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## From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz



"What do you think have been the most important and influential books of the past 50 years?" This was the question posed by the director of the Port Washington library to a number of people recently, myself included. Looking on the Internet to

### The Most Important Books

find lists of the most significant books I found *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Catcher in the Rye* and *Gone With the Wind*. To be sure, these are important books in America, but surely there are books that have had a more profound impact on what I was asked – books with the greatest influence over the "thoughts and actions of humanity."

My answer is that the two most important books are those

that have been on "best seller lists" for centuries, and which serve as the religious foundation for 50% of the world's population—namely, the Bible and the Qur'an (or Koran). Given the political, social and religious debates in this country over the past few decades, the growth in Africa of Christianity and Islam, and the challenge of Islamic fundamentalism in many corners of the globe, I would argue

that these two books (the first, of course, more a compendium than a "book") remain the most influential books of our time and human history to this point.

The other book that has had a profound influence is another one published long before the time period in question, and represents the most important book challenging the

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## SHABBAT ON THE LAWN



**Friday, June 8 • 6:30 pm**

Outdoor family service on our beautiful back lawn with dinner following

Join us to welcome this year's new members, who close out their first year in our community; and come make connections with others in our synagogue old and new. Enjoy a **POT LUCK BARBEQUE DINNER** following services.

We will provide the main course. Please volunteer to bring a pareve salad (with no nuts or dairy products) or pareve or vegetarian side dish (with no nuts or dairy products).

R.S.V.P. to Faith at 883-3144 ext. 328 with your name, the number of adults and children and the dish you would like to bring to the barbecue or respond on our website at [www.commsyn.org](http://www.commsyn.org).



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# T'filot • תפילה (Worship Services)

## SHABBAT NASO • נושא

### Friday, June 1

Erev Shabbat . . . . . 8:00 pm  
Rabbi Zeplowitz: "Peace Will Come - How? When? Who?"  
Brotherhood Shabbat

### Saturday, June 2 (Numbers 4:21-7:89; Haftarah-Judges 13:2-25)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
**Bat Mitzvah: Talia Goldstein**  
Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah – Old Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am

## SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTECHA • בהעלתך

### Friday, June 8

Erev Shabbat . . . . . 6:30 pm  
"Shabbat on the Lawn"  
BBQ Shabbat Dinner . . . . . 7:45 pm

### Saturday, June 9 (Numbers 8:1-12:16; Haftarah-Zechariah 2:14-4:7)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
**B'nai Mitzvah: Jeffrey Lockom & Sydney Silverman**  
Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah – Old Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am

## SHABBAT SHELACh • שלח

### Friday, June 15

Erev Shabbat . . . . . 8:00 pm  
Rabbi Burkeman: "Scouting a Promised Land"  
Installation of the Board of Trustees

### Saturday, June 16 (Numbers 13:1-15:41; Haftarah - Joshua 2:1-24)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
**B'nai Mitzvah: Brandon Kashinsky & Alec Marshak**  
Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah – Old Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am

## SHABBAT KORACH • קרח

### Friday, June 22

Erev Shabbat . . . . . 7:30 pm  
Summer Services begin

### Saturday, June 23 (Numbers 16:1-18:32; Haftarah - I Samuel, 11:14-12:22)

Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah – Old Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
**Bar Mitzvah: Dylan Holtzman**

Throughout the summer Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) services will be held at 7:30 pm (outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Beit T'filah - Old Sanctuary). Shabbat morning services will be informal "Havurah style" at 10:30 am, following Torah study at 9:00 am

## Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah

Have you always wanted to become Bat or Bar Mitzvah, but never quite got to it? Well, now's your chance. Learn the skills that will help you read Torah, lead services and understand Judaism better. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Burkeman at [rabbidb@commsyn.org](mailto:rabbidb@commsyn.org) or (516) 883-3144, ext. 328.

## When Will We Stop Using Prayer Books?



A few months ago I read a shocking article about the demise of the print version of the Encyclopedia Britannica. After 244 years, this venerable publication that graced many of our homes when we were growing up has succumbed to the realities of the digital age.

With competition from Wikipedia and an increasing demand for its online version, and less than one percent of its revenue coming from its hard-bound versions, the 129 pound, 32 volume set will cease to be published. The president of Encyclopedia Britannica Inc., Jorge Cauz, said when interviewed, "Some people will feel sad and nostalgic about it but we have a better tool now. The web site is continuously updated, it's much more expansive and it has multi-media."

This has made me wonder about the future of *Mishkan Tfilah* and our high-holiday prayer books as well. With the proliferation of e-book readers and tablet computers, it seems logical to me that sometime in the not too distant future we will stop praying from hard bound books as well. While this may unnerve some, I think this will be a good thing. We will be able to have someone on the *bimah* automatically signal our devices to turn to the appropriate page. We will be able to use additional written, spoken or video based material to supplement our worship and learning. We are blessed to be led spiritually by a

world-class clergy team. However, wouldn't it be great to have one or two prayers led by a world-famous rabbi or chanted by a similarly famous cantor? When we teach *t'filot* to youngsters, wouldn't it be great to use tools from the multi-media world they are so familiar with?

As part of our *Etz Chaim* campaign, we are adding technology to enhance our spiritual experience. We are installing a high definition camera and projector so that the video streaming of services will be enhanced and so that the large number of congregants who sit in the congregational hall for the high holidays will be better able to see what is transpiring on the *bimah*. Our audio system will also be improved so that we will have a better listening experience as well. One other exciting new technology we are adding is called Visual T'filah. This will involve having large screens on either side of the *bimah* and an additional camera set up behind the clergy. Our clergy anticipate using this, at the times, primarily for our monthly "Second Shabbas" (Family Services). The goal is even more involvement and participation by all who come. This will enable us to show the prayer book page being read, the song that is not in our prayer book being followed and even the *Torah* as it is read.

It may take a while for all this new technology to take hold in our spiritual lives but, when it does, I am confident that it will make our synagogue an even more special place.

Larry



## You Can Do It—Shofar Blowing 101

Are you full of hot air? Do you love being in front of a crowd? Have you ever tooted your own horn (literally!)? Would you like to give thousands a chance to perform a *mitzvah* (or even a hundred)?

We are looking for willing and eager people to blow the *shofar* on the Days of Awe for either the main service or during family services.

Even if you don't have all these qualifications, you still could be a candidate to do this. You will get easy to follow, personal lessons to become a *shofar* expert from Rabbi Zeplowitz and gain a skill that you will have for life. If you are interested please contact the clergy assistant, Faith, at fnorwick@commsyn.org or 883-3144, ext. 328.

## ECC News

Shelley Roff, ECC Director



Once again as the flowers bloom and the trees blossom, I look around at our magnificent grounds and am reminded how blessed we are for our synagogue and Early Childhood Center to be situated in such a beautiful setting.

Although we take the children at our ECC outside throughout the year, once the weather warms up we bring the children out as much as we can. Studies have shown that children are happier and learn better when they spend time outdoors.

Our teachers integrate nature into their classes' curriculums, including nature walks, learning about the seasons, planting, and studying insects and animals. Each winter for several years, for reasons still unknown, ladybugs descend upon some of our classrooms at the ECC. This year the children carefully collected them and placed them in a ladybug house and fed and cared for them. (FYI ladybugs eat raisins soaked in water!)

We are very proud of one of our ECC teachers, Jacklin Robeny who was commended by the Jewish Education Project for the fine work she has been doing all year in integrating nature into her class's curriculum. Jacklin was asked to be one of 9 presenters at the Jewish Education

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

# Attention All Mah Jongg Lovers!



Attention on Mah Jongg Mavens—our last gathering before the summer break will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30 PM. Please join us for games and fun. Noshes will be served. If you want to bring some change we can have a \$5.00 pie (optional by table). Let me know if you will be there by RSVP-ing to Jo Beth Roberts at JBNR@ao.com or 767-8770. See you there!

## *Oneg Shabbat*

**JUNE 1** Rabbi Jill Kreitman & Corey Goldstein and family and friends of Talia on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

**JUNE 8** Barry & Lisa Lockom and family and friends of Jeffrey on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Sharon Silverman & Tina Richards and family and friends of Sydney on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

**JUNE 15** Joe Kashinsky & Evelyn Garrett and family and friends of Brandon on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Melanie & Adam Marshak and family and friends of Alec on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

**JUNE 23** Shelley & Jeffrey Holtzman and family and friends of Dylan on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Sisterhood looks back on a year full of accomplishments, including a variety of well attended events such as the *Yom Kippur Break-Fast*, our paid-up Membership Gala and a Family *Hanukkah* party. We had successful fundraisers including An Evening of Broadway's Best and *Shelach Manot Purim* boxes which enhanced the lives of our congregants and enabled us to make substantial contributions to the 60th Anniversary *Etz Chaim* campaign and the clergy's Discretionary Funds, among others. We invite you all to look at our 2011-2012 "What Does Sisterhood Do?" to be distributed at the Congregational meeting on June 14th for more information.

Now we look forward to a new year with a new board and the hope that all women of The Community Synagogue will join Sisterhood and support all that we do for ourselves, our families, our temple and our community.

## Where Does the Tzedakah Go?

Each day in our religious school, our students bring contributions of money to be given to our *Tzedakah* Fund. Many people often wonder exactly where this money goes. This year, we have even more money to donate due to the collections taken in honor of the congregation's 60th anniversary.

Our 7th graders have worked hard to create beautiful and educational displays representing 6 organizations, which they think are most worthy of the school's *tzedakah* money. Younger students got the chance to learn about these organizations by viewing the displays created by our 7th graders. Each student was given *Tzedakah* Dollars with which to vote and take part in determining where the money should go and how it should be divvied up.

### **Organizations Chosen to receive Tzedakah Donations:**

- Saar Fire Truck Fund – Project of Jewish National Fund seeking to buy much needed fire truck for the Mitzpe Ramon Fire Station in Israel which is currently functioning with a 25 yr old truck.
- Friends of IDF – Seeks to support the IDF and its soldiers.
- Israel Guide Dog for the Blind – Trains guide dogs and provides these dogs and support to the blind population in Israel.
- Lev laLev – Organization which supports orphaned and underprivileged girls in Israel by providing education, clothing & support services.
- Sharsheret – An organization which specifically services Jewish women with breast cancer.
- Look Good Feel Better – Organization dedicated to improving the self esteem & quality of life of people undergoing treatment for cancer.

## Exciting News for Teens at The Community Synagogue

Come the fall we will be offering **Stepping Up: Jewish Teen Philanthropy across Long Island**. Groups of teens in synagogues, JCC's, and Jewish organizations across Long Island will be stepping up to become philanthropic leaders through an exciting new project sponsored by Jewish Teen Funders Network (JTFN), a national organization that brings together similar initiatives from across the country. Using funds from each organization, from JTFN and from participants themselves, Jewish teens will focus on making a difference by awarding grants to Long Island agencies addressing six areas of needs: education, health, housing, education, hunger, social equity, and creation of jobs.

## Brotherhood Presents 'Live from the 92nd St Y'

For the first time in its young three year history, the SOLD OUT notice was posted for Madeleine Albright and Christiane Amanpour. More than 180 people sought access to the MPR which had a seating capacity of 170. Ms. Albright spoke about how she learned of her Jewish family identity and her effort to find out about their deaths in Auschwitz and Theresienstadt. It was a compelling evening.

Our season ends on June 7 with Mandy Patinkin, the consummate performer. Whether you are a regular monthly 92Y member, or have never had a chance to try one out, bring your wife, your husband or your significant other. For the cost of \$10, you will enjoy table seating, excellent desserts and enjoy 1½ hours of pure pleasure with Mandy and Thane Rosenbaum.

Order your tickets from Bert Tobin at [btobin@optonline.net](mailto:btobin@optonline.net) or call the Synagogue at (516) 883-3144, ext. 343 and leave a message with your name, phone, e-mail and number of tickets and we will call you back.

### Mandy Patinkin, Broadway and TV star, with Thane Rosenbaum

Thursday, June 7, 8 pm



Mandy Patinkin's career encompasses theater, film, television, recordings and the concert stage. His Broadway credits include *Evita*, *The Secret Garden*, *Sunday in the Park with George* and solo concerts including *Dress Casual*, *Celebrating Sondheim* and *Mamaloshen*. He has appeared in more than 20 feature films, multiple television series and has made numerous solo recordings. He continues touring with his solo concerts, a concert with Patti LuPone and a new concert with Nathan Gunn.

Thane Rosenbaum is a novelist, essayist, and law professor, the author of the widely praised novels, *The Golems of Gotham*, *Second Hand Smoke*, and the novel-in-stories, *Elijah Visible*. His articles, reviews and essays appear frequently in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and the *Huffington Post*, among other national publications. He moderates an annual series of discussions on Jewish culture and politics at the 92nd Street Y. He is the John Whelan Distinguished Lecturer in Law at Fordham Law School, where he teaches courses in human rights, legal humanities, and law and literature, and also directs the Forum on Law, Culture & Society.

This is a rebroadcast of Mandy's February 6th interview.

## Mazel Tov to Our College and Graduate School Graduates

Mazel tov to the following students in our congregation who are graduating from college or graduate school!

Daniel Arnstein

Julia Bernstein

Madeleine Bernstein

Melanie Davidoff

Erica Fagelman

Jacob Friedman

Sidny Ginsberg

Jeremy Gurewitz

Allison Heifetz

Andrew Hock

Dana Kamerman

Sam Kraus

Morgan Kuriloff

Juliette Labadorf

Jackie Levy

Sarah Lifson

Cassie Lotker

Brandon Maldonado

Hayley Miller

Maddie Mirzoeff

Caroline Pickering

Mikki Rosman

Sarah Scheinman

Amanda Schiff

Ian Schwartz

Ricki Segal

Matthew Siegel

Dan Sirokin

Alex Stein

Erin Szulman

Matthew Weintraub

Nathan Zeplowitz

Michael Ziegelbaum

Robert Ziegelbaum

### Tour Falaise on June 22

There is something special in our own backyard, but how many have seen it?

Falaise is one of the few intact historic houses remaining on Long Island's Gold Coast. Built in 1923 by Harry F. Guggenheim for his wife, Caroline Morton, the design is based on a 13th century Norman manor house. Furnished with antiques, many from the 16th and 17th centuries, it also has Renaissance paintings, sculptures and modern art.

Join Chaverim for a guided tour on Friday, June 22 at 11:30am. We will meet at the temple, at 11am, where we can leave some of our cars and car pool to Falaise which charges \$5 per car for parking. The admission for the tour is \$4. Those who wish may have lunch afterwards at Sweet Comfort Café on Irma Avenue.

Reservations are necessary for Falaise to provide the appropriate number of tour guides. Please call Glenda Feuer at 883-7799 to make a reservation no later than June 15th.



### Yiddish Class

The Yiddish class will meet on Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am, on June 6, 13, 20 and 27. After a summer hiatus, classes will resume in October.

### Chair Yoga

Now in its second year, our Chair Yoga, led by Beth Mohr meets on Fridays, 10:30-11:30am in the MPR. You may join at any time. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. \$50 for 6 sessions.



# Etz Chaim Update

## A Gala Evening

by Deena Katz

*On Saturday, May 5th, 2012 we celebrated our 60th Anniversary with a gala dinner dance honoring 16 of our current three-generation families. It was a magical evening that brought together congregants and friends from all different generations to celebrate our common love for and deep connection to our synagogue.*



Ten months ago, when my fellow co-chairs—Elin Nierenberg, Jack Mandel, Barbara Landau—and I began working on the gala, we had three goals. First, to celebrate our 60 years of history. Second, to raise a lot of money. And third, to bring people together. I am proud to say that the gala far exceeded our expectations, accomplishing all three of our stated goals.

Many of our three-generation honoree families shared firsthand how much The Community Synagogue has meant to them. In a special video tribute shown at the gala, we were able to see and hear them speak about their commitment, connection and legacy. One of the highlights of the evening for me was watching some of the youngest honorees dancing the hora

with their grandparents and clergy, surrounded by a circle of multigenerational guests. It was awesome!

Regarding our second goal of fund raising, I am proud to say the gala has been the

most successful event in the history of our congregation. Thanks to our generous sponsors, commemorative journal and fabulous auction we raised more than \$240,000. A special thank you to our amazing co-chairs including Becky Schamis and Nancy Kaplan for the journal, Ann Axelrod and Hayley Alstott for the auction and Lauren Egna, Susan Israel and Alexis Siegel for helping with our dinner dance. Finally,

a special thank you goes to our talented auctioneer, Joe Ades, who graced us with his charm, kept us laughing with his jokes



and helped us raise over \$60,000 from the auction alone.

Lastly, and most importantly, we accomplished our final goal of bringing people together and making them feel connected. In fact, I believe this is what people will remember most about the 60th Anniversary gala. With approximately 300 people attending the event, and guests representing every segment of our diverse congregation, we were ALL able to feel the warmth and love in the room as we shared a common bond with our synagogue. It was a very special evening and reminded us all that we are truly a *kehilah kedoshah*...a sacred and connected community.

Finally, a special thank you to the several vendors who donated much of their time and services to help create a breathtaking venue, delicious dinner and fun celebration. Thank you Lawrence Scott Events (Caterer and Décor) and Fusion Lighting and ESP Productions (Music).



## Donor Opportunities

*"The Eternal spoke to Moses, saying: Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved." EXODUS 25:2*

Please give the most you can, letting your heart be your guide—in a way that you (and your family) feel good about—and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Opportunities for giving represent a wide range, and your gift of whatever amount is important in helping us reach our goal.

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## Some Post Gala Comments on an Unforgettable Evening...

Hi, Just wanted to thank all of you for the amazing job you did Saturday night. It was not only a successful fund raiser and a great evening, it crystallized what makes our Synagogue and Port Washington so special!!

Warmest regards,

*Jill Berman*

I just wanted to thank you for an awesome event on Saturday night! Everything went so beautifully! The room looked terrific. The food was delicious and my parents and I had a great time!

Thank you for all that you do for the synagogue and for honoring us in such a special way!

*Bari Ziegel*

Thank you for putting together such a beautiful , warm, fun, special and successful night.

*Mara Silverstein*

You did a fantastic job with the gala. A huge congratulations. It was an amazing event in terms of the turnout, the fun, the elegance and we raised a lot of money too! You hit on all cylinders.

Well done and a huge Thank You.

*Nancy Lashine*

The best part was that it felt like one big, happy, family party with good feelings and positive vibes all the way around.

You could feel the love for each other and for the synagogue.

Congrats to all!

*Ann Axelrod*

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AWESOME!!!! AMAZING!!!!!

UNBELIEVABLE!!!

*Larry Helft*

To the Co-chairs,

Congratulations—it was a marvelous event! OUTSTANDING!

*Len Wurzel*

Just want to thank you so much for an extraordinary time last night and tell you what an amazing job you did! I know how much work and effort went into it and it showed!! You should be very proud of yourselves and my family and I thank you very very much for all you did—it was truly worth it! Thank you! With love and gratitude

*Joyce Mandelkern*

What a fantastic evening...every detail was perfect. Thank you.

*Linda Moslow*

To all of the co-chairs of this weekend's gala:

Mazal Tov on a job well done. There wasn't a detail overlooked! From the décor, the food and the music to the journal, the auction and the video, everything was beautifully executed. It is hard to describe how I felt when I took a moment to look around the room and take it all in. To see people of all ages (literally) dancing and celebrating our synagogue and what it represents was overwhelming. On the heels of *Mitzvah Day*, it was yet another reminder of the very best that we can be. The evening was a smashing success. Yes, it is wonderful that your efforts raised so much money, but the real success cannot be measured. It comes in the good will and meaningful connections that the evening created for all who attended.

Thank you for all that you have given our community.

Fondly,

*Claire Franco*



# Etz Chaim Update

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# למה? \*

**Question:** Why do we blow the *shofar* before *Rosh Hashanah*?

**Answer:** I know it's only June, and our High Holy Day festivals might seem quite far away, but in many ways the lead into *Rosh Hashanah* and especially *Yom Kippur* began with the festival of *Shavuot*, but we'll get to that in a minute.

At the end of *Yom Kippur*, we mark the conclusion of our Day of Atonement by sounding the *shofar*, and the ram's horn is so closely linked with *Rosh Hashanah* that the festival is also known as *Yom Teruah*, the day of sounding [the *shofar*]. And yet traditionally during the month of *Elul*, the month which precedes our new year, we are supposed to blow the *shofar* during the morning service. For 30 days we blow the *shofar* as part of our preparation for the High Holy Days.

Before the *shofar* made its way into the synagogue, it was used to alert the people for battle. One can understand how the blast of the horn would have caused fear in ones enemies while also stirring the people and readying them for the fight. According to Maimonides during the month of *Elul* is supposed to awaken us from our spiritual slumber, to start us thinking about repentance and personal renewal.

In this way our period of repentance does not begin with *Rosh Hashanah*, but instead it may be dated back to the beginning of the month of *Elul*.

And it makes sense. If you were about to go on a long run, you would make sure to stretch and warm up first. Before performing in a play you practice, to get ready for the big night, possibly even holding a dress rehearsal in advance.

And we don't have to wait for the month of *Elul* to get started, at the moment, with *Elul* over two months away, we are actually in a period of 122 during which we can relive our ancestor's wilderness experience:

TORAH		Today
Giving of Torah Moses goes up Mount Sinai	40 days	Shavuot (6 Sivan) 7 Sivan
Sin of the Golden Calf Breaking of Two Tablets Destruction of the Golden Calf Moses goes to God to beg for mercy	40 days	17 Tammuz
Moses returns up Mount Sinai	40 days	30 Av
Moses returns with second set of Two Tablets, a sign of God's forgiveness and mercy		Yom Kippur (10 Tishrei)

*Yom Kippur* therefore falls on the day when Moses returned with the second set of the Two Tablets, and if God could forgive us then for the sin of the Golden Calf, surely God will forgive us for the sins we have committed. All we have to do is ask, and not wait until it's too late to begin the work of *Teshuva* (repentance), *Tefillah* (prayer) and *Tzedakah* (charity).

And if you would like to learn to blow the *shofar* for this year's High Holy Days, please contact Rabbi Z who will be offering lessons: rabbiz@commsyn.org

— Rabbi Dannyu Burkeman

\**Lama*, the Hebrew word for "why."



## Installation of The New Board of Trustees

At *Erev Shabbat* services on Friday evening, June 15, at 8 p.m., the synagogue will be installing the following congregants to our Board of Trustees for the 2012-2013 year. Please come for a special evening that celebrates the current and future leadership of the synagogue. The proposed slate below will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting, Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 pm.

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A donation of \$10.00 buys one net.

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saves the world entire.*

If you would like to make a contribution, please mail or drop off the below form to the synagogue office on or before June 13.

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# **MITZVAH DAY 2012**

## **COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY**

### **Mitzvah Day 2012 Was a HUGE Success... Thanks to You!**



to enhance the lives of those in need in many ways. The statistics are incredible.

Here are some of the highlights:

1450 bagged lunches for food pantries, 190 "survival" bags for children in foster care, 40 books recorded on CD, 70 families committed to Plant-A-Row, 23 people added to the National Bone Marrow Registry, 46 blankets made for children in NICU, 86 challahs baked for food pantries, 40 hats knitted for IDF soldiers, 108 flower pots planted and painted for seniors, 68 placements for seniors, 41 shabbat boxes for Jewish American soldiers abroad, 2 organic gardens planted, 23 lasagnas prepared for local food pantries, 50 homebound seniors were served lunch, 25 bikes collected, 450 cans collected for local pantries, 600 pairs of shoes for the INN, 350 coats, 400 new books collected, 200 prom dresses for underprivileged teens, 30 cars washed, \$360 raised for Nothing But Nets, baked goods for Autism Org., over \$600 rolled coins for charity decided by the Religious School, 700 CD/DVD collected and redeemed for IPAD for PWEF, 300 eyeglasses for global clinics, 650 cell phones for domestic violence victims, 250 sweatshirts for Russian immigrants, 50 thermals for Israeli soldiers, Main Street Clean Up.

We want to thank all of the "captains" of each project along with their volunteers for spending countless hours preparing for this special event. We also want to thank the clergy and all of the staff of The Community Synagogue for their help and cooperation along the way...We could not have done it without all of your support.



Our goal has been achieved.. "Let a World of Kindness Be Built" (Psalms 89.2)  
Thank you,

Lisa Goldstein Alyssa Greenberg Debbie Shlafmitz  
*Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs*



The next Blood Drive is Wednesday, June 6 in the MPR. All eligible donors—please donate. The new Hematocrit technique has led to some marginally low readings. Those donors with borderline reading in the past, especially women, are encouraged to eat raisins for two weeks prior to the drive. Let's make this a huge turnout!

Brotherhood will hold a Dinner honoring Past President Jonathan Schiff on June 13 at 7:00 PM at Louie's Restaurant on Plandome Road on the water. The entire Brotherhood is encouraged to attend.

The annual Brotherhood *Shabbat* service will be Friday, June 2nd and is proudly sharing the evening with the *Bat Mitzvah* of the daughter of Rabbi Jill Kreitman and Dr. Corey Goldstein. Please contact Jonathan Schiff if you want to have a speaking role in the service, but all are cordially invited to attend.

Kudos to Bert Tobin who, assisted by Evan Goldman and Roger Lifson, has raised the bar on attendance for the recurring The 92nd St. Y Productions. The recent May 3 event had record standing room only attendance.

The Brotherhood and HMEEF would like to express their gratitude to Pathmark Supermarkets and especially the Wheatley Plaza Pathmark for extending its special low pricing enabling our 2012 Holocaust Memorial Candle program.

## Dear Organizers of Mitzvah Day,

As the Senior Director of the Queens Child Advocacy Center, I wanted to share with all of you how touched, grateful and inspired I am by the generous contribution and amazing organization of your congregations. Working in Human Services, I rarely get to feel rich, but the truck loads of beautiful emergency care backpacks that have filled our center enabled all of us that work together in this center (Children Protective Services, NYPD, Queens DA, Safe Horizon Staff) experience a rare feeling of bounty. The bags are beautiful and filled to the brim with new items that people would buy for their own children. They don't look, smell or feel like charity but rather as generosity at its best.

I know how much work, time and effort went into making this happen and I wish you could see the look on the faces of our children, on the toughest day of their life, brighten up and forget for a few moments where they are and why they need these bags. Having these bags to distribute, truly lessens the burden for the children and our staff who need to explain to children that they are not returning home.

On Tuesday alone, the very day the bags arrived here, 6 were given out to children being removed from home because of being sexually abused by a parent. Please know, that every bag that your members so lovingly prepared, will be in the hands of a child or teenager that desperately needs one.

On a personal note, as a resident of Port Washington, I watched with great pride the large number of families, coming together on *Mitzvah* day to make a difference and to teach our children *Tikkun Olam*, not just in words but in action.

I would like to invite you and any members of your congregations to tour our center and get a firsthand look at our work and where your generous donations are being put to use. If anyone has an interest, please contact me at the number below.

I know it may be hard to believe and sad in many ways, but based on our experience, by next year's *mitzvah* day, we will have given out all the bags, so I hope we remain on your list of projects.

Thank you so very much, I wish I could personally thank each family that generously provided for our children.

With great appreciation from all of us at the Queens Child Advocacy Center,

*Naomi Barasch*

*Senior Director, Queens Child Advocacy Center*

## Thank You to the Sponsors of Our Gift Members!

Our Gift Membership program was a great success this year! Because of this success, our Board of Trustees has approved continuing the program next year.

Please think about becoming a sponsor family and offering a Gift Membership to someone you know who might be interested in joining our synagogue! There is no cost to being a sponsor...just a willingness to welcome and share time with a new member at some synagogue events.

We thank the following families who sponsored our 2011-2012 Gift Members.

Lee & Elyse Alper  
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## **Announcing an Exciting New Program Beginning this Summer—ME & BABY!**

Come to the ECC to play, socialize, schmooze and share with other babies and their families. Open to all families with a baby under one year of age!

For more information, please call our ECC Director, Shelley Roff at 883-3144 extension 314.

## **Thank You, Sharon Sussman of My Cup of Cake!**

Thank you, Sharon Sussman, our congregant, who donated 200 delicious chocolate souffles for our special 60th Anniversary Oneg Shabbat on May 4th!

## **Thank You to Our Congregant from Fall Mountain Regional High School for Sharing Insights on the Holocaust**

Dear Mr. Ronell,

I just want to impress on you how much we as a school, and I myself, appreciate you coming to talk to us. Your speech was inspiring and highly educational, and I feel it will stay with us, and at least me, for the rest of our lives. What you stand for is a model for all people and all societies, and I hope that I am not alone in supporting all of the messages you emphasized in your presentation. I hope that you can come back to our school next year and enlighten, not only those who missed out on the chance to hear your speech this year, but also the many new students coming in the 2012-2013 school year. I again thank you for all that you do and for giving me the opportunity to listen and speak to you.

Sincerely Yours,  
Morgan Lynch

Projects Early Childhood Conference this past March, which was attended by over 700 Jewish early childhood professionals.

Children and teens lives have become very structured. One of the end results is they are not getting to spend much time outdoors anymore.

According to a recent study by the National Wildlife Federation, time spent outdoors has a positive correlation with a variety of academic benefits including:

- Better performance in math, science, reading, physical education and social studies
- Higher scores on standardized tests
- Enhanced critical thinking skills
- Increased student motivation and enthusiasm to learn
- Improved classroom behavior
- Improved personal relations with other students

These are just a few of the reasons why there is a huge push for more formal outdoor classrooms to be developed. This is also why the ECC is very excited to announce that we are in the process of setting up a new area at the synagogue that will be called the “*Pardes*,” which is Hebrew for ‘Paradise.’ The *Pardes* will be a combination nature/outdoor classroom area to be used and enjoyed not only by the children at our ECC, but also by our Religious School children as well as adult congregants.

What is an outdoor classroom and how can it benefit our entire synagogue family? Outdoor classrooms are innovative, nature and exploration spaces that use natural substances to be enjoyed by and to stimulate all five senses for all types of learners. Our *Pardes* will include planting beds for flowers, vegetables and herbs, bird feeders, butterfly bushes, arbors, quiet seating areas for reading or relaxing, an art area and more. The *Pardes* will be located opposite our beautiful weeping beech tree in an area that currently is unusable and also unsightly and filled with weeds, debris and fallen trees.

As the school year comes to a close I find I am filled with many emotions. I am always sad to be bidding our graduates adieu. I am also filled with joy to see the growth that has taken place over the course of the year of the children emotionally and physically.

The ECC is blessed with a staff of teachers who are extremely dedicated and loving. It is our staff that makes the ECC such a special place for children. Our ECC staff is experienced and is committed to our children, families, ECC and synagogue. The longevity of our staff at the ECC ranges from 1 to 25 years, with an average of over 10 years! Of our staff of 26, only 4 people have been here less than 5 years! With their longevity and commitment to the ECC, they are still loving, enthusiastic and creative with the children. They epitomize the phrase “seasoned professionals.” Thank you to all of our ECC teachers for making the ECC such a wonderful and special place for children!

I wish everyone a very happy and healthy summer!



# *One that sows Tzedaka has a sure reward*

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religious assumptions that the books above assert. That is, Baruch (Benedict) Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*. Other thinkers may have had a greater impact on the political discourse of modernity, but Spinoza created the possibility for a person to be secular, a citizen of a nation and not a religious group. His questioning of the divinity of the Bible set in motion the antithesis of the religious vision of humanity offered by the books mentioned above, and provides the counterweight, for good or ill, to a more faithful view of how human society ought to be ordered. Spinoza's book may be several

centuries old, but its import over the past 50 years should not be discounted.

In terms of the most influential Jewish books of the past 50 years, my top seven would be:

*Night*—Elie Wiesel  
*As A Driven Leaf*—Milton Steinberg  
*The Red Tent*—Anita Diamant  
*The Source*—Leon Uris  
*The Chosen*—Chaim Potok  
*Standing Again at Sinai*—Judith Plaskow  
*The Sabbath*—Abraham Joshua Heschel  
I would be interested in what you would include ... and what you are reading. In

addition, if you are interested in summer reading that includes a few good books that can help you deepen your sense of Jewish understanding, take a look at <http://urj.org/learning/my/books>. Whatever you do – and however you read (on an e-reader, smart phone or even with a paper book) ... read! Nothing else is better for the human mind or soul than reading. Reading opens the imagination to new possibilities, challenging us with different perspectives and ideas, and unfetters us from the constraints of time and place. What a wonderful way to "travel" on a summer vacation.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10:00am Harborfest (offsite)						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	6:30pm Social Action Cooking 7:00pm 2015 Date Setting Meeting	10:30am Chaverim Yiddish Class 4:45pm Brotherhood Blood Drive	2:00pm A Taste of Religious School 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00pm 92nd St. Y	10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga Second Shabbes-Shabbat on the Lawn Family Service BBQ	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah of Jeffrey Lockman and Sydney Silverman	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah of Brandon Kashinsky
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am ECC Moving Up and 4's picnic 7:30pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Religious Living Committee Meeting Senior POWTY's BBQ	ECC Mini Camp 6:00pm Calendar Meeting	10:30am Chaverim Yiddish Class 7:00pm Brotherhood at Louie's Restaurant	7:30pm Congregational Meeting	10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service and Board Installation	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah of Alec Marshak and Dylan Holtzman	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Holtzman
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	ECC Mini Camp 6:00pm Temple Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting					
24		26	27	28	29	30

All dates are subject to change. Call Temple Office to verify dates for specific events or check our website ([www.commsyn.org](http://www.commsyn.org)) and click "Calendar" for updates. Note: When a Family Service is scheduled on a Friday night, that is the only Shabbat Service that night.



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**DINNER/DANCE  
for RESIDENTS of PORT WASHINGTON**

We can use lots of helping hands!

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
9 Carlton Avenue, Port Washington  
Saturday, June 9, 2012  
6:00-9:45 PM**

Volunteers from The Community Synagogue are needed to help residents of Port Washington who could use a little help. We are providing a free, relaxing evening of dinner and dancing at St. Stephen's Church, across from the Port Washington Library. Supervised activities and dinner for children will be available in a separate room for residents who come with young children.

We need help with preparing food, setting tables, taking orders, greeting guests, supervising young children and more!

We also need volunteers to help with cooking for the dinner  
**Synagogue Kitchen  
Tuesday, June 5, 2012  
6:45 PM**

If you can volunteer, contact Jessica Wigdor at [jhwigdor@gmail.com](mailto:jhwigdor@gmail.com) or 516-883-1979.

