FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY
Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz

Why Israel Matters

Most of our 4th and 5th grade students do not come to Religious School every Sunday. They come, instead, about once a month with their parents for a program called FLAME, “Family Learning and Mitzvah Education,” and also to other events and programs that focus on the theme of the year. On those Sundays when they are here, our students and the adults do some learning together, but some of the session is taught separately. This allows for a more in-depth conversation with parents about the issues connected to the topic being studied. This year’s theme is Israel.

At a session early in the year, adults and students are asked if Israel makes them feel strong, secure and safe, or if they feel uncomfortable about Israel. As they were discussing, I realized that I hold both of these truths in my heart. On the one hand, a strong Israel has been critical in helping Jews escape tyranny and anti-Semitism, not only those who live there, but globally. In the nearly 70 years since the establishment of the State of Israel, we have witnessed the disappearance of oppressed Jewish communities worldwide. Some were forced out (e.g. in Iran and Libya), other Jewish communities were rescued, with Israel playing a part in negotiating their freedom (e.g. the Jews of Ethiopia and Syria), while other Jews who lived under oppression (e.g. in the former Soviet Union) were able to (mostly) freely leave to find refuge in the Jewish State. Israel has not only been a haven for whole Jewish communities that have moved there; it allows those who live in the Diaspora (including here in North America) to be much more at ease and self-assertive as Jews. It is, quite simply, safer to be a Jew today – almost anywhere in the world – than at any time in the past 2000 years. Surely that has to be connected with the existence of the State of Israel. More than that, Israel has a vibrant economy that fosters innovative technological advances, which brings benefit to all of humanity. It is a society with an independent judiciary, a vibrant press, and one that – for all the challenges – allows its minority population (nearly 20% Arab) the full rights of Israeli citizenship. There is reason aplenty to be proud of and grateful for Israel.

On the other hand, there is much that happens in Israel that frustrates, even angers, me. I chafe that Israel, for reasons I understand, but still decry, refuses to recognize and support non-Orthodox Jewish movements. It is unconscionable that in this Jewish, modern and liberal democracy, those who convert with Conservative or Reform rabbis are not

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My son Kenny recently came home from school with a history assignment asking him to interview an older family member about life in the past. The assignment was an attempt to see how much has changed, but also how much has stayed the same.

In thinking about this being our 65th anniversary year, I thought it would be a fun and interesting exercise to apply this assignment to our synagogue. In the process I learned, as did my son, that so much of our history shapes who we are, and that while much has changed, even more has stayed the same.

WHAT’S CHANGED?

Size - Our synagogue began in 1952 with only 32 family members. Today we are a congregation of 766 member families.

Facility - In our earliest days our founding members congregated in rented space in the American Legion building, praying with a freelance rabbi and rented Torah and ark. In 1955 we purchased “The Chimneys” building, a beautiful summer estate in Sands Point owned by the Fleischmann family. It was immediately converted into a place of worship which remains our home today.

WHAT’S STAYED THE SAME?

Mission - Our core mission of being a vibrant caring community based on meaningful sacred relationships with one another, the larger community and with God has remained steadfast and consistent for the last 65 years. Additionally, we have always prided ourselves with extraordinary clergy who are our teachers, spiritual leaders and friends embracing us at every stage of life.

Education - We have always believed that our children are our greatest blessings and have invested in our youth education program, which instills strong Jewish values, including a sense of social responsibility and caring for others. We have grown from a few dozen children in our religious school to over 700 children in our combined ECC, religious school and POWTY programs today.

Investing in our Future - Throughout our history as our congregation has grown, our members have consistently responded to our changing needs. When our sanctuary needed updating, we refurbished. When our youth program exploded, we built a new state-of-the-art ECC and updated religious school classrooms. When our members sought more meeting space, we built a multipurpose room.

And now, in our 65th Anniversary year, we are asking for your help again as we focus on building a more secure financial future. In the coming months you will hear more about our efforts to retire our mortgage (debt created years ago to help pay for the new ECC building and other renovations) and build our endowment. There will be many ways you can contribute including attending our 65th Anniversary Gala on January 27, 2018, where much of the monies raised will go to support this effort. As
out founding members did, we hope you will continue our tradition of giving and investing in our future for generations to come.

Most importantly, we see that while much has changed in our synagogue over the years, our core mission and values have stayed the same. Since our inception, we are a Kehillah Kedoshah - a sacred community - always here for one another through times of joy and sorrow. Thank you for being a part of our history and our future and making us all that we are today.

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considered Jews and non-Orthodox marriages are not considered legal marriages. In recent years there have been a number of attempts by the Israeli government to curtail the freedom of the press and to de-legitimize non-profits that question current government policies. Challenges to an independent judicial system in the Knesset (Israel’s parliament) continually arise, leading to fears that justice and law will be compromised by politics. These legislative attempts eat away at the democratic underpinnings of the State. In addition, racism against Arabs is an ongoing issue, with some rabbis inciting hate and acts of violence are on the rise.

Is it a surprise, then, that a growing number of young American Jews feel increasingly distant from Israel? I think not. In our synagogue and across North America Israel is at the center of our teaching. I am proud that every year for the past decade, between 1-4 of our High School students spend a semester in the Reform movement’s preeminent study program, Heller High. We have a growing number of our 18 to 26 year olds who go on Birthright. Israel is part and parcel of everything we do here in the synagogue and in our movement. But it’s not enough for young people if the message they get is that everything they are and so much that they believe is rejected or dismissed in that country. And that is why I sometimes get so frustrated with Israel.

I love Israel. Israel drives me crazy. Hmm … a lot like I feel about living here in the United States. But, in the end, because I love Israel – I need to stay engaged. I hope you will, too, not only becoming more informed and more involved in supporting those efforts in Israel that support our Reform Jewish values, but by actually going there.

With that in mind, please consider coming to any or all of the following: Hear Sarri Singer, Tuesday, February 27 at 8:00 pm. Sarri, a victim of a Palestinian terror, founded Strength, an organization that focuses on bringing together victims of terrorism together from around the world and assisting with long term psychological needs. Her topic will be “From Survivor of Terror to Activist for Hope.” More on page 5.

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Become more informed. Be part of the conversation. Get involved. Israel matters.

Welcome Jeff Rembrandt
New Executive Director of The Community Synagogue

Jeff grew up in Cleveland Ohio. He received his BA in Rhetoric from Kent State University and an MSW from The University of Cincinnati, with a concentration in Non-Profit Administration.

His professional, non-profit experience has primarily been in Jewish Community Centers in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, and as the Regional Director for Women’s American ORT.

Jeff joined The Community Synagogue staff in 2017 as our Executive Director and is proud to be part of the team that keeps our Reform Synagogue growing and thriving. His office door is always open and he is looking forward to meeting everyone. He would love to have you stop by and say hello when you are in the building.

Jeff lives in Port Washington with his wife, Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt, and their two cats. They are the proud parents of 4 grown children; Jason and his wife Molly in Springfield, MA; Micah, who lives in Brooklyn; and Hannah, a graduate student at Hofstra.

The Rabbi’s Study with Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz

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DYLAN’S DREAM

By Lee Baker

Over the last few years, Dylan decided he wanted to become a Bar Mitzvah. His older sister Zoe had become a Bat Mitzvah and he was inspired. It wasn’t until we found the Efshar program at The Community Synagogue that we felt Dylan could finally go for it.

Dylan has ASD, autism spectrum disorder. He was diagnosed just before his second birthday. It seems as if his entire childhood was full of “teachable moments” - things other kids learned without having to think about. Making friends. Learning to talk. Looking at people, and understanding what their expressions meant.

For our family, there were years of teachable moments, too. We learned a lot about autism. We slowly came to realize that the world placed limits on Dylan that did not need to be there. Dylan is a bright, determined young man who can accomplish almost anything he sets his mind to, given proper support and encouragement.

Karen Scheier, Dylan’s first teacher at The Community Synagogue, is kind, warm, and dedicated to all of her students. Dylan enjoyed meeting other students, learning about Jewish culture, and getting started on his journey to becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Soon after meeting with Rabbi Z, Dylan began studying with Fred Axelrod, who has been a mentor and a friend to Dylan, and we are so grateful for his endless patience, his gentle persistence, his remarkable gift for teaching.

Dylan learned so much more than Torah blessings from Fred! Their time together is something he will always cherish. The clergy were so kind and supportive of Dylan and our family. They really listened to what he wanted, and Dylan’s Bar Mitzvah was very much a reflection of who he is becoming as a young man. We could not have been prouder as we watched our son stand on the bimah, sharing in a Jewish tradition that has spanned so many generations.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped Dylan and our family. We are truly blessed to have found you.

LETTER FROM THE CLASSROOM

By Karen Scheier, Religious School Teacher

Today was another one of those days that I am so proud to be part of The Community Synagogue. Dylan became a bar mitzvah and I truly must say it was a special day! I was so proud of him!!! I know how nervous he was, but when we said the Shema he looked over at me. I smiled at him and he smiled back at me and I knew he was going to be okay.

Dylan has only been in Efshar for about a year, but his excitement about learning and Judaism is evident in everything we do. He loves learning and his excitement is infectious.

Today will go down as one of the top teaching moments in my life. I had several of his therapists and teachers come up to me and tell me that Dylan tells them all about what we learned and the things we made. He told one teacher about how we made a Chanukah assembly line to decorate our own donuts. Now that teacher uses donuts as an incentive to get Dylan to do his work. I usually don’t like to repeat the same lessons, but now I know for sure we will be doing our assembly line again this year being that it had such a [positive] impact on Dylan.

*Efshar - Hebrew for “possibility”, is a self-contained classroom for students with special needs, who wish to pursue a Jewish education.
Sarri Singer, born in Lakewood, New Jersey, is the daughter of New Jersey State Senator Robert Singer and the victim of a horrific terrorist attack that took place in Jerusalem, Israel in 2003. Until 9/11, Singer worked a few blocks from the World Trade Center, and she was deeply affected from the events of that day. As a result, Singer decided to resign from her job three months later, and move to Israel to help various organizations work with victims of terrorism.

Several years later on June 11, 2003, Singer became a victim. She was on Bus 14 in Jerusalem when an 18-year-old Palestinian terrorist dressed as a religious Jew boarded the bus wearing an explosive device. Seventeen people were killed, including all those seated and standing around her, and over 100 people were injured - but Singer survived and her strength and story became headline news.

Singer has appeared on CBS, Fox, CNN and radio, and she has spoken before Congress and Senate members in Washington, D.C., New York and New Jersey. Singer is the founder of Strength to Strength, a non-profit organization which focuses on bringing together victims of terrorism from around the world and assisting them with long term psychological care.

HOW TCS WILL SAVE YOU MONEY!
BY JEFF REMBRANDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I know what you are doing now; you are sitting around your kitchen table, with 115 letters, from 115 different charitable organizations, all asking for a year end gift. Your email in-box is full of requests as well, so is mine.

You may feel compelled to give to some of these organizations; maybe the one that sent you a cute kitten calendar, or those fancy return address labels. Here at The Community Synagogue we are going to give you an even better gift – the gift of SAVINGS, while making a year-end charitable gift to your synagogue in the form of appreciated stock.

Looking at your portfolio I’ll bet you probably did pretty well this year in the stock market. In fact, you may be thinking about potentially re-balancing your investments, but when you sell you are going to have to face the dreaded capital gains tax. So instead of selling, you can donate it to The Community Synagogue.

When you contribute stock that you bought low and donated high, your deduction is the current value of the stock when you make the gift. Giving that highly-appreciated stock allows you to shift them out of your portfolio without penalty and when we at the Synagogue receive it we can sell it at its current market value and use the cash. 501(c)(3) charities do not have to pay capital gains tax on gifts they receive, so that tax is avoided altogether. You can then deduct the full value of the gift as a charitable deduction as well.

Giving appreciated stock is more work than writing a check, but the tax savings from the deduction and avoiding paying capital gains can make the paperwork worthwhile. Talk with your financial advisor. They will likely help you through the process, making it that much easier.

Please give me a call or send me a quick email, to jrembrandt@commsyn.org, and I will be happy to provide you with all of the information that you need to facilitate a transfer.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
FROM SURVIVOR OF TERROR TO ACTIVIST FOR HOPE
Tuesday, February 27, 8:00 PM

THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12 PM

Please sign-up and volunteer to do a mitzvah on this National Day of Service. Mitzvah projects will be held at The Community Synagogue for all from 10 AM-12 noon. Offsite projects will be offered through TimeforGood.org at Sid Jacobson JCC & Mid-Island Y. Save the date and let’s all make a difference! More details at commsyn.org.

COLLECTION: “BIRTHDAY IN A BOX” ITEMS NEEDED
Help our students throw birthday parties for kids all over Long Island with the gift of “Birthday in a Box!” ALL our students, ages 2-18, including the ECC, Religious School and POWTY are collecting items for this special project. Collection bins are available through Tuesday, January 9, 2018.
In celebration of #GivingTuesday, we gave out "Giraffe Awards" to students in our community who stuck out their neck to help others and the world around them. We received many applications, and were thrilled to see the incredible work that our students are doing to make our world a better place.

**Annie Bandler**, recipient of the Giraffe Award, High School Category, for her volunteer work at the Boys and Girls Club of Glen Cove over the past four years.

**Holly Sternlicht**, recipient of the Giraffe Award, Middle School category, for organizing a team of 27 people and raising $2,735 for the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC).

**Lucas Milgrim**, recipient of the Giraffe Award, Middle School category, for his project collecting and delivering toys to the Cohens Children’s Medical Center for the holidays.

**Daryn Frisch**, recipient of the Giraffe Award, Grades 3-5, for creating her recent business making and selling beaded friendship pins in all different designs to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

**Charley Roth**, recipient of the Giraffe Award, Grades K-2, for her *mitzvah* project, Place-mats to Make Someone Smile. Charley came up with an idea to make personalized place-mats for a local homeless shelter.
The month of November was action packed! The ECC had their very first Curriculum Night which was a night of learning for parents. The parents arrived at school and went to their child’s classroom. Once the evening began, the teachers shared a day in the life in their classroom, with the parents. They also learned about the developmental milestones which their children will be working towards this year.

The ECC was bustling with excitement as the Thanksgiving holiday drew close. The children from ages two to five were preparing foods, decorating the rooms in anticipation of their classroom feasts and baked several delicious treats to be enjoyed during their festive celebration.

Perhaps one of the most important sentiments of the holiday was the thoughts and comments the children shared regarding what they are thankful for.

**HERE ARE A FEW QUOTES FROM OUR THANKFUL STUDENTS:**

Eli (2 year old) “I am thankful for my mommy.”
Nate (2 year old) “I love Chrissy.”
Cooper (3 year old) “I am thankful for God.”
Dahlia (3 year old) “I am thankful for all the people.”
Alara (3 Year old) “I am thankful for ice cream.”

Simon (4 year old) “I am thankful for cooking turkey with my dad.”
Eden (4 year old) “I am thankful for unicorn kisses.”
Samantha (4 year old) “I am thankful for my friends, my teachers and everyone I love.”

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**WINTER WONDERLAND**

Sunday, January 21, 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Music, dancing, bake sale, pizza, children’s art work for sale, class baskets to be raffled off, special time with teachers raffled off, picture booth and more.

Price of Admission: over 2 years of age
$12 / person + 5 free raffle tickets (in advance)
$15/ person (at the door)
RSVP to relschool@commsyn.org

**P J STORY TIME with Miss Amy**

Sunday, February 4, 9:00 - 9:45 AM

We are having a rockin’ morning at PJ Story Time. Our kindness themed morning will include great stories, a smile rocks project (painting) and some rockin’ music. This free program engages families in their Jewish journey. For children ages 2 - 6.
Our weekly **POWTY Tuesday** programs are full of fun learning opportunities for all. A few special programs coming up in January and February include POWTY alumni who will be hosting a college panel for our POWTY teens and a special presentation with Holocaust survivors for both **MPOW & POWTY** programs.

We are also having two different hands on **tikkun olam** project evenings: POWTY will be making Valentines packages for children at Cohen's Children's hospital, and MPOW will be making Shabbat Welcome Packages for our new members as a part of the studies about the Jewish value of welcoming the stranger. JPOW members will take part in a Smile Rocks Party on January 23rd, a special evening for our 4-6th graders after religious school!

**POWTY teens in grades 9-12**, don’t forget: April is only a few months away! Don’t miss the once in a lifetime chance to travel to the deep south with Rabbi Z and me on our Jewish Civil Rights Journey! This 4 day, 3 night trip will provide students with the chance to have a spectacular experience learning about the civil rights movement, right at the heart of where it took place, all through a Jewish lens. Generous scholarships are being provided by the Max and Ruth Sussman Memorial Tzedakah Scholarship Fund. Be in touch with me to register!

Don’t want to wait until April to get involved in seeking justice, and making our world a more righteous, sacred place? POWTY people, join in on the wonderful work of **tikkun olam** and social justice at our first ever MLK Day of Service, January 15th! There will be special projects and programs just for our youth and teens. See you there!

**MAX & RUTH SUSSMAN MEMORIAL TZEDAKAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Our POWTY Youth community has been blessed by the generous creation of the Max & Ruth Sussman Memorial Tzedakah Scholarship Fund, by Marc and Sharon Sussman. The scholarship, which will fund special programs that engage students with tzedakah, social justice and leadership opportunities, honors Max & Ruth’s memory and their deep commitment to these Jewish values.
Sisterhood

RAISING AWARENESS & ACTION THROUGH EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 PM
Raising awareness through education is essential in preventing domestic violence. This presentation by Mindy Perlmutter, LCSW-R, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island, will address:
· Defining Domestic Violence and the various types of abuse; highlighting examples and previous cases
· Power and control behavior; how to recognize if you are a victim or potential victim
· Reasons victims stay
· Issues that pertain to Jewish victims of Domestic Violence
· Children who witness Domestic Violence
· Steps to take if you are a victim of Domestic Violence

The following items are being collected for victims of domestic violence: large and small sizes of toiletries, household cleaning supplies, baby items.

CONVERSATION AND HENNA PAINTING WITH THE WOMEN OF THE ISLAMIC CENTER
The women of the Islamic Center in Westbury welcomed Sisterhood for an evening of shared conversation, food and a presentation on the art and history of henna. They joined them for evening services. First they observed the lovely washbasin area, where they performed a purifying ritual. Before entering the prayer area they were instructed to remove their shoes and cover their heads. The women lined up, side by side behind the men and listened to the call to prayer from the imam who was front and center. He then lead the group prayer and read a chapter in Arabic from the Qur’an.

After services, their Muslim friends rejoined them for conversation as they so beautifully adorned Sisterhood members hands with henna designs of their choice. What a wonderful keepsake to share the evening experiences with our friends and family. We will be planning another gathering for late February!

WINE TASTING
Sisterhood members gathered at the home of Diana Berrent for a night of wine tasting and delicious nibbles by Chef for A Night, Jane Ronis. The wines featured were from female winegrowers in California and France - highlights included the Countess’ Cabernet Sauvignon and a sparkling Shiraz. It was a fabulous evening for all who attended!!

SPA FUND-RAISER AT RED HOT S SPA
Thursday, January 25, 5:30 PM
All ages welcome. Enjoy an evening of pampering, light fare and wine at Red Hots Spa. Money from this fund-raiser will be donated to the Jewish Education Project, a partner of the UJA-Federation of NY.

Every Jewish child has a right to a meaningful Jewish education. Through leadership training and support for educators, The Jewish Education Project ensures that the most innovative educational approaches are applied to the transmission of Jewish values, establishing a lifelong foundation for being good people.
92ND ST Y PROGRAMMING

THE 92Y AUDIENCE SMILED, LAUGHED AND THEN WAS CONCERNED

The positive reaction to its 92Y program in October reinforced Brotherhood's passion to continue this nine year program. With over 80 guests in attendance, more than half raised their hands that they have been participants since its beginnings. The audience smiled, laughed and then was concerned as the program speaker moved from one topic to another. Our gratification came from seeing the audience listening with rapt attention in the dim light of the room and hearing their applause as the program ended.

We expect the same reaction to the rest of our programs and welcome you whether this is your first or 100th time in attendance! If nothing else, you will appreciate the efforts of Sanford Lewis, our dessert caterer and Evan Goldman who greets you at the door.

Single tickets including the Special Event are $15 each. Please email Bert Tobin, btobin@optonline.net, for a reservation or more information or RSVP online at https://commsyn.org/programs/92y-lecture-series.

A portion of the net profits raised from this year’s 92nd St. Y programs will be donated to the synagogue efforts to retire the mortgage.

NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON WITH ROBERT KRULWICH: “ASTROPHYSICS FOR PEOPLE IN A HURRY”
Tuesday, February 6, 8:00 PM

CHARLES BRONFMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH RABBI PETER J. RUBIND-STEIN: “BALANCING FAITH, FAMILY AND A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS EMPIRE”
Tuesday, April 17, 8:00 PM

“JEWS IN DARK TIMES” WITH BERNARD-HENRI LÉVY, LEON WIESEL-TIER, PAUL BERMAN, AND ALANA NEWHOUSE
Wednesday, June 13, 8:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAM
LA BOHÈME: THE MOVIE WITH ANNA NETREBKO, ROLANDO VILLAZÓN
Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 PM

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member and supporting Brotherhood’s activities is easier than ever. Just go to the Brotherhood page on the Community Synagogue web site:
http://www.commsyn.org/Brotherhood/

BROTHERHOOD MEETINGS

JANUARY MEETING: Monday, January 8, 8:00 PM

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, February 4, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Please donate and share this life saving gift.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Monday, February 5, 8:00 PM
Helen Berkun
Helen and her husband Ed, who have been members for 40 years, think of TCS as “their” synagogue. The activities, services, clergy, and other members make them feel included and that this is where they belong.

Helen began volunteering by serving on the Religious School committee, the Synagogue Board and then the Executive Board. She’s also volunteered as the Sisterhood Treasurer and President. Currently, she is a member of the Religious Living committee, Chai Mitzvah group, Rosh Chodesh group, Sisterhood and cleans the silver for the High Holy Days.

Helen is “grammy” to five beautiful grandchildren, ages 7-16. She spent 30 years as an Economics professor at Queensborough Community College. She and Ed love to travel and have been all over the world, including India, China, Argentina, Costa Rica, South Africa, Kenya, Russia and Western Europe and many other countries.

Georgia DeYoung
Ben and Georgia joined The Community Synagogue 50 years ago. They came to a picnic in Port with close friends who already were members. They were new to the town so spent a Shabbat at each of the synagogues in the area. They loved Community’s building and its history; the clergy were most welcoming, but most important, they found a caring community with just the right amount of spirituality and involvement for their family.

Georgia began volunteering with the Nursery School Committee and requested $750 to construct a playground; progressed to co-chair of the Religious School Committee; Board Trustee and then President of the Congregation. Currently, she is serving on the Cemetery, the Decorating and Historic Archives committees.

Georgia grew up in a town in West Virginia with 7-10 Jewish families, but there was always a synagogue; first in a former Baptist church and later in a former funeral home. When the Torahs were carried by members to the new site, the town band accompanied them with the only religious music they knew, “Onward Christian Soldiers”.

Jane Broido
Jane and her husband Michael have been members for about 44 years.

They are Reform and they wanted their toddler to attend the synagogue ECC and continue on in the Religious School. They had just moved from NYC to LI and wanted to meet people in the local Jewish community.

They chose to stay at TCS because of the warmth and caring they experienced from the congregation and the clergy. Over the decades, they made many friends and can’t imagine not belonging.

Although Jane has done a lot of volunteering in the past including Sisterhood and then Synagogue President, the only volunteer work she does now is with Helen Berkun and Georgia DeYoung, cleaning the items in the museum cases right before the High Holy Days. Jane finds the task satisfying and the company terrific.

Jane also enjoys obedience training with her dog. Some people run to clear their heads. I train my dogs.
Welcome to Our New Members
As of November 20, 2017

Jacques & Ali Ambron
Bill & Nina Atkinson
Scott & Amanda Bromberg
Grant & Jessica Bughman
Matthew & Cindy Claster
Jared & Stephanie Feldman
Matthew & Jaime Fernand
Brett & Nicole Goldberg
Joshua & Robyn Goldberg
Eric & Jenna Golynsky
Eric & Gabby Goodman

Gregg & Yana Hirschorn
Howie Klein & Sara Good Klein
Fran Koppel
Jonathan & Jodi Kramer
Edward & Blair Liberman
Sean & Meredith Liebowitz
Rob & Alissa Longert
Jeremy & Marisa Matican
Gregory McGuffin
David & Valerie Michaels
Doug & Lauren Monaster

Brad & Jaime Morganstern
Jimmy & Elissa Rotolo
Michael & Lauren Sheinis
Andrew & Lori Skor
Adam Soskin
Jeffrey & Rebecca Stricker
Jared & Riki Udell
Brian & Bella Wilkins
Joshua & Claudia Wojtowicz
Harvey & Roberta Wolf

CHAVERIM - SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

CHAIR YOGA
Fridays 10:30 – 11:30 AM. For one hour, focus on YOU. Forget your aches and pains and anything troubling you and allow Beth Mohr (synagogue member and certified yoga instructor) to lead you in breathing and gentle stretching. The class is continuous and you can join at any time. Try it for one session at no charge or sign up for a full six-session series for $60, $12 per individual session, payable to Beth Mohr.

MORGAN LIBRARY TRIP
Thursday, January 4
Drawn to Greatness: Master Drawings from the Thaw Collection

NA Wassau County Museum of Art Trip and Lunch
Wednesday, January 17, lunch 12 PM, tour 2:00 PM
Lunch at Hunan Taste followed by a docent led tour of the exhibit “Fool the Eye”

YIDDISH FILM, A BRIEVELEH DE MAMA
Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 PM

PURIM SHALACH MANOT BASKETS
DON’T MISS THE FEBRUARY 8 DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE!
Please remember to submit your order for Purim Shalach Manot Baskets either online at www.purimproject.com with the user name and password that you will receive in the Purim Shalach Manot Basket mailing (with your personalized letter and list of congregational and ECC families) or personalized email that you will receive or send the hard copy list in with your names checked off, along with your check. If you submit the hard copy list with your names, please remember to send in your check with it made payable to The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue and mail it to Bari Ziegel, 37 Lewis Lane, Port Washington, NY 11050. If you misplaced your letter or can’t locate the email with your user name and password or have any questions, please call or e-mail Bari at 816-1082 or bziegel@aol.com.

PURIM BASKET ASSEMBLY AND HAMENTASCHEN BAKING
Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM
Adults are welcome to help assemble the baskets and kids can bake hamantaschen at the same time. Please RSVP to Bari Ziegel at bziegel@aol.com or 516-816-1082 with the names of the adults coming to help assemble the baskets and the names and ages of the children who will be coming to bake hamantaschen.

PURIM SHALACH MANOT BASKET PICK-UP AND DELIVERY
Thursday, March 1 between 3 PM and 6 PM to pick up a basket to deliver to another participating family on the same day.

Thank you again for participating and for performing the mitzvah of sending mishloach manot to members of our congregation and to our ECC families!
We began in the early 1950’s which was typical of the new suburban synagogues of our parents and grandparents. Their dream was to create a democratic religious community of believing, practicing and self-educating Jews. The temple would belong to the people—“Temple Beth Am”

The first ten years were hard. In 1951, Port’s Jewish families met in private homes and restaurants. There was a borrowed Torah, a portable ark and a borrowed rabbi. During the week the Torah and the ark would be kept in a member’s car trunk. Hope and plans and many meetings kept them going until there were 25 families. At that time, they declared they were THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE and were admitted to the UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now the URJ, Union for Reform Judaism).

February 1952 was the synagogue’s first service and was held at the American Legion Hall on Main Street. Religious school was taught at the Odd Fellows Hall and the High Holy Days were observed at a Fire Hall. Rabbi Jay Kaufman was the first rabbi and he set a path still followed today—strong Jewish education, love for the state of Israel and pride in everything Jewish.

So it seemed to be simple—Our founders needed a synagogue, wanted a synagogue and now there was a synagogue but one thing was missing ---a permanent home.

The next four years were very difficult for our congregation. Only seven months after the first service, the congregation signed a contract to acquire four acres of the Vincent Astor estate near the entrance to Harbor Acres. Plans were prepared. There was even a ground breaking service and ceremony. Immediately, several neighbors went into court to prove that restrictive covenants in the Astor deed prohibited anything but residential use.

When the Chimneys came up for sale in July, 1954, our synagogue leaders ended their efforts to obtain the Astor property; decided on the Holmes property and took an option on the building. Suddenly there were new zoning laws in the Village restricting circumstances that a religious institution could locate itself in the Village. Most difficult was “no accessory uses” but only religious observances which meant that the religious school, meetings of the congregation’s boards, affiliated groups, and social functions could not take place in the building. The synagogue determined to take the case to court.

As in the case of the Astor property, the Chimneys fight was fought in...
VOLUNTEERING WITH NECHAMA

By Elliot Weinstein

There were three things that I hoped to do when I signed up for Nechama’s mission to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief:
1. “Live” the concept of Tikkun Olam
2. Help show the world and my fellow Americans that there is more that unites us than separates us.
3. Challenge myself physically and mentally to be the best person that I can be

My experience met these goals and so much more.

While not deeply religious, I believe in the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam. Houston reminded me that repairing the world through acts of kindness is a concept embraced across many religious affiliations. Our work helping families begin the process of returning to their homes was meaningful and emotional. Meeting the homeowners and hearing their stories and gratitude would have been enough reward itself, but the work also reminded me of how blessed I am to have avoided the troubles inflicted on those who lost so much to the hurricane, and to be fortunate enough to be able to help.

Our team was paired with a team from NCCC/AmeriCorps. We stayed in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Additionally, we were joined by other groups at our work sites, including teams from the International Orthodox Christian Charities. The families we helped were of various income levels, religions, nationalities and races. I worked with volunteers from all over the country from ages 18 to 76. Men and women, black and white, straight and gay, married and single. Our mission was 100% about unity of purpose and teamwork. There was no division. If only we could live like this all the time!

I was nervous as I headed down to Houston for ten days of manual labor. How well would my poor old, aching body handle sleeping on a cot, let alone wielding a hammer and crowbar and hauling debris in the Houston heat? Kudos to the Nechama staff! The information provided in advance, which included items to bring and what to expect, was dead-on. The staff made me feel welcome and educated us on the work to be done and how to do it SAFELY. Working in the hot weather, we de-constructed house after house, with constant reminders to re-hydrate for our safety. The work was hard. I knocked down wall after wall, pulled thousands of nails, removed piles of wet insulation, tile walls and floors, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, toilets and ceilings. When we quit at 4:00 pm, I could barely lift my arms above my head. But after the half mile walk to the Rec Center, a shower, and a lovely meal prepared by someone from the community or purchased by one of the many supporters of our work, we were still found energy for a comradely drink.

My greatest lessons came from my fellow volunteers. I figured that they would be diverse, and they were, but they were also absolutely amazing. Team leads were mature, knowledgeable and deeply committed to service. Many were not sure where their lives would take them, and all were dedicated to contributing to the world community and living a life of learning and loving mankind. I was awed by the breadth of their experiences and their desire to live life to the fullest, all while helping their fellow man. As a group, they were so far from the beaten path that I had taken, and that most of the people I know had followed, that it was as though they had discovered some secret and beautiful road. I am grateful that the road is now within my sight, for I learned that you are never too old to take a detour.
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As our new VP of Development, I welcome the challenge of raising revenue and the opportunity to help ensure our synagogue’s future as a vibrant, innovative leader of Reform Judaism. After spending four years as treasurer (2010-2014) worrying about TCS expenses, I hope to draw on all your hope, energy and enthusiasm to build a financial foundation that will enable us to serve our mission well into the future. We are grateful that there is a growing team of volunteers working collectively to create opportunities for giving and inclusive, special events to raise revenue to meet our goals.

2018 is starting off with a bang on Saturday, January 27 with our 65th Anniversary Gala honoring Elin and Michael Nierenberg. Later this year, in mid-May, we will hold a Golf, Tennis & Fun Activities Day. But beyond these special events, our Development effort will include long term strategic planning and creative fundraising to help insure our synagogue’s financial health. We are currently starting to form committees to help set strategic direction and to focus on specific initiatives such as a planned giving program.

While we are blessed to have such a thriving institution and community, we must also meet the financial challenge to raise the funds to ensure our long term financial stability and to be an engine for future innovation and growth. We welcome and need your participation to help us meet this challenge!

Please contact me, andykramer618@gmail.com to join our team!

MITZVAH CORPS

The ability to care for and love one another is an important Jewish virtue and the ultimate goal of the MITZVAH CORPS of TCS. We strive to insure that no TCS member is alone in time of need. We help provide transportation to doctor’s appointments and Synagogue services; assist with food shopping and provide meals for congregants that are ill. We all have a need for help in time of crisis. The Mitzvah Corps is here to help.

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SPECIAL THANK YOU!

BY KAREN KLINE

While walking to my car I had an unexpected fall, landed on my hand and broke my wrist. I had trouble getting up, but fortunately my neighbors were outside and came over to help me get up. Before I knew it, I was in an ambulance headed for St. Francis Hospital as the pain intensified. I arrived at 2 p.m. and was discharged at 4:45 a.m. with a broken wrist, swollen nose and knees. Thankfully my neighbors took care of my dog over night and said they would walk her the next day.

Like many seniors, I live alone and I began to wonder who will take care of me? My family is small and scattered around the east coast. With this injury I suddenly could not drive to the food store, cook or get to the doctors’ office. I felt very alone.

Thankfully, I remembered the synagogue’s Mitzvah Corps. I contacted them and a daily schedule was arranged for me regarding meals, doctors visits and personal care. They told me to call if there was anything I needed. At last, I did not feel so alone. I received at least three calls a day. They truly helped me and I am so grateful!

FALLS AND THE ELDERLY

• One in four Americans aged 65+ falls each year.
• Every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall.

Falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older Americans. Falls threaten seniors’ safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs. For more information, please visit ncoa.org/FallsPrevention.
One that sows Tzedakah has a sure reward. 

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Larry & B. Helt In honor of Bari Ziegel on the marriage of her daughter, Mikki Rosman, to Jonathan Moul
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Larry & B. Helt In memory of Marilynne Blicksilver
Larry & B. Helt In memory of Ralph Seltzer
Larry & B. Helt In memory of Theo Rothman
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Ellen Savran In memory of Patricia Rosalia
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Fran Richter In memory of Sue Lipton
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Hal & Rochelle Lipton In memory of Irma Rapaport (Yahrzeit)

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Miles & Gloria Glantz In memory of Rose Glantz (Yahrzeit)
Miles & Gloria Glantz In memory of Theo Rothman
Mitchel & Arlene Maidman In memory of Theo Rothman
Joan Hariton In honor of my three amazing daughters: Gail Hariton Tuthill, Deena Hariton Katz and Julie Hariton Stein
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Steve Gottlieb In memory of Donald Lerner (Yahrzeit)
Steve Gottlieb Speedy recovery to Richard Dankner
Steven & Judi Zarkin In memory of Elaine Corwin
Steven & Judi Zarkin In memory of Ruth Krieger
Steven & Leona Handelman In memory of Frieda Handelman (Yahrzeit)
Steven & Meryl Mastbaum In memory of Stanley Garfinkel
Steven & Susan Stern In memory of Burton Stern (Yahrzeit)
Steven & Susan Stern In memory of David Katz (Yahrzeit)
Todd & Wendy Sinett In memory of Ralph Seltzer
Warren & Nina Bernstein In memory of Murial Landsberg (Yahrzeit)
Warren & Nina Bernstein In memory of William Landsberg (Yahrzeit)

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HAPPINESS GROUP

JUDGEMENTS, PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AND LIMITING BELIEFS

Thursday, January 18, 7:30 PM

We all have opinions, beliefs, or preconceived notions. We have noticed, in ourselves and others, a tendency to discount anything that falls outside of what we’ve decided we “like.” We will learn how to treat every experience as brand new and how to recognize our own limiting beliefs. A simple shift in perspective can help us see that there is always something to learn from every experience.

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two areas: the courts and the building inspector’s office. Although the Village board had rescinded its earlier restrictive ordinance in 1955, we were refused a Certificate of Occupancy, on the grounds that the synagogue’s plans posed a threat to the character of the neighborhood and the public health, safety and welfare. The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court upheld the Village’s right to exclude us from its midst.

BUT the fight went on – Our lawyer, Henry Root Stern, Jr., law partner of J. Russell Sprague, the Republican leader of Nassau County, took the case to the New York State Court of Appeals. A very prominent Democrat, Averill Harriman, our neighbor across the street and then a candidate for the office of New York State governor wrote about religious freedom and worship within our Village.

From New York’s highest court came the ruling which permitted The Community Synagogue to inhabit the home to which it had finally taken title in 1955. The New York Times carried the story on the front page on July 12, 1956. Three weeks later services were held at the Chimneys and the formal dedication was on June, 1, 1957.

The “Chimneys” was now our home. Our founder and first president, Nathaniel Hess personally guaranteed the first mortgage payment and shortly thereafter 50 members assumed the guaranty. The congregation grew to 150-210 families; 200 children in a religious school; Junior and Senior Leagues began (today’s Powty) the Ladies of Sisterhood organized and had a very successful first bazaar which contributed $1,700 to the temple budget; the Men’s Club began a series of brunches and attracted capacity audiences and a Nursery School was established.

One of our early rabbis, Melvin Weinman, wrote:

Realities have guided our determination to accept the present challenge; We are the trustees of the traditions of our faith; We are participants in the dynamic present; We are the builders and investors of the future.

Source Material: The Community Synagogue 20th anniversary Journal Archives of The Community Synagogue

Chapter 2 – The Chimneys, Its Interiors, Mrs. Holmes and the Continued Development of the Congregation
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Saturday, January 27, 2018

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We look forward to celebrating together!