



From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz



When the Winds Blow

By the end of the third day without power after Hurricane Irene I was getting a little testy. It did not help

knowing that hundreds of thousands of others were in

the same situation. The loss of food and power was merely an inconvenience, however, compared to the terrible toll the storm took on so many lives and communities. The only blessing, I joked to my family, was that this was one of the few times in life that it was good to not have much hair, since all we had were cold showers. That

we had no power at home, but the synagogue just 50 yards away had electricity, was a stark reminder that life is sometimes random, even unfair.

This concept is at the core of one of the most well-known and challenging prayers of the Days of Awe – the *תּוֹקֵהּ וְנִתְנֶהּ* *unitaneh tokef*. This medieval work speaks of God as our

Judge. It also displays a deep sense of fatalism – that all is decreed and set in place. “On *Rosh Hashanah* it is written, on *Yom Kippur* it is sealed.”

I look out into the congregation as the cantor and choir sing, “Who will live and will die ... Who by water and

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BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT

FIVE BROADWAY STARS
ONE UNFORGETTABLE EVENING

**Sunday Evening,
October 23, 2011
8:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand, New York Casting Director Stephen DeAngelis presents five of Broadway's finest vocalists, who will re-create their most memorable musical moments and share behind the scenes stories, amusing anecdotes, in this exclusive, ALL-NEW concert event.

The evening will include :

- ★ Selections from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Wicked*, *A Little Night Music* and other Tony Award-Winning hits.
- ★ POST-PERFORMANCE DESSERT RECEPTION
- ★ An up-close and personal opportunity to meet the stars

TICKET SALES IN ADVANCE:

\$75.00 Premium Ticket includes Premium Seat and Desert Reception
\$50.00 General Admission to Concert

TICKET SALES AT DOOR:

\$80.00 Premium Ticket includes Premium Seat and Desert Reception
\$55.00 General Admission to Concert

STUDENT DISCOUNT TICKETS:

\$55.00 with Valid ID, Premium Ticket includes Premium Seat and Desert Reception
\$30.00 General Admission to Concert

Make check payable to: The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue
Mail to: The Community Synagogue, 160 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, New York 11050, Attention: Robin Beebe / Broadway Spotlight.

PLEASE include note with total number of tickets, price category and contact information. Phone/email with your check.

Tickets to be picked up at the door the evening of the performance

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Shofar • תפילות (Worship Services)

SHABBAT HA'AZINU~SHUVAH • האזינו~שובה

Friday, September 30

Erev Shabbat 8:00 pm

Rabbi Zeplovitz: "Learning to Listen"

Saturday, October 1

(Deuteronomy 32:1-52; Haftarah - Hosea 14:2 - 10; Micah 7:18 - 20 and Joel 2:15 - 17)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

B'nai Mitzvah: Max Miranda & Amanda Glassman

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

YOM KIPPUR • יום כיפור

Friday, October 7

Kol Nidre 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 8

Yom Kippur Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:00 am

Musical Interlude 1:00 pm

Childrens Services (Main Sanctuary) and

Adult Study (with Rabbi Zeplovitz - Library) 2:00 pm

Discussion & Study (with Rabbi Burkeman) 3:00 pm

"The God I Believe In" - Congregational Reflections 4:00 pm

Afternoon~Yizkor~Neilah 5:00 pm

SUKKOT • סוכות

Wednesday, October 12 4:30 pm

Join in decorating the *sukkah*, then enjoy a pizza dinner "under the stars".

Sponsored by Sisterhood.

Thursday, October 13

Yom Tov Morning (Beit T'fillah) 9:00 am

Followed by a light breakfast in the *sukkah*

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT • חול המועד סוכות

Friday, October 14

Erev Shabbat 6:30 pm

"Second Shabbat" - Family Services

Worship for the young and young at heart with lots of music, spirit and energy!

Saturday, October 15 (Exodus 33:12-34:26; Haftarah - Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:17)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

B'nai Mitzvah: Jonathan Roberts & Ashton Sax

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

Sponsored by George Moscovitz in memory of Debbie Berkowitz

SHMINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH • שמיני עצרת-שמחת תורה

Wednesday, October 19

Erev Shabbat and Yom Tov Celebration(Main Sanctuary) 6:30 pm

For adults and school-age children, including dancing

Thursday, October 20

Yom Tov Morning (Beit T'filah) 9:00 am

Including Yizkor

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Here Come the Baby Boomers



For several years, we have spoken about how young our congregation is and how it is getting younger every year. We have nearly a thousand children in our synagogue family – a fact that should make us optimistic about the future of our synagogue and the Jewish people. We've developed many programs for our youngest constituents, and continue to strengthen ECC and Religious school offerings. We've also recognized our seniors as a special group, and are happy to note that our relatively new Chaverim events are becoming very popular.

Recently, however, Rabbi Z attended a session entitled "Judaism 2030" looking at the future of the Jewish Community. One session he attended focused on engaging yet another segment of our population – the baby boomers. To understand how this related to us, we did a demographic analysis of our membership (see the attached chart) and, lo and behold, we discovered that baby boomers, defined as those aged 47 to 65, constitute forty-eight percent of the Synagogue population! By comparison, pre-baby boomers (ages 66 and older) make up about seventeen percent of our population and post-baby boomers (adults aged 46 and younger) make up about thirty-five percent.

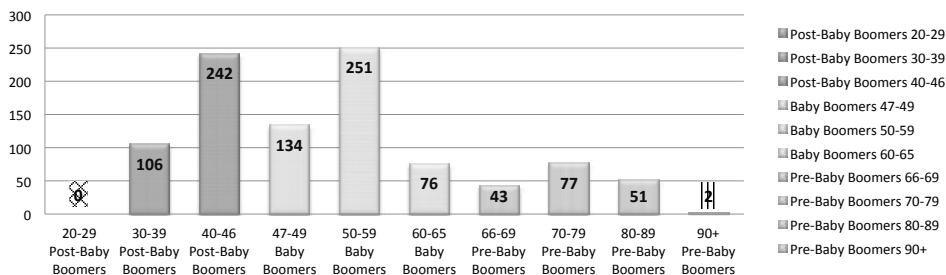
Baby boomers are the largest segment of our membership, and will be for years to come. We've always known that the baby boom generation is important to us, but now that we know how significant they are in number, we want to devote a lot of time in understanding what makes them unique, and how we can plan activities and programs that are of interest. While this group is probably highest in earning power, the demands of expensive college education bills or caring for elderly parents puts real financial pressure on them. Perhaps even more important is the fact that while their children lived at home, their strongest connection to the Synagogue may have been through the younger generation. As baby boomers become empty nesters, we want to establish strong ties directly with them. The Board has already begun to think about ways to make the Synagogue more relevant to the lives they now live. One suggestion that we will likely explore is the establishment of an Empty Nesters Club, creating an opportunity for these families to get together for camaraderie, support and fun.

What are your ideas? We'd welcome hearing from as many of the forty-eight percent as possible. Please let me know your thoughts.

Best wishes to all (young and old),

Larry Helft

Membership Age Distribution



Mitzvot at Our ECC

Shelley Roff, ECC Director



We are all very fortunate to be living in such a lovely community, in homes filled with our families, cars, more than ample food and all of the necessities of life and more. For our children, this is their norm as well as for almost everyone else they know. Babies and young children are extremely egocentric and learning to care about others and those in the world around them does not come naturally to them and is a learning process. One of the goals of our Early Childhood Center, as a Jewish preschool, is to ingrain in our children the concept of being kind and helping others and doing *mitzvot*.

The primary meaning of *mitzvah* (plural – *mitzvot*) is “commandment” or “rule” and refers to precepts and commandments as commanded by God. It is a word used in Judaism to refer to the 613 commandments given in the *Torah* and the seven rabbinic commandments instituted later for a total of 620. According to the teachings of Judaism, all moral laws are, or are derived from, divine commandments.

The secondary meaning of *mitzvah*, and the one the ECC is teaching our children, is a moral deed and the things that God wants us to do. As such, the term *mitzvah* has also come to express an act of human kindness. The ECC has always taught our children about *mitzvot*, but this year *mitzvot* will be focused on throughout the year in all of our classes. Our entire school will work together, both in our classrooms and school wide on doing *mitzvot* as a natural part of each day and on special *mitzvot* projects done collectively by the entire ECC. Much of our curriculum at the ECC will be taught Jewishly and related to *mitzvot*. Our goal is for the concept and word *mitzvah* to become a part of all of our ECC children's vocabularies and are ingrained into who the children are. Some of the *mitzvot* we will be teaching the children are:

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Mah Jongg Mavens



Do you love to play Mah Jongg? We have great news- Due to the popularity of this fun and social game, we have added a daytime session. You can now play either on Monday, October 3rd at 10 AM and/or Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30 PM in the Multi-purpose room at The Community Synagogue. The event is free for Sisterhood members, \$10 for non- synagogue members and \$5 for synagogue members. Noshes will be served. If you want to join the morning session, please RSVP to Mary-Alice Kohs at maryalicekohs@yahoo.com, and the night time session to Jo Beth Roberts at jbnr@aol.com. RSVP's are REQUIRED. You are welcome to play in either session or both! If you want to mark your calendars, the November Mah Jongg dates are November 11th at 10 am and November 14th at 7:30 pm.

שְׂמַחֹת • S'MACHOT *Sharing Our Lives*

Mazel tov to **Amanda and Chad Stone** on the birth of their daughter and to **Joan and Jeffrey Grant** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Taylor Remi Stone**, born July 25, 2011.

Mazel Tov to **Tara and Ross Baltic** and family on the birth of their daughter, **Callie Sage Baltic**, born August 4, 2011.

Mazel Tov to **Jamie and Ari Sass** and family on the birth of their son and to **Martin and Barbara Sass** on the birth of their grandson, **Xander Cole Sass**, born August 6, 2011.

Broadway Spotlight, Sunday evening October 23rd, is Sisterhood's highlight of the month. Five of the finest vocalists on the Broadway stage, with professional accompaniment and sound, will entertain us in an all-new performance gala. Enjoy the concert and meet the stars at a post-performance dessert reception for premium ticket holders. Reserve your tickets now for one unforgettable evening, part of a series of special events in The Community Synagogue's 60th Anniversary celebration.

We start the month with Sisterhood's *Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast* on Saturday, October 8th immediately following services. This easy and pleasant conclusion to the holiday is becoming a tradition for many in our congregation. Send your check (\$10 adults, \$5 children 4-13) to Sisterhood and join us for a delicious dairy meal and good company.

Decorate the *Sukkah*, with pizza dinner sponsored by Sisterhood, on Wednesday, October 12 at 4:30 pm.

Come and share Tapas and Sangria and a holiday repast with old and new friends at Sisterhood's Women's Pot Luck Dinner in the *Sukkah* on Monday, October 17th at 7pm.

We march with Strides Against Breast Cancer on Sunday, October 16th at 11am at Jones Beach.

Join the Port Washington *Rosh Chodesh* Group for its annual evening meeting, a special showing of the critically praised short film "The Great Sadness of Zohara" at 7:30 on Thursday, October 27th. Refreshments will be served, a discussion will follow the viewing.

Save the date: Our famous Paid-Up Membership Gala at H on the Harbor on Thursday, November 17th. Pay your dues, make your reservation, come to this annual event complete with fantastic food, great company, exciting raffles, and more.

Note: Find more details about these events elsewhere in the Bulletin, in the September Sisterhood flyer mailing and via e-mail.

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SHABBAT BERESHIT • בְּרֵאשִׁית

Friday, October 21

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm

Rabbi Burkeman: "Our Creative Power"

Saturday, October 22 (*Genesis 1:1 - 6:8 ; Haftarah - Isaiah 42:5-43:10*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

B'nai Mitzvah: Hannah Altuch & Crew Weingard

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

SHABBAT NOACH • נֹחַ

ROSH HODESH CHESHVAN • רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ חֶשְׁבָּן

Friday, October 28

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm

"Shabbat Rocks": A new, unique musical Shabbat experience

Saturday, October 29 (*Genesis 6:9-11:32; Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-55:5*)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary) 10:30 am

B'not Mitzvah: Emily Epstein & Isabelle Gold

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

Chair Yoga & Tai Chi

Chair Yoga is every Friday, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. For one hour, focus on YOU. Forget your aches and pains and anything troubling you and let Beth Mohr, synagogue member and certified yoga instructor, lead you in breathing and gentle stretching.

For details, contact Joyce Rudnick, 883-8314, or joycerudnick@verizon.net.

Tai Chi, a recognized form of alternative medicine, may alleviate arthritis and osteoporosis and helps achieve balance, calmness and flexibility. If you are interested in a class, led by David Chin, who has been teaching, competing and coaching for 25 years, contact Sylvia Heyman, 510-4986 or heydrheyman@aol.com.

Learn Yiddish

Chaverim will offer free weekly Yiddish classes on Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM, starting on October 26. The class will be taught by Cecile Upadhyay, PhD in Comparative Literature, who is a fluent Yiddish speaker. Dr. Upadhyay’s mother is a published Yiddish poet; her father was on Yiddish radio and wrote for the Yiddish Forward. A materials fee will be collected at the first class. For additional information, contact Evie Schonbrun, 767-0599 or evieschonbrun@gmail.com.

Don't Be Left Out - Pay Your Dues!

Chaverim dues are \$18 per person (\$36 per couple). Certain Chaverim programs (e.g. trip to Tenement Museum) are open only to paid-up members. Send your check, payable to The Community Synagogue, to the synagogue, attention Les Schonbrun, Chaverim treasurer.

Chaverim to Visit Tenement Museum

Join Chaverim for an exciting and educational day on the lower East Side on Thursday, October 27. We will leave the synagogue at 9:45 AM by luxury coach to visit the Tenement Museum, followed by lunch at Katz’s Deli and then a visit to the Eldridge Street Synagogue. The cost is \$70 per person, which includes the bus, museum admissions, docent-led tours and lunch (advance menu selection necessary). Make your reservation by sending a check payable to The Community Synagogue to the synagogue, attention Chaverim. (Chaverim membership is required; dues are \$18.) Contact Janet deWinter at 621-0277 or by email at janetde160@aol.com for details and to make your lunch selections.

CHAVERIM Special Trip

A Lower East Side Journey to the Past

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Yes, I/we will attend the Chaverim Lower East Side Journey to the Past

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please indicate your lunch choice:

- Half sandwich and cup of soup plus beverage plus cookies
Circle one sandwich filling and one soup:
 - Pastrami
 - corned beef
 - roast beef
 - tongue
 - turkey
 - Matzah ball
 - chicken noodle
 - split pea

Salad platter (tuna, chicken or egg salad platter) plus beverage and cookies

Cheese blintzes plus beverage and cookies

_____ Attendees @ \$70 per person = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to The Community Synagogue

Mail to: Janet de Winter, Lower East Side Trip,
 The Community Synagogue, 160 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, NY 11050

Join The Community Synagogue Facebook Community

Our synagogue has a Facebook page! Visit us at Facebook.com/TheCommunitySynagogue. See what’s happening at the synagogue, with your fellow congregants, and in the Jewish world at large. Many of you have already “liked” our page, and we encourage everyone who has not yet visited to take a look and “like” us as well.

Each time we reach a multiple of 180 users who “like” our page, we will draw a name from all who “like” us to win a \$100 gift certificate to our synagogue’s beautiful Judaica Shop, generously donated by Sisterhood. Congratulations to our first winner, Jaimee Stulberg. “Like” us, and you might be the next winner!

If you would like to “friend” any of our clergy, they would be happy to confirm requests from all adult members and their children in 9th grade and above. Children in elementary and middle school will not be confirmed as Facebook “friends.” Once our students are in college, they can expect to receive a “friend” request from our clergy as a way to keep in touch. Our clergy’s professional Facebook names are: RaviRwinZ, RDannyBurkeman, and CantorClaireFranco. You can probably guess who’s who.

Communication helps build community. We look forward to seeing your comments and thoughts on our Facebook page.



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Brotherhood ^{IN THE} HOOD

October Events

SUKKOT WITH THE JETS!

Help Brotherhood build the *Sukkah* at our annual *Sukkah* party on Sunday, October 9 at 3pm.

We will follow up with our *Sukkah* Take-Down party on Sunday, Oct 23 at noon.

All are welcome to help Brotherhood build and then take-down the *Sukkah* followed by pizza and refreshments while watching the Jets vs Pats and the Jets vs San Diego games with spouses and children invited. (Please RSVP to Spencer at spenco518@gmail.com if you can join us-mention *Sukkot* with the Jets.)

LIVE FROM NY'S 92ND STREET Y A Turning Point for the Middle East and the World

Alan Dershowitz and Eliot Spitzer
Sunday, October 2, 7:00 pm (see complete details on this page)

LACROSSE SPORTS DAY at The Community Synagogue

On Sunday, October 30, from 9:30 am to noon, all are welcome to meet and greet pro lacrosse players from the Long Island Lizards including Peter Vlahakisto. Peter is the leading Faceoff specialist in the league.

The Lizards will give a spirited talk and hold a clinic for kids 6-12 years old.

Pizza will be served. Children will have an opportunity to take a picture with him. Some exciting memorabilia will be available too.

Reservations strongly suggested. RSVP to: spenco518@gmail.com (mention Lax Sports Day in your email). Children Free; Adults \$5,



LIVE FROM NY'S 92ND STREET Y

The Community Synagogue and Brotherhood Present '92Y Live', Season 3

A Turning Point for the Middle East and the World

Alan Dershowitz and Eliot Spitzer
Sunday, October 2, 7:00 pm



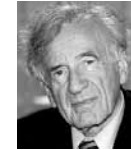
Explore the hot topics and headlines of the day with two of the most incisive and provocative voices of our time.

Alan Dershowitz is the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and the author of many books, including *The Case for Israel*, *The Case for Peace* and, most recently, *The Trials of Zion*. Eliot Spitzer is the former Governor of New York.



The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry: Pivotal Figures from a Heroic Era

Natan Sharansky, Elie Wiesel, Gal Beckerman, Margarita Levieva and Richard Perle with Thane Rosenbaum
Wednesday, November 9, 8:00 pm



Join Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, former Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky, political advisor Richard Perle and Gal Beckerman, author of *When*

They Come for Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry, to discuss the dramatic cold war period when American Jewry first became politicized as Jews, and Jews behind Russia's Iron Curtain took grave risks in order to win their freedom and emigrate to Israel or the United States.

Adult Education

Torah and the Headlines

What does Jewish tradition have to say about the most engaging issues of the day? We will review the most controversial, engaging topics in the news the week or two before each session and look for the "Jewish connection." The focus will be on informal and open discussion. Come to any one or all sessions, as each will deal with a different topic.

- Sundays, 9 - 10 am
- October 23 (upcoming classes: November 6 and 20)
- Teacher: Rabbi Zeplovitz

Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism in the Arab world

- Speaker: Ali Al-ahmed
- In conjunction with American Jewish Congress
- Tuesday, November 15, 8 pm

What are the connections between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism – and how do they differ from one another? What are the recurring and new trends? And what do the school books teach us about the possibility for a better or more troubling future?

Ali Al-ahmed is founder and director of the Institute for Gulf Affairs (www.gulfinstitutet.org). He is a Saudi scholar and expert on Saudi Arabian political affairs. He has testified before Congress on several occasions on the issue of civil rights and religious freedom in the Middle East. He has authored reports on Saudi Arabia regarding religious freedom, torture, press freedom, and religious curriculum.

Important Jewish Texts

What are the most important Jewish books the well-educated Jew ought to know about?

- In January and February with Rabbi Zeplovitz



Oneg Shabbat

SEPTEMBER 30 Helene & Greg Glassman and family and friends of Amanda on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Michael Miranda & Ondine Slone-Miranda and family and friends of Max on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

OCTOBER 14 Stevan & Michelle Roberts and family and friends of Jonathan on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Charles & Shanti Sax and family and friends of Ashton on the occasion of his becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

OCTOBER 21 Peter & Meryl Altuch and family and friends of Hannah on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Robert & Joey Weingard and family and friends of Crew on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

OCTOBER 28 Michael & Lisa Epstein and family and friends of Emily on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Glen & Nancy Gold and family and friends of Isabelle on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.



סוכות Sukkot

Sunday, October 9, 3:00 pm
"Raise" the Sukkah ... then Football

Want to be part of the oldest communal "barn-raising" in history? Then bring your hammer, strong arm and sense of fun as we join together in building the congregational *sukkah*. At 4 pm the MPR will be opened for those who raise the *sukkah* and their children to watch the football game – the Jets vs. New England. Food, fun and friendship! Sponsored by Brotherhood.

Wednesday, October 12, 4:30 pm
Decorate the Sukkah ~ Erev Sukkot

Join in decorating the *sukkah*, then enjoy a pizza dinner "under the stars". Sponsored by Sisterhood.

Thursday, October 13, 9:00 am
Sukkot Morning Worship

Festive services in the *Beit T'filah* (Old Sanctuary), with a free breakfast in the *sukkah* following.

Monday, October 17, 7:30 pm
Tapas and Sangria in the Sukkah

An evening of delicious food, drinks and discussion in the *sukkah*! Sponsored by Sisterhood.

Sunday, October 23, 12:00 pm
Take down the Sukkah and Football

Help us take down the *sukkah* and enjoy the football game – the Jets vs. the Chargers.

Build a Sukkah...Get a Picture with the Clergy

If you build a *sukkah* it is especially nice to invite friends, family and neighbors into it for a meal. If you put up a *sukkah*, contact the clergy, who would love to come for a visit and take a picture for our on-line photo album and Bulletin.

Would You Like to Help a High School Student Succeed?

In 2009, the Social Action Committee initiated a tutoring/mentoring program to provide academic support to our local high school students for whom English is a second language.

There is an increasing number of students coming to Port from rural areas where an inferior education is provided and more and more economically challenged students who are working part time and full time jobs to support themselves and/or assist their families. At the same time, the state has mandated that students, over the next few years, will be required to pass an increasing number of Regents exams. These issues, plus others, have created greater challenges in providing ESL students with the tools they need to succeed.

The committee, through its volunteers, provides tutoring and mentoring to a small group of Schreiber High School ESL students, ranging from freshmen to seniors. Tutors assist with English, Social Studies, Math and Science and mentors provide guidance with college selection, career choices, resume writing, etc. We work with students, after school hours, at two locations- the Port Washington Public Library and Schreiber High School.

We want to help more students but we cannot do this without you. If you are interested in being a tutor or mentor and you can give at least two hours per week and are willing to remain in the program until a student graduates, please contact Jessica Wigdor at jhwigdor@gmail.com or 516-883-1979.

Thank you for supporting this effort!

*Sandy Cobden, Andy Kramer
and Jessica Wigdor
Co-Chairs of the Social Action Committee*

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who by fire ... Who by storm” with a bit of trepidation. Others have told me that they, too, tremble as they hear this and contemplate the uncertainty of life. The unanticipated earthquake we felt in August pales when compared with the events that shake our lives. We are acutely aware that at a moment’s notice everything we expect can be turned upside down. We never know when a terrible wind may threaten to overturn our lives.

However, the *unitaneh tokef* is more than about the inevitability of life, or of our vulnerability. It concludes that we have within us a power to transcend what fate has in store. “The turning of the soul (תשובה *teshuvah*) prayer (תפילה *t’filah*) and righteous giving (צדקה *tzedakah*),” the prayer concludes, “Have the capacity to override the Divine decree.” Greater than any storm (literal or emotional), mightier than any upheaval (physical or spiritual) is the capacity you and I have to create a life of meaning and bring love.

We always live with uncertainty, but we can find courage and hope in prayer, the ability to cope by turning to God and reaching out to others, the chance to make sense of the chaos by lovingly helping those in need. When we sit in prayer during these Days of Awe, then, let us do more than wonder about what the year ahead has in store for us. May we find, by sharing together, that we have a great power in us to make life meaningful, worthwhile and good.

From Anne and myself – may you be sealed for good in the Book of Life, גמור חתימה טובה *G’mar chatimah tovah*.

Thank You to...

Helen Burkum, Jane Broido and **Georgia DeYoung** for cleaning all of our silver items.

Thank you very much to **Country Cleaners** located at 55 Old Shore Road for dry cleaning all of the synagogue’s *tallitot* at no charge prior to the Days of Awe.

למה?*

Question: Why is it permissible to have a webcam broadcasting our services?

Answer: Last year members of The Community Synagogue became internet celebrities with a song inviting people to join us for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services (it was one of the many things which attracted me to the community). We will now be broadcasting our services on the internet, through our new look website, and it is worth asking why this is okay from a Jewish perspective.

A number of responsa (traditional Jewish answers to *halachic* questions about Jewish law) from our movement have dealt with a number of issues related to the use of a webcam. Our movement approved the video-taping of services, as long as it did not distract the community present. They also approved the broadcast of services (for call-in services and on the radio), especially as a way of allowing the ill to feel a part of the community despite their inability to attend services at that time.

The microphone is used in our services so that the words of our prayers and songs can fill the sanctuary, and in order that the hard of hearing are able to hear the words and participate fully. With a microphone the service is broadcast throughout the sanctuary. One can view the webcam as an extension of the microphone broadcasting the service throughout the community for members who cannot be present in the service. It is simply another means of broadcasting the service.

In the commandment of *Shabbat* one of the striking features is that the commandment extends to include every member of society “you, your son and your daughter, your servant and your maidservant, your cattle and the stranger within your gates” (Ex. 20:10). *Shabbat* observance is all-inclusive. We have striven to make our services as inclusive as possible; we have broken down barriers so that all Jews can be welcomed. But we are challenged to include members of our community who cannot physically be present in our Synagogues for prayer. While we hope that all members of our community will be present at all services, we must acknowledge that some are unable to make the journey to be with us. The elderly, sick and those who find themselves geographically apart from us are often amongst those most in need of community. We cannot always bring them to the Synagogue, but by broadcasting our services over the internet we offer them a way to be part of our community. They may not be physically part of the *minyan*, but they can experience the service through their computers.

As *Talmud Yoma* 85b states: *Shabbat* is committed to your hands, not you to its hands. With *Shabbat* in our hands in the twenty-first century we are able to do things which our ancestors could never have dreamt. As Reform Jews we can embrace our Judaism and our modernity. In the past we could not share our services with those not present in the Synagogue. Now with the creation of webcams and the internet we can reach more people than ever before, including them in our community of prayer.

– Rabbi Danny Burkeman

**Lama*, the Hebrew word for “why.”



Celebrating the installation of Rabbi Danny Burkeman and welcoming Micol and Rabbi Burkeman—and their families—to our community

Derech erez or treating people with respect. In the ECC classrooms an important focus of our program has always been being kind, caring and respectful of each other and having good manners. This year all of these traits will be tied in to the *mitzvah* of *derech erez*. The Hebrew words *b'vakashah* (please or you're welcome) and *s'lihah* (pardon me) will become part of our ECC vocabularies.

Bal Tash-hit (do not destroy), which means taking care of our world will be incorporated at the ECC in recycling, keeping our environment clean, not wasting and using God's creations wisely, and by planting a garden to maintain and replenish our resources.

Bikkur holim or visiting the sick. Although our little ones are not able to visit the sick, they are able to offer their support and wishes of *refu'ah shleimah* (get well soon) by contacting sick classmates, making cards or and pictures for the ill, doing plantings for those in nursing homes and collecting toys for hospitalized children.

Hachnasat Orhim (welcoming guests). Making sure visitors to our school, classrooms and homes are greeted politely and made to feel welcome is another *mitzvah* that will be practiced in our classrooms and encouraged in their homes. Learning to be a good host, sharing, taking turns and compromising are all important lessons for our children to practice, as well as being a *mitzvah*.

Tzedakah has always been a part of the ECC's curriculum, and each year the children in each class vote on which of several choices for the money they collected. This June, Amy Rubinstein's 3 year old class decided they wanted to buy a tree to plant on the synagogue's grounds. They purchased a dogwood tree that was planted between the Learning Center and the new patio area. We hope our children will watch their tree blossom and grow through the years and perhaps it will even be a part of their *b'nai mitzvah* photos!

Ma'achil re'eivim (feeding the hungry). The ECC will be collecting food for local food pantries. Our children will be involved in the entire process of picking out the food for those less fortunate, carrying it to school themselves to deposit into their class's collection, counting and recording their class's collection, and helping to deliver the food with their parents. All of the classes will also join together to adopt a needy Jewish family to help provide their basic needs.

These are just a few of the *mitzvot* the ECC will be concentrating on and the projects they will be involved in. Our children at the ECC are at a stage in their development when they are excited by being helpful and doing for others. The practice of Jewish values and *mitzvot* can be richly rewarding and hopefully start them on a path that will impact their lives and the lives of those around them in a positive manner.

Registration for ECC's Fall 2012-13 Programs Begins October 3rd for Synagogue Members!

Synagogue members only will have the opportunity to register their children, from October 3 to October 10, for our Early Childhood Center's in demand programs for the following school year. The following are the dates the Early Childhood Center will begin accepting registration for our 2012-2013 programs:

- October 3 Registration opens to all families who are synagogue members by October 15, 2011
- October 11 Registration opens for all current ECC families
- October 18 Registration opens: for families who became members of the synagogue after October 15, 2011
- October 19 Registration opens: for grandchildren of current synagogue members, for ECC alumni families, for current Mommy & Me participants
- October 24 Registration opens to the community.

If you have a child who was born between December 1, 2007 and December 1, 2010 and are interested having them attend one of our Early Childhood Center's programs in the 2012-2013 school year, please contact Shelley Roff at extension 314. I will be happy to discuss our programs with you and give you a tour of our facilities. Registration for our Summer 2012 programs will begin late November or early December.

The Community Synagogue extends a warm welcome to our new members:

- Seth Ader & Dawn Berkowitz-Ader
- Scott & Emily Baxter
- Gertrude Block
- Lawrence & Natalie Bober
- Danny & Micol Burkeman
- Robert & Marnie Cohen
- David & Orly Danialian
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS | OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00am 7th Grade Torah study 9:00am Adult Torah study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah Annanda Glassman and Max Miranda 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
2 9:00am PJ Storytime 7:00pm 92nd St. Y: A Turning Point for the Middle East	3 10:00am Mah Jong Mavens 7:30pm Brotherhood Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	4 7:30pm Mah Jong Mavens 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:45am Music Together 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	6	7 EREV YOM KIPPUR ECC CLOSES AT NOON 8:00pm Erev Yom Kippur Service- Kol Nidre	8 10:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service 2:00pm Children's Service 2:00pm Study with Rabbi Z 3:00pm Study with Rabbi Burkeman 4:00pm Congregant Reflections 5:00pm Yom Kippur Afternoon & Yizkor Service
9 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 3:00pm Raise the Sukkah & Football with Brotherhood	10 ECC CLOSED	11 6:30pm Havurat Noar 8:00pm POWTY Meeting	12 EREV SUKKOT 9:45am Music Together Decorate the Sukkah and 4:30pm Pizza Dinner	13 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL , ECC CLOSED AND OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Sukkot 1st Day Yom Tov Services Breakfast following	14 ECC CLOSED FOR SUKKOT	15 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah Ashton Sax and Jonathan Roberts 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
16 9:15am Coffee with Clergy 7:00pm Tapas and Sangria in the Sukkah with Sisterhood	17 9:15am Coffee with Clergy 7:00pm Tapas and Sangria in the Sukkah with Sisterhood	18 6:30pm Havurat Noar 8:00pm Temple Executive Committee Meeting 8:30pm Jr. POWTY Lounge Night	19 9:45am Music Together 6:30pm Shmini Atzeret- Simchat Torah 8:00pm Sisterhood Sponsored Oneg	20 ECC AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SIMCHAT TORAH/ SHMINI ATZERET 9:00am Yom Tov Services Breakfast following	21 ECC CLOSED FOR SIMCHAT TORAH 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	22 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah Crew Weingard and Hannah Altuch 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
23 9:00am Torah & the Headlines 12:00pm Take down Sukkah & Football 8:00pm Broadway's Spotlight	24 7:30pm Board Meeting	25 6:30pm Havurat Noar Di 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	26 9:45am Music Together 10:30am Chaverim Yiddish Classes	27	28	29 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am B'nai Mitzvah Emily Epstein and Isabelle Gold 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service
30 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am Brotherhood Sports Lacrosse Day	31 7:30pm Board Meeting					

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