Moving Up!

Congratulations to our 7th, 10th, and 12th Grade Students

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5778

A Night of Jewish Learning and Community Celebration

Saturday, May 19–20 2018

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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.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dana Yeminy-Soto & Andre Soto
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Mazel Tov
To Lee and Kaelin Berkowitz on the birth of their baby boy,
Maxwell Matai Berkowitz
To Sarah and Mark Dlugokencky on the birth of their baby girl,
Madeline Dlugokencky

First Friday Torah Study at 7 am
Next session: May 4
At Le Pain Quotidien
30 Purchase St, Rye

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. Torah texts are also available for use.

We hope you can join us (no RSVP required, just come).

Condolences
When Cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.

Our congregation mourns the passing of:

Jeanette Fellman, long-time CSR member (4th)
Peter Manheimer, brother of Robert Manheimer (4th)
Ruth Abrams, mother of Neil Abrams (1st)
**May 2018 Calendar**

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**FUNdraiser**

*Make and Take it... While YOU help raise it!*

**This Israeli Happening**

**Wednesday, May 2**

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Cava Mediterranean Restaurant - Prices Vary

**Bake A Difference**

**Sunday, May 6**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Home of the Wolf Family

$36/person

**Bead the Change**

**May 1, 8, 10**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bead Everything

$54/person

**Painting it Forward**

**Tuesday, May 22**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Pinot's Palette

$54/person

**T.G.I. Shabbat**

**Friday, June 1, 7:45 PM**

Home of the Fredman Family

Home of the Cropper Family

Home of The Kimmel Family

$54/person

Send a check made out to Community Synagogue of Rye with the events you choose.

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Dayenu! Gratitude to Laurie Frolich
Rabbi Daniel Gropper • dgropper@comsynrye.org

Dear Friends,

Of all the Passover melodies, it is perhaps Dayenu that is most memorable. With its chorus of day, dayenu, even non-Hebrew speakers can join in. One of the beautiful things about dayenu is the song does not have to remain bound by the words of the Haggadah. Yes, there it ends with, “had God brought us to the promised land,” but think of the other positive things that have happened to the Jewish people since then: King David, King Solomon, return from exile (twice!), Chanukah, the establishment of Israel, the reunification of Jerusalem...and the list goes on.

In our own personal lives, we can imagine writing our own dayenu. Just think of the various blessings God has bestowed upon you. Even with the odd illness and setback, most of us can (I hope) look at our lives with perspective and say, “it would have been enough.”

And on a communal level, one too can sometimes say, dayenu, it would have been enough.

As we come to the end of Laurie Frolich’s term, I think that dayenu applies over and over. Of all the synagogue presidents with whom I’ve had the honor to serve, I can think of no other who shouldered more.

And so, taking to heart “that one who expands upon the Haggadah is to be praised...” I offer this reinterpretation and expansion of dayenu as praise and thanks to our outgoing president Laurie Frolich. She shouldered so much over these past two years. Had she done but one of these things, dayenu. It would have been enough!

If only Laurie began her term needing to complete a $6.2 million campaign, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to complete the plans, get approval and begin our renovation project, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to find alternative ongoing worship locations and alternative locations for our b’ni mitzvah families and calm the anxiety of our congregants as we contemplated ongoing construction, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to find a way to say goodbye to our sanctuary, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to appropriately say goodbye to our educator of close to 30 years and our family educator of 5 years, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to search for a new CJL principal and director of youth engagement, it would have been enough.

If only we needed to renegotiate the contracts for our associate rabbi and ECC director, it would have been enough.

If only we had to make arrangements for our associate rabbi who fractured her foot, was on bed rest for the last month of her pregnancy and then went on maternity leave for three months (meaning that we were down one clergy member from Labor Day through the secular New Year) it would have been enough.

If only our senior rabbi was hit by a truck while on his bicycle fracturing his femur laying him up entirely from mid-July through Labor Day, partially through the end of October, ongoing physical therapy and a second procedure, it would have been enough.

If only we had to find another Clergy person to help lead High Holiday services because of our injured rabbis, it would have been enough.

If only we had to do a search for, hire and integrate a new executive director, it would have been enough.

If only we had to spend a year learning, worshipping, congregating and engaging in four—and sometimes five—different locations (200 Forest Ave., RPC, KTI, CEW & JCCH), while making it all feel like the CSR we know and love, it would have been enough.

If only we had to plan for our cantor’s upcoming sabbatical, it would have been enough.

If only we had to decide to do a lesser or fuller version of our planned building renovation, it would have been enough.

If only we had to make plans to borrow close to $3 million to complete the renovation according to the full vision, it would have been enough.

If only we had to engage the entire congregation to get their approval of and “buy-in” for this project, it would have been enough.

If only we had to prepare for the next group of congregational leaders to take the reins—a reminder that the strength of the congregation is in its leadership and that we have a fairly deep bench—to ensure the ongoing energy of our congregation, it would have been enough.

Dayenu!!

Thank you, Laurie, for your dedication, wisdom, guidance, equanimity and commitment to make CSR the strong, spiritual, caring and loving community we all expect it to be. As you were blessed in your coming in, may you be blessed in your going out (based on Deut. 28:6)

L’Shalom,

Rabbi Daniel Gropper
AN HONOR TO SERVE

Laurie Frolich, President • president@comsynrye.org

As I come to the end of my tenure as President of Community Synagogue of Rye, I approach these final weeks of my term with a mix of emotions. Happiness in fulfilling my responsibilities to the best of my abilities, with the goal of furthering the mission of our synagogue always in the forefront. Pride in upholding the values of this wonderful community even as we navigated through some challenging times. And a small measure of relief in that I know we are well-positioned to move forward with new leadership and an inspirational clergy team to take us to the next level of growth.

Whenever one takes on the presidency of an organization, there are big shoes to fill. Those of the immediate past presidents who have contributed so much, along with the hopes and expectations of the congregants one plans to serve.

Here are a few of the challenges we faced and where we stand going forward:

- First and foremost, we broke ground for a dynamic new sanctuary and meeting space. To accomplish this goal many dedicated congregants stepped up to raise funds, plan for the renovation, and champion its progress going forward. To all of those involved in the Kadima campaign and the building committee, I extend my thanks and deep appreciation. Due to your tireless efforts we are very close to reaching our goals.

- In the interim, we were able to engage two other Jewish houses of worship to accommodate more than 30 b’nei mitzvah children and their families so that those scheduled to celebrate this milestone event did so with dignity, joy, and in a Jewish setting with our own clergy and Torah scrolls. I know that this was a challenging year for those families and I extend my gratitude to them for their graciousness and goodwill. Your flexibility strengthened our community.

- We also located and secured a warm and welcoming worship space for our regular Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services in the Rye Presbyterian Church. The space they provided served our purposes well, including an area for the Oneg Shabbat and other events. They opened their arms to us in ecumenical friendship culminating in a most generous gift to our capital campaign. To those who continued to worship with us on a regular and consistent basis, and to those who provided a welcoming space to us, I say thank you for keeping faith with us. Your commitment to this synagogue helped carry us forward.

- Our educational program underwent a major renovation as well. With the retirement of Laurie Landes, our well-loved and long serving principal, we were able to rethink our educational model and introduce a more innovative program. Rabbi Frankel became our Rabbi Educator, Amy Rosenbaum became our C JL principal, and Yael Farber became our Youth Director. While it is still early days, we are hearing good feedback and seeing a new energy infuse our school community. We had a record number of 10th graders attend our RAC program in Washington D.C. this year, and 11 students traveled to Selma, Alabama to experience the challenges of social justice firsthand.

- And we achieved much on other fronts as well, including rebuilding the playground for our Early Childhood Center under the direction and creative energies of Dale Oberlander, and reshaping our administrative and front office protocols under the experienced and innovative thinking of our new Executive Director, Glynis Conyer.

And of course, no one can accomplish much without the support and commitment of a group of dedicated members and volunteers. To the current Board of Trustees, I extend my thanks and appreciation for taking on the stewardship of this synagogue, in both fiduciary and relational matters, and for discharging their responsibilities with great intelligence and heart.

To the Executive Committee, a small, hard-working team of eight, I offer my deepest appreciation and gratitude. Your wisdom, thoughtfulness, and tireless commitment elevated my service and made even the biggest challenges manageable. In you we have a wonderful cadre of leadership that will benefit the synagogue in years to come.

And to the clergy team, Rabbi Gropper, Cantor Cooperman, and Rabbi Frankel, I extend my thanks and heartfelt esteem for all that you do to sustain and inspire our congregation. It was an honor and a privilege to partner with you.

As we move forward, l’dor v’dor, from generation to generation, I feel confident in our incoming President, Sue Zeitlin, and our new slate of officers. They are ready and able to serve this community with distinction.

And to paraphrase this quote from Pirkei Avot, just as we can never accomplish all that we would have wished, neither are we free to desist from trying.

I hope that during my term I was able to uphold the mission of our synagogue, move it forward in the direction that we needed to go, and leave it positioned to grow and thrive.

I thank all of you who joined hands with me to achieve our goals. I appreciate all of your efforts and will carry that with me into the future. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve this wonderful community.

With kind regards,

Laurie Frolich
Dear CSR community,

It’s hard to believe that I’m finishing out my 7th year as cantor at CSR! I am blessed to be in a congregation that understands and values the gift of sabbatical—an opportunity for rest and renewal during the seventh year of service. I will be taking sabbatical April 29-July 26 2018. So, where does this concept of sabbatical come from?

* In Genesis 2:1-3 we read, “Completed now were heaven and earth and all their host. On the seventh day, God had completed the work that had been done, ceasing then of the seventh day from all the work that (God) had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy and ceased from all the work that God (had chosen) to do.”

* In Lev 25:1-5 we read, “The Eternal One spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai: Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a Sabbath of the Eternal. Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a Sabbath of complete rest, a Sabbath of the Eternal, you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your untrimmed vines; it shall be a year of complete rest for the land.”

Sabbatical period serves as an extended Shabbat, enabling one to rest, to be refreshed and to be inspired by new opportunities to learn and grow. During my sabbatical, I will spend time in Israel speaking Hebrew, studying middle—Eastern music, participating in Israeli culture and life, and experiencing services in different places for Shabbat.

Also, during this time I have a retreat with the Clergy Leadership Program at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality—which Rabbi Gropper and I have been a part of this year. It includes text study, meditation, prayer, chanting and yoga.

I want to express my deep gratitude to my colleagues for supporting me during this sabbatical. Rabbi Gropper and Rabbi Franke I will provide beautiful worship experience while I’m away. Cantor Dana Anesi will be tutoring b’ni’ mitzvah and officiating at some b’ni’ mitzvah services. Thank you to Jon Rekedal, Clergy Assistant. Thank you to all my colleagues, Glynis Conyer, Amy Rosenbaum, Dale Oberlander, and Yael Farber—and especially to you, my congregation, for allowing me to have this time. I hope to return to you spiritually uplifted and renewed, creatively energized, and I look forward to sharing with you my experiences when I return!

In deep gratitude,

Cantor Melanie Cooperman
Please join the Congregations of Rye Presbyterian Church and Community Synagogue of Rye as we launch a month-long programming to support new moms giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

The Collection: Join us May 7 through June 2 collecting items to make Baby Boxes for the moms and their babies. What’s a Baby Box? It’s a remarkably designed cardboard box filled with newborn basics that include a waterproof mattress and cotton sheet so the box can be used as the baby’s first bed or bassinet. There are Baby Boxes on display in the Chapel Foyer, the hall outside the first floor Welcome Office and in the RPNS entrance way.

The Celebration: Join both houses of worship as we come together June 2, 10:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Assembly Hall to assemble Baby Boxes using all the items we have collected AND to make Diaper Cakes for each Baby Box. It’s sure to be a fun family event.

The Connection: Join us at Open Door in Port Chester to tour their wonderful facility, learn more about all the services that new moms and their babies receive and help assemble and distribute Baby Boxes to the moms to be. Dates to be announced.

Want to learn more about The Baby Box Project? Please CSR member, Eileen Neiman at emneiman734@gmail.com or RPC member, Kim O’Connor at ryestacks@gmail.com
Shavuot is the Hebrew word for “weeks” and refers to the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, which occurs seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot, like many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Along with Sukkot and Passover, it is one of the Shalosh Regalim (Three Pilgrimage Festivals). Shavuot is known by several names: Chag Hashavuot (the Festival of Weeks), Chag Habikkurim (the Feast of the First Fruits), and Chag Hakatzir (the Festival of Reaping). (URJ Website)

Jewish tradition has so much wisdom to guide us in the path of mourning, healing and sacred remembrance. Many people associate Yizkor only with Yom Kippur, but we observe it during Pesach, Sukkot and Shavuot as well.

Join us at our Shavuot Yizkor service, on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 10:00 am at Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Ave, Rye. The service is followed by a luncheon.
Some of you may not be aware that over the spring break phase II of our playground renovation was completed. We now have a beautiful gazebo and pergola that will provide much needed shade, as well as a “fallen log” climbing structure and a “mud kitchen.”

We are so thankful to our Parents Association and to everyone who has helped make these improvements possible. The completed project will be realized over the summer and we are currently halfway to achieving our fund-raising goals. Please know that any donation, large or small is most welcome.

Rumor has it that the warm weather will be arriving soon. We are excited and proud to have this resource for our community. Our children now have a play environment that is not just aesthetically beautiful, it supports sensory exploration, productive play and an appreciation of our natural world.

On a related note, seeds for our vegetable garden and butterfly garden have already begun to sprout under our growing lights. This year we will be experimenting with some new crops that include mini pumpkins, large gourds (that we hope will successfully be transformed into bird houses) and giant, seed bearing sunflowers (to feed the birds).

Now we need assistance to get the gardens ready for planting. Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact me at doberlander@comsynrye.org.

Thank you and Happy Spring to all.

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Memories!
Amy Rosenbaum PH.D, CJL Director • Arosenbaum@comsynrye.org

Our second graders learned how to shake a lulav and hang Sukkah decorations.

We love playing with our food at the CJL. From making edible maps of Israel…to making edible Sukkot!

Our first graders learned how to blow the Shofar.

We created… We sang… …we taught each other.
**OUR B’NEI MITZVAH**

**Ethan Taerstein**  
My name is Ethan Taerstein and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 12. I am the son of David and Dyan Taerstein and I have 2 younger brothers, Zach and Tyler. I am a seventh grader at Blind Brook Middle School and I enjoy playing sports, especially lacrosse and basketball. My Torah portion is B’chukotai from the Book of Leviticus. This is when the Israelites are leaving slavery in Egypt and on their way to Israel to start their new, unique community. God is giving them many commandments to follow on their journey. This Torah portion shows the theme of taking responsibility and second chances. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at The Cerebral Palsy Center to help coach and play with the wheel-chair kids’ basketball team. I have worked with the team for about a year and they practice on weekends and participate in games and tournaments as well. I chose to do this because they are playing something I love and even though they have a disability, they should still have the opportunity to pursue their passion of basketball.

**Nate Nagel**  
My name is Nate Nagel and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 12. I am the son of Carrie and Eric Nagel and I have a younger brother named Cooper. I am a seventh grader at Rye Middle School and I enjoy playing board games, tennis, reading and video games with friends. My Torah portion is B’midbar from the Book of Numbers. It tells the story of Moses taking a census of the people after they arrive in the desert. People were counted by name demonstrating that every person has a specific role in their community and would be counted on in case of war. For my mitzvah project, I did various projects for Soul Ryeders. Soul Ryeders is an organization based in Rye, that helps people with cancer and their families. I chose to help this organization because when I was 5 my grandmother died of cancer. I took part in the Westchester triathlon, made blankets for people to use during treatments, prepared and delivered meals, and made stress balls. There are so many ways you can help Soul Ryeders and I look forward to continuing to volunteer with them.

**Julian Rozowsky**  
My name is Julian Rozowsky and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on May 19. I am the son of Kahleen and Trevor Rozowsky and have two older brothers, Colin and Baron. I am a seventh grader at Rye Middle School. I enjoy woodworking with my Dad, participating on the track and field club, and rowing at Rye America. My Torah portion is B’midbar, known in English as The Book of Numbers, meaning “in the wilderness.” The Israelites were freed from slavery in the land of Egypt and are transitioning into a life as a free people. Moses guides them on a forty-year-long journey from Mount Sanai to Moab in the Negev desert. God commands Moses and Aaron to take a census of all Israelite males in the camp. The lesson I learned from the story is everyone matters and we are responsible to care for the entire community. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Habitat for Humanity in Yonkers. The project I am working on is the renovation of the Westchester Community Opportunity Program building. Volunteers have been sanding and painting the interior to transform the space into a community youth recreation center, outfitted with a woodworking shop, gymnasium, and reading rooms. I chose this project because I wanted to help people who are less fortunate build a community that has fun places to hang out with friends and safe homes for them to live in.

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**CJL AND J-LIFE IMPORTANT DATES**

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12th Grade Graduation Dinner |
| May 16| CJL, Grades K-6—Closing BBQ |
| May 19| CJL Grades 3-6—Last Day of CJL |
On Friday evening, May 11 at 6:30 pm, we will honor our high school graduates and 7th grade students who are moving up to the CSR Teens program. Twelfth grade students will receive graduation gifts and a blessing on the bimah as part of this special service. Seventh grade students will lead the service and will be awarded certificates. Everyone in our synagogue community is invited to attend and enjoy a celebratory Oneg dessert afterwards.

We congratulate the following 12th grade students on their graduation from high school:

Maytal Balaish
Sam Chumsky
Jake Digiansante
Carly Discolo
Michael Discolo
Brendan Egan
Michael Green
Matthew Greenwald
Lucas Hendler
David Mathisson
Sam Mathisson
Chad Minick
Olivia Morrisey
Jared Olbrys
Elizabeth Raab
Ethan Richard
Reanna Rosenfeld
Jason Rosenfield
Jake Rosenstadt
Eliana Rosenzweig
Rachel Rubin
Max Samberg
Russell Scharf
Emma Seguljic
Julia Sunshine
Lily Taub
David Weiner
Noah Zeitlin

The following 7th grade students have successfully completed the course of studies at the Center for Jewish Learning and are moving up to the CSR Teens Program.

Jack Bachmann
Gabby Bayer
Cassandra Brook
Tyler Canna
Aaron Cohen
Alex Corbin
Max Corbin
Nathan Cosenza
Dylan Erenfyrd
Jordan Freund
Shelby Gellman
Jordan Gold
Hannah Gorevic
Maxwell Greenspan
Emily Hirsch
Ayden Hufford
Isabel Hurley
Caleb Kaplan
Juliet Lewis
Gabby London
Luca Martins
Benjamin Mayer
Jake Minick
Nate Nagel
Lauren Reed
Olivia Richard
Julian Rozowsky
Julia Sammon
Sophie Sharko
Natalie Steinberg
Ethan Taerstein
Lulu Tagger-Epstein
Emery Tuch
Tyler Winderman
Abigail Zahl

On Friday, May 18 at 6:30 pm during our Confirmation Service, we will recognize our 10th grade students who, through a year of committed study, have affirmed the role of Judaism in their lives:

Tobie Bertisch
Juliette Brook
Kaitlyn Dorfman
Zachary Fogarty
Shai Gropper
Jonah Mathisson
Jonathan Mehrara
Bradley Rosen
Lyndsay Rosenfeld
Stacey Rosenfeld
Hallie Rosenfield
Zachary Rosenstadt
Nicole Rosenzweig
Sophie Rukeyser
Alyssa Schwartz
Francesca Valsania
Nathaniel Valsania
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 at 2:30 pm and Thursday at 11:15 am. Thursday includes lunch after the program. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Thursday, May 3
Dine Around at 12:00 pm
Sage Café, 700 North Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10801

Monday, May 7
In partnership with New York State, the American Red Cross will be presenting Citizen Preparedness Corps training titled Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do when Disaster Strikes. The presentation will give a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them. The session will provide information on types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and community member, and what to do when disaster strikes.

Thursday, May 10 @ The Rye Reading Room at 12:15 pm
SAJE welcomes Aaron Gans who will present the work that he has done as a pre-medical fellow with the nonprofit organization Saving Mothers. Founded in 2009 by medical professionals, Saving Mothers seeks to improve health outcomes for women in the most underserved global communities. Saving Mothers brings field-tested, high-impact solutions to bear in solving these challenges. Over 343,000 women in developing nations die during childbirth each year and the vast majority of these deaths are due to lack of access to basic sexual and reproductive care. Saving Mothers currently has operations in Kenya, Guatemala, and in the Dominican Republic. Aaron will give a background to the problem and the work that is being done to address it, with a focus on a recent trip to Guatemala—seeking to gauge understanding of family planning among the indigenous Mayan Tz’utujil people.

Monday, May 14
How can you maximize your health care experience as you age? Dr. Kristen Karlberg is a Ph.D. medical sociologist with a master’s degree in public health, and a member of a family with genetic-based Alzheimer’s disease. Defining what “healthy” means and how to emphasize that as a goal through healthcare as we age is little discussed among families. She will share her personal and professional insights about why this topic is so important, using Alzheimer’s as a lens.

Thursday, May 17 @ The Atria
Janet Weinstein comes to us as a representative from the Lighthouse Guild. The Lighthouse Guild is the leading not-for-profit vision + healthcare organization, with a long-standing heritage of addressing the needs of people who are blind or visually impaired, including those with multiple disabilities or chronic medical conditions. Through the integration of vision + healthcare services and the expansion of access through education and community outreach, The Lighthouse Guild’s innovative and comprehensive approach helps people achieve and maintain the highest possible level of function and independence.

Monday May 21
We welcome Rabbi Leora Frankel once again to SAJE. She will provide new meaning about the holiday of Shavuot, teach text and offer rabbinical and modern interpretation of the holiday.

Thursday, May 24 @ The Atria
With a new location in Larchmont, the One River School of Art + Design has developed a proprietary method for teaching a wide variety of art and digital programs to students of all ages in a state-of-the-art facility. They offer classes for all ages in drawing, painting, sculpture & mixed media and digital design and photography. Today, a teacher from One River will lead us in a drawing class. No experience necessary!

Monday, May 28 & Thursday May 31
NO SAJE

**Directions to Atria Rye Brook: 1200 King Street, Rye Brook NY

VIA 287 West:
Take 287 West to Exit 9N-S (Hutchinson River Pkwy)
Take Hutchinson River Pkwy North to exit 30S (120A)
Turn left onto 120A/N. King Street

VIA 120A:
Head north on Forest Ave toward Boulder Rd
Turn right onto Grace Church St
Continue onto S Main St
Use the middle lane to turn slightly left onto King St
Turn left onto Willett Ave
Continue straight onto NY-120A N/King St

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SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TEMPLE YOUTH

Once again the Sampliner Youth Leadership Development Fund is making camp scholarships available to young people who are planning to attend either the Eisner Camp or the Crane Lake Camp in Massachusetts, Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY, or the NFTY Summer Program in Israel. These programs are run by the Union for Reform Judaism, the umbrella organization of all reform congregations in the United States and Canada. These scholarships are not based on need.

Since the scholarship funds are limited, and were originally intended to support attendance at URJ Camps, priority will be given for attendance at those Camps. If there are funds still available for other Jewish Camps, they will be honored.

The Eisner Camp and the Crane Lake Camp offer programs for children seven to seventeen years of age. Each day includes sports, recreation, swimming, theater, crafts, and programs designed to foster a solid Jewish living experience.

Every summer, teens from all over North America become leaders at the NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. Teens come to join this college campus style community, selecting experiences in theater, song leading, visual arts, Jewish studies, social action, youth group leadership programming, and more.

The Scholarships come in denominations of $250.00 or $500.00. Application should be made to the Fund c/o Iris & David Sampliner.

For further information call the Sampliners at 914-939-0349.

The experience of a summer immersed in Judaism cannot be too highly praised. Youngsters who have been to any of the three programs have come back enthusiastic, involved, and furnish us with an outstanding corps of young leaders for our synagogue.
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- The Obrasky Fund
- Pond & Beyond Fund
- Reform Jewish Commitment (RJC) Fund
- Victor & Marjorie Wolder Fund in memory of Herbert Millman
- Victor & Marjorie Wolder Joy of Living Fund

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- Adult Education (Cecele Fraenkel Memorial) Fund
- Beautification Fund
- Cantor Cooperman’s Discretionary Fund
- Early Childhood Center Enrichment Fund
- Grayer Teen Initiative Fund
- Hesed Fund
- Israel Action Fund
- Israel Trip Fund for Teens
- Kol Nashim (Women’s Programming) Fund
- Marilyn Zelman Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund
- Michael Ginsberg Memorial Library Fund
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