

Connections

SPOTLIGHT

Honoring Howard Schiff

It was a beautiful night.....a wonderful time was had by all!



FROM THE
RABBI'S STUDY
Rabbi Irwin Zepowitz

An "Open Door"

When I was in Berlin a couple of months ago I was struck by how familiar and yet how foreign the Jewish community was in Germany. The Reform synagogue we attended reminded me of the "classical Reform" temple where I grew up. The music was heavily choral, with a style reflective of the late 19th century. There was an organ and mixed choir, yet men and women in the congregation sat separately. The next day our tour guide said that a few congregants spoke to her with some surprise that some of the women on our tour wore *kippot*. Such innovations, commonplace in Reform in America, were still relatively unheard of there.

When we spoke to people there we were told that the particular synagogue we attended was not typical of Germany. Rather, it was just the style of that congregation. It was a reminder of one the great truths about Jewish life – specifically, that it is pretty hard to make generalizations about the Jewish community. Diversity and pluralism are built into the very structure of Jewish life.

In fact, the two greatest Jewish "books" – the תנ"ך *Tanakh* (Bible) and *Talmud* – are notable in the wide range of approaches and opinions they offer. The general theological approach of both of these works is one that embraces different points of view and a broad understanding of who is part of the community. Our history over the past 2000 years, which led to Jews being dispersed across the globe, only reinforced this notion of difference.

What then binds us as Jews together? First, a shared sense of past. We are connected to

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T'fillot תפילות

SHABBAT BO • בא

Friday, January 3

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Burkeman - "New Year, Now What?"

Saturday, January 4 (Exodus 10:1-13:16; Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary)..... 10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah: Harris Sonnenklar
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT B'SHALACH ~ SHIRAH • שירה ~ בשלח

Friday, January 10

Tot Shabbat 5:30 pm
 A special Shabbat for our Early Childhood Center Children
 (and other preschoolers!)

"Second Shabbat" - Family Services..... 6:30 pm

Worship for the young and young at heart with lots of music,
 spirit and energy, with the participation of our 3rd Grade students.

Saturday, January 11 (Exodus 13:17-17:16; Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary)..... 10:30 am
B'not Mitzvah: Cara Cobden & Bailey Lipset
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT YITRO • יתרו

Friday, January 17

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Zeplovitz - The Trouble with the Ten Commandments

Saturday, January 18 (Exodus 18:1 - 20:23; Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6)

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

SHABBAT MISHPATIM • משפטים

Friday, January 24

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Burkeman - "Whose Law is it Anyway?"

Saturday, January 25 (Exodus 21:1-24:18; Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary)..... 10:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah: Benjamin Danialian & Ryan Nachman
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT TERUMAH ~ ROSH HODESH • ראש חודש ~ תרומה

Friday, January 31

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Zeplovitz - Has the Relationship Between America and
 Israel Changed?

Saturday, February 1 (Exodus 25:1-27:19; Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 23)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary)..... 10:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah: Julia Hames & Benjamin Spier
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am



88 Keys

I attended a concert just the other day and was seated in the first few rows right near the pianist.

There was of course a full orchestra and I was immersed in a fantastic world of music for nearly two hours. As I sat and listened to the wonderful sounds emanating from the stage, and watching the

pianist in particular, I realized something that I had never really thought about before.....

There are 88 keys on a piano. Each one is unique, each one is special, and each one has its own sound, tone and pitch. The pianist combines them into a pattern that produces a melody that can invigorate the soul and take the listener out of where he or she is and transport them into a world of peace, excitement or joy.

Watching the pianist's fingers glide across the keyboard, it was obvious now that all 88 keys must work together to achieve that perfect sound.... and so it is, here, at The Community Synagogue.

Every congregant, every lay leader, every member of the clergy and every staff member is a working key.

Put together, we make beautiful music...

Jack

Families Helping Families: UJA-Federation of New York's

Thanksgiving Mitzvah Program

Thank you to all of our congregants who participated in UJA-Federation's Families Helping Families Thanksgiving *Mitzvah* Program. As you may know, UJA-Federation is committed to caring for people in need, here on Long Island, in New York, in Israel and around the world.

We assembled and delivered 231 beautiful Thanksgiving meals through FECS Health and Human Services and made sure that some families who are less fortunate than our own had a great Thanksgiving Day!

Special thanks to our chairpeople, Jaimee Loewy and Allison Neidoff, and to those who assembled and delivered the baskets:

- Seth, Frankie and Rubie Ader
- Lauren, Max and Reese Baum
- Lisa and Seth Barshay
- Dale, Ethan and Brian Cohen
- Ellen and Bari Cohen
- Orly, Amy, Benjamin, Jonny Danialian
- Robyn and Lily Dell
- Karen and Ilana Diamond
- Susan, Molly and Zoe Edelblum
- Dalith Seldman-Edgar, Todd, Lucas, Sienna and Mattias Edgar
- Michelle and William Fabrikant
- Erica and Tyler Fazzari
- Cori, Tyler and Julia Finkelstein
- Karen and Max Finkelstein
- Amy, Jordana and Sydney Flisser
- Michael, Alex and Samantha Flyer
- Cantor Claire, Eden and Emory Franco
- Lauren, Gabe and Ezra Furstenberg
- Heather, Julia, Abbie and Luke Garfin
- Kim Gazda, Jeff, Isabelle and Griffin Jackson
- Nanci and Jonathan Goldberg
- Nancy and Spencer Gordon

Oneg Shabbat

- January 3** Lisa & Eric Sonnenklar and family and friends of Harris on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- January 10** Beth & Andy Lipset and family and friends of Bailey on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah. Sandy Cobden & Ira Freehof and family and friends of Cara on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah.
- January 17** The Community Synagogue
- January 24** Orly & David Danialian and family and friends of Benjamin on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah. Donna & Steven Nachman and family and friends of Ryan on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- January 31** Melissa & Scott Hames and family and friends of Julia on the occasion of her becoming Bat Mitzvah. Lori & Mark Spier and family and friends of Benjamin on the occasion of his becoming Bar Mitzvah.



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SISTERHOOD

Spa Night For Charity

On October 2, 2013, Sisterhood members and friends luxuriated in an evening of spa treatments, wine, dinner and schmoozing at Red Hots Spa in Roslyn. The event raised more than \$500, which will be donated to Sharsharet, an organization that helps women with breast and ovarian cancer.

Sisterhood Sponsored Toy Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated new toys and gifts for distribution to local hospitals and charities and to all those who helped make the annual toy drive a great success. A special thanks to Janet Dankowitz who has tirelessly and successfully organized this event for the past 21 years. Janet, a past president of Sisterhood, has given her time and limitless energy to help make the holidays for sick and needy children a happy time.

Israeli Film Series

The first in the series of Israeli Films, *Fill The Void*, was shown in the MPR on October 24, 2013 to a full audience. After the film Rabbi Zeplovitz led an animated discussion of the movie and spoke about life in Israel in the Orthodox Jewish community.

Stars Of Broadway

On Saturday evening, October 26, 2013, a captivated audience was treated to a spectacular show in the Congregation Hall of The Community Synagogue. Stephen DeAngelis, who produced and hosted the show, brought a cast of tremendously talented actors to Port Washington for a dazzling night of song, dance and humor. The Stars included Christopher Fitzgerald, who recently returned from England where he portrayed Barnum in the show of that name; Mandy Gonzalez, who played Nina Rosario in the Tony Award winning musical *In The Heights*; Tari Kelly, who performed

on Broadway in *Anything Goes*, *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Boy From Oz*, and the revival of *Show Boat*; Kecia Lewis-Evans, who has Broadway credits including *Leap of Faith*, *Chicago*, *Shrek*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Ain't Misbehavin'*, and finally Wade Preston who starred in the "Piano Man" role in Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp's Broadway hit *Movin' Out*. The actors were accompanied by the very brilliant Musical Director, Eugene Gwozdz.

Sisterhood Paid Up Gala

This annual event was held on November 7, 2013 at H on the Harbor where the crowd was wined and dined and entertained this year by Keith Bresowsky and his band, Alter Ego, with Patty Atkins, vocalist, and Jeremy Michaels on keyboard. More than 30 raffle prizes delighted the winners. A wonderful time was had by all. Rabbi Danny Burkeman, his wife Micol, daughter Gabriella and his mother, who was visiting from England, paid a surprise visit to the event. Gabby wooed all the guests.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 9, 2014 Sisterhood Board Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Boardroom
- Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:30 PM Israeli Film Series: *Waltz With Bashir* (Hebrew 2008, 90 min). In this film an Israeli film director interviews fellow veterans of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon to reconstruct his own memories of his term of service in the conflict. The film is a memoir, a history lesson, a combat picture, a piece of investigative journalism and altogether amazing. The film is directed by Ari Folman, an Israeli filmmaker, whose struggle to make sense of his experience as a soldier in the Lebanon war of 1982 shapes his story. Following the movie, Rabbi Zeplovitz will lead a discussion. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

CHAVERIM

"CHILDREN AND THE HOLOCAUST"

Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 PM – The program will deal with the special and unique conditions of children during the Holocaust. Though Jewish children will be the focus, the unique situations of German, Polish and Gypsy children and twins will be discussed. We will hear about children in the camps, in ghettos, with hidden identities, physically hidden. The actual testimony of a hidden child, our congregant, Gloria Glantz, will be given. Gloria, an award-winning educator on the Holocaust, will present the program.

YIDDISH Tuesdays at 10:30 AM – Whether you want to learn Yiddish or brush up on the language, this informal class is for you. Taught by Cecile Upadhyah, the class is open to all, Chaverim members and others, young and not-so-young. (Non-members' fee is \$10.) Contact Evie Schonbrun* for further information.

CHAIR YOGA Fridays at 10:30 AM – Chair yoga is a gentle way to experience the many physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of yoga. Led by Beth Mohr, it increases concentration, body awareness and tone, range of motion, coordination and balance. Come for a free try-out or sign up for a six-session series for \$60. Contact Joyce Rudnick* for further information.

DUES ARE DUE If you haven't yet paid Chaverim dues, please send your check in the amount of \$18 per person, made out to The Community Synagogue with Chaverim on the memo line, to the temple.

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Chaverim museum visit



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Shari Isserles

Principally Speaking

This month we celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year or Birthday of the Trees. In our secular calendar, *Tu B'Shevat* falls on January 16th this year. *Tu B'Shevat* means “the 15th day of the month of Shevat.” It may seem strange to us to be celebrating the birthday of trees in the middle of winter. But, in Israel, where our ancestors first observed *Tu*

B'Shevat, this date comes at the time when trees do seem to be born, or to come to life. The winter rains end, the air turns warm, sap rises in the trees, green buds appear, and the whole world feels anew.

Planting trees and taking care of the earth have always been important Jewish values. Our tradition teaches us that we must “be careful to fulfill the obligation of planting. Just as you entered and found plantings which had been planted by others, you too must plant for your children” -Midrash Tanhuma.

The children will be learning about *Tu B'Shevat* in Religious School with their teachers and by taking part in our special event day, *Wear Green for Tu B'Shevat* on Sunday, January 12th. In addition, there are many ways to bring the celebration of *Tu B'Shevat* into your home. There is no one “right” way to celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, so create your own family rituals for this holiday. You can try some of these:

- Honor your family by planting a tree together in your yard and watching it grow. If space is limited, you can buy small indoor plants for each family member to nurture.
- Have a *Tu B'Shevat seder* with your family. We have many sample *sederim* in the Religious School office which we would love to lend you!
- Plant a tree in one of JNF's national forests in honor or in memory of a loved one.
- *Tu B'Shevat* has become the Jewish ecology holiday. Discuss with your family how to become caretakers of the earth. Check out the website for the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life to learn more about Judaism and the environment, www.coejl.org.
- Bake a special birthday cake for the earth and share wishes for the earth while you eat dessert!!

Enjoy your celebration of *Tu B'Shevat*!

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our history. We may interpret the meaning of what has occurred differently, but we understand that we are “family.” Second, we have a sense of identity not only as a people, but a people with a purpose – to somehow bring about a better world. Each Jewish community does this in a different way, but a sense of justice, truth and peace – however worked out – is at the core of every Jewish community I have experienced.

This historical and theological underpinning is the basis for our synagogue's general approach towards inclusiveness. Thus, as part of developing our congregational vision statement last year it was clear that this was a core value. We articulate openness in specific terms as:

Welcoming interfaith families, the unaffiliated, and people of all ages, races and sexual orientation.

A value of greater openness does present challenges – and it means that we are continually asking ourselves about appropriate ways of being inclusive, yet honest about being an institution of Jewish values and continuity. We believe, however, that Jewish life is richer because of such an “open door” policy. Thus, anyone willing to be part of our synagogue – and who shares our goals – is welcome here.

Jewish texts, faith and history teach us that unity need not be the same thing as uniformity. More than that, our diversity is a sign of strength. We pray that The Community Synagogue will be a model of such an approach.

Our Vision and Core Values statement is on our website under “About Us.”



Calling All NEW Members!

Please save the date for our

**New Member
Pasta Party!
Sunday, January 26th
4:30 p.m.**

Come meet and re-connect with other new members at a FUN, family dinner! Watch your mailbox for more information!





2014 is going to be filled with great opportunities for 4-12th grade members of POWTY Youth Programs to participate in! In the next few months, we've got some great events for JPOW, POWTY Seven and Senior POWTY members to participate in:

- **1.20.14, 6 pm at Benihana – Senior POWTY Sayonara Stress Hibachi Party!** 8-12th graders, join your Senior POWTY pals for a relaxing, fun evening out at Benihana before midterm season gets underway.
- **2.7.14, 6 pm – ALL POWTY Shabbat!** All POWTY Youth Programs members are invited to celebrate *Shabbat* together at our All POWTY *Shabbat*! We will celebrate *Shabbat* and enjoy a fabulous dinner all together before helping to lead *Shabbat* evening services at 8 pm. While *Shabbat* dinner is just for POWTY's 4-12th grade members, we invite POWTY parents, families, and friends to join us to celebrate *Shabbat* with POWTY at services.
- **2.18-23.14 – Senior POWTY's February Break Tikkun Olam Trip.** Senior POWTY Members are heading to Memphis and Little Rock for a week of

service learning and exploring together!

- **2.25.14, 6-7:30 pm – JPOW's Holiday Culinary Academy: Hamentaschen!** JPOW members, stick around after religious school for a pizza dinner and a cooking lesson, where we will learn to bake the world's best hamentaschen with celebrity chef Anne Zepowitz just in time for *Purim*!

Have you heard? Last month JPOW members came together for an evening devoted to *Tzaar baalei chayim*, compassion to animals, where we baked homemade dog biscuits to donate to the dogs at the North Shore Animal League. We also recycled old T-shirts and turned them into rope toys that were also donated to our animal neighbors in need. It was a wonderful evening of *tikkun olam* for our 4-6th grade JPOW members!

POWTY Seven members also had their second experience of the year with Lindsay in December, as a part of their seventh grade curriculum in our religious school.

Last month, Senior POWTY members participated in NFTY-NAR Social Justice Day, which took place on Long Island.

Together, members of Senior POWTY spent the day with over one hundred other Jewish teens from our region of NFTY working on special *tikkun olam* projects in our area.

2014 has many great events in store for our POWTY Youth Programs members! For more information about our upcoming events, please get in touch with me.

Love & POWTY,
Lindsay

All participants in our programs must be registered POWTY members. To register your child(ren)/teen(s) as POWTY Youth Programs members, please visit the Youth sections of our website, www.commsyn.org, and click on the link to our registration form.

LAMA *למה RABBI DANNY BURKEMAN

QUESTION: Why are we celebrating a second new year in January?

ANSWER: We of course know that January 1st is our secular new year, when we make the move from 2013 to 2014. But in the course of this month we will also celebrate a second new year, beginning on the evening of January 15th, when the festival of *Tu B'Shvat* begins.

Now I know what you are thinking (or at least I think I do): you are wondering how can *Tu B'Shvat* be the new year, if we celebrated *Rosh Hashanah* back in September, which everyone said was the Jewish new year. Well the answer is that they are both new years, and actually we have two additional new years in our Jewish calendar. According to the rabbis of the *Mishnah* there are four new years: on the first of *Nisan*, it is the new year for the kings and for the festivals; on the first of *Elul*, it is the new year for the tithing of animals; on the first of *Tishrei* (*Rosh Hashanah*) it is the new year for years, and on the fifteenth of *Shvat* (*Tu B'Shvat*) it is the new year for the trees.

We celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* as the primary new year, because it is on that day that we make the move in terms of counting years (we are currently in the 5774th year of the Hebrew calendar). However, there

are other points in the calendar when new years are celebrated and marked, and yet none of them coincide with our secular new year of January 1st.

In part this is because we are comparing two calendars which operate according to different ways of counting time. Our secular calendar counts time according to the passage of the full four seasons, or according to a full revolution around the sun. In contrast our Hebrew calendar counts time according to the cycles of the moon, with each moon corresponding to a complete lunar cycle of new moon to full moon, to new moon again.

With four Jewish new years and a separate secular new year we might consider that the positioning of these moments is less important than the fact that we have them. What becomes clear from all of these new years is that there is something important in

counting the passage of time. It is important for us as individuals, but it is also important in a communal context whether it is in our Jewish or secular worlds. And I wish all of you Happy *Tu B'Shvat* – have a wonderful celebration of the new year for the trees.

* *Lama* — The Hebrew word for “why”



Meet Our Board Members

Lisa Davidoff



Nineteen years ago my husband dragged me kicking and screaming from the city to Port Washington. At the time I felt as if I had been sent to Siberia. I was used to addresses like 15th and 5th not Terrace and Terrace. Our children were 1, 3 and 5 at the time, which made it somewhat easier for them to transition. My salvation came in the form of the ECC at The Community Synagogue. Owen, my then 3 year old, was enrolled in the only pm three's class ever held. Our small band of parents became my closest friends and taught me the meaning of "community." Over the years my commitment to Port and the Synagogue grew. I served in every capacity at the secular level through the HSA, Compact Committees and other functions as well as serving on various committees at TCS.

Melanie, Owen and Gabriele were raised in this synagogue with all three becoming *B'nai Mitzvah* and becoming Confirmed. They attended *Tot Shabbats* and eventually became members of POWTY. Melanie was even involved in the Madrichim program.

In addition to all the *nachas* we shared, the synagogue and clergy were there for us in our time of need. When my husband passed away, it was the clergy who suggested we hold the funeral at Community and assisted us in every way in our recovery. As further evidence of my connection, I am now a board member currently serving in the capacity of Financial Secretary. Although I still pine for the noise of Manhattan, I am grateful for all the wonderful people I call friends that have come from the synagogue and the community at large.

Adam Finkelstein



My name is Adam Finkelstein and I was born on a very cold winter night in Brooklyn, NY in December of 1968. My family moved from Brooklyn to Long Beach, New York when I was almost two and since then I have never been comfortable living too far from a major body of water. I met my wife Karen at the end of our sophomore year at SUNY Albany and she has stuck with me since then becoming my best friend and the greatest partner I could have hoped for in the process.

Karen and I have been part of the Port Washington community for fourteen years having moved here from New York City when our oldest son, Jake, was just one year old. Two years later our son Max was born and our involvement with The Community Synagogue began with Max starting the ECC at the tender age of 2. I have to add that our miniature goldendoodle, Ollie, joined us four years after Max finished the 2's and completed the family.

Little did I know that our children's involvement with the ECC, the wonderful summer camp programs and the Religious School would lead us to a place that is so much more than a place we go on the High Holidays and a few Saturdays throughout the year. Those early experiences, led by our children, have created in us a connection with so many people today that now make up our Community Synagogue family.

Probably the greatest experience with the Synagogue we have had thus far had to be our experiences as Jake worked to become a *bar mitzvah* two years ago. Experiences we once again get to enjoy as Max works towards that goal next year. Going through that process and getting to really see and feel the close relationship the clergy builds with each family really solidified our

bond with the synagogue and made us truly appreciate the decision we made to join a place that is so much more than a beautiful building built in a beautiful setting.

Having now served on the Board in this, my fourth year, and being involved in several task forces working on such things as staffing, governance and facilities use, I feel that I am just starting to pay back some of debt I owe to an institution that has brought so much to my family. Being part of the process that helps to steer not only the present but also the future of such a wonderful place has been an honor, and I only hope I can continue to work to make a place that means so much to my immediate family an even better one, not only for us, but for our entire Community Synagogue family.

Janet Wolf



- Husband: Neil Seiden
- Sons: Andrew & Michael Seiden
- Andrew's girlfriend: Bekah Bergman
- Synagogue Member since: 1996
- Board member since: 2010
- VP, Development since: 2013

We moved to Port Washington in 1989. For a few years, we traveled back to our parents' synagogues for holidays, and spent a little time at each of the local Reform synagogues, deciding which one seemed like a good fit for us. Like many young Jewish families, it wasn't until our two boys were ready for nursery school and to start their Jewish education that we joined The Community Synagogue. Then, in a blink of an eye, both my boys became *b'nai mitzvah*, and in two blinks, they were Confirmed, and off to college.

We were relatively comfortable within the synagogue community as the boys grew up,

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Super Bowl Sunday Blood Drive

Sunday, February 2, 2014
8am–2pm

“And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.”

MISHNAH SANHEDRIN 4:5;
BABYLONIAN TALMUD TRACTATE SANHEDRIN 37A

The Brotherhood of The Community Synagogue continues its tradition and asks you to help the community by donating blood on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2014, at the Synagogue. We have a serious blood shortage. All blood collected will be used by facilities in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties. The donation of blood is the gift of life. Each pint can treat as many as five different patients. Please take an hour to help those in our community who need blood products.

According to Long Island Blood Services, the demand for blood is increasing, yet the donations have not been keeping up with the need. Please come Super Bowl Sunday, bring your spouse and your children age 16 and over weighing a minimum of 110 pounds. Donors age 75 and over need a doctor’s written permission.

Kindly bring a photo or signature ID, and know your social security number. Please eat and drink well before donating.

To schedule a convenient donation appointment, please call Jack Obadia at (212) 245-5373, or e-mail: Brotherhoodblooddrive@gmail.com. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

If you cannot attend the drive, please call Long Island Blood at 800-933-2566 and donate at a local blood center, including the Lake Success facility on Marcus Avenue. Please use the account number 3126 of The Community Synagogue Brotherhood to be part of our drive.

Can we count on your support to save just one life with your donation?

Brotherhood wishes you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Brotherhood held its annual Phil Seinfeld Thanksgiving Food Drive for Our Lady of Fatima Church in Port Washington on Sunday, November 24 with the generous support of King Kullen.



Upcoming Brotherhood events include:

- The First Annual Fantasy Football League of the Brotherhood of The Community Synagogue: LEAGUE AWARDS PIZZA PARTY, Sunday, January 12 @ 12:45-2:45 pm.
- January Brotherhood Meeting: Monday January 6, 2014–8:00PM in the Boardroom (Executive Board meets at 7:30).

Brotherhood welcomes new and returning members to sit in at our monthly meetings.

Becoming a Brotherhood member and supporting Brotherhood’s activities is easier than ever. Just go to the Brotherhood page on the Community Synagogue web site:

<http://www.commsyn.org/Brotherhood/>

92ND STREET Y

Brotherhood Presents the 92nd St Y Fall 2013 Schedule

Ari Shavit with David Remnick: The Tragedy and Triumph of Israel January 8th, Wednesday, 8 pm



Haaretz senior correspondent Ari Shavit joins *New Yorker* editor David Remnick for an incisive analysis of the Jewish state’s fraught history— and its prospects for the future. Shavit’s new book, *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, is the sweeping result of his 30 years in the trenches of Israeli society and politics.

David Remnick, editor of *The New Yorker* since July, 1998, is the author of several books, including *King of the World*, *Resurrection*, and *Lenin’s Tomb*.

Survivor Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide: Lessons Learned

An event co-sponsored by the Port Washington Public Library and The Community Synagogue of Port Washington

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Port Washington Public Library
1 Library Drive, Port Washington, NY

Presentation 1:30-3:30PM

Reception and Refreshments Following

The community is invited to a thought provoking, moderated discussion of the Holocaust and Genocide with the goal of increasing awareness of how such horrific events happen and how we can prevent them in the future.



Moderator: Rabbi Danny Burkeman

Born and raised in England, following ordination, Danny Burkeman became an Associate Rabbi at West London Synagogue before joining The Community Synagogue in Port Washington. He earned a BA degree in History and Theology from Cambridge University and holds a Masters Degree in Jewish Christian Relations.



Speaker: Sol Ginsburg

Born in Vilna Poland in 1937, Sol and his family were deported to a Siberian village. Sol and his brother Dov Gruber, an Israeli hero, worked for the Bricha, the underground effort to help Holocaust survivors escape World War II /Europe. He ended up in a Displaced Persons camp. In 1951, his family immigrated to Brooklyn, NY. Sol became an electrical engineer and worked at Cape Kennedy.



Speaker: Jacqueline Murekatete

Born in Rwanda in 1984, Jacqueline is an internationally recognized human rights activist and genocide survivor. At nine years old she lost her parents and all siblings to the 1994 genocide against Tutsis in Rwanda. Jacqueline has spoken in more than 300 forums including the UN General Assembly. She has received numerous numerous awards for her efforts. Jacqueline holds a BA

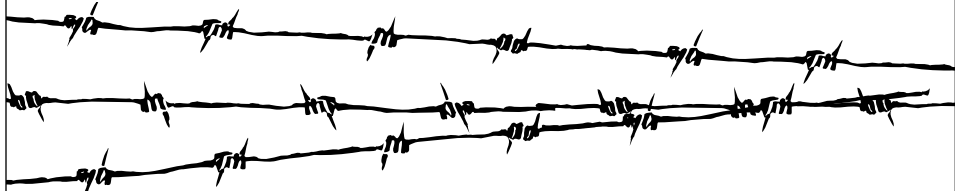
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- **Howard & Sandra Lipset** In Memory of Herbert Lipset (Yahrzeit)

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- **Len & Jill Berman** In Memory of Burton Stern
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- **Mark Calem & Stefanie Shulman-Calem** In Memory of Lou Seeger
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- **Richard & Karen Dankner** In Honor of Deanne Spiegel on the birth of her granddaughter, Avery Taylor Siegel
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- **Robert & Miriam Caslow** In Memory of Charlotte Caslow and Harold Halzel (Yahrzeits)
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- **Michael & Serafima Shore** In Memory of Fran Shore (Yahrzeit)
- **Matthew & Laura Siegal** In Memory of Shirley Siegal (Yahrzeit)
- **Steven & Susan Stern** In Memory of David Katz (Yahrzeit)
- **Russell & Judy Thal** In Memory of Lou Seeger
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- **Glenda Feuer** In Memory of Lou Seeger
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- **Rachel Schwartz** In Memory of Leonard Wurzel
- **Stephen & Denise Silverstein** For Elaine Wurzel and family on the death of her husband, Leonard
- **Murray & Lotte Steingart** In Memory of Leonard Wurzel
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- **Marvin & Elise Tepper** In Memory of Leonard Wurzel
- **Randy & Marcy Todd** In Memory of Leonard Wurzel
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but it wasn't until the Great Recession of 2008, (when for the first time in my life I was not working full time) that a friend—much more engaged here than I—asked me to join her at a meeting to discuss how to help people in our local region negatively effected by the recession. One thing led to another, as it often does, and I found myself on a committee sponsored by UJA/Connect to Care to organize networking events, and as a co-chair of our own synagogue's Recession Response Team. Next, I was asked to join a search committee, and then asked to join our Board of Trustees.

We might have become disengaged once our boys went off to college, as some families do. But, as in many other aspects of life, synagogue involvement is so much about personal relationships. Being pulled in by a friend resulted in an acceleration of my level of engagement here, as well as the rewards that come with feeling useful and closer to our wonderful community.

Outreach to Jewish Deaf Individuals

Our synagogue's vision is to be a "vibrant, caring and inclusive Reform congregation that inspires meaningful relationships with one another, the larger community and with God." We are dedicated to making every person who is part of our community feel loved, welcomed and honored. One of the ways we do that is by doing the most we can to create opportunities to explore Jewish life for those with various abilities.

We are exploring ways to address the needs of those who are deaf or hearing-impaired. In particular, we want to know if there are individuals in Port Washington (or anywhere within a reasonable distance) who might benefit from having sign-language interpreters during worship services.

If you have relatives, friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested, please be in touch with Faith (the clergy assistant) at 516-883-3144 ext 328 or fnorwick@commsyn.org. Thank you.

Save the Dates

- New Member Pasta Party
Sunday, Jan. 26, 5:00 p.m.
- ECC Family Fun Day
Sunday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Megillah & Martinis (Adults Only *Purim* Celebration)
Saturday, Mar. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's *Seder*
Thursday, Apr. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- Congregational 2nd Night *Seder*
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m.
- *Mitzvah* Day
Sunday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Maccabiah Games
Sunday, May 18, 12 noon
- *Shabbat* on the Lawn and Congregational Pot Luck Barbecue
Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.



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- Caregiver Support Group for Spouses & Children Caring for Individuals with Young Onset Dementia
- Support Group for Teens and Young Adult Children of Individuals with Young Onset Dementia
- Strength to Strength Free Cancer Wellness Program
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS | JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	30 SYNAGOGUE OPEN	31 SYNAGOGUE CLOSED	1 SYNAGOGUE CLOSED	2 ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	3 ECC CLOSED	4 Adult Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am Bar Mitzvah of Harris Sonmeklar 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	6 ECC RESUMES Brotherhood Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 8:00pm	7 Chaverim Yiddish Classes 10:30am	8 92nd St Y-Ari Shavit with David Remnick 8:00pm	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	10 Chaverim Chair Yoga 10:30am Tor Shabbat-ECC 4's Participation 5:30pm Shabbat Evening Service-Second Shabbas Family Service-Shabbat Rocks 6:30pm	11 Adult Torah Study 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am B'nai Mitzvah Bailey Lipset and Cara Cohen 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
12 Religious School Tu B'Shevat program 9:00am Torah and the Headlines 9:00am PJ Storytime 9:00am Parenting Class with Rabbi Danny 9:15am Grade 5 PACE 11:00am Brotherhood Annual Fantasy 12:45pm Football Awards and Pizza Party 1:00pm Hebrew Chair Pod 3 for Kabbalat Torah Class	13 POW/Hebrew Chai Soup 3:00pm Kitchen Trip Social Action Committee Meeting 8:00am	14 ECC Parent Committee Meeting Hebrew Chai Pod 3 Choir Rehearsal 10:30am 6:30pm 8:15pm	15 92nd St Y-Ari Shavit with David Remnick 8:00pm	16 Teen Foundation Meeting 6:30pm Synagogue Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm	17 Chaverim Chair Yoga 10:30am Shabbat evening Service 8:00pm	18 Adult Torah Study 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am B'nai Mitzvah of Julia Hames and Benjamin Spier 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
19 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ECC, OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED POW/ Hiba'chi Party, Benihana 6:00pm	21 Chaverim Yiddish Classes Hebrew Chai Pod 3 Chaverim "Children of the Holocaust" with Gloria Glantz Choir Rehearsal 10:30am 6:30pm 7:30am 8:15pm	22	23 Jewish Film Series and Joint Sisterhood/Hadassah Event 7:30pm	24 Chaverim Chair Yoga 10:30am Shabbat Evening Service 8:00pm	25 Adult Torah Study 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin Danjalian and Ryan Nachman 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
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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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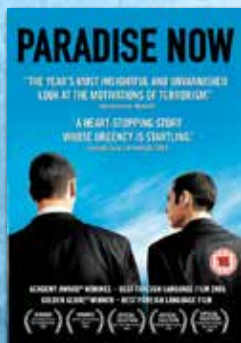
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WALTZ WITH BASHIR

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:30 PM

(Hebrew 2008 90 min) In this film an Israeli film director interviews fellow veterans of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon to reconstruct his own memories of his term of service in the conflict. The film is a memoir, a history lesson, a combat picture, a piece of investigative journalism and an altogether amazing film. The film is directed by Ari Folman, an Israeli filmmaker, whose struggle to make sense of his experience as a soldier in the Lebanon war of 1982 shapes his story.



PARADISE NOW

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:30 PM

(Arabic 2005 90 min) Two Palestinian men, who were childhood friends, are recruited for a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. The film is directed by Hany Abu-Assad and stars Lubna Azabal, Hamza Abu-Aiaash, Kais Nashif, Ali Suliman. It won a Golden Globe for best foreign language film and was nominated for an Academy Award in the same category. "The film is an artistic point of view of that political issue," Abu-Assad said. "The politicians want to see it as black and white, good and evil, and art wants to see it as a human thing."