Coming Together as a Community

Depending on when you read this article, we just premiered The Community Synagogue Theater Company’s performance of Bye Bye Birdie at the Landmark Theater here in town. And as I write this article, in advance of that premiere, I am excited. I am excited not just because my wife will be acting up on stage, and I am excited not simply because I love musical theater; I am excited because I love the fact that our synagogue community is putting on a show (tickets might still be available through the synagogue website).

When we think about the traditional Hebrew names for a synagogue they are: בית כנסת Beit Knesset – A House of Gathering, בית מדרש Beit Midrash – A House of Study, or בית תפילה Beit Tefillah – A House of Prayer. All of these speak to elements of what synagogues do and what we are about as a congregation. But none of these words on their own are sufficient for describing what a synagogue is about. In my opinion the only word that comes close to doing justice to what we as a synagogue are all about is the word קהילה kehillah – community.

When we think about a community the most important thing is that it provides an opportunity and a place for everyone to feel at home, to belong and to play their part. There are many ways that people express their Jewish identity, and I love that we have now added acting as a way for members of our community to be involved and be active.

And hopefully we won’t stop there.

When I think about our Bye Bye Birdie production one of the things that makes me smile the most is the fact that this all grew out of one person’s idea for a project they wanted the synagogue to be involved in. Lori Zlotoff wanted us to have a theater company and so she made it happen. I hope that she will serve as an example and an inspiration for other people to let us know what type of projects they would like to see the synagogue involved in. There

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WORSHIP SERVICES
תפילה

SHABBAT MISHPATIM
משפטיים
Friday, February 5
Erev Shabbat (Main Sanctuary) ................................................................. 8:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Gershon Baskin - “Rising Challenge from the Middle East”
Saturday, February 6 (Exodus 21:1-24:18; Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16)
Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) ............................................................ 10:30 am
B’nai Mitzvah: Emma Klein & Jacob Miller
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah) ................................................... 10:30 am

SHABBAT TERUMAH
תרומה
Friday, February 12
“Second Shabbes” - Family Services (Main Sanctuary) ............................. 6:30 pm
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah) ................................................ 10:30 am

SHABBAT TETZAVEH
תצאוה
Friday, February 19
Erev Shabbat (Beit T’filah) ......................................................................... 6:30 pm
Early Shabbat services (with a light communal Oneg Shabbat)
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah) ................................................. 10:30 am

SHABBAT KI TISA
כ תיסא
Friday, February 26
Erev Shabbat (Beit T’filah) ......................................................................... 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 27 (Exodus 30:11 – 34:35; Haftarah – I Kings 18:20-39)
Havurah – Informal Worship (Beit T’filah) ................................................. 10:30 am

Oneg Shabbat
עונג שבת
FEBRUARY 5

Alan & Brynn Klein & family and friends of Emma on the occasion of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Barry & Tomm Miller & family and friends of Jacob on the occasion of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
Alone

I often wonder what it would have been like if I had a brother or a sister or perhaps even both. How different would my life have been? Those of you who have siblings probably have varying views on whether your life was easier or more difficult by having to share your parents, your toys, your room when you were growing up. Whatever perceived problems you may have had with your brothers and sisters when you were little have now hopefully turned positive.

Having been able to come to America just before World War II started was a blessing. We fled Germany and came here with nothing except some clothing. My parents worked tirelessly to provide for us and because they worked many jobs, I was left alone a great deal.

I remember creating my own world. I had my toy soldiers, which was of great comfort to me. My mother worked at F.W. Woolworth and in those years they sold metal toy soldiers for pennies, and every so often my mother would surprise me with new ones that I could add to my “army.” I spent countless hours being a General.

Saturday mornings I would listen to the radio shows, “Let’s Pretend,” and “Grand Central Station,” two of my favorites. During the week there was “The Shadow” and “The Lone Ranger.”

Many years have passed since that wonderful childhood time and when I grew older I began to realize that I was never really alone. I was surrounded by love and I knew that G-d was always with me. When you feel alone, as we all sometimes do, pause for a moment. Think of the people who you love and those who love you. Then you’ll know that G-d is always with you too!

Jack

Annual Winter Choral Concert

Five choirs performed an afternoon of liturgical songs for an audience of all ages in a joyous two-hour concert at Hempstead House on Sunday, January 10 at Sands Point Preserve.

This concert featured a musical celebration by choruses from The Community Synagogue, Lutheran Church of Our Savior of Port Washington, Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York’s Nassau Symphonic Choir, St. Stephens of Port Washington, and United Methodist Church of Port Washington.

The Community Synagogue Choir at the Annual Winter Choral Concert
Front Row: Cantor Claire Franco, Kim Panoff, Joyce Cohen, Mardi Braun, Gloria Glantz, Debbie Buglisi, Natalie Langner, Evie Schonbrun
Back Row: David Manuel, Les Schonbrun, Richard Scilla, Bob Epstein

Rabbi Z is 2016 Top POWTY Chef!

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are many ways for people to become involved in our community, and we want to support you in finding even more ways to become engaged in our community.

If there is a project you want to see the synagogue involved in please do approach one of our staff or the Board to talk to us about your idea, and hopefully we can support you in turning other ideas into reality.

In a community it is important for everyone to be involved, and recently we had a $65K Challenge in which many people participated. Nancy Tejo, our Communications Coordinator, has written about the recent successful campaign:

"By now we have all become familiar with the $65K Challenge and accompanying rising thermometer. Our challenge was to raise $65,000 which would be matched by a very generous congregant, and we succeeded! Contributions came in from students as young as 9 years old to congregants who have been members for many decades. The donation range varied from $10 to tens of thousands. The real success of this Challenge was to see how everyone came together to accomplish this goal as a community and to rise to the challenge.

This success stands as an example of how The Community Synagogue is not just a synagogue. We are a community of people with common goals for our families and children. We are people with great ideas, who share not just Judaism, but concerns for the larger world and belief that our Jewish foundation is built on our community and each other. We appreciate each other's opinions even when we don't agree (isn't that the foundation of Judaism?). Our caring, spiritual and educational environment brings us together to ask questions and to learn from each other.

A big thank you to everyone (and so many have) who contributed to the Challenge! A gracious thank you to our Challenge sponsor!

The money donated will help close our budget gap, support our educational programs and allow us to continue to share our ideas with our clergy and with each other."
SISTERHOOD

Lego Menorah Hits the Roof!

The Lego event was a huge success and was attended by over 150 people. Children, ranging in age from 2-13 years old, participated in building the menorah and watched with anticipation as the bases were hammered together, one on top of the other to create the stalk of the menorah.

When the menorah was completed, Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz climbed to the top of a 15 foot ladder to light the candles and recite the blessings. He explained how and why we light the candles of the menorah. Cantor Claire Franco joined in and led everyone in candle blessings and Chanukah songs.

Before leaving, children made edible dreidels from marshmallows, pretzel sticks, icing & a Hershey kiss. All the children went home with chocolate gelt and a small dreidel. The event was accompanied by wonderful music and guitar from Stacy Kelly. Fun was had by all...young and old! This event was sponsored by the Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue and was led by architect Stephen W. Schwartz AIA, Architect of SWS Architects, Livingston, NJ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK DISCUSSION WITH RABBI DANNY
Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 pm
We will be discussing the book, The Betrayers: A Novel by David Bezmozgis. The book’s main character, Baruch Kotler, is a hero of the Jewish state, a high ranking politician, who had spent more than a decade in a Russian gulag, after being betrayed by someone he thought was a friend. Forced to flee in disgrace after being on the losing side of a political debate, he winds up in Yalta, where he vacationed as a child. There he must confront betrayals, both those in the past, and in his own present.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by January 25, 2016, to Renee Karmel at rkarmel@aol.com or 516-356-0614.

LIFE SIZE GAMES - FAMILY ACTIVITY
Sunday, February 28, 11:00 am
$18.00 per person, free to Sisterhood members. Includes games and a light lunch. Play Giant Jenga, try the Human Horse Race and much more fun! Contact Jill for more information, at jilleisenberg@optonline.net.

JOIN SISTERHOOD
To become a member, go to our synagogue’s web page www.commsyn.org, click Programs and then click Sisterhood. Whether you have time to be involved or not, you can support Sisterhood’s activities by becoming a member. We are “Stronger Together.” Like our Facebook page Sisterhoodcommsyn and/or follow us on twitter: @commsynsisterhd.

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!
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Thank you to the following contributors:

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And many more anonymous donors
Rabbi Z is Top POWTY Chef 2016!

Hooray for our Top POWTY Chef, Rabbi Z - and to all three clergy contestants, who made the evening so special. Thank you so much to all the POWTY families, friends and supporters. The event was a big success - and thanks to everyone for helping get the word out, set up and clean up, manage registration and billing.

February is going to be a great month for all POWTY Youth Programs, with fun, innovative programming for members in all grades we serve. Be sure to save the date for these upcoming programs, and RSVP to Lindsay!

UPCOMING EVENTS / PROGRAMMING

PAJAMA HAVDALLAH
Saturday, January 30, 6:00 - 8:30 pm JPOW’s 4-6th grade members are invited to this special Saturday evening pajama party! We’re having breakfast for dinner, hanging out in our pajamas, learning about and celebrating Havdalah together, and having a special dessert to end our fun evening.

LEADING ON CAMPUS
Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm – Our 11th and 12th grade classes are coming together for a special evening of learning focused on Israel leadership and activism on college campuses, provided by the JCRC-NY and funded by the Jewish Education Project.

SENIOR POWTY SHABBAT SHA-OM
Friday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Come celebrate Shabbat the POWTY way with friends! We’ll experience prayer and spirituality through an innovative yoga service, and then enjoy Shabbat dinner together. RSVP’s required!

POWTY TIKKUN TEAM’S DISCUSSION MEETING 3
Tuesday, February 9, 6:30- 8:00 pm - POWTY Tikkun Team’s 8th & 9th grade members, don't miss our fifth meeting of the year - our third discussion meeting! As always, dinner will be served!

POWTY SEVEN LESSON 2 WITH LINDSAY
Tuesday, February 23, 6:15 - 8:00 pm - 7th graders learn with Lindsay during their regularly scheduled religious school time!

POWTY FOUNDATION MEETING 5
Monday, February 29, 6:30- 8:30 pm - POWTY Foundation’s 10th & 11th grade members are coming together for their fifth meeting of the year. Dinner will be served, as always!

For more information about POWTY Youth Programs or any of our upcoming events this month, please be in touch with me!

I’m looking forward to a wonderful month with POWTY!

Love & POWTY,

Lindsay

Toy Drive a Great Success

A warm thank you to all who contributed. The children at the hospitals, shelters and families in need were very grateful. Toys and gifts were distributed to Winthrop Hospital for Pediatrics, Pediatric Cancer Care Center, Cohen’s Children’s Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, NSLIJ Hospital, The INN, Youth Bureau of Glen Cove, Outreach Program at Our Lady of Fatima.
QUESTION:
I was asked to say the blessing over wine at an upcoming family wedding, and it got me thinking – why do we use wine for a special blessing?

ANSWER: There are many Biblical references to wine. Some speak of wine in positive terms, others reflecting the problems that can come from excessive drinking. That said, when and why wine became associated with קידוש השבת or the sanctification of Shabbat or as the means of making a special occasion (for example, a wedding or at a ברית מצה, ברית מצווה, ברית נישואים – the naming ceremony for a girl) is unclear.

Whenever this practice began, by the time of the early rabbis (sometime in the first centuries of the Common Era) it was clearly established that wine was used for this purpose. In the Talmud (Pesachim 106a) the rabbis argue that this verse in Torah - “Remember Shabbat to sanctify it” (Exodus 20:8) - indicates a need to distinguish and make special the Sabbath day. Wine was considered the means of doing this. Although no reason is given as to why wine makes Shabbat more special, there are two possible reasons that come to mind:

• One relates to the intoxicating affects of wine. Quite simply, if we drink a little wine, we feel a little happier. By extension, the added joy of drinking wine became associated with other joyous times.
• A second possibility is that wine – like bread – demands human intervention to change the God-given substance (grapes) into something more sustaining (wine). Thus, it involves a partnership of God and humanity. In this way wine (like bread) symbolizes the covenantal emphasis of Jewish tradition that says that we show gratitude for what God gives us by improving on it for our benefit and the well-being of the world.

As an aside, קידוש does not have to be said over wine (or grape juice). If one cannot drink wine or does not have access to it, Jewish tradition allows for קידוש to be recited with bread or even whatever is considered the local intoxicating beverage (such as beer, scotch, whiskey or cognac).

*Lama, the Hebrew word for “why.”

Family Events/Services

TOT SHABBAT - FRIDAY AT 5:30 PM
April 8

“SECOND SHABBES” FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE - FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM
February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13

PJ STORYTIME - SUNDAYS AT 9 AM
March 13, April 10

JEWISH Yoga
Move Your Body & Soul

January 31, 9:15 am -10:15 am

A yoga service using elements of traditional Jewish liturgy together with yoga exercises and intentions. Led by Rabbi Danny and Yoga Instructor Beth Lipset. All levels welcome. Please bring your own mat. Questions? Contact Allison 883-3144 ext. 328.
Mitzvot in the Classroom

Our Early Childhood Center school-wide events provide our students and teachers with many opportunities to foster a community spirit throughout our classes. This school year we added a new school-wide mitzvot and middot theme to our curriculum. Each month a new Jewish value is highlighted. When a student performs acts that reflect this value, either in class or at home, the act is acknowledged and noted.

There are 48 virtues listed in Pirkei Avot necessary for acquiring Torah. It is said that the world stands on three things: Torah, worship and acts of loving-kindness. Focusing on Jewish values in our classrooms helps to set our children on the path to becoming people who will do acts of kindness and mitzvot towards others.

In October we introduced the first middot to our students, “Cleaving to Friends,” Dibuk Chaverim. Our teachers were on the lookout for instances of when our students were being good friends to one another. These acts were then shared with their families and were posted photos on our school bulletin board for all to see.

During the month of November we highlighted “Acts of Loving Kindness,” G’milut Chasadim. Our teachers took note of instances when children supported and helped each other, from tying a shoe, to zipping a jacket, and keeping a friend company while finishing snack. Kindness is contagious!

The December theme was “Welcoming Guests and Honoring Tradition,” Hachnasat Orchim, Masoret. The students were able to practice welcoming guests to their weekly Shabbat celebrations where one family each week is invited to join their class’s observance of Shabbat. Throughout the month students welcomed and invited their families to their Chanukah parties and classroom birthday celebrations.

Our school-wide mitzvot and middot program and all our events have been an enormous success and we look forward to rounding off the year with many more.

Registration Reminder:

Registration is currently in progress for both our Summer 2016 Camp and 2016-17 Early Childhood Center (ECC) Programs.

We have limited openings in all age groups.

For further information, please contact our ECC Director, Shelley Roff 516-883-3144 ext 314 or the ECC Office at (516) 883-3144 x316.
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016
15 Ayer 5776

Join us for our 4th Community-wide Mitzvah Day and make a difference

For volunteer or sponsorship opportunities contact:

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Abramz5@aol.com- 516-972-0130

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MITZVAH DAY
COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY 2016

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

For several years, the Social Action Committee has been raising funds for Nothing But Nets and the following questions help explain why you should consider a first or repeat donation.

Question 1- Haven't nets been occasionally misused as fishing nets rather than bednets? As stated in a New York Times article in January 2015, “While a marginal number of families may use nets for something other than protection of malaria, the global malaria community knows nets have played a critical role in saving lives-an estimated 4.3 million lives since 2000. They are still an essential intervention to protect the 3.2 billion people at risk of malaria around the world.”

The World Health Organization estimates that 90% of people with access to bed nets use them for their intended purpose.

Question 2- I gave money for a net a few years ago? Why should I donate again? Chemically treated nets are effective for an estimated period of 3 years. So, if you bought a net 4 or 5 years ago, it is time to buy another one. In addition, there is an estimated 278 million people at risk for malaria in sub-Saharan Africa who do not yet have access to a bed net.

Question 3- How serious is the problem? Every 60 seconds a child dies of malaria, 3.3 billion people, nearly half the world’s population, are at risk. More than 78% of malaria deaths are children under 5 years old.

NOTHING BUT NETS HAS RESULTED IN a 69% DECLINE IN MORTALITY RATES AMONG CHILDREN 5 YEARS OLD IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Whoever saves a life saves the world entire.

One net costs $10.00. Make check payable to URJ-Nothing But Nets. Mail to: Social Action/Nothing But Nets, Community Synagogue, 160 Middle Neck Rd, Port Washington, NY 11050 or drop in Synagogue office mail office mail slot.
Donations

One that sows Tzedakah has a sure reward.
PROVERBS 11:18

We gratefully acknowledge support to The Community Synagogue through contributions to our many funds and sincerely thank the following:

Early Childhood Center Fund
- Arnie & Brenda Turok In honor of Denise and Stephen Silverstein on the birth of their grandson, Leo Elan
- Chad & Amanda Stone In memory of Emmanuel Wolf
- Charles & Sheila Dimenstein In honor of Lynn Schreiber on the birth of her great grandson, Blake Colin
- Charles & Sheila Dimenstein In memory of Burton Cohen, husband of Joyce Cohen
- ECC Teachers & Staff In appreciation of Shelley Roff & Elizabeth Kessler
- Joyce Cohen In appreciation of all contributions made in memory of my husband, Burt. Thank you.
- Michael & Cynthia Rubinberg In memory of Sol Winder
- Michael Molk In honor of Denise and Stephen Silverstein on the birth of their grandson, Leo Elan
- Peter & Joyce Mandelkern In memory of Maurice Targove (Yahrzeit)
- Randy & Marcy Todd In honor of Denise and Stephen Silverstein on the birth of their grandson, Leo Elan

Mitzvah Corps Fund
- Donald & Karen Fagelman In memory of Emmanuel Wolf, father of Karen Fagelman
- Margie Miller In honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Morton & Lynda Schwartz In memory of Burton Cohen
- Stephen & Mina Weiner In appreciation of Cantor Franco & friends extraordinay evening of song
- Steven & Susan Stern In memory of Emmanuel Wolf
- Warren & Nina Bernstein In memory of Steven Klein

Music and Choir Fund
- Alice Semouha-Aboody In appreciation of Cantor Franco. Thank you for all you do for our community and Torah Study
- Arnie & Brenda Turok In memory of Al Baruch
- Art & Marion Cohen In memory of Burton Cohen
- Bari Ziegel In honor of Cantor Franco & friends for a wonderful concert
- Bernard & Paula Cohn In honor of Cantor & Alan Franco on Emory becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Bill & Cynthia Magazine In memory of Al Baruch
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- Jeff & Leslie Heifetz In memory of Myron Heifetz (Yahrzeit)

Endowment Fund
- Randy & Marcy Todd In memory of Sol Winder

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

Donate to Synagogue Funds
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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.

Dedicate a High Holy Day Prayer Book (Machzor - Set of Two Books)
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.
### The Community Synagogue

**Making Sacred Connections**

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- Andrew & Nancy Gordon in memory of Sol Winder
- Brad & Lisa Rosenberg in memory of Goldie Greenbaum (Yahrzeit)
- David & Donna Stricker in memory of George Kraus
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- Dorothy Weintraub & Howard Sokoloff in memory of Howard Levin
- Edgar & Mindy Salas in memory of Marietta “Jayde” Rudeler (Yahrzeit)
- Edward & Joan Kaminow in memory of Benjamin Golub (Yahrzeit)
- Ellen Savran in honor of Denise and Stephen Silverbaum on the birth of their grandson, Leo Ziegelbaum
- Ellen Savran in memory of Al Baruch
- Ellen Savran in memory of Burton Cohen
- Gil & Annette Rosenthal in memory of Al Baruch
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- James Bandler & Loren Michelman in memory of Yafa Ziv, mother of Avi Ziv
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- Marc & Peggy Silbert in memory of Emmanuel Wolf, father of Karen Fagelman
- Michael & Cheryl Mandelker in memory of Beatrice Todd
- Michael & Jessica Miller in honor of the baby naming of Taylor Miller
- Michael Molk in appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz & Anne for the love & support given to me this past year
- Michelle Lefcourt & Family in memory of Emmanuel Wolf
- Ory & Mirella Giberstein in memory of Chana Giberstein (Yahrzeit)
- Paul & Naama Kalker in appreciation of all clergy for your kindness
- Paul & Naama Kalker in honor of Aaron & Joshua Triffleman-Miller becoming B’nai Mitzvah
- In honor of Robin and Zelik Ziegelbaum on the engagement of their son, Robert Ziegelbaum to Linzy Unger
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- David Wittels & Cindy Marks in appreciation of The Eshar Program
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- Adam & Lisa Frisch & Family in honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
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- Bari Ziegel & Family in memory of Minnie Ziegel; Meyer Ziegel & Hyman Nemeth (Yahrzeits)
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- Bernard & Paula Cohn in memory of William Cohn (Yahrzeit)
- Bruce Gurewitz & Nancy Dintenfass in memory of Emmanuel Wolf

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- David & Irma Feldman in honor of Michael Friedland becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Joe & Isa Eliasoph in honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Michael & Jessica Miller in honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
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- Rosh Chodesh Group in appreciation of Rabbi Zeplowitz for enlightening the Rosh Chodesh Group
- Sanford & Carol Krieger in memory of Emmanuel Wolf
- Stephen & Margaret Hand in memory of Albert Hand (Yahrzeit)

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- Mitchell & Judith Maiman in honor of Denise and Stephen Silverstein on the birth of their grandson, Leo Elan
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- Mitchell & Judith Maiman Speedy recovery to Fred Axelrod
- Steven & Judi Zarkin in memory of Howard Levin, brother of Florence Haar

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• Coby & Hayley Rejwan in honor of Emory Franco becoming a Bat Mitzvah
• David & Charlotte Cohen in honor of Hayley Foster on her engagement to Brian Valenza
• David & Charlotte Cohen in honor of Judy and Mitch Maiman on the engagement of their son, Richard to Rachel Seidel
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• Fran Richter in memory of Barry Richter & Philip Reiner (Yahrzeits)
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• Harvey & Barbara Fishman in memory of Sol Winder, father & grandfather of Marlene, Chase and Lily Winder
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• Howard & April Furst in memory of Annette Pomerance (Yahrzeit)
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• Ira & Kathy Zankel in memory of Karl Zankel (Yahrzeit)
• Jeffrey & Donna Wenger in memory of Edward Ponger and Eileen Ponger (Yahrzeits)
• Jeffrey & Joan Grant in memory of Martin Copell (Yahrzeit)
• Joyce Cohen in memory of Robyn Lindsey Chang (Yahrzeit)
• Judith Shapiro in memory of Matthew Kreisberg (Yahrzeit)
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• Michael & Cynthia Rubinberg in memory of Amy & Robert Heller’s mother
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• Michael Molk in memory of Howard Levin
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The Cast of *Bye Bye Birdie*  
Is a Family Affair  
MOST DEFINITELY A FAMILY SHOW IN SO MANY WAYS!

written by Stephanie Hall

*Bye Bye Birdie* has a cast of over 35 actors of all ages with many different families and congregants represented. There are father/daughter, sister/brother, father/son, mother/daughter, husband/wife and one husband/sister/sister-in-law combination.

**Jeff Grossman** (left) is playing Albert, Conrad Birdie’s manager, while his daughter **Sabrina** (left) is enjoying being in the children’s chorus. “It is a great experience and a lot of fun being in a musical with my daughter. It is different but I like having this experience with my family.”

**Stuart and Margaret Werner** (left) are busy at work as Propmasters as well as being on stage in the ensemble. As Stuart and Margaret are married they spend a lot of time discussing *Bye Bye Birdie*. Recently Stuart was shaking cans of fake “beer” to test what it would look like when opened on stage. Margaret has been busy recreating newspapers from 1958 that are being used in the show. “We talk about props a lot,” remarked Stuart. “On our recent vacation, we kept singing songs from *Bye Bye Birdie* much to our hostess’s chagrin!”

Executive producer, **Lori Zlotoff** (left) wears many hats as she is portraying the Mayor’s Wife, producing, and is the mother of **Abigail** (left) who is featured as the sad girl in “Put on a Happy Face”. Abigail said, “I love being in the show with my mom, because it’s so fun to watch her on stage and see her being so emotional!”

**Melissa (Missy) Halpern** is in the ensemble as well as acting as one of the producers. One of Missy’s responsibilities has been working on the program which includes juggling multiple photos, logos, bios, and credits. Charley will be portraying Suzi in the children’s chorus and her electric smile and personality light up the stage.

The largest family in *Bye Bye Birdie* is the **Ronis family**. **Joel Ronis** (not shown) (ensemble) is married to **Jane Ronis** (stage manager). Jane is picture with **Joe Marshall**, the Director (left). **Caryn Ronis** (not shown) is his sister to Joel and sister in law to Jane, Joel has only been on the stage once before when he was in *Annie* with his daughter Molly, with their family dog playing Sandy. Both Caryn and Jane have impressive resumes in theater having met while studying theater in college. Caryn noted, “My brother is pretty smart and I am always asking him for advice. It’s nice to have him on my turf for a change!”

*Bye Bye Birdie* will go to the **NATAL – ISRAEL TRAUMA CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TERROR AND WAR**

NATAL’s mission is to treat trauma victims in Israel, including those suffering from combat stress, injured in a terror attack or who are family of those individuals. The goal is to restore people to a productive, happy life. To date NATAL has touched over 130,000 people in Israel.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

7:30 PM

This program, presented by Gloria Glantz, our congregant, award winning Holocaust educator and hidden child survivor, highlights the one non-tragic, gratifying outcome of the Holocaust — there were people who rescued and helped even when their own lives were in danger for doing so.

Learn about the well-known rescuers many of us may have already heard about, as well as diplomats that are less well known, American rescuers, and some other surprising figures will also be discussed. More info on page 6.

WITH THEIR HELP THOUSANDS WERE RESCUED FROM A GRIM FATE.

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