FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY
Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz

WHY SHABBAT MATTERS
Two thousand years ago, a number of Latin authors ridiculed the Jewish people for their observance of Shabbat, particularly for giving a day of rest to their slaves and animals. To take a day off was, in their view, an indication of laziness. This view of the primacy of being continually industrious, ever making money continues to be a compelling notion.

We may have turned our back on enslaving others, but we have allowed ourselves to become enslaved to our technology. With the rise of the Internet and smartphone – it is even easier to never turn “off.” In a recent article in The Atlantic Jean M. Twenge, a widely published professor of psychology, writes about the mental health crisis in this country, particularly among

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THRIVING SYNAGOGUE SURVEY RESULTS
By Ann Axelrod

And the survey says…

Thank you to all our congregants who took the time last fall to complete the “Thriving Synagogue Survey,” a program sponsored by UJA-Federation of NY and offered to the synagogue at no cost. We were one of twenty synagogues in the New York area who participated in this project.

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WHAT WAS A TRAGEDY IS NOW UNCONSCIONABLE
By Roy Smitheimer

Tuesday, March 6, 1943, was the 75th anniversary of my uncle’s death. The uncle I never met and for whom I am named. He was killed tragically in a gun accident. He died in his father’s arms on the way to the hospital. He was nine years old, ten days short of his tenth birthday.

Fifty years ago (June 1968), my 39 year old mother wrote her Congressman, Lester Wolff (3rd CD-NY) to advocate for effective gun control legislation. She told the story of her brother and placed the blame on the lack of any gun restrictions on the NRA.

Late into the evening of this past Valentine’s Day, my 16 year old daughter came to me hysterically crying and all shaken up as she had just viewed several videos taken by high school students, her same age, as the massacre was taking place at

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FIT

In March, I visited several colleges with my youngest son Kenny. As with all my other children, we began the college search process by sitting down and identifying all the features that are important to Kenny in selecting a college. We created a spreadsheet and included features like: size, geographic location, physical space/campus, diverse academic offerings, athletics, school spirit, clubs/activities, Jewish life, cost, and finally “fit.”

After we finished our long list, Kenny felt a bit overwhelmed and reached out to his older siblings to ask, “How will I know which school is the right one for me?” They each replied with the same answer: “You will know when you walk on campus, it will just feel right (and don’t let Mom make you crazy in the process.)”

I believe the college selection process is very similar to selecting a synagogue. There are so many excellent choices and the decision is ultimately about what features are most important to you. As a large, diverse congregation, we recognize our members have unique needs and prioritize different attributes. Some of you may have originally joined for the Early Childhood Center or Religious School, others because of our Clergy, proximity to your home or because your friends are here. Regardless of what initially brought you to The Community Synagogue, we are grateful for your membership and hope we are satisfying your needs and that you feel “at home” when you walk in the door.

In October/November our synagogue participated in a comprehensive survey, “The Thriving Synagogue Learning Tool,” to help assess how we are doing in various aspects of synagogue life. The survey looked at 6 different dimensions or features of “thriving” and compared us to 20 other synagogues from the New York metropolitan area. These dimensions included: sense of belonging, leadership, sacred purpose, connected community, operations/facility and outward facing (being a part of the larger community). The data is robust and provides a snapshot of what features are most important to you and how we are doing on each.

In general, the results indicate we are doing extremely well on many features of thriving and that there is much to be proud of. However, there are also a few key areas for improvement that we will be focusing on.

In the coming months we will be sharing more in-depth details about these results and how we will be using them to guide future decision making, prioritization, strengthen programming and ultimately build a stronger more inclusive community. But, I am excited to share that this important work has already begun and includes:

- working with many of our existing committees including our Membership and Inclusion committees to build engagement, a greater sense of belonging and to ensure that all feel welcome
- launching a new Visioning Taskforce which has identified four strategic areas of focus to help build a more secure and responsive community for long term thriving: Engagement, Communication, Education/Programming and Finance/Administration

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young people, that began about 2012. Rates of reported depression, loneliness and suicide suddenly skyrocketed. What happened? It was the moment, she claims, when the proportion of Americans who owned a smartphone surpassed 50 percent. Cell phones – and the attendant use of social media – seems to not be actually bringing people together. At least for a particular generation, it is creating more loneliness and is leading to greater unhappiness. Technological advances are a double-edged sword. Modernity gives us longer lives, greater health, more choices and freedoms, but the demands of a modern consumerist society does not guarantee a deeper sense of meaning, purpose or place.

This is where Shabbat becomes so profoundly important – an ancient idea with a distinctly modern benefit. The reason is that Shabbat is based in the belief in several key ideas:

• First, we human beings have tremendous power on this earth, but it is not unlimited. We are part of God’s creation – and so must be more humble and take less.

• Second, that there is a moral good in rest. To take one day to recharge and renew is not “laziness” as our enemies once misinterpreted, but a gift that actually makes us more productive the other 6/7ths of our lives.

• Third, Shabbat makes the claim that connecting to the spiritual wisdom of the ages – to stop for prayer, to carve out time to eat and be with family or friends, to study and to not just recreate (for “fun”), but to seek a way to re-create ourselves – will lead to greater satisfaction.

It is for that reason that some who are not traditionally observant of Jewish tradition have re-focused attention on Shabbat. One of the most innovative suggestions comes from a group that has issued a “Shabbat Manifesto” (see the box on the side of this page). If you feel your life is too meshuga, too nutty and crazy, I recommend you to it.

Shabbat forces me to slow down. It reminds me that I am not fully in control. It gives me the opportunity to just “be” instead of to “do”. And, yes, I think it makes me happier and more balanced by connecting me to God and those I love.

It is for this reason that we have limits on what we do and allow ourselves to do here in our synagogue on Shabbat. It is because Shabbat is so important that we have B’nai Mitzvah only on Shabbat mornings – the time when we join communally, to share each other’s joys and sorrows, rather than at a time when there would be only a private (or invitee-only) celebration. To indicate the importance of Shabbat is the reason that as clergy we do not officiate at weddings until the sun has set. To differentiate Shabbat I avoid texting, email and regular meetings, except in the case of the most difficult and pressing issues. I know that my observance is not traditional, but I hope you can understand why I do what I do, seeking to balance the Torah’s command to not only “guard”, but “remember” Shabbat.

Shabbat is the unique and glorious gift that the Jewish people and faith have given the world. It has also been given to you. It may not solve all the ills of our contemporary over-connected life, but it can teach us the skills to moderate what we do, to choose to control our technology and so it does not control (or enslave) us.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION

BY ROBYN SEMILOF

My son, Miles, is a nine-year-old boy on the autism spectrum. For years Miles watched his two older sisters attend Religious School and over time, Miles became interested in attending Religious School as well. Last year Miles started the Efshar program, an adaptive Hebrew school class for children with special needs. After attending only once, Miles was hooked. He could not wait to go back the following Thursday to see his new friends, teacher Karen Schier, and three amazing volunteer high school students.

Miles really enjoyed his first year at Religious School and looked forward to returning in the fall.

As parents of a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), we have always been aware of the importance for Miles to interact with typical children. These interactions provide opportunities for him to learn social skills that he could incorporate into his life.

As Miles’ language grew, along with his desire to interact with peers and other members of his community, we knew we needed to find an appropriate setting in which he could do this. The Community Synagogue Religious School seemed like the perfect place, but we were not sure exactly how we could execute the plan.

I reached out to Shari Isserles, Director of Education, who was immediately on board with ideas and suggestions as to how we could make this situation work for Miles. For the next four months Miles attended Nina’s typical Religious School class, along with the additional help of his home services teacher, an hour before his Efshar class begins.

His time at Religious School on Thursday’s has grown and Miles has befriended several new people. He has become very invested in his time at the synagogue and enjoys attending family services whenever he can. Words can not express the gratitude we feel to those involved in Miles’ life at The Community Synagogue, a place that has come to be so special and comfortable for him.

The education plan designed for Miles is an excellent example of inclusion based on a students specific needs and abilities. It was an easy decision when I was approached to join the Inclusion Committee. I knew this was something I wanted to be a part of. I am excited to see how far we can expand the knowledge and awareness of inclusion within The Community Synagogue.

INCLUSION COMMITTEE

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Marcie Zack and Marvin Makofsky from Plant-a-Row for donating their beautiful hand-painted vegetable pots to our synagogue and for providing us with the opportunity to grow vegetables for those in need.
THANKS FOR SHARING WITH US WHAT YOU *REALLY* THINK!

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Because of your participation, we were able to see a comprehensive snapshot of our congregation and learn how you felt about synagogue leadership, sacred purpose, communications, engagement and many other key areas. In short, it is this data that will help us set priorities for improvement and obtain the future to which we aspire.

Based on the respondent results, and in comparison to the other synagogues in the survey, The Community Synagogue is thriving! We have a growing membership, the synagogue is alive with activities and there is great promise for the future. Participants feel a commitment to and affection for the congregational community, the synagogue and the Jewish life and learning that takes place. We also identified areas for improvement and growth.

When looking more closely at the results, there are six dimensions of thriving, and in future issues of Connections, we'll be delving deeper into each of these areas, sharing with you our successes, our areas of action and what leadership is doing to address areas of improvement.

As a start, we are sharing the results of three of the “thriving dimensions,” Belonging, Leadership and Purpose. Based on your input, there are areas that we can celebrate 😊, and other areas that require action 😞.

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ISRAEL JOURNEY FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS—FEBRUARY 14 - 24, 2019

With Rabbi Z, Cantor Franco and Shari Isserles

The trip is scheduled to go! There is now limited space available. Go to our website for all the trip details. www.commsyn.org. If this trip sells out, then names will be taken for a waiting list.
This is what participating in the March For Our Lives with The Community Synagogue meant to us:

"Among the corruption and devastation that we’re so often overwhelmed by, it was inspiring to remember that so soon the voices of our generation will be reflected in the polls. The March For Our Lives was only the beginning, and I feel empowered to be a part of this cause.”

_Hannah Hirsch, 16 years of age_

I felt strongly about attending the March For Our Lives event because I believed it was my obligation to promote change to improve our society. I was struck by the unity of the attendees that put political differences aside to focus on being a force for change.

_Michael Friedland, 16 years of age_

“I thought marching was an unbelievable experience. It really showed me that no matter my age, I can still make a difference in the world.”

_Bailey Lipset, 17 years of age_

“Being able to participate in the March For Our Lives was life changing and so empowering. Seeing kids my age speak up and stand up to Congress is something so unique and it made me want to continue the fight. I don’t want to be scared to walk into my school anymore. Change needs to happen.”

_Emma Goldman, 17 years of age_

“It’s so empowering to see how many teenagers and people in general want to make a difference, and to realize that with enough persistence, we can make a change.”

_Josh Friedland, 17 years of age_

**MARCH FOR OUR LIVES EXPERIENCE**

**BY ROY SMITHEIMER**

On Saturday, March 24th, our synagogue sent a full bus of adults and teens to the March For Our Lives in Washington, D.C. My daughter, Ariel, and I were on board for this ride into history. It was an absolutely incredible experience. The detailed planning from the Zeplowitz family including Abigail, Anne and Rabbi Z; Lindsay Ganci, Director of Youth Engagement; the POWTY teen leaders and the adult leaders made it a seamless trip. Everything, from the bagels to snacks to prepaid metro cards to The Community Synagogue T-shirts to a spot-on Shabbat morning service, was all part of the magic.

And, then there were the heartfelt, emotional speeches from the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School students and others from across our nation who have lost friends and loved ones to gun violence. The six and a half minutes of deafening silence by Emma Gonzalez during her time at the podium. The six and a half minutes being the exact time it took for the shooter to kill fourteen students, three teachers and wound countless more with his AR-15. The March was summed up by 9-year old Yolanda Renee King, the eldest granddaughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., “I have a dream that enough is enough and that this should be a gun-free world, period. Spread the word! Have you heard? All across the nation, we are going to be a great generation!”

Our children will lead the way!
OUR HOLOCAUST TORAH SCROLL # 597

BY GEORGIA DEYOUNG

TORAH SCROLL MST #597 is a story of perseverance and life. It was written in 1885 (now 133 years old). It is one of 1,564 Torah scrolls that were saved from the Destroyed Jewish communities of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia (1939-1945).

In March, 1939, the Nazis took over this area. First, they passed a series of very oppressive laws making daily life extremely hard for Jews. In 1940 the Nazis seized the properties of the Jews and then prevented praying and all religious observance. In Czechoslovakia there were 2,000 Jewish communities both large and small. Our Torah may have been used on Shabbat in one of those destroyed small communities. The Nazis collected thousands of Jewish artifacts and brought them to Prague.

Czech Torah “MST#597” was one of 141 selected scrolls that were sent to the Pinkas Synagogue which became a collection point in Prague. One of Prague’s most famous synagogues, the Pinkas, can be traced to the 15th century. Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel of this period was a leading rabbi, Talmudic scholar and creator of the story, “The Golem.” He was known as the “Maharal” (our teacher) of Prague.* The Pinkas synagogue was restored in the 1950s, and today is a memorial to the 77,297 Jews of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia who perished in the Holocaust.

During the 1960’s, a group of dedicated Jews of the Westminster Synagogue in London, England, formed a trust, The Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST), to rescue and restore these “forgotten” holy scrolls. Their mission was to offer them to living synagogues all over the world to preserve the chain of tradition.

In 1968, our Rabbi Martin Rozenberg arranged for The Community Synagogue to acquire MST#597. He and his wife, Estelle, traveled to London to receive it and on their return flight, MST#597 was assigned its own seat. The TCS bulletin of April 25, 1969 announced that a gift of a Holocaust Torah was presented to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Weston in honor of their children, Evan, Joyce and Risa. 1991-1992 the Torah was repaired by the Sofer, Neal Yurman. In June 2009 Sofer Rabbi Druin examined the Torah to confirm the identification based on its unique characteristics. In it the Hebrew letters, א and י are slightly different following the style of the 16th century rabbi Maharal of Prague. Stitching between the pieces of parchment is a double-loop style unique to the Czech lands.

“We remain honored to house this special Torah in our ark on behalf of an anonymous community”, Rabbi Zeplowitz. During the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 2018, a special program is being planned with “our” Czech Torah.

WELCOME RABBI YAIR TOBIAS APRIL 20 - MAY 3

Rabbi Yair (Yaya) Tobias was born and raised in a small kibbutz called Yahel, situated in the southern most part of Israel. He visited Port Washington and The Community Synagogue during High Holidays of 2016, along with his wife, Mor, and his daughter, Béeri Miryam, and is returning to us from April 20 - May 3.

After he was ordained last year as an Israeli Reform Rabbi he moved to Kibbutz Kfar Haruv in the Golan Heights, where his second daughter, Eliya Ziv, was born.

Rabbi Yair is currently a Reform Rabbi in Sovev Kinneret (Sea of Galilee area), where he works with local communities to curate a meaningful and lively liberal and open Jewish life. These include Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday evening) services and a Beit Midrash (Jewish learning about life and year cycles) for those ranging in age from High School students to the elderly residents of the communities.

He also works in a unique institute called Midreshet HaShilav—which literally means, “Integration Learning—Place,” which doesn’t translate well into English. It is the first, and possibly only, gender inclusive inter-denominational yeshiva for young adults (ages 18-23) in Israel. The students study in the Beit Midrash for almost twenty hours a day—Jewish sources for learning include (Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Hebrew Literature, halakhic or legal literature and more), as well as general studies (philosophy, literature, history, sociology and psychology). The students create their own curriculum and their learning is guided, but mostly self or peer taught. Rabbi Yair is the head of the Philosophy and Literature Class, and also teaches Mishna and Modern Jewish thought.

Rabbi Yair is very much looking forward to once again visiting The Community Synagogue and getting to know our congregation. He is also looking forward to opportunities to learn from our inspiring clergy, as well as have the privilege to teach and share more about his life as a Reform rabbi in Israel.
Don’t be left out! Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue is delighted to sponsor a Rosh Hashanah greeting card to be sent to all members of the congregation, ECC families, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, friends and clergy. Last year’s card included the names of many of our Community Synagogue families. We hope you will become a part of this Community Synagogue tradition.

Our goal is for this Rosh Hashanah card to carry the name of every Community Synagogue family.

Don’t be left out...Pay online at www.commsyn.org or send your $18 check (made payable to Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue) with this form to Bari Ziegel, 37 Lewis Lane, Port Washington, NY 11050.

An example of a listing is: Joan and Scott Schwartz
Jason and Julie

☐ Please include my listing from last year.

Our listing should read: __________________________________________________________

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Your family listing can be a maximum of 2 lines with a maximum of 25 characters (spaces included).

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Phone_________________________________________________________ Email ____________________________________________
PURIM SHALACH MANOT BASKET PROGRAM – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our congregants and ECC families who participated in our Purim Basket program this year! We assembled 180 baskets and the project was a huge success!

Special thanks to the following people who helped assemble and distribute the baskets and to Leslie Lifson and Renee Laffer for baking hamantaschen with the kids.

Ann Axelrod
Elaine Byron
Julie Epstein
Anne Floch
Naomi Gardberg
Bea Helft
Sharen Kam
Andrea Kantor
Adrienne Lieberman
Shanti Sax
Karen Seltzer
Adrienne Taub-Kane
Margaret Werner
Claudia Wojtowicz
Bari Ziegel
Norma Ziegel
Lori Zlotoff

REFLECTIONS ON BEING 52
WITH REGARD TO THE APRIL 27 SHABBAT SERVICE HONORING CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS 36+ YEARS

BY STAN RONELL

No, this is not my age. It is the number of years that Eileen and I have been members of The Community Synagogue. We joined the synagogue just before the Six-Day War in Israel. Our first worship service was Rosh Hashanah. Rabbi Martin Rozenberg preached on the victory by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and what that victory will portend for Israel. That was the beginning of our journey at TCS. What followed can only be described as an inspirational and enriching experience in Judaism.

That experience was having our children Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmed. Not to be outdone by them, and not being able to experience this rite of passage as a Holocaust survivor, I became an adult Bar Mitzvah and a confirmand. It didn’t take too much to persuade Rabbi Rozenberg to confirm our adult B’nai Mitzvah group. The first adult ones to be confirmed! Our journey included so many wonderful events, such as Bazaar, Sunday brunches with stimulating speakers, cooking being prepared by Brotherhood, social celebrations, Brotherhood’s bowling league, delivering Passover packages to needy Jews in Williamsburg, and a host of others which spawned deep and lasting friendships. How can one forget the enlightening monthly sessions held in our respective homes, with one of our rabbis, under the premise of “everything you ever wanted to ask the rabbi but were afraid to ask.”

I would be remiss not to mention our trip to Israel in 1974. It was “born” at an earner’s function in Nat Hess’s home. To celebrate the success of Bazaar, an earner’s social was held at the synagogue, replete with dinner and dancing, usually preceded with a cocktail hour in a congregants’ home. Nat Hess, a founding member of our synagogue was an ardent and passionate supporter of Israel. He even had an apartment in Tel Aviv. So he and I got talking about Israel and this is what he told me, “If there is nothing else which you intend to do with your life, visit Israel.” Two days later I booked our trip.

This reflection must pay tribute to Claire Weisman (z”l) and Joyce Mandel (z”l) who were Sisterhood presidents during my term as Brotherhood president. Partnering with these two incredible human beings during their respective term of office was nothing short of a blessing.

My reflection would not be complete without acknowledging my musically filled decades in the choir. These years were made so marvelously rewarding in no small measure by our past Cantor, Jacob Yaron, of blessed memory, his mellifluous voice and non-stop humor and of course our present beloved Cantor Claire Franco. So there you have it my friends. A snippet of our fifty two years at our ‘home away from home,’ The Community Synagogue.
COOKING FUN FOR ALL AGES!

We had such a delicious March with our cooking workshops for kids and adults. We worked with amazing and creative chef Michal Cohen of Noshpitality. Parents, grandparents and children joined together to bake in the Babka Workshop. We mixed and stirred and rolled, and each family went home with babka to enjoy.

At our adult Passover Workshop, we got our hands dirty as we learned unique new recipes and modern twists on old favorites to bring to our seders. Be on the lookout for more cooking workshops in partnership with Noshpitality!

As we come to the end of another fantastic year of POWTY youth programs for 4-12th graders, we have lots to celebrate, much still to do and even more to look forward to!

Each year The POWTY Foundation is hosts a very meaningful program, the **POWTY Foundation 5778 Check Ceremony**. Together with family and friends, our Jewish teen philanthropists celebrate their year of learning and justice seeking, and most importantly, formally fulfill grants to the organizations of their choosing.

This year the students selected two amazing nonprofit organizations, the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) and the GCBGC (Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club).

For the first time in the Foundation’s history, the Check Ceremony is hosted offsite and the youths mission to pursue justice will be fulfilled through action. Our youth, along with members of the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club, perform **tikkun olam**, serving the community at the INN while celebrating their vision and accomplishments this year.

The event is hosted at the Mary Brennan INN, 100 Madison Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550 on **Thursday, May 17, 6:00 pm**.

Before they wrap up the year at the end of May, POWTY will elect their 5779 Executive Board, as well as install the Board at large! 8-12th graders, watch your email inbox for a specific date and time of the election. Plan to attend the elections & installation, be a part of writing a POWTY story, and leave your mark on the youth community you love!

Throughout this past year, JPOW, MPOW & POWTY programming has opened the minds and enriched the souls of more than 200 of our synagogue’s youth—some of which include our tikkun olam projects, the Civil Rights Journey, March for Our Lives protest, Shabbat, Teen Tuesdays, holiday cooking and so much more!

We are looking forward to another amazing year in 5779!
Spring has sprung and the ECC is full of excitement! So many wonderful events have happened and we are now gearing up for summer.

Once we returned from our Passover break, the children got into the spirit of celebrating Israel’s Birthday, Yom Ha’Atzmaut. The children’s classroom celebrations engaged all their senses by tasting Israeli food, listening to Israeli music, exploring the mud from the Dead Sea and seeing images of our beautiful State of Israel.

“Stepping out Ponies” is always a huge success. The ECC grounds will be transformed into a farm. The children get to feed and pet various animals and even have a pony ride. What could be better? Well, then there is the much anticipated Truck Day! I guarantee if you ask an ECC child what their favorite truck is, I bet the reaction would be unanimous—the ice cream truck!

Our year would not be complete without two very special events. First we always take time to honor and appreciate our amazing teachers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the school year. We honor them at a special luncheon and Shabbat service.

Secondly, we honor our four-year-olds at the end of the school year with the “Moving up Celebration” ceremony marking a tremendous milestone in their lives.

Administration
• creating a new task-force to better address the needs of growing interfaith families and the role of the non-Jew in our community.

As you can see, there are many exciting changes taking place. You told us what you think, and we heard you. If you are interested in getting more involved or want to share anything you like or don’t like, we want to know. In the end, our primary goal is to connect with each of you individually, make you feel important, welcome and “at home.” Similar to the college selection process, there are many choices available, and we are incredibly grateful you have chosen to be part of our synagogue. We hope that when you walk through our doors, you feel that special feeling in your gut and know that you made the right choice.

Susan Flanagan-Herman
Director of the Early Childhood Center
Marjorie Stoneman Douglas HS in Parkland, Florida. We all got to witness what it is like to be inside a killing zone when you are fired upon in an active shooting scene. There was blood all over the place and dead students lying on the floor.

What happened to my uncle was a tragedy. What is happening today is unconscionable. Assault weapons of any kind—semi-automatic or automatic—should not be allowed in our civilian population. No space is safe. No one is safe. Fifty years from the date my mother wrote her congressman, deaths from guns, especially from assault-type weapons, is exponentially worse.

I write this not as an attack on our Second Amendment or to impinge on Second Amendment rights. I write as someone who was an elected civilian Police Commissioner (Port Washington, NY), an EMT, as someone who earned NRA .22 Rifle Marksmanship Certificates as a 13 year old, learned to shoot 12 gauge shotguns for skeet shooting in college and fired off 9mm hand guns at the Nassau County Police Range as part of my Commissioner’s orientation.

Noted conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia who wrote the majority opinion in District of Columbia v. Heller, opined that regulation of gun ownership was compatible with the Second Amendment and that the "limitation is fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of dangerous and unusual weapons." He further wrote, "that weapons most useful in military service–M-16 rifles and the like - may be banned." The AR-15 is the civilian equivalent to the M-16.

On March 24th, my daughter and I took up the torch passed onto us by my mother so long ago. We marched in Washington D.C., along with the survivors of the Parkland HS carnage, demanding Congress and the President act to initiate universal background checks and to ban semi-assault weapons and bump stocks. My mother passed away 10 1/2 years ago, but her legacy and the senseless, tragic death of my uncle will live on. May they rest in peace and their memories be a guiding beacon of light for a safer tomorrow.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LISA ROTH

Lisa has been a member of The Community Synagogue her entire life and became a Bat Mitzvah here too!

Living and raising kids in Port Washington, The Community Synagogue is like a second home to her! She loves the fact that her children are getting their Jewish education at the same place that she did!

Starting with the Early Childhood Center she has been involved in various volunteer roles. This past year she became more involved and took an active role as a member of the search committees for both our new Rabbi and the Director of the ECC, and found it to be both interesting and rewarding. She also a co-chaired the 65th Anniversary Gala held in January 2018.

In addition to being a stay at home mom, she is a freelance music rights and clearances specialist, working with artists such as Cher, The Rolling Stones, Celine Dion and most recently Tony Bennett.
The Community Synagogue Theater Company presents the Tony Award-winning musical *Fiddler on the Roof* May 3-6 at the Sands Point Preserve Black Box Theater, located at 127 Middle Neck Road. Performances will be held Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 6th at 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

Fiddler is a celebration of life and its challenges. Trying to balance life - like a fiddler on a roof - Teyye attempts to hold onto his traditions despite sweeping social change that is upsetting his family values while threatening his town’s very existence.

The CSTC show is being put on by a creative team, cast, musicians and crew drawn from all over New York City and Long Island. The musical is directed by Matt DeLuca and features Steve Brustein as Teyye. TCSTC’s creative team includes original choreography by Sarah Lifson and musical direction by Michael Janover. The cast also includes Caryn Ronis as Golde, Lexee McEntee as Tzeitel, Lori Zlotoff as Yente, and Rob Neil as Motel.

Tickets are available online at [www.commsyn.org](http://www.commsyn.org) or can be purchased by emailing theatercompany@commsyn.org.

**INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN ISRAELI “GAP YEAR” TEEN?**

**How long do the Shinshinim stay with the host families?**
Each year, the *Shinshinim* have three host families, mid-August through mid-December, mid-December through mid-April and mid-April through mid-August.

**What kind of house is ideal for the Shinshinim?**
We are looking for families or houses who have people who are passionate about Israel and want to create a deeper connection to the Jewish State. The ideal situation is a house with a family who has middle school and/or high school students. This will give the *Shinshinim* the ability to make an impact on the parents, as well as the teens. We are also open to Empty Nesters, who may be looking to bring a young Israeli to their household. Since we need 30 host families for next year, we will be allowing Israeli American families to also become host families.

**What are the requirements of the host family?**
The main requirement that we have is that the Shinshinim have their own bedroom. We also ask families to provide food for the Shinshinim. Most days, the Shinshinim are out from around 9am-8pm, with their off days being most Fridays and Saturdays. The JCC fully takes care of the Shinshinim regarding cars, gas, insurance, etc. Host families do not need to spend any money on those essentials. Additionally, we want the host families to be around the entire time of their stay, meaning that they should not choose a tri-mester where they have a two-week trip out of the county.

**If I think I am interested, what is the next step?**
Contact Rabbi Z at rabbiz@commsyn.org or Shari Isserles at shari@commsyn.org
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.

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NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN TRIP
Wednesday, May 23, 10:00 AM
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CHAVERIM MEMBERSHIP
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Thursday, May 17, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Rabbi Sam Pollak at The Community Synagogue

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ABOUT ROSH CHODESH:
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BROTHERHOOD IN THE HOOD

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

SCOTCH & SACRED TEXTS
Thursday, May 10, 7:30 PM off-site

MAY MEETING
Monday, May 14, 8:00 PM

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Monday, May 28

BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, June 1, 8:00 PM

JUNE MEETING
Monday, June 4, 8:00 PM

SECOND BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, June 6, from 5 – 9 PM

ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD DINNER
Thursday, June 14, 6:30 PM off-site

92nd ST Y PROGRAMMING
Our final programs for the season. Single tickets 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.

CHARLES BRONFMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN: “BALANCING FAITH, FAMILY AND A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS EMPIRE”
Wednesday, May 2, 8:00 PM

How do you balance faith, family and a multibillion-dollar business empire?
Charles Bronfman, heir to the Seagram's distilling fortune, answers that question in his powerful new memoir, Distilled. From his ownership of baseball’s Montreal Expos to his philanthropic support of Israel to the family crisis that followed the sale of Seagram’s, Bronfman offers a rare look inside his life as a global influencer.

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

The volatility of politics in the United States and Europe, the rise of authoritarian ideologies and governments, the ferocity of the debates about immigration and difference, the new faces of anti-Semitism and xenophobia: these momentous and unsettling developments have enormous implications for Jews in the West. How should American Jewry make sense of these changes?

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP
Brotherhood needs your energy, your participation, and your financial support to make the coming year more successful than the last. Annual membership dues for Brotherhood are Regular Membership = $ 45, Silver Membership = $ 75 (includes two 92Y tickets), Gold Membership = $ 120 (includes four 92Y tickets) Brotherhood membership is free for one year for new members. Go to The Community Synagogue website at www.commsyn.org/Brotherhood/ Join today!
EVENTS AND MEETINGS

TORAH STUDY WITH WOMEN’S TORAH COMMENTARY & SHABBAT LUNCHEON SUPPORTING THE YES FUND
Saturday, May 12, 9:00 AM
Rabbi Naamah Kelman will be teaching Torah Study and will be our guest speaker, along with her husband, Dr. Elan Ezrachi, at the luncheon and will speak about what the Reform Movement in Israel has spearheaded and about Israeli society. She was the first woman Reform Rabbi ordained in Israel, and is the niece of the founding president of The Community Synagogue, Nat Hess. At the luncheon we will celebrate two special Sisterhood board members, Julie Epstein and Margaret Werner, as we welcome them as part of Am Yisrael, the Jewish people. The luncheon is a fundraiser for the Women of Reform Judaism YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund, which provides reform Jewish institutions and individuals worldwide with the tools necessary for religious, social, and educational growth and enhances Jewish life by supporting clergy, cultivating women's leadership, advocating for social justice, providing programming, and offering support.

The Shabbat luncheon is being supported by a generous grant from the Women of Reform Judaism. RSVP at commsyn.org.

CHANGE YOUR HABITS, CHANGE YOUR LIFE
Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 PM
Dr. Sylvie Heyman, a Community Synagogue member, will be offering a talk on “Change Your Habits, Change Your Life” from her recently published a book, Make It a Habit! Creating Health and Happiness for your Body, Mind, and Spirit. Would you like to exercise regularly, eat more mindfully, sleep better, procrastinate less, get rid of clutter, and decrease stress? Then this talk and her book are for you!

SISTERHOOD GAMES DAY - A BIG SUCCESS!

Sisterhood’s Mah Jongg and Canasta Games Day, on March 14, was another success. Ladies noshed on bagels, generously donated by Bagel Boss, enjoyed several rounds of Mah Jongg, Canasta, and even a little Rummikub was played. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners including the winner of the highly coveted Woodloch Spa getaway. Looking forward to next year.

DELICIOUS PASSOVER COOKING

Under the expert tutelage of Bhavani Jaroff of iEatGreen, the wonderful women of Sisterhood learned some fresh, delicious and organic recipes for our seder table. From handmade matzoh, to butternut squash mezze to red snapper - everything was magnificent!
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Lita Rudy In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
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Ronald & Susanne Fein In memory of Rochelle Fein (Yahrzeit)
Scott & Gillian Shafranek In memory of Henry Erlich Baskets
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Stan Merjan In honor of Arthur Cohen's 90th Birthday
Stan Merjan In memory of Rudolph "Rudi" de Winter
Steven & Janice Friedman In memory of Howard Friedman and Belle March (Yahrzeit)
Susan and Steven Solomon In memory of Stanley Wallach

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Allan & Fran Goldberg In memory of Steven Goldberg
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Richard & Arlee Weiss In memory of Fred D. Feldman (Yahrzeit)

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Dan & Esther Tanenbaum In memory of Ralph Seltzer
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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 our Cantor. If a death occurs at night, please note that arrangements 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.

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY
Tzedakah April - June
DOROT is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to alleviate social isolation and provide concrete services to older adults. For more than four decades, DOROT has been an innovative leader in the fields of aging services and volunteerism. DOROT’s diverse set of programs, as well as our focus on providing intergenerational connections to seniors, has ensured that DOROT’s clients have access to the resources they need to age with dignity, independence, and grace.

Cash donations (bills and coins) can be made at the synagogue in the main lobby tzedakah box.

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Neil & Jan Silverstein In memory of Stanley Wallach
Steven Slutsky & Marjorie Yelon-Slutsky In memory of Stanley Wallach

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

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Shabbat on the Lawn
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 6:30 PM SERVICE, 7:45 PM DINNER
Rain date June 15

Join us on the beautiful back lawn for services and a Pot Luck BBQ Dinner, with Oneg to follow.