



## Time to Spring~Clean Our Minds

## Author Visit: Daniel Asa Rose

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On May 6, at 4:00 pm, ICM will host the first of three discussions originally held at the 92nd Street Y in New York City entitled *Between Science and Art*, featuring Alan Alda and Eric Kandel.

Eric Kandel is the Nobel Prize-winning professor of psychiatry, biochemistry, and biophysics at Columbia University. In his most recent book, *Age of Insight*, Kandel examined how, in Vienna in the 1900s, five of the best minds across disciplines from medical science to psychology and art, from Freud to Gustav Klimpt, radically reframed our understanding of ourselves and our unconscious mental processes. Together these five initiated a dialogue between art and brain science that continues to provide insights today. Kandel is the author also of the award-winning *In Search of Memory*.

Alan Alda, famous forever for his role in *M\*A\*S\*H\**, is the six-time Emmy Award winner who hosted the *Scientific American* series *American Frontier* on PBS for eleven years. He is a visiting professor at Stony Brook University, where he is developing innovative programs that enable scientists to communicate more effectively with the public.

Together these two men conduct a dialogue that is entertaining, thought-provoking, and enlightening.

We are delighted to co-sponsor, with the Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning, this series from the world-famous 92nd Street Y. Admission: \$10.00

Daniel Asa Rose, award-winning memoirist, novelist, and travel essayist, will be speaking at ICM on Saturday, June 9. He has served as a critic for the *New York Times Book Review*, essayist for the *New York Times Magazine*, Arts & Culture editor of the *Forward* newspaper, travel columnist for *Esquire* magazine, humor writer for *GQ*, and food critic for the past 20 pounds.

Mr. Rose, recipient of an O Henry prize and two Pen Fiction Awards, will be discussing his two latest books and the circumstances that surrounded them. Published in 2000, *HIDING PLACES: A Father and His Sons Retrace Their Family's Escape From the Holocaust*, intermingles a taut current-day search for the hiding places that saved his family in WW II with memories of the author's own hiding places growing up in WASP 1950s Connecticut. Critic Robert Brustein called it "unquestionably among the finest works of literature about the fate of European Jews during and after World War II."

Published in 2009, *LARRY'S KIDNEY: Being the True Story of How I Found Myself in China With My Black-Sheep Cousin and His Mail-Order Bride, Skirting the Law to Get Him a Transplant ... and Save His Life*, was named one of the "Top Books of the Year" by *Publisher's Weekly* and has been optioned to be a major motion picture with Universal Studios. Mr. Rose has become a spokesman for the cause of liberalizing organ transplant laws.

"An Evening with Daniel Asa Rose" will begin at 7:30 pm with doors opening at 7:10. Although there is no admission charge, free-will gifts will be appreciated. Sponsors of \$50.00 or more will have preferred seating. A reception and book signing will follow Mr. Rose's presentation.

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through 2017 and looks forward  
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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 5/1 10:30 am **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/2 3:50 pm **Religious School**  
7:00 pm **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/4 6:30 pm **Family Shabbat & Potluck Dinner**
- 5/5 9:30 am Shabbat Worship;  
*Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim*
- 5/6 10:00 am **Annual Meeting**  
4:00 pm **92nd Street Y Program**  
6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**  
TBA **Teen Trip to NYC**
- 5/8 10:30 am **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/9 3:50 pm **Religious School**  
7:00 pm **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/11 6:30 pm Shabbat Worship & *Oneg*
- 5/12 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Emor*
- 5/13 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 5/15 10:30 am **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's  
7:00 pm *Refa'einu: Healing Service*
- 5/16 3:50 pm **Religious School: Last Day**  
7:00 pm **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/17 7:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5/18 6:30 pm Shabbat Worship & **Bd. Installation**  
Followed by Potluck Dinner
- 5/19 9:30 am **Shabbat Learner's Service,**  
*Parashat Behar-Bechukotai*
- 5/20 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 5/22 10:30 am **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/23 11:00 am **Staff Red Cross Hospitality Table**  
7:00 pm **Adult Education:** 4 More Core Q's
- 5/25 6:00 pm Shabbat Worship & *Oneg*

- 5/26 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Bamidbar*  
7:30 pm **Shavuot Study Session**
- 5/27 9:30 am **Shavuot Services & Yizkor**

### JUNE

- 6/1 6:30 pm **Family Shabbat & Potluck Dinner**
- 6/2 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Nasso*
- 6/3 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 6/8 6:30 pm Shabbat Worship & *Oneg*
- 6/9 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Beha'alotcha*  
7:30 pm **Lifelong Learning Author Visit:**  
**Daniel Asa Rose**
- 6/10 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 6/14 6:00 pm **92nd Street Y Program**
- 6/15 6:30 pm **Shabbat Worship** followed by an  
*Oneg* in honor of **E.J. Hazelton**
- 6/16 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Sh'lach*  
**Bar Mitzvah** of **E.J. Hazelton**
- 6/17 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 6/21 7:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 6/24 6:00 pm **ICM Chorus Rehearsal**

**Please Note:** Rabbi Novak will be out of town **June 2 - June 12**. Rabbinic coverage will be provided by Rabbi Joshua Boettiger. Rabbi Boettiger may be reached at 802-442-9645 (work), 802-442-9864 (home), 802-733-6342 (cell).

***Mazel Tov***  
**E.J. Hazelton**  
**on becoming a *bar mitzvah***  
**June 16, 2012**

## From the Rabbi

Join me in May for **Four (More) Core Questions about Judaism**. These will be one-hour classes presented twice each week where you will have the opportunity to join me and others in wrestling with these questions:

**Question One:** May 1 at 10:30 am and May 2 at 7:00 pm—*If we are the “Chosen People” what are we chosen for?*

**Question Two:** May 8 at 10:30 am and May 9 at 7:00 pm—*The Israel Question: What can (should) we say?*

**Question Three:** May 15 at 10:30 am and May 16 at 7:00 pm—*What’s so bad about tasting “forbidden fruit”? How Judaism sees the eating of the Tree of Knowledge as a profoundly human act.*

**Question Four:** May 22 at 10:30 am and May 23 at 7:00 pm—*Is personal prayer an acceptable Jewish practice?*

I look forward to seeing you!

*Rabbi Novak*

## Open Letter to the Congregation

Dear ICM Members,

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all Israel Congregation of Manchester congregants for all the support and caring extended to my children and me during my husband’s illness and subsequent passing. Since we first walked in to the sanctuary two years ago we knew that this was not your ordinary temple; it is truly extraordinary under the wonderful spiritual guidance of Rabbi David Novak. He was truly a wonderful source of comfort during the most difficult and trying times of Craig’s illness.

I would also like to thank the temple members for their generous gift that let the whole ICM community pay a wonderful tribute to my husband by hosting his memorial service and lunch that followed the service. The expressions of sympathy and support from all members were truly appreciated.

As you can imagine, our life has been turned upside down by Craig’s passing. I have been trying to figure out what path my children and I will take. It is with a very heavy heart that I am writing to tell you all that I have decided that moving back to Massachusetts is our path. It is there that we can move back

## President’s Message

The past four months have been a very interesting time at Israel Congregation. With an unexpected resignation, I accepted the role of president and enlisted the assistance of the Board, Rabbi Novak, and all of the congregants to continue the work of the synagogue. Thanks to the dedication and support of the aforementioned groups we were able to meet the needs of our congregants and continue to participate actively in the local community. Putting aside personal agendas we focused on what was best for ICM.

In the next few months the Board will be reviewing the revisions to the by-laws recommended by the by-laws committee – **Jen Weinstein, Micki Lisman, Frank Lewis, and Phil Goldsmith**. A special meeting of the congregation will then be called to approve the new by-laws.

I would like to encourage all of you to attend the Annual Meeting of the synagogue on Sunday, May 6, at 10:00 am. At that time you will hear all about the exceptional programs and activities that have taken place during the past year. Suffice it to say, good things happened and are continuing to happen at ICM.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your encouragement and support. I look forward to working with the new officers and Board of Directors to ensure the future of our congregation.

With warmest regards,  
*Cathy Kimmel*

into our family home and have the support and comfort of my family, Craig’s extended family, and all our friends.

My family would like to host a special celebration for the members of the Hebrew school as well as a Shabbat dinner for the community before our departure in June when the kids finish school. Details of these events to come in the weeks ahead.

Again thank you all for the outpouring of support you have shown and continue to show my children and me.

Forever grateful,  
*Gail Whitcomb*

**Annual Meeting  
May 6 at 10:00 am**



## Religious School

Our Religious School winds up the formal program in mid-May with our participation in Green Up Day where we clean High Meadow Way and then come back to ICM for a pizza and ice cream social sponsored by **Gail Whitcomb** as she and her family thank the school for being so supportive to her and her family during her husband Craig's illness and death during the school year.

Our curriculum continues to be multi-faceted, both in the classroom and in the world. For Purim we baked hamentaschen, performed a play, and had a great time with the story. For Passover we all gathered on April 1 at the kitchen of Bonnie and Oliver Levis and baked matzoh. We also had the students put together the *seder* plates for the Interfaith *Seder* that was held on March 28. We look forward to concluding the school year on a high note and look forward to reconvening in September.

*Rabbi David Novak, Alison Hill, and Yuval Sela*

## BOOKNOTES

This spring, the library will be featuring books about Israel. On the front table you will find novels and poetry by several Israeli authors:

**Amoz Oz**                      **David Grossman**

**A.B. Yohoshua**              **Yehuda Amichai**

and other Israeli poets!

Inside the library you will find a selection of contemporary non-fiction books such as:

*Walking Israel*, by Martin Fletcher

*Start-Up Nation*, by Dan Senor & Saul Singer

*I Shall Not Hate*, by Izzeldin Abuelaish

*One State, Two States*, by Benny Morris

There's lots to enjoy and lots to learn. Come browse!

*We are saddened by the passing of Clara Koffman, who was affectionately known to many in our congregation as 'Bubbe.' A constant presence at services and other synagogue gatherings, she will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to the Koffman family: Mark, Sandra, Adam, Emet, and Baruch.*

## Teen Train Trip to NYC

Join other teens from Congregations Beth El, Beth Israel, and Israel Congregation on a trip to New York City on Sunday, May 6. Experience history at the Tenement Museum in the Lower East Side, nosh at a great kosher deli, visit Central Synagogue and its amazing sanctuary, play frisbee in Central Park, and more! We will take an early train from Albany in the morning and spend the day in the city. To sign up or for more details, call the office at 802-362-4578.

*This trip is made possible for ICM teens by the generosity of Micki and Bob Horowitz and the Horowitz Education Fund and by your donations to Teen Programming.*

## Matzoh Baking at Earth, Sky, Time Community Farm

What is made from flour and water, comes in many different shapes, has fork holes all over, and, once cooked in a 14-foot-diameter wood-fired Llopis oven from Spain, comes out delicious and crunchy (particularly with a little butter and jam)? You've got it . . . matzoh, homemade at Earth, Sky, Time Community Farm. On Sunday, April 1, the Levis family hosted ICM for this multigenerational matzoh baking event. We mixed, rolled, poked, baked, and ate, while learning that there must be only 18 minutes from when the flour touches the water until the matzoh enters the oven. We want to thank Bonnie, Oliver, and family for providing us with such a wonderful, hands-on experience!



## New Board Installation and Communal Dinner Friday, May 18, at 6:30 pm

Israel Congregation is proud of those who serve and lead our community. To honor them, mark your calendar for Friday, May 18, at 6:30 pm when our new leadership will be formally installed. A celebratory communal dinner follows sponsored by the new Board. Come and be part of your ICM community.

## ICM Staffs Community Food Cupboard in May

**Call for Volunteers in May:** May is our month to staff the Community Food Cupboard. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the month of May. On Tuesdays, you will be needed from 9:45 am to 2 pm and from 1:45 pm to 4:00 pm. On Wednesdays, we'll need you to help from 1:45 pm to 4:00 pm. Please contact **Micki Lisman** at 802-362-4332 or [msloane.esq@mindspring.com](mailto:msloane.esq@mindspring.com) or **Judy Hirschberg** at 802-297-2356 or [rhirsch578@aol.com](mailto:rhirsch578@aol.com) to help.

## N2N Author Luncheon

Neighbor to Neighbor's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Book/Author Luncheon takes place Wednesday, May 9, at 11:45 am at the Manchester Country Club, featuring award-winning VT author and VPR commentator

Deborah Lee Luskin.

Tickets are \$45 (\$20 tax-deductible) and are available at the Neighbor to Neighbor office. Please call 802-362-7787 for more information.



## Condolences

**Wende Morgan & Dan Rowe** on the loss of Wende's mother, Sarah Smith  
**Roger & Judi Hochstin** on the loss of their son, Todd Hochstin  
**Evan & Lil Ginsberg** on the loss of Evan's mother, Florence Ginsberg  
**Karen Ganz** on the loss of her beloved, Robert Sutner  
**The Koffman Family** on the loss of their beloved, Clara Koffman

## Celebrate *Shavuot*

Our yearly commemoration of receiving Torah will take place the evening of Saturday, May 26, with our annual *Tikkun Leil Shavout*, our study session in honor of our receiving Torah at Mt. Sinai. We will begin at 7:30 pm and will learn together while the taste of sweet Torah becomes part of us through the wonderful desserts that we will enjoy.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 am we will have our worship service for *Shavout*, including *Yizkor* which will begin at approximately 11:00 am.

Come celebrate Torah, learning, and community!

## Summer Lunch Program

**The Interfaith Summer Lunch Program for Kids** is about to begin its sixth summer of providing free lunches for needy kids in the Northshire.

This **important program depends on community volunteers** to continue to make it successful. It is anticipated that we will be serving 175–200 children this summer.

On Tuesdays, when elementary schools let out at the end of June through the end of August, volunteers are needed for following jobs:

- ♦ **Set up tent** at distribution site (9:00 am)
- ♦ **Transport cartons of food** from storage site to distribution site (9:00 am)
- ♦ **Pack and distribute bags** of food at distribution site (10:00 am–12:00 pm or 2:00 pm–4:00 pm)
- ♦ **Take down tent** (4:00 pm)
- ♦ **Return leftover foods** to storage site (4:00 pm)

To help at the Manchester site, please call Bonnie Nunn at 802-297-3501 or e-mail [blbnunn@gmail.com](mailto:blbnunn@gmail.com).

**Donations** of child-friendly foods are welcome as are monetary donations. Monetary donations (\$100 provides lunch for one child for ten weeks) may be sent to: IFC Summer Lunch Program, PO Box 2644, Manchester Center VT 05255.

## Ma'aser Sheni



When the Temple functioned in Jerusalem, the Jewish community supported it and its priests with a system of tithes in the form of food and/or money. Today we feed our communal needs by offering financial gifts that strengthen and enhance Jewish religious and communal life in the Northshire.

### GENERAL FUND

**Pam & Albert Trachtenberg** in memory of Bernard Trachtenberg • **Cathy & Saul Kimmel** in memory of Catherine Thompson • **Theodor Friedman** in memory of Irving Friedman • **Barbara & Martin Donner** in memory of Tillie Donner • **Mickey Kent** wishing Judy & Stewart Katz a happy life in their new home  
**Janet Steig** • **Judith & Henry Kaplan** in memory of Fay Kaplan • **Barbara & Bob Friedman** in honor of the upcoming wedding of Carole & Billy Gold's son, Erik • **Claire & Dick Katz** in memory of Norcia Katz and Esther Roseman • **Irene & Ed Glazer** in memory of Artie Pantzer • **Carol & David Buchdahl** in memory of Sol Shuchman • **Alecia & Robert Oberhand** in memory of Emanuel Oberhand • **Devorah Goldstein** in memory of Herb Goldstein • **Carole & Billy Gold** in honor of Barbara & Bob Friedman's granddaughter becoming a *bat mizvah* • **Marilyn Rice** in memory of Bob Sutner • **Merrily & Frank Lewis** wishing the congregation a Happy Passover • **Irene & Ed Glazer** in memory of Robert Sutner • **Ina & Al Rubin** in memory of Betty Brown and Frances Rubin • **Merrily & Frank Lewis** wishing Micki Lisman a speedy recovery  
**Karen & Michael Dreiblatt** in memory of Wende Morgan's mother, Sarah Smith • **Susan Kramer** in memory of Carol Kramer • **Barbara & Bob Friedman** in honor of Carole & Billy Gold's grandson becoming a *bar mitzvah* • **Karen & Michael Dreiblatt** in memory of Robert Sutner • **Norma & Paul Waters** in memory of Robert Sutner • **Laurie Sullivan** in memory of Jeanette Schnapper • **Norma & Marvin Rappaport** in memory of Robert Sutner • **Lynne & Richard Mazer** • **Merrily & Frank Lewis** in memory of Robert Sutner

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Marilyn Rice** in honor of Lynne & Les Abcug, Anita & Morty Bunis, Sandy & Marty Castelbaum, Karen Ganz & Robert Sutner, Sheila & Russ Mills for the lovely Purim gift • **Ilse Fuchs** • **Ivy & Bill Schwartz** in memory of Harold Phillip Schwartz • **Sandy & Marty Castelbaum** in honor of Barbara & Bob Friedman's granddaughter becoming a *bat mitzvah*, in honor of Carole & Billy Gold's grandson becoming a *bar mitzvah*, in memory of Artie Pantzer, in memory of Robert Sutner, and in memory of Evan Ginsberg's mother, Florence • **Marilyn Rice** in memory of Artie Pantzer • **Mark & Sandra Koffman**

### ADULT EDUCATION FUND

**Carol & Phil Goldsmith** in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Dara Silverstein and Jonathan Cohen

### MERKADO LIBRARY FUND

**Janet Kleinberg & Harvey Flaxman** in memory of Lynn Boodish's mother and in memory of Wende Morgan's mother, Sarah Smith • **Eric Zinner** • **Norma & Richard Daniels** in memory of Robert Sutner

### TIKKUN OLAM

**Vicki & Stephen Greene** in memory of Natalie Greene and Joseph Greene • **Cathy Rano** in memory of Estelle Sommers • **Marjorie & Michael Weiss** in memory of Matilda Fried

### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

**Ruthie & Norm Ellenbogen** in honor of the engagement of Erik Gold • **Helene & Len Glaser** in memory of Beatrice Glaser and Malka Maya Nathan • **Roberta Forman** in memory of Lillian Grossman • **Leah Sperber** in memory of Sidney Sperber • **Estelle Schwartz** in memory of Henry Schwarz • **Arlene & Jerry Wiesenber** in memory of Moe Wiesenber, Ida Keil, Hilda Keil, Joe Keil, and in memory of Clara Koffman

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## *Ma'aser Sheni, continued*

### SHABBAT DINNER FUND

**Doris Bass** with thanks to all who sent her a Purim basket • **Mindy & Alan Bloom** in memory of Artie Pantzer, wishing a speedy recovery to Stewart Katz, in honor of Barbara & Bob Friedman's granddaughter becoming a *bat mitzvah*, and in memory of Robert Sutner • **Rebecca & Gary Fishkin** in memory of Lillian Lakin • **Ruth & Stanley Gilbert** in memory of Ida Gilbert

### BETTY KAMBER FUND

**Judy Alexander** in loving memory of Clara "Bubbe" Koffman • **Eva Berman** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Karen & Michael Dreibblatt** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Janet Kleinberg & Harvey Flaxman** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Gail & George Glanzberg** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Justin & Marion Mueller** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Bev & Warren Rokes** in memory of Clara Koffman • **Merrily & Frank Lewis** in memory of Clara "Bubbe" Koffman • **Georgette & Albert Levis** in memory of Clara "Bubbe" Koffman • **Bernard Kramer** in memory of Clara Koffman

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## *Mazel Tov*

**Ilse Fuchs** on her 96th birthday, March 18

**Carole & Billy Gold** on their grandson, Zachary, becoming a *bar mitzvah*, on their granddaughter, Rebecca, turning Sweet 16, and on the engagement of their son, Erik, to Debra Aisanstein

**Susan & Ronald Chernow** on the birth of their grandchild

**Cookie & Israel Mac** on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Nathan Mac, born February 4

**Sandy & Harry Stein** on the birth of their 12th grandchild, Chase Parker

**Laurie & Jeff Sullivan** on the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Alexandra, to Michael Harris, June 16

**Stephen Cohen** on the forthcoming marriage of his son, Jonathan, to Dara Silverstein

**Barbara & Bob Friedman** on their granddaughter, Tyler, becoming a *bat mitzvah*

**Jesse Myerson** on graduating from Gettysburg University

**Tyler Dreibblatt** on graduating from Allegheny College

**Brittany Borella** on graduating from Rochester Institute of Technology

**Shirah Hill-Cohen** on graduating from Burr & Burton Academy

## Special Thanks

**The Eisemann Family** for leading services on January 3

**Rabbi Michael Cohen and Shirah Hill-Cohen** for leading services on January 4

The Purim Basket Assembly Team: **Sandy & Harry Stein, Cathy Rano, Nancy Landis, Irene Glazer, Ina Rubin, Jen Weinstein, Rosalie Fox, Loretta Reisman, Jackie Borella, Bev Rokes, Phyllis Gottdiener, Mickey Kent, Greg Deluca, Lynne Abcug, and Karen Dreibblatt**

**Micki Lisman, Fran Aronowitz, and the Interfaith Seder Team**

**Marlene & David Skulnik** for organizing our community Second Night *Seder*

**Lory Gitter** for her donation for flowers for the sanctuary

SAVE THE DATE  
ICM'S ANNUAL  
FOURTH OF JULY  
BBQ & FIREWORKS

**I**srael Congregation has about 200 member families of diverse Jewish backgrounds, both full-time and part-time residents of southern Vermont. We provide weekly *Shabbat* and holiday services, a religious school, adult education, life cycle events, and cultural and social programming in a warm and welcoming environment.

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6:30 pm, Friday

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**Shabbat Service:**

9:30 am, Saturday

**Religious School:**

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday

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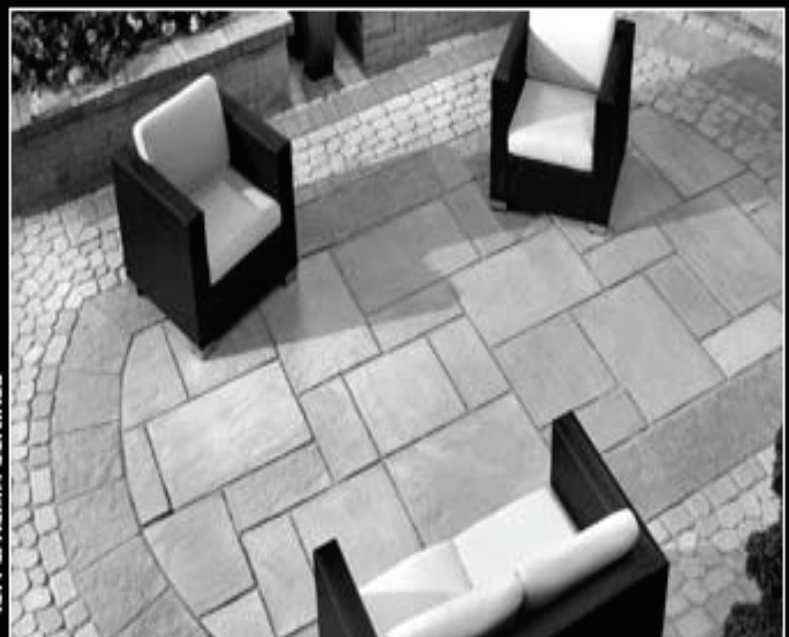
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