



From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Danny Burkeman



I feel like I should begin by saying "thank you." Thank you for all of the help and support you have given to Micol and me as we have moved to Port Washington.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the long (and arduous) visa application process to run its course so

that I can now serve as one of your Rabbis. And thank you for the warm welcome which we have received. From the very beginning we have been made to feel at home and a part of this very special community.

The tradition of welcoming strangers is one which stretches back to the very beginnings of Judaism. Abraham and Sarah were known for the hospitality which they extended to visitors who arrived at their tent. *Midrashim* suggest that their

tent was open on all sides (just like the *chupah* – the bridal canopy) so that they could see anyone who approached, and welcome them into their home.

The eagerness to welcome strangers was one of the defining qualities of the first Jewish home that Abraham and Sarah built; and it also fulfilled an important *mitzvah*. According to the study passage which we recite on *Shabbat* mornings (following the blessing over study), *Hachnasat Orchim* – welcoming

the stranger is one of those *mitzvot* for which we are both rewarded in this world and the world to come.

The legacy of Abraham and Sarah is not just fulfilled by welcoming strangers, it is also fulfilled by the very act of welcoming. The Hebrew phrase for welcome is *B'ruchim Ha'ba-im*, which is literally translated as "blessed is the one coming." Importantly the Hebrew

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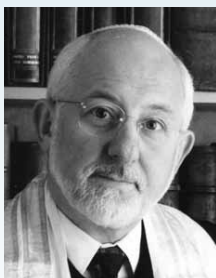
PLEASE JOIN US

Installation of Rabbi Danny Burkeman

Friday, September 16 at 8:00 pm

Please join with the congregation as we welcome Rabbi Burkeman and his wife, Micol, at this special service of installation.

Guest Speaker – Rabbi Shelly Zimmerman



Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman is the Rabbi of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons. He has served as Rabbi of Central Synagogue in Manhattan, Temple Emanu-El of Dallas and for five years served as President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. He was President of the Central Conference of American

Rabbis (1993-1995). Before beginning his work in East Hampton he served as Executive Vice-President of "Birthright Israel of North America" and Vice President of Renaissance and Renewal of the United Jewish Communities. He has taught at a number of universities and seminaries. He is married to Judith Zimmerman, a retired clinical social worker and therapist, and they are proud of all their children and grandchildren, especially their newest son-in-law Rabbi Danny Burkeman and Micol. Rabbi Zimmerman feels a special connection to The Community Synagogue because two of his most revered mentors and teachers are Rabbi Eugene Borowitz and Rabbi Martin Rozenberg. He is especially inspired by the rabbinate of his colleague Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz.

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Tfillot • תפילות (Worship Services)

SHABBAT SHOFTIM • שופטים

Friday, September 2

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm
 Rabbi Zepowitz: "Judging Others, Judging Ourselves"

Saturday, September 3 (Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9; Haftarah - Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary). 10:30 am
 B'nai Mitzvah: Julia Silver & Jordan Silverstein
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah). 10:30 am

SHABBAT KI TETZEI • כי תצא

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10 (Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:1; Haftarah - Isaiah 54:1-10)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary). 10:30 am
 B'nai Mitzvah: Jack Deutsch & Paige Leeds
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah). 10:30 am

SHABBAT KI TAVO • כי תבוא

Friday, September 16

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm
 Installation of Rabbi Danny Burkeman
 Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shelly Zimmerman, rabbi at The Jewish Center
 of the Hamptons (and Rabbi Burkeman's father-in-law!)

Saturday, September 17 (Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8; Haftarah - Isaiah 60:1-22)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary). 10:30 am
 B'nai Mitzvah: Alexis Karmel & Noah Sherman
 Havurah - Informal Worship (Beit T'filah). 10:30 am

SHABBAT NITZAVIM~VAYELECH • נצבים~וילך

Friday, September 23

Erev Shabbat. 8:00 pm
 Etz Chaim - Our "Tree of Life" 60th Anniversary Celebration honoring our past presidents
 Rabbi Burkeman: "Looking Back and Moving Forward"

Saturday, September 24 (Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30; Haftarah - Isaiah 60:10 - 63:9)

Shabbat Morning (Main Sanctuary). 10:30 am
 Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Landau
 Havurah - Informal Worship 10:30 am

S'LICHOT • סליחות

Saturday, September 24

Nosh & Study 8:30 pm
 Discussion: "Kabbalah (Jewish Mysticism) - Insights on Moving from
 Awareness to Forgiveness"
 T'fillot (Prayers) 10:45 pm

ROSH HASHANAH • ראש השנה

Wednesday, September 28

Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 29

Morning ~ Day 1 10:00 am
 Programming for Gr. 4 to 6. 10:00 am
 Children's Services (to Gr. 3). 3:00 pm
 Tashlikh (at 2 South Court). 5:00 pm

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Now It's Our Turn



In 1952, nearly sixty years ago, in 1952, Nat and Marjorie Hess and a handful of other families got together to create The Community Synagogue. Starting a Synagogue from scratch was no easy task, especially in the face of stiff opposition from Village of Sands Point

residents who were clearly aligned against us. However, through dogged determination and hard work they prevailed and provided us with the beautiful spiritual home we enjoy today. Now it is our turn to step up. This year we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, halfway towards what the Bible describes as a full, fruitful Jewish life of one hundred twenty years. At this time of reflection and introspection, the clergy and lay leadership have embarked upon three important projects that need your help:

First, our Main Sanctuary has serious deficiencies. The window wall at the back has challenging safety issues. The pews, carpeting, lecterns and wall coverings all are shabby and in need of refurbishment. There are technological needs to bring our sound and video capabilities into the 21st century. The last time we did any work here was over twenty years ago, and it shows.

Second, while we recently refurbished the *Beit Tfilah* (Old Sanctuary), it still doesn't have a *Torah* of its own. We continue

to borrow from the matched set in the Ark in the Main Sanctuary.

Third, we are concerned about the affordability of membership. While we offer a host of programs and services for which we are justly proud, running a synagogue of our size and quality is expensive. To make membership more affordable in the short term, we have to shrink or even eliminate our mortgage—debt service takes up about fifteen percent of our dues payments. In the long term, we hope to build up our Endowment Fund and establish a vigorous Planned Giving program so that we can continue to grow with fewer financial constraints.

To accomplish these objectives, we will be launching a fundraising campaign to help us refurbish the sanctuary, write a new *Torah*, and pay down the mortgage. We will also begin a planned giving project to build up our Endowment Fund to help us prepare for our long term future.

We are all beholding to the foresight and generosity of our founding members. I hope that in the years to come, congregants will look back on what we have accomplished on our 60th Anniversary with equal measures of pride and appreciation. I hope you will join with us in making this happen.

Bea, Shira and I extend our best wishes for a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

Larry

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Shari Isserles,
Director of Education

While the students were away....



While the students were away and enjoying the summer sun, we were busy in the religious school preparing for a fun and exciting year. Of

course, we also got the chance to enjoy the beautiful sunshine!

While the students were away making new friends at camp, we were also busy bringing new friends into our school. We have more than 50 new students joining our school community this year. All of our new students will be officially welcomed during our New Student Consecration on the first day of school, Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 am. We are so excited to welcome a new teacher, Cantor Rebecca Goren, to our staff. She brings enthusiasm and energy and can't wait to meet her students. And, we welcome back so many familiar faces and wonderful teachers who are eager to get this new year underway.

While the students were away learning to swim, playing sports and making crafts, we were also making things in the school. Our school entryway has been transformed into a beautiful scene of Israel. During the summer, we brought in talented artist Debbie Wells who took our bare walls and turned them into a waterfall of color. I hope our students will be excited to see the mural and

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Friday, September 30

Healing Service 9:00 am
Morning ~ Day 2 10:00 am

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



Save These Important Dates

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

4:30 pm

Sisterhood invites all families to help decorate the *Sukkah*.

Monday, October 17, 2011

Tapas and Sangria in the *Sukkah* sponsored by Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue

Thursday, November 3, 2011

7:00 pm

"An Evening with Dr. Wendy Mogel," author of *"The Blessing of a Skinned Knee"* and *"The Blessing of a B Minus"* at 7:30 pm at Temple Sinai in Roslyn. The Community Synagogue Early Childhood Center and The Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue are supporting synagogue sponsors of this event.

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Gala at H on the Harbor

PURCHASE A LULAV AND ETROG OR SUKKAH

It is a *mitzvah* to have a *lulav* and *etrog* on *Sukkot*, and to dwell in one's own *Sukkah*. The Klick *Sukkah* (see online at www.esrogheadquarters.com) features tool-free construction. Snap together in minutes! Just unfold and assemble ... and invite in family and friends. To get your own *Sukkah* and/or a *lulav* and *etrog* through our Judaica Shop, please contact Bari Ziegel at 883-4888 or bziegel@aol.com by September 27.



We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! Your Sisterhood Board is already hard at work planning programs and events for the coming year.

Please join us for our third annual *Yom Kippur* Break the Fast. Details will follow.

Our Judaica shop recently donated a large amount of holiday and religious items to a Jewish teen group going to Bulgaria. This is the thank you note we received along with a photo of three of the recipients.

Dear Sisterhood of The Community Synagogue,

Thank you so much for the amazing donations of Judaica. It means more to our community than words can say. The Judaica that you provided is be distrubutes to the only 3 Jewish communities in Bulgaria. Because of your donations families will be able to have a seder plate for passover and little kids will know what it is like to light a menorah. Thank you for your thoughts and helping us realize that there is a much larger Jewish community out there and caring for us.

Love, Puki and Kalina

Teen Presidents BBYO Bulgaria

If you would like to donate any gently used Judaica for next year's trip, please bring it with you to High Holy Day services. There will be collection bins in the lobby.



Mah Jongg Mavens

Do you want to learn how to play Mah Jongg? Do you know how to play and want to meet others who play? Join the Mah Jongg Mavens at The Community Synagogue on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm. We have been meeting monthly for years, we always have fun and we welcome new players. The event is free for Sisterhood members (you can join Sisterhood that evening- \$45 annually), \$5 for synagogue members, and \$10 for non-synagogue members. Noshes and refreshments are included. You **MUST** be a Sisterhood member to participate in the lesson and RSVP is required for everyone. If you have a set and Mah Jongg cards, please bring them. If you would like to purchase a card, contact the National Mah Jongg League online at <http://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org> and buy one online. Please RSVP to Jo Beth Roberts at jbmr@aol.com or 767-8770- email contact preferred. Important: There is a limited number of spaces for the lessons, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing old friends and new.

Do a Mitzvah...Help Others, Have Fun and Make a Difference at The Community Synagogue Sponsored Dinner/Dance for the Residents of Port Washington



We can use lots of helping hands!

Where: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
9 Carleton Avenue
Port Washington

When: Saturday, September 17, 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 preparing food, setting tables, taking orders, greeting guests, supervising young children and more!

We also need volunteers to help with cooking for the dinner

Where: Synagogue Kitchen

When: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:45 pm

If you can volunteer, please contact Jessica Wigdor at jhwigdor@gmail.com or 516-883-1979.



Oneg Shabbat

AUGUST 26 Raphael & Donna Benabou and family and friends of Joshua on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

SEPTEMBER 2 Cliff & Erika Silver and family and friends of Julia on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Marc & Heide Silverstein and family and friends of Jordan on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

SEPTEMBER 9 Keith Bresowsky & Sherri Gold-Bresowsky and David Leeds and family and friends of Paige Leeds on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Eric & Stephanie Deutsch and family and friends of Jack on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

SEPTEMBER 16 Lloyd & Renee Karmel and family and friends of Alexis on the occasion of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. Brad & Dana Sherman and family and friends of Noah on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

SEPTEMBER 23 Shawn & Barbara Landau and family and friends of Benjamin on the occasion of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. The 60th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Shabbat Honoring the Past Presidents of Our Synagogue, Brotherhood and Sisterhood

Friday, September 23, 2011
at 8 pm

In Honor of the 60th Anniversary of Our Congregation

Join us at Erev *Shabbat* services on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 8:00 pm as we honor the Past Presidents of Our Synagogue, Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Past Synagogue Presidents

Nathaniel Hess*
Charles Shapiro*
Seymour Udell*
Leonard Weintraub*
Daniel Beaton
Benjamin Heller*
Herbert Dannett*
Dan Golomb*
Henry Brenner*
Gloria Udell*
Brian Sindel
Allan Stone*
Lawrence Rothenberg
Robert Heller
Georgia DeYoung
Michael Rubinberg
Jane Broido
Lawrence Tarica
Howard Schiff

Past Brotherhood Presidents

Lester Ritter
Len Ruderfer*
Mark Lemelman
Murray Leiner
Martin Heims
Alvin Corwin
Stanley Merjan
Gerald Adelberg
Stan Ronell
Harold Sokoloff
Gunther Lawrence
Les Tafarella

*Deceased

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

During the summer, surveys were sent to several hundred people in our 92Y community and the congregation at large. Of the dozen programs made available by the Y, these five were the ones that were widely representative of the selections made. We hope we chose some of your favorites and that you will attend one or more of the programs. See below for ticket information.

9/11 A Decade Later: Lessons Learned and Future Challenges

Donald Rumsfeld, Ari Fleischer and Michael Mukasey

Thursday, September 8, 8:00 pm



Ten years since 9/11, the global war against Islamic terrorism continues. Is the United States safer today than it was ten years ago? What went on

inside the White House on that terrible day? How effective has the American response been? Get unique insights and unparalleled access to some of the most important players in the War on Terror. Donald Rumsfeld served as the twenty-first Secretary of Defense from 2001 to 2006. Ari Fleischer was the White House press secretary and delivered the daily White House briefings from 2001 to 2003. Michael Mukasey served as United States Attorney General from 2007 to 2009. Michael Medved is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host and best-selling author.

A Turning Point for the Middle East and the World

Alan Dershowitz and Eliot Spitzer

Sunday, October 2, 7:00 pm



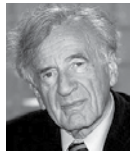
Explore the hot topics and headlines of the day with two of the most incisive and provocative voices of our time.

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.

Making Our Democracy Work

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer with Linda Greenhouse, moderator

Sunday, December 11, 7:30 pm



Stephen Breyer, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, gives an insider's perspective on the court as an American institution today and its shaping of our future.

Breyer talks about what the court must do to maintain public confidence and interpret the Constitution in a way that works in practice, and discusses the relationship between the court and the president, Congress, administrative agencies and the states—along with the role each plays in our democracy.

The Funniest American Writers

Andy Borowitz, Alec Baldwin and Calvin Trilling

Wednesday, January 11, 8:00 pm



Award-winning comedian and New Yorker humorist Andy Borowitz presents an evening of literary laughter and a look at the new Library of America

collection he edited, *The Fifty Funniest American Writers*—a hilarious collection of American humor writing from Mark Twain and James Thurber to David Sedaris and The Onion. Borowitz, has been called “one of the funniest people in America” by CBS News Sunday Morning. Alec Baldwin and Calvin Trilling will be joining Borowitz for a fun evening. This program was originally broadcast on October 19th but could not be shown because it was the Jewish holiday of *Sukkot*.

To order tickets, please send an e-mail to Bert Tobin at btobin@optonline.net or call the Synagogue 92Y order line 883-3144 ext 343 with your name, phone number, e-mail and number of tickets per program.

A series of all 5 programs is \$45. Individual tickets are \$10.

Make checks payable to “The Community Synagogue, 92Y” and send to The Community Synagogue, 160 Middle Neck Rd, Sands Point, NY 11050, att: 92Y.



The Community Synagogue—Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary

A Look Back at Our Early Years—A Little History

We began in the early 1950's like many of the new suburban synagogues and our dream was to mold a small bunch of people wanting to escape the city into a community of believing, practicing, self-educating Jews. In 1951, Port Washington's Jewish families met in private homes and restaurants until there were enough to start a Reform synagogue. When there were 25 families, they declared they would be The Community Synagogue, Temple Beth Am, The House of the People. Our first years were years of constant moving—from the American Legion Hall to the old Temple Beth Israel building on Bayview Avenue to another building on Port Washington Boulevard. "Have Torah, Will Travel" was the motto. High Holy Day services were held in a fire hall. The work of Rabbis Jay Kaufman and Eugene Borowitz provided leadership and shape for the young congregation. In 1952 we thought we had found a home in a piece of the Astor estate near the entrance to Harbor Acres but the neighbors and the courts decided otherwise and the purchase was denied to a house of worship. In 1954, an option was taken on the Holmes property on Middle Neck Road. We thought the "Chimneys" was ours but the neighbors and the courts hoped otherwise. The synagogue determined to take the case to court. One very important Democrat came to our aid: Averill Harriman, our neighbor and then a candidate for New York state governor wrote about religious freedom and worship within our Village of Sands Point. From New York's highest court, the State Court of Appeals, came the ruling in 1955 which permitted

The Community Synagogue to inhabit its home, the "Chimneys."

The congregation hired the architect, Sidney Katz, to prepare a master plan for the property and to design a sanctuary and social hall capable of seating the 400 families the congregation hoped to have in the future. He created a modern wing to harmonize with the existing old Tudor mansion. He especially wanted to save the magnificent cedar of Lebanon tree in the shape of a natural menorah situated outside the

new sanctuary's glass western wall. There were treasures in the basement—an indoor swimming pool, the squash court, a shooting range and a bowling alley. Mrs. Christian Holmes (nee Ms. Bette Fleischmann of the yeast and liquor fortune) discovered Sands Point in 1927 and built herself a magnificent 42 room Tudor mansion. It cost more than \$1 million to build and required 40-60 people on staff. Every major room had a working fireplace with its own chimney. Although the house was built of fire resistive steel

and concrete, it was given an ancient castle-like veneer. Many of the fixtures and architectural details existing today are 16th and 17th century antiques from England and France. The main beam supporting the main stairway is marked as being milled in the 1770's in Connecticut and bears the name, Robb Chapman Miller.

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60th Anniversary Celebration Calendar of Events

Friday, September 23, 2011, 8:00 pm	<i>Shabbat</i> honoring Current and Past Presidents of our congregation, Brotherhood and Sisterhood
October	<i>Torah</i> Writing Project Kick-off
Sunday, October 23, 2011, 8:00 pm	Broadway Spotlight...5 of Broadway's Best Stars Come to Port Washington sponsored by Sisterhood
Friday, December 2, 2011, 6:30 pm Congregational <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner, 8:00 pm <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service.	Guest Speaker: Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D., President, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion; former assistant rabbi at The Community Synagogue
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 7:00 pm	The Community Synagogue Talent Showcase
Saturday, February 4, 2012, 6:30 pm	Progressive Dinner
During the month of January, February or March 2012	The Port Washington Public Library will display our synagogue's archives.
Friday, March 16, 2012, 8:00 pm	<i>Shabbat</i> evening service with participation by Chaverim members. Service will honor charter members of the synagogue.
Friday, May 4, 2012, 8:00 pm	<i>Shabbat</i> evening service. Guest speaker: Rabbi Martin Rozenberg
Saturday, May 5, 2012, 7:30 pm	Journal Dinner Dance
Friday, May 11, 2012, 6:30 pm	Second Shabbes - Service honoring three generation families

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The “Chimneys” was now our home. Our founding president, Nat Hess, personally guaranteed the first mortgage payment of \$143,000 and shortly thereafter 50 members assumed the mortgage guaranty. The congregation grew from 150 to 210 families with 200 children in a religious school under the direction of Lee Aschenbrenner (z”l), its first principal. Junior and senior youth groups known as the Junior and Senior Leagues were started; the women of Sisterhood had a very successful Bazaar and contributed \$17,000 to the temple budget; the Men’s Club attracted capacity audiences and our first Nursery School was established.

Rabbi Martin Rozenberg, our rabbi for 33 years once described his vision for our future and said, “there should be a feeling of mutual responsibility and concern among the members of the congregation. We are a family, a covenanted people and when you are a member, you should know that your life is changed in its relationship to every other member.”

We have had an impressive list of distinguished clergy from Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Rabbi Martin Rozenberg, Cantor Jacob Yaron, Rabbi Marc Rosenstein, Rabbi David Ellenson, Rabbi Jan Katzew, Rabbi Nancy Flam, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Rabbi Jill Kreitman, Rabbi Elissa Koppel, Rabbi Michael Torop, Rabbi Renee Edelman and Rabbi Ben Sternman to our clergy today, Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz, Rabbi Danny Burkeman and Cantor Claire Franco. They are our legacy and our future.

Many of our congregants have been active in the Union for Reform Judaism in a wide range of leadership positions including the National Boards of Trustees.

Today we number more than 650 families with over 450 children in our religious school

And—some 150 children in our Early Childhood Center programs.

Our first 60 years have been challenging, exciting, fulfilling and with wonderful growth.

We have built an institution that is vibrant and admirable and exciting. We

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Question: Why do we blow the שופר *shofar*? Why is it that it cannot be made from the horn of a cow? What will be different about the sounding of the שופר *shofar* at the synagogue this year?

Answer: What we call ראש השנה *Rosh Hashanah* (literally, “the head of the year”) was referred to in Biblical days as יום תרועה *Yom T’ruah* (“the day of the blast”). The שופר *shofar* was an ancient instrument used for a variety of purposes – as a warning, to announce a holy day or convey a message. The specific connection with this festive day comes from the *Torah*, where it states “in the seventh month, on (day) one of the month, it shall be for you a day of (*shofar*) blowing.” (Numbers 29:1)

In preparation for the upcoming Days of Awe the שופר *shofar* is sounded throughout the thirty days of the month before *Rosh Hashanah* (the month of *Elul*). The שופר *shofar* can be made from the horn of any kosher animal except a cow, since that reminds us of the “Golden Calf,” and it is inappropriate to have that which symbolized our backsliding also be the means for our repentance. The custom of a ram’s horn is related to the story of the “binding of Isaac,” which we read on *Rosh Hashanah*.

In the 10th century Rabbi Saadia Gaon came up with 10 symbolic meanings that are connected to the שופר *shofar*. Among them are that it is a sound that alludes to the central Jewish themes of creation, revelation and redemption. It was the sound the *Talmudic* sages teach was made at the creation of the world, and was also heard at Mt. Sinai when the commandments were given (Exodus 19:9). It is also a hopeful reminder that will announce the messianic moment.

Most relevant for us at this season, the שופר *shofar* reminds us of the admonitions of the prophets and their calls to repentance, as stated in Ezekiel 33:2-9: “One who sees the sword coming upon the land, blows the *shofar* and warns the people ... [If] that person heard the sound of the *shofar*, but did not heed the warning, his blood shall be upon himself.” Rambam (the great 12th century rabbi and philosopher) taught that the שופר *shofar* is a kind of Jewish alarm clock, meant to awaken us to our wrongdoing and lead us to return to God.

The *rpua shofar* service incorporates three themes – God’s rule (מלכות *Malkhuyot*), the need to remember our responsibility as Jews and promises to God, as well as God’s to us (זכרון *Zikhronot*), and that of the messages that relate to the שופר *shofar* itself (שופרות *Shofarot*). Traditionally, all three sections take place at the end of the reading of the *Torah* for *Rosh Hashanah* morning. In our congregation this year we will divide the three sections and have them at separate moments during the service. This will allow us to build on the themes of creation, revelation and redemption, and also provide ample opportunity for everyone to hear the שופר *shofar* during the course of our services.

While it is an honor to sound the שופר *shofar*, the commandment is not to blow it, but to listen to it (that is, not just hear it, but to heed its message). A *Rosh Hashanah* without hearing the שופר *shofar* just isn’t a *Rosh Hashanah*!

— Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz

**Lama*, the Hebrew word for “why.”

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recognizes that when a person is welcomed they are not just invited to enter or be a part of the community; the person is blessed through the very action. As part of the first call which Abraham received he was told: “You shall be a blessing ... and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed” (*Bereishit* 12:2-3). When he welcomed people into his home he fulfilled this instruction and became that blessing.

We could not have wished for a warmer welcome from all of you as we have arrived in Port Washington and The Community Synagogue. You have been a blessing and we have been truly blessed. We look forward to sharing in many more blessings together over the years that lie ahead.

Rabbi Danny Burkeman – Our New Rabbi

It is with great excitement that we welcome Rabbi Danny Burkeman and his wife Micol to our congregation.

Rabbi Burkeman (or “Rabbi Danny,” as he prefers to be called) was born and raised in London, England, where as a child he was an active member at West London Synagogue and a leader in the Reform Jewish-Zionist youth movement. Before attending university, Rabbi Danny spent a year in Israel where he attended The Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad (the title is catchier in Hebrew, he assures us) and volunteered on Kibbutz Lotan (one of our Reform *kibbutzim*) near Eilat.

At Cambridge University he received his BA in History and Theology, and following graduation he went to work in the British Jewish community, working with Jewish Zionist youth movements from across the political and religious spectrum. While there, he also began studying for his Masters in Jewish-Christian Relations at the Centre for Jewish Christian Relations in Cambridge. Rabbi Danny began his rabbinical studies at the Reform rabbinical seminary in London (Leo Baeck College), and completed his rabbinical training at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC) in Jerusalem and Los Angeles. During the course of his studies, the rabbi interned at West London Synagogue and North Western Reform Synagogue in London, and worked as the Student Rabbi at Brith Sholem in Utah, and Temple Menorah and Kehillat Israel in California. Rabbi Burkeman was ordained in the spring of 2009.

Following his ordination, Rabbi Danny and Micol (who met when they were both studying at HUC in Israel) moved back to London where he became the Associate Rabbi at West London Synagogue (Britain’s oldest Reform congregation) and Micol worked as the Senior Educator and Curriculum Specialist. At WLS, Rabbi Danny fulfilled a variety of rabbinic roles as part of the clergy team. He led the development of the Synagogue’s online presence through Twitter and Facebook, setting them up to broadcast services on the internet. Together with Micol, he developed a series of new programs and a young adult group, which received coverage in the British Jewish press.

Rabbi Danny is currently the Vice-President of ARZENU (the International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists) and he is a member of the World Union for Progressive Judaism Executive Board. He has also published in *European Judaism* on the subject of Jewish statements on Christianity and most recently in the book *A Passion for Judaism*, with a chapter on the evolving place of Jerusalem in the *Amidah*. He is a regular columnist for the *Jewish News* in England, and will be continuing to write for that paper once a month from Port Washington.

Our congregation owes a special debt of gratitude to Congressman Ackerman, Congressman Bishop, and Senator Schumer (and their respective staffs), whose tremendous support expedited the process of Rabbi Burkeman receiving his visa.

We hope that in the coming weeks and months every member of our congregation will have the opportunity to meet Rabbi Danny and Micol and welcome them to Port Washington. They are genuinely warm and wonderful people. We are confident that they will bring much sensitivity, teaching, spiritual enlightenment, guidance and friendship to us all.

*Jeremiah Bosgang and Judy Maiman
Incoming Co-Chairs, Clergy Committee*



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are well established in our community and the Reform Jewish movement.

This year, 5772, will be wonderful as we celebrate with great joy our Community Synagogue and look ahead to our glorious future. Let the celebration begin!

*Georgia DeYoung and Bari Ziegel
60th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs*

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If you're interested in joining the 60th Anniversary Committee, please contact Bari Ziegel at 816-1082 or bziegel@aol.com or Georgia DeYoung at 883-8627 or bngdey@aol.com.

Board Highlights

Upcoming: A synagogue-wide *Torah* Writing Project will be presented to the Congregation shortly. We are very excited to be able to write and have our own "home grown" *Torah*.

The large sanctuary window wall, facing the garden, is set for replacement. It is expected to be completed by the High Holy Days.

After many years our bookkeeper, Stella Molina moved out of state. After a thorough search we have a new bookkeeper/controller Dave Baum. Welcome to Dave!

In honor of the temple's 60th Anniversary, our fundraising gala, set for May, is beginning to take shape, with three volunteer co-chairs (Deena Katz, Jack Mandel, and Mara Silverstein) along with many other board volunteers who are already at work.

Selections from the *Divrei Torah* (sermons) of our Adult B'not Mitzvah

We are proud of the seven women who worked with Rabbi Sternman and came to the *Torah* for the first time this past June. Mazel tov! Here is a sample of the words they spoke:

Last year I had the wonderful experience of watching my oldest son, Jack become a *Bar Mitzvah*. When I was 13, I was given the choice and chose not to continue with my Jewish studies and become a *Bat Mitzvah*. Did I not have the courage to venture into unknown territory or did I just take the easy way out? ... I have faith and believe that I too can conquer my fears, just like Joshua and Caleb did. It is always scary to come out of our comfort zone ... It has been an honor and a pleasure to study with these six women ... We scouted out the land together, journeyed into the unknown and conquered the giants.

Ruth Geismar

The tribes of Israel were presented with a difficult decision ... After weighing the risks, most of them chose to remain in their comfort zone. They would rather wander in the wilderness or perhaps even return to slavery in Egypt because these at least are known outcomes, always less frightening than the unknown ...

I spent my life with a strong sense of spirituality and a few meaningful traditions. However, it never felt like enough ... I attempted the journey many times only to be overwhelmed by the obstacles in my path – there always seem to be so many commitments and so little time. But also there was also just the feeling of being an outsider that held me back ... I finally realized that there is never a perfect time for any kind of significant undertaking and in waiting for that moment to arrive, I was missing out.

Lisa Grossman

"There shall be one law for you and for the resident stranger; it shall be a law for all time throughout the ages" ... Who is the stranger? ... Maybe it is the child who does not look like everyone else; or who learns differently ... Perhaps it is the same sex couple that just wants to get married or adopt children together. To be a family ...

We have come very far but we still have a long way to go. Maybe someday when we ask the question "Who is the stranger?" the answer will be "no one".

Diane Heiman



After years in the desert, the Jewish people are on the verge of entering their ancestral homeland. God has provided this land, but the Jewish people know that they will have to fight for it ... Moses asks God if he should send the scouts into Canaan, God replies *shelach lecha*, "send for yourself." Rashi explains that God was telling Moses "you decide". Life has many temptations and challenges and while it would be easier for us to just avoid them, that is not what we are meant to do. *Torah* teaches us not to run away, but to face our challenges and make the hard choices ...

While I had always loved the idea of becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*, the opportunity hadn't been there. When I was young, and very shy, I don't think I could have handled it. Even today, the thought of coming before a congregation, reading from the *Torah*, and giving a speech terrified me, but I knew I had to do it ... *shelach lecha*, send for yourself. Use the power to make the hard choices and you will reap the rewards.

Lisa Marschall

Although I did stand up on a *bimah* at age 13 to become a *bat mitzvah* – I was denied the chance to chant from the *Torah* since that was not acceptable practice in the Conservative temple of my youth ... I did not feel like a valued member of the Jewish community – since the most sacred object that both defined our history and binds us together as Jews, the *Torah*, was not accessible to me. It then took another 30 years for my Jewish connection to be rekindled when I moved to this community many years ago.

Judy Maiman

In our *Torah* Portion, God commands Moses to send 12 emissaries ... to scout the land of Canaan which he was giving to the Israelites ... Only Joshua and Caleb saw the land as good and believed that God would protect them ...

In my late thirties several of my friends became *B'nai Mitzvah* at Community Synagogue. Like ten of the scouts I did not have the confidence to venture forth into the land of giants. Would I be able to learn Hebrew? Would I be able to read from the *Torah*? ...

My grandsons, Jared and Noah, were my scouts and inspiration. Like Caleb and Joshua ventured forth into Canaan (unknown territory) for Moses, Jared and Noah, in studying for and becoming *B'nai Mitzvah*, gave me the courage to undertake this journey. I have three more grandsons, Gabriel, Joshua and Toby, who, G-d willing, will become *B'nai Mitzvah*. I hope that by example, I will become the inspiration for them.

Loretta Molk



In Times of Bereavement

Our clergy are always available to assist you at your time of loss. At whatever time of day or night, when a death occurs, please call The Community Synagogue (883-3144). If someone is not immediately available, a message will direct you to one of our Rabbis or to our Cantor. If you would like us to officiate at the funeral of your loved one, please have the funeral home ensure our availability at the time you desire before finalizing arrangements. For additional support, counsel or questions, you may always contact any of the clergy.

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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 Harry Wallack; Mary Wallack (Yahrzeits)
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 Sydelle Chusid
 Ruth Seldin; Bob Seldin (Yahrzeits)
 Sheldon Weiss (Yahrzeit)
 Ethel Ziegel; William Shore (Yahrzeits)
 Larry Spier (Yahrzeit)
 Frances Hendler (Yahrzeit)
 Alvin Futterman; Sydelle Chusid; Aaron Safenowitz; Eve Haim; Victor Tarica; Eugene Goldberger; Madeleine Tarica (Yahrzeits)
 Joyce Mandel
 Milton Warren (Yahrzeit)
 Oscar Reininger (Yahrzeit)

Dorothy Weintraub
 Sara Weiss
 Jessica Wigdor
 Judith & Fred Wilpon
 Phyllis Yablans
 Kathy & Ira Zankel
 Judi & Steven Zarkin
 Bari Ziegel & Steve Rosman
 Maxine Zinder
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 Bernard & Paula Cohn
 Florence & Abe Elenowitz
 Iris & Ira Rimerman
 Cynthia & Michael Rubinberg
 Dorothy Weintraub & Harold Sokoloff

Ely Salutsky (Yahrzeit)
 Florence Culver; Florence Hall (Yahrzeits)
 Harold Wigdor (Yahrzeit)
 Irene Kessler (Yahrzeit)
 Gerald Yablans (Yahrzeit)
 Sally Zankel (Yahrzeit)
 Sarah Zarkin (Yahrzeit)
 Max Rosman & Irene Solomon (Yahrzeits)
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 Sara O'Brien becoming confirmed; Judy Maiman becoming Bat Mitzvah
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 Stacey & Eric Jawitz on the birth of their son, Jonathan Barry Jawitz
 Judy & Mitchell Maiman on the college graduation of your son, Richard Maiman
 Michael Tucker & Hank Ross for Co-Chairing Maccabiah Youth Sports Day; the 2011 confirmation class
 Denise and Stephen Silverstein on the engagement of their daughter, Dara Silverstein to Jonathan Cohen
 Judy Maiman becoming Bat Mitzvah

In Appreciation of
 Fred Axelrod for preparing Samantha for her Bat Mitzvah

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CHAVERIM

Tai Chi with Chaverim

Thursday, September 15 at 10:30 am

Once considered a martial art, today Tai Chi is recognized as a form of alternative medicine that may alleviate arthritis and osteoporosis. It helps achieve balance, calmness and flexibility.

The free demonstration will be given by David Chin, who has been teaching Tai Chi, King Fu and karate for more than 25 years. He owns a karate school in Astoria and teaches Tai Chi to the senior community at the Amsterdam Harborside.

If there is sufficient interest, an ongoing

Tai Chi class may be offered. For additional information, call Sylvie Heyman at 510-4986.

Save the Date

Thursday, October 27th: Chaverim Trip To Tenement Museum

Chaverim Chair Yoga

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 allow Beth Mohr (synagogue member and certified yoga instructor) to lead you in

breathing and gentle stretching.

The \$50 fee (for 6 sessions) is payable to The Community Synagogue. Call Joyce Rudnick, 883-8314, or email her at joycerudnick@gmail.com for further information.

Chaverim Dues

Chaverim dues (\$18 per person; \$36 per couple) are due now for the 2011-12 year. Your check, payable to The Community Synagogue, should be mailed or dropped off at the synagogue, marked to the attention of Les Schonbrun, Chaverim Treasurer.



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The Community Synagogue Announces Music Together Classes and Music Together With Hebrew!

Music Together is a delightful, joyous approach to music-making with your child. For infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults who love them, Music Together offers families an opportunity to sing, dance and play rhythm instruments in a relaxed, playful, non-performance-oriented setting. All classes are mixed age and appropriate for children from birth through 5 years old. Tuition includes 2 CD's and a beautifully illustrated songbook.

Fall 2011 classes begin September 15th. Classes will be held at The Community Synagogue on Wednesdays (9:45 am, 10:45 am and 11:45 am) and Thursdays (10:45 am). In addition, there will be a Music Together with Hebrew class on Thursdays at 9:45 am. This special class is the same great Music Together program supplemented with Israeli children's songs and a teacher who speaks Hebrew. Fluency in Hebrew is NOT required. **While They're Little is offering 15% off of class tuition exclusively to all Community Synagogue member and ECC families. To redeem this offer, enter the coupon code of CSPW when registering online.**

Join us for a FREE demonstration class on Thursday, September 8 at 9:45 am (Music Together with Hebrew) and 10:45 am (our regular mixed-age class). Registration for all demonstration classes is required. Visit www.whiltheyrelittle.com or call us at 516-442-0302.

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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.

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Help Wanted

Bulletin Editor – We are looking for someone to manage the process by which our monthly bulletin is prepared. The task is mainly one of Project and Process Management, not the writing and editing of articles. Anyone interested should contact Larry Helft at lhelft@optonline.net or 365-5934.



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search for their own personal stones. We still have blank stones left, so contact the office if you would like to purchase a stone for your family.

While the students were away and taking a break from their studies, we were working on curriculum to ensure that this new year will be filled with engaging, interactive and relevant learning. We have made changes and additions to every grade, but most significant are the changes we have put into place for our 6th grade. After spending much time brainstorming and working in partnership with the 6th grade staff, we have put together a new program which provides new pathways to engagement and opportunities for our 6th graders to connect with Judaism, the synagogue and their grade level community.

While the students were away on their summer vacations, the hallways of our school were very quiet and lonely. We can't wait to hear the hustle and bustle of the children, their laughter in the hallways and their voices in the sanctuary. While the students were away, we missed them, and we are thrilled to have them back!



New mural in Religious School



CALENDAR OF EVENTS | SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Labor Day Building Closed	9:30am ECC Staff Meeting 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	5:00pm Brotherhood Blood Drive 8:00pm ECC 3s and 4s Parent Orientation	ECC STAFF WORKSHOP ECC CLOSED 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00pm 92nd Street Y Simulcast	10:30am Chaverim Chair Yoga 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Julia Silver and Jordan Silverstein
4 BUILDING CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 POWTY 9/11 EVENT	12 1ST DAY FOR ECC 3S & 4S - 1/2 DAY 7:30pm Temple Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm Brotherhood Exec. Board Mtg. 8:00pm Brotherhood Board Mtg. 8:00pm ECC 2s Parent Orientation 8:00pm Social Action Comm. Mtg.	13 6:30pm Social Action Cooking 7:30pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:30pm Religious Living Committee Meeting 8:00pm POWTY Board Meeting 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	14 9:45am Music Together	15 9:15am Coffee with the Clergy 9:45am Music Together 11:00am Chaverim Tai Chi Free Demonstration	16 6:00pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Rabbi Burkeman 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Paige Leeds and Jack Deutsch
18 FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES	19	20	21	22	23	24
4:30pm Congregational BBQ	6:30pm Temple Board Meeting and dinner at H on the Harbor	8:15pm Choir Rehearsal	9:45am Music Together	9:45am Music Together	6:30pm POWTY Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm 60th Anniversary Reception 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Landau S'lichot Nosh and Havdalah 10:45pm T'fillot (Prayers)
25 RS FLAME ECC Picnic	26	27	28 EREV ROSH HASHANAH ECC CLOSES AT 12 NOON	29 ROSH HASHANAH (1ST DAY) 10:00am Children's Program 4th-6th Grade 10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 3:00pm Rosh Hashanah Children's Service 5:00pm Tashlikh Service	30 ROSH HASHANAH (2ND DAY) 9:00am Rosh Hashanah Healing Service 10:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:00am Adult Torah Study 9:00am 7th Grade Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Havurah Service 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service B'nai Mitzvah: Amanda Glassman and Max Miranda

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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Sunday, September 18th at 4:30 pm

The Community Synagogue Patio

Reconnect with friends, meet new members and enjoy crafts and a kid-friendly dinner!

Please RSVP to Robin at rmil18@yahoo.com

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