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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 11:15 - 1:00 P.M.

Magic Show with Magic Al!
“You’ll laugh so hard your shoes will fall off!”

This family event includes lunch, a MAGIC SHOW, MUSIC, DANCING AND MORE! Call the ECC Office at 516-883-3144 ext. 316 for more information.

FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY
Rabbi Danny Burkeman

Happiness

Ashrei Yoshvei Veitecha – Happy are those who dwell in Your house. In this case, happiness comes from a connection to God, but there are many ways that we find happiness; through gratitude, meaning, relationships and faith to name but a few.

To help people live happier lives we are establishing our Community Synagogue Happiness Group with our first meeting on April 14th, more details are on page 11.

We hope that you will join us.
WORSHIP SERVICES

SHABBAT SHMINI~PARAH

Friday, April 1
Erev Shabbat (Main Sanctuary)............................................................... 8:00 pm
Chaverim Shabbat
Rabbi Zeplowitz – “Grandparents and Jewish Identity”

Saturday, April 2 (Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38)
Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary).......................................................10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah – Andrew Robinson
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah)...........................................10:30 am

SHABBAT TAZRIA~HACHODESH

ROSH Hodesh Nisan

Friday, April 8
Tot Shabbat (Main Sanctuary)...............................................................5:30 pm
A special Shabbat for our Early Childhood Center families
“Second Shabbos” - Family Services (Main Sanctuary).......................6:30 pm
Worship for the young and young at heart with lots of music, spirit and energy!
With the participation of our 5th grade students.

Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah)..........................................10:30 am

SHABBAT METZORA~HAGADOL

Friday, April 15
Erev Shabbat (Main Sanctuary).............................................................8:00 pm
A service in honor of the congregation’s members of 36 year and more!

Saturday, April 16 (Leviticus 14:1 – 15:33; Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24)
Yom Tov (1st Day – Pesach)(Main Sanctuary).....................................10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Sinnett
Congregational Second Night Seder (Multi-Purpose Room).............. 6:00 pm

PESACH (1st Day)

Friday, April 22
Study for First Borns (and everyone else)......................................... 7:30 am
No Communal Erev Shabbat/Yom Tov Services

Saturday April 23 (Exodus 12:37 – 42 and 13:3 - 10; Haftarah: Isaiah 43:1-15)
Yom Tov (1st Day – Pesach)................................................................ 10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Sinnett
Congregational Second Night Seder (Multi-Purpose Room).............. 6:00 pm

PESACH (7th Day)

Friday, April 29
Yom Tov Morning (Main Sanctuary).................................................... 9:00 am
Including Yizkor – In memory of loved ones. Breakfast following.

SHABBAT ACHAREI MOT

Friday, April 29
Erev Shabbat Services (Beit T’filah).................................................... 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 30 (Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30; Haftarah: Ezekiel 22:1 - 19)
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah)..........................................10:30 am
President’s Letter

Expectations

There are many times, in fact almost every day, that I find myself either expecting too much or too little from those around me. Sometimes I am disappointed, whether it be in business, my social life or here at the synagogue. But as Tevye once said, “on the other hand,” there are many times where I am amazed at the care, devotion and ability of people to perform their work not only well, but even to go above and beyond. What is so wonderful here at the synagogue, is that other than clergy or staff, everyone else is a volunteer. They give of their time and expect nothing in return and that makes them very special.

Being a strong believer in process, my expectation is that due process must be followed not only here, but in every organization. Without it, chaos and confusion abound.

What is it that differentiates a doer from a non-doer—one who strives for perfection from someone who just wants to finish the job and go back to checking out what someone has to say on Facebook? In all the things that I have done—school, the military, business, the synagogue Presidency, I have found it to be the same. It is the striving to be as sensitive and understanding as one can be with the individuals with whom one comes in contact. That is what separates those who do their tasks well and truly care about others from those who just do the job.

I could go on and on, but suffice it to say that if you have certain expectations of others, you must first expect the best from yourself; no shortcuts, no excuses, and always with grace and understanding.

Please Join Us in Creating Audacious Hospitality!

First Meeting
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 P.M.

Do you have a warm smile? Are you a friendly person? Are you proud of The Community Synagogue? When you come to services at TCS, do you feel like a host, a guest or a stranger? TCS Greeters is comprised of TCS members committed to ensuring that visitors and potential new and existing members feel that not only are they welcome, but that they really belong to our community. With an initial emphasis on Shabbat evening services that begin at 8pm, we want to create that warm, fuzzy feeling known as “audacious hospitality.” TCS Greeters are expected to “serve” only two Friday nights per year – yes – per YEAR! (Of course, if you enjoy it and want to do more, you are welcome to volunteer for more!)

Join us for our “welcome to the club” meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30pm – it promises to be a rewarding, fun and interactive session. You’ll hear what we have in mind and have an opportunity to share your thoughts on welcoming too. Some of the friendliest people will be there, and of course, we’ll provide treats as well! RSVP to Maggie Hand at 516-767-8119 or email hands4us@hotmail.com by Wednesday, April 6.
SISTERHOOD

UPCOMING EVENTS

PASSOVER WINE SALE
March 29 - April 29
At Black Tie, 114 Shore Road, Port Washington. Buy wine and spirits for Passover and identify yourself as a member of TCS; make your check payable to The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue and we receive 15% of your purchase. Thank you!

MAKE YOUR OWN MIRIAM’S CUP,
A MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT
Sunday, April 3, 4:00 P.M. A wonderful mother/daughter afternoon event to create a Judaica art piece. Contact Sisterhood for more information.

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 7, 7:30 P.M.

PASSOVER BOUTIQUE AT THE JUDAICA SHOP
April 10, 17, 18, 19
Seder plates, matzah covers, Elijah’s cups, Miriam’s cups and more.

MEMBERSHIP
Join Sisterhood – We are stronger together!
Join us as the Sisterhood continues throughout the year with many more great events.

Judaica Shop

PASSOVER BOUTIQUE AT
THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE
APRIL 10, 17, 18 & 19
9 AM - 11 AM
Seder and Matzah Plates, Elijah’s and Miriam’s Cups, Orange Plates, Matzah Covers, Books, Toys, Sisterhood’s Cookbook with Passover Recipes

Sisterhood's Mah Jongg and Canasta Games Day Fundraiser
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH
10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
HENDRICK’S TAVERN, ROSLYN

REGISTER NOW-AT WWW.COMMSYN.ORG
$76.00 per person; $65 per person for shopping, lunch and raffles only.

- Socialize
- Play your favorite games: Mah Jongg, Canasta, Bridge or Scrabble
- Vendor Shopping
- Raffles and Silent Auction
- Light breakfast
- Wonderful buffet lunch

Questions? Please call Yvette Bergman at 516-883-8018 or email her at commsynsisterhood@gmail.com.

Passover Wine Sale
MARCH 29 - APRIL 29
BLACK TIE
114 SHORE ROAD, PORT WASHINGTON

When you buy wine & spirits for Passover at Black Tie, identify yourself as a member of The Community Synagogue and Sisterhood receives 15% of your purchase.

Pay by check made payable to:
Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue

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MITZVAH DAY
MAH JONGG FUNDRAISER 2016
at Chabad of Port Washington
Tuesday, April 12th 7:30 P.M.
$36/Per person to compete in Mah Jongg or Canasta
Contact Debbie Shlafmitz shlafmitz@aol.com

Questions? Please call Yvette Bergman at 516-883-8018 or email her at commsynsisterhood@gmail.com.
CHAVERIM
Senior Friendship Group

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SENIOR?
Are you the kind of person who fits the following description? “Loves people, enjoys reading, watching movies, traveling to interesting places and discussing books.” If so, why don’t you join us for stimulating activities and just plain fun? We run groups studying Yiddish and practicing yoga. We only charge $18.00 as a yearly fee.

CHÁVERIM
Senior Friendship Group

UPCOMING EVENTS
ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY DEEDS—HOLOCAUST RESCUE
Thursday, March 31, 7:30 P.M. This program, presented by Gloria Glantz, highlights the one non-tragic outcome of the Holocaust—those who rescued and helped others, even as their own lives were in danger.

CHAVERIM SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, April 1, 8:00 P.M.

“GAIT AND BALANCE”
Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 A.M. Les Schonbrun (physical therapist) will discuss the effect of gait and balance on falls in the aging adult population. Bring your lunch. We’ll provide coffee and tea.

SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER & BOTANICAL GARDEN
Thursday, May 19. Leaving from Christopher Morley Park at 9:45 A.M. and returning by 4 P.M. The Gardens will be gorgeous in May and the historical buildings are worth seeing. The fee is $50.00. Chaverim 2016 dues of $18 must paid to attend. Call Janet deWinter 516-621-0277 or Evie Schoenbrun 516-767-0599.

ONGOING CLASSES
CHAIR YOGA
Join us every Friday at 10:30 A.M. The instructor Beth Mohr is a mechiyeh – oops! this isn’t the Yiddish class. Take one hour just for yourself, to unwind, relax, rejuvenate with gentle stretching and balancing. Try it (first session is a free trial) and you will probably love it. The fee is $60 per 6-session series or $12 per session. For details, contact Joyce at 516-883-8314, jld.rudnick@gmail.com.

YIDDISH CLASS
This free class meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 A.M. Join the group for fun as well as learning! Contact Evie Schonbrun for more information: Evieschonbrun@gmail.com or call 516-767-0599.

YIDDISH WORD OF THE MONTH
“Chutzpah”
When you kill both your parents and then throw yourself onto the mercy of the court because you are an orphan.

MITZVAH DAY 2016
COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 15
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Join us for our 4th Community-Wide Mitzvah Day and make a difference. We will come together as a Jewish community to work jointly on numerous mitzvah projects, benefitting a wide range of local and worldwide recipients.

DUES
To join Chaverim for education opportunities and inspiring trips, please pay your Chaverim dues. Send your check, $18 per person, made payable to The Community Synagogue, “Chaverim” marked on memo line, to the synagogue. Thank you!
Thoughts From The President

Our 65K Challenge was a resounding success and I wish to thank those of you who contributed in making it so, from the 6th Grader who collected $65, penny by penny and dollar by dollar, to the most generous congregant who matched what was collected. Responses such as this, make all volunteers who give their time, day after day, realize that what they do is worthwhile and appreciated.

I have recently learned that there were a few congregants who felt somewhat hesitant in expressing their opinions or concerns regarding synagogue matters. I was informed that they felt that no one would listen or care.

My wish is that any congregant with a concern or comment, either negative or positive, feel comfortable enough to contact me or any member of our dedicated Board of Trustees to begin a discussion. Although sometimes there may be constraints on what can be done to solve a particular issue, I have learned after many years, that to solve a problem, you speak less and listen more.

This administration is one of openness and understanding, and as a congregant, you are entitled to a response to any question you might have. I am always available to you via email at pres@commsyn.org or my cell 631-806-9394. Any question, any problem, anytime.

The future of our synagogue lies not only with the young families that have moved into the Port Washington peninsula, but with the volunteers who give their time to keep our synagogue strong. In that regard, I ask that you think about becoming involved in one of our ongoing committees or temporary task forces.

As an example, there is currently a task force that is serving as a search committee for our new ECC Director. To achieve a wide range and a broad perspective, 28 individuals are now comprising this group. Keep in mind also that if one wishes to become a Trustee on the Board one day, a requirement would be to have had some volunteer experience.

The best input a congregant can have is to actively participate in helping to shape and mold the future. Our Board of Trustees is composed of your neighbors and friends, all volunteers, who care about you and our synagogue.

We welcome new and returning members to sit in at our monthly meetings. Becoming a member and supporting Brotherhood’s activities is easier than ever. Just go to the Brotherhood page on The Community Synagogue website: http://www.commsyn.org/Brotherhood/

Become involved. Think about it, it will add another dimension to your life……Maybe even a Presidency!

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UPCOMING EVENTS / PROGRAMMING

April offers POWTY members so many great chances to celebrate our Jewish youth community! We hope our members will join us for the fun!

NFTY-NAR JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP KALLAH
April 1-3 – POWTY members in grades 6 & 7 are encouraged to attend NFTY-NAR’s Junior Youth Group Kallah with Jewish friends from across our NFTY region.

POWTY TIKKUN TEAM DISCUSSION MEETING 4
Tuesday, April 12 – 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
8th & 9th grade teammates are coming together for their last discussion meeting of the year! Shari is teaching our teens for this last session, and dinner will be served.

POWTY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 12 – 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
POWTY Board’s leaders are coming together to prepare for our big, fabulous 7th Grade Welcome to POWTY Party!

POWTY AT NFTY-NAR SPRING KALLAH
April 15-17 – POWTY teens in grades 8-12 are invited to attend our NFTY region’s final Shabbaton weekend of the year! For more information, or to register, visit the NFTY-NAR website.

POWTY FOUNDATION MEETING 8
Monday, April 18 – 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The POWTY Foundation’s teen philanthropists in grades 10 & 11 are gathering for their final meeting before their check ceremony and Shabbat celebration next month. Dinner will be served, as always.

7TH GRADE WELCOME TO POWTY PARTY
Tuesday, April 19 – 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.
POWTY is so excited for this year’s 7th grade class to join Senior POWTY in the fall, that we’ve decided to welcome them NOW! POWTY’s 8-12th graders are hosting a huge party for our 7th grade class, which will include a special dinner, professional Game Show program, fun dessert, and is our tradition, brand new POWTY tie dye T-shirts for everyone! No RSVPs are required, and we hope the entire 7th grade class will attend!
Celebrate the Second Night of Passover at The Community Synagogue

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 6:00 P.M.

Kosher for Passover Seder Menu
Gefilte Fish
Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls
Chicken Burgundy
Beef Brisket
Sweet and Sour Meatballs
Farfel and Mushrooms
Sweet Potato Pudding
Potato Kugel
Apple Matzah Kugel
Spring Vegetable Medley
Cranberry Compote
Chicken Nuggets
Passover Desserts
Fish Entree Available on Request
Menu is subject to change

Our Seder is open to everyone in the community.

RSVP and pay online or complete the order form below and send with your check.

Second Night Passover Seder Reservation Form

If you have questions or want additional information, contact Bari Ziegel at 816-1082 or bziegel@aol.com.

Reservations must be made by April 11. No refunds will be issued after this date.

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________________
PHONE: __________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________

MEMBERS & IMMEDIATE FAMILY

____ # Members & Immediate Family @ $52.00 per adult $_________
____ # Children age 5 - 12 @ $22.00 per child $_________
____ # Children 4 and under @ $5.00 per child $_________

NON-MEMBERS & GUESTS

____ # Non-members & Guests @ $62.00 per adult $_________
____ # Children age 5 - 12 @ $27.00 per child $_________
____ # Children 4 and under @ $5.00 per child $_________

____ I prefer fish entrée for ____ people

Enclosed is a check for $_________ or pay online at www.commsyn.org. A 3% convenience fee will be added to all credit card transactions. Make checks payable to: The Community Synagogue, 160 Middle Neck Rd., Port Washington, NY 11050.

If possible please seat us with: __________________________

For more info, contact Bari Ziegel at 816-1082 or bziegel@aol.com.
The Moon & Rosh Chodesh at the ECC

At the Early Childhood Center our curriculum includes both secular and Jewish components and concepts. Our children learn best when we integrate both the Jewish and secular components of our curriculum so that the children are able to relate and apply what they learn to every area of their lives, instead of seeing each as separate entities.

Beginning in January our ECC children began observing how the moon changes its shape and started following the various phases of the moon. They recorded their observations (new, crescent, half, gibbous and full moons) which led to discussions amongst the children about how the moon appears at a particular time.

The children's interest grew which led to further exploration of the topic. We saw a lot of play in our classrooms about astronauts and flying off into outer space. They learned many songs about the moon and their art took on a moon and celestial theme.

We integrated their learning and excitement about the moon into learning about the Jewish celebration of Rosh Chodesh. In Hebrew, Rosh Chodesh literally means, “head of the month” or “first of the month.” They learned that Rosh Chodesh is the first day of the new Jewish month and that the secular calendar is based on the sun and the Jewish calendar is based on the moon. The students were excited to learn that seeing the new moon marked the start of a new Jewish month.

The children's learning about Rosh Chodesh and the moon was expanded further during our discussion of the Torah portion parsha Ki Tisa. This parsha is about when Moses received the Ten Commandments from God and returned down Mount Sinai to find that the Israelites had built a Golden Calf as an idol out of the jewelry from the men. The woman refused to give their jewelry to build an idol. As a reward for not being part of the building of the Golden Calf, God rewarded the woman by relieving them from their work and chores every Rosh Chodesh, which is the reason why it is recognized as more of a women's holiday.

This parsha was just a preview for our children who will learn much more about Moses and the story and customs of Passover this month!

We culminated the children's studying about the moon and Rosh Chodesh with an extremely well attended open house and Rosh Chodesh celebration at the ECC on the evening of March 10, when our children returned to school in their pajamas, with their families.

During the celebration the children taught their families all of the things they learned, entertained their guests with a medley of moon songs and engaged in a number of different moon and Rosh Chodesh related activities. The evening ended with a bedtime snack and observing of the new moon which signaled the beginning of the month of Adar II.

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

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE
Limited registration is still available for our Early Childhood Center Summer 2016 Program and our 2016-2017 School Year. Me & Baby, Mommy & Me, and programs for children from 2 to 5 years of age are available. For more information, please call our Early Childhood Center office at 883-3144 extension 316.
QUESTION: I grew up in a home where I was told that we don't eat rice on Pesach. I never understood what eating rice has to do with observing Passover. Now I'm dating someone whose family comes from Iraq and when I went to the seder at his family's home they served rice?! Why do some people not eat rice and others do? As a Reform Jew what do you think ought to be our proper practice?

ANSWER: It's important, first of all, to understand the origin of this difference of practice between Jews of Ashkenazi descent (European) and Sephardic (Mediterranean) or Eastern community (Middle Eastern and North African Jews). The Torah prohibits eating chametz, which was considered 5 grains only: wheat, spelt, barley, rye and a grain that is either two-rowed barley (according to Maimonides) or oats (according to Rashi). A custom grew in the South of France in the 13th century to include a larger and larger group of grains because people might get confused about what was permissible and what was not. These were called kitniyot and include grains and legumes such as rice, corn, soy beans, string beans, peas, lentils, mustard, sesame seeds and poppy seeds. Some forbid not only the grains and legumes, but also any products derived from them (such as peanut oil or sesame oil.)

In the ensuing centuries, even among Ashkenazi rabbinic authorities there was debate about whether abstaining from eating kitniyot was appropriate or not. Early Reform Jewish thinkers felt this custom of eating was an unnecessary and burdensome practice, and suggested abolishing it altogether. The rise of the State of Israel has brought Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews much more in touch with one another. As a result, the less restrictive customs of Sephardi Jews has become more widespread in recent years. Two decades ago the Reform "Responsa Committee" (i.e. rabbis who write about Jewish legal matters) reiterated Reform practice that it is permissible to eat rice and legumes on Passover. This past year the Conservative movement issued a ruling going even further, saying it is not only permitted, but perhaps even obligatory to eliminate the custom of refraining from eating rice, beans and kitniyot on Pesach.

Growing up Reform, I did not follow this custom, although I chose to do so as an adult. However, after many years of uncertainty, I have decided that as of this Pesach I will no longer follow the custom of kitniyot because:

1. Pesach is not meant to be a time of affliction or hardship, but joy. To avoid these foods so assiduously makes the holiday less, not more, joyous.

2. It creates unnecessary divisions between Jews. In an age when disparate Jewish communities have come together, while there are reasons to maintain certain customs that are different, if there are no compelling logical arguments other than “it’s traditional,” I do feel it is necessary not to maintain separate practices. That one of our children married into a family with Sephardi customs — and my desire to share with them — only adds to this feeling on a personal level.

3. Following this custom adds an additional financial burden on those who observe Pesach. Given the added expense of Passover observance in any case, why do something that is not required that will make it more challenging for people to observe the holiday?

4. It places undue emphasis on what is not that significant, taking time and energy away from a focus on the key elements and teachings of the “Festival of Freedom.” Rather than spending so much time worrying about kitniyot, our time ought to be focused on Pesach’s central and significant messages — and acting accordingly to bring about greater freedom in our world.

Whatever you decide is your practice, I encourage you to first consider the larger themes that Passover raises about liberty, human dignity and the significance of shared memory. Then, use what you eat to reinforce your willingness to live your life devoted to those ideals.

* Lama, the Hebrew word for “why.”
The COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE
HAPPINESS GROUP

HAPPINESS IS A CHOICE AND FINDING IT IS A JOURNEY

SESSION DATES
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

April 14th
Happiness for Your Mind, Body, and Soul
Featuring presentations from Macha Einbinder, Hayley Foster, Missy Halpern, and Cynthia Litman.
Join us for an evening as we explore different ways in which we can pursue a deeper sense of purpose in our lives, leading us to greater levels of happiness.

May 25th
Happiness in Movement and Body
The way that we move and feel can have a big impact on how happy we are, find out ways to make your bodies happy.

June 9th
Happiness with Our Loved Ones
As the summer approaches we have a chance to spend more time with our loved ones. How can we maximize our time and maximize our happiness?

Join this group of seekers looking to bring a deeper sense of happiness into their lives through engaging speakers, educational texts, mindfulness practices, meditations, and new daily rituals.

Surround yourself with a group that will lift you up, support you and help you find more happiness in your life.

Please like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TCSHappiness or contact Rabbi Danny.
We gratefully acknowledge support to The Community Synagogue through contributions to our many funds and sincerely thank the following:

BRICK DONATION
- The Early Childhood Center In gratitude for Shula Eitzel. Thank you for twenty five years of dedication to our children
- The Early Childhood Center In gratitude for Ellen Cohen. Thank you for twenty five years of dedication to our children
- The Early Childhood Center In gratitude for Penny Silverman. Thank you for twenty five years of dedication to our children
- Adam & Flora Hanft In loving memory of Gail Ann Lowe Maidman

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND
- Abe & Florence Elenowitz In memory of Rabbi Eugene Borowitz
- Alice Semouha-Aboody In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Chad & Amanda Stone In memory of Eric Sonnenklar, husband of Lisa Sonnenklar
- Chad & Amanda Stone In memory of Shirley Schorr, mother of Glenn Schorr
- Jeffrey & Joan Grant In memory of Gail Lowe Maidman, stepmother of Mitchel Maidman, beloved wife of Richard Maidman
- Jeffrey & Joan Grant In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum, mother of Zelik Ziegelbaum
- Joan Hariton In memory of Sylvia Ross, mother of Hank Ross
- Michael & Mary Jo Hall In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Michael Gehl & Carlie Parsoff Gehl In memory of Jeff Hershkowitz
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- Stephen & Denise Silverstein In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum

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- Howard & Debbie Schiff In memory of Gail Lowe Maidman
- Howard & Debbie Schiff In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
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- Warren & Nina Bernstein In memory of Rita Phillips, mother of Marsha Phillips
- Warren & Nina Bernstein In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum

LIBRARY FUND
- Abe & Florence Elenowitz In memory of Sol Winder

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- Arline Isaacs & Loving Family In memory of Peter G. Isaacs
- David & Sylvia Heyman In honor of our synagogue’s former assistant to the clergy, Genea Moore, who became Jewish
- Elaine Byron In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Erik & Deena Katz In memory of Kenneth Hariton & Minna Rankowitz
- Howard & Deborah Shlafrnitz In memory of Sylvia Ross
- Joyce Cohen In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Julie Lewis In memory of my beloved husband, Jonathan Lewis (Yahrzeit)
- Margie Miller In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Marvin & Elise Tepper In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Steven & Susan Stern In memory of Rita Phillips

MUSIC AND CHOIR FUND
- Abe & Florence Elenowitz In memory of Al Baruch
- Alan Helman In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Allan & Fran Goldberg In honor of the Showstoppers Performance
- Carmine & Michelle Fiore In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Chaverim Speedy recovery to Janet & Rudie de Winter
- Daniel & Anna Berman In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- David & Sharen Kam In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- David & Sylvia Heyman In honor of Emory

DONATIONS
- A memorial book set, $36 each, up to 3)
- A memorial book set, $180 for 4 book sets (additional book sets, $45 each, up to 9)
- $360 for 10 book sets (additional book sets, $36 each)

Giving Opportunities

SPONSOR “SHABBAT ROCKS”
Help us maintain this special Shabbat programming by sponsoring our musical, family-friendly “Shabbat Rocks.”
Donation: $750

SPONSOR TOT SHABBAT
Celebrate Shabbat by sponsoring our Tot Shabbat service geared for children six and under, which includes a twenty minute service, family dinner and craft project. Donation: $500

DONATE TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND
Ensure this remarkable congregation for future generations by contributing to the Endowment Fund. Your gift is invested wisely with the promise of financial growth. Donation: $ Your choice

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RETIRE THE MORTGAGE
Your generous donation to help reduce the mortgage is a powerful way to help the synagogue meet its fiscal responsibilities. Donation: $10,000 or more.

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Take this opportunity to dedicate a prayer book set with a personalized book plate in honor of a special person; to celebrate a memorable occasion such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, birth; or in memory of a loved one. Donation: $54 for each dedication of a prayer book set (additional book sets, $54 each, up to 3); $180 for 4 book sets (additional book sets, $45 each, up to 9); $360 for 10 book sets (additional book sets, $36 each) To order contact Allison, 516-883-3144 ext. 328.
POWTY FUND

- Enid Hawthorne In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Fred & Ann Axelrod In appreciation of Cantor Franco
- Jonathan & Kate Hirsch In honor of Karl Hirsch becoming a Bar Mitzvah
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- Murray Leiner & Family In memory of Joan Leiner (Yahrzeit)

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- Robert & Margie Remler In memory of Bernard Sauerhaft (Yahrzeit)
- Rudi & Janet de Winter In memory of Lydelia A. de Winter (Yahrzeit)
- Stephen & Margaret Hand In memory of Frank Gaston (Yahrzeit)

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- Joan Levine In memory of Jules E. Levine (Yahrzeit)
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- Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Howard Levin, brother of Flo Haar
- Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Rabbi Eugene Borowitz
- Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Selma Lashine
- Marc & Sharon Sussman In memory of Max Sussman (Yahrzeit)
- Mark & Jill Eisenberg In memory of Esther Rugoff (Yahrzeit)
- Marylyn Lamstein In honor of Matthew Tuthill becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Marylyn Lamstein In memory of Gussie Lamstein (Yahrzeit)
- Mitchel & Arlene Maidman In memory of Harry Essex (Yahrzeit)

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- Paul & Phyllis Kurland In memory of Frank Pfeffer (Yahrzeit)
- Richard & Karen Dankner In memory of Khode Ziegelbaum
- Ron & Eileen Brotman In honor of Keivan & Thea Farhadian on the marriage of their daughter, Sarah
- Ron & Eileen Brotman In honor of Les & Jane Taubrella on the marriage of their son, Jonathan
- Ron & Eileen Brotman In honor of Marc & Peggy Silbert on the engagement of their son, Ryan
- Ron & Eileen Brotman In honor of Michael and Donna Weissberg on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Saul
- Rudi & Janet de Winter In honor of Blake becoming a Bar Mitzvah, grandson of Sally Pass
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- Rudi & Janet de Winter In memory of Rita Phillips
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- Sally Pass In memory of Benjamin Yurman (Yahrzeit)
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- JD & Deb Friedland In memory of Sylvia Weil, mother of Scott & Susan Weil
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Next Meeting May 12th

The Port Washington Rosh Chodesh Group
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 9:30 A.M.
The Community Synagogue, Port Washington
Cantor Claire Franco presents

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JANUARY - MARCH

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