, was elected the Center's rabbi in 1925. Reuben Kaufman is possibly related to the Weinbergs through the Barrs via Louis Barroff.

There has always been considerable fluctuation among people attending downtown synagogues and the switching of affiliations between synagogues. Many people were seat holders and not members. The majority of students at the school were the children of nonmembers. Throughout the years, there were many attempts to amalgamate two or more congregations. The first time that Pincus Weinberg's name appears in the trustee minutes is 1/15/1905 when he asks that the congregation to look at "other smaller congregations in the vicinity, with the idea of securing their consul with this congregation." In 1910, he serves on the ritual committee. On 1/4/1916, PW said he will get a safe from Brooklyn Trust Co. See p270-271 for note on safe was robbery of 1/4/24 with a \$287 loss - Mr. Kahn was instructed to change the combination. On 5/17/17 PW establishes a Free Scholarship in memory of Sophie to be awarded annually to a deserving poor pupil. On 4/11/18 Louis Baraff loses his mother-in-law Mrs. Barr, Page 238 - 10/9/22, car for funeral of Pincus Weinberg's son Julius Weinberg. Last Pincus Weinberg entry is 1922.

Photograph of the Board of Trustees – 1916

Credit: Sixtieth Anniversary Journal. Photography: Lee's

Standing L-R: Herman B. Alexander, Isaac Applebaum, N. Lieberman, Lewis Summer, Michael Salit, Harris M. Copland, Harold Turk

Seated L-R: Louis Moss, Jacob Friedman, Pincus Weinberg, Samuel Brooks, Aaron Danglo, Samuel Lederman, Jacob Kronman



BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1916

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

A Historical View From Rabbi Ray Scheindlin

Credit: L'Dor VaDor, From Generation to Generation, January 2002,

By Rabbi Ray Scheindlin

The editor of the Renewal Campaign newsletter noted, "Since 1983 Rabbi Scheindlin has returned to Kane Street annually to continue serving as our cantor for High Holiday services."

Reading about the Kane Street Synagogue's renewal campaign in this newsletter has made me nostalgic—not only for the years when I was active in the shul (1974-83), but for the dim earlier period known in detail only to shul historians like Judy Greenwald (who kindly supplied me with some of the data in this piece).

I can conjure up only a few highlights: the merging of Congregation Baith Israel with Talmud Torah Anshei Emes that yielded our barely-wieldy official name; the presidency of Aaron Copland's father, 1907-1909; and the glory years presided over by Rabbi Goldfarb, who served our predecessors from 1905 to 1959. His years were the years when the shul was full; a family I know of, arriving in the neighborhood in the 1920s, was offered the last two seats, at the back of the balcony.

I know that there was a time when, if the shul was short one man for a minyan, someone would run to the police precinct, which would provide a Jewish officer.

I know that after World War II, and after the death of Rabbi Goldfarb, there was a long period of decline, during which Rabbi Henry Michelman, Rabbi Goldfarb's grandson, served as part-time rabbi and Jack Hertz as permanent and final president presumptive. Henry told me once—I used to have lunch with him at the Seminary from time to time—that all he did at Kane Street was to lead Shabbat services for a bare minyan and perform funerals. But all that was before my time.

When I moved to Brooklyn Heights in 1974, there were still a few ancient congregants attending services whose families joined the shul in the 1920s or 30s. One such member I often think of was Julius Kahn, longtime treasurer and head of the cemetery committee. But I was not here early enough to see him perched on a scaffold—during which of his six decades as a member?—painting, to his own design, the decorative flowers and borders that still adorn the front wall of our sanctuary.

The episode I most regret not personally witnessing was a board meeting in the 1960s, held in the dreary vestry room. I think it was Henry Michelman who told me about it. For years, the shul had been losing membership to death and Florida. It had been on the point of disbanding, its board no longer able even to raise the money to heat the building. But a handful of new members had joined—young professional families, each with one or two very small children—and these families had made it their project to create a Jewish community into which those small children could grow. As the story was told to me, Mr. Hertz, venerable president since before time began, took a bundle of keys out of his pocket, placed it on the table, and addressed the new members: "We kept them the best way we know how. Now it's your turn. Take good care of them."

Thus did the guard change. Jack Hertz continued to stand by the Holy Ark during ne'ila of Yom Kippur until the year he died, in 1992, but it was the brownstoners' generation that took over the shul and brought it to the bloom it now enjoys.

The story is so schematic that it sounds more like folklore than like an historical event. It reminds me of the Talmudic legend that on the night when the Holy Temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC, the priests went up to the burning roof and threw the keys toward heaven, saying, "We were not worthy to keep them!" Unlike those priests, our older generation had nothing to be ashamed of. They kept the shul as best they could as long as they could, kept it going until the new custodians arrived.

I like the story because it captures the clarity with which the custody of the shul shifted to the first brownstoners back in the sixties and the dignity with which the older generation handed its responsibilities on to the younger.

A generational shift is under way today as well—not as drastic a shift as the one in the story, and certainly not with the shul's future in serious doubt—but a new generation is more and more shouldering the responsibilities that the first brownstoners exercised with such success back in the sixties. It is now our turn to turn the shul over to them. We owe it to the memory of those great years when the shul began its second bloom to bequeath it to them with the greatest possible dignity and in the best possible condition. We managed with makeshift conditions for so long that we hardly remember how hard it was. We should not leave it to them to make do. Let us make another push for the shul, so that our successors will be able to worship, study, and carry on our traditions in dignity.

Let us not throw the keys into a void, like the priests of the First Temple, in regret that we failed to see our job through, but be good custodians till the end, like our predecessors, and hand over the keys of a shul rebuilt for the next generation.

Rachel Epstein interviewed Julius I. Kahn for the December 1977 issue of *The Scroll*. The article was reprinted for the October 1986 *Scroll* after Mr. Kahn's death.

IN MEMORIAL: MR. JULIUS KAHN

On June 24 Mr. Julius Kahn, a man who was an integral part of the Kane St. synagogue, passed away. All those who knew Mr. Kahn will miss him and for those who never knew him, we're reprinting a piece on him that appeared in our December 1977 issue, which will help illustrate the special place that Mr. Kahn had at Kane Street.

Julius I. Kahnby Rachel Epstein

Interviewing Mr. Kahn is like going back in time. It is going back to his childhood as the oldest of nine children growing up on Kane Street in the house next to the Synagogue. It is going back to the proud year of 1948 when he was Superintendent of the Sunday School at BIAE of 250 students and ten teachers "all on Sunday." It is going back to the days before the merger of Baith Israel with Anshei Emes when he went to Sunday School at Baith Israel at the corner of State and Boerum (now the Men's House of Detention is on that site). It is going back with a shudder of bad memories to "taking" his "life in his hands." As he walked to Talsud Torah at the old Anshei Emes at 140 DeGraw St. (near the water) where Italian and Irish tough guys waited to attack the Jewish boys enroute to and from their studies. It is going back to his Bar Mitzvah in 1908 and to Mr. Kahn's becoming, upon the death of his father who had been a trustee for many years, the youngest trustee of the synagogue in 1916.

It is remembering the days when the Trustees would wander in to his office (he took over his father's painting and decorating contracting business next to the Synagogue) to discuss a few things before the formal meeting, and I am sure, settled more synagogue business than than latter.

From the time when his young men's Circle donated the tile floor in the sanctuary foyer and a stained glass window in the main room to today - and we hope well into the future - when he answers the phone (he really is "the voice of BIAE") and makes sure that everything from High Holiday Tickets to the Scroll reaches its correct destination, Mr. Kahn looks back on a life of extraordinary dedication and devotion to Baith Israel Anshei Emes. In addition to those jobs Mr. Kahn, as he has for many years, is the Director of the Congregation's four cemetery plots. He is our unofficial historian, an outgrowth of his many years as Secretary of the Congregation. The minutes from those years are his pride and joy. Mr. Kahn's official title these days is Treasurer.

Yet, while a visit is a look back, it is not a sentimental yearning for the past. Mr. Kahn is pleased to be working with the new leaders here, and says: "Since a change had to be made, a very fine group of young people have taken over." He feels BIAE, "couldn't find a better young group."

(In Memorial: continued)

Since his retirement from business 20 years ago Mr. Kahn - with the able assistance of Mrs. Kaplowitz for 19 years - has worked as a volunteer for the synagogue four days a week, running our office and overseeing our finances. Jacob Hertz, former President of the Synagogue, said several years ago that "big business could take lessons from him in efficiency." On Saturdays he used to be found among our worshippers. Now he goes to services at East Midwood which is closer to his Flatbush home. For many years he also attended twice daily services at Kane St. "I couldn't play hooky even if I wanted to," he remembers. "They knew where to find me (right next door) and if a tenth man was needed the sexton caught me by the ear" and "marched me to the synagogue." Mr. Kahn has a daughter living in Brooklyn and grandsons attending Brooklyn College and Stony Brook.

Thank You to the people who helped out in services:

SHABBAT 8/30	Reah	SHAHARIT TORAH	Rabbi Ginsburg Bob Rabin Don Olenick
		HAFTARAH MUSAF SERMON	Miriyam Wasserman Rabbi Ginsburg Bob Marx
SHABBAT 9/6	Shoftim	SHAHARIT TORAH	Bob Weinstein Bob Rabin Rabbi Ginsburg
		HAFTARAH MUSAF SERMON	Bob Weinstein Rabbi Ginsburg Dr. Richard Freund
SHABBAT 9/13	KiTetze	SHAHARIT TORAH	Cantor Robert Block Elliot Solomon Rabbi Ginsburg
		HAFTARAH MUSAF	Bob Blumenthal Bob Weinstein
SHABBAT 9/20	KiTavo	SHAHARIT 2nd TORAH HAFTARAH MUSAF	Bob Weinstein Rabbi Ray Scheindlin Susan Levy Debra Blank

AN INTERVIEW WITH JACOB HERTZ

By SARA SLOAN

One of the most important honors of the High Holiday season at Kane Street is the signal honor of opening the Ark for Ne'ilah at the close of Yom Kippur. This is always accorded to Jacob Hertz. Why is Jacob Hertz accorded this respect?

Jacob Hertz has been associated with Kane Street since 1924, when he joined the synagogue as part of a family membership. He has been a member ever since. In those days Kane Street was a thriving synagogue with an active Young Folks League and a large sisterhood. Anne Lile was the daughter of an active synagogue member and herself secretary of the Young Folks League.

Rabbi Goldfarb officiated at the marriage of Jacob Hertz and Anne Lile on June 11, 1933. The chupah was held at Kane Street and the reception at the Union Temple. The bridal couple's escort to the reception was provided by the mayor's personal motorcycle riding bodyguards. The City Comptroller was a friend and neighbor of both families.

Jacob Hertz served as President of the synagogue for a total of 18 years. He was first installed on December 7, 1941—Pearl Harbor Day. He was 34 at the time and the youngest person to ever serve as synagogue president. At the time the synagogue membership essentially consisted of Columbia Street merchants and their families. It was a very upscale shopping area. Dues at the time were \$20 a year and included burial rights and a hearse.

Mr. Hertz recalls the Depression era as a time when the sanctuary was full, but money was short. The Board was frequently forced to borrow money to tide it over from the spring until the High Holiday season. Budgets were very minimal in those days. For a few years there was a daily minyan augmented by three visitors from the Lower East Side. On days when there was a shortage of daveners a visit would be paid to the local police precinct on Butler Street, which would put out a radio call for a Jewish policeman to make up the minyan.

Kane Street started to experience difficulties in the 1930s as the area lost its appeal as a shopping district and young people began to move to Flatbush and other Brooklyn sections, as well as to the suburbs. There were many Shabbatot where it was difficult to assemble a minyan. By 1947 it was imperative that the Sanctuary be painted. Herman Belth paid for most of the painting as he had for many other things and Julius Kahn personally supervised the work. At the time a journal full page ad cost \$50 and the goal of the Journal was to raise \$5,000. This goal was not always met. Jacob Hertz and his brother Oscar served as President many times during those years. He remembers feeling despair over the synagogue's future. Mr. Hertz remembers how pleased he was to see young people moving in. Arthur Lichtman was the first of the "young trustees." After a year on the Board, he was elected to the presidency. About 1966 a decision was made to grant women some pulpit honors. Jacob and Anne Hertz were the first couple to share an aliyah — gelliah. Some older members grumbled but they were quieted.

Jacob Hertz served B'nai B'rith as president for three non-consecutive terms. He has been a lawyer on Court Street for his entire professional life. He and his wife, a retired teacher, have two sons. This is the fourth time he is being honored at a dinner dance.

Jacob Hertz's hope is that "Kane Street will continue as a Conservative Temple run by the membership, not the rabbi. Its egalitarian nature is wonderful."