The SBH Daily Minyan Club

By Rabbi Benjamin Hassan

Who’s part of the Daily Minyan Club at SBH? What does it take to be part of it? All vibrant synagogues are made up of many different types of members but at their core they all have one thing in common, the ones who make up the daily minyan. Would it surprise you to know that we have three nonagenarians? Mr. Solomon (Mo) Azose, Mr. David (Dave) Azose and Hazzan Ike Azose join us for minha and arvit every evening.

We have two octogenarians, Mr. Joseph (Jerry) Adatto and Al (little Al) Maimon. Not to mention quite a few members in their upper 60s and 70s. But don’t think that being part of daily minyan is just for the viejos! Yaakov Haleva and Yaakov Maimon are there each morning and evening too and these 12-year-olds definitely bring down the average age!

It takes commitment to make daily minyan and over the last couple of months we’ve lost a couple of dedicated members. Dr. Larry Adatto moved to Florida and Dr. Isaac H. Varon moved to Israel. We are also missing Eli Almo who is wintering in Florida too! We miss them greatly; there is a camaraderie, a friendship, a brotherhood that those who attend daily minyan feed off of each other when we eschar lashon (chat) and catch up before or after Tefila (and sometimes even during).

An age group that is underrepresented are those in their 30s and 40s. It certainly isn’t easy juggling responsibilities of getting the kids off to school and getting to work but as one of the few in this age group who attends daily minyan, I think it is worth the effort. I want to thank my wife who is so supportive of me going to minyan that it isn’t even a question. She values me going and she encourages me to do so. At the same time, I recognize not all families have the same dynamic and I don’t expect everyone to be running to minyan because of this article.

I hope that this article will raise awareness of the centrality and importance of daily minyan. Whether that is going on Sunday evenings or it’s going on Friday mornings when you might have more flexibility. Judaism is not all or nothing, it is an opportunity to be striving, to be growing, to be always wanting more. Baruch Hashem our daily minyan is as strong as ever and I can’t remember the last time we didn’t have a minyan. That’s something that most synagogues cannot say, and it is something we should be very proud of. But, like everything in life, the more we think about it, the more we take care of it, the more it will be the jewel in the crown and that special club of members that greet each other every morning and every evening. Perhaps this year’s resolution will include joining us!
Receiving Shabbat
By Rubissa Sharona Hassan

When did you last receive a package? I do not mean ‘When did you last get a package?’ Packages from Amazon, Instacart, and countless other retailers have probably graced your porch and mailbox recently, and may be residing there comfortably right now. The difference between getting something and receiving something might seem only a matter of semantics, but we will explore the deeper spiritual significance.

When you "get" a package, an item is left for you in any number of places at a non-specific time. When it is convenient for you, you take the item into your personal ownership and put it to use. You got the thing you wanted, when you wanted it. Enjoy!

This contrasts to "receiving" a package. These packages generally contain something of great significance or legal ramifications. The items are delivered at a specific time and a signature is required. If you miss it, a notification is left and the exchange is attempted again, in a sometimes challenging undertaking of coordinating schedules. The process is more involved but the items received are generally more important and valuable, like passports.

In summary, "getting" a package is a passive act, requiring no specific time or location and provides us with something we want. In contrast, "receiving" a package requires coordination of a specific time and location as well as a physical activity to acquire something needed.

I contemplated this distinction last Friday night when I opened my siddur. Every day of the week there are three prayer services: Shaharit, Minha, and Arvit, which have been a fixed part of our Jewish observance from the time of the Torah; outlined in the Talmud; and observed globally. On Fridays between Minha and Arvit, just after lighting Shabbat candles, an additional prayer sequence called "Kabbalat Shabbat" is read. While all of the other prayer services are nouns, Kabbalat Shabbat contains the active verb of "lekabel," "to receive."

Shabbat is nothing like an Amazon package, but it might have parallels to a package actively received. There is a set time, although often seemingly inconvenient, in which we must be prepared to take ownership. The location can vary but must be established in advance for Shabbat to occur in an optimal way. Ownership is taken in physical activity of lighting Shabbat candles. Then we recite Kabbalat Shabbat. The difference between getting and actively receiving is important to Shabbat, as it was given to us by our Creator but we must actively receive it to value its importance.

The Kabbalat Shabbat service was added by our ancestors in the mountains of Tzfat, some five hundred years ago. Their incredible level of spirituality and understanding drove them to establish words and songs with which to receive our weekly highlight.

What can we do to receive Shabbat and experience it as more important to us than a package? No one right answer exists for everyone, as true reception involves emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and physical preparation.

To embrace Shabbat emotionally and spiritually, you can take a meditative moment, after lighting Shabbat candles to reflect on the gifts of the week. Concentrating on the words and song of Kabbalat Shabbat help actualize this, as they speak of welcoming the Shabbat as a queen.

Learning something, before or on Shabbat, connected to the Jewish thought or the weekly Torah portion, helps intellectually receive the day. I enjoy Torah focused podcasts on Fridays and allocate books as my special Shabbat reading materials.

Physically might be both the most work and the easiest. The nicer clothing, clean house, aromas and flavors of Shabbat are glorious physical ways to receive this holy gift. Additionally, I am trying to physically embrace a Shabbat posture, a way of holding my body which is more open to receiving everything.

Shabbat will come on Friday afternoon, shockingly early in these winter months. We need to embrace that delivery with open arms and joyfully receive everything the package contains.
Friends
By Jack Schaloum

Four friends, stranded on a desert island, find a magic lantern containing a genie who grants them each one wish. The first friend wishes he was off the island and back home in Palm Desert. The second friend wishes he was back with his family in Phoenix. The third friend wished he was also off the island and back with his family in Miami. The fourth friend says “I’m lonely. I wish my friends were back here.”

Just the other day, I was just thinking about a few of my contemporary friends who have recently moved and how they have influenced lives and enhanced the well-being of Sephardic Bikur Holim.

Joey and Lori Gamel. Although they are now basking in the Palm Desert sunshine, the time they lived in our neck of the woods was time well spent. Joey was born and raised in Seattle, moved to Florida in his late teens, and a few years later, married Lori. We were fortunate that business brought them, along with their beautiful daughters back to the area. Each week, they hosted Friday night Shabbat dinners that were attended by all of us, his best buddies, our spouses, and strangers who quickly became friends around the Gamel table. We listened intensely as Joey gave a Devar Torah and could see the love in his eyes as he recited the Eishet Chayil (a special tribute to the Jewish women) while honoring Lori and his daughters. Their Shabbat table was not only interesting, but it was also fun! Each of us would make toasts (A TOAST!) around the table – giving thanks for the friendships we share. They brought a warmth and spirit to this community that has left a lasting impression on many people, me included! Miss you Joe and Lori!

Bob and Sue Benardout. I’m not sure there has been another couple that worked harder than Bob and Sue. Sue volunteered each year to make biscochos, bulemas and borecas for the SBH bazaar while Bob worked his tail off from morning to night, prepping, organizing and serving his famous Fatburger hamburgers (K) to long lines of hungry members. Bob was a long-time board member who always had great ideas for the synagogue and saved the synagogue thousands of dollars by thinking “outside of the box” and leveraging his extensive business experience from running a furniture store in the earlier days (with his partner Bruce Mezistrano) and more recently his Fatburger franchise. He has a great laugh and a love of our synagogue and friends. Bob and Sue also left for the sunshine in Phoenix to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. Remember, summers are great in Seattle! Come back and visit!

Larry and Sharon Adatto. When Larry told me they were going to move to Florida I was (and still am) in disbelief! After all, they were both born and raised right here in the hood. Problem being their kids and grandchildren live on the East Coast. They traded our Seattle rain for sunny Miami (do we see a pattern here)? Larry and Sharon are a special couple. They have a gift of simplifying some of the complexities of Judaism and turning it into easy, rational conversation. They opened up their home for Friday night dinners and Shabbat lunches to both new congregants and old-time members alike. Their Friday night dinner tradition, “highlights of the week,” kept the conversation lively and connected us to one another’s lives. Larry and Sharon served the community and SBH in so many countless ways over the years. Larry conducted services every month at Kline Galland and was bestowed the honor of Volunteer of the Year. He formed Radical Amazement, a Jewish studies class, and led it for years at the Island Crust restaurant and at synagogue during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Larry also taught Rashi classes for years with Al Maimon. Sharon was always the first to volunteer and organize meals for people sitting Shivah. But her true gift to us was being that go-to person for questions around faith and Judaism, or advice on personal family issues. You are always guaranteed responses from Sharon that are thoughtful and, quite frankly, just make a whole lotta sense. Larry and Sharon - I know we can still chat on FaceTime, but it just won’t be the same.

All three couples are inspiring in their own ways and my hope is that we all try to emulate their volunteerism and contributions to our synagogue and community. Hopefully, their kids will come to their senses and move back to the area. Until then, if you need a place to stay while visiting Phoenix, Palm Desert or Miami, give them a call. Just don’t tell them I said so!

Keep being you and blessings will continue to follow your way.

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Pygmalion

By Jerry Mezistrano

The other day... was just like every other day. If you are like me, with limited social contact, the days can get rather boring so I found myself reaching out to friends via email and text, but primarily using the good old telephone. One of my buddies that I talk to a couple times a week is Stan Handaly. For some reason after our last conversation, I found myself reflecting on our fifty-plus year friendship.

Stan was born and raised in New York until the age of eighteen (in 1961), when he moved to Seattle. His mother married John Calderon, the owner of Publix Fruit & Produce Company. John was also one of the founders of our beloved S.B.H. You might say Mr. Calderon had no idea he had to take on the baggage the widow Jeanette Handaly brought with her. (I find myself chuckling when I refer to Stan as baggage.) Anyway, John Calderon was a strong, no-nonsense man, who could be extremely intimidating. I recall Stan telling me that the first time he met Mr. Calderon he was frightened of him because of his strong voice and demeanor. However, I believe Mr. Calderon's bark was bigger than his bite because through the years Stan and his step-father established an incredible bond. Stan will be the first to tell you “Mr. Calderon was wonderful to me and treated me like a son.”

I remember the first time I met Stan. I already had this stereotyped image of what an outspoken character he would be, since he came from the east coast. I was totally wrong. Stan was rather quiet, reserved, not much personality, and rather boring. Now that I think about it, not much has changed. Well, here was this shy introverted young man alone with no friends and desperately in need of help. Call it what you may but I have asked Stan many a times not to publicly thank me for taking him under my wing. It was like the story of Pygmalion. I introduced Stan to people, fixed him up with girls, and helped him to become socially involved. I was responsible for building up his confidence to help him become the man he is today.

Now that I think about it, I might have overdone it. Somewhere along the line, Stan became somewhat cynical and sarcastic. For example, here is the content of our last conversation. “Hey, Jerry, what have you been doing?” Stan asks. “Oh, you know still in Palm Springs working on my tan,” I say. “Don’t give me that story. If you have a tan you probably got it from the light in your refrigerator... What else have you been doing?” he inquires. “Well, Stan, with all the time I have now I’ve finished three books in the last three days,” I reply. “Wow, three books in three days? I bet your hands are tired,” he says. “You mean from turning the pages?” I ask. “No, from all the coloring,” he says.

See what I mean? I get no appreciation! And I am the one who introduced him to his lovely wife Pamela Goral. My wife and I were at a wedding where Stan and Pamela, two widow(er)s, were arranged to be seated at our table. If my recollection is correct, Pamela arrived first and assumed that I was Stan Handaly. I’ll never forget the disappointment in her eyes when she realized that I was taken. Again, as I recall, Pamela looked beautiful (kind of like Doris Day, only cuter). I thought to myself, ‘I only hope she gives Stan a chance because you never know how first impressions are going to go.’ Thank goodness she did because the two of them are on their way to their eleventh wedding anniversary.

Okay, let me tell you the real story about my friend Stan. Yes, we did meet back in the 60s. Stan went to work for Publix Fruit and Produce where he learned the business. Just because his step-father owned the company, you would think that it might be a free ride, but it was just the opposite. Stan had to prove himself every day. In fact, because of the alleged nepotism, Stan worked harder than anyone else at the company. And he did everything he was asked of and more. He started out sweeping the warehouse, pulling orders, loading trucks, and making deliveries at four o’clock in the morning. Because of his work ethic, Stan was given more and more responsibilities. Well, yes, after the overnight sensation (thirty years), Stan Handaly eventually became president of the company.

Today Stan owns his own produce company. But let’s talk about the Stan Handaly most people are not aware of. He and Pamela silently support and make contributions to the S.B.H. Brotherhood, SJCC, and a number of other Jewish organizations and charities. Stan is always behind the scenes; donating produce for the bazaar and buying aliyahs during the high holidays. Many a time Stan and Pamela have been asked by our synagogue if they would be the guest of honor at a dinner so our congregation could display our appreciation for them, but both of them have respectfully declined. To quote Rabbi Hassan, “Stan holds a special place in his heart and cares very passionately for both his synagogue and community.”
Pygmalion (continued)

Yes, Stan has been not only a dear friend, but like a brother to me for decades. Like I always tell him, the years have certainly gone by quickly... together we have watched our children grow and our hair go.

One last observation: Stan’s success has never gone to head. He is always humble and has never displayed any hubris. I say this with all sincerity (and also because I know he has no idea what the word hubris means).

Stan, thank you for all your generosity you have bestowed on our community, but more importantly, thank you for your friendship.

Love you buddy!

Please send questions and comments to jerrymezistrano@gmail.com.

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Community Life in Pictures

Hanukah Party: Monday, November 29th, SBH held an exciting Hanukah party! Special thanks to our generous sponsors: David & Audrey Aboulafia, Jack & Adina Almo, Larry & Janet Jassen, and Lenny & Laurie Rose (Owner of Red Apple Market in Beacon Hill).
Community Life in Pictures
Hangulahu party pictures continued.
Community Life in Pictures

**SBH Biscocho Baking:** On Monday, November 15th, SBH hosted a Biscobiscocho baking event. The biscochos have been served at numerous Kiddushes and the SBH Hanukah party.

**Attitude of Gratitude:** On Saturday, November 20th, more than twenty women gathered in the home of Tanya and Jacob Owen for an evening of learning, connecting, and socializing. Rubissa Sharona facilitated a discussion on hakarat hatov, the Jewish foundation of having an attitude of gratitude, and how we return to a positive place when we veer off.

**Sephardic Young Professionals Post-Hanukah Event:** On Wednesday, December 15th, SYP held a post-Hanukah party. It was a big success!
Meet Our Members

We are very excited to feature two new SBH families in La Boz this month. Read a little bit about our new members, and be sure to give them a warm welcome the next time you see them!

Yonah & Molly Reback

What is your favorite thing about SBH?
Yonah was born in Los Angeles and moved to Seattle when he was a toddler. He's been in Seattle ever since and is an alum of SHA and NYHS! Molly was born and raised in Los Angeles. We got married in January 2021 (Tu B’Shvat actually!) in Malibu, CA, and Molly moved to Seattle shortly after!

What is your favorite Jewish food?
Our favorite Jewish foods are latkes and brisket.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?
Rosh Hashana and Hanukah

What are your most meaningful family traditions?
We are just getting started on creating our own family traditions but can't wait to see what we come up with.

What do you like to do during your free time?
In our free time, we love to spend time together and explore new places. Molly went to Mt. Rainier for the first time this fall!

There is something special about the Fruticas ceremony on Tu Bishvat because it is the first time after a long winter that we see these fruits and are reminded that the season for gardening and growing is around the corner. It is a similar feeling to when pitchers and catchers report for Spring Training... it’s not summer yet but there’s light at the end of the tunnel. Scrambling at the end of the prasinawa levadura ceremony at Nona’s house is also exhilarating.

Tanya & Jacob Owen

Where did you grow up?
Tanya was born in London and grew up in sunny Los Angeles. Jacob grew up on Mercer Island and then moved to Seward Park in High School.

Did you recently move to Seattle or Seward Park and if so where from?
They have been spending summers in Seattle for years and always wanted to try it out year-round. They moved here in the summer of 2020.

What brought you to SBH?
Commitment to Sephardic, Observant Judaism and its ability to perpetuate a commitment for many generations to come.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?
Yom Kippur is both their favorite. Tanya was born on Kol Nidre so it’s her birthday! Jacob enjoys Yom Kippur because of Selichot and connecting with people he hasn’t seen in a long time.

What is your favorite Jewish food?
Tanya loves Sambusak. Jacob loves Boureka with Huevo Hamonadu and Raki, it’s the breakfast of champions.

How did you meet?
On a blind date in New York. They were set up by Daniel & Leora Alhadeff and met at a restaurant. Shiri Jassen was their waitress.

What do you like to do during your free time?
They love spending time with their children.
Community Highlights

January & February Anniversaries

Munchos Y Buenos to all couples celebrating their anniversaries in January & February

Jack & Sue Barokas (1/28/62) 60 yrs.
Albert & Jeanne Maimon (1/5/64) 58 yrs.
Rene & Beloria Levy (1/10/65) 57 yrs.
Sam & Sharon Mezistrano (1/10/88) 34 yrs.
Mitch & Cheryl Greene (1/24/88) 34 yrs.
Albie & Vicki Moshcatel (1/9/89) 33 yrs.
Simon & Amy Amiel (1/18/98) 24 yrs.
Jon & Naomi Newman (1/10/04) 18 yrs.
Jacob & Tanya Owen (1/16/05) 17 yrs.
Steve & Tzipporah Wiens (1/19/09) 13 yrs.
Joseph & Michelle Mezistrano (1/21/13) 9 yrs.
Wendy Bensussen & John Lefore (1/22/15) 7 yrs.
Alberto Aguilar & Gabriella Espinosa (1/1/18) 4 yrs
Yonah & Molly Reback (1/28/21) 1 yr.
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Bruce & Esther Caplan (2/1/1970) 52 yrs.
Eli & Rebecca Almo (2/20/1977) 45 yrs.
Morris & Helene Azose (2/20/1983) 39 yrs.
Benjamin & Miri Tilson (2/18/07) 15 yrs.

Mazal Tov! Munchos i Buenos!

Congratulations to Leonard and Marjie Barokas and Jeff and Sabina Goobes on the engagement of their children Jackson and Natalie.
Grandparents are Jack and Sue Barokas, Brian and Sue Kyte, and Frank and Valentina Zukovski.

New Arrivals

Mazal Tov to Eli & Rebecca on the birth of a grandson, born to Grace and Aryeh Bodner in New York

Mazal Tov to Marilyn & Rabbi Mark Greenspan on the birth of a grandson, born to Daniel & Leigh Greenspan, Lionel Bern Greenspan

Mazal Tov to Larry & Sharon Adatto on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Ephraim & Nathalie Adatto, Sarah Elizabeth Dove Adatto

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Our congregation would like to wish a speedy recovery to the following members:

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Rebecca Almo
Barbara Calvo
Steve Calvo
Lucia De Funis
Regina Friedland
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25 Shevat
MAZALTOV bat RAHEL
(Matilda Barkey)
Thur. Jan. 27

Wendy Bensussen
Mother
26 Shevat
ESTER bat SHIFRA
(Estelle Bensussen)
Fri. Jan. 28

Rabbi Benjamin Hassan
Father
26 Shevat
REFAEL YITZHAK ben CLARA
(Isaac Hassan)
Fri. Jan. 28

Victor C. Amira
Father
27 Shevat
SHELOMO CHELEBON ben ROSA
(Charles Amira)
Sat. Jan. 29

Ronald Behar Jay Behar
Mother Grandmother
27 Shevat
ALLEGRA bat SARA
(Alegra Behar)
Sat. Jan. 29

Marilyn Stalcup
Grandmother
28 Shevat
ESTRAYA bat SARA
(Estraya Almoslino)
Sun. Jan. 30

David Israel
Grandfather
28 Shevat
HAIM ben LEAH
(Victor Israel)
Sun. Jan. 30

Rosie Maimon
Husband
29 Shevat
David Maimon
Father Mon. Jan. 31

Sally Maimon
Brother
AVRAHAM ben REGINA
(Albert J. Maimon)

Isaac H. Varon
Father
29 Shevat
HESKIAH ben BEHORA
(Rarry Varon)
Mon. Jan. 31

Rabbi Benjamin Hassan
Grandmother
30 Shevat
CLARA bat BATSHEVA
(Clara Hassan)
Tue. Feb. 1

Leonard Rose
Father
30 Shevat
YEHUDA ben DEVORAH
(Louis Rose)
Tue. Feb. 1

Alon Israeli
Father
6 Adar I
ARYEH ben FREDA
(Aryeh Israeli)
Mon. Feb. 7

Shoshana Gabay
Mother
SHOSHANA bat ESTER
(Ester Shirin)
7 Adar I

Tillie Amon
Mother
RIVKA bat DONNA
(Henrietta Hasson)
7 Adar I

Nisan Harel
Father
SHIMON TSION ben YEHUDIT
(Shimon Harel)
8 Adar I

Benjamin Lipman
Mother
HAYA SIMHA RAHEL bat AVRAHAM
(Barbara K. Lipman)
8 Adar I

Shira Kaufman
Father
YERAHMIEL GEDALYAH ben TAYBA BATYA
(Robert Kaufman)
8 Adar I

Sally Maimon
Mother
REINA REGINA bat HAVA SULTANA
(REGINA MAIMON)
10 Adar I

Michelle Almoslino
Mother
David Almoslino
ESTER bat MALKA
(Minnette Almoslino)
12 Adar I

Ron Calderon
Brother
HAIM ben KADEN
(Victor E. Calderon)
13 Adar I

Rabbi Mark Greenspan
Mother
ESTER bat MAZALTOV
(Esther Greenspan)
13 Adar I

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Father Grandfather
14 Adar I

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Eli Almo
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**FAMILY HAVDALAH CELEBRATION**

**JANUARY 8**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

Learning, singing, fire pit, s’mores, snacks, activity station!

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Sephardic Communities from Around the World Came Together at National Sephardic Community Gala
By Ethan Marcus

On Sunday, December 5, Sephardic Communities from around the world came together to celebrate their unique culture and identity. The National Sephardic Community Gala honored the contributions of the Sephardic community to American and global society, while empowering the next generation of Sephardic youth. Participants gathered from community hubs throughout the United States, including New York, Philadelphia, Seattle, Miami, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Portland, as well as global representation from Sephardic communities in Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Argentina. This included a special Turkish Jewish Community Delegation including Rabbi Izak Alaluf, Jozef Nasi, and Deniz Saporta for the weekend.

An historic event in its own right for the global Sephardic community, the evening was enhanced by the extraordinarily rare moment of unity between the Ambassadors of Greece, Turkey, and Israel in the United States. Greek Ambassador in the United States Alexandra Papadopoulou joined Turkish Ambassador in Washington Hassan Murat Mercan and Israel’s permanent representative to the United Nations Gilad Erdan for the evening. The three diplomats lit Hanukkah candles together at the Gala’s menorah lighting ceremony.

The evening featured three Sephardic honorees who have made extraordinary contributions to society. Dr. Albert Bourla, Chairman and CEO of Pfizer was honored for his service to humanity and for all his work to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. He was born and raised in Thessaloniki (Salonika), Greece, and is the child of Sephardic Holocaust survivors. Sarah Aroeste, a world-renowned Ladino singer, songwriter, author, and children’s educator received the Young Leadership Award for her work to ensure the next generation can learn Ladino, (Judeo-Espanyol), a mix of biblical Hebrew, old Castillian Spanish, and elements of Greek, Turkish, and Arabic. Albert Maimon was honored for his lifetime community service as a leader and organizer in Seattle and nationally.

From Greece to Turkey to the Balkan region, the Sephardic Jewish community has fought for survival since the expulsion of Jewish people from Spain and Portugal in 1492. Dating back over 500 years, Ladino continues to be spoken and written in Sephardic communities now scattered across the world. Centuries later, these communities carried their language, culture, liturgy, and traditions to North America, where they recreated a vibrant network of communities anchored in shared experience. The Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood is working to reinvent what it means to be
Sephardic in the 21st Century by empowering its young leaders through their cultural heritage and connecting to their rich history.

For more information on the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America and the National Sephardic Community Gala, please consult the Organization’s website.