



From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz



"Hello, Goodbye" - Rabbis, Beginnings and Endings

"And they lived happily ever after." Maybe in fairy tales, but this is not the way the Jewish tradition prefers its endings. The *Torah* concludes with the death of Moses, but it

is in the context of the people of Israel being on the brink of a new beginning. Poised to enter the Promised Land, *Torah's* final word alludes to the next step – "Israel." One chapter is over, but the ending is far from complete. And the generation that entered the Land of Israel certainly did not live "happily ever after."

In many ways, then, the end of the *Torah* is the prelude to a beginning.

The *Talmudic* sages were even more reticent about establishing fixed beginnings and endings. Unlike the grand narrative of *Torah* – with the sweep of the creation of the world – the *Talmud* opens with

a seemingly arcane bit of Jewish law related to when we say the evening *Sh'ma*. The detailed discussion focuses on defining what is "evening." The debate alludes to something profound that the rabbis are trying to teach – that it is we who define

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SHABBAT ON THE LAWN & Farewell to Rabbi Sternman



**Friday, June 10
at 6:30 pm**

Outdoor family service on our beautiful back lawn with dinner following

Join us as we say farewell to Rabbi Ben Sternman at a **Pot Luck Barbeque Dinner following services.**

We will provide the main course. Please volunteer to bring a pareve salad (with no dairy products) or pareve or vegetarian side dish (also with no dairy products).

R.S.V.P. to Faith at 883-3144 ext. 328 with your name, the number of adults and children and the dish you would like to bring to the barbeque.

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SHABBAT NASO • נשא

Friday, June 3

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm
 Sisterhood Shabbat
 Rabbi Zeplovitz: "Jumping in Without Looking—A Time for Deliberation, A Time for Taking Risks"

Saturday, June 4 (Numbers 4:21-7:89; Haftarah—Judges 13:2-25)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
 B'not Mitzvah: Claudia Lifson & Olivia Rothman
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHAVUOT • שבועות

Tuesday, June 7

Erev Shavuot. 7:30 pm
 A creative service led by our Kabbalat Torah (Confirmation) students

Wednesday, June 8

Yom Tov Morning Services 9:00 am
 Including a Blessing of Babies Born in the Past Year & Yizkor
 Followed by a delicious dairy breakfast!

SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTECHA • בהעלתך

Friday, June 10

Erev Shabbat. 6:30 pm
 "Shabbat on the Lawn"
 With Special Farewell to Rabbi Sternman
 BBQ Shabbat Dinner 7:45 pm

Saturday, June 11 (Numbers 8:1-12:16; Haftarah—Zechariah 2:14-4:7)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
 B'nai Mitzvah: Helena Littman & Maxwell Rutman
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT SHELACH • שלח

Friday, June 17

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm
 Installation of new members of the Board of Trustees
 Shabbat Kulanu - prayer in song

Saturday, June 18

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
 B'nai Mitzvah: Dillon Nissan & Matthew Oelbaum
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am
 Adult B'not Mitzvah ceremony—Ruth Geismar, Lisa Grossman, Diane Heiman, Judy Maiman,
 Lisa Marschall, Loretta Molk and Wendy Sinett

SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN

SHABBAT HUKKAT • חקת

Friday, June 24

Erev Shabbat. 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 25 (Numbers 19:1-22:1; Haftarah - Judges 11:1-33)

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

Throughout the summer Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) services will be held at 7:30 pm (outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Beit T'filah - Old Sanctuary). Shabbat morning services will be informal "Havurah style" at 10:30 am, following Torah study at 9:00 am

The Community Synagogue Soul Kitchen



I am always looking for ways to enhance my knowledge of Judaism and things Jewish. I read a lot, take several classes (including one in conversational Hebrew), often come to *Torah* study, and attend a host of lectures to “sharpen the saw” as Stephen Covey would say. I have learned

much from my teachers and, especially, from our clergy. However, this week I learned from an unusual source – Jon Bon Jovi. I am not a particular fan of pop music and, even if I were, I would not normally think of a pop singer as a spiritual teacher, but I was wrong.

Jon Bon Jovi’s foundation announced that they would open a “community restaurant” in Red Bank, New Jersey this summer. The restaurant will serve healthy foods prepared with local ingredients from New Jersey farms. What makes this “community restaurant” special is that there will be no prices on the menu. Based on concepts employed by similar restaurants in Denver and Salt Lake City, the restaurant will be run on a pay-what-you-can basis. The suggested meal donation is \$10. If you can afford to pay more, the extra money will go to help feed someone else. If you can’t afford to pay, you can volunteer time in the restaurant.

In short, no one is turned away from a meal and everyone eats the same meal no matter how much you pay.

When I read this, it made me think of how we run our synagogue. We have a suggested dues level. We ask those who can afford to pay more to do so voluntarily knowing that their payments will help to support others who are less fortunate financially. For those who can’t afford basic dues, we ask them to arrange with our Financial Secretary to pay what they can afford. Volunteering is encouraged for all congregants. No one is turned away and everyone, regardless of how much they have paid in dues, receives the same services. We don’t have special seating for generous congregants on the High Holidays. All congregants are treated as equals and no one other than our Financial Secretary knows how much any particular congregant pays in dues.

So Rabbi Bon Jovi, you have taught me something. Your “community restaurant” is a beautiful paradigm for how our “community synagogue” operates. All are welcome and treated equally. Now if we could only insist on healthy foods being served (have you been to an oneg lately?), we would be all the way there.

Best wishes for a joyous summer,

Larry Helft

ECC Update

Shelley Roff, ECC Director



As this year comes to a close, as we always do at our Early Childhood Center, we reflect back over this past year at our school. We have been in the Learning Center now for over three years, and every day we still marvel at our beautiful facilities and appreciate all of the support and work that went into making *B’Yachad* happen.

Although the difficult economy continues, our Early Childhood Center’s enrollment has remained solid, even though many of our neighboring schools have seen a decline. We attribute that not only to our beautiful facilities, but also to our wonderful staff, our innovative curriculum and all of the wonderful programming that continues to happen at the ECC. This spring we added an additional beautiful new playground for the children as well as a bicycle track, both of which the children adore. This winter we added a second indoor play space for our three and four year olds that is filled with creative building materials, interesting art equipment, a variety of magnetic activities as well as gross motor resources.

Our parents ran several fun and successful fund raising events including our fabulous Family Fun Day Concert and Mom’s Night Out. The funds they raised will be used to create an outdoor classroom for our children that is already in the planning stage. The area will include a garden bed area, compost bin, a rain barrel to collect rain water, a dirt pile for the children to dig and build in, butterfly bushes, an art area, outdoor building materials and more. We are so excited to create this area for our children and to make better use of our incredible grounds!

In addition, this year the Early Childhood Center applied to participate in and was accepted to be part of an exciting project called Gateways to Engagement – a program sponsored and funded by The Jewish Education Project

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Oneg Shabbat

JUNE 3 Roger & Leslie Lifson and family and friends of Claudia on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Eric & Pam Rothman and family and friends of Olivia on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Sisterhood – for Sisterhood *Shabbat*.

JUNE 10 Marc & Juliane Littman and family and friends of Helena on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Rick & Konnie Rutman & family and friends of Maxwell on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. The Community Synagogue for Rabbi Sternman.

JUNE 17 Doron & Judy Nissan and family and friends of Dillon on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Andrew & Lise Oelbaum and family and friends of Matthew on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Attention Mah Jongg Mavens



Last MJ before summer! Lets get together on Monday, June 13th to pass the tiles and have some fun. Be at The Community Synagogue at 7:30 pm with your set and your card. We will provide noshes and refreshments. The event is free to Sisterhood members. Please RSVP to Jo Beth Roberts at jbnr@aol.com or call 767-8770 if you have a question. Looking forward to seeing old friends and new!

Mitzvah Corp Celebrates Passover at the Sands Point Center

The Mitzvah Corps of the Community Synagogue sponsored its annual mini-Seder at the Sands Point Center for Health and Rehabilitation on Thursday, April 21st. Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz led the residents and volunteers in story and song.

Symbolic foods were served and remembrances of Passovers celebrated long ago were rekindled. A good time was had by all.



Our community Women's Seder honoring Debbie Friedman was an absolutely amazing evening. We had 280 women from five local congregations singing, dancing and dining. Cantor Claire Franco and clergy from all of the participating congregations did a wonderful job creating and leading our service. The music was outstanding and I think that Debbie Friedman would have been proud.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make this event possible. Special thanks to Cantor Claire for contributing her beautiful voice and to Sisterhood member Jodi Okun-Alfano for giving everyone a tambourine.



We delivered the baby blankets that were made at Mini Mitzvah Day to the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Cohen Children's Medical Center and North Shore Community Hospital. We received a beautiful thank you letter from Dr. Carol Joy Adelman, Neonatal Social Worker at Cohen's. This is part of the letter:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and share our beautiful NICU with you and your assistant blanket makers. Our parents just love the work you do and they cherish these blankets. As I mentioned one of the criteria for discharge is to be able to maintain body temperature. The blankets help to keep the babies warm and toasty outside of the isolette. We appreciate all your hard work and creativity, and I hope you are aware of how much this gift means to the staff and parents of premature or sick infants.

We don't realize how much the things we do may mean to someone who is in crisis, and for our parents I have come to know through years of experience that these gestures of kindness remain in their fond memory of the NICU.

Thank you for the time and creativity you have placed in these blankets. I feel honored to share them with our babies.

A special thank you to MaryAlice Kohs, the co-leader of this project and to Samantha and Jonathan Mizrahi for their help at Mini Mitzvah Day and for helping to deliver the blankets along with their mother Wendy Mizrahi.

We are all looking forward to our Sisterhood *Shabbat* service on June 3.

Gloria Glantz Honored

Our congregant, Gloria Glantz, a Holocaust survivor, was recently honored by The Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island at their Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) observance. She received two proclamations from the Nassau County Legislature: one acknowledging Holocaust Remembrance Day and the other acknowledging the work that she does sharing her testimony about the Holocaust throughout Nassau County.



*Do a Mitzvah, Help Others, Have Fun and Make a Difference
at the Community Synagogue Sponsored*

**Dinner/Dance
For Residents of Port Washington**

We had 150+ guests at our March dinner and we can use lots of helping hands!

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
9 Carlton Avenue, Port Washington
Saturday, June 11, 2011
6:00-9:45 PM**

Volunteers from The Community Synagogue are needed to help residents of Port Washington who could use a little help. We are providing a free, relaxing evening of dinner and dancing at St. Stephen's Church, across from the Port Washington Library. Supervised activities and dinner for children will be available in a separate room for residents who come with young children.

We need help with preparing food, setting tables, taking orders, greeting guests, supervising young children and more!

We also need volunteers to help with cooking for the dinner
**Synagogue Kitchen
Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:45 PM**

To volunteer, contact Jessica Wigdor at jhwigdor@gmail.com or 516-883-1979.

**Mission Accomplished: Five Port Washington
Parents and Their Children Travel to the
Gulf Coast on a Mission**

By Deena Katz



We were a sight to see. Five Port Washington moms with our tween sons and daughters checking into the New Orleans airport covered head to toe in white paint. Wearing the paint like badges of honor, the ten of us smiled at the many stares and happily answered the flurry of questions about what happened to us. The answer was simple, "We made a difference."

We had just spent the day volunteering with the St. Bernard Project working to finish the house of an elderly widow whose home was completely destroyed by Katrina almost five years ago. It was one of the many highlights of our four day family mission to the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi organized by the UJA-Federation of New York. We were a total of 36 parents and tweens touring the devastation from Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill and participating in numerous hands on community service projects.

It was hard for any of us to believe that five years after Katrina there is still so much

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how to describe time. The *Torah* speaks of a Divine certainty – “there was evening, there was morning.” In contrast, the *Talmud* suggests the ambiguity of moments of transition. Since there is no obvious beginning or end to the *Talmud* – or to many of its discussions – maybe we ought not get so caught up in what is a beginning and what is an ending.

In our home we have a joke about those particular “small” European films that have no real beginning or end. In so many of these movies the action ends without resolution. There is no dramatic music, no climactic chase or love scene, no tying together of loose ends ... the story just stops. When the screen goes dark and the credits appear, I say, “That’s it?! That’s the end?” ... and, frustrated, I resolve to never watch such films ever again.

Of course, I do keep watching – in part because there is something real about these films – and as unsatisfied as they leave me, they remind me that in life there are rarely final endings. Like the end of *Torah* and the *Talmud*, life is filled with moments when doors open and close, and what seems like an end may just be a gateway to something new.

I bear this in mind at this season of graduations and moving on, and as we say farewell to a colleague who has become a friend, Rabbi Ben Sternman. We end our time together, but the people Rabbi Sternman touched will continue to have him a part of their lives. I hope you can join in wishing him well during our outdoor services, “*Shabbat* on the Lawn,” on Friday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. Following these “summer camp-like” services, we will have an informal *Shabbat* barbecue when we can more informally reminisce and speak of ways that the good he did will be carried with us in our lives.

Whatever new possibilities lie ahead for you (and us as a community) – always remember that they grow out of all that came before.

For more information on the *Shabbat* BBQ dinner and farewell to Rabbi Sternman, see page 1.

Question: Why become *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* as an adult?

Answer: Technically speaking, one becomes *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* upon reaching the age of thirteen, whether one has a ceremony marking the occasion or not, similar to being able to vote at the age of eighteen whether one has researched the candidates or not. It is a matter of attaining the age at which one becomes responsible to God for one’s own sins. *Kal v’chomer*, all the more so, the question becomes why have a ceremony as an adult marking becoming *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* when one has already automatically done so?

The answer lies in the difference in understanding what one gains between childhood and adulthood. As a child prepares to become *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* the focus is on proficiency in Hebrew prayer and the understanding of *Torah*, at the level of a thirteen year old, and its relevance to our lives today. Okay, and if pushed to admit it, the focus is also on the party.

For an adult becoming *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* the focus shifts dramatically. Just as with children, there is an emphasis on proficiency in Hebrew prayer. However, the goal is not merely to be proficient in prayer for the day of the ceremony, but that attending services becomes more meaningful and spiritual. To that end we also study why we have the prayers in the *siddur* as well as why they are in that particular order.

Just as with children there is an emphasis on understanding *Torah* and why Judaism is relevant in our lives today. However, the goal is the better understanding of our beliefs about and our relationships with God. To that end, we also study traditional philosophy and theology to understand where we fit in the spectrum of belief. Are we rationalists like Maimonides or are we modern existentialists like Martin Buber or Abraham Joshua Heschel? Or do we pick and choose a little from column A and a little from column B? As adults we are far more ready to think about our belief in God.

Okay, and if forced to admit it, there is still a small focus on the party. Join us for the celebration on Saturday, June 18, as seven intelligent, perceptive and dedicated adults become adult b’not *Mitzvah* in the *Havurah* Service. It has been my honor and my pleasure to study with them as they each prepared to become *Bat Mitzvah* and perhaps their accomplishments will inspire you, too, to become *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* as an adult.

— Rabbi Ben Sternman

**Lama*, the Hebrew word for “why.”

Chaverim to Visit Avedon Exhibit

The Community Synagogue’s new senior group, CHAVERIM חברים, has scheduled a visit to see “Richard Avedon: Photographer of Influence” at the Nassau County Museum of Art on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The exhibit features dramatic black and white works by a fabled photographer who straddled the worlds of the fashion magazine and art museum. His iconic photographs were featured in 12 books produced with famed collaborators in the literary and visual arts. The one-hour guided tour will begin at 11:15 AM. For those who are not Museum members, the senior admission is \$8. Parking is free.

CHAVERIM חברים (senior members of the synagogue and the community) will meet at the Museum, located in Roslyn Harbor.

The well-marked entrance is on Northern Boulevard between the Roslyn Viaduct and Glen Cove Road. For further details, please email Joan Brenner at jbre2727@optonline.net.

Car pools can be arranged by calling Gloria Glantz, 883-0815; Janet deWinter, 621-0277, or Les Schonbrun, 767-0599.



and the UJA. As part of this project we have set up a congregational Taskforce made up of parents, clergy, board members and ECC faculty who meet monthly with professionals from Gateways. The goal of this Taskforce is to evaluate and find ways to strengthen the connection between the families in our Early Childhood Center and our synagogue.

At the start of the project, our Gateways taskforce members reached out to many ECC parents, synagogue employees, our clergy and ECC staff to see how well our Early Childhood Center and synagogue were connected and welcoming. Before we began this process, we thought we were doing a very good job making people feel connected. What we did find out was that although our ECC families feel very welcomed and connected to our ECC, this feeling does not necessarily extend to our synagogue for many of our families. As part of the Gateway process, the task force developed a survey for our synagogue that was sent to all of our ECC families so that we could learn in what areas are we are doing well engaging and making our families feel a part of our synagogue and in areas on which we can improve. This survey went out in May and we are now evaluating the data and looking at ways to improve this very important relationship.

On behalf of the entire Early Childhood Center we want to wish Rabbi Ben Sternman much happiness and success in his new endeavors. He has been a wonderful addition to the ECC. Rabbi Sternman is a very gifted storyteller who captivates the children when he tells the children stories at the weekly ECC *Shabbat* services. We will all miss him!

Shelley Roff

ECC Registration Reminders

Limited space is still available for our ECC programs. We are currently accepting registration for the following programs. If you have not as yet registered your child and are interested in doing so for any of our programs, please contact our Director, Shelley Roff.

- **ECC's 2011-2012 School Year:** Limited space open 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. Classes will begin in July.
- **Fall 2011 Mommy (or Daddy or Nanny) & Me Classes:** Classes will be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for children who are at least 12 months old and walking. Class will begin in October.



Mazel Tov to Our High School Graduates

Mazel tov to the following students in our congregation who are graduating in June!

Al Ades	Lev Pinkus
Andrew Arnstein	Jared Roberts
Sara Beebe	Molly Ronis
Josh Dell	Ilan Rosman
Dani Egna	Jamie Scharf
Jeremy Eule	Ariel Schickler
Tyler Goldman	Bradley Schwartz
Lauren Goldstein	Gabi Sealove
Jamie Greenberg	Michael Seiden
Sarah Greene	Melissa Seltzer
Jason Gurewitz	Sarah Shlafmiz
Kayla Harris	Daniel Siegel
Doug Hock	Derek Siegel
Olivia Holtzman	Jeffrey Sims
Jonathan Janis	Alexandra Smith
Ben Marinelli	Katherine Szanto
Daniel Miller	Zoe Vinegar
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Interviewing will continue through the end of June. It is important to participate if you receive a call from the survey. The responses will help UJA-Federation, synagogues, and other Jewish organizations determine how to best meet the needs of all kinds of Jewish New Yorkers, including seniors, children at risk, the unemployed, and people in need of healing. Maybe even you.

For more information, you can visit www.jewish-community-study-new-york.org, call 1.212.836.1476, or email communitystudy@ujafedny.org.

The Jewish Community Study of New York: Talk to us.

Brotherhood Presents Two Remaining 92nd St Y Programs

Starting last September with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and continuing with Tzippi Livni, Alan Dershowitz, Steve Martin, Newt Gingrich, Shi Lei, Adriana Huffington, Joseph Stieglitz, Shirley MacLaine and Andy Borowitz, we have been fortunate in bringing a variety of Y programming to our Synagogue. In our first year, we had 775 in attendance; in our second year, we will have reached 900. The second season will close in a few weeks with two programs remaining.

Tickets are only \$10 and can be ordered by e-mail to btobin@optonline.net or call the Synagogue's order line 883-3144 ext 343 and leave your name, e-mail and number of tickets for each program.

Henry Kissinger: Nixon and China—40 Years Later

Tues, May 31, 8pm



Nearing the 40th anniversary of Henry Kissinger's historic visit to China with President Richard Nixon, Kissinger reflects on the strides that were made then and on our changed relationship with that country after decades of hostility, while analyzing current policy and foreign affairs. Kissinger was Secretary of State from 1973 to 1977. Simultaneously, he held the position of assistant to the president for national security affairs, from 1969 to 1975. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973. After leaving government service, he founded Kissinger Associates, an international consulting firm, of which he is chairman. Leslie Gelb will moderate.

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. Ephron is the author of the bestseller *I Feel Bad About My Neck* and most recently, *I Remember Nothing*. Previous bestsellers 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 "When Harry Met Sally," "Silkwood," and "Sleepless in Seattle."

Traister covered the 2008 presidential election for Salon and won praise for her astute observations about perhaps the most exciting presidential race in recent history. She went on to write *Big Girls Don't Cry: The Election that Changed Everything for American Women* (Free Press, 2010), one of The New York Times' Notable Books for 2010. She has also written about women in politics, media and entertainment from a feminist perspective for *Salon*, *The New York Observer*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation* and *Elle*.



destruction and work to be done. Working side by side with our children was transformative and left a lasting impression on all of us. "Rather than telling my children about the importance of helping others, this mission was a special opportunity for us to live the Jewish concept of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world)," said Stacey Satovsky, one of the mothers who traveled with her son, Adam. As my daughter, Dani Katz, a 7th grader at Weber Middle School, said "I had no idea what destruction a hurricane can cause. I didn't want to leave. There is still so much work to do to help these people get back to their homes and lives".

Dani's viewpoint truly exemplifies the feelings felt by all the children and adults. Over the course of the weekend, we enjoyed spending time with the families and children directly affected by the hurricane and the BP oil spill. While the adults offered compassion and a listening ear, our children played with the local children and made friends. They engaged in art projects, played catch, jumped rope and sang songs. As Ari Kramer, an 8th grader at Weber, said "They are just like us, They like to play the same things. Their hardship could have easily been ours."

As a group, we collected Bed Bath and Beyond donations consisting of new household items that included dishes, pots, pans, towels and more. We sorted, packaged and delivered these new items directly into the hands of 33 needy families. Seeing the tears in their eyes and feeling their overwhelming gratitude was among the greatest gifts we received. "It made me feel so good helping these families and seeing how much these items meant to them" said Talia Silverstein, a 7th grader at Weber.

Traveling to Plaquemines Parish, a fishing community virtually destroyed by the oil spill, was among the most troubling sites visited. We heard many fishermen speak about the uncertainty regarding their return to work as well as their frustration regarding BP's apparent cover-up of the extreme damage and their insufficient clean-up effort. BP's national publicity campaign suggests the waters are clean and the fish is safe, neither of which appear to be true. We saw and heard firsthand the fishermen's reality: the unknown that shrouds their future and the decades of hardship that their families could face waiting for their waters to re-stabilize. After hearing personal stories from these fishing families, Adam Satovsky, a 6th grader at Weber, asked "Why don't more people know about what's really going on? We have to do something to help!"

As we headed back to New York after completing an amazing weekend, we reflected on the inspirational experience we had and the knowledge we acquired. As Mara Silverstein, a parent on the mission, said "It is important for our children to see that we give time to do things to help others. It is my hope that being more hands on, our children will have a better understanding of the world." There is no doubt that after our four day mission, we all have a better understanding of the world and a stronger desire to continue to make a difference. Mission Accomplished!

(Port Washington Mission participants who are members of The Community Synagogue or Temple Beth Israel included: Dina and Eric Adsetts, Deena and Dani Katz, Julie and Ari Kramer, Stacey and Adam Satovsky, Mara and Talia Silverstein)



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Brotherhood Blood Drive

The Brotherhood of Community Synagogue again sponsors a Blood Drive on the evening of Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from 5 PM to 9 PM at the Synagogue Multi- Purpose Room on the main floor. Donations will be scheduled every fifteen minutes starting on the hour. Our evening buffet will be served.

During the warm weather months, blood collections drop yet the need for blood increases. Long Island Blood informs us that we continue to be short of adequate blood supplies. Please take this opportunity to make a gathering of family members age 16 and over who are in good health and weigh 110 pounds or more to help save lives in the Long Island Community by donating blood at Community Synagogue. Each blood donation produces up to five life saving treatments for ill patients. How often can you save lives?

This drive, we are encouraging young healthy college students to donate blood. (Quality supplies!) Please encourage all college students who are home for the summer to donate blood at the Synagogue. The habit of donating blood is necessary for the continued good health of Long Island!

Parents, children, brothers, sisters, friends, relatives, please come one and all to our drive. All the blood collected will be used exclusively in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties. The lives you save may be your friends and neighbors!

Therefore, please take a moment to schedule a blood donation by sending your names, requested time of donation, phone numbers and email addresses to: brotherhoodblooddrive@gmail.com. We will send you an email reminder shortly before the drive. If you have questions about whether you are eligible to donate blood, please send us a note about your travel history or medication profile. Donors age 75 and over need doctor's permission.

Please remember to eat and drink generously prior to blood donation, and kindly bring a photo ID such as a driver's license.

Come meet The NY Knicks' LANDRY FIELDS



The NY Knicks' starting guard will be joining us for Brunch and a spirited talk at The Community Synagogue

Sports Brunch • Sunday, June 12th

10:00 – 11:30 am Sponsored by

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Stanford graduate – **He's smart!**

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Some exciting basketball memorabilia will be available too!

Children: Admission Free

Adults: \$10

Reservations Suggested

RSVP to jeremiahbosgang@optonline.net



You are cordially invited to join the congregation for

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The Festival of Shavuot and
קבלת תורה

Kabbalat Torah (Confirmation)

Tuesday • 6 Sivan 5771 - June 7, 2011 at 7:30 in the evening. • Festive Kiddush to follow

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Renee Cohen

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Sincere appreciation to Howard & Debbie Shlafmitz for their generosity in printing the invitations for Kabbalat Torah Confirmation Service for the second year in a row. Thank you!

One that sows Tzedaka has a sure reward

PROVERBS 11:18

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Cantor Franco for preparing Halle for her Bat Mitzvah;
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In memory of

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Audrey Troy's granddaughter, Lauren Troy becoming Bat Mitzvah

Bernice & Lewis Mandel on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Ryan Atkinson
Talia Silverstein becoming Bat Mitzvah
Doreen & Michael Berne on the engagement of their son, Andrew to Kathy Reiff; Jill & Len Berman on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Matthew Naidorf

In memory of

Eugene Vogel, Debbie Schiff's sister's father-in-law

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the families who made a donation to Sisterhood in our honor for Purim

In appreciation of

All the Purim Wishes

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In honor of

Audrey Troy's granddaughter becoming Bat Mitzvah
Lou Seeger on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Yeh Risher

Rabbi Zeplovitz for officiating at the Auf Ruf of David Klinkowize & Erica Gold

Frederick M. Lawrence becoming president of Brandeis University

Scott Savran receiving his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin; Scott dedicated his paper to his father, Leslie Savran

In appreciation of

Rabbi Zeplovitz for preparing Halle for her Bat Mitzvah
Rabbi Zeplovitz
Cantorial Intern, David Frommer, best of luck for the future
Rabbi Zeplovitz

From

Dana & Michael Blum
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From

Alice Aboody

CALENDAR OF EVENTS | JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				7:00pm 2014 BM Date Distribution Meeting 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting and Rehearsal	10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 8:00pm Sisterhood Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Olivia Rothman and Claudia Ulfson
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7:00pm Social Action Cooking 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Board Meeting 8:15pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	EREV SHAVUOT ECC LAST DAY FOR MITZV'OT 2'S 7:30pm Kabbalat Torah Service	SHAVUOT ECC CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED 9:00am Shavuot Morning Service - Blessing of Babies	ECC CLOSED 8:00pm 92nd St Y Simulcast	ECC LAST DAYS FOR M/W/F 2'S, 3'S & 4'S 6:30pm Family Shabbat on the Lawn Service 7:45pm Congregational BBQ Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Rabbi Sternman	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Helena Littman and Maxwell Rutman 7:30pm Social Action Community Dinner (St. Stephen's Church)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am Brotherhood Sports Day	9:30am ECC Moving Up Ceremony and 4's Picnic 7:30pm Sisterhood Mah Jong Mavens	ECC MINI CAMP BEGINS 6:00pm Calendar Meeting 8:10pm Choir Rehearsal	5:00pm Brotherhood Blood Drive 7:30pm Temple Executive Board Meeting	7:30pm Congregational Meeting	8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service - Board Installation	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Dillon Nilsan and Matthew Oelbaum
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
FATHER'S DAY	7:30pm Temple Board Meeting					9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		ECC SUMMER PROGRAM 3'S & 4'S ORIENTATION	ECC SUMMER PROGRAM 2'S ORIENTATION	11:15am Chaverim Trip to Nassau County Museum of Art	7:30pm Summer T'fillah Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 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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Mazel tov

to the following women in our congregation
who are becoming B'not Mitzvah on Shabbat
"Shlach" Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 10:30 am
in the *Beit T'fillah* (Old Sanctuary)

Ruth Geismar Lisa Grossman
Diane Heiman Judy Maiman
Lisa Marschall Loretta Molk
Wendy Sinett