New Member/Sponsor Events

Gift Membership participants and their sponsors will attend at least three of the following events:

- **2nd Shabbes Family Services** at 6:30 pm on Fridays, 9/7 (Shabbat in the Tent), 10/12, 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10 and 6/7 (1 hour)
- **Shabbat Rocks Services** on Fridays, 10/5 (6:30 pm), 11/16 (8:00 pm), 12/14 (8:00 pm), 1/18 (8:00 pm), 3/22 (6:30 pm), 4/5 (6:30 pm), 5/10 (6:30 pm) and 6/7 (6:30 pm) (1 hour)
- **Tot Shabbat Services** at 5:30 pm on Fridays, 10/19, 1/11, 3/15, 5/17 (20 minute service, followed by supper and a craft – approximately 1 hour in total)
- **Family Challah Braiding** at 4:00 pm on Fridays, 10/26 and 2/1 (45 minutes)
- **PJ Storytime** at 9:00 am on Sundays, 10/14, 12/2, 2/3 and 4/14 (45 minutes)

- **Raise the Sukkah**
  Sunday, September 23 – 10:00 am
- **Decorate the Sukkah**
  Sunday, September 23–4:30 pm
- **Noah Aronson Concert/Welcome BBQ/ Simchat Torah**
  Sunday, September 30 – 4:00 pm
- **New Member Shabbat**
  Friday, October 12 – 6:30 pm
- **Brotherhood Beer & Bible**
  Thursday, November 15 – 7:30 pm
- **Sisterhood Membership Dinner**
  Tuesday, November 27 – 7:15 pm
- **Chanukah Family Bingo and Dinner**
  (sponsored by Sisterhood)
  Thursday, December 6 – 5:45 pm
- **Congregational Chanukah Service**
  Friday, December 7 – 6:30 pm
- **Chaverim Chanukah Party**
  Wednesday, December 12 – 12:00 noon
- **ECC Family Fun Day**
  Sunday, February 10 – 11:00 pm
- **Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading**
  Thursday, March 21
  3:30 pm – Carnival
  5:00 pm – Megillah Reading
- **Chaverim Shabbat**
  Friday, March 1 – 8:00 pm
- **Passover Family Program**
  (sponsored by Sisterhood)
  Sunday, April 14 – 11:00 am
- **Scotch & Sacred Texts**
  (sponsored by Brotherhood)
  Thursday, May 9, 7:30 pm
- **Mitzvah Day**
  Date TBD
- **Congregational BBQ & Shabbat on the Lawn**
  Friday, June 7 – 5:15 pm – BBQ
  6:30 pm – Shabbat on the Lawn
The Gift Membership Program

The Gift Membership program is a unique opportunity to experience membership at The Community Synagogue free for one year. Gift Membership is open to new members who want to be part of a congregation offering rich and wide-ranging worship services, education and social programs for children and adults, social action initiatives (tikkun olam) for all ages, and a community that is making sacred connections every day.

The Gift Membership Program is open to new members of any age and at any stage in life including:

- Individuals, couples, families with or without children, who want to experience synagogue membership.
- New residents looking for a Jewish community connection.
- Families wishing to foster their children’s Jewish education and identity.
- Adults with grown children looking to engage with other like-minded adults.
- People eager to re-engage with their Jewish roots through worship, education, social action and an active social life.
- Seniors who want to enjoy a variety of events, programs and activities designed specifically for them.

For more information or questions, please contact:

- Bari Ziegel, New Member Concierge
  bziegel@aol.com or 516-816-1082
- Jeff Rembrandt, Executive Director,
  jrembrandt@commsyn.org or 516-883-3144

The Gift Membership Program in Two Easy Steps:

1. Pair with a sponsor or sponsor family—either someone you already know at the synagogue or a person/family from the synagogue’s group of volunteer sponsors. Your synagogue sponsor will be there for you to answer questions, accompany you to at least three new member events and encourage your involvement with the synagogue and clergy. Our Gift Membership team will help find the right sponsor for you.

2. Attend at least three new member/sponsor events throughout the year from September 2018–June 2019. See the back cover for a full list of events and dates.

Program Benefits

- Free one year membership to The Community Synagogue with all member privileges including access to the clergy for life-cycle events and counseling. (Note: Early Childhood Center and B’nai Mitzvah exclusions may apply. See below.)
- High Holy Day Sanctuary seating for gift members and their children (through age 26) with additional family seats available.
- Eligibility to enroll your children in Religious School (regular Religious School fees apply).
- The opportunity to get to know the Community Synagogue and learn if the congregation is right for you.

Other Things You Should Know

- Gift Membership Program is valid from July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019.
- Gift Member sponsors must be current synagogue members in good standing.
- Gift Members are not eligible for priority registration or reduced fees at The Community Synagogue Early Childhood Center.
- Gift Members with a child approaching the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah should consult with the clergy.
- Parents of students entering Religious School in 4th Grade or above need to meet with our Director of Education, Shari Isserles, to discuss placement prior to enrollment.