The Community Synagogue is a vibrant, caring and inclusive Reform congregation that inspires meaningful relationships with one another, the larger community and with God.

**Giraffe Awards Ceremony**

HONORING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR STICKING THEIR NECKS OUT TO HELP OTHERS

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**Maccabeats On Stage**

WHILE THE SNOW WAS FALLING, THINGS WERE HEATING UP INSIDE!

The Maccabeats Concert a Hit!

While the first chilly snow of the winter season was falling outside, the Synagogue was heating up inside as The Maccabeats performed to an enthusiastic audience of over 620 concert-goers of all ages.

The Maccabeats, sang in their *a cappella* style, encouraged audience participation, demonstrated how to beat-box and instructed the audience to clap in time and sing along. The concert finale was their hit song “Candlelight,” The Maccabeats’ version of Taio Cruz’s hit song, “Dynamite.”

Open to members of The Community Synagogue and to the broader Port Washington and surrounding communities, the concert was organized by Cantor Claire Franco and supported by the Music and Choir Fund of The Community Synagogue.
The Mountains

Today when we speak of mountains, we think of the Rockies, the Himalayas or maybe even the Alps.

But when I was a kid, the only mountains we knew were “The Catskills,” also known as “The Borscht Belt.” This was an area in upstate New York filled with hotels and bungalow colonies catering to Jewish families who lived primarily in New York City. It was a place where a Jewish laborer’s family could rent a cottage (aka Koch-a-lane – a cook alone) for the summer so that the kids could get out of the heat and maybe get to know what grass, trees, cows and fun were like.

The families that were a little better off financially were able to stay at wonderful hotels like The Concord, The Pines, Kutcher’s, Grossinger’s.

My mother, father and I left for the mountains a day before Memorial Day and did not return to the city until Labor Day. My father, of course, would work in the city Monday through Friday, and come up every Friday night and return to work on Sunday evening.

Getting up there was an experience in itself. We packed as much as we could take in one of “Goldy’s Limousines.” This was an oversized Buick which usually took a total of seven or eight people in one trip. The driver might start in Brooklyn, pick up a family of four, then come to the Lower East Side to pick up another three and then uptown to 5th Street to pick up a single, probably going up to “look for a husband.”

What now would take 1½ to 2 hours, then took 5 to 6 hours on the old Route 17 with a pit stop at the Red Apple Rest. Everybody stopped there… it was a ritual.

My point being that when I was a kid, the summer was endless. The problem with growing up is that life begins to move much faster. The seasons come and the seasons go. What is left are some of my most cherished memories of a bygone era…

Volunteers of the Month

In what capacity do you volunteer?

I volunteer in the office doing a variety of things. I can honestly say I work with the best, most caring, and sweetest people. We are very fortunate to have each and every one of them as a part of our community.

I am the Executive Producer of The Community Synagogue Theater Company, which means I am responsible for overseeing the myriad of moving parts that is required to put on a full length musical! This is a tremendous amount of work, but very gratifying and has afforded me the opportunity to share my love of the theater with my children within the sacred walls of our synagogue. There is nothing more holy than that!

Read more about our volunteers at www.commsyn.org
My Sabbatical

The Torah teaches that every seventh year the land should have a “complete rest.” This idea of allowing the land to be fallow, to fully rest from sowing, growing and harvesting, is the basis for the concept of giving professionals time to rest, reflect and be re-energized for the fullness of one’s career.

While the congregation allows me a six-month sabbatical, I felt that such a long time away would be difficult in such an active and growing synagogue. So – I will be away for two months now and, at some future time, will determine how to take the additional four months. After 14 years at The Community Synagogue, I am grateful for the opportunity to do what I teach, but often find challenging to practice – to meditate, read, be with my wife, open my heart and spirit to different people and faiths. In answer to many who have asked, “what will you do?,” I hope that I will slow down and not always try to “do” anything. To travel is, for me, the chance to meet people from very different backgrounds, perhaps to be discomfited, but through that to ask questions that I may not have otherwise asked and to understand myself more. I hope to slow down enough to consider what I want for the next stage of my life, personally and with you in this community I so deeply love.

Nothing is more important to me than the relationships that I have with all of you. However, to allow the sabbatical to be most useful, it is critically important that I completely disconnect. This will allow me to return with great energy and focus for all of the important work that we do together as a community. Thus, throughout the time I am away I will be neither checking my emails regularly nor answering them.

I feel so fortunate to collaborate with a professional team that includes my true friends and partners. We have all worked together to ensure that this short period will be as smooth as possible for all of you. Plans are in place for your other clergy – Cantor Franco and Rabbi Burkeman – to cover classes, make pastoral visits, offer counseling, lead our services, etc., and they, as always, will help you with anything you need.

While I am away, our congregation will have some engaging guests who will be here visiting, offering you the chance to engage in inspiring learning and stimulating experiences. Among them are:

Rabbi Danny Freelander - the President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, who will be here on January 20-21.

Rabbi Renni Altman – Associate Dean and Director of the Rabbinical Program at the HUC-JIR in New York, will be leading our Adult Torah Study and the Havurah Services on January 28.

Josh Mikutis – rabbinic student from HUC-JIR, who will lead Adult Torah study and the Havurah Service on January 7.

Pursuit of Harmony – This musical duo is the result of a friendship between a Jewish American and a Muslim Palestinian. Their music and dialogue will be on display at Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) services on Friday, February 3 and during our 6th Grade Torah study on February 4.

Just as I hope to learn from and be challenged by new experiences, voices and perspectives, I hope you will use this time to allow yourself the same, for a sense of renewal can occur wherever we are – in distant lands or right at home.
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RABBI IRWIN ZEPLowitz

For those of you born between 1946 and 1964, welcome to the "Baby Boomer" generation. Recently, our congregants Maggie Hand, Bette Holtzman and Lisa Davidoff attended a two-day conference in Chicago sponsored by the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) to discuss "Engaging Baby Boomers." They learned that as a generation, they are the first to do better financially than their parents and could be leaving their children larger legacies than most of them have inherited. Closer to home, they learned that Baby Boomers represent 37% of the populations at The Community Synagogue, however, they are the most ignored in terms of marketing and programming both locally and nationally.

Initial findings from the URJ survey, which was emailed to our congregation, showed that this demographic group wants to feel connected to their synagogue. It was also found that, most often, this group leaves their Synagogues due to the lack of opportunities to participate in activities which are of interest to them.

Over the next few months, The Community Synagogue will be hosting “listening groups” to learn more about which types of programming and services our Baby Boomers find engaging. Several Synagogue representatives at the URJ Conference shared that they offer highly successful Baby Boomer programs, emphasizing community involvement, Jewish education and life cycles.

The diverse issues facing this age group range from dealing with elderly parents to un-empty nesters, as the children we thought were moving out move back. The divorce rate is highest for Baby Boomers, which means there are many individuals reinventing themselves at an age where they thought they were settled. Our goal is to create an environment that meets the various needs of this age group through a Jewish connection within our Synagogue.

In addition, we hope that you will follow us on Facebook as we establish our own page and build a new community for each other. If you would like to participate and share your ideas please feel free to contact Maggie at hands4us@hotmail.com.

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37%

The percentage of 52 - 70 year olds represented in The Community Synagogue membership.
EVENTS AND MEETINGS

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, February 5, 2017
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
160 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!
Eligibility Criteria:
• Bring ID with photo or signature
• Minimum weight 110 lbs.
• Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission, over 75 need a doctors note)
• Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
• No tattoos for past 12 months – or travel to Zika virus areas.
For medical questions concerning blood donations call 1-800-688-0900. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call or email Phil Roman 917-880-8590, promanlaw@gmail.com.

BROTHERHOOD BOARD MEETINGS
Monday, January 9, 8 PM
Monday, February 6, 8 PM

92ND ST Y LIVE
THE MOVIE DEFYING THE NAZIS,
FOLLOWED BY CONVERSATION WITH
KEN BURNS AND ARTEMIS JOUKOWSKY
Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 pm

MEMBERSHIP
Becoming a member and supporting Brotherhood’s activities is easier than ever. Just go to the Brotherhood page on The Community Synagogue website: www.commsyn.org/programs/brotherhood/
Welcome to Our New Members

STAN & LAURIE ALTSCHLULER
LEE BAKER
ROBERT BAKER
JON BARUFKA & DENISE ARIELI- BARUFKA
JONATHAN & DEENA FLADELL
ADAM & ANAT GERSTEIN
CHARLES LICHTER & CINDY RESNICK
FRANCINE “SUNROSE” MIENIK
SETH & JAMIE RASKIN
DAVID & RACHEL SAWITS
SCOTT & JESSICA UDELL
LARRY & LINDA WEISS

Chanukah Latke Tasting

December’s PJ’s Library -Story Time with Miss Amy brought everyone together to learn all about Chanukah. Together they built a giant menorah and had lots of fun with the latke topping tasting! Everyone sampled latkes topped with chocolate, applesauce, sour cream and jelly.

Each month there is a new theme with related activities geared for children ages 2 - 6 and their grown-ups. Upcoming dates for PJ Library Story Time with Miss Amy include January 22, and March 26 starting at 9:00 AM.

PJ Library® is an award-winning program that engages families in their Jewish journey. This program is brought to you by The Community Synagogue and the generous support of the Steinhardt Foundation, the Jewish Education Project, the URJ & WRJ and Michael & Cynthia Rubinberg.

In Case of a Death

Whatever time of the day or night, when a death of a member or their loved one occurs, The Community Synagogue should be called at 516-883-3144. If someone is not immediately available, a message on our answering machine will direct you to one of our Rabbis or to our Cantor.

If a death occurs at night, please note that arrangements for funerals cannot be made until the next day, although the funeral home of your choice, which you should call directly, can pick up the deceased at any hour.

The clergy would like to be available and supportive to you during this difficult time. Please note that final funeral arrangements should not be made until confirming the details with one of the members of the clergy, to insure the clergy's availability.

Alona Nir-Keren

November, 18, 2016, five Israeli rabbinical students were ordained from the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. The program began in 1975, and since then, over 100 Israeli Reform rabbis have been ordained at the Jerusalem campus. Among them was a rabbi, Alona Nir-Keren, who came to our synagogue as a visiting student (and was hosted by a number of our families) in 2012.

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You might be surprised to know that while visiting the sick is one of the most precious and profound commandments in Judaism, it does not really appear in the Bible. The early rabbis took God’s three angels who visit Abraham right after his circumcision as a biblical source for the Mitzvah. Another source extracts it from “we should walk in God’s ways” (Deut. 11, 22). They taught that it is not enough to be born in the image of God – we should learn from His ways. Just as God takes care of the sick, we should be compassionate and loving to our neighbors and friends.

So what do you do when you take on the Mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim (Visiting the Sick)? It is straightforward; you visit those who are sick. Later Halachic sources give us a more detailed description – a. see to his needs, b. help him find peace of mind with friends, c. give him advice, d. pray for his health. The source adds advice for when we should visit: not too late which tends to be the hardest hours of the day, nor too early which tends to be the easiest hours of the day. We visit the sick person when he has enough resilience to hear us.

Rambam, 12th century Jewish thinker, says that the essence of Bikkur Cholim is: “love your brother as yourself, for I am God”. In Hebrew, the word “Bikkur” - “visit” – comes from the root: B.K.R. – the same root as Bikuret – “criticism.” Can visiting the sick with compassion and praying for his speedy recovery include also a critical point of view? My dad used to tell me: “loving your brother can’t come without criticizing him.” He said that by saying the truth to your brother, you prove your love to him. We strengthen our connection through being truthful to one another.

I often hear he question, “How do American Jews talk about Israeli policy?” How do we say what we see and how we feel about it without living there? Or rather, how can American Jews and their leaders criticize Israel?

I would like to offer Israel and the US Jewish community, the opportunity to learn from the Mitzvah of visiting the sick and from that fragile tension of loving and reproving one another. First, timing is crucial. Just as the sources say, criticize when we are strong enough, and when we have resilience, not when we cannot see our wrongdoings, and are struggling in our darkest times. Second, look at what with what we are dealing with, learn more about who we are and know our differences; ask what hurts us most. Third, care for us with body (come visit) or soul (keep in touch). All these allow us to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Reprove your neighbor, speak the truth you see, help us see how we could be better, reprove us for our blind spots and pray for our sake, for our country and people to be whole and safe once again.

On a final note, the most important thing about visiting the sick is that it goes both ways. Just as I expect you to love me, I except myself to care for and love for you, to visit and pray for your sake. Just as I accept your truth and your take on things on my side, I expect to visit you, and give you my take on your blind spots. For we both understand that our sake is intertwined (“Kol Yisrael Arevin Zeh ba-Zeh”), and as the sages tells us “one cannot release himself from the imprisonment of sorrow” (Bavli, Ber. 5a). We need a hand to lead a better life for us and for the Jewish people. We need each other’s care and perspective to be better people.
In celebration of Giving Tuesday, we presented Giraffe Awards to students in our community who stick out their neck to help others and the world around them. We received many applications (over 20!), and we were thrilled to see the incredible work that our students are doing to make our world a better place. Each application proved that we have truly spectacular students in our synagogue community. A voting group comprised of both congregational lay leaders and teachers looked at all of the applicants anonymously to determine our honorees for this year.

The winners in each category were recognized at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, November 29th. A giraffe has been adopted through the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) on behalf of each of the winners. We are truly blessed to have such amazing kids in our midst.

**Giraffe Award Winners:**

**Grades K-2 Category – Emily & Zander Stern** – Project EZ Lemonade Stand helped raise funds to send children in need to summer camp.

**Grades 3-5 Category – Max Roth** – Project Beading for Josie helped raise funds to support research for the neurological disorder FOXG1. So far he raised over $1,000 dollars.

**Grades 6-8 Category – Tyler Fazzari** – Project BirthdayBack.com was inspired by the events of super storm Sandy to encourage people to give back on their birthdays instead of receiving gifts.

**Grades 9-12 Category – Maddy Ernst, Ben Floch & Ryan Siegel** - Project Efshar teens volunteer each week during the Efshar special needs class. by encouraging, supporting and conversing with the students.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support for our Religious School received from the **FUND for JEWISH EDUCATION**

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SHABBAT SCHMOOZE
All are welcome! Join us for a little wine, cheese, and good conversation with new and old friends just prior to Shabbat services.
Upcoming Dates: Friday, January 6 & 20, February 3, 7:30 PM
The Music Man

THE MUSIC MAN IS COMING TO TOWN!!!
Rehearsals are well underway for our 2nd annual TCSTC musical!!! This year, we are proud to present THE MUSIC MAN by Meredith Willson. The show, which will be performed at the Landmark Theater on Main Street, is set to open on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Three more shows will follow on April 29 at 7:30 pm and April 30 at 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

We are very excited to offer another stellar theatrical experience to our synagogue community and the community at large! If you would like to be involved in the production, but being on stage is not your thing, please reach out to Lori Zlotoff or Micol Zimmerman about ways in which you can get involved back stage, ticket sales, concession stand or more!!! The theater company is a wonderfully diverse group of congregants and community members of all ages who share a love for theater and a joy in being together. In October, we had a fabulous BBQ with the company members enjoyed by over 30 guests! We'd love to have you join us!

Lori Zlotoff – lzlotoff@gmail.com 917-538-7458
Micol Zimmerman – micol.zimmerman@gmail.com 516-660-3661

Message from Rabbi Martin and Estelle Rozenberg

It was wonderful to be able to join with the congregation and clergy in heart and spirit as we watched and participated in The Community Synagogue’s High Holy Day services, streaming through our television set at home. On that note, we both want to wish you all a year filled with the blessings of good health, long life and much happiness, as well as peace for our country, Israel and the world.

We have been so fortunate in having such a caring and wonderful congregational family and we wish to thank all our dear friends for their kind get well wishes and constant support over the last few challenging months. They have been a source of strength and healing to us.

With gratitude and affection, Rabbi and Estelle
Guest Rabbi to Lead Services in January

Rabbi Danny Hillel Freelander will be leading services on **Friday, January 20** and Torah Study on **Saturday, January 21**. Rabbi Freelander serves as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism with offices in New York and Jerusalem. He also leads the coordinating body of over 1.8 million Jews, representing almost 1000 congregations worldwide, outside of north America and seven regional bodies.

Rabbi Freelander served the North American Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) as a staff member since 1975. As a NFTY Director, UAHC Regional Director, North American Director of Program and URJ Senior Vice President, he provided creative vision and management to dozens of programs and projects, including URJ Biennial conferences, music and worship initiatives and publications, camping and Israel programs.

A gifted musician and keen observer of the North American Jewish scene, Freelander is well known for lecturing on trends in Reform synagogue life. Together with Cantor Jeff Klepper, he has composed dozens of popular Jewish melodies including the well known “Shalom Rav” and “Lo Alecha.”

Rabbinical Student from HUC-JIR to Lead Torah Study and Havurah Service

Joshua Mikutis, a 4th year Rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute in New York City, will be leading our Torah study and the Havurah service, on **Saturday, January 7th**.

Joshua Mikutis is a 4th year Rabbinical student and a 2nd year Masters student of Jewish Nonprofit Management at the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, he attended Haverford College where he graduated with Honors in Religion and History. After graduating, he was an AVODAH Corps Member in New York City where he worked at the New York Legal Assistance Group in the Immigrant Protection Unit. In his first year of rabbinical school in Jerusalem, he was a T’ruah Israel Fellow and worked to plan a trip to visit Reform communities in the Former Soviet Union over Passover. Since then, he has worked at a Reform Jewish summer camp in Belarus and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) while at DOROT in New York City. This year, he will be interning at the 92nd Street Y.

The Pursuit of Harmony Joins Us for an Inspiring Shabbat Service

Join us for inspiring community Shabbat services in song on **Friday, February 3** and 6th Grade Torah Study on **Saturday, February 4**.

Hear the story. Hear the songs. Feel the hope…so that we can experience one another’s humanity and begin building bridges together.

World-renowned Jewish American songwriter Michael Hunter Ochs and award-winning Muslim Palestinian peace-activist Alaa Alshaham bring their cultural and spiritual program to The Community Synagogue for a weekend of music and conversation.

“Through wise words and incredible music they show us the very path ahead that seems to elude politicians and diplomats these days. They deserve a wide, global audience.”

-Dr. Henrik Syse, Member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Senior Research Fellow at Peace Research Institute Oslo
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Lisa Borowitz, Drucy Borowitz and Philip Glick, Nan and Andrew Langowitz and their families In memory of their parents, and founding Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz and Dr. Estelle C. Borowitz
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Michael & Elin Nierenberg In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Rose Pellow
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Bruce & Stephanie Mayers In memory of Jerry Kreichman
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Keith & Ruth Giesmar In memory of Jerry Kreichman
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MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND
Bruce & Stephanie Mayers In appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz for his care for my sister, Denise

MUSIC AND CHOIR FUND
Alice Semouha-Abody In honor of Cantor Franco & her family
Beverly Taubel In honor of Joyce Cohen
Dan & Jaimee Loewy In honor of Cantor Franco. Thank you for all your support, patience and flexibility in helping Noah prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. We are so grateful to be part of such a special community with such talented leaders and teachers!
Debbie Buglisi In appreciation of Joyce Cohen
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Joel & Susanna Craig In memory of Jerry Kreichman
Len & Norma Ziegel In appreciation of Cantor Claire & Alan Franco for their support
Miles & Gloria Glantz Good health to Joyce Cohen
Mitch & Judy Maiman In appreciation of Cantor Franco for her help in participating in our simcha
Phil Sivin In appreciation of Cantor Franco for preparing Daryn Sivin for her Bat Mitzvah
Randy & Marcy Todd In appreciation of High Holy Day Services
Robert Zeiff In appreciation of High Holiday Services
Rudi & Janet de Winter In appreciation of Cantor & the Choir during the High Holiday Services
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Steven & Judi Zarkin In memory of Julius & Minnie Helfstein (Yahrzeit)

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Annette Rosalia In honor of Larry & Pam Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel
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Stephen & Denise Silverstein In memory of Monroe Simon (Yahrzeit)

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Ben, Sydelle & Craig Sands In memory of Richard Maiman
Bill & Cynthia Magazine In honor of Judy & Russ Thal on the birth of their great granddaughter, Alana Miri Stricker
Blossom Miller In memory of Dr. Louis Willinger (Yahrzeit)
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Dan & Jaimee Loewy In honor of Rabbi Zeplowitz. Thank you for all your support, patience and flexibility in helping Noah prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. We are so grateful to be part of such a special community with such talented leaders and teachers!
Dorothy Weintraub & Harold Sokoloff In memory of Molly Salatsky (Yahrzeit)
Dorothy Weintraub & Harold Sokoloff In memory of Florence Glassman (Yahrzeit)
Dorothy Weintraub & Harold Sokoloff In memory of Ely Salatsky (Yahrzeit)
Edgar & Mindy Salas In memory of Marietta “Jaye” Ruderfer (Yahrzeit)
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Ellen Savran In honor of Ronald Pinkus on the birth of his granddaughter, April Rae Gordon
Eric & Debbie Hartstein In appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz for preparing Sari for her Bat Mitzvah
Harvey Zimmerman In appreciation of The Community Synagogue during the High Holy Days
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Lloyd & Michelle Lefcourt In honor of Emily Berman becoming a Bar Mitzvah
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Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Rose Pellow
Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on their birth of grandson, George Laurence Fliegel
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Miles & Gloria Glantz Good health to Norma Ziegel
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Phil Sivin In appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz for preparing Daryn Sivin for her Bat Mitzvah
Randy & Marcy Todd In appreciation of High Holy Day Services
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Alan & Marion Suekoff Speedy recovery to Nancy Dintenfass
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Andrea Axelrod In honor of Fred & Ann Axelrod’s 35th Anniversary
Annette Jaffe In memory of Morris Epstein (Yahrzeit)
Annette Jaffe In memory of Roger Rosengarten
Arline Isaacs In memory of Jerry Kreichman
Arnie & Brenda Turok In appreciation of our president, Jack Mandel
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Benjamin & Georgia DeYoung In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel
Benjamin & Georgia DeYoung In memory of Eric Pick
Benjamin & Georgia DeYoung In memory of Jerry Kreichman
Bernie & Paula Cohn In memory of Freda Kress (Yahrzeit)
Bernie & Paula Cohn In memory of Sol Kress (Yahrzeit)
Bernie & Paula Cohn In memory of William Cohn (Yahrzeit)
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Dan & Esther Tanenbaum In appreciation of Jack Mandel
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Dan & Esther Tanenbaum In memory of Jerry Kreichman
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Daniel & Gail Barasch In honor of Karen and Richard Dankner on the engagement of their son Robert to Lauren Coppola
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Daniel & Linda Reyes Weil In memory of Jerry Kreichman
Daryl & Michelle Wills In memory of William Wills (Yahrzeit)
Eric & Mady Caslow In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel

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SISTERHOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY FUND
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Karen Kline In honor of Nancy Dintenfass and Bruce Gurewitz on the marriage of their son, Jeremy to Brianna Mariolle
Larry & Flo Haar In memory of Herman Haar (Yahrzeit)
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Eric Pick
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Sheila Carmine
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Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of Karen and Richard Dankner on the engagement of their son, Robert Dankner to Lauren Coppola
Mark Calem & Stefanie Shulman-Calem, Samantha & Lewis In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel

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Martin & Jane Schwartz In memory of Eric Pick
Maxine Zinder In honor of Donna and David Stricker on the birth of their granddaughter, Alana Miri Stricker
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Maxine Zinder In honor of Judy and Russell Thal on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Alana Miri Stricker
Melvyn Lewinter In honor of Alexa Siegel becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Michael & Cheryl Mandelker In memory of Murray Mandelker (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Cynthia Rubinberg In honor of Donna and David Stricker on the birth of their granddaughter, Alana Miri Stricker
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Michael & Donna Weissberg In memory of Stephen Levin (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Doreen Berne In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel
Michael Gehl & Carlie Parsoff Gehl In memory of Roger Rosengarten
Miles & Gloria Gianatz In honor of Debbie Buglisi on the birth of her granddaughter, Livia Jo Buglisi
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Nicholas Diakov & Renee Laiffer In memory of Josephine Diakov (Yahrzeit)
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Paul & Jill Fishbin In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel
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Renni Altman In appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz for the guest High Holy Day tickets
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Richard & Karen Dankner In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Rose Pellow
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Robert & Miriam Caslow In honor of Karen and Richard Dankner on the engagement of their son, Robert to Lauren Coppola
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Rudi & Janet de Winter In honor of Debbie Buglisi on the birth of her granddaughter, Livia Jo Buglisi
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Stevan & Michelle Roberts In memory of Tess Pollack (Yahrzeit)

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Steven & Susan Stern In honor of Pam and Larry Tarica on the birth of their grandchildren, Emma Rose Pellow & George Laurence Fliegel
Steven & Susan Stern In memory of Burton Stern (Yahrzeit)
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Todd & Wendy Sinett In memory of Lee Protass
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Renni Altman In honor of Nancy Dintenfass and Bruce Gurewitz on the marriage of their son, Jeremy to Brianna Mariolle

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