SUMMERTIME AT CSR

ROCK SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 AT 7:45 PM
at Community Synagogue of Rye

Join Community Synagogue of Rye’s T’fillah Band in bringing in Shabbat with a twist. We’ll combine folk tunes with Hebrew lyrics and include classics by the Beatles and John Denver. Don’t miss this electrifying experience for all ages!

“Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul.” —Unknown

SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

FRIDAYS, JULY 15 AND AUGUST 12
SHARING SHABBAT AT 5:15 PM
SHABBAT SERVICES AT 6:30 PM
at Oakland Beach in Rye (95 Dearborn Ave)

Join Rabbi Gropper, Rabbi Frankel, Cantor Cooperman and Rick Abrams, Director of Jewish Family Life, for a family-friendly, musical Shabbat Service on the beach. Rain or shine, we will be meeting in the pavilion next to the Rye Town Park administration building, farthest from Playland. Enter from Dearborn Avenue and let the parking attendant know that you are joining CSR to waive the fee.

SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS

Second Annual Joint Reform
Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5776
A Night of Jewish Learning and Community Celebration

Saturday, June 11 at 7:45 pm
Westchester Reform Temple
255 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, NY

Join clergy and congregants from four Reform Jewish congregations–Westchester Reform Temple, Congregation Kol Ami, Scarsdale Synagogue-Temples Tremont and Emanu-El, and Community Synagogue of Rye—in a night of learning and celebration for the night of Shavuot, our Summer Festival of Revelation.

Rabbis and Cantors from these four local congregations will teach breakout sessions, each one a creative and intensive exploration of the following topic: Reform Jewish Responses to Ancient Jewish Questions. And we will enjoy some traditional Shavuot treats, too!

Shavuot Festival Service and Yizkor
Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 am at CSR

A festive luncheon, sponsored by the Ritual Committee, will follow the Shavuot and Yizkor Service.

Shavuot is a Hebrew word meaning “weeks” and refers to the Jewish festival marking the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

It falls exactly seven weeks after Passover which commemorates the Exodus from Egypt.
Community Synagogue of Rye is a caring Jewish community that seeks to add meaning and purpose to your life.

Inspired by Jewish teachings and traditions, we seek to be a center for spiritual transformation; to foster the creation of sacred relationships; and to give people the tools and resources to be God’s partner in healing the world.

This vision is guided by our commitment to the Jewish values of Worship (T’filah), Lifelong Learning (Talmud Torah), Community (Kehilah), Loving Kindness (Hesed), Repairing the World (Tikkun Olam) and Love of Israel (Ahavat Yisrael).

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FIRST FRIDAY TORAH STUDY AT 7 AM
Led by Rabbi Gropper, the monthly Torah study sessions are designed to allow working members of the synagogue to squeeze in some Torah study before the start of the workday. They are held on the first Friday morning of the month and last roughly an hour. Bagels & beverages are kindly provided by the Men’s Club. Torah texts are also available for use.

We hope you can join us (no RSVP required, just come).
## June 2016 Calendar

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### 2016 High Holy Days

- **October 2** Rosh Hashanah Evening at CSR
- **October 3** Rosh Hashanah at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College
- **October 11** Kol Nidre at CSR
- **October 12** Yom Kippur at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College

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**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING**

Community Synagogue of Rye provides live video streaming for Friday evening and holiday services. To access the live video stream visit [www.comsynrye.org/live-video-streaming](http://www.comsynrye.org/live-video-streaming).
A BEAUTIFUL CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

By Rabbi Daniel Gropper • dgropper@comsynrye.org

“Oseh L’Cha Rav U’kne L’Cha Chaver”—make for yourself a rabbi and acquire for yourself a friend.” Thus says a teaching in Pirke Avot, Ethics of Our Ancestors, a short tractate at the end of the Mishna.

As we transition synagogue presidents from Jerry Cohen to Laurie Frolich, I can think of no better accolade. Over the past two years, Jerry has become both my rabbi and my friend. A rabbi is a teacher. A friend is a confidant. He has been both. Beyond initiating an ambitious capital campaign, imagining what an updated facility could look like, and planning for the future staffing needs of this sacred community, we have confided in each other and dreamed together. For that, I thank him.

The governance and work of a congregation are like interconnecting spheres. Unlike a strictly top-down corporate structure where a board directs a CEO, who then directs a staff to create programs or products (and success is determined by the number of items sold and the profits made), the governance and work of a congregation are different. It is a dance with two individuals connected, one to the other, moving in unison while having individual, if interconnecting, roles. Jerry has been such a partner.

In one sphere, called governance, the Board of Trustees sits. Its members govern. Governance includes such top-level tasks as articulating mission, selecting strategies for getting there, ensuring the strategy is followed, and that people and property are protected from harm. Those in governance get to dream. They get to ask important questions like, “Who do we want our congregation to be and what do we need to do to get there?” Thankfully, we have many talented people who step up to serve our community and its mission. I offer a special Todah Rabbah to Lisa Chen, Joel Hecker and Carol Meyers who are ending their terms of service and a Bruchim Ha Ba’im to those joining our board (see their pictures and bios on page 6).

The other sphere is the work of the congregation. If we were a church it would be called ministry. This is where the programs, services, classes, social justice work and pastoral activities take place. It is where I spend most of my time, working with a highly dedicated staff and volunteers who team together to fulfill the mission of the congregation and to execute the policies created by the board; however, we work in partnership. There is no “wall of separation,” between board and staff. Our conversations are inclusive and this makes us stronger. As the Talmud teaches, “All those who faithfully occupy themselves with the needs of the community will be blessed and rewarded.”

Sitting atop these two interconnecting spheres are the congregational president and the senior rabbi. We work closely together. It is a sacred partnership, one fueled by mutual trust and acceptance of the other’s wisdom, experience and expertise. Each represents and speaks for his or her sphere. Knowing that we are always acting with the best interests of the congregation in mind, we share leadership and speak with a unified voice. I have had the pleasure of sharing the leadership of this congregation with seven different presidents. Each became and has remained a confidant and a friend. Jerry, I will miss our weekly meetings and regular phone calls. You have, especially through your menschlekeit over these two years, taught me so much.

A beautiful thing in congregational life is that even with a new board and new leadership, the sacred work, guided by our mission, continues. Faces change, but the business of bringing people closer to Judaism goes on. We continue to care for those in need, make our ancient tradition accessible, relevant and compelling, and add meaning and purpose to your life. Among the things that I love about being your rabbi is that we are clear about our roles, that we are guided by a common cause, and that we move effortlessly from one group of lay leaders to another. To Laurie Frolich and the new board members: I look forward to partnering with you and to sharing leadership with you for the betterment of this sacred community. In two years, I trust I will say of Laurie: “She too is my rabbi and my friend.”

Todah Rabbah,

Rabbi Daniel Gropper
As I begin my new term as President of Community Synagogue of Rye, I ask myself a simple question, “How did I get here?” You may be asking that as well—for those that don’t know me—I will try to provide some perspective. The common thread that I see when I look back on my journey through Jewish leadership at CSR is the transformative power of “yes.”

Of course, we all know that is much easier to say “no.” When someone phones to ask a favor, we can easily screen our calls and choose not to respond. If someone sends a text or email, we can ignore it or just press delete. But what if we answer the call? What if we say, Hineni, Here I am? Where might that lead?

My Jewish journey started about twelve years ago when my older son was preparing for his bar mitzvah at Community Synagogue. I was so excited for his special day to arrive and wanted to derive the most meaning from the experience of seeing him called to the Torah—but there was one small problem. I didn’t really understand the full significance because I had not had a formal Jewish education myself, even though I had grown up in a Conservative Jewish home. How to remedy such a situation? I asked the Rabbi if there was a program of study that would educate and train adults in Hebrew language and prayer and allow them to become adult b’nei mitzvah (see more on page 12). Well, there was such a program at Community Synagogue of Rye, called Anshe Binah. Rabbi Gropper asked if I would like to participate in this program. Well, it was a two-year commitment and I was working full-time with children at home so I thought it would be easier to say “no,” but instead I chose to say “yes” and joined a wonderful group of people engaged in the same path of study that did in fact lead to my becoming an adult b’nei mitzvah in the very same year that my son became a bar mitzvah. How thrilling was it for me to understand his service, follow along when he read his portion, and stand with the Torah in my arms, passing it along to him, L’dor vador, from generation to generation? It surpassed all my expectations.

From there, I started to feel braver and more connected to Community Synagogue of Rye. Despite being a long-time member, I had finally found a way in, a way to make new friends, and to move forward. I started to attend the Saturday morning Torah service—you’ll find me there most weekends—and now would hardly consider missing it. I became an active member of the CJL, or the Religious School committee as it was then called, and was asked to assign b’nei mitzvah dates for close to four years. I was invited to participate in ATID, our leadership development program, and said “yes” to that. From there I was asked to join the Board of Trustees, and then the Executive Committee, becoming Vice-President, Treasurer, Executive Vice-President and now, fast-forward ten years, President. To each opportunity and each “ask” I said “yes.”

But now the challenge I see going forward is to provide a path of leadership for others. How can we be sure that we are extending these same opportunities to new members, as well as long time members who may feel disenfranchised or invisible? When the Ark is opened and we see the beautiful display of Torahs that we are privileged to house, do we also see the open doors as arms extended wide to bring in all who wish to participate or to serve? Are we providing the warm and genuine welcome that we so clearly state on our website? These are all things we will examine in the months ahead.

How does one begin a journey that takes him or her farther than they ever imagined? They say “yes” to wonderful opportunities that present themselves. They join hands with their fellow congregants when asked to make a difference, participate in a program, share responsibility, effect change, spread goodwill, and generally find a way to show that they are present in this world. Hineni. Here I am. I hope you will find a road to travel on that fulfills your personal spiritual journey and starts with the word “yes.”

L’shalom,

Laurie Frolich, President • president@comsynrye.org
Legendary Jewish guitarist Yosi Piamenta was known as “The Hasidic Hendrix” due to his ability to play solos with the guitar upside down and behind his back. He performed original music and was influenced by a wealth of sources; Jewish, Israeli, Arabic and, yes, even secular music. There’s an often-told story about Piamenta approaching a Rabbi and asking if it was permissible to set the words of the Mishna to a rock tune. The Rabbi replied, “Permitted? It would be a mitzvah!” He responded this way because of the Hasidic belief that a secular tune, used for holy purposes, is elevated.

And, it’s with that idea in mind, that I invite you to our annual Rock Shabbat on June 17. This year’s version will feature a little more folk music—Peter, Paul and Mary, John Denver, Simon and Garfunkel—as well as our usual Beatles favorites. The melodies will be familiar and the singing should be easy as this year we’re providing a song supplement with words to every song. June 17 is also the installation of the new board of trustees so it should be a great night to gather together as a community before all the summer activities begin.

The legacy of Yosi Piamenta might be about how unafraid he was to explore his religious beliefs by engaging with the secular world. Obviously, for most of us, secular music isn’t inherently less than religious music. In fact, they’re probably very similar. In “On Celestial Music,” Rick Moody writes “Music has soul. We operate as though it does nearly all the time. In fact, music is one of the few areas of human endeavor where the word soul, even among secular types, is liable to go unchallenged.” See you on June 17!

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**ROCK SHABBAT**

*Cantor Melanie Cooperman • mcooperman@comsynrye.org*

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEES**

**Jeff Cammisa**

Jeff has been a part of CSR for almost 20 years. He and his wife Sharon’s initial introduction to the synagogue began with their first child’s enrollment in the ECC, followed by two siblings and three b’nei mitzvahs. Jeff and his family have always felt warm and at home with the clergy, staff and members of CSR, and find it a place not only to worship, but to stay closely connected with others. Jeff served as a co-leader on the Raising the Bar Task Force that looked at innovative ways for broadening the value of the b’nei mitzvah experience. He graduated from Boston College with a master’s degree in philosophy and works as an Executive Vice President for Young & Rubicam in Public Relations.

**Pam Kerlan**

Pam Kerlan has been affiliated with Community Synagogue of Rye since 2007 when her family moved to Rye. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Columbia Business School and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Berkeley College in NY. Pam is a member of the Alternative Space B’nei Mitzvah task force, and previously served on the Vegas Night Fundraiser committee and the committee for the celebration honoring Rabbi Rothman. She lives in Rye with her husband, Mike, and two children, Eli and Charlotte.

**Mark Singer**

Mark Singer and his family joined CSR when they moved to Rye in 2012. He and his wife, Maria, and their children, David, Emma and Jacob, actively participate in CSR programming. In particular, they have connected to the CSR community through its spiritual and educational offerings for families with young children. Mark is originally from Boca Raton, Florida where his father is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth El. He graduated from Duke Law School and Middlebury College, and is Assistant General Counsel at APG Asset Management.

**Lauren Wolman-Mioli**

Lauren Wolman-Mioli has been a member of Community Synagogue of Rye since 2008. She participated in the ATID Leadership Training Program and is currently on the Membership Committee and Safety Task Force. In addition, Lauren attends Mussar, the CSR Book Club, and Spiritual Parenting seminars. Graduating college with a BA in Psychology, she continued on to Hofstra University to earn an MA in Education as well as her School Administrative Degree. Lauren is currently teaching in the Rye Neck School District. Lauren lives in Mamaroneck with her husband, Frank Mioli, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Sophia. She enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. For Lauren, CSR is place to worship and socialize with people who have a common, unspoken bond.

**Dana Zimmerman**

Dana has been affiliated with Community Synagogue of Rye for most of her life. Having grown up in Rye Brook, her parents were members and she joined with her husband, Marc, and their three sons, Zachary, Jesse and Eli, in 2009. Dana and her family enjoy and value their connection to Community Synagogue of Rye and their relationships with its clergy and extended family. Dana participated in the ATID Leadership Training Program, served on the Raising the Bar Task Force and is currently the Chair of the Jewish Family Life Committee. Dana graduated from the University of Michigan and Fordham University School of Law and works as an Assistant Vice President and Counsel with Fidelity National Title Group.

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**BOARD INSTALLATION**

On June 17, 2016, join us for Shabbat Services at 7:45 pm and welcome our new trustees
We continue to advance with positive energy and are pleased Community Synagogue of Rye’s Kadima Capital Campaign has now surpassed 2/3 of its goal. For all those congregants and friends who have already stepped forward, we are most grateful.

Our goal is for the building process to begin as scheduled by June of 2017. To enable us to reach that target, we are launching an ambitious mini-campaign for the month of June called Reaching Chai for Kadima.

This targeted campaign is a unique, time-limited and concerted push for 50 commitments of at least $18,000 between now and June 30, 2016. In order to make contributing as accessible as possible, pledges can be payable over multiple years, up to 5 years. Donors also have the option of using appreciated securities to fulfill their commitment.

The Kadima Capital Campaign is our congregation’s investment in a stronger, more hospitable, and engaged synagogue community. At the same time, we are creating a permanent and inviting Jewish home in Rye for the next generation and beyond.

If you have questions or want to discuss anything, please contact us. It would be our pleasure to talk with you. Now is the time to be Reaching Chai for Kadima!

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Thank you to Community Synagogue of Rye’s Special Donors. These congregants have demonstrated caring and exceptional support of our congregation by making a voluntary contribution beyond their designated annual commitment.

The progress we have made in all aspects of synagogue life would not have been possible without this additional financial support.

We are most grateful.

“If there is no bread, there is no Torah.”
Pirkei Avot 3:17

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Lisa and Scott Sandler
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Pam and David Zaslav

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June is here, and with it comes the end of another school year at the ECC. All of us—children, teachers and families—have had a wonderful nine months of learning, building relationships and developing new ideas together. Each age group at the ECC has made its own strides and accomplishments.

I am always so amazed by the 2s. The year starts out with tears and confusion among children and parents alike. Building trust over the first few months is a crucial and challenging task. I give tremendous credit to our team of 2s teachers for their loving patience and strong back bones. It is such a joy for me to walk into their classrooms today and see our littlest children playing so happily, transitioning from one activity to another (both inside and outside the classroom) and working as a group.

As we move up the ladder, the growth and development we see among our 3s students is always the most dramatic. This is a time when parallel play gives way to cooperation and communication. It is the end of diapers and the beginning of independence. The 3s have learned so many practical skills (such as following directions, listening, drawing, cutting with scissors), but most importantly, they have built the stamina needed to be productive learners and the social skills to be valuable members of a classroom community.

I wish the entire school could have seen the wonderful accomplishments that the 4s celebrated at their End of Year/Art Show exhibits this year. Collectively, their work reflects a really fun yearlong adventure of solving problems, stretching their imaginations and practicing the preliminary academic skills they need for more focused learning in the years ahead. Finally the Pre-K class, an island onto itself, is best described as Kindergarten the way it used to be. We are so delighted to offer such a successful program that launches our children into elementary school with a strong base of skills and a true sense of confidence. Equally rewarding is the relationship we have built with our parents. The ECC Council and Parent Organization are such valuable and productive resources for our community. We are thrilled to be able to work so closely with parents who are resourceful and committed to bringing families together and making the ECC the best it can be.

Wishing everyone a terrific summer and looking forward to another wonderful year ahead.

**ECC Important Dates**

**Friday, June 3**  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
Last Sharing Shabbat—All classes are invited to attend

**Monday, June 6**  
Last ECC Havdalah service

**Wednesday, June 8**  
Pre-K Moving up Ceremony and Celebration

**Thursday, June 9**  
End of Year celebrations for 2s and 3s

**Friday, June 10**  
4s Moving up Ceremony and Celebration

**Monday, June 13**  
First Day of Sports Camp

**Wednesday, June 15**  
First Day of ECC Summer Camp for Emerging 3s

**SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED**

Bring your new and gently used hand-me-downs to Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Ave.  
The donation bin is located in the school entrance.

**The Sharing Shelf** seeks donations of spring and summer clothing, for infants, children and teens.  
**Sizes 4T-8 are critically needed.**

Donations of new socks & new underwear, new hats and new gloves are greatly appreciated but we do not accept used ones.

**The Sharing Shelf does not collect adult clothing.**

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING**

**TIME FLIES WHEN YOU’RE HAVING FUN**

*Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org*
FROM DROP OFF TO SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Laurie Landes, Education Director • llandes@comsynrye.org

Each Shabbat morning I am so happy to welcome our families to religious school. Cars pull up to the curb, drop off the kids and continue on their way, returning again at pickup time. Most feel gratified that they are making Jewish learning a reality for their children and I am so appreciative of this. There are many parents who do come inside on occasion to attend J-Life programs, volunteer on committees and celebrate holidays with their children. These are all enriching experiences that are important for our children and our synagogue. But what about individual spiritual exploration? How many of us are on a journey of personal soul searching and growth? How can we help our children be spiritual people if we do not practice ourselves?

Julie Schuster, our CJL co-chair, is a wonderful example of a journey from drop off mom to soulful person to roles of leadership in our community. Julie opened herself to personal and spiritual growth by choosing to commit to two years of study in our adult B’nei Mitzvah program, Anshe Binah. This commitment helped her to define herself as an adult Jew. Julie has shared that this adult learning experience was transformational for her. The experience inspired her to take leadership roles in the CJL, first becoming the co-chair of the J-Life committee and then becoming the co-chair of the CJL committee. In these roles, Julie has been a vocal advocate for innovative and engaging learning at the CJL. Under her leadership we instituted the highly acclaimed, Hebrew Through Movement program, piloted small group Hebrew learning, launched a project-based learning pilot and changed J-Life to the choice based I-Select program.

In the words of former URJ President, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, “The individual is the foundation of Judaism.” Clearly Julie Schuster’s work has strengthened our foundation at CSR. By first finding her own spiritual center, she was able to approach Jewish learning at the CJL with passion and commitment that comes when we feel a greater connection to God. It has been my personal privilege to have worked with Julie over the past years. She is a wonderful storyteller, a woman of wisdom and a person of compassion. Rabbi Yoffie tells us that, “Jewish history begins with a solitary person (Abraham) called to God’s service.” I am so grateful that Julie Schuster decided to get out of her car, a “solitary person” in pursuit of deeper personal meaning. It has enriched us all. Wishing you all a relaxing and fun filled summer.

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REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

A discount will be extended to all CJL tuition payments received before June 30, 2016.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND SOME GREAT LEARNING ABOUT ISRAEL

Rick Abrams, Director of Jewish Family Life • rabrams@comsynrye.org

Experiential Family Learning: This what we do here at CSR!

As the Moreh Derech / Instructor for our 7th grade Chavurah, I try to incorporate volunteer work as part of the program throughout the year. These photos show the 7th graders at the Carver Center on several Tuesday afternoons in March and April helping prepare food for distribution to one of the many locations the Carver Center serves.

At the beginning of May, our 4th grade families had fun learning about Israeli culture (by taking part in an enthusiastic folk dance lesson) and geography (by decorating a cake as a map of Israel).

Have a great summer and see you all in the fall for another wonderful year of J-Life and Chavurah!
OUR B' R ABBI ROBERT A. ROTHMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH LEARNING

OUR BAR MITZVAH OF JUNE

Liam Hurley

My name is Liam Hurley and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on June 4. My parents are Staci and Brian Hurley and I have a younger sister, Isabel. I am a seventh grader at Rye Middle School. My Torah portion is B’Chukotai from the Book of Leviticus. This portion tells the story of what happens when the children of Israel are wandering in the desert. They receive God’s rules and are told of the benefits they will receive for following these rules as well as the consequences of disobeying them.

For my mitzvah project, I am fundraising and volunteering for Soul Ryeders. This organization helps women and their families who are affected by cancer. What these women and their families go through on a daily basis is amazing and I am proud to be involved in such a valuable organization.

RABBI FRANKEL RECEIVES JEWISH EDUCATION PROJECT AWARD

At their annual celebration on Monday, May 9, with more than 350 guests in attendance, The Jewish Education Project awarded five exceptional and highly innovative educators with The Jewish Education Project Young Pioneers Award 2016.

Ariella Falack, Judaic Studies Teacher at Magen David Yeshivah High School; Leora Frankel, Associate Rabbi at Community Synagogue of Rye; Ora Fruchter, Artistic Director of Yellow Sneaker Puppets and Teaching Artist at Avoda Arts; Jane Tuv, Founding Director of Arlekino Theatre Troupe and Director of Russian-speaking Children & Families Program at JCC Manhattan and Jen Vegh, Director of Youth & Family Engagement at Beth El Synagogue Center, have each received the Young Pioneers Award 2016 in recognition of their transformative approaches in Jewish education.

To learn more about The Young Pioneers Awards, or other initiatives of The Jewish Education Project, please visit www.JewishEdProject.org.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CJL “ON-TIME” WINNERS OF APRIL AND MAY!

To honor our on-time award recipients, the CJL makes a donation to a Jewish cause.

April Winner: William Tauber

William chose the Maccabia Games USA/ Sports for Israel for his donation.

Maccabia USA endeavors, through sports, to perpetuate and preserve the American Jewish Community by encouraging Jewish pride, strengthening Jewish bonds and creating a heightened awareness of Israel and Jewish community.

May Winner: Eden Reisner

Eden chose Lev Lalev for her donation.

Lev Lalev orphanage in Israel has provided orphaned and disadvantaged girls with a safe, warm and loving home.

Study and learning are important Jewish values. Coming to class on time demonstrates a commitment to Jewish learning.

Great job William and Eden!
**INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE**

### Empty Nest-Full Life Team

Still have the “Dance Bug” after our Thursday evening classes in March? If anyone would like to continue Israeli Dancing (or begin learning), there are weekly sessions at WJC in Mamaroneck on Monday evenings with Shmulik Gov-Ari. Beginners are from 7:30 to 8:45 pm, Intermediate/Advanced from 8:45-10:00 pm. The cost is $13/class and includes light refreshments. Linda Alpert coordinates the WJC program—contact her at lalpertsd@aol.com for additional information or if you’d like to be added to her email list.

We are in the process of planning a summer social function as well as a September food tasting tour of the Lower East Side. We welcome your input and suggestions on these and other future events, so please join us for our next Empty Nest-Full Life Team meeting at CSR on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 pm.

The Social Action Committee would like to extend our thanks for your generosity in helping us donate over 700 children’s books to JCY-Westchester Community Partners! The books were greatly appreciated and will help meet the literacy needs of children throughout Westchester.

### Jewish Yoga Gives Back

Our third year of offering a monthly Jewish yoga practice wrapped up on Sunday, May 1, accompanied by the beautiful music of guest guitarist Koby Hayon and the uplifting voice of Cantor Cooperman. Each year we make a donation to a charity from the proceeds of these classes. In keeping with Rabbi Gropper’s appeal to “Hear the Call, Be the Call,” we chose HIAS, a Jewish organization whose mission is to assist refugees—whenever they are and wherever they are.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate $725 to HIAS and help them further their good work of protecting, resettling and advocating for refugees all over the world. Their mission to “welcome the stranger and protect the refugee” resonates with both our Jewish and yogenic values.

To find out more about HIAS and how you can help, go to hias.org. Thank you all for joining us this past year and we hope to see you again on September 18 when our next series of Jewish yoga begins.

With peace, love & joy,
Melanie, Naomi, Shari

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### Farm Fresh Organic Vegetables Come to Rye

Join Rye/Soundshore CSA (Community Supported Agriculture)

June 8-November 16
Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 pm at Community Synagogue of Rye

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For additional information contact:
Ellen at edeixler@aol.com or Marc at mturk@msn.com

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CREATING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS:
ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

with Hebrew Instructor Exceptional Marla Alt and
Judaic Teachers Rabbi Gropper and Rabbi Frankel

Can’t remember a samech from a shin? Not what Talmud or Midrash is or if Purim comes before Chanukah? Never called to the Torah for an Aliyah? Do we have a class for you—Adult B’nei Mitzvah!

Adult B’nei Mitzvah is our premier adult learning program. Meeting weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9 pm, this class will be taught by our rabbis, along with Marla Alt, who teaches in our Center for Jewish Learning. The focus is a combination of Judaic learning and Hebrew language acquisition. The class runs for two years with a grand ceremony taking place at the end.

This class is designed for all those who see themselves on a Jewish journey and who seek knowledge and understanding, not just for those who never became Bar/Bat Mitzvah at age 13.

In the words of Laurie Frolich, a former participant and current CSR President:

“I know many participants considering joining a program such as Adult B’nei Mitzvah hesitate to take on a commitment of weekly classes over a period of two years. I too shared that concern...as a working mother and someone who commutes daily into Manhattan, the commitment was very real, and certainly each of us missed a class or two due to the demands of family, children, travel schedules or the realities of multi-tasking lives. But truth be told, it became increasingly easier over time to attend. The class became a high point of a busy week. How well did the class fulfill our expectations? I know it met and exceeded mine. I have come away with a sound working knowledge of Hebrew and the skills to continue my studies for a lifetime...with our newfound knowledge has come greater confidence and involvement. How does a group of individuals become a community of learners? Join this class and see for yourself!”

Make this year your year to grow in Jewish knowledge.

Yes, please sign me up for the next Adult B’nei Mitzvah course beginning this fall!

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please include a check for $800 ($400/year) payable to Community Synagogue of Rye to cover the cost of materials. Scholarships are available. Call Rabbi Gropper for more information at 914-967-6262 or email dgropper@comsynrye.org.

Please mail slip and payment to: Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye NY 10580 Attn: Adult B’nei Mitzvah
SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment)

Sarah Weiss-Poland • SAJE@comsynrye.org

SAJE is designed to provide social and educational opportunities to active seniors in our community. The group meets every Monday and Thursday between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm and includes lunch after the program. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Please contact the SAJE coordinator at saje@comsynrye.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday June 2
Join us for a special SAJE Visit to the Bruce Museum at 10:30 am for an exhibit with Docent and SAJE member Arthur Stampleman. The exhibition entitled Electric Paris explores the way artists depicted older oil and gas lamps and the newer electric lighting that began to supplant them around the turn of the twentieth century. Whether nostalgic renderings of gas-lit boulevards, starkly illuminated dance halls or abstracted prisms of electric street lamps, approximately 50 works will be shown by such artists as Edgar Degas, Mary Cassat, Pierre Bonnard, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Childe Hassam, Edouard Vuillard, James Tissot, Charles Marvill. The show will include paintings, prints, photographs, and drawings.

Monday June 6
Dine Around: TBD

Thursday June 9
Rabbi Gropper will lead an open discussion about interfaith marriage and Jewish continuity. Share your thoughts, concerns and stories and hear answers to some of the most common question related to interfaith families.

Monday June 13
Come and explore the sacred scroll set for this day after the holiday of Shavuot with Rick Abrams. Who was Ruth and why is she so important? Why should someone be and remain so “bitter” after suffering losses? And for a bonus feature, as previously promised, learn the secrets of the language of Psalm 23, a key Psalm used in our liturgy.

Thursday June 16
Winner of the Eugene O’Neill Award for excellence in Musical Theater, composer Elliot Weiss, and noted soprano Doris Weiss will entertain us with a potpourri of favorites from the Broadway Stage and the Great American Songbook.

SAJE will have two programs during the summer before continuing its regular schedule in the Fall. Stay tuned for dates!
CANTOR COOPERMAN’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Robin & Gordon Chesy in appreciation of the Cantor
Stefanie Buckley in appreciation of Community Synagogue of Rye
Robin & Steven Tuch in honor of Aidan’s bar mitzvah
Jennifer Hirsch in honor of Jack’s bar mitzvah

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Stacey & Peter Reichman in honor of Donna & Bill DeLynn on the occasion of Amy DeLynn & Michael Frenklakh’s wedding
Joan & Ron Cohen in honor of Jerry Cohen for his two years of outstanding leadership of the Congregation

POND AND BEYOND FUND
Donna & Bill DeLynn in memory of Hubert J. DeLynn

RABBI FRANKEL’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Elaine Lerner in honor of Rabbi Frankel’s inspirational impact on Jewish Life
Stefanie Buckley in appreciation of Community Synagogue of Rye
Robin and Steven Tuch in honor of Aidan’s bar mitzvah
Jennifer Hirsch in honor of Jack’s bar mitzvah

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Stefanie Buckley in appreciation of Community Synagogue of Rye
Robin and Steven Tuch in honor of Aidan’s bar mitzvah
Bill and Donna DeLynn in honor of the wedding of Kimberley & Andrew
Amy & Lenard Futterman in memory of Gertrude Wisot
Jodi Burack in memory of Steven Blechner
Larry & Stacey Kaufman in honor of the upcoming wedding of Danielle & Matthew
Susan Sayle in memory of Raymond Kanow
Jennifer Hirsch in honor of Jack’s bar mitzvah

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Joan & Ron Cohen in honor of the bar mitzvah of Anna Marie Small

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Elaine Frey in memory of her friend’s daughter-in-law, Doris Anne Shaw
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Elaine Lerner
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Roan & Joan Cohen

CONDOLENCES
When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.
Our congregation mourns the death of:
Nathan Dubowsky, father of Scott Dubowsky
John Tesoro, father of Stephanie Tesoro-Rejtig
Leslie Rozowsky, father of Trevor Rozowsky
Arlette Belkin, wife of Eugene Belkin
Evelyn Straquhalursi, mother of Debra Nanus
Edith Landau, grandmother of Andrew Zeitlin
Eileen Goldstein, mother of Felicia DePaola
Mary Maralian, grandmother of Jennifer Rubin
At Community Synagogue of Rye, we embrace the values of community and loving kindness and support our congregants in times of joy and sorrow. In keeping with these values, we make available for purchase to synagogue members a limited number of cemetery plots at Sharon Gardens in Valhalla, NY (www.sharongardens.org).

Plots are sold in groups of four and the price is $8,800. You may want to plan ahead to minimize decision making during an emotionally stressful time. For more information, please contact Irene Lustgarten, Executive Director at ilustgarten@comsynrye.org.

“There are a few moments in one’s life when a person knows that he or she is standing at a turning point. That is why the success of the Kadima Campaign, a watershed in the life of Community Synagogue of Rye, is of particular importance to me.” - Jerry Cohen, Immediate Past President
Community Synagogue of Rye has a variety of funds which are used to enrich our congregation.

You may wish to make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone or to celebrate a joyous occasion (birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, wedding, anniversary). The funds are listed on the right.

I (We) wish to make a special contribution of $ ___________ to the ______________ Fund.

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