

## New Member/Sponsor Events

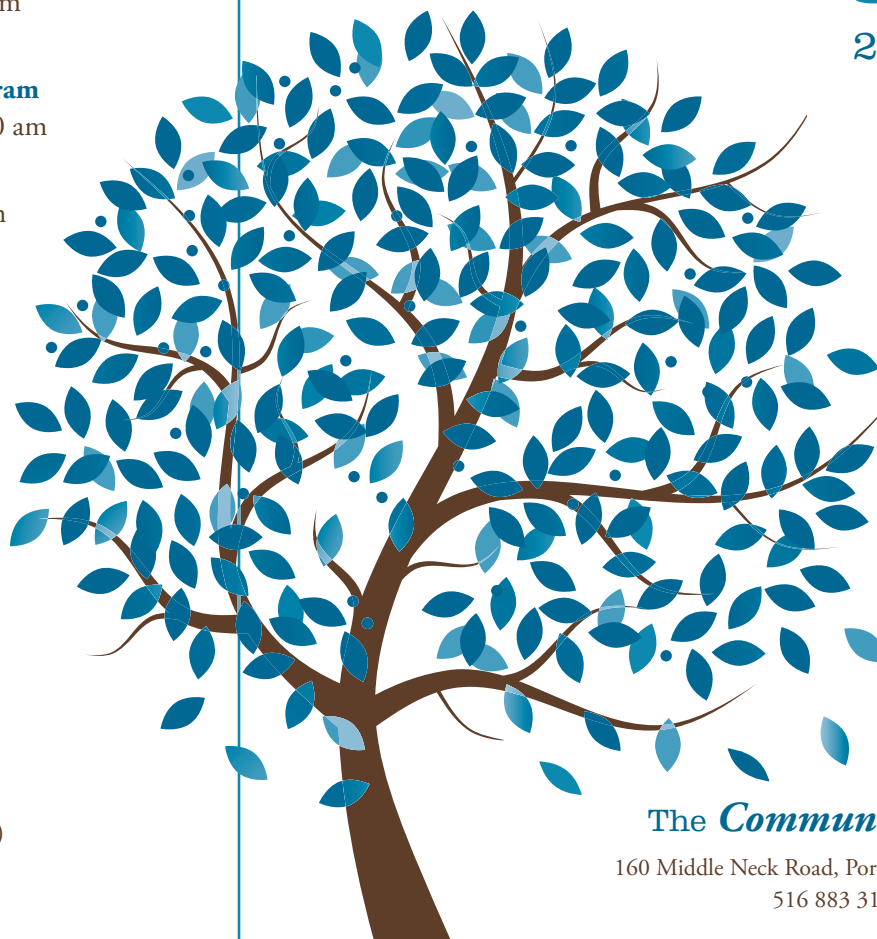
Gift Membership participants and their sponsors will attend at least three of the following events:

- **Welcome Shabbat Dinner and “Second Shabbes” Family Shabbat Service**  
Friday, September 11, 5:00 pm
- **Raise the Sukkah**  
Sunday, September 27, 1:00 pm
- **Decorate the Sukkah**  
Sunday, September 27, 4:30 pm
- **Simchat Torah, Dancing & “Torah Roll”**  
Sunday, October 4, 6:30 pm
- **Shabbat “Service with Footnotes” (Learner’s Service)**  
Friday, November 6, 8 pm
- **Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Gala**  
Thursday, November 12, 7:15 pm
- **New Member Welcome Shabbat**  
Friday, November 13, 6:30 pm
- **Cantors’ Cabaret**  
Saturday, November 21, 7:30 pm
- **Chaverim Chanukah Party**  
Saturday, December 9, 11:30 am
- **Build The World’s Largest Lego Menorah, A Sisterhood Family Program**  
Thursday, December 10, 6–8 pm
- **Congregational Chanukah Service**  
Friday, December 11, 6:30 pm
- **Tot Shabbat**  
Friday, January 8, 5:30 pm
- **“Second Shabbes” Family Shabbat Service**  
Friday, January 8, 6:30 pm
- **“Challah Day”, a Sisterhood Family Program**  
Sunday, January 10, 11:30 am
- **New Member Pasta Dinner**  
Sunday, January 31, 4:30 pm
- **Lifesize Games, a Sisterhood Family Program**  
Sunday, February 28, 11:30 am
- **ECC Family Fun Day**  
Sunday, March 6, 11:30 am
- **Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading**  
Wednesday, March 23, 3:30 pm
- **Chaverim Shabbat**  
Friday, April 1, 8 p.m.
- **Tot Shabbat**  
Friday, April 8, 5:30 pm
- **“Second Shabbes” Family Shabbat Service**  
Friday, April 8, 6:30 pm
- **Shabbat on the Lawn & Congregational BBQ**  
Friday, June 10, 6:30 pm  
(Rain date: Friday, June 17)

The Community Synagogue  
invites you to *experience membership*  
through our

# Gift Membership Program

2015–2016



The *Community Synagogue*

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## 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:*

- Joanne Fried, Executive Director  
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- Bari Ziegel, Vice President, Member Services  
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*\*Former member is defined as any individual or family previously in good standing, who has not been affiliated with The Community Synagogue during the 2014/2015 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 2015–June 2016. 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 gift members and their children (through age 26) with additional family seats available at a reasonable cost.
- 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, 2015–June 30, 2016.
- 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.