



## From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz



### In Support of Jewish Sport

I have a cartoon from years ago by Jules Feiffer that has a head suspended a foot or so above a raincoat-covered body. The man proudly begins,

“This is my head. It thinks. It talks. It charms. It worries. It laughs. It hurts. It has a hundred wonderful tricks. I am proud of it.”

Then, with just a view of the body the man says, “This is my body. It is funny looking. It malfunctions. It looks best in winter

clothes. I have as little to do with it as is humanly possible. Lucky for my body that I need it to chauffeur my head around. Otherwise ... out it would go.”

The notion of body and soul being separate is a dominant theme in Western thought. Plato, then Christianity, assert the idea that the soul is not only separate, but superior to the body. This uncertainty about the physicality of the body is also reflected in Jewish thought, where rabbinic tradition often reacted negatively to the focus on sport in the gymnasias and arenas of Greek and Roman

society. The ideal Jew became the person devoted to study, to a life of the mind.

In the last century, however, there has been renewed interest in the body amongst Jews. Early Zionists rejected the ideal of the *yeshiva bochor* as weak, and embraced the hardy pioneer image of the *kibbutznik*. In America, Jews began to take pride in Jewish sports figures – with Jews not only playing more sports, but also choosing to become professional boxers, baseball players and football players. A reflection of the renewed interest of Jews in sports is the rise of the Maccabiah games,

a Jewish sporting Olympics, which only began in 1932. The last Maccabiah games (in 2009) involved over 7,000 athletes from 51 countries.

Rather than over-emphasizing body or soul, a broad understanding of Jewish tradition leads us to see the importance of both. In the morning prayers we say blessings for the body, but also the spirit that animates us. The great medieval rabbi and doctor, the Rambam, said that unless we exercise, even with all the other good habits in which we are engaged, we will not be sound

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## Guest Speaker Steven A. Cook

Hasib J. Sabbagh Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies  
Council on Foreign Relations

**Tuesday, April 5th 8:00 pm**

Steven Cook is an expert on Arab and Turkish politics as well as U.S.-Middle East policy. Dr. Cook is the author of *Ruling But Not Governing: The Military and Political Development in Egypt, Algeria, and Turkey* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007). He is currently writing a book on Egyptian politics and the future of U.S.-Egypt relations (forthcoming, Oxford University Press).

He has published widely in a variety of foreign policy journals, opinion magazines, and newspapers. His blog is “From the Potomac to the Euphrates” (<http://blogs.cfr.org/cook>).



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**SHABBAT TAZRIA ~ HACHODESH • תזריע~החדש**

**Friday, April 1**

Erev Shabbat. . . . . 8:00 pm  
 Rabbi Sternman speaks

**Saturday, April 2** (*Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59; Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
 B'nai Mitzvah - Danielle Katz & Zachary Jimenez  
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 10:30 am

**SHABBAT METZORA • מצרע**

**Friday, April 8**

Second Shabbat - Family Services . . . . . 6:30 pm  
 Worship for the young and young at heart with lots of music, spirit and energy!

**Saturday, April 9** (*Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33; Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
 B'not Mitzvah - Madeline Fagen & Sophie Lipstein  
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 10:30 am

**SHABBAT ACHAREI MOT ~ HAGADOL • אחרי מות~הגדול**

**Friday, April 15**

Erev Shabbat. . . . . 8:00 pm  
 Rabbi Zepelowitz: "Questions Worth Asking At Your Seder"

**Saturday, April 16** (*Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30; Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
 Bat Mitzvah - Talia Silverstein  
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 10:30 am

**PESACH (1ST DAY) • פסח**

**Tuesday, April 19**

Yom Tov (1st Day) . . . . . 10:30 am

**SHABBAT HOL HAMOED PESACH • חול המעוד פסח**

**Friday, April 22**

Erev Shabbat (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 23** (*Exodus 33:12 - 34:26; Haftarah: Ezekiel 27:1-14*)

Shabbat Morning (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 10:30 am

**PESACH (7TH DAY) • פסח**

**Monday, April 25**

Yom Tov Morning (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 9:00 am  
 Including Yizkor - In Memory of Loved Ones  
 Breakfast Following

**SHABBAT K'DOSHIM • קדשים**

**Friday, April 29**

Erev Shabbat. . . . . 8:00 pm  
 Magevet Choir - Yale's Jewish a capella Singers  
 Tribute to our Cantorial Intern David Frommer

**Saturday, April 30** (*Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27; Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) . . . . . 10:30 am  
 B'nai Mitzvah - Hayden Braider & Lexi Katz  
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) . . . . . 10:30 am

## First Annual Youth Maccabiah Games: May 22, 2011



This year on May 22 at Manorhaven Park we will be hosting our first annual Maccabiah Youth Sports Day. To help with this exciting project, we applied for an incubator grant from the URJ. We were fortunate to be one of the twenty synagogues chosen from 168 applicants. On February 22, 2011, *Jewish Week* wrote a story about the program. The following is excerpted from that story.

### **New Focus On Young Families: Area congregations using 'incubator' grants to bolster 'early engagement.'**

*Amy Spiro, Editorial Assistant*

Now that the Union for Reform Judaism has awarded 20 synagogues across the country a \$5,000 incubator grant — five of them in New York — the planning and development is already under way. Two of the grant recipients in New York are using their funds to engage families with children, a key demographic for synagogues with declining membership. And they're not doing it alone.

The Community Synagogue in Port Washington, L.I. is applying the funds towards a Maccabiah Sports Day, which will be the kick-off event for an ongoing sports league that the synagogue is developing with the Sid Jacobson JCC.

Of the 168 applicants for the URJ grants, 35 of them (21 percent) targeted young or school age children. Five of the 20 grants that were awarded also addressed this population. Thinking in practical and bottom-up terms about how to draw and keep the attention of current or potential members was a key for most grants. "Engagement was the theme," said Rabbi Dan Frelander, senior vice president of URJ. "It wasn't dreaming about the 'Reform Jewish future,'" he said, "it was how do we engage individuals."

The Community Synagogue in Port Washington, L.I., is hoping to bring in kids by offering them what they already participate in — sports leagues — but in a Jewish setting.

"We live in a town where sports programs are very active," said Larry Helft, president of the synagogue, "but they are either non-sectarian or are run by the

churches in town. The best youth basketball league is the Catholic Youth Organization that has a very large number of Jewish kids playing."

So for many Jewish kids in the area, playing baseball or basketball could mean wearing a uniform with a cross on it. The funds from the URJ grant will finance a family sports day for pre-schoolers to teens in the beachfront Manorhaven Park. The day of games, matches and barbecue — on the Jewish holiday of Lag B'Omer — will mark the beginning, not the end of the synagogue's initiative.

"It will not only be a fun day by itself," said Helft, "but it will give us the opportunity to publicize the fact that in the fall and winter, sports leagues will be starting," partnered with the Sid Jacobson JCC in Roslyn, L.I. More than a dozen families have already expressed interest in the league, which will begin with basketball in the beginning of the school year.

The programming will accomplish two goals for the synagogue: "Keep youth engaged post bnei *mitzvah*," said Helft, and "keep parents, especially fathers" who often coach their children's teams, "engaged with the synagogue." The 650-family synagogue, according to Helft, has more than 1,000 children, "so many of the things we do are children-centric."

Ultimately, the congregation is hoping to "put a Jewish spin on sports programs," said Helft, which will "keep Jewish kids together, and connected to the synagogue."

*Larry Helft, President*

## ECC Teachers Travel to Israel

Shelley Roff, ECC Director



This February four of our ECC teachers—Sherry Ambos, Lisa Cusano, Amy Rubinstein and Penny Silverman—joined a group

of 28 early childhood professionals from the New York City region on a Jewish Early Childhood Association (JECA) sponsored trip to Israel to study at Yad Vashem.

Our school had the largest representation of educators on the trip and this was the first time to Israel for all four of our teachers. The trip involved intensive studying five days a week at Yad Vashem. Although much of what our teachers learned at Yad Vashem is not age appropriate for our little ones, they came away with the strong message about the teaching of tolerance of others, which children are never too young to learn about.

They all came back bubbling with excitement from the trip, a new found love of Israel and are working on new ways to incorporate more of a connection to Israel with the children in our school. Some of the highlights of the trip included visiting the *Kotel* (Western Wall) on *Shabbat* and dancing with other women from around the world, climbing Masada, swimming in the Dead Sea, touring Old Jerusalem,

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## Attention Mah Jongg Players



Come join us on April 12th with your new card! Let's see which of our favorite hands are back, and which new ones are here to challenge us. We will meet at 7:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The event is free for Sisterhood members, \$5 for synagogue members and \$10 for non-synagogue members. Noshes and coffee of course! RSVP is required to Jo Beth Roberts at [jbnr@aol.com](mailto:jbnr@aol.com) or 767-8770. Hope to see you there- bring your sets, your cards and your friends!

## ECC Registration Reminders

We are currently accepting registration for the following Early Childhood Center programs. If you have not yet registered your child and are interested in doing so for any of our ECC programs, please contact our Director, Shelley Roff.

- **ECC 2011-2012 School Year:**  
Limited openings remain for all age groups
- **ECC 2011 Summer Program:**  
The ECC is offering a choice of 6 or 7 week programs this summer for Toddlers, Three-Year-Olds, Four-Year-Olds and Five-Year-Olds. A variety of days and times are available.
- **Summer 2011 Mommy (or Daddy or Nanny) & Me Classes:**  
Classes will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays for children who are at least 12 months old and walking.

### Intergenerational Women's Seder

A Tribute to Debbie Friedman: be a part of an amazing evening as we join with the women of four local congregations to celebrate the life and music of this remarkable woman with an intergenerational Women's Seder on April 6 at Temple Sinai in Roslyn.

### Mini-Mitzvah Day Thank You

Our Mini-Mitzvah Day was a wonderful success. The Multi-Purpose Room was filled with children and adults working together to help others. Many thanks to all of our volunteers, especially the chairs of our Sisterhood Social Action Committee: Arlene Pinkus, Marsha Phillips, and Renee Karmel.

### Save the date—Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day is coming: Join Sisterhood on Thursday, May 5th for a special gift making event at Dvora's Art Studio. Children are welcome to bring a mother, father or grandparent. The event will begin at 6:30 pm and snacks will be provided.

## The Judaica Shop

The Judaica Shop will be open for our Passover Boutiques on Sunday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for Passover shopping and by appointment.

On both Sundays, we will have our entire selection of Passover merchandise on display in the lobby. We have many new, exciting products to enhance your seder! We have a large selection of seder and matzah plates, Elijah's and Miriam's Cups and wonderful toys to entertain your children and grandchildren, such as bags of plagues, many different types of frog toys, ten plague finger puppets and more. We carry many different *haggadot* to choose from, so don't wait until the last minute to purchase yours!

Are you going to someone's house for one of the seders? We have many hostess gifts to choose from....wine bottle holders, Passover aprons, beautiful glass serving platters, and lazy susans and much, much more.

Think about giving a copy of Sisterhood's Cookbook as a hostess gift! It has many delicious Passover recipes in it, along with many more that can be used all year round.

Is your child becoming a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*??? Don't forget to set up an appointment to order personalized *kippot* for your child's *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*! We also have a large selection of *tallitot* in stock, as well as tall Celebration Candles from Israel (perfect for your *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* cake), mints tins or chocolates that can be personalized as favors or placecards for your guests, or as great additions to gift bags for your out of town guests.

If you would like to set up an appointment, please call Bari Ziegel at 883-4888 or e-mail her at [bziegel@aol.com](mailto:bziegel@aol.com).

## Passover Wine Sale

It's a great time to buy wine for Passover and restock your liquor cabinet, just in time for Passover! Support Sisterhood by buying your wine and spirits at either Black Tie Liquors, 114 Shore Road or Bottles Wines & Spirits, 63 Shore Road, by April 26, 2011.

When you do your shopping at Black Tie or Bottles, identify yourself as a member of The Community Synagogue.

Pay by check made payable to Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue and we'll receive 15% of your purchase.

## A Meaningful Mother's Day Gift for Loved Ones and Women in Need

The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue has joined Jewish Women International (JWI) in honoring the 40,000 women and children who will spend Mother's Day in battered women's shelters. Through the annual Mother's Day Flower Project, JWI with OPI Products, Inc. and Papyrus will send bouquets of flowers and beauty to 200 shelters across the United States. By participating in the Mother's Day Flower project our congregation helps provide hope for these families on this special day, and everyday, through initiatives supported by Flower Project proceeds that work to educate communities, empower women and break the cycle of abuse.

"The roses that come to us from Jewish Women International are a beautiful sign that they are cared about, that someone recognizes them as special and that they are not forgotten. For some it may be the first time they have been honored on Mother's Day. There is something about the beauty of a flower that is so touching to the senses and in its own way helps to revive the spirit. We are grateful to be recipients of this gift of hope."

-Ann Marie Bartlett, Residential Program Manager at the Cornerstone Shelter in Bloomington, MN, 2010 Flower Project Recipient

For each \$25 contribution, JWI will send a Mother's Day card to any woman you choose, thanking her for the inspiration to help women in need. In addition, for every \$25 contribution you make to the Flower Project, The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue will receive \$5 back from JWI. The project is an opportunity for us to raise awareness about domestic abuse while we deliver compassion and support to women forced to live in domestic violence shelters.

Contributions to the Mother's Day Flower Project can be made by phone (202-857-1300) or online at [www.jwi.org/fp](http://www.jwi.org/fp). If you make your contribution online, please select Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue as the partner organization.

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going to an artisan fair in Tel Aviv, spending *Shabbat* with an elderly artist, riding camels, walking the ramparts of Jerusalem and seeing the King David light show. As soon as the teachers came back, they began working on ideas and projects with their fellow staff members to bring the connection of Israel more into our classrooms and curriculum at the ECC.

Our staff who went on this trip wanted to share these thoughts about their experience studying at Yad Vashem:

"How can we use what we learned in the Early Childhood setting? We are always encouraging the children to be tolerant: Show respect towards others, be responsible for your actions and don't look away when things are unfair. When we embarked on our venture, we didn't know what to anticipate. We returned with a better understanding of the Holocaust and a greater appreciation and love for Israel and its existence."

*Sherry Ambos, Lisa Cusano,  
Amy Rubinstein and Penny Silverman*

This trip was a life changing experience for our four fortunate teachers who were able to go, and what they learned and experienced is already being shared at the ECC to benefit all of our children.

*Shelley Roff*

### THE FIFTH QUESTION

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of body or soul (Mishneh *Torah*, Hilkhoh Deot 4:15).

A healthy and vital life, therefore, involves the sharpening of the mind as well as the strengthening of the body. In short, there is a time for study and a time for sport—and both are good for one another.

Given this, I am thrilled that our synagogue is sponsoring **Maccabiah Youth Sports Day on Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 4 pm at Manorhaven Park**. These games will be a wonderful opportunity to engage people in a new and important way. They will allow people to connect to the community differently than they might have before, but still with the goal of strengthening family ties and building deeper friendships. Our hope is that the Maccabiah Youth Sports Day will be the kick-off for an ongoing North Shore Jewish sports league that we are developing with the Sid Jacobson JCC. Thanks to the hard work of a number of people (especially Hank Ross, Michael Tucker, Larry Helft and Joanne Fried) and a generous grant from the Union for Reform Judaism, who gave us one of 20 grants out of 168 congregations that applied, we are excited to offer this new approach that supports the age-old Jewish respect for the body, as well as the soul.

## S'MACHOT • שמחות *Sharing Our Lives*

Mazel Tov to **Eileen and Stan Ronell** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 25th.

Mazel Tov to **Peggy and Marc Silbert** whose son **Ryan Silbert** won the Academy Award for Best Live Action Short for his film *God of Love*.

Mazel Tov to **Lou Seeger and family** on the birth of his great-granddaughter, **Naomi Yeh Risher**, born January 30, 2011. Parents are **Mark Risher and Deborah Yeh Risher**.

# למה?\*

**Question:** Why are there different branches of Judaism?

**Answer:** At first, we were just Hebrews and the differentiation amongst us was by tribe (the tribe of Judah, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of Dan, etc.). After the Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel and dispersed the ten northern tribes (the ten “lost” tribes), we were all from either the tribe of Judah or the tribe of Levi and that’s how we got the name Jews from the tribe of Judah. The first split within Judaism was between Karaite Jews and Rabbinic Jews. Karaite Judaism rejects the Oral law (the Jewish law created by rabbis in the Mishnah, *Talmud* and other rabbinic literature), whereas Rabbinic Judaism is defined by it. Today, Karaite Judaism is a small percentage of the total Jewish population.

The second major differentiation between Jews (I’m using this term now with respect to Rabbinic Jews) arose from geographic separation. The Jews of Spain, North Africa and the Middle East became known as Sephardic Jews, whereas the Jews of Eastern Europe became known as Ashkenazic Jews. While there is some differentiation in practice and custom between Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews (especially around Passover), these two branches are still very similar.

After the Enlightenment (Haskalah to use the Jewish term), came the rise of different branches of Judaism, as we think of them here in the United States. The first new branch was Reform Judaism, which sought to reform the practice of Judaism to conform with the rationalist view of the world brought out from the Enlightenment. In response and opposition to Reform Judaism arose Orthodox (meaning ‘correct belief’) Judaism.

Following on the heels of Reform and Orthodox Judaism came Conservative Judaism, which follows a middle path between Reform and Orthodoxy. The Reconstructionist movement originally branched off of the Conservative movement and follows the theology expressed by Mordecai Kaplan, especially in his book *Judaism as a Civilization*. Recently the Jewish Renewal movement has grown to use mystical, meditative and Hasidic practices to renew Judaism.

— Rabbi Ben Sternman

\**Lama*, the Hebrew word for “why.”

## *Oneg Shabbat*

**APRIL 1** Lynne & David Jimenez & family and friends of Zachary on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Deena & Erik Katz & family and friends of Danielle on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

**APRIL 8** Ingrid & Robert Fagen & family and friends of Madeline on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Lisa & Keith Lipstein & family and friends of Sophie on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

**APRIL 15** Mara & Baron Silverstein & family and friends of Talia on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

**APRIL 22** No *Oneg Shabbat*.

**APRIL 29** Stacey & Damon Braider & family and friends of Hayden on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Sharyn & Alan Katz & family and friends of Lexi on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Marcy & Randy Todd on the occasion of the aufruf of their daughter and her fiancé, Jessica Todd and Ross Kanarek.

## Temple Teenagers Travel to Gulf Coast for Community Service Projects



In Pirkei Avot it is written: “Deeds, not talk, count.”

Jacob Eisenberg, Nicole Forman, Daniel Grossman, Andrew Shalfmitz and Emily Shlafmitz brought these words to life as they spent their winter vacation performing *Tikkun Olam*, and healing our world along the Gulf Coast. They packed their sneakers, a few old t-shirts, a pair of heavy-duty work gloves and a whole lot of *ruach* and boarded a bus alongside 42 other Long Island Jewish teenagers on a mission to be catalysts for change, growth, and healing.

The trip began in Pensacola, Florida, then traveled to Mobile, Alabama, next Biloxi, Mississippi, and ended in New Orleans, Louisiana. Over five days the group served disadvantaged communities in each state by working on a variety of projects including a Community Garden, the Bay Area Food Bank, feeding the hungry and homeless, and painting fences and repairing lawns and gardens destroyed by hurricane Katrina.

Perhaps more meaningful than seeing their service projects completed were the conversations the teens had with the people they served. Through these experiences and discussions, both chaperones and teens felt moved, appreciated, and proud to be Jews who respond to G-d's commandment to heal the world we live in.

While we had inspiring interactions in some places, we also had challenging, provoking conversations in others. At least twice a day, a member of our group was asked if we were a Church group and we felt placed in the uncomfortable position of feeling unsafe and insecure in our Jewish identity. Out of fear, discomfort, and sometimes both, we were forced to consider: Should we declare ourselves as Jewish people, or should we simply answer, “No, we are not a church group,” and omit our group's religious identity in order to avoid a difficult interaction?

Our pride in and safety regarding our Jewish identity was put to the test when a group of teens and I sat at a table together at a soup kitchen in Mississippi and were questioned about our religion. We were asked whether or not we were from a Church, if we read the Bible, and finally if we believe in evolution. Although this experience was uncomfortable, it made us aware of how difficult it must be to live as a Jew in a place where Judaism (or anything besides the dominant religion) is not accepted, and we felt thankful and appreciative for the freedom and safety to be evolution-believing, *Torah*-reading Jews at home in New York.

We also made time to have some well-deserved fun in the South! We ate traditional southern food and went bowling in Pensacola, went on a Dolphin Dinner Cruise in Alabama, bounced in a gymnasium of endless bounce castles, took a Ghost Tour of New Orleans, dined at the New Orleans School of Cooking, shopped the streets of the French Quarter and ate beignets from the famous shop, Café Du Monde.

Through the terrific experiences provided by the Gulf Coast Road Trip we seized the opportunity to make the world we live in a safer, happier, more beautiful, and more tolerant place to share proudly with one another. We hope many more teens from The Community Synagogue will join us on the Community Service Trip next winter!

## New Seniors Group Formed

**Chaverim** (Hebrew for “Friends”), a group which will present programs of interest to the senior members of our congregation and the community, was launched in March with a movie and discussion. Co-chairs of Chaverim are Janet deWinter, Gloria Glantz and Evie Schonbrun. Dues of \$18 per person will be collected by treasurer Les Schonbrun.

**CHAIR YOGA** has been scheduled for Friday, April 8, at 10:30 AM in the MPR. Chair yoga is a gentle way of teaching students to experience the many benefits of yoga, such as increasing concentration, body awareness and tone, range of motion, coordination and balance. And it makes you feel so good! (Editorial comment by Joyce Rudnick.) This FREE demonstration class will be led by Beth Mohr. Wear loose fitting clothing and don't eat for at least an hour before the class. Please RSVP to Joyce at 883-8314 or [joycerudnick@verizon.net](mailto:joycerudnick@verizon.net).

A variety of events are being planned for the coming months. Watch the Mailbox, Keshet and the Bulletin for information. If you want to join or have suggestions for **Chaverim** programs, please contact any of the people mentioned above.



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**Shirley MacLaine: Life Lessons**  
 Tues, April 11, 8pm



Shirley MacLaine talks about her life lessons and what she wants to impart to the world. MacLaine is an Oscar, three-time Emmy and 10-time Golden Globe-winning actress. She has appeared in more than 50 films and has been nominated for an Academy Award six times, winning Best Actress for *Terms of Endearment*. She is the author of 10 international best sellers.

**Andy Borowitz's Countdown to Election '12: Only 538 Days Left**  
 Wed, May 18, 8pm



Award-winning satirist Andy Borowitz of the Borowitz Report has been called "America's satire king" by *The Daily Beast*. In what promises to be an irreverent — and certainly one of the earliest — look at the 2012 elections, Borowitz will be joined by an A-list panel of comedians and journalists.

**Nora Ephron in Conversation with  
 Rebecca Traister**  
 Thur, June 9, 8pm



Nora Ephron and Rebecca Traister discuss the future of politics, women's issues and life. Nora is the author of the bestseller *I Feel Bad About My Neck* and most recently *I Remember Nothing*. Previous best sellers include *Heartburn*, *Crazy Salad* and *Wallflower at the Orgy*. She wrote and directed the hit movie *Julie and Julia* and has received Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay for *When Harry Met Sally*, *Silkwood*, and *Sleepless in Seattle*. Rebecca Traister is senior writer for *Salon*, where she has written about women in politics, media and entertainment.



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With Rabbi Zeplovitz

**MONDAY, APRIL 18TH – 7:30 AM (THAT'S RIGHT...AM!)**

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.

We will look at several videos about the Pesach *seder*, exploring the broken *matzah*, the *maror* and *afikomen* with reflections on the personal and communal themes of brokenness, bitterness or sadness and what we hide (from ourselves and others).

Whether you are a first born or not, this session will deepen your appreciation for the *seder*—and give you insights 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](mailto:rabbiz@commsyn.org).

*One that sows Tzedaka has a sure reward*

PROVERBS 11:18

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE SUPPORT TO  
THE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE  
THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MANY FUNDS  
AND SINCERELY THANK THE FOLLOWING:

### **B'YACHAD FUND**

**From**  
Ann & Fred Axelrod  
Ellen Savran

**In honor of**  
Spencer Cohen  
Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter,  
Naomi Yeh Risher

**From**  
Ann & Fred Axelrod  
Ellen Savran

**In memory of**  
Belle Forrest, grandmother of Steve Kreichman  
Ruth Blumenfeld, wife of Myron Blumenfeld, sister of  
Marcia Conescu Adele Glasser, mother of Bob Glasser

### **CANTOR YARON MUSIC ENRICHMENT & CHOIR FUND**

**From**  
Marion & Art Cohen

**In honor of**  
Our Anniversary; Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher

**From**  
Jennifer & Steven Kreichman

**In appreciation of**  
Cantor Franco, for your love, comfort, and support as we mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Grandma Belle Forrest

Jane & Joel Ronis

Cantor Franco for your kindness in preparing Addie for her Bat Mitzvah

**From**  
Marion & Art Cohen  
Beth Hisler & Bob Epstein

**In memory of**  
Ruth Blumenfeld; Adele Glasser; Fritz Pagel (Yahrzeit)  
Paul Felch, brother of Debbie Buglisi

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND**

**From**  
Joan & Jeffrey Grant

**In honor of**  
Miriam & Robert Caslow on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Ruby Gindi  
Manijeh and Morad Mottahedeh on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Sydney and Shaiya Landskowsky

David Havt, Anita & Ari Rabin-Havt

Lee Frankel on the birth of her granddaughter,  
Jade Ivy Frankel

Lynn & Mel Schreiber

Lee Frankel on the birth of her granddaughter,  
Jade Ivy Frankel

Judi & Steven Zarkin

**From**  
Leslie & Joel Fenigstein

**In memory of**  
Belle Forrest

### **ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

#### **WURZEL ENDOWMENT FUND**

**From**  
Ruth Feingold  
Elaine & Leonard Wurzel

**In honor of**  
Leonard Wurzel's Birthday  
Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter,  
Naomi Yeh Risher

**From**  
Elaine & Leonard Wurzel

**In memory of**  
Miriam Cohen

#### **FLOWER FUND**

**From**  
Sands Point Garden Club

**In appreciation of**  
the Synagogue

#### **LIBRARY FUND / PJ LIBRARY FUND**

**From**  
Maris & Peter Gordon

**In memory of**  
Belle Forrest

#### **MITZVAH CORPS FUND**

**From**  
Betsy & Stephen Kurcias

**In memory of**  
Adele Glasser

### **RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**From**  
Janet & Rudi deWinter

**In honor of**  
Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher; Michael & Doreen Berne on the engagement of their son, Andrew to Kathy Reiff  
Manijeh and Morad Mottahedeh on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Sydney and Shaiya Landskowsky  
Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher; Mardi & David Braun on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Braun to Cory Sussman; Anita & Arthur Asch on the birth of their granddaughter, Sloane Emory Blatt; Jill & Len Berman on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Matthew Naidorf  
Mardi & David Braun on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Braun to Cory Sussman; Manijeh and Morad Mottahedeh on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Sydney and Shaiya Landskowsky

Farhadian Family

Sheila & Robert Richter

Ellen Savran

**From**  
Jane & Joel Ronis

**In appreciation of**  
Rabbi Sternman for guiding Addie with such grace and appreciation for her Bat Mitzvah  
Rabbi Zeplovitz; Marcia Kirschenbaum

Doris & Harold Warshay

**From**  
Janet & Barry Boxer  
Janet & Rudi deWinter  
Muriel & William Landsberg  
Sheila & Robert Richter  
Donna & David Stricker & Family

**In memory of**  
Bert Boxer (Yahrzeit)  
Ruth Blumenfeld  
Adele Glasser  
Adele Glasser; Belle Forrest  
Adele Glasser  
**Get well to**  
Bob Dankowitz

### **TEMPLE FUND**

**From**  
Jane & Michael Broido

**In honor of**  
Karen and Richard Dankner on the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Dankner to Steven Lessans  
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Peggy & Marc Silbert for their son, Ryan for his film being nominated for an academy award  
Jill & Len Berman on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Berman to Matthew Naidorf  
Anita & Arthur Asch on the birth of their granddaughter, Sloane Emory Blatt; Jill & Len Berman on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Berman to Matthew Naidorf; Doreen & Michael Berne on the engagement of their son, Andrew to Kathy Reiff; Mardi & David Braun on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Braun to Cory Sussman

Cynthia & Michael Rubinberg

Denise & Stephen Silverstein

Donna & David Stricker & Family

Pam & Larry Tarica

**From**  
Karen Banks & Clifford Pickering  
Nina & Warren Bernstein  
Jane & Michael Broido  
Barbara & David Dash  
Janet & Rudi deWinter  
Jill & Mark Eisenberg  
Barbara & Harvey Fishman  
Ellanna & Stephen Gottlieb  
Deborah & Sheldon Gruber  
Enid Hawthorne  
Marcia & Jerry Kirschenbaum  
Rochelle & Harold Lipton  
Pam & Larry Tarica  
Janet Wolf & Neil Seiden  
Judi & Steven Zarkin  
Elaine & Leonard Wurzel  
Bari Ziegel & Steve Rosman  
Norma & Len Ziegel

**In memory of**  
Henry Pickering (Yahrzeit)  
Adele Glasser  
Ruth Blumenfeld; Adele Glasser  
Ann Dash; Ruth Saltzman-Taishoff (Yahrzeit)  
Adele Glasser; Lydelia A. deWinter (Yahrzeit)  
Esther Rugoff (Yahrzeit)  
Ruth Schaefer Tilton, mother of David & Ilyse Schaefer  
Cora Gottlieb (Yahrzeit)  
Evelyn Gruber (Yahrzeit)  
Shirley Janowitz (Yahrzeit)  
Max Kirschenbaum; Rose Kirschenbaum (Yahrzeit)  
Fanny Farberman (Yahrzeit)  
Adele Glasser; Belle Forrest  
Bernard Wolf (Yahrzeit)  
Morris Zarkin (Yahrzeit)  
Adele Glasser  
Sylvia Nemeth (Yahrzeit)  
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## TIKKUN HABAYIT/SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT FUND

### From

Joan & Jeffrey Grant

Bea & Larry Helft

### From

Jane & Joel Ronis

### From

Bea & Larry Helft

Sally Pass

Dorothy Weintraub

### In honor of

Karen and Richard Dankner on the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Dankner to Steven Lessans  
Aaron Bosgang becoming Bar Mitzvah; Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher; Manijeh and Morad Mottahedeh on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Sydney and Shaiya Landskowsky

### In appreciation of

Fred Axelrod for helping Addie learn her Torah

### In memory of

Belle Forrest

Adele Glasser

Samuel Weintraub (Yahrzeit)

## TZEDAKAH/SOCIAL ACTION FUND

### From

Sylvie & David Heyman

### In honor of

Karen & Richard Dankner on the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Dankner to Steven Lessans; Doreen & Michael Berne on the engagement of their son, Andrew Berne to Kathy Reiff; Mikki Rosman making the dean's list; Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher

### In memory of

Belle Forrest; Paul Felch

Speedy recovery to Alan Suekoff

### From

Sylvie & David Heyman

## Aaron Morgan Exhibition

Our congregant, Aaron Morgan, who has shared so much of his art with us, is exhibiting his poignant Holocaust Art at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County ([www.holocaust-nassau.org](http://www.holocaust-nassau.org)) in Glen Cove. The exhibit runs from March 14th through April 25th, 2011.



# Family Fun Day Was a Great Success!

This year's Family Fun Day was a great success!! Thank you to the families who shared in the day. We rocked out to the Bari Koral Family Rock Band and raised almost \$15,000 for the Early Childhood Center's new Natural Outdoor Classroom and Garden, which we hope will be enjoyed by our children for generations to come.

We were very honored by the support of our local vendors and merchants who sponsored the event, contributed items to the amazing raffle prizes, silent auction and generously provided:

- **FOOD:** La Bottega, Bagel Boss, Frank's Pizza, Ginos Pizza, Amalfis, Bellissimo, Harbor Deli, Roslyn Kosher Deli, Uncle Giuseppe's;
- **PRODUCTS:** StoneKelley, Inc./Stephanie Greenberg, Falconer Florist, Bayles, Candy Couture and an amazing SHOPPING experience: GiGi by Doughlectable, Triple Sweet, Designs by Lori and Just Great Stuff.

With particular gratitude extended to our Family Fun Day Sponsors:

- **DIAMOND:** Jaco Builders/Cliff Fetner, Sandata Technologies, Inc., Camp Jacobson at Robinhood

- **PLATINUM:** Pierce Country Day Camp, Baharestani Ziegler & Ritt LLP
- **GOLD:** Stop & Shop, Country Cleaners, Shibley Summer Day Camp, Bagel Boss
- **SILVER:** North Shore Farms, Laffey Fine Homes /Edith Katz, Accents on Real Estate/Susan Stein, Laffey Fine Homes/Maria Babaev and Senniyo Cosmetics & Day Spa

Warmest thanks to Annette Rosalia, Stella Molina, Sue Friere, Shelley Roff, the maintenance crew, and to all the ECC teachers and children for our amazing decorations!!

The joint efforts of the Family Fun Day Committee and Volunteers is sincerely appreciated—Cynthia Kugel/Chairperson, Karina Brodsky/Vice Chairperson, Macha Einbedner/Food Chair, Lisa Levine/Finance Chair, Amanda Stone/Vendor Chair, Lainie Leber, Amy Kaplan, Lisa Grossman, Jennifer Sobel, Lauren Schiff, Gillian Shafranek, Jaimee Stulberg and Lauren Furstenberg.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS | APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:00am FLAME 9:00am Judaica Shop Passover Sale 9:00am PJ Storytime	9:00am Adult Ed: Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah w/ Rabbi Sternman 12:00pm Lunch & Learn: Biblical Texts in Modern Music 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Board Meeting 8:15pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	8:00pm Guest Speaker Steven A. Cook 8:00pm POWTY		9:15am Bringing the Holidays Home w/ Shari Isserles 7:00pm Sisterhood Pack Passover Packages 8:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Zachary Jimenez and Danielle Katz 7:30pm 6th Grade POWTY Late Night
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9:00am Judaica Passover Sale 9:00am Grade K PACE 9:00am Mother's Circle with Cantor Franco 9:30am Sisterhood Grandparents Program 11:15am Grade K "Try It For a Day" 8:00pm Adult Ed: Living Room Study (Offsite)	9:00am Adult Ed: Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah w/ Rabbi Sternman 12:00pm Lunch & Learn: Biblical Texts in Modern Music 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Board Meeting 8:15pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	8:00pm Guest Speaker Steven A. Cook 8:00pm POWTY		9:15am Bringing the Holidays Home w/ Shari Isserles 7:00pm Sisterhood Pack Passover Packages 8:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:30am Chaverim Yoga 6:30pm Second Shabbat Family Service	9:00am 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Sophie Lipstein and Madeline Fagen
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<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 17</b>	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 18</b> ECC CLOSED 1ST SEDER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 19</b> ECC CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 20</b> ECC CLOSED PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 21</b> ECC CLOSED PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 22</b> ECC CLOSED PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 23</b> PASSOVER
		10:30am Passover 1st Day Service			6:30pm Hol Ha Moed Passover Early Service	No 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 24</b> PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 25</b> ECC CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED PASSOVER	<b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED 26</b> ECC CLOSED	<b>27</b> ECC OPEN	<b>28</b> RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	9:00am Last Day Yom Tov Services	7:00pm POWTY Pizza Making 8:10pm Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm Temple Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting		8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am 6th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Hayden Braider and Lexi Katz

All dates are subject to change. Call Temple Office to verify dates for specific events or check our website ([www.commsyn.org](http://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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*Join us as we bid fond farewell to our Student Cantor...*

# David Frommer

**April 29, 2011, 8 pm**

**with Megevot**  
(Yale's Jewish a capella group)

In May, David will be invested as a Cantor and will be leaving to pursue the next chapter of his career.

We will welcome David's alumni group Megevot to the *bimah* to help us. Megevot, Yale's "first, best, and only" Jewish a cappella singing group, was founded in 1993. The group's repertoire includes liturgical, traditional, and modern arrangements of Jewish, Hebrew, and Israeli themed songs including pieces from the Renaissance, Israel, and the Abayudaya tribe.

