



From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz



Shattering the Enemy

The joy of the *Pesach seder* cannot utterly blot out the dark side of the holiday – a time when the slow genocide of the Jewish people

by an oppressive dictator was overturned by the decimation of Egypt, and then routing of Pharaoh's elite army. These days we can buy funny masks to wear as we rattle off the Ten Plagues, but it does not take much reflection to realize that the suffering

of Egypt for its enslavement of the Hebrews is at the heart of God's plan. If there is any hope of a rapprochement between Pharaoh and the God of Israel, it is shattered at the sea. Undeterred by all that happened before, the king of Egypt seeks to annihilate the just released slaves. Seeing a chance to kill the just freed slaves, the chariots pursue them to the very last moment, when the waters fall back upon them. Barely escaping with their lives, the people of Israel respond with triumphant song:

I will sing to the Eternal, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea...

Your right hand, O Eternal, glorious in power, Your right hand, O Eternal, shatters the foe! (Exodus 15: 1, 16)

The release of emotion that borders on joy at the destruction of an enemy is tempered by later Jewish traditions. Thus, one early sage, Rabbi Yochanan said that the angels wished to join the Israelites in song, but God silenced them saying, "My children are suffering, and you wish

to sing?" (Babylonian *Talmud* Megilah 10a). These competing feelings – rejoicing at our own deliverance from evil and sadness over the need for the death of others (even those who do wrong) – is the background to why it is customary during the *seder* to pour out ten drops from our wine cups during the recitation of the Ten Plagues. Our happiness (symbolized by the wine) is, quite literally, lessened, because others had to suffer.

The saber rattling between

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LET A WORLD OF KINDNESS BE BUILT — *PSALMS 89.2*

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2012

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012

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Oneg Shabbat

- APRIL 6** No Shabbat Services at the Synagogue. No *Oneg*.
- APRIL 13** The Community Synagogue
- APRIL 20** Corey & Mindy Lieblein & family and friends of Justin on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Alan & Alison Perlmutter & family and friends of Carly on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.
- APRIL 27** Linda & Robert Lerner & family and friends of Jordan on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

Tfillat • תפילות (Worship Services)

PESACH (1ST NIGHT - 1ST DAY) • פסח

Friday, April 6

No Communal Erev Shabbat/Yom Tov Services

Saturday, April 7 (*Exodus* 12:37-42; 13:3-10; *Haftarah: Isaiah* 43:1-15)

Shabbat Yom Tov (1st Day - Pesach) (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

PESACH (7TH DAY) • פסח

Friday, April 13

Yom Tov Morning 9:00 am

Including Yizkor - In Memory of Loved Ones

Breakfast Following

SHABBAT SHMINI • שמיני

Friday, April 13

Second Shabbes - Family Services 6:30 pm

Worship for the young and young at heart with lots of music, spirit and energy!

Saturday, April 14 (*Leviticus* 9:1-11:47; *Haftarah: II Samuel* 6:1-7:17)

Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah - Old Sanctuary) 10:30 am

YOM HASHOAH • יום השואה

Thursday, April 19

Community Commemoration of "Holocaust Remembrance Day"

at Port Jewish Center 7:30 pm

SHABBAT TAZRIA~METZORA • תזריע~מצרע

Friday, April 20

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm

Rabbi Burkeman: "Listening Before It's Too Late"

Shabbat in memory of the Shoah

Saturday, April 21 (*Leviticus* 12:1 - 15:33; *Haftarah: II Kings* 7:3-20)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

B'nai Mitzvah - Justin Lieblein & Carly Perlmutter

Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah - Old Sanctuary) 10:30 am

SHABBAT ACHAREI MOT~K'DOSHIM • אחרי מות~קדשים

Friday, April 27

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm

Shabbat Honoring Israel

Saturday, April 28 (*Leviticus* 16:1 - 20:27; *Haftarah: Amos* 9:7-15)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah - Jordan Lerner

Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah - Old Sanctuary) 10:30 am

Torah Study - One of Our Hidden Jewels



Every Saturday morning, behind closed doors, a not very well known, but very special ritual takes place. If you want to find out what it is, walk down the hallway near the entrance to The Learning Center and open the heavy wooden doors to the Board Room at 9:00 a.m..

No, it's not the local branch of the Skull and Bones Society. No, you don't need to know the secret word to enter. Just come with your mind open, ready to be transformed. It's not like anything else I've ever done. It's *Torah Study!* Usually led by our Rabbis, occasionally led by the Cantor, our Religious School Director, a visiting Jewish scholar or one of our congregants, *Torah Study* is one of the most amazing things we have at the Synagogue and not enough of our members know about it (although after writing this, that may change).

Every *Shabbat* morning a group of about twenty-five regulars and another dozen or so irregulars gather to study the week's *Torah* portion. That seems modest enough but what really takes place is so much more. While we (Bea and I are among the irregulars) start off with the text, the next 90 minutes of conversation quickly translates into how the passage affects our daily lives and how that week's portion relates to the

rest of the *Talmud*. History, current affairs, sports, sex, movies, politics, the law, finance, education, and women's rights are but a few of the issues that the discussion has turned to on the weeks that I have been lucky enough to attend. What makes it particularly meaty and interesting is the group that gathers to study, learn and share. Populated mostly by folks who have been attending for years, each member of the group brings his or her own background and perspective to the discussion. While the group is not large it covers a host of backgrounds and ranges from teens to octogenarians. There are no wallflowers as everyone who wants to, participates. It is an interesting, thought provoking and, ultimately, joyful process. It truly is one of the many things that make our Synagogue special.

Now on Saturday mornings, we also offer *Torah Study* for pre-*Bar Mitzvah* 6th and 7th graders and their parents and, from the feedback I have gotten, this is great as well. However, not having had a seventh grader in my house for I long time, I can't speak from personal experience. The next time you are up for some learning and enlightenment (Jewish and otherwise), please open those heavy wooden doors on Saturday morning and join us. You will find it to be a special (and perhaps addictive) experience.

Larry

ECC News

Shelley Roff, ECC Director



Over the February school holiday, my husband Ted and I were fortunate to have the opportunity to return again to Merida, Mexico the capital of the

Yucatan. Merida is a large city which is about 25 miles inland from the coast. A trip to Merida would not be for everyone, but we enjoyed our first trip greatly and had hoped to return to experience Merida again.

Over the course of this vacation we visited museums, parks, the main market, several Mayan ruins, swam in a cenote, and toured a Hacienda. One of our favorite activities was to go to the Plaza Grande or main square in the center of the city to enjoy the street entertainers, craft vendors, and just to people watch. The elderly, teenagers, families and tourists would gather in the Plaza Grande which was busy morning, noon or night.

We fell in love again with the rich culture of the area, the lovely weather, but mostly the beautiful people. What struck me the most was although these people are very poor and don't have a lot of material things, how extremely family oriented the people are. The time they spend as families is quality time with very few interruptions, although the number of people who now had cell phones has drastically increased since our last visit, people are not constantly talking or texting on them as here. The teens also spend quality time with their families and none of them are busy text messaging or playing portable electronic devices.

When we booked this trip we had no idea that we would be there during Carnivale (Mardi Gras) and found out that Merida has one of the 12 largest Carnivale celebrations in the western hemisphere. Although I was excited to experience Carnivale, I had mixed feelings about going during this event, not knowing how it would impact charming, low-keyed Merida. We went with

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Gilbert & Sullivan Coming!

Sunday, May 6 at 2 P.M.

Der Yiddisher "Pirates of Penzance" - (Di Yam Gazlonim) melds the Victorian wit and satire of Gilbert and Sullivan into a new and unique Yiddish English production staged by the Gilbert & Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera Company of Long Island. Fluency in Yiddish is not needed to enjoy this theatrical extravaganza which combines Yiddish and English.

Sponsored by Chaverim, the show is for everyone in the synagogue and in the surrounding communities. Tickets may be ordered in advance online at www.commsyn.org for \$20 or purchased for \$25 at the door.



Attention All Mah Jongg Lovers!



Attention Mah Jongg Mavens: Tuesday April 17th we will meet at 7:30PM and hopefully we will be playing MJ with the new card! Please bring your set and the old and new card (just in case)

Everyone is welcome. Noshes and refreshments are provided and a good time is always in hand (put intended).

RSVP'S are required- Please email Jo Beth Roberts at jbnr@aol.com to let her know you are joining us. The event is free for Sisterhood members, \$5 for temple members and \$10 for non-temple members. See you there

Bringing the Biennial Back to The Community Synagogue

With DVDs from some of the most popular sessions, we will be looking at three subjects with Rabbi Danny.

**Monday, April 16
7:00 pm**

Reform Judaism: Today & Tomorrow

Featuring:

Rabbi Daniel Friedlander
Rabbi Rick Jacobs
Steven Cohen &
Leonard Saxe

Future session will be:

Jewish Values and Their Impact on American Society

We had a wonderful time celebrating *Purim*. A big thank you to Bari Ziegel and Jodi Okun-Alfano for the wonderful job they did with our beautiful *Purim* Baskets. Thanks also to all of the women that helped assemble them.

While the women were busy working on the baskets, Annie Zepowitz and I baked *hamantaschen* with some of their children. The kitchen smelled amazing and the *hamantaschen* were absolutely delicious. We had a wonderful time.

Mitzvah Day will be held on April 29. We hope to see everyone there!

Diane Heiman and Helen Berkun

Cooking Demo with Chef Jeff!

A special event for Sisterhood members only. Join us for a cooking demonstration with Jeff Segal, former restaurant chef and current food industry leader, on Sunday, April 22nd at 10:00 am at the home of Jo Beth and Jaimie Roberts, 25 Hoffstot Lane, Sands Point.

This event has always been one of the most popular events on the Sisterhood calendar and for good reason! This year "Chef Jeff" will demo some Sunday brunch recipes and we will all get to taste, see new friends and old, and walk away with some new brunch ideas. Space is limited- RSVP is a must. Please email Jo Beth Roberts at jbnr@aol.com to reserve your spot. If you would like to attend but have not yet joined Sisterhood, you can do so prior to the event. Contact Jo Beth for membership information.

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 this year and the project was a huge success!

Special thanks to the following people who helped assemble the baskets:

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| Ann Axelrod | Nancy Kaplan | Caryn Paillex |
| Wendy DeAngelis | Steve Kaplan | Marsha Phillips |
| Karen Finkelstein | Sandi Kassan | Linda Schildkraut |
| Anne Floch | Debbi Kauffman | Bari Ziegel |
| Dorette Forman | Mary Alice Kohs | Norma Ziegel |
| Maggie Hand | Jodi Okun-Alfano | |

...to Diane Heiman and Anne Zepowitz who baked *hamantaschen* with some of our students while their parents helped us assemble the baskets

...and to those who helped distribute the baskets for delivery:

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|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Yvette Bergman | Nancy Kaplan | Bari Ziegel |
| Diane Heiman | Mary Alice Kohs | Norma Ziegel |

A Special Thank You to King Kullen...

for their generous discount on 200 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese that were used as "Pasta Groggers" on *Purim* and then donated to the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima in Port Washington and the Interfaith Nutrition Network.



Our entire San Francisco Mitzvah Crew 2012, made up of 17 Senior POWTY members and 5 teens from the Sid Jacobson JCC, at the San Francisco Food Bank, where we were hard at work "Feeding the Programs that Feed the People"!



Our San Francisco Mitzvah Crew 2012 at the Golden Gate Bridge!



Enjoying ice cream sundaes at legendary Ghirardelli Square



POWTY ladies at Urban Adamah in Berkeley, CA, gardening and picking produce to make our lunch!



POWTY Youth Programs: April Events!

- April 4, 5:30–7 pm: 45 Club Chocolate Covered *Matzah* Party
- April 16, 6–7:30 pm: Junior POWTY's Post-Passover Pizza Party
- April 20–April 22: NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah (8th graders invited!)
- April 23 (time TBD): Junior POWTY's Earth Day Celebration
- April 27, 6:30-9:30 pm: POWTY *Shabbat* Dinner & Evening Services!
- April 29: POWTY Youth Programs at *Mitzvah* Day!

CHAVERIM

The Presidents and the Jews

Join Chaverim for a fascinating lecture on Harry S. Truman, part of a series on *The Presidents and the Jews*, given by Dr. Ronald Radosh, Professor Emeritus of History, CUNY, on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 PM, at the Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16 Street, NYC. Admission is \$10 for Center members and seniors; \$15 for others.

We will meet for supper at 5:15 PM at the Hollywood Diner, 574 6th Avenue, corner of 16th Street. Some of us will be taking the 4:06 LIRR train and then subway or taxis downtown. Those who prefer to drive, may want to park in a nearby, reasonable garage, Valet Parking, 10 W. 15th Street. Contact Gloria Glantz for details or to arrange carpools: gglantz@optonline.net or 944-5708.

Tai Chi

For a wonderful feeling of well-being, as well as several health benefits, join Chaverim's Tai Chi classes, taught by David Chin, on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. The fee is \$60 for 5 classes. For details, contact Sylvie Heyman: 510-4986 or heydrsylvie@aol.com

Learn Yiddish

Everyone is welcome to Chaverim's weekly Yiddish classes on Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 am. The class, open to all, young and not-so young, is taught by Cecile Upadhyay, PhD in Comparative Literature, who is a fluent Yiddish speaker. The course is free for Chaverim members; \$10 for non-members, and a materials fee will be collected from all participants. For additional information, contact Evie Schonbrun, 767-0599 or evieschonbrun@gmail.com.

Chair Yoga

Chaverim's Chair Yoga continues on Fridays, 10:30-11:30 AM, led by Beth Mohr. Chair yoga combines breathing techniques, gentle stretching and balance exercises to help you relax and enjoy a sense of well-being. Try it for one session at no charge or sign up for a full six-session series for \$50. For additional information, contact Joyce Rudnick, 883-8314 or joycerudnick@verizon.net.



לדור ודור

From Generation to Generation

We are so richly blessed to have 37 three generation families in our congregation. Thank you for your legacy and ongoing commitment.

Anne & Stan Bratskeir
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Keli & David Levine, Amanda & Zachary

Ruth & Robert Levinson
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60th Anniversary Gala Update

by Deena Katz

I am honored to be one of the co-chairs of our upcoming 60th Anniversary Gala, which will take place on May 5th when we will be honoring many of our three-generation families. When I agreed to lead this effort I had no idea what I was getting into. Having chaired synagogue galas before I knew it would be a lot of planning and organizing. That was expected. What I didn't realize, and have been moved by every day since I began, is the depth and breadth of the love and connection these families have with our synagogue. We are truly blessed to have 37 three-generation families comprising hundreds of our members and literally representing our past, present and future. Many of these families were and still are very involved in our congregation and have made us the *kehillah k'dosha* (sacred community) that we are today. On May 5th we will have the pleasure of honoring 16 of these three-generation families who have agreed to participate.

I have had the pleasure of speaking to many of our three-generation families and hearing first hand how much our synagogue means to them. Families have told stories of how the synagogue and our clergy have been there for life's most precious and most challenging times. Several family members shared their thoughts and feelings:

"The Community Synagogue and its members are an extension of our family."

"We laugh together, cry together, pray together, work together....I made my best friends at TCS."

"We know we are never alone...there is always a place to go and people who care."

"The synagogue was our life growing up...my parents literally lived at the temple."

"My grandson's upcoming *Bar Mitzvah* will make him the seventh family member to have a *Bar Mitzvah* on that *bima*."

"Our children attended religious school here, were married by our clergy, and now our grandchildren are here. TCS is a part of our family."

The stories are plentiful, connections deep, and our families are amazing. We hope you are able to share in our 60th Anniversary celebration as we honor our past, present and future and pay special tribute to our three-generation families.

Lipset Family Reflections

Beth Lipset, the "second" generation, shared the thoughts of the "first" generation and the "third" generation in her family:

Following are my mother-in-law's thoughts, and words from my 5th grader, Bailey:

"Our connection to Community Synagogue began years before we became members in the early 1970's. Rabbi Rosenberg had been the junior rabbi at the Ahavath Shalom Synagogue in Brooklyn when my husband, Howard, became a *Bar Mitzvah* there.

Though the sanctuary looks quite different from when we joined, I can still see our sons, Andrew, Craig and Lance, stand with the same rabbi as they were called to the *Torah* to become *Bar Mitzvah* at Community Synagogue. To complete our family tradition, I became a *Bat Mitzvah* in an adult ceremony conducted by him as well.

As our children grew older, they were confirmed in the synagogue. We love to show their confirmation class pictures to our grandchildren when they attend services with us. It is at the synagogue that we celebrated the *auf rufs* (marriage blessings) of our sons and the marriage of Craig in June, 1998. I can still see our daughter-in-law Shani as a bride walking



outside on the patio as she made her way into the synagogue to walk down the rose-petaled aisle. When our granddaughters Bailey and Braiden were born, they were named on the *bimah*. Jillian, another of our granddaughters, was later named by Cantor Yaron. As I sit in the sanctuary, I recall all of these events and the people with whom we shared them, many no longer with us.

When we celebrate the holidays and festivals throughout the year at Community Synagogue as a three generation family, it is wonderful to be able to see Bailey and Braiden participate in the same traditions as their father and uncles. L’Dor Va Dor.”

by Sandy Lipset

“My favorite service is the *Hanukkah* service because of all the beautiful lights. I feel like I’m looking at the stars.”

by Bailey Lipset, 5th grader

Sass Family Reflections

Shortly after purchasing our first home in Sands Point in 1973 we joined The Community Synagogue. Previously we belonged to a synagogue in Brooklyn which was very impersonal. In contrast, we were delighted to find the Rabbi and Cantor at that time to be warm and friendly and their successors have continued that wonderful culture. At the time we had two baby children—Lara and Ari—who we brought to High Holiday services as soon as they could walk and talk. Lara had her *Bat Mitzvah* and Ari had his *Bar Mitzvah* at the Community Synagogue and we look forward to the same for our six grandchildren.

After growing up in Sands Point, both of our children (and their spouses, Phil and Jamie) bought homes here, and their children (those who are old enough) attend Sunday school at the Synagogue and join us for High Holiday services. All of us greatly enjoy the personal interaction with Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz and Cantor Claire Franco, the beautiful surroundings of the Synagogue and its warm membership. As Rabbi Z said, “Joining Community Synagogue is more than becoming members, it is truly joining in a shared journey with a *kehillah k’doshah*, a sacred community.”

The entire Sass Family looks forward to continuing our relationship with this sacred community through many more generations.

Shalom, Barbara and Marty Sass

Announcing the 60th Anniversary Gala 50/50 Raffle

The lucky ticket wins half the proceeds and the remainder benefits The Community Synagogue *Etz Chaim*. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

There are three easy ways to purchase tickets:

- Send your ticket request and check to the main office (Att: Gala Raffle) and your tickets will be mailed to you.
- Visit the website (www.commsyn.org) and click on link for 50/50 Raffle to order and pay for tickets online.

Look for pre-sale opportunities during Religious School and ECC pick up times. Ticket to be drawn the night of the Gala. Winner does not need to be present.

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* 60th Anniversary Gala Honorees

THE FINANCIAL CORNER

In the third installment of our financial notes we will discuss what will be our focus for the next few months, namely the 2012-2013 budget. The synagogue, like many religious and non-profit institutions, runs on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year. In order to have next year's budget ready for congregational approval in June, the process must begin now.

This is the first budget process for both our new treasurer, Andy Kramer, and our new controller, Dave Baum, although Andy sat in last year as an observer. This is the second budget process year for Joanne Fried, our executive director. As a not-for-profit institution our goals are to deliver the best services with the resources we have. This is sometimes a challenging process as we are always attempting to balance short term considerations with longer term goals.

Balancing the myriad needs of the synagogue in a fiscally responsible manner is our first priority. There is often debate over how a not-for-profit institution defines fiscal matters. Some institutions choose to spend as much as they can to deliver maximum services in the present; others decide to hold some resources back for the inevitable unknowns that occur on a regular basis. Should we show a respectable surplus at year-end to reflect our financial wellbeing, build our reserves, and create the ability to consider major projects to further the vision and mission of the Synagogue in the future? Or should we budget as close to a zero balance as possible, using our annual resources to their fullest? What do you think? We would love to hear your comments....

Email Joanne at jfried@commsyn.org and she will share your thoughts with our financial team as we begin the budget process for next year.

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92nd St Y and Brotherhood's 2012 Program

Before this 3rd year season ends, over 2,500 tickets will have been sold to what has turned out to be an overwhelmingly successful series of programs. We have been blessed with a variety of speakers which could fill the roster of most "Who's Who" in politics and entertainment. If you are one of a few that have not yet experienced a night at the Synagogue to see it in person, you owe it to yourself and your family to take part. You will experience a wonderful evening close to home, without the burden of NYC prices, inconvenient transportation or costly parking and getting home late. And we serve coffee and refreshments, all for the one ticket price of \$10.00.

Order your tickets from Bert Tobin at btobin@optonline.net or call the Synagogue at (516) 883-3144, ext. 343 and leave a message for a call back.

Between Science and Art

Eric Kandel with Alan Alda
Thursday, Apr 5, 8 pm



Eric Kandel's most recent book, *The Age of Insight*, explores how, in Vienna in

1900, five of the best minds—across disciplines from medical science to psychology and painting, from Sigmund Freud to Gustav Klimt—radically reframed our understanding of ourselves and our unconscious mental processes. Together, they initiated a dialog between art and brain science that continues to provide insight today. Eric Kandel won the Nobel Prize in 2000 for his research on the physiological basis of memory storage in neurons. He is professor of psychiatry, biochemistry and biophysics at Columbia University, a senior investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the author of the award-winning *In Search of Memory*, among other books. Alan Alda is a six time Emmy Award winner and hosted the PBS series *Scientific American Frontiers* for 11 years. He is a visiting professor at Stony Brook University, where he is developing innovative programs that enable scientists to communicate more effectively with the public.

Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State with Christiane Amanpour

Thursday, May 3, 8 pm



In her new and most personal book, *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948*, Madeleine Albright looks at her family's experiences during this tumultuous time in history before, during and after World War II. In this conversation, hear Albright's story along with her interviews with contemporaries, and newly available documents about the enormously complex events that took place. Madeleine Albright served as the 64th Secretary of State from 1997 to 2001. Her distinguished career also includes positions on Capitol Hill, the National Security Council and as US Ambassador to the United Nations. She is the author of *Madam Secretary*, *Memo to the President Elect*, *The Mighty and the Almighty* and *Read My Pins*.

Raised in Tehran and schooled in England, Christiane Amanpour moved to the United States and graduated from the University of Rhode Island *summa cum laude* with a bachelor of journalism degree. Hired by CNN, Amanpour covered assignments in the Iran-Iraq War, the fall of European communism the democratic revolutions sweeping Eastern Europe, the Persian Gulf War, the Bosnian war and many other conflict zones. Amanpour left CNN for ABC News, where she would anchor *This Week*. This past January 8, she returned to CNN International, where she had previously worked for 27 years.

The Brotherhood's HMEEF Yom

HaShoah Presentation: Tuesday, April 17. Here in our temple we have congregants who were directly affected by the Holocaust. These people worship with us, are involved in our temple life and are people you see and may even know. Two of them are joining us at the annual *Yom HaShoah* presentation. Stan Ronell and Alvin Corwin will share with us a part of their lives during this dark time. Stan is a "survivor" who was saved in Poland by "The Righteous Among Us". He has devoted himself to teaching and lecturing on the Holocaust to students and groups in both secular and religious schools and organizations. As a captain in the US Army, Alvin liberated a labor camp and was placed in charge of six Displaced Persons Camps. He was awarded a ring from the Jews he helped at one camp that is proudly displayed in the Jewish Heritage Museum in NY. Please join us and them as we remember to "Never Forget."

Yom HaShoah Candle program:



Please be on the look out in your mail for the annual Brotherhood *Yom HaShoah* memorial candle, kindly

light it and take the opportunity to make a modest donation to the *Yom HaShoah* fund to support Brotherhood programs that sustain these and other Holocaust educational and commemorative programs.

Mitzvah Day, April 29: Brotherhood will be sponsoring a Shoe Drive on *Mitzvah Day* at the temple. New and gently used shoes, boots, or sneakers will be accepted for children and adults. All footwear collected will be distributed by the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) to needy Long Island families.

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an open mind and I am happy to report that it was not a wild event, but a festive, family oriented one. Most days, we, along with local families, would wait for the parade to come for 2-4 hours on hard bleachers and then the parade would last for another 1-2 1/2 hours.



Balloons for sale in Merida.

I didn't find it easy to wait so long, especially in 90 + degree temperatures, but I then looked around at all of the families that surrounded us with children from newborns on up with many of the children the same ages as our ECC children. I was amazed how patiently all of the little ones would sit and wait, quietly and happily, without any toys or electronic games. Many of the vendors had children about the same age as our ECC kids with them, who would entertain themselves for hours playing with a stick or helping their vendor parents.

Merida is a poor city so I also saw many things that saddened me, such as young Indian girls selling their wares and young children selling Chiclets and other goods with no adults in sight. Children in the USA are so fortunate that we have child labor laws.

This trip made me think about how many material things we all have and expect. It also made me realize that more is not always better nor does having more material items assure happiness. We often forget to stop and think about what we have, give thanks for all we are blessed with and take for granted.

Ted and I hope that someday we will have the opportunity to return again to Merida and that the city and people don't lose their special qualities that make it such a wonderful place.

Shelley Roff

MITZVAH DAY (continued from page 1)

9:30 – 10:00 am

The Community
Synagogue

MITZVAH DAY KICK-OFF

- Breakfast with friends from neighboring synagogues
- T-shirts given to participants of all synagogues
- Project information will be available

10:00 – 10:30 am

The Community
Synagogue

OPENING CEREMONY

Join the Clergy of all 6 Port Washington synagogues as we welcome and inspire Mitzvah Day volunteers.

10:30 – 1:00 pm

The Community
Synagogue

MITZVAH PROJECTS

Volunteer to participate in the Mitzvah projects that seem most appropriate for you and your family. Multiple synagogue project list.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Temple
Beth Israel

CLOSING EVENT AND CEREMONY

- Guest Speakers: *Hope for Heroism* Israeli combat soldiers
- Multi-synagogue Choir performance led by Cantor Claire Franco

VOLUNTEER AND GET INVOLVED!

Please contact us at:

- Lisa Goldstein (lisgol@aol.com),
- Alyssa Greenberg (alyssagreenberg@aol.com), or
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MITZVAH DAY 2012 DRIVES AND DONATIONS

...beginning now in the main lobby!

- Eyeglass and Sunglass Drive: gently used prescription eyewear and non prescription sunglasses
- Cell Phone Drive: used
- Dressy Dress and Accessories Collection: gently used dresses (on hangers), costume jewelry, wraps, dress shoes for girls 13-18 to wear to prom and graduation
- Coat Drive: gently used, all sizes (infant through adult)
- CD and DVD Drive: used (must be in original case with cover art)
- Shoe Drive: gently used, all sizes
- New Book Drive: new children's books, babies through pre-teens
- Canned Goods Drive: non perishable canned goods

Survival Bag Collection

Please donate any of the following NEW items for ages 0-18: Diaper Bags, Backpacks, Pajamas, Underwear, Socks, Towels, Washcloths, Onesies, Formula, Diapers, Bottles, Wipes, Pacifiers, Pencils, Pencil Cases, Crayons, Coloring Books, Marble Notebooks

Congratulations to Ari Rabin-Havt, who grew up at The Community Synagogue, who co-authored a book that was just published: *The Fox Affect: How Roger Ailes Turned a Network into a Propaganda Machine*.

Question: Why is the number four so important at *Pesach*?

Answer: As we prepare to celebrate the *Pesach Seder* this month, you could be forgiven for thinking that (in true Sesame Street style) this festival is brought to you by the number four. This number is a popular motif throughout the service and meal. We drink four cups of wine, we have the four questions of the *Mah Nishtana* and we have four children asking questions of their parents. It is not really a number which features prominently elsewhere in Judaism, and so it is striking that for this festival the number four comes to the fore.

We can delve more deeply and find further references to the number four, which might explain the significance of this number to the festival. In the *Torah*, there are four places where we are told that we should share the story of the Exodus with our children (Exodus 12:26, 13:8, 13:14 and Deuteronomy 6:20). It is also said that God used four expressions to describe the redemption of the Israelites from Egypt. In the midst of Exodus 6:6-7 God tells Moses to tell the people: "I will take you out ... I will save you from slavery ... I will redeem you ... I shall take you to me as a People".

Together these two Biblical number fours, may explain why the Rabbis sought to include this number so centrally in the *Pesach Seder*.

But when we look more deeply, we might notice that while the number four is the most prominent number in the *Seder*, numbers in general feature in our *Pesach* celebrations. Around the recitation of the ten plagues, our attention is obviously drawn to the number ten. And following on from the recitation of the plagues Rabbi Yose the Galilean, Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Akiva play a game of numbers, reimagining how many plagues there actually were. Most famously at the end of our *Seder* we sing "*Echad mi yodeah* – Who knows one?" offering a Jewish significance for the numbers one through thirteen.

Perhaps all of this number play is a way of preparing us for the period of the *Omer*, which begins on the second night of *Pesach*. We are told that we should count every day for seven weeks from the night of the second *Seder* through until the festival of *Shavuot*. We do not just arrive at *Shavuot* as another date in the calendar; instead we come to the festival, where we celebrate the giving of the *Torah*, by counting up to it.

Numbers have significance in Judaism, but at this time of the year, between *Pesach* and *Shavuot* they assume a greater importance. And when you join us for our *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot* – an evening of learning to celebrate the festival (more details to follow), I'll look at why, for Judaism, seven is the magic number.

– Rabbi Danny Burkeman

**Lama*, the Hebrew word for "why."

Passover Study for "First Borns" (...and everyone else!) Thursday, April 5, 2012 • 7:30 am (that's right ... a.m.!) With Rabbi Zeplovitz

It is traditional for every first born Jew to fast the day before the first *seder* in commemoration of the lives of the first born Hebrew slaves that were saved from the final plague in Egypt. The custom developed that those individuals could be excused from this fast if they engaged in *Torah* study.

Whether you are a first born or not, this session will deepen your understanding of the *haggadah*, with a particular focus on the bitter herbs. Through video, text and reflection we will deal with: Why is life filled with "bitter" issues? How do we work through our pain – individually and as a people? Can the bitter be made sweet – or are there other ways to cope? You will be surprised and stimulated ... and have material you will love to bring to the *seders* you attend.

Our study will include a light breakfast (with the last *hametz* before *Pesach*) and be finished by 8:45 am. RSVP to rabbiz@commsyn.org.

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Iran and Israel, and at times between the Islamic Republic and the United States, has grown increasingly louder the past few months. On the one hand, the threat of Iran developing nuclear weapons, and the systems to deliver a bomb, represent an existential threat to Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu's claim that we not stand by as another enemy of Israel says we will be destroyed, as the world stood by with the rise of the Nazis, resonates deeply. On the other hand, increasing sanctions may be showing fruit, with the loss of power of those backing Iranian President Ahmadinejad. The mullahs in charge in Iran are a threat to Israel and Western society, but the growing restrictions on Iran's economy may be convincing them that it is not in their best interests to develop weapons-grade nuclear material.

In the second century, the wise woman Beruriah taught that it is not the death of sinners that God seeks, but the death of sin. The desire to "shatter the enemy" is understandable, but it ought not be the goal. There may be a time for war against those who seek our destruction. It should not, however, be a path easily or lightly taken. We are living in days with difficult choices ahead – for the leaders of Israel and the United States. That said, once the "dogs of war" are unleashed it is impossible to know what may happen. As we sit around the *seder* table, it may be good to reflect on these themes, to debate what is the best route forward – and urge our political leaders to balance the need for resolve with the importance of caution.

Passover is a reminder that there are times for being grateful for the destruction of wrongdoers. But the immediacy of our joy in seeing the destruction of an enemy is tempered by the larger realization that there is much in the process that may also be lost, and carries with it a very high cost. Beruriah's words should guide us – as we exert every effort to convince Iran that their policy is ill advised and self-destructive.

May this *Pesach* be a time of joy and peace – for you, your loved ones, our people and the world.

Maccabiah Youth Sports Day 2012



Please join the outdoor family fun on Sunday, May 20th at Manorhaven Park, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, as we celebrate our second

annual Maccabiah Youth Sports Day. Recreational games and sports for children five years and up, special events for pre-schoolers, a live DJ, picnic barbecue, give-aways and raffles fill the day with activity and community spirit. And all free-of-charge to participants.

This year the festivities will be hosted by and include families from The Community Synagogue, the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore and Temple Beth Israel, bringing together an extended Jewish community. The event is open to all Jewish families in the Port Washington area.

This year's Maccabiah will include opportunities to play age-appropriate team sports, including soccer, softball, T-ball, flag football and basketball. All games are organized and supervised by adult coaches. If you prefer less structured games, volleyball and badminton will be available as well. For pre-schoolers there will be relay races, parachute play, face painting and more. And for the first time this year, a pre-event men's basketball game, and a co-ed adult softball game at the end of the day. If you prefer to sit back, schmooze and simply enjoy our kosher BBQ, that'd be great too!

There will also be a raffle for a new iPad 3 and other prizes to be awarded at the festivities. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before and after religious school classes. Call the synagogue office for more information – 516-883-3144.

Same as last year, there is no charge to participate in Maccabiah Youth Sports Day. Raffle ticket purchase is strictly optional. We only hope to provide an opportunity to create happy, fun memories among friends both new and old.

So please mark your calendars: Sunday afternoon, May 20th, 12:00 -4:00 at Manorhaven Park. Looking forward to seeing you!

Thursday, March 22, 2012

9:30-11:00 am

Port Jewish Center

20 Manorhaven Boulevard, Port Washington

The Holocaust and Halakhah: Responsa from the Shoah

"In a place where there is no humanity, strive to be human" (PIRKEI AVOT 2:5)

How did the Jewish people maintain dignity and self-esteem during the *Shoah*? For many, they found guidance and comfort in the halakhah—Jewish law, or the Jewish way of living. Faced with new, sometimes desperate, conditions, they sought rabbinical guidance not only on topics of daily living and religious observance, but also on difficult issues such as the justifiability of suicide, murder, or abortion.

We will explore a selection of these responsa, within the historical context of the times and specifics of individual situations.

Rabbi Sheila B. Goloboy

Rabbi Sheila B. Goloboy joined the Port Jewish Center community in August 2007. She has served congregations in Bloomfield Hills, MI, San Diego, CA, and Sun Valley, ID. She received her M.A. in Hebrew Letters in 1996 and was ordained a rabbi from the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1997. She is a corresponding member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Responsa Committee and has presented papers in such diverse areas as sexual ethics, the Jewish imperative of social justice, and the engagement of marginalized teens in Jewish communal life. She brings to Port Washington an enthusiasm for creating meaningful Jewish experiences and building a spiritually welcoming community.

NEXT MEETING: May 24, 2012

MUSIC TOGETHER®

Classes at The Community Synagogue

Music Together is a delightful, joyous approach to music-making with your child. For infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults who love them, Music Together offers families an opportunity to sing, dance and play rhythm instruments in a relaxed, playful, non-performance-oriented setting. Music Together is based on the philosophy that all children are musical. You may be surprised to find that you are too!

While They're Little offers Music Together in Port Washington at The Community Synagogue. Spring 2012 classes begin Wednesday, April 18th and registration is currently under way. Regular classes will be held on Wednesdays (9:45, 10:45 and 11:45) and Thursdays (10:45), and a Music Together with Hebrew class on Thursdays at 9:45. This special class is the same great Music Together program enriched with Judaic songs as well as songs in Hebrew. Fluency in Hebrew is NOT required.

While They're Little is offering 15% off of class tuition exclusively to all The Community Synagogue members and non-member families enrolled in the ECC. To redeem this offer, enter the coupon code of CSPW when registering online.

For more information about While They're Little and the Music Together program visit www.whiletheyrelittle.com or call us at 516-442-0302.

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*1st graders planting seeds
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS | APRIL 2012

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 9:00am Sisterhood Judiaca Shop Passover Boutique Grade K, PACE 9:00am PJ Story Time | 2 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm Brotherhood Board Meeting | 3 9:00am Sisterhood Judiaca Shop Passover Boutique 9:15am ECC 4's Passover Concert | 4 9:00am Sisterhood Judiaca Shop Passover Boutique 9:15am ECC 3's Passover Concert 10:30am Chaverim Tai Chi 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish | 5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 7:30am Pre Pesach Study-with light breakfast 8:00pm 92nd St Y: Eric Kandel and Alan Alda | 6 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED NO SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE EREV PASSOVER 1ST SEDER 10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga | 7 PASSOVER BREAK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Pesach 1st Day Service |
| 8 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | 9 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | 10 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | 11 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 10:30am Chaverim Tai Chi 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish | 12 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | 13 PASSOVER BREAK ECC CLOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Pesach Last Day Yom Tov Services 6:30pm Second Shabbos Family Service | 14 PASSOVER BREAK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service |
| 15 PASSOVER BREAK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | 16 10:00am Mah Jongg Mavens 6:30pm Hawurat Noar Dinner 8:00pm Temple Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm POWTY Pizza Making (to be confirmed) 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Clergy Committee Meeting 7:30pm Mitzvah Day Committee Meeting | 17 10:00am Mah Jongg Mavens 6:30pm Hawurat Noar Dinner 8:00pm Temple Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm POWTY Pizza Making (to be confirmed) 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 18 10:30am Chaverim Tai Chi 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting | 19 7:30pm Erev Yom HaShoah Community Service | 20 10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 6:30pm POWTY Shabbat Dinner 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service | 21 9:00am 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah Service of Carly Perlmutter and Justin Lieblin 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service |
| 22 9:00am Grade 4-PACE Cemetery Trip 10:00am Sisterhood Program: "Cooking with Jeff" 11:00am Grade K for a Day 7:00pm Living Room Study The "Other" | 23 6:00pm 7th Grade | 24 6:00pm 7th Grade | 25 10:30am Chaverim Tai Chi 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish | 26 Yom Haatzmaut Israel Independence Day 9:15am Coffee with Clergy | 27 10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service Shabbat Rocks | 28 9:00am 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah Jordan Lerner 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service |
| 29 9:30am Community Wide MITZVAH DAY | 30 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting | 1 8:00pm POWTY Meeting | 2 CLOSED STAFF WORKSHOP 10:30am Chaverim Tai Chi 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish | 3 8:00pm 92nd St Y: Madeine Albright | 4 60TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service Guest Speaker: Rabbi Martin Rosenberg | 5 9:00am 6th grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah Adam Lyman and Ian Kohls 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service |

All dates are subject to change. Call Temple Office to verify dates for specific events or check our website (www.commsyn.org) and click "Calendar" for updates. Note: When a Family Service is scheduled on a Friday night, that is the only Shabbat Service that night.



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