#### New Member Events 2023-2024 / 5783-5784

Gift Membership participants and their sponsors will attend at least three of the following events:

**Erev Shabbat Services** every Friday at 6:30 pm **Tot Shabbat** at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays, 10/27, 1/19, 4/5

- NY Mets Jewish Heritage Day at Citi Field
  - Sunday, September 3, 1:40 pm
- Raise the Sukkah with Brotherhood Wednesday, September 27, 9:30 am
- New Member Welcome Event (for Religious School Parents)
   Sunday, October 1, 9:15–10:40 am
- Mitzvah of the Month:
   Front Porch Project
   Sunday, October 1, 10:45–11:30 am
- Sisterhood's Dinner in the Sukkah Thursday, October 5, 7:30 pm
- Simchat Torah & Erev Shabbat
   Services
   Friday, October 6, 6:30 pm
- Mitzvah of the Month:
   Paper Flower Project
   Sunday, November 5, 11 am–12 pm
- TCS Theater Company Show: The Diary of Anne Frank Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm
- Sisterhood Membership Dinner
   Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 pm
- Shabbat Chanukah Service & Chanukah Celebration
   Friday, December 8, 6:30 pm
- Mitzvah of the Month:
   Bookmarks for Patients
   Sunday, January 21, 11 am–12 pm
- Mind, Body and Soul sponsored by Sisterhood Sunday, January 28, 1–5 pm
- New Member Dinner Friday, February 2, 5:15 pm

- Jukebox Bingo sponsored by Sisterhood Thursday, February 8, 7:30 pm
- Mitzvah Day Sunday, March 10, 10:45 am–12 pm
- Adult Purim Celebration Saturday, March 23, 7:30-10 pm
- Family Purim Celebration & Megillah Reading Sunday, March 24, 10 am-12 pm
- Games Day
   sponsored by Sisterhood
   Wednesday, April 3, 10 am–2 pm
- TCS Theatre Company Show Thursday, April 11, 7 pm Saturday, April 13, 7 pm Sunday, April 14, 2 pm
- Afikomen Scavenger Hunt Saturday, April 21, 10 am–12 pm
- Scotch & Sacred Texts
  sponsored by Brotherhood
  Thursday, May 16, 7:30 pm
- Brotherhood & Sisterhood ShabbatFriday, May 31, 6:30 pm
- Congregational BBQ & Shabbat on the Lawn
   Friday, June 7
   5:30 pm, BBQ
   6:30 pm, Shabbat on the Lawn
- Shabbat on the Lawn & New Member Recognition
  Friday, June 14, 6:30 pm

The Community Synagogue invites you to *experience membership* through our



## The Gift Membership Program

The Gift Membership program is a unique opportunity to experience membership at The Community Synagogue **free** for one year. Gift Membership is open to new members who want be part of a congregation offering rich and wide-ranging worship services, education and social programs for children and adults, social action initiatives (*tikkun olam*) for all ages, and a community that is making sacred connections every day.

The Cit Membership Program

is open to new members of any age and at any stage in life including:

- Individuals, couples, families with or without children, who want to experience synagogue membership
- New residents looking for a Jewish community connection
- Families wishing to foster their children's Jewish education and identity
- Adults with grown children looking to engage with other like-minded adults
- People eager to re-engage with their Jewish roots through worship, education, social action and an active social life
- Seniors who want to enjoy a variety of events, programs and activities designed specifically for them

## For more information or questions, please contact:

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# The Gift Membership Program in Two Easy Steps:

- Pair with a mentor family either someone you already know at the synagogue or a person/family from the synagogue's group of volunteer mentors. Your synagogue mentor will be there for you to answer questions, accompany you to at least three new member events and encourage your involvement with the synagogue and clergy. Our Gift Membership team will help find the right sponsor for you.
- Attend at least three **new member/mentor** events throughout the year from July 2023–June 2024. See the back cover for a full list of events and dates.

### **Program** Benefits

- Free one year membership to The Community Synagogue with all member privileges including access to the clergy for life-cycle events and counseling. (Note: Early Childhood Center and B'nai Mitzvah exclusions may apply. See below.)
- Days of Awe sanctuary seating for gift members and their children (through age 25) with additional family seats available.
- Eligibility to enroll your children in Religious School (regular Religious School fees apply).
- The opportunity to get to know The Community Synagogue and learn if the congregation is right for you.

### Other Things You Should Know

- Gift Membership Program is valid from July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024.
- Gift Member mentors must be current synagogue members in good standing.
- Gift Members are not eligible for priority registration or reduced fees at The Community Synagogue Early Childhood Center.
- Gift Members with a child approaching the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah should consult with the clergy.