



Welcome to Our Synagogue Family



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About The Community Synagogue

A wonderful spirit is alive at The Community Synagogue. Here you will find warmth and joy, community and purpose. The Community Synagogue is Port Washington's largest Reform congregation, yet it is a place of openness to all, where each person can connect, where comfort and caring matter. It is a place of strength and beauty, of spirituality and learning, of creative possibility, a place filled with God's spirit and human kindness. Our diverse community welcomes Jews of all backgrounds including inter-faith families, singles, seniors, couples, single-parent and same sex families and Jews-by-Choice.

Within our warm and inviting surroundings, The Community Synagogue encourages meaningful participation and creates a special sense of belonging.

The Community Synagogue is a place with Torah at the center, where learning begins in our renowned Early Childhood Center and continues with a variety of programs for all ages, where prayer is meaningful, participatory and powerful, where people reach out to one another during times of celebration as well as sadness.

If Judaism matters to you, you will find something significant here. You will find relationships — connections to others who share your interests. You will find a commitment to excellence. You will find many paths of access to Jewish life.

Our Vision

The Community Synagogue is a vibrant, caring and inclusive Reform congregation that inspires meaningful relationships with one another, the larger community and with God.

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Gift Membership Program

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 and former* members who want to learn about and 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 welcomes and cares.

The *Gift Membership* Program

is open to new and former* 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 one of the Gift Membership chairs listed below:

- Joanne Fried, Executive Director
jfried@commsyn.org or 516-883-3144 ext 311
- Bari Ziegel, Vice President, Member Services
bziegel@aol.com or 516-816-1082

*Former member is defined as any individual or family previously in good standing, who has not been affiliated with The Community Synagogue during the 2013/2014 synagogue year.



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 2014–June 2015. 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.)
- Sanctuary seating for you and your immediate family for High Holy Day services.
- 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, 2014–June 30, 2015.
- Gift Member sponsors must be current synagogue members in good standing.
- Gift Members are not eligible for priority registration or reduced fees for 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.

Affiliates

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