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65th ANNIVERSARY GALA

65th Anniversary Gala Exceeds Expectations!



65th Anniversary Gala Honorees
Elin and Michael Nierenberg



Thanks to our fabulous, hard working 65th Anniversary Gala Committee (from left to right): Ann Axelrod, Hayley Foster (Co-Chair), Mara Silverstein (Co-Chair), Synagogue President Deena Katz, Tracy Widolok (Co-Chair), Lisa Roth (Co-Chair), Rachel Garmisa (Co-Chair), Debbie Shlafmitz and Bari Ziegel.



Rabbi Z and Deena Katz, President

IT WAS TRULY A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, APPROPRIATELY THEMED, "TONIGHT FOR TOMORROW", AS WE WORKED TOGETHER TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE.

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

It's Sunday, January 28, at 8:15 AM. I woke this morning beaming with pride and wondering if last night's 65th Anniversary Gala was just a dream. A few immediate questions came to mind:

- Did we really just raise over \$1,000,000? YES!
- Will we be able to pay off our mortgage soon? YES!
- Have we successfully built a more financially secure future for our children? YES!
- Am I privileged to lead such an incredible community? YES!



DEENA KATZ
PRESIDENT

With tremendous energy and excitement, approximately 300 members of all ages celebrated together - "Tonight for Tomorrow" - investing in a more secure future and turning our dream of retiring our mortgage into a reality. I am basking in the afterglow of the night - receiving calls, texts and emails, re-living details, sharing great moments and reiterating the incredible feelings of love and community in the room. It was most definitely a night to be remembered.

This morning, I ran over to the synagogue to collect some gala leftovers to be donated. Upon entering the building, I saw a large group of 5th graders and their parents engaged in deep discussion during one of our FLAME learning programs led by Rabbi Z and Shari Isserles. Simultaneously, in the board room was a group of approximately ten passionate volunteers creating a new "Inclusion Committee," brainstorming ways to make our synagogue more welcoming and accommodating to those with special needs, learn more on page 18.

An hour later I was off to a funeral of the father of a congregant, officiated by Cantor Franco and packed with friends and family paying their respects, who only hours earlier were dancing at the gala.

The juxtaposition of these events on the heels of our gala celebration made me pause and realize how much our synagogue is a part of our lives. We are there for each other in celebration and times of sorrow. We engage in learning together, reinforce the importance of helping others, teach our children to be good people, and so much more. We are a family and are indeed truly blessed.

There are so many people I wish to thank for the huge success of our gala. It was the culmination of many, many months of hard work led by our incredible co-chairs, Mara Silverstein, Tracey Widolok, Rachel Garmisa, Lisa Roth, Hayley Foster and Larry Tarica — collaborating with our many dedicated volunteers, professional staff, and clergy. A very special thank you to our honorees, Elin & Michael Nierenberg, for allowing us to publicly thank them for their longstanding dedication and support of the synagogue. And thank you to all the people whose generous donations and pledges before and during the gala, made our dream of retiring the mortgage a reality.

May we continue to go from strength to strength. *L'Dor VaDor*, from generation to generation.

IN EVERY GENERATION

In 1783, the American Revolutionary War came to its official end just before the holiday of Passover began. According to historian Jonathan Sarna, the Jewish community experienced the same devastation and loss felt by much of the rest of the population during the war, so when Congress proclaimed peace, it was met with elation. And given the timing of Congress' proclamation, Jews interpreted the moment as "nothing short of redemption."¹

Soon after, members of New York's Shearith Israel, a congregation whose roots dated back to the end of the seventeenth century, composed a



Congregation Shearith Israel Synagogue
Photo by Wurts Bros. from the collection of the Museum of the City of New York

Hebrew prayer linking their perception of recent historic events with themes of Passover: "As Thou hast granted to these thirteen states of America everlasting

freedom, so mayst Thou bring us forth once again from bondage into freedom..."² Those revolutionary Jews saw their circumstances reflected in the sacred narrative of Exodus, as if the ancient story were a mirror for their own time. Whether by intention or by coincidence, they were following the central מצוה *mitzvah* of Passover: **In every generation, each of us is obligated to see ourselves as if we went free from Egypt.**

Among the earliest teachers of this מצוה *mitzvah* is Rabban Gamliel, the great sage and leader of the rabbinic court of first century Palestine (*Pesachim* 10:5). According to the Mishnah, the earliest collection of rabbinic teachings, Rabban Gamliel learned this מצוה *mitzvah* from the book of Exodus: "On that day, you shall explain to your child, 'It is because of what God did for me when I went free from Egypt'" (Exodus 13:8). In this verse, the Torah

self-consciously refers to future generations, who are supposed to talk about the Exodus in the first person as if they themselves were there. Hence the מצוה *mitzvah*: each of us is obligated to see ourselves, today in our generation, as if we went free from Egypt. And for more than two thousand years, from before Rabban Gamliel's time to the revolutionary Jews' time to our own time, our people has embraced that goal.

So much of the Passover seder itself is designed to educate toward seeing ourselves as participants in the Exodus. Upholding this מצוה *mitzvah* is why we discuss the פסח *pesach*, the lamb shank reminiscent of the lamb sacrificed so its blood could mark Israelite homes for safety; why we eat the מצה *matzah*, the hastily baked bread recalling the Israelites' quick getaway; and why we taste the מרור *maror*, the bitter herbs inviting us into the experience of slavery. It is also why the Four Questions and prolonged conversation are integral to the Seder, because learning requires grappling with ideas for ourselves. And it is also why the Talmud teaches us to snack throughout the evening to keep ourselves and our children awake (*Pesachim* 109a). After all, we can't ask questions or be part of the Exodus if we're asleep!

Today, there are many ways we can put the מצוה *mitzvah* of seeing ourselves among those leaving Egypt at the center of our Passover celebrations. (See a few tips on page 4.)

For a more personal exercise in seeing ourselves in the Exodus, we can take cue from the practice of cleaning our homes of חמץ *chametz* (leavened products) and reflect on our "spiritual חמץ *chametz*" during the run-up to Passover. What in our lives feels burdensome that we want to leave behind? What sort of freedom do we want to move into? What is taking up too much space in our lives, and what needs more attention? Originally, the month in which Passover occurs (*Nissan*) was considered the first month of the year; Passover is an opportunity to set "new-year's" goals for ourselves and our families.



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RABBI SAM POLLAK

Our tradition also teaches us, though, that Passover is not merely about how we see ourselves. Maimonides, the twelfth century legal scholar and philosopher, offers a slightly different version of the central מצוה mitzvah: In every generation, each of us is obligated to *present* ourselves as if we went free from Egypt (*Hilchot*

to attune ourselves to the forms suffering and slavery take in our world today—and to do what we can to bring others to freedom. Many organizations working to help people in circumstances that relate to Passover even prepare materials for incorporating into a Seder. Some Jewish organizations that work to end hunger, assist refugees, heal poverty, and

promote human rights include Mazon, American Jewish World Service, HIAS, and T'ruah, and countless others can be found online.

The revolutionary Jews of Shearith Israel thought they were living through redemption, but we know that our world is far from redeemed. As our prayerbook *Mishkan T'filah* says, we

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FOR CREATING A LIVELY SEDER, SUGGESTED BY DR. RON WOLFSON (FOR MORE IDEAS, GO TO WWW.MYJEWISHLEARNING.COM/ARTICLE/MAKING-A-MEMORABLE-SEDER):

- **GIVE HOMEWORK. INVITE PARTICIPANTS TO PREPARE A SHORT SONG OR PRESENTATION.**
- **BUY TIME. OFFER SNACKS TO KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED.**
- **HAVE FUN. INCORPORATE GOOFY PASSOVER SONGS AND SKITS.**
- **BE INCLUSIVE. CREATE AN אפיקומן AFIKOMEN SEARCH WITH CLUES THAT EVERYONE SOLVES TOGETHER.**
- **USE SENSORY MATERIALS. TACTILE MATERIALS AND SCRATCH-AND-SNIFF STICKERS GET ALL THE SENSES INVOLVED.**

Chametz u-Matzah 7:6). The difference between *see* לראות and *present* להראות is a single letter in Hebrew, but that letter significantly alters the meaning. Identifying with the Exodus narrative is not sufficient; rather, we must speak and act in accordance with that understanding. This injunction complements the later מצוה mitzvah, "You shall not oppress the stranger; you know the experience of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). Passover is not just about how we feel, but what we do.

To that end, Passover is the perfect opportunity

remember "that wherever we are, it is eternally Egypt / that there is a better place, a Promised Land; / that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness / that there is no way to get from here to there / except by joining hands, marching / together" (page 73). This year, at Passover, may we come to see that we are part of that great story, and may that understanding motivate us to bring ourselves and the world closer toward redemptive freedom.

¹Sarna, Jonathan D. *American Judaism: A History*. Yale University Press, 2004. Page 204.

²*ibid.*



ISRAEL JOURNEY FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS IN FEBRUARY '19

With Cantor Franco, Shari Isserles and Rabbi Z

Information Session: Sunday, March 11, 10:00 AM

Already decided you are coming? Or just thinking about it? Or do you just want to get great tips from our experienced tour operator?

This no obligation get together will provide an overview of what we will be doing on our trip next February. Learn about the different tracks for families and adults and the engaging adventures we will do all together. Trip dates are February 14-24, 2019.

WE *Celebrated* OUR 65th ANNIVERSARY

The Community Synagogue celebrated its 65th Anniversary Gala “Tonight for Tomorrow” on Saturday, January 27. This sold out event brought together almost 300 congregants and friends of all ages.

Long-time members of The Community Synagogue, Elin and Michael Nierenberg, who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, generosity and commitment for more than twenty years, were delighted to be honored at this special milestone event. They shared with everyone that, “the night wasn’t at all about us, but rather the entire community and clergy that make our synagogue so special.”

More than \$1,000,000 was raised from event sponsorships, journal ads, raffles, auction proceeds, a live pledge drive and exceedingly generous matching gifts from magnanimous congregants. These gala proceeds combined with generous past pledges enables The Community Synagogue to retire the mortgage in 2018/19 and relieve the synagogue of this ongoing financial burden.

Deena Katz, Synagogue President, shared that she was proud to be at an event in honor of Elin and Michael Nierenberg. “I remember thinking if I were to ever have the honor of becoming Synagogue President, one of the first things I wanted to do was honor these two special people,” admitted Katz. “Beyond the financial gain, I am thankful that congregants of all ages came together for this event; and I feel we were united in love and commitment for our synagogue,” added Katz.

The guests enjoyed a beautiful night filled with great energy, fabulous food catered by Lawrence Scott Events, dancing, and culminated with an on-your-feet performance by the band “The Cosmic Coronas”.

A special thank you goes to the Gala Co-Chairs Hayley Foster, Rachel Garmisa, Lisa Roth, Mara Silverstein, Larry Tarica and Tracy Widolok, whose efforts were truly recognized as evidenced by the success of the evening.



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: ANAT HOFFMAN



April 20 - 22

Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, guides IRAC in its work to promote Jewish pluralism, tolerance, and equality and to combat racism, corruption, and religious coercion. During Anat's tenure, she also expanded IRAC's mission to go beyond the courts and the Knesset, and to engage in helping people directly through social action.

Previously, Ms. Hoffman served as a Jerusalem City Councilwoman for 14 years, carving out a niche for herself as an untiring warrior for justice and equality. She has dedicated her adult life to the Jewish principle of *Tikkun Olam*. It is this commitment to social

action and justice that has formed her career.

In a city where women are traditionally consigned to a subordinate role, Ms. Hoffman led in the battles for the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and for women's equal pay for equal work. Ms. Hoffman pushed relentlessly for the provision of adequate municipal services for the more than 200,000 Palestinian residents of Jerusalem. She has fought long and hard to see that the powerful Orthodox bloc in the City Council does not dictate lifestyle choices for the secular population of Jerusalem. Significantly, too, in a city split by religious differences, she has fought tirelessly for religious pluralism.

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

Friday, April 20, 6:30 PM

An invitation to speak up when Israel strays away from its own declared vision. Israel's Declaration of Independence ensures social and political rights to all of Israel's inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; and a country that will safeguard the holy places of all religions. There are instances where Israel goes off course. What should diaspora Jews do? In this presentation Anat will suggest an action guide for the perplexed.

"RESILIENCE AND RESISTANCE - KEEPING THE STRUGGLE ALIVE"

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM

Teaching Torah Study for adults as well as for 6th Graders and parents

What does it take to fight for *Tikkun Olam* for 30 years? How to find patience for a marathon in a world that is running sprints? It takes resilience to make Israel (or any other homeland) live up to our values and goals. What is resilience? You can get some too.

"BETWEEN THE STONES AND THE HARD PLACE"

Sunday, April 22, 9:00 AM

Program with 4th/5th Grade students and parents in our Religious School. Others are welcome.

Presenting the Struggle of "Women of the Wall", a group of Israeli women, who seek the right for Jewish women to conduct prayer services, read from a Torah scroll while wearing prayer shawls, and sing out loud at the Western Wall - Judaism's most sacred holy site.

URJ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN BOSTON, MA

BY LORI ZLOTOFF

On December 6, 2017, my husband and I travelled to Boston to be part of the 14 person strong Community Syngagogue delegation to the URJ Biennial Conference in Boston, MA. With our children being cared for by my parents, we were able to relax and enjoy some time away, as well as participate in meaningful, communal and spiritual moments over the course of the weekend.

Along with 6000 other Reform Jews from North America, we were inspired, enlightened and enthused by the incredible work being done in our movement for Reform Jews around the world. The emphasis on social justice was echoed by remarks from Reverend William Barber and Senator Elizabeth Warren, and we were moved by Rabbi Rick Jacob's speech sparking our re-commitment to Israel.

We celebrated the success of our youth movement - providing camp, Mitzvah Corps and Israel experiences for over 21,000 Reform youth, teens and young adults this year. We learned that alumni of these programs yield adults and parents who place a high value on providing Jewish communal, education and ritual experiences for their children. It was awe-inspiring to be a part of something so much bigger than my congregation, my camp or my town.

We are fortunate to have a strong community and live in a town that places a high value on a strong Jewish collective spirit and emphasis on *tikkun olam*, *tzeda-kah* and *g'milut chasadim*. But when we are connected to the movement, we realize that we are not alone, that we are not operating in a vacuum, and there is strength in numbers.

I am grateful for the strong Jewish experiences the URJ has brought me, and as we used to say at Camp Newman -- because of camp, I am married to Jacob (we met there in 1997!), with two beautiful children, living the ideals I was raised to believe in.



Lori and Jacob Zlotoff



Rabbi Z, Mark Eisenberg, Bari Ziegel, Jacob Zlotoff, Cantor Franco, Lori Zlotoff, Maggie Hand, Phyllis Zuckerbrot, Judy Levy, Lisa Davidoff, Charlotte Cohen, Deena Katz, Renee Karmel and Debbie Shlafnitz



RABBI YAYA TOBIAS RETURNS TO OUR "COMMUNITY"

April 20 - May 3

Rabbi Yaya Tobias, one of the four rabbis ordained by the Reform movement this past November (one of the 100+ Israeli-trained Reform rabbis!), now serves a community in the Golan Heights. Yaya was here a few years ago and will join us the last two weeks in April for a return visit to our community. If you are interested in hosting him for 3 days or more, please contact Rabbi Z at rabbiz@commsyn.org. Those who offered him home hospitality last year were rewarded with an amazing opportunity to establish a special bond with a fascinating leader of the Reform movement in Israel.

THE CREATION OF THE ARK IN OUR SANCTUARY

BY GEORGIA DEYOUNG, PAST PRESIDENT (1989-1993), HISTORIC ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Have you ever wondered when sitting in the sanctuary or when you are participating in the rituals of our service who created the Ark and what was the artist's inspiration? In the synagogue archives we have a description by the artist, Boris Aronson, of his thoughts and directions for our Ark.

His first inspiration for the design came from the Bible; Exodus chapter 5; verse 3--Exodus. Here the creation of the Tabernacle is expressed with hammered gold to be beaten and decorated with twigs, cups, buttons and flowers. Aronson insisted on personally hand-crafting the finish and the many details inspired by nature. His philosophy was that "Reform Judaism is of today yet is inspired by the traditions of the past." This indicates the permanence of this Ark. His description of his work on our Ark reads "Reform Judaism is the very essence of democracy in thought, action and prayer."

The doors of the Ark are symbols of the hand crafted and decorated covers of an old bible. His thought was a book within the book and continues with the sculptured inclusion of the names of the five books of the bible. Aronson's

total concept is an abstract impressionist concept, and it is actually like a painting whose subject is something quite ancient but translated to modern terms. "The whole ideas is spirit — spirit of the human hand using nature, poetry and flowers in metal and glass."

Above the Ark is the Eternal Light which Aronson based on an abstraction of the flame-like elements as the traditional light was composed. His final sculptured design intertwines two flame-like forms containing a light source giving them life. Today our eternal light burns brightly as Steve Kaplan developed and patented a design using a battery-flickering light bulb connected to a solar panel.

Boris Aronson, born in Kiev (1898-1980) was part of the avant garde Russian art movement, emigrated to the United States. Settling in New York City, the artist/sculptor became an important scenic designer for Broadway and the Yiddish theater. The Kit Kat Club in the show "Cabaret" and "Fiddler on the Roof" with inspiration of Marc Chagall, awarded him six Tony statues for set design.



Ark



Close up of Ark door



Eternal Flame

Purim Carnival & Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 1

3:30 PM Purim Carnival | 5:00 PM Megillah Reading

COSTUMES are encouraged!

\$20 per person gives full admission to carnival & food ticket. 2nd child is \$15 and 3rd child is \$10. Children 2 & under are free. Pay at the door.

Please note: There are NO Thursday RS classes on March 1, due to the Purim festivities.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE PURIM!



ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

In 2011, the Board of Directors of The Community Synagogue created the Endowment Investment Committee to manage and build an Endowment Fund. The first task of this committee was to create by-laws to govern the members and guidelines for investing. Once the Board of Directors approved these by-laws in 2012, the hard work began for Ed Berkun, Lisa J. Davidoff, Stevens Kasselmann, Ron Pinkus and Allen Siegel, the original members of this committee.

In 2017, Eric Rothman replaced Stevens Kasselmann on the committee, since there must always be at least one member of the Board of Trustees on this committee.

The initial pool of funds given to the committee for investment purposes was about \$600,000. This is currently up 60% since inception, slightly over \$1,000,000, due to the appreciation in market value. The return on these investments for 2017 was approximately 21%. All dividends and interest are re-invested, and cash is kept on hand only for investing opportunities.

The philosophy for the Endowment Fund is based on *L'dor V'ador*, from generation to

generation. Having an Endowment Fund is a means to ensure that The Community Synagogue can sustain itself for future generations. Recently, many Reform synagogues have been forced to close their doors or consolidate due to insufficient funds; the endowment fund is one way to avoid that fate. A synagogue of our size should have an Endowment Fund of \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and our hope is to grow our endowment to that size through planned giving, additional donations and market investments. To learn how you can pledge assets to this fund please contact Lisa J. Klein Davidoff at lj davidoff@gmail.com or call 516-578-4441.

Donations for the Endowment Fund are accepted online at www.commsyn.org/donate or by check to the synagogue office. We are always looking for new members to serve on this committee. If you are interested in joining us, please contact any of the existing committee members or Deena Katz. The only requirement is that you have a strong understanding of financial markets and investing.



LISA J. KLEIN DAVIDOFF
ENDOWMENT FUND
CO-CHAIR

MLK DAY OF SERVICE UPDATE

The kids especially liked tearing the t-shirts into strips. Their eyes lit up and they said, "Awesome!" when they learned what they were about to do. I was impressed at how many parents worked with their three and four year olds on this project. We had three tables full of people and at least 20 overflowed to work on the floor.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



SHARI ISSERLES
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

With over 30 classes and more than 400 students, our religious school is always busy with learning and activity. Whether we are learning Hebrew letters, engaging in Torah study or celebrating a Jewish holiday, the heart of our school is the students, and their curiosity and smiles fill our building each day!



Camp afternoon – Students working together as a team to complete their goal.



3rd grade students showing their skills as painters.



“Here comes the bride” at our annual 4th grade wedding.



Fun times in the art program.



A musical adventure where we used our hands and drums to learn, celebrate and have a great time!

NOSHPIITALITY COOKING CLASSES

Taught by owner of Noshpitality, Michal, a “Nice Jewish Girl” with a passion for food. www.noshpitality.com

MAKE AND BAKE BABKA

A Jewish culinary experience for kids & their grownups.

Friday, March 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Elementary school age kids and a grown-up, on your day off from school*, make a babka from scratch (starting with flour, eggs and water)! Choose from either a chocolate s'mores or Funfetti. \$20 per grown-up and one child; \$5 for each additional sibling. Deadline: March 5
RSVP to Shari 516-883-3144 ext 318

*Port schools are closed for parent-teacher conferences.

URBAN FUSION-SEDER

**Cook • Eat • Learn • Love with Rabbi Z and Shari
Thursday, March 22, 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM**

Create an urban-chic Passover. Learn to “host”, make the “non-roll” roll, cook the modern fusion-brisket, distinct dessert and more. Break into teams to cook, then taste and share all the dishes. Rabbi Z and Shari Isserles share thought provoking Jewish wisdom.

\$25/per adult (no kids) *space is very limited*
RSVP to Shari 516-883-3144 ext 318

Happy New Year!!! Despite the freezing cold temperatures we have had a busy January. The ECC staff enjoyed a day of learning with our fabulous and inspiring speaker Susan R. Topek who recently retired as The Early Childhood Network Consultant at the Jewish Education Project. Susan presented a workshop on Creating Jewish Memories. Following her lecture, we participated in an interactive Team Building workshop with our inspirational coach, Dawn Berkowitz-Ader, which was so much fun!

The ECC children had their own exciting day, Family Fun Day which had a Winter Wonderland theme. There was music, cotton candy, bubbles, balloon making, dancing, games, a photo booth and lots of goodies to eat. The event was fabulous and was a tremendous hit thanks to our amazing Co-Chairs, Suzanne Klein and Allie Smolinsky.

Looking ahead in March, the children will be gearing up for the 3's and 4's Passover Concerts. Each year the children's voices fill the sanctuary with songs celebrating the holiday followed by a lovely brunch. This sacred time together truly marks the essence of the spirit of the holiday.



SUSAN FLANAGAN
-HERMAN
DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WITH SHELLEY ROFF



Shelley Roff, our former Director of the ECC, her daughter, Alissa, and husband, Josh, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the ECC. The ceremony was held in honor of Shelley's 29 years of service and in memory of her beloved husband, Ted Roff.

Three beautiful friendship benches were installed in the playground in their honor. All the children and teachers (who are like family to the Roffs) sang songs and handed out cookies and doughnuts. Shelley received flowers and said a few special words. What a special day! Thank you to Lisa Roth, for helping this become a reality.



POWTY - PORT WASHINGTON TEMPLE YOUTH



LINDSAY POWTY GANCI
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
ENGAGEMENT



The amazing POWTY volunteers who represented the youth of our congregation at the 65th Anniversary Gala and helped it be the big success it was!



MPOW 8th grade guys participating in a special program about respecting and honoring our whole selves in January.



Awesome JPOW members creating unique, happy Smile Rocks to use to spread kindness during our program on gemilut chassadim (deeds of loving kindness) at the end of January.



Thank you to Stop and Shop for donating 200 boxes of macaroni and cheese for us to use as groggers on Purim. After the holiday, they were donated to the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



Sunday, April 15, 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Mitvzot and Tzedakah. Make cards for a senior center and decorate Tzedakah cans. This free program engages families in their Jewish journey. For children ages 2-6.

A PERFECT MATCH

With rehearsals underway for The Community Synagogue Theater Company's *Fiddler On The Roof* this spring, we spoke to Caryn Ronis about playing Golde, sharing a stage with her brother, and her path to Community (theater company and synagogue).

HER DREAM ROLE...

Caryn Ronis' acting career began in a class in Queens at just 9 years old when she played Golde. She dreamed of reprising this role one day, and said she is grateful to the director, producer and anyone else who will listen for this opportunity. Those who have the pleasure of knowing Caryn might think her dream role would be Yenta, as she says "chewing up the scenery" is what she is known for. But Golde was her stretch, her dream role and she said it is a challenge. It's difficult to be a nag when you want to be comic relief!



Caryn Ronis

WAS IT FATE?

Caryn's sister-in-law, Jane Ronis, served as the Stage Manager for TCSTC's first show, *Bye Bye Birdie*, in 2016. She asked Caryn to audition. Caryn recalls telling her "I don't even like Birdie, I live in Queens and I haven't been on stage in 20 years!" But Jane can be persuasive, and Caryn got the great role of Albert Peterson's mother, Mae. When she met the costume director, Lydia Gladstone, Caryn quickly realized that she knew Lydia's husband. He had directed Caryn's return to the stage in the ensemble of her high school's production of *The Music Man*! And what was TCSTC's second production in 2017? *The Music Man*.



AND THEY ALL BECAME FAMILY...

Caryn grew up attending an Orthodox synagogue and did not enjoy services. However, she says she loved coming to Port Washington to attend High Holy Day services with her brother Joel, sister-in-law Jane and her nieces. While rehearsing for *Bye Bye Birdie*, she became close with many synagogue members and got to know Rabbi Z. When the show was over, she joined the synagogue. Of course, within a week she received a call from Bari Ziegel and is now on The Community Synagogue Sisterhood Board as well. She says, "The greatest joy of taking part in these shows over the past three years has been working so closely with her brother (this year, playing Lazar Wolf)."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PERFORMANCES WILL BE AT THE SANDS POINT PRESERVE, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:30 PM; SATURDAY, MAY 5, 7:30 PM; SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1 & 5:30 PM.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ROBIN MILGRIM

Robin has been a member of "Community" for her entire life. She was named here, became a *Bat Mitzvah* here and when she started her own family came back. What keeps her here is her commitment to Judaism and the joy in continuing to see it grow. The friends she made along the way and the community also keep her here.

Currently, Robin co-chairs the Youth Committee with Heather Garfin. She previously served as Membership Co-Chair, Sisterhood Board, member and as Gala co-chair. One thing that people don't know about her is that as a young teen at TCS, she co-founded POWTY and used to have socials with temples in neighboring towns.





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.

CHAVERIM SHABBAT

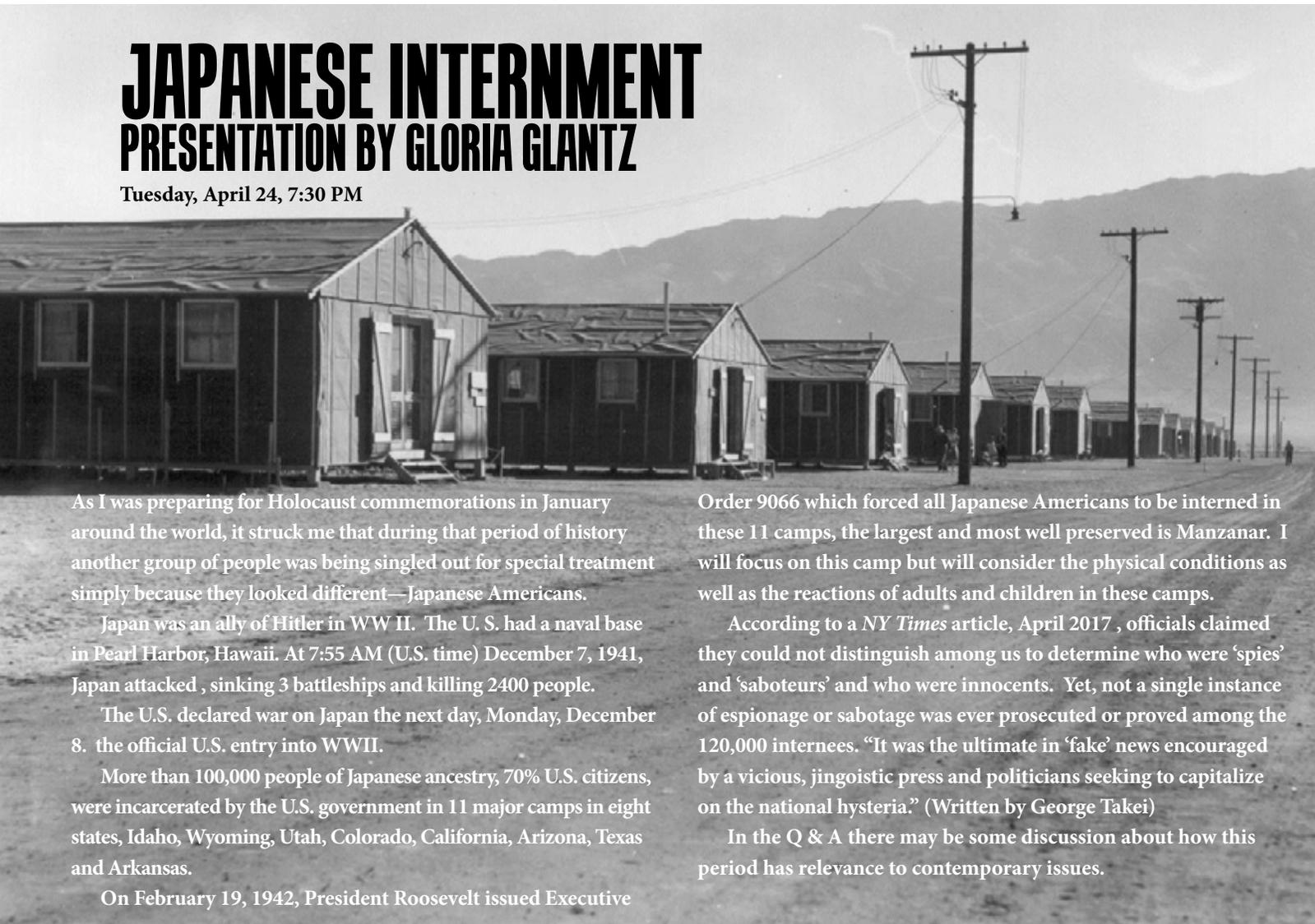
Friday, March 2, 8:00 PM

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 7, 1:30 PM
A Horse Walks Into a Bar by David Grossman

JAPANESE INTERNMENT PRESENTATION BY GLORIA GLANTZ

Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 PM



As I was preparing for Holocaust commemorations in January around the world, it struck me that during that period of history another group of people was being singled out for special treatment simply because they looked different—Japanese Americans.

Japan was an ally of Hitler in WW II. The U. S. had a naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. At 7:55 AM (U.S. time) December 7, 1941, Japan attacked, sinking 3 battleships and killing 2400 people.

The U.S. declared war on Japan the next day, Monday, December 8. the official U.S. entry into WWII.

More than 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry, 70% U.S. citizens, were incarcerated by the U.S. government in 11 major camps in eight states, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, California, Arizona, Texas and Arkansas.

On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt issued Executive

Order 9066 which forced all Japanese Americans to be interned in these 11 camps, the largest and most well preserved is Manzanar. I will focus on this camp but will consider the physical conditions as well as the reactions of adults and children in these camps.

According to a *NY Times* article, April 2017, officials claimed they could not distinguish among us to determine who were ‘spies’ and ‘saboteurs’ and who were innocents. Yet, not a single instance of espionage or sabotage was ever prosecuted or proved among the 120,000 internees. “It was the ultimate in ‘fake’ news encouraged by a vicious, jingoistic press and politicians seeking to capitalize on the national hysteria.” (Written by George Takei)

In the Q & A there may be some discussion about how this period has relevance to contemporary issues.

BROTHERHOOD IN THE HOOD



On December 13 Brotherhood sponsored night out at the Barclays Center, with the Islanders for Jewish Heritage night. Victor Germain, Gabe Germain, Michael Friedland, Howie Heiman, Eugene Gwozdz, Steve DeAngelis
Front row (right to left): Josh Friedland, Alex Caliendo, Ethan Jarman

BROTHERHOOD MEETINGS

March Board Meeting: **Sunday, March 4, 9:00 AM**
Yom HaShoah candle packing with Religious School kids/
parents: **Sunday, March 11, 9:00AM**
April Board Meeting: **Monday, April 9, 8:00 PM**

92ND ST Y PROGRAMMING

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.



SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAM
LA BOHÈME: THE MOVIE WITH
ANNA NETREBKO, ROLANDO
VILLAZÓN

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 PM



"JEWS IN DARK TIMES" WITH
BERNARD- HENRI LÉVY, LEON
WIESELTIER, PAUL BERMAN,
AND ALANA NEWHOUSE

Wednesday, June 13, 8:00 PM



CHARLES BRONFMAN IN CON-
VERSATION WITH RABBI PETER
J. RUBINSTEIN: "BALANCING
FAITH, FAMILY AND A MULTIBIL-
LION-DOLLAR BUSINESS EMPIRE"

Tuesday, April 17, 8:00 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 welcomes new and returning members to sit in at our monthly meetings.



Enjoy a beautiful, interactive Kosher for Passover Seder
Celebrate the Second Night of Passover
 at The Community Synagogue

160 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington NY, 11050

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 6:00 P.M.

Kosher for Passover Seder Menu

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



Our Seder is open to everyone in the community.

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

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Second Night Passover Seder Reservation Form

If you have questions or want additional information, contact Bari Ziegel at 816-1082 or bziegel@aol.com.
 Reservations must be made by Thursday, March 22. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THIS DATE.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

MEMBERS & IMMEDIATE FAMILY

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

NON-MEMBERS & GUESTS

___ # Non-members & Guests @ \$62.00 per adult \$ _____
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___ I prefer fish entrée for ___ people

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

If possible please seat us with: _____



CHANUKAH LEGO EVENT A TOWERING SUCCESS!

Nearly 100 people gathered for a fun evening of LEGO building, resulting in a giant menorah that was almost 14-feet tall! Children, together with their parents and grandparents, assembled layers of the menorah, and architect Stephen Schwartz put it all together while Rabbi Pollak led the families in Hanukkah songs. Rabbi Pollak then lit the menorah and recited the blessings. Dinner and a Hanukkah dessert craft were part of the evening too. A good time was had by all!



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

PURIM SHALACH MANOT BASKET PICK-UP AND DELIVERY

Thursday, March 1 between 3:30 PM and 6 PM to pick up a basket to deliver to another participating family on the same day.

PASSOVER WINE SALE AT BLACK TIE LIQUORS

March 6 - April 6

GAMES DAY FUNDRAISER - MAH JONGG AND CANASTA

Wednesday, March 14, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Hendrick's Tavern, Roslyn

JUDAICA SHOP PASSOVER BOUTIQUE

Sunday, March 18, 25, 26, 27, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

PASSOVER FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, March 18, 11:00 AM

"The Amazing Race to Find the Afikomen" More information on page 18.

PASSOVER COOKING PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 PM

At the home of Diana Berrent.

BREAKFAST AND TORAH STUDY WITH WOMEN'S TORAH COMMENTARY

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 AM

Torah study is followed by a Shabbat luncheon supporting the YES fund. The luncheon will be a celebration of two special Sisterhood board members, Julie Epstein and Margaret Werner, as we welcome them as part of *Am Yisrael*, the Jewish people.



SAVE 25% WHEN YOU SHOP FOR PASSOVER AT THE JUDAICA SHOP

On Sundays, March 18 and March 25, Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27, from 9 AM – 11:00 AM, the Judaica Shop will have their entire selection of Passover merchandise on display in the lobby of the synagogue.

They have many new exciting products to enhance your seder including a large selection of seder and matzah plates, Elijah's and Miriam's Cups and wonderful toys to entertain your children and grandchildren, such as Bags of Plagues, many different types of frog toys, ten plague finger puppets, plague masks and more.

They are also open by appointment. Any questions or to set up an appointment, please call Bari Ziegel at 516-816-1082 or email her at bzielgel@aol.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steven & Victoria Fields
Daniel & Cassandra Sinclair

SISTERHOOD FAMILY PASSOVER ACTIVITY

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, March 18, 11:00 AM

“The Amazing Race to Find the *Afikomen*”. Teams will compete to win the Amazing Race throughout the synagogue! A bagel brunch will be provided, then get your first clue to begin the scavenger hunt! Each clue will lead to another along with a puzzle piece, and the last clue will be able to be read when the puzzle is completed. The first team to find the *afikomen* wins a prize!

\$18 per family. Ideal for families with children of various ages 5-12, but all ages are welcome. Adult participation is mandatory. Please contact Brittney Hegarty for more information - Bwhegarty@verizon.net.

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

In celebration of JDAIM (Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month) this February, The Community Synagogue is proud to announce the formation of an Inclusion Committee, dedicated to looking at making our wonderful synagogue a welcoming and accommodating place for all.

If you are interested in participating in this meaningful work, please reach out to Lori Zlotoff, lzlotoff@gmail.com or Robyn Semilof, semilof@gmail.com, Co-chairs of the Inclusion Committee.



“GIVE US A HAND”

Your child creates a painted hand print with your family’s name etched inside, which makes up one of 65 personalized leaves on a painted tree, designed by teacher Lisa Cusano and permanently displayed outside of the ECC office. The price of the hand print is \$100.00 and there are only 65 hand prints available. Go to commsyn.org to order yours!



The New York State Senate

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous participation in the H2O for Puerto Rico relief effort. With your support, along with several schools, villages, religious organizations and civic associations, we collected over 100,000 pounds of water to aid the victims of Hurricane Maria.

This catastrophic natural disaster may have caused widespread destruction but due to your assistance, Puerto Rico is on the path toward recovery. It is crucial that in times of hardship and devastation, our nation come together in strength and unity. Thank you for doing just that and so much more.

I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018!

Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (516) 746-5924 or ephillips@nysenate.gov should you ever be in need of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Elaine Phillips
New York State Senator

HAVE YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE



Two-hour children's birthday party is \$200

- Rain or shine the party goes on ...
- Easy clean up with professional staff to help
- Please contact Annette Rosalia, Office Manager, at 516-883-3144 ext. 322, or by email arosalia@commsyn.org, to book your room and for more information.

THE PORT WASHINGTON ROSH CHODESH GROUP

Thursday, March 15, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
at Temple Beth Israel
with Rabbi Michael Mishkin

WHO IS RABBI AKIVA AND WHY DID HE PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN RABBINIC JUDAISM?

Born in the Land of Israel around the year 50 CE, Rabbi Akiva was the greatest rabbi of his time and one of the most important influences on Judaism as we know it today. Born in poverty, he became a scholar later in life. We know of his horrific death from the Martyrology service on Yom Kippur. He was executed by Roman authorities for teaching Torah in public. As he was dying, he recited the Shema. In this class we will look at the life of Rabbi Akiva and several of his most important teachings.

Next Meeting is 4/12/18 With Cantor Franco at TCS

ABOUT ROSH CHODESH:

A special day that Jewish feminists "reclaimed" for feminine spirituality. Tradition says that as a reward for our faithfulness, God gave women Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the new month, and even exempted us from our usual household duties. All are welcome! For more information contact Charlotte Cohen at chacohen02@gmail.com.

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- Individual Counseling Services – Short term counseling available

For more information and to set up a brief intake interview, contact, Michelle Laser, LCSW, Director of Social Services, 516-484-1545 ext. 200, mlaser@sjcc.org, 300 Forest Hill Drive, East Hills, NY 11548



DID YOU KNOW?

The Community Synagogue rents space to vendors. Please contact them directly if you are interested in participating in their programming.

The Community Synagogue does not endorse individual vendors or services.

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For families with young children (birth - age 5). Each class includes songs from one of Music Together's celebrated song collections. Sing Shalom classes are taught by Jewish educators and experienced Music Together teachers. Families will learn lots of ways to interact musically with their children, while supporting their development, strengthening family relationships, and helping them connect with the Jewish music tradition. Sing Shalom teachers offer parents, grandparents, and caregivers, a unique window into Jewish culture, introduce Hebrew words, and share information about other community events happening locally.

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45 minute classes teach a new song collection each semester geared to infants, toddlers & pre-schoolers. Music is learned through developmentally appropriate activities that support the unique learning styles. Classes include instruments, rhythm chants, movements and more.

Contact 516-442-0302 for more information.

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One that sows Tzedakah has a sure reward.

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Howard & Debbie Schiff In honor of Lucas Milgrim winning this year's Giraffe Award
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Stephen & Denise Silverstein In honor of Warren & Nina Bernstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Mirielle Simone Schwartz
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Steven & Judi Zarkin In memory of Edwin Zarkin (Yahrzeit)

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Shelley Roff In appreciation of the dedication of the bench in memory of Ted Roff
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Fred & Ann Axelrod In memory of Marilyn Blinksilver
Fred & Ann Axelrod In memory of Ralph Seltzer
Hal & Rochelle Lipton In memory of Abraham Rosenberg (Yahrzeit)
Hal & Rochelle Lipton In memory of Ruth Lipton (Yahrzeit)
Harold Warshay In memory of Doris Warshay (Yahrzeit)
Harvey & Barbara Fishman In memory of Bertha Witt
Harvey & Barbara Fishman In memory of David Solomon Fishman (Yahrzeit)
Howard & April Furst In memory of Annette Pomerance (Yahrzeit)
Howard & April Furst In memory of Verna Hoffnung (Yahrzeit)
Ira & Kathy Zankel In memory of Karl Zankel (Yahrzeit)
Jack & Betty Schwartz In memory of Irving Savitz (Yahrzeit)
Jack & Betty Schwartz In memory of Ruth Savitz (Yahrzeit)

Jack & Betty Schwartz In memory of Teri Weinstein (Yahrzeit)
Jaimison & JoBeth Roberts In memory of Ben Nussbaum (Yahrzeit)
Jeffrey & Joan Grant In memory of Anita and Martin Copell (Yahrzeit)
Joan Brenner In memory of Everett Brenner (Yahrzeit)
Jonathan & Kate Hirsch In memory of Ruth Hirsch (Yahrzeit)
Joseph Mirzoeff & Dana Friedman In memory of Zelda Friedman (Yahrzeit)
Josh & Jessica Rosenberg In memory of Irving Rosenberg (Yahrzeit)
Josh & Robin Milgrim In honor of Barton & Connee Sadowsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Sage
Josh & Robin Milgrim In memory of Ralph Seltzer
Joshua & Libby Posner In memory of Bernice R. Seltzer (Yahrzeit)
Joyce Cohen In honor of Andy & Amy Sirotkin on the engagement of their son, Danny, to Emily Ledner
Joyce Cohen In honor of Bari Ziegel and Len & Norma Ziegel on the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter, Mikki, to Jonathan Moul
Judith Shapiro In memory of Theodore Shapiro (Yahrzeit)
Karen Kline In honor of Fred Axelrod & Mark Eisenberg for the wonderful service.
Keith & Sara Kindler In memory of Clare Kindler (Yahrzeit)
Larry & Elaine Rothenberg In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Larry & Pam Tarica In honor of Blossom Miller on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Ella Abigail Sutton
Larry & Pam Tarica In honor of David & Anita Rabin-Havt on the birth of their grandson, Brady James
Larry & Pam Tarica In honor of David & Donna Stricker and Russell & Judy Thal on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Jackie, to Ross Cybul
Larry & Pam Tarica In honor of Warren & Nina Bernstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Mirielle Simone Schwartz
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Bertha Witt
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Marilyn Blinksilver
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Phyllis Manko
Larry & Pam Tarica In memory of Susan Levy
Lee Frankel In memory of Benjamin Goldstein (Yahrzeit)
Len & Norma Ziegel In honor of Ellen Savran on the birth of her granddaughter, Avigayil
Len & Norma Ziegel In honor of Rabbi Martin & Estelle Rozenberg on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lily Rae Zbeda
Len & Norma Ziegel In memory of Hyman Nemeth (Yahrzeit)
Len & Norma Ziegel In memory of Meyer Ziegel (Yahrzeit)

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Len & Norma Ziegel In memory of Minnie Ziegel (Yahrzeit)
Len & Norma Ziegel In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Leonard & Barbara Stein In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Lita Rudy In memory of Frederick Cohen, Helene Kunze (Yahrzeit)
Lucille Rabinowitz In memory of Pauline Alt (Yahrzeit)
Marcia Conescu In memory of Ruth Blumenfeld (Yahrzeit)
Marie Rautenberg In honor of Blossom Miller becoming a great-grandmother to Ella
Marie Rautenberg In memory of Phyllis Manko
Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of Barton & Connee Sadowsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Sage
Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of David & Donna Stricker on the engagement of their daughter, Jackie, to Ross Cybul
Mark & Jill Eisenberg In honor of Ellen Savran on the birth of her granddaughter, Avigayil
Maurice Mandel In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Maxine Stone In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Melvin & Gloria Fishman In memory of Louis Fishman (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Cheryl Mandelker In memory of Minnie Zoback (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Cynthia Rubinberg In memory of Phyllis Manko
Michael & Doreen Berne In memory of Ann Mergler's father
Michael & Doreen Berne In memory of Phyllis Manko
Michael & Doreen Berne In memory of Sue Schwartz Kuelzer (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Jill Bizenov In memory of Sandra Bizenov (Yahrzeit)
Michael & Serafima Shore In memory of Fran Shore (Yahrzeit)
Miles & Gloria Glantz In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Miles & Gloria Glantz Speedy recovery to Norma Ziegel
Morton & Lynda Schwartz In memory of Samuel Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Rose Dorner, Harry

Dorner, Miriam Bosch (Yahrzeit)
Dorothy Weintraub & Harold Sokoloff In memory of Phyllis Manko
Neil Seiden & Janet Wolf In honor of David & Donna Stricker on the engagement of their daughter, Jackie, to Ross Cybul
Neil Seiden & Janet Wolf In honor of Elliot & Meg Sealove on the engagement of their daughter, Gabby to Matthew Ball
Neil Seiden & Janet Wolf In memory of Ethel Seiden (Yahrzeit)
Ory & Mirella Giberstein In memory of Chana Giberstein (Yahrzeit)
Paul & Jill Fishbin In honor of Warren & Nina Bernstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Mirielle Simone Schwartz
Paul & Phyllis Kurland In memory of Annette Pfeffer (Yahrzeit)
Rachele Bodner In memory of Josef Aruch (Yahrzeit)
Richard & Joyce Bram In memory of Irving Bram (Yahrzeit)
Richard & Karen Dankner In memory of Bertha Witt
Richard Freedline In memory of Sidney Freedline, Simmie Dover, Philip Dover (Yahrzeit)
Rick & Lynn Sirow In memory of Doris Sirow, Melvin Sirow (Yahrzeit)
Rob Harrison & Sharon Kurtz In memory of Ralph Seltzer
Robert & Sally Corriel In memory of Max Corriel (Yahrzeit)
Ron & Eileen Brotman In memory of Betty Scher (Yahrzeit)
Ron & Eileen Brotman In memory of Rose Schechter and Anna Goldzweig (Yahrzeit)
Rudi & Janet de Winter In honor of Barton & Connee Sadowsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Lily Sage
Rudi & Janet de Winter In honor of Ellen Savran on the birth of her granddaughter, Avigayil
Rudi & Janet de Winter In honor of Rabbi Martin & Estelle Rozenberg on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lily Rae Zbeda
Russell & Judy Thal In honor of Robert & Randy Glasser on the marriage of their son, Eric, to Susan Aranoff
Sally Pass In memory of Benjamin Yurman (Yahrzeit)
Sally Pass In memory of Eva Yurman (Yahrzeit)
Seena Lewis In honor of Elliot & Meg Sealove on the

engagement of their daughter, Gabby, to Matthew Ball
Seena Lewis In honor of Richard & Karen Dankner on the marriage of their son, Robert, to Lauren Coppola
Seena Lewis In memory of Sidney Lobel (Yahrzeit)
Seth Ader & Dawn Berkowitz-Ader In memory of Eleanor Marcus
Shelly & Deborah Gruber In memory of Jack Gruber (Yahrzeit)
Stephen & Denise Silverstein In honor of Keivan & Thea Farhadian on the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Gayle Krebs
Steve Gottlieb In memory of Ellanna Gottlieb (Yahrzeit)
Steven & Judi Zarkin In appreciation of Dorette & Peter Forman for their gracious hospitality
Steven & Judi Zarkin In honor of Jack Mandel's birthday
Susan Kaufman In memory of Allen Schiff (Yahrzeit)
Todd & Wendy Sinett In memory of Seymour Goldfond
Victor & Loretta Kaufman In memory of Sadie Everett (Yahrzeit)
Victor & Loretta Kaufman In memory of Stanley Everett (Yahrzeit)

THEATER FUND

Evan & JB Mallah In memory of Claire Newman
Joel & Jane Ronis In memory of Bertha Witt
Mark & Jill Eisenberg In memory of Fay Taylor Holtzman & Herbert B. Holtzman (Yahrzeit)

TZEDAKAH SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Lucy Davidson In memory of Ellanna Gottlieb (Yahrzeit)
Michael Alfano & Jodi Okun-Alfano In honor of Andy & Amy Sirotkin on the engagement of their son, Danny, to Emily Ledner
Michael Alfano & Jodi Okun-Alfano In memory of Theo Rothman
Michael Alfano & Jodi Okun-Alfano In memory of Seymour Goldfond
Michael Molk In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter

YAHREIT PLAQUES

Caryn Ronis & Rafael Alarcon in memory of Kurt Ronis.

IN CASE OF A DEATH

Whatever time of the day or night, when a death of a member or their loved one occurs, The Community Synagogue should be called (516-883-3144).

If someone is not immediately available, a message on our answering machine will direct you to one of our Rabbis or to our Cantor. If a death occurs at night, please note that arrange-

ments for funerals cannot be made until the next day, although the funeral home of your choice (which you should call directly) can pick up the deceased at any hour. If you are in need of support and counsel at any time, call our clergy.

If you would like any of our clergy to officiate, please do not make final funeral arrangements until confirming the details with one of the Rabbis or Cantor to insure their availability.



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"If You See Something, Say Something"

Friday, April 20, 6:30 PM

**"Resilience and Resistance -
Keeping the Struggle Alive"**

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM

"Between the Stones and the Hard Place"

Sunday, April 22, 9:00 AM

Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, guides IRAC in its work to promote Jewish pluralism, tolerance, and equality and to combat racism, corruption, and religious coercion.