



From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Benjamin Sternman



I loved Purim as a child because, for me, it was the most fun of holidays. I remember my favorite costume was when my mother sewed a striped robe of many colors for me to dress up as

Joseph. *Hamantaschen* are the best, though for me they have to be made from cookie dough, not yeast dough. Of course they have to have apricot filling, though

I'll eat the prune filled ones if that's all that's left. Poppy seed, though? No thank you. Poppy seeds are for bagels not *hamantaschen*. At the Purim Carnival we ran wild, playing games and winning prizes — may the goldfish rest in peace. Running wild was the order of the day, both for children and adults. There was a thrill of the forbidden as adults were supposed to drink and even get drunk. And the story included parts that, while I didn't really understand what was going on as a child, I still knew the adults found shocking

yet exciting. On top of all that, services were topsy turvy where I was supposed to make as much noise as I could, rather than being shushed. I always found Purim to be amazing.

When I got older my impression of Purim changed. In college, someone from *Aish HaTorah* (an orthodox organization that tries to get Jewish people to be more traditionally observant) asked if I had heard the Megillah read and it was from that experience that I learned in my *kishkes* (guts) what the phrase 'the *Gantser*

Megillah' (the big scroll) really means. I also, having finally read to the end of the story, realized that we are celebrating and getting drunk over a story of mass murder. Mass murder of Jews avoided, but mass murder of our enemies and their families perpetrated. Over 75,000 people killed; so many that it took an extra day to complete the task in the city of Shushan. Perhaps getting drunk is the appropriate response to such a horrific ending.

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Hanukkah in Israel Trip

December 21, 2011 - January 1, 2012

Led by Rabbi Irwin and Anne Zepowitz



Information Meeting: Monday, March 7 at 7:30 pm at The Community Synagogue

With our Israel travel agent: Danny Ehrlich from Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel

Connect with the Land of Israel and make *Hanukkah* come alive by walking in the footsteps of the Maccabees. Take a jeep tour of the Golan, participate in an archaeological dig uncovering pottery from the Hellenistic period of 2300 years ago and experience *Hanukkah* where it all began. Taste the most delicious treats at the Zepowitz family's favorite Jerusalem hideaways, and take in the power of Israel with your Rabbi. The top leaders of the Reform movement in Israel

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This tour will provide opportunities for adults and children to have separate, age-appropriate programming, as well as include engaging, educational group experiences for all ages.

This will not just be a vacation, but an unforgettable and life-changing experience!

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Oneg Shabbat

MARCH 4 Nancy & Jonathan Polk and family and friends of Emily on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Jane & Joel Ronis and family and friends of Addison on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

MARCH 12 Dale & Russell Cohen and family and friends of Ethan on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Amy & Eric Rosenberg and family and friends of Emma on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

MARCH 18 Karen & Alan Baer and family and friends of Jessica on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Caryn & Bruce Paillex and family and friends of David on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

MARCH 25 Dana & Michael Blum and family and friends of Halle on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Sara & Keith Kindler and family and friends of Jacqueline on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

Shabbat • תפילות (Worship Services)

SHABBAT PIKDUEI~SHEKALIM • פקודי~שקלים

Friday, March 4

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Zepelowitz: Pay it Forward

Saturday, March 5 (*Exodus 38:21-40:38 ~ II Kings 12:5-16*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah: Emily Polk & Addison Ronis
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT VAYIKRA • ויקרא

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12 (*Leviticus 1:1-5:26 ~ Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah: Ethan Cohen & Emma Rosenberg
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

SHABBAT TZAV~ZACHOR • צו~זכור

Friday, March 18

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm
 Choir Shabbat - "What's Jewish About THAT music?"

Saturday, March 19 (*Leviticus 6:1-8:36 ~ Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am
B'nai Mitzvah: David Paillex & Jessica Baer
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah) 10:30 am

PURIM • פורים

Saturday, March 19

"Adults Only" Purim 7:45 pm
 Megillah and Martinis ... and megillah 'meshugas' following!
 See our Purimshpiel live before it hits YouTube!

Sunday, March 20

Positively Purim 9:00 am
 Megillah Reading 10:00 am
 Purim Carnival follows the reading of the Megillah

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Getting To Know You Better



We have a great synagogue with talented and dedicated clergy, experienced and effective professional staff, motivational teachers, and caring and devoted lay leaders and volunteers. So what could be wrong? I think we are challenged by the problem faced by many other large, successful organizations – we don't know our members well enough. Today we have over 650 member families (which make us as large as all the other synagogues on the peninsula combined) including over 1,000 children. If I were to add up the number of families the clergy, senior staff and lay leadership know really well, I would guess it comes out to less than half. We are developing and offering programs and services to meet what we perceive to be the needs and desires of our congregants. However, if we don't really know half of our membership, how can we be sure that we aren't missing something important? To help us get to know you better, we are about to launch a new initiative.

We have just joined an organization called LI-CAN (Long Island Congregations Associations and Neighborhoods). LI-CAN's membership includes a host of synagogues and churches, neighborhood associations and social service agencies across Nassau and Suffolk Counties. LI-CAN helps build teams of institutional leaders by training us to meet with and engage as many congregant families as possible. These meetings are usually on a one-to-one basis and aim to help us understand your history, talents, needs and desires. LI-CAN's trainers will

show us how to create get-togethers to reach across all segments of our synagogue family and learn as much as possible about everyone who chooses to participate. Two other synagogues in our area (Temple Sinai in Roslyn and the Reconstructionist Synagogue in Manhasset) have already participated in LI-CAN programs with very positive results. We met with former Board leaders at both synagogues who glowed with praise about the LI-CAN process. Both synagogues felt they learned much more about the needs and desires of their congregants and the congregants who participated in the process appreciated the effort that their synagogues' leaders took to reach out to them. After interviews were held, the data gathered help to point each synagogue in some new directions and helped to identify issues of concern held by a large percentage of their congregations that the leadership didn't know about. To attack the issues that went beyond the walls of the individual synagogue (like Aging With Dignity and Jobs For Youth), LI-CAN helped bring several institutions together to help improve the quality of life for all Long Islanders.

We are excited about the potential that this program offers. We are still in the very early stages wherein a core group of people (professional staff and congregants) are being trained to hold interviews. This group will then train others in the process and so on until we have a large enough team to reach out to all corners of our congregation. Hopefully, at some point in the future when we are asked how many congregants we know well, we can say "almost everyone."

Warmest regards,

Larry Helft, President



PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Shari Isserles,
Director of Education



The iPad craze has hit our school!

It seems that the iPad became the "it" gadget of the year 2010. Only debuting in April of 2010, the Apple company sold 8.5 million iPads in America in the year 2010. And, our Religious School can be counted among those lucky owners. In December, we purchased eight iPads for use in the school. As you might imagine, they are a hot commodity. Teachers have signed up weeks in advance to check them out for their classroom to use, and students are talking about the iPads in the hallways. In fact just last week, I noticed a few 6th grade students who were in class after the ending bell had rung; they were so engaged with their iPad, they didn't want to leave religious school!



Anyone who has spent even a few minutes playing with an iPad would likely admit that it is pretty cool in its capabilities, and it is no shock that this generation of students loves this latest technological gadget. What you might be wondering is what purpose an iPad could possibly serve in our religious school. So, I thought I would share with you just some of the ways that our teachers have been using the iPads to enhance the learning in within our school.

The very first class to experiment with the iPads was a 2nd grade class. They used an app called "The Kotel" (which is free, if you are interested), through which the students were able to see live pictures of the Western Wall, or

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JOIN US FOR

An Adults Only Purim Celebration...

Megillah and Martinis

(Sponsored by Sisterhood)

At The Community Synagogue
Saturday, March 19, 2010
Starting at 7:45 p.m.

Martini and juice bar. Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. to Yvette Bergman at ybbergman@aol.com or 883-8018 by March 14th.

Please bring non-perishable food to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *Matanot L'Evyonim* (מתנות לאביונים), giving gifts to those in need.

S'MACHOT • שמחות

Sharing Our Lives

Mazel Tov to **the Asch family** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Sloane Emory Blatt**, born December 30, 2010. Parents are **Lisa and Jason Blatt**.

Mazel Tov to **the Berman family** on the engagement of their daughter, **Rachel** to **Matthew Naidorf**. The couple was engaged on November 15, 2010.

Mazel Tov to **the Berne family** on the engagement of their son, **Andrew** to **Kathy Reiff**.

Mazel Tov to **the Braun family** on the marriage of their daughter, **Lauren Braun** to **Cory Sussman**. The couple was married on January 15, 2011.

Mazel Tov to **the Uiberall family** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Addison Joy Fader**, born on January 5, 2011. The parents are **Jodi and Jonathan Fader**.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Spa Night, Sisterhood's annual *Sharsheret* charity event in memory of Carol Rosenberg, will be held on March 3rd. Participants will enjoy a social evening with a variety of spa treatments while raising money to provide support for women with breast cancer.

There's still time to participate in Sisterhood's very popular Purim *Shelach Manot* program. Add your name to gift boxes going to The Community Synagogue friends and family and ensure you too receive a delivery of Purim goodies by filling out the form (via paper or e-mail) sent to each congregant household.

Continue the Purim celebration by joining us on Saturday evening March 19th for a fun-filled Adults Only Purim celebration. Look for details in upcoming mailings.

We're pleased to report that the Community Seder planned with Temple Sinai in Roslyn and three other area synagogues will take place on April 6th. Don't miss this wonderful evening, a tribute to Debbie Friedman led by the talented clergywomen of five temples. Seating is limited so if you haven't sent in your reservation for this not-to-be missed evening, do so as soon as possible.

Sisterhood's Mini-Mitzvah Day a Success

Sisterhood's annual Mini-Mitzvah Day on Sunday, February 6th was a great success. This year's event was coordinated by Arlene Pinkus and all projects fulfilled their goals with over 100 congregants participating in a variety of projects. A few of the projects that were successfully completed and delivered to beneficiary agencies include 1) blankets to the neonatal intensive care units at LIJ and North Shore Hospitals, 2) 100 lunch bags to the Parish House of Our Lady of Fatima to be given to the needy, 3) breakfast bags to FECS Health and Human Services, a UJA Beneficiary Agency, for distribution, 4) books sorted and delivered to a high school in Manhattan for a remedial reading program, 4) planted flowerpots decorated by children and delivered to residents of the Sands Point Center for Health and Rehabilitation. None of this could have been accomplished without the hard work of project captains as well as the Sisterhood's Social Action Co-Chairs, Marsha Phillips and Renee Karmel. Thank you to all who participated.



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 close to 60 beautiful Thanksgiving baskets 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, Dori Fishbin, Susan Israel and Amy Rosenberg and to the following people who assembled and delivered the baskets:



Erika, Jake and Sylvia Ades
Molly Alstodt
Lisa and Anna Asnis
Lisa and Seth Barshay
Liz, Jolie and Dalia Bercow
Desiree, Ethan and Bennett Bookstein
Lisa, Brandon and Anabelle Caslow
Evy, Adam, Morgan and Tyler Cirker
Charlotte Cohen
Ellen and Bari Cohen
Mara and Ellie Davis
Nadine and Baylee Delmonte
Dori Fishbin
Pamela Flash and Tori Finkle
Annie and Benny Floch
Cami Friedman
Ariana Gabriel
Ruth and Jack Geismar
Nancy, Izzy and Charlotte Gold
Sherri Gold-Bresowsky, Ian Bresowsky, Paige Leeds,
Alana Leeds, Lee Sharon and Clara Lacorte
Emma and Jamie Goldman
Susie, Max and Samantha Goldman
Suzanne and Ilana Grabiner and Lauren Seidman
Melissa and Julia Hames
Shelley, Dayna and Nathan Hausspiegel
Jenna Hecht
Susan, Hannah, Elena and Jacob Israel
Stacey, Michael and Nina Jawitz
Lynne, Zachary and Nicole Jimenez
Renee and Alexis Karmel
Deena and Dani Katz
Mary Alice and Ian Kohs
Hayley and Sammy Korn
Barb, Ben and Anabelle Landau
Julie, Samantha and Rebecca Lauren

Lori, Dylan and Elayna Lebedin
Janet and Maximo Lipman
Carrie and Brian Lippin
Beth and Bailey Lipset and Tyler Greenberg
Lisa, Sophie and Mia Lipstein
Juliane and Jamie Littman
Chloe and Ethan Magun
Wendy, Jonathan and Samantha Mizrahi
Ethan and Chase Mundell
Debbie and Josh Oxenhorn
Lynn and Natasha Pelosof
Marsha Phillips and Jenna Lipman
Nancy and Emily Pok and Milan Sari
Sandra Posner
Michelle and Jonathan Roberts
Rebecca and Sierra Robinson
Amy, Amanda and Emma Rosenberg, Anna Fox,
Noah Sherman and Casey Lynfield
Lori, Matthew, Stephanie and Jared Rothberg
Pam and Olivia Rothman
Stacey, Adam, Julia and Aerin Satovsky
Shanti, Leah and Ashton Sax
Melissa Schildhouse-Welsh,
Lily and Max Welsh
Judy, Max and Jake Schwartz
Debbie, Sarah, Andrew and Emily Shlafmitz
Laura and Chelsea Siegal
Mara, Talia, Lili and Ava Silverstein
Irene, Alex, Emilia and Victoria Sinconegui
Molly and Nate Solomon
Marlo, Sydney and Dylan Spilko
Meredith and Evan Steigman
Talya and Danielle Tawfik
Elise and Julia Tucker
Bob, Scott and Rachel Weitzner
Sheryl Zimmer and Brian Schor



MARCH BEGINS THE Social Action Committee's Spring Campaign For

Nothing But Nets



Each year, malaria causes over one million deaths and infects 500 million people. The large-scale impact of this disease devastates society and the economy.

The spread of malaria is preventable and the solution is simple and inexpensive. Insecticide-treated bed nets are the most cost-effective way to prevent malaria transmission. Nets can reduce transmission by up to 90%. One insecticide treated bed net can safely last a family for four years.

A donation of \$10.00 buys one net.

*Whoever saves a life
saves the world entire.*

Please visit us in the lobby immediately before the Live from the Y program on March 7 or during the Purim Carnival on March 20 or contact Jessica Wigdor at jhwigdor@gmail.com or (516) 883-1979.

למה?*

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Today, the custom I treasure the most is the one Mordecai commanded us in order to remember the events of Purim: We are “to observe [the days of Purim] as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor.” Purim was our original gift-giving holiday, now superseded by *Hanukkah*. But we still keep the custom of sending presents to the poor, especially presents of food.

This year we have a communal opportunity to celebrate Purim as Mordecai commanded. The Community Synagogue is participating in the UJA Federation program called Pack It Up for Purim, a New York wide effort to collect 1,000 food packages for needy New Yorkers. Please bring to the Temple a basket of food using the shopping list (making sure it's kosher) so that we can join in making Purim joyous this year for everyone in our extended New York community.

Shopping list for a complete food package:

- 1 box of whole-grain cereal or oatmeal
- 1 box of pasta
- 1 can of vegetables (carrots, tomatoes, corn)
- 1 bag of rice
- 1 box of 100 percent fruit juice
- 1 package of dried fruit or granola bars
- 1 can of tuna
- 1 package of dried beans (or canned beans or peas)
- 1 jar of peanut butter (plastic containers only)
- 1 dessert (nonperishable)

For safety concerns, please do not include glass containers. Pop-top cans are a plus.

Question: Why is drinking alcohol associated with Purim? With the dangers associated with the abuse of alcohol should we continue to promote drinking or not on Purim?

Answer: Abudraham (14th century, Spain) explains that the reason for becoming intoxicated on Purim is that the miracles of Purim came about through feasting and intoxication. The downfall of both Vashti and Haman occurred at feasts of wine and King Achashverosh made a feast for Esther when she became queen. It was therefore instituted that one remembers these moments by becoming intoxicated.

The *Talmud* (Megillah 7b) quotes Rava that “one is to become intoxicated with on Purim gsh tk sg ad d’lo yada [until one cannot distinguish] between ‘cursed is Haman’ and ‘blessed is Mordechai’.” However, the *Talmud* then relates a story that seems to qualify, if not question, this instruction. It says that two rabbis—Rabbah and Rav Zeira—once had a Purim meal together and became intoxicated. Rabbah rose and killed (the Hebrew is even more graphic, and is better translated as “butchered”) his friend. The following day Rabbah prayed for Divine mercy and Reb Zeira came back to life! The following year Rabbah again invited his colleague for the Purim meal. This time Rav Zeira refused explaining (no doubt, tongue in cheek!) that one cannot expect miracles at all times.

In this passage we see the tension in our traditions regarding drinking and Purim. On the one hand, there is a focus on heightened joy – in part brought about by the consumption of alcohol. On the other hand, the story in the *Talmud* illustrates, in a somewhat humorous way, rabbinic concerns about drunkenness. Rav Zeira – playing with the idea of the Purim miracle – was happy to be revived once, but he is less than eager to put Rabbah’s ability to control himself or God’s power to provide a miracle to the test one more time.

Later Jewish authorities continued to debate the extent to which one is supposed to drink on Purim. The general thrust of the various rabbis is that we should try to limit the extent of abuse – even on this most joyous of days.

At our “Adults Only” Purim (on Saturday, March 19 at 7:45 pm) we will have a martini bar, but we will also serve non-alcoholic drinks and juice. In addition, because we are supposed to feast on this day, there will be lots of delicious food, as well. In short, we encourage you to have a good time, but to please enjoy responsibly. Remember ... the *mitzvah* is to rejoice on this day!

Rabbi Jeffrey Spitzer aptly summarizes a good contemporary perspective: “Don’t get so drunk that you forget to perform any *mitzvot*. And count among those *mitzvot* the contemporary obligation to have a designated driver. Cars can be like Rabbah’s sword, and one cannot count on a miracle.”

Let us all seek to have a joyous, but tempered and therefore safe, Purim!

— Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz

**Lama*, the Hebrew word for “why.”

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SHABBAT SHMINI~ PARAH • שמיני~פרה

Friday, March 25

Erev Shabbat. 8:00pm

Shabbat ‘Kulanu’-prayer expressed through joyous music

Saturday, March 26 (*Leviticus 9:1-11:47 ~ Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary). 10:30 am

B’nai Mitzvah: Jacqueline Kindler & Halle Blum

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

Purim Traditions

There are a number of customs associated with Purim which are enjoyable, meaningful and fun. Among them are:

Read the Scroll of Esther מגילת אסתר

It is a *mitzvah* to observe Purim on Adar 14 on the evening of March 19 and the day of March 20, 2011. At The Community Synagogue we read the story of Esther from a scroll on Saturday evening, March 19 at 7:45 pm for “Adults Only” (“Martinis and Megillah”) and on Sunday, March 20 at 10:00 am at our “Family Purim.” The mood is exuberant and boisterous, but everyone should be able to hear the reading of the book of Esther (meaning: come to have fun, but don’t forget to listen to the story!). It is an important tale of threat turned to triumph...and it speaks clearly to the need for Jewish pride.

Wear costumes

The story of Esther is one of joy in having been redeemed. In keeping with this mood it is a *mitzvah* for young and old to rejoice. Costumes (even simple ones) should be worn and during the reading Haman’s name should be drowned out. Although you can use a gregger (in Hebrew רעשן, ra’ashan) or “noisemaker” provided by the temple, a “make your own” gregger is just as good and is a fun home project (even a wooden spoon and pot can be used for the “handy around the house”-impaired!).

Send Food to Friends משלוח מנות (Mishloach Manot)

On Purim we show Jewish unity and friendship by sending friends gifts of food. Small packages of cookies, nuts, candy, etc. are usually sent. Many people will often put in a few pennies in each package for the recipient to give to צדקה (*tzedaka*). It is traditional to send and eat *hamantaschen* (Hebrew חמני דמן, oznay haman, “Haman’s ears”!!), a filled, three cornered cookie. It is particularly nice to go with children or grandchildren and deliver such items.

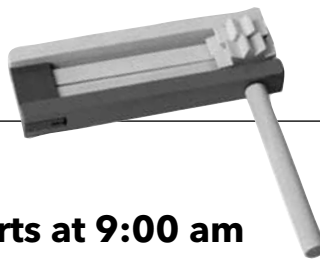
Gifts to the Poor מתנות לאביונים (Matanot L’Evyonim)

While concern for the needy is a year-round responsibility, it is a particular *mitzvah* to give to those in need on Purim. One can give to individuals or, if that is not possible, to organizations.

Purim on the Web

Check out these sites for more information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purim> and <http://urj.org/holidays/purim>



Sunday, March 20

Purim Celebration for Families starts at 9:00 am

- 9:00 am: Decorate crowns & capes (Sponsored by Sisterhood)
- 10:00 am: Megillah Reading
- Purim Carnival for all ages—with professional carnival games—follows reading of Megillah
- You’ll need about \$15 -20 for carnival games & food. Parents must attend with their children. Great food for sale!
- Costumes and funny hats are encouraged for the young and young at heart.
- Please note that there is NO Religious School on March 20.

Hamentaschen Recipe



Dough

½ cup (125 ml) butter
1 cup (250 ml) sugar
1 egg
2 (500 ml) cups flour
2 tsp. (10 ml) baking powder
2 tbsp. (30 ml) milk
vanilla or lemon extract

Cream butter and sugar, and add egg. Sift flour and baking powder together and add a little to creamed mixture. Add milk, then remaining flour. Mix in flavoring. Roll dough out 1/8 to ¼ inch (2.5 to 5 mm) thick. Cut into rounds, dot each with a spoonful of filling (see below), form into triangles, and bake at 375 degrees (190 C) for 15 to 30 minutes until delicately browned.

Poppy Seed Filling

1 cup (250 ml) poppy seeds
1 cup (250 ml) milk
1 oz. (30 g) butter
2 tbsp. (30 ml) honey
1 tart apple, grated

Bring poppy seeds and milk to boil, add butter and honey, and boil until thick. Cool, then add grated apple.

Prune Filling

1 lb. (500 g) prunes, pitted
1 cup (250 ml) raisins
1 tbsp. (15 ml) lemon juice
1 tbsp. (15 ml) honey
1 tsp. (5 ml) lemon rind, grated
½ cup (125 ml) sugar

Soak prunes overnight in cold water, or for two hours in hot water. Drain. Chop prunes and raisins. Mix all ingredients thoroughly.

Apricot Filling

1 lb. (450 g) dried apricots
1 cup (250 ml) honey
1 tbsp. (15 ml) orange rind, grated
3 tbsp. (45 ml) orange juice

Soak apricots overnight in water to cover. Drain, then puree. Combine with honey, orange rind and juice.

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Kotel, in Jerusalem. They each had the chance to write their own “virtual” note to put into the Wall, as is our tradition, and the note was delivered to the Wall for them. The students were so excited to be able to add their own notes to the Wall from their classroom in Port Washington. A 6th grade class has been using the iPads to practice their prayer skills. The students follow along with the Hebrew of the prayer on the screen while also listening to the correct pronunciation and/or melody. I have never seen students practice their prayers before with such interest! Yet another teacher found numerous *Torah* commentaries on the Web related to the weekly *Torah* portion. Students were given the iPads and one of the commentaries to read before having a discussion about the weekly portion. Finally, another teacher used a Hebrew flashcard app to work with her students on modern Hebrew language vocabulary.



This is only the beginning of what we can do with the iPads, and I look forward to watching as our teachers and students explore new ways to enhance Jewish learning with the use of this exciting technology. Feel free to contact me if you know of any great Jewish apps that we could use in the school!

ADULT EDUCATION “Lunch and Learn”

Take a mid-day break and learn while you nosh. Coffee and tea provided.

- Monday, March 7 at 12:00 pm
- “Bad Girls in the Bible” with Rabbi Deborah Bennet

Four Live Satellite Broadcasts from NY's 92nd St Y

Gather with friends, neighbors and colleagues for a remarkable series of LIVE BROADCASTS from the 92nd Street Y – FOUR EVENINGS – of challenging, enlightening and edifying “big screen” productions, not available on TV/cable. From the heart of The Community Synagogue, you can watch, listen, discuss and learn ... WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN!

The Way Forward: Arianna Huffington and Joseph E. Stiglitz

Wed, March 2, 8pm



Arianna Huffington is the co-founder and editor in chief of *The Huffington*

Post, a news and blog site that has become one of the most widely read and frequently cited media brands on the Internet. Joseph E. Stiglitz is University Professor at Columbia University in New York and chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought. In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. His latest book is *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*.

Shirley MacLaine: Life Lessons

Tues, April 5, 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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We learn in Megilat Esther, to be read in just a few weeks, that the King invited Vashti to “display her beauty.” Later in the Megilah, we learn that twelve months were spent on beautifying each “candidate” before she was taken to meet the King. With this in mind, we will explore some of the traditional and modern Jewish approaches to women’s beauty and the precedents and boundaries within the teachings of Judaism, including cosmetics, jewels, and aesthetic surgery.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS | MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
9:00am Mothers Circle with Cantor Franco 9:00am Adult Ed: Torah and the Headlines 9:00am PJ Storytime	10:00am Adult Ed: Bat/Bar Mitzvah w/ Rabbi Sternman 12:00pm Adult Ed: Lunch and Learn- Bad Girls in the Bible 7:30pm Israel Trip Meeting w/ Rabbi Z 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting 8:15pm Brotherhood Board Mtg	8:00pm POWTY Meeting	8:00pm 92nd St Y	8:00am ECC Staff Meeting 9:15am Adult Ed: Bringing the Holidays Home w/ Shari Isserles 5:00pm Sisterhood Spa Night for Charity	8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 9:00am 1st Session 6th Grade Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Emily Polk and Addison Romis 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00pm Adult Ed Living Room Study (off site)	7:00pm 2012 B'nai Mitzvah Parent Child Meeting 8:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting	7:30pm Sisterhood Mah Jong Mavens 8:00pm POWTY Hammentsaschen Making 8:10pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Sisterhood Purim Basket Assembly		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: Jessica Baer and David Pallex 7:30pm Sisterhood Adult-Only Purim Event
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PURIM 9:00am Kids Positively Purim Celebration 10:00am Purim Service and Carnival 11:00am Deliver Sisterhood Shalach Manot Baskets	10:00am Adult Ed: Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah w/ Rabbi Sternman 12:00pm Chavirim Movie and Discussion	7:30pm Temple Executive Committee Meeting 8:10pm Choir Rehearsal	8:00pm Sisterhood Ina Garten 92nd St Y Simulcast		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: Jacqueline Kindler and Halle Blum
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:00am Grade 3 PACE Program 9:00am Brotherhood 92nd St Y Movie Event 9:00am Mother's Circle with Cantor Franco	7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	9:15am ECC Parent Meeting 8:00pm Junior POWTY Meeting	ECC CLOSED FOR 35 AND 45 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED	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

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