Step Into 70 Years of CSR

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Platinum Gala
70th Anniversary Celebration
Community Synagogue of Rye

Celebrate our Past
Embrace our Present
Prepare for our Future

200 Forest Avenue
Rye, New York
Saturday, November 17, 2018

The Full Evening
Cocktails, Dinner, Dessert and Dancing
5:30pm – 10:30pm
$225/person

or join us for the

After Party
Dancing, Dessert and Drinks
8:30pm – 10:30pm
$90/person
Don’t forget to RSVP!

Please toast our Past Presidents as Community Synagogue of Rye celebrates our Platinum 70th Anniversary.

**Virtual Journal**

Our virtual journal will be posted on our website and at our event.

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- Red $180
- Champagne $360
- Platinum $1,000
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Please limit your toast to 100 characters or enclose your business card. Please send back this form to CSR or email to Donna DeLynn: ddelynn@optonline.net • 914-262-2448.

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We will have other live fundraising opportunities at the event.

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Community Synagogue of Rye at 70
Rabbi Daniel Gropper  •  dgropper@comsynrye.org

As we celebrate Community Synagogue of Rye’s 70th anniversary along with the continued celebration of Israel’s founding in 1948, the number 70 takes on special significance. How 70 is understood in Jewish tradition might surprise and impress you.

Our tradition has it that God has 70 names. So does the Torah. So does Israel. Including the intermediary days, there are 70 holy days in the Jewish calendar (52 Sabbaths and 18 festivals). Seventy people went down to Egypt with Joseph. Moses transmitted the Torah to 70 elders and it was safeguarded by the Sanhedrin of 70 sages. The Zohar states that there are 70 facets to the Torah, which was translated into 70 languages.

Rabbi Judah Loew of Prague (1520-1609) writes that the number seven represents the entirety of this natural world, which was created in seven days. He elaborates that any number times ten represents its expanded full potential. So 70, being seven days ten, represents all the potential facets of that concept, of that idea, of that object in the natural world.

As we celebrate our platinum anniversary with the opening of our new sacred space, it can be said that CSR has reached a new level of potentiality. In many ways, we are wealthier in spirit than ever. The strength and quality of you, our congregants, attests to our fortitude and potentiality. In many ways, we are wealthier in spirit than ever.

During our Kadima campaign, the leadership of Rye Presbyterian Church donated $15,000. Calling us “a force for good in Rye,” they reminded us of our higher purpose. We may have daily challenges, we may be living in divisive and divided times and our world may be changing faster than we can bear, but as a force for good, I hope that we continue to be counter-cultural. I hope we can be inspired to bring the values of our tradition to bear, to stand up and speak out for the things our tradition teaches and that just as our ner tamid shines eternally, that we continue to shine light into dark corners. Our name is “Community.” This is something all people seek. Knowing that you don’t have to face the future alone should galvanize us to face any future, no matter what comes.

Yom Huledet Sameach CSR! May you shine on, ever brightly, for another 70 years!

Rabbi Daniel B. Gropper

70—Just The beginning
Rabbi Leora Frankel  •  lfrankel@comsynrye.org

Seventy years, a complete lifespan for some, and yet just the beginning of our CSR story. As part of our new CJL 7th grade curriculum and 70th Year Celebration, I recently paired up students with members of our SAJE community to interview. Our seniors shared sentimental (and some quite funny) stories of their decades in the congregation and how it has enriched their lives. They described many changes to the physical structures from the old mansion to our modern buildings and the evolving look of our sanctuary in particular. Yet they all affirmed something enduring about the DNA of our synagogue, captured in our name: this has always been, and will continue to be, a place where community gathers to make meaning together and to make a difference in the world.

I have experienced this myself over the past nine years in countless personal and professional moments, many joyful and some singed with pain. Both of my daughters were named on our bimah, and I sat shiva for my father surrounding by this supportive community. I have witnessed how CSR truly can change the course of a life and shape a family through milestone celebrations, worship and learning. Just this past Sunday night, in response to the tragic shooting in Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue, our sanctuary overflowed with love and prayer and song. Dozens of local clergy—both Jewish and Christian—were joined by elected officials, police officers, and hundreds of congregants for a night of comfort and hope. While I pray we will gather only for joyous occasions in the future, the vigil embodied what a beacon of light CSR can be during dark times, and how blessed we all are to call this place home.

Cantor Melanie Cooperman  •  mcooperman@comsynrye.org

Rabbi Rothman wrote, “The direction in which we shall proceed together is contingent upon our combined enthusiasm, energy and dedication.” He penned those words in 1966 during his first year as Rabbi of our congregation. And those words—52 years later—still ring just as true.

And now I want to ask you a hypothetical question. Suppose for a moment you were creating your own synagogue—what would it be like? What would it feel like? What values would be accentuated? How would you change things? And I ask because the question isn’t really hypothetical at all. Community Synagogue is your synagogue—it has been founded, shaped and steered for all these years by all of you.

Music has been a large part of this congregation’s identity. Who you are as a community is reflected in the music we participate in together.

Another 70 years from now will be the year 2088. As I envision the next 70 years I ask, “What will the music in our congregation look like?” Hopefully it will continue to enter into the hearts and minds and stir the soul. Hopefully it will inspire us to look inward and reflect, to find deeper meaning in our everyday lives.

We, as a community, can afford to ask ourselves the questions about the future and the kind of synagogue we want to create together.

The building is built and now is a perfect opportunity to renew our energy, enthusiasm, and dedication. Please feel free to contact me with thoughts, suggestions and dreams for the future that we will build together.

Cantor Melanie Cooperman

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The ECC is Happily Moving in a Wonderful Direction
Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org

The ECC’s vision of early childhood education is to nurture and support each child as an individual while encouraging them, and their families, to be active members of our loving community. We provide children a technology-free space that is sensory rich, celebrates nature and supports confidence through problem solving and hands-on experiences.

Equally important to our program is the development of social and emotional skills and the understanding of kindness, empathy and community. This year, we have identified four key values that can be appreciated and understood by young children:

- Being welcoming to others
- Being kind to each other
- Being a good and thoughtful listener
- Being kind to animals and nature

We are weaving these values into our curriculum and daily life and have already seen the positive impact it is having on our entire community.

We are looking forward to a great school year and will keep everyone up-to-date on all the wonderful things our little ones are up to.

Please join us for the
Rye Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 18, 2018
4:00 PM
Community Synagogue of Rye
200 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY

The Reverend Kate Malin, preaching
Rector of Christ’s Church, Rye

Reception to follow hosted by the
Rye Women’s Interfaith Committee.
Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be given to
Caritas Port Chester
(Formerly Holy Rosary Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry)
Chanukah Challenge

What: An Opportunity to Light Chanukah Candles with a Member of Your Clergy Team
When: Any Evening of Chanukah (except Friday, Dec 15)
Where: Your Home
How: Invite Four Other Community Synagogue Households to Join You For Lighting the Chanukiyah In Your Home. You need to have a menorah, candles and whatever refreshments you choose to offer.
Why: What better way to create community than to celebrate Chanukah with other congregants?

To arrange one of your clergy to visit your home to help light the menorah, sing songs, and tell the story of Chanukah, email clergyassistant@comsynrye.org

Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בֹּרָךְ אָדָא מִי אֲלֹהֵי מִלְךָ הַיָּלְדוֹת, אָשֶׁר קָדוֹשׁ בָּעֵיתָנוּ.

לָמנֵי לָבֵלָה נָר לְעַל חֲבָה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

גָּנַחְתָה בָּנָה עַל הַיָּלְדוֹת, שָׁמָּה נָשָׂאָתָנוּ בָּעָתָנוּ.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nishmat laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayanimim hahalim ba'atz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderful deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בֹּרָךְ אָדָא מִי אֲלֹהֵי מִלְךָ הַיָּלְדוֹת, שָׁמָּה נָשָׂאָתָנוּ בָּעָתָנוּ.

הָקִישׁוּ לָמָּה הַנָּר.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'v'manu v'kiy'shanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Hanerot Halalu

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred: we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may cause us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

Thursday, November 29, 7:30-8:30 pm

Whether you celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, or both, December presents inevitable parenting dilemmas: How do we balance being generous to our kids without spoiling them? How can we help our children feel secure in their own identity while being tolerant of others? And amidst the gift-giving, lights, and commercialization, how do we preserve space for the core values and meaning of our respective holidays?

Stay tuned for more of our Ethical Parenting series in 2019…

Future topics will include:

- Celebrating our Differences: How to Teach Empathy
- Beyond “Please and Thank You”: Speaking (& Listening) with Sincerity
- Making Family Memories: The Power of Rituals at Home

For more info, questions, or to RSVP to any of these events, contact Rabbi Frankel at lfrankel@comsynrye.org.

(Or just knock on door in room 216 and say hello in person!)

Glynis’ Famous Latke Recipe (Adapted from her Mother’s)

I grew up making this recipe with my mom. When I was fortunate enough to be in Australia for Hannukah, my nieces and nephews loved making latkes with me.

They each got to choose what they wanted to add. And they did most of the work (except for the potato peeling!)

Basic Recipe

- Peel and grate 6 potatoes and strain water from them
- Grate 1 or 2 small onions
- Add 1 egg, salt and pepper
- Handful of flour (so not too loose)
- Drop into hot oil and cook until golden – it doesn’t take long. But make sure the oil is clean (use canola or vegetable or a lighter oil of choice
- Drain oil off on paper towel and brown paper
- Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar or a dollop of applesauce or sour cream, or any combination

Alternatively: Replace half of the potatoes with sweet potatoes or yams. If you only use sweet potatoes you will probably need an extra egg as there is less moisture.

Or: Replace a potato with 2 to 3 parsnips.
Past Presidents of Community Synagogue of Rye
Reminisce of Times Past

Our upcoming 70th anniversary gala celebration is right around the corner. The event will honor all of our past presidents, whose vision and leadership have brought us to this day. Take a tour of some of the events that occurred during their tenures as some of the past presidents candidly share their thoughts and perspectives from those times. Many milestones are covered in their stories—including when our first woman president was installed; how the community came together after 9/11; and how many of our present-day clergy came on board to carry on CSR’s mission of being a caring Jewish community that adds meaning and purpose to your life. We are forever grateful to our past presidents for their selfless commitment to serve. Some of their words are featured on the pages that follow.

Maurice Hahn (1948—1949) z”l
Jack Carner (1949—1952) z”l
Frederick H. Block (1952—1955) z”l
Milton M. Enzer (1955—1956) z”l
Herbert Millman (1956—1958) z”l
Henry R. Jacoby (1958—1960) z”l
Milton P. Gitenstein (1960—1962) z”l
Dr. Jack Kabcenell (1962—1964) z”l
Mortimer Patchen (1964—1966)
Victor R. Wolder (1966—1968) z”l
Ely Kushel (1968—1970) z”l
Daniel Beaton (1970—1972) z”l
Fred G. Ronai (1972—1974)
Sidney M. Miller (1974—1976) z”l


My years as President were exciting years and much occurred during that period.
- Rabbi Rothman was convinced by our Ritual Chair, Iris Sampliner, to conduct Saturday morning Shabbat Services with a Torah discussion. This practice has not changed in 20 years and we continue to pride ourselves on how we can participate regularly.
- Betty Seicol became our first female Executive Vice President and two years later was installed as our first female President.
- A president’s column (THE BUCK STOPS HERE) became a monthly part of Community News.
- We decided to move High Holy Day services from our sanctuary to an outside facility—Rye Town Hilton and later Purchase College.
- Two annual citywide treasure hunts were instituted for the Executive Committee and enjoyed by all participants.
- We held a garden show and two art show fundraisers for the synagogue capital campaigns.
- Several musical evening performances and two musical shows were created and presented by synagogue members.
- Community Synagogue became actively involved in the New York Federation of Temple Synagogues (NFTS) and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC—now the URJ).

Did You Know?

In January 1949, the membership considered nine names and decided on Community Synagogue, a name chosen because it identified the membership in the community as Jews.
1978 was an important year for many reasons. Women became astronauts for the first time. The Camp David Peace accords were signed. Lucy Brown became the first test tube baby ever born and, after a few years of fits and starts, Betty Seicol became the first woman president of Community Synagogue of Rye.

Betty and her family moved to Rye in May 1954, to Eve Lane, named for her Aunt Eva, just through the woods from the synagogue. Rye had few Jewish families and the choice of Eve Lane was due to its proximity to the synagogue. Betty became an active member of the synagogue, first in the Sisterhood (who can forget the wonderful rummage sales), then onto the Board of Trustees and finally, against all odds and with some resistance, the first woman president.

The synagogue was the center of Betty’s active life, both socially and religiously. There were the dinner dances, progressive dinners (each course at a different house), card parties, community involvement, and interfaith activities. She joined at the time that the first beloved rabbi, Rabbi Sam Gordon, was the spiritual head and her tenure as President was during the leadership of Rabbi Robert Rothman, with whom she had a special bond as he helped her through some difficult transitions. Betty’s oldest child, Samuel, became a rabbi. She is extremely proud of this and feels that her involvement in the nascent Jewish community in Rye helped influence his decision.

I had the pleasure of serving as President of Community Synagogue (as we were known then) from May 1986 to May 1988. I believe that the synagogue had a membership of 350 at that time. We were in a growth period, from the 225 when Joan and I joined in 1967, to around 525 at our peak membership.

One innovation that I added as President was holding one of our Board meetings at the offices of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and one at the offices of Hebrew Union College (HUC). It gave the members of the Board the opportunity of learning more about the two pillars of the Reform Movement.

My term as President was my first leadership position in the Reform Movement and inspired me to become active in the National Movement.

In my tenure as President, there were two highlights that stand out. I have a strong recollection centered on the crisis surrounding the flooding of the parsonage along with seeking a long-term solution to that issue. Fortunately, I had good support from the Board who took on the challenge. On a more positive note, my focus as President at that time was to make Community Synagogue more user-friendly to intermarried couples. The changes taking place in Jewish demographics dictated attention to this trend. Fortunately, Rabbi Rothman shared my views and was enthusiastic in its execution. In fact, Rabbi Rothman was one of the few Rabbis willing to perform interfaith marriages (under certain conditions). A focus on welcoming mixed marriages has continued, much to my gratification.

Noteworthy, my appointment to President was quite by accident. Bonnie Marcus, the president at the time, resigned due to her company relocation. Irene Weiss, who was next in line, declined due to age. I was quite surprised when I received the call for this special role. Needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the many new friends I made.

Through the assistance of Jack and Helen Carner, and others, a beautiful mansion that had been built in 1903 at 200 Forest Avenue was purchased in June 1950. It was the seven acre Barron estate, Villa Aurora, with magnificent rooms, fireplaces, ornate ceilings and moldings that came to house both the synagogue and the school.
CJL Fall Update

Amy Rosenbaum PhD, CJL Director • Arosenbaum@comsynrye.org

The CJL has gotten off to a wonderful start in 5779! Walk down the halls on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings and you will hear the sounds of children engaged in active, enthusiastic Jewish learning: from Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders singing the Friday night Shabbat blessings with Rabbi Frankel to 3rd graders writing their own prayers; from 5th graders exploring Simchat Torah while making origami Torahs to 7th graders meditating with Rabbi Gropper and exploring the connection between God and nature on a hike with Cantor Cooperman.

Two highlights from our first month at the CJL:
The entire CJL celebrated Sukkot at our 2nd annual Sukkah-fest. Learners built edible Sukkot, learned how to shake the lulav and etrog, and competed to build the most creative Sukkah.

As a thank you gift to Rye Presbyterian Church for hosting CSR during the year of construction, the children of the CJL contributed squares to create a special “Gratitude Tapestry.” The tapestry squares spelled out “Thank you” in English and Hebrew.

Important Dates

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CSR Teens Are Busy!

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5779 has been off to a great start for CSR Teens! Our Monday night program has grown significantly this year with teens from 8th-12th grades learning with educators each week. Participants in our “Mitzvah Mester” program for 8th and 9th grades have been hard at work making blankets for Project Linus, dog toys for Adopt-a-Dog Armonk and matzah ball soup for members of our community.

Our 10th grade Confirmation class has been learning with Rabbi Gropper and is getting excited about the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. to the Religious Action Center (RAC) in January. The 11th and 12th graders have been participating in a new weekly Leadership Academy with Rabbi Frankel; exploring their own leadership styles and planning programs for our 7th graders.

In addition to our Monday night program, we had a great group of volunteers help decorate the CSR sukkah a few weeks ago and we’re looking forward to our next Social Action Sunday at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 18. Stay tuned for more information about the Midnight Run, the return of the shul-in and upcoming trips for our 8th/9th and 11th/12th graders!
Nate Cosenza
My name is Nate Cosenza and I was called to the Torah in Israel on August 23 as a bar mitzvah. I am the son of Monica Brenner and Tom Cosenza and have two younger siblings, Charlie and Claire. I am an eighth grader at Rye Middle School. I enjoy soccer and skiing, along with other sports. My Torah portion was Ki Teitzei in the Book of Deuteronomy, which contains 74 out of 613 mitzvot, equivalent to 12% of the Torah’s mitzvot. A reoccurring theme in my Torah portion is to treat those that have less than you with respect and dignity. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Bread of Life, a local food pantry. Instead of confronting the hungry and making them feel inferior, I made a difference by unpacking the donation bags, organizing the food on shelves, and packing shopping bags full of a week’s worth of food for the elderly.

Benjamin Mayer
My name is Benjamin Mayer. On November 3, I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. I am the son of Jennifer Mayer and have an older sister, Caroline, who is in ninth grade. I am an eighth grader at Rye Middle School. My Torah portion is Chayei Sarah from the Book of Genesis. My Torah portion is about the death of Sarah and Abraham’s servant’s journey to find Isaac a wife. It teaches us kindness to others, which is shown in many ways throughout my portion. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at Backyard Sports, teaching and helping children with special needs learn how to play sports. This fulfilled the mitzvah of LoTiteyn Michshol—not placing a stumbling block, which is found in Leviticus 19:14. As a result of the experience, I realize how fortunate I am. I will continue to volunteer after my bar mitzvah and plan to donate a portion of my bar mitzvah gifts to Backyard Sports.

Gabby London
My name is Gabby London and I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on November 10. I am the daughter of Alexis and Jon London and I have a younger brother named Lucas. I am in eighth grade at Rye Middle School and I enjoy softball, baking, and hanging out with friends. My Torah portion is Vayeitzei from the Book of Genesis. In my Torah portion, Jacob left his hometown of Beersheba and set out on a journey to Haran. The first night of his long journey, he dreamed about a ladder connecting from where he was resting to heaven, and angels going up and down. That was Jacob’s first sign that God was with him when he heard his voice. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered for Soul Ryeders, a local organization that helps families who have been affected by cancer. I helped tie pink ribbons around to support breast cancer awareness month. I also baked for Mondays with Soul and cooked meals for families through Big Batch. I plan to continue volunteering for Soul Ryeders. It is a really good feeling cooking and baking for others who are too sick, tired or weak to do it themselves.

Olivia Richard
My name is Olivia Richard and I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on November 24. I am an eighth grader at Blind Brook Middle School. I am the daughter of Tish and Michael Richard and have 2 older brothers, Ethan, who is 18 and Josh who is 15. My Torah portion is Vayeishev from the Book of Genesis. In this chapter, Joseph is the favored brother out of the others. His older brothers plot his death but instead send him to Egypt. In Egypt, Joseph is sent to prison. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at The Atria of Rye Brook and helped the residents play Bingo on Monday nights and Word Challenge on Saturday mornings. I really enjoyed it and I will continue to do this after my bat mitzvah.
SPECIAL EVENTS

70 Homecoming Weekend

Community Synagogue of Rye

With Renowned Storyteller Eva Grayzel

Eva Grayzel is a nationally recognized Master Storyteller, specializing in Jewish Folklore, and an expert on interactive storytelling techniques with 30 years' experience. As a Jewish educator for 15 years, Eva developed her repertoire and developed creative strategies to enrich Jewish learning through stories. Currently, Eva is primarily a motivational speaker sharing her personal story overcoming adversity. Her dynamic presentations empower audiences of all ages. Eva has recorded on CD, A Story A Day, Absolute Chanukah and Proud To Be Jewish. She co-produced and wrote the video, The Secret in Bubbe's Attic. Eva is the author of Mr. C the Globetrotter and Mr. C Plays Hide & Seek and published My Story Legacy, a 12-page guide to document personal stories, a gift more valuable than any material possessions.

To Life, To Life, Your Stories: Storytelling Workshop for Parents & Grandparents
10:30-11:30 am
Learn innovative storytelling techniques to engage the imaginations of your children and grandchildren through telling your personal story or infusing your life values and history into a book you read. Ideal for ECC and CJL parents, this is the first in a new Ethical Parenting series!

SAJE Workshop: Leaving Your Legacy & Lunch
11:45 am-1:30 pm
SAJE members and all adults are invited to this special workshop on leaving our legacy through stories. We'll practice shaping and sharing both our personal stories for future generations as well as communal memories of CSR as we mark our 70th year. Ideal for seniors; all adults welcome.

Shabbat Service with a Story
6:30-7:30 pm
Need a spiritual lift? Visiting artist and storyteller Eva Grayzel will be integrated into our Shabbat Service infusing the experience with meaningful messages through story.
The whole community is invited!

Tales with a Twist: Interactive Story Performance with the CJL
9:45-10:45 am
Find your inner star! All of our CJL students (and any parents who want to join) will become both the audience and actors in an interactive story performance. Eva will spontaneously bring audience members on stage to role-play characters in theme-centered stories with humor and meaningful life messages. For CJL students and their families.

Create Connections and Inspire Trust through Story: A Workshop for Teens
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Learning how to craft a memorable story can serve you well, whether you are sharing a personal anecdote in a college essay, interviewing for the job of your dreams or networking to make new friends. A story can be crafted to illuminate what makes you special without sharing personal details. A great story is when the listener can see themselves in your story. Join visiting artist and storyteller Eva Grayzel for a fun and thought-provoking experience. Youth Director Yael Farber invites young adults for a bagel brunch, too! Ideal for 10th-12th grade students.
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Gus Uhry (1992–1994) z”l


Three out-of-the-ordinary events occurred during my term. Each underscored the positive role that our synagogue played in our lives.

First, after three decades of service, Rabbi Rothman announced his retirement, effective July, 1997. The Rabbi often said that he “comes with the building.” More accurately, the building came with him. For many of our members, and for much of the Westchester and Jewish worlds, Rabbi Rothman and Community Synagogue were synonymous. Happily, much of his legacy endures.

Second, during the Ten Days of Awe in 1994, there were some ugly anti-Semitic incidents in Rye, including threats against Rabbi Rothman’s life. Several members undertook, at their own expense, to hire armed guards to protect our synagogue and rabbi, and the community as a whole (including the Rye Mayor, Police Chief and schools) made it clear that anti-Semitism would not be tolerated. “Never Again” was put into practice.

Third, Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated. A quickly planned, well attended and moving memorial service was held at the Rye Town Hilton. She was installed as our third rabbi in October, 1997. Janet F. Meyers (2000–2002)


During my term as President, the synagogue was in a state of transition in three significant areas and the world and country confronted major events.

At the synagogue, we were adjusting to a new rabbi and had begun a search for a cantor. By the end of my term, the fund raising and beginning of plans to demolish the old mansion that housed our religious school, were in place. An architectural firm that inspected the mansion informed us that unless we demolished, the soaking of water through its foundation would lead to its collapse. The fundraising campaign to build a new religious school began during my presidency and was completed at the end. A dedicated committee met with the architect at least twice a month. We accepted final plans for the new religious school which, I believe, was a substantial accomplishment and enabled us to continue educating our religious school children.

Just as we dealt with changes and challenges, so did the world. In Indonesia, an earthquake and tsunami killed over 800 people. In Iran, missiles aimed at Syria landed within 3 miles of US troops. Terrorist groups, particularly in Germany, were beginning to be formed. On a positive note, a US satellite with astronauts aboard circled the moon and returned to earth successfully.

When I began my service as President in 2000, Jonathan Comisar began his service to the synagogue as Cantor. Architectural plans were also being developed for Community synagogue’s new Early Childhood Center and Center for Jewish Learning. A major congregation fundraising effort and other financing options were initiated.

The following year, the synagogue became a participant in synagogue 2000, a trans-denominational program that helped synagogues rethink their approach to concepts such as worship and Jewish study. Then the 9/11 tragedy impacted the greater Rye community with grief and personal loss. In Rye alone, 15 residents went to work on 9/11/2001 and never returned. The synagogue held an interfaith memorial and healing service.

In 2002, Rachel Mikva, the synagogue’s third rabbi, decided to return to academia after serving five years.


From the moment Rabbi Rothman summoned me to his office in June 1995 to inform me he was planning to retire two years later in June 1997, I knew that my Presidency was going to be unique and exciting. Rabbi Rothman was our beloved rabbi for over 30 years. He was singularly responsible for the growth of the congregation from the 60s to the ‘90s. Community Synagogue of Rye had become a vital part of the Jewish world in Westchester county. The transition to a new rabbi was a major milestone in the life of the congregation.

There were two tracks that had to be planned and executed; a proper way to celebrate and honor Rabbi Rothman and a search for and transition to a new rabbi. Even though I was not being installed as President for a year, we immediately created a rabbinic search committee and a committee to plan for the celebrations.

Thanks to the wonderful people who served on these committees, a new rabbi was selected; Rachel S. Mikva of Chicago. The celebrations culminated with a spectacular gala at the Rye Town Hilton. She was installed as our third rabbi in October, 1997.

I was lucky to serve as President during these exciting years and got to know both rabbis, who became and still are my dear friends. It was a thrilling two years and I was proud to lead the congregation during this time.

In 1961, a new structure was erected adjacent to the mansion to house the sanctuary, social hall and some religious school classrooms. The mansion became largely a school building.

I became President of Community Synagogue of Rye in May, 2002. The attack on the World Trade Center was still fresh in everyone’s mind. Rabbi Rachel Mikva had told us that she would be leaving her position at the end of June, 2003. We embarked on a rabbinic search. A campaign to replace the old mansion and build a new building to house our nursery and religious schools had been going on for a couple of years. We needed to complete the fund raising to pay for the project and have the plans finished so we could begin the demolition of the mansion and the construction of the new building.

There were lots of challenges to overcome: searching for a new rabbi, finding contributions, planning construction, along with the everyday running of the synagogue. Along with a great executive committee, and tremendous support from the past presidents and the entire congregation, I began my tenure as President.

After an exhaustive search, we hired Daniel Gropper as our fourth senior rabbi. Rabbi Gropper arrived in Rye in July, 2003 at the beginning of the demolition of the mansion and the beginning of the construction of the Weissman Family Education Building. By the time I left office in May, 2004, Rabbi Gropper was about to complete his first year as our Rabbi and the new building was well under way.

1970 saw the first of many congregational trips to Israel, followed by youth trips there beginning in 1972. In 1974 the sanctuary was expanded and class rooms added.

David Hessekiel (2006–2008)

Time, temperament and fate define the tenures of temple presidents. Some are remembered as builders, some as great fundraisers and some leave a legacy in the clergy and professional staff they helped hire. And some—like me—are people who serve at a time of relative stability. I consider myself especially blessed that my time at the helm was not characterized by monumental challenges.

That’s not to say that we didn’t have “stuff” to deal with. There was the great parking lot/Saturday program timing debate—who knew people could get so upset about changing start times by 15 minutes? There was the board meeting at which concerns were raised that lay leaders (meaning me!) were too casually dressed when making announcements at Shabbat services. (Nothing a blue blazer couldn’t fix.)

By far the biggest issue was where to hold High Holy Day services. After many years at the Rye Town Hilton, we were abruptly informed by the hotel’s management that we were out because, ironically, another Jewish group had outbid us. So began a search for a new home that could handle our space, parking, financial and programmatic needs. Fortunately, an incredible group of volunteers rose to the occasion and found us a terrific home at Purchase College.

Thank you for the privilege of having served this congregation, which has meant so much to me and my family. And a huge “Todah Rabah” to the amazing fellow volunteers, clergy and staff who’ve made wonderful things happen over the last 70 years.


The Reform Movement changed my life. My brother and male cousins had bar mitzvahs, but Jewish education for girls was secondary. At Community Synagogue, our three children Susan, Mark, and Ben became b’nai mitzvah and confirmands. Rabbi Rothman asked me to lead a book club and drew me into synagogue life. I learned Hebrew, chanted from the Torah during an adult b’nai mitzvah and became a confirmand.

I was asked to become synagogue president. A friend advised: “as long as you plan to have fun with it, do it.” My husband Jay, who had been synagogue president 10 years before, encouraged me.

2004 saw the introduction of Facebook, but here we fostered real, not virtual community. Our new rabbi, Daniel Gropper, full of energy and new ideas, made the job exciting and fun. Cantor Comisar spread musical joy. Administrators Gingold and Goldberg and Educators Landes and Zelman were dedicated professionals. Employees, board members, committee chairs, and others worked hard. Whenever something had to be done, volunteers stepped up and did it well and with grace.

A successful Capital Campaign enabled renovating the sanctuary and building the Weissman Family Education Building that included religious and nursery school classrooms, clergy offices, a library, and a room that became home for a youth lounge as well newly founded SAJE group. After participating in a Reform Movement pilot program, we chose to replace Gates of Prayer with Mishkan T’filah–A Reform Siddur.

I am grateful to Community Synagogue for helping me build a fulfilling Jewish life.

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Every month, Cantor Melanie Cooperman screens a Jewish film. Dinner and discussion included.

The Big Lebowski (1998) will be playing in December—date and time TBA.

Directed by the Coen Brothers

Jeff “The Dude” Lebowski, mistaken for a millionaire of the same name, seeks restitution for his ruined rug and enlists his bowling buddies to help get it.

Everyone is welcome! Interested in attending?
Please contact clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

The Talmud is one of the foundational texts of Judaism. However, many of us may not feel like experts when it comes to this vital canon. In fact, it can be said that more than we are biblical Jews, we are rabbinic Jews following the laws and guidelines set out in the Talmud. Together we will explore the history and structure of the Talmud and rabbinic thought as well as the rabbis’ profound insights into human nature. No prior experience required!

Talmud with Training Wheels Dates
Select Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Interested in attending? Please email clergy assistant Jon Rekedal at clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.
Jon will let you know where the class is being held.

Every other month, Rabbi Leora Frankel facilitates interesting discussions over wine, cheese, and other creative snacks as we explore the layers of a novel while connecting them to relevant and relatable Jewish texts.

The next CSR Book Club meeting is TBA
The book will be Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Everyone is welcome!
Interested in attending?
Please RSVP to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.
Have questions? Please email Jacey Taub at Jaceyg@aol.com.
Empty Nest—Full Life Team
Adults who value Jewish Connection

You “launched” your kids and now, with them (mostly) not living at home you are a free bird. We welcome you to the Empty Nest—Full Life (ENFL) group. If you are someone who values connection to your Jewish community, we invite you to get involved in a way that speaks to you.

Stay Active! Be Happy!

New ideas and opportunities are always welcome and can be sent to CSReemptynesters@gmail.com.

SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment)
Brenda Wilkin • SAJE@comsynrye.org

Thursday, November 1
Phantom of the Opera—off site: Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, NY. For tickets, please contact Iris Sampliner at 914-939-0349.

Monday, November 5
Sharing More of Our Stories: Andi Hessekiel, a freelance writer and writing coach, has led sessions for SAJE each year for over a decade. She uses simple prompts that jog your memory and guide you to write about your life. Andi’s warm feedback helps us get in touch with the writer that lives inside of us and shared stories stimulate great conversation among us. This session is open to anyone who cares to join us—as a listener or as a storyteller. This month’s prompt: “Thanksgiving at our house was ___________________.”

Thursday, November 8
Post-Election Reflections: SAJE member Herb Blecker will lead a discussion on the results of the election that takes place on November 6 throughout the country. Herb has spoken at SAJE on several occasions, and is capable of leading the kind of discussion that will inevitably take place two days after the big election. He is on the Board of the AJC and has presented overviews of his world travels on behalf of that organization.

Monday, November 12
No SAJE—Closed for Veteran’s Day

Friday, November 16 (Note Friday, not Thursday)
Storyteller, Eva Grayzel, will conduct a special workshop on leaving our legacy through stories. We’ll practice shaping and sharing both our personal stories for future generations as well as communal memories of CSR as we mark our 70th year. SAJE members and any other adults are invited.

Monday, November 19
Book Review of The Great Escape: SAJE member Harry Mix will lead us in a lively session. The book, by Kati Marton, depicts the story of nine Hungarian Jews (all from Budapest) who fled Hitler and changed the world. Those nine included 4 scientists, 2 movie producers, 2 photographers and 1 writer. It is a pragmatic story filled with friendship, betrayal and death.

Thursday, November 22
No SAJE—Closed for Thanksgiving

Monday, November 26
The History of Rye: Paul Hicks, a great writer and historian and longtime Rye native and researcher extraordinaire will be looking into Rye’s fascinating past including the history of Jews of Westchester.

Thursday, November 29
Nadav Schackman, New Israel Emissary in Westchester, has worked in the field of Jewish education for more than 10 years. He has served as the National Director of “Telem” the youth department of the Jewish Reform movement in Israel and was an Emissary to Melbourne, Australia for the Progressive Jewish community and the Reform youth movement “Netzer Olami.”
HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS


Wall Street faced a devastating crisis, and the economic recession deepened as the jobless rate climbed above 10%. Facing the prospect of a serious revenue shortfall, the newly created Budget Review Committee studied our financial status and recommended approaches to cutting costs. Even with creative expense reductions, we faced a serious predicament. After extensive deliberations, the Trustees instituted a $100.00 assessment to make up the deficit.

While we slugged through the challenges of remaining financially healthy, we can savor some significant memories.

- Welcomed Cantor Dan Mutlu
- Instituted Green Tuesday by closing the synagogue in the evening to be economically and environmentally prudent
- Embraced technology by changing our web site server and using Constant Contact
- Reviewed and restructured measures to ensure our safety
- Created Committee Charters to fine-tune the functioning of our committee structure
- Reviewed the Bylaws to accurately reflect operational processes
- Increased involvement of an ECC Council and Parent Organization
- Selected as one of six congregations of any denomination in the NY/Westchester/Long Island area to participate in a study and receive consultative services from Measuring Success

In my 2008 installation speech, I talked about having a dream: “We must carefully explore and consider the possibility of renovating the structure that houses our sanctuary, social hall, and Oneg Shabbat room in order to provide communal space that is more multi-functional and to create worship space that is flexible and appropriate for each occasion.” I am filled with joy this became a reality in the year when we are celebrating CSR’s 70th anniversary.

Karen Cherney Zaltz (2012–2014)

The focus of my tenure was to build community while maintaining our individual differences. To sustain a local synagogue, we needed to respond to the changing needs of Jewish communities today. This required us to be aware of differences in family life, methods of learning, styles of worship, and simply, why people join synagogues. In the world, President Obama began his second term, Israel launched a military operation in Gaza called “Operation Pillar of Defense,” at home we had Hurricane Sandy—knocking out power to CSR for a few weeks.

As a community we recognized a reimagined religious school and a second rabbi. Leadership of the Synagogue moved towards trustees working hard in small groups at our board meetings to make bold decisions for our congregation.

Alan Shepard (2010–2012)

The year was 2010 and I was taking on the position of President of Community Synagogue of Rye. Our nation and our community were still feeling the effects of the “Great Recession.” While the Dow Jones was recovering from an over 50% drop from 2007 to 2009, the unemployment rate was almost 10% when I became President.

This economic situation was felt within our CSR community. My predecessor, Susan Rudolph, started efforts to cut spending and increase revenue. By 2012, our A/R had reached $600,000 or nearly 25% of our synagogue budget. But the herculean efforts of Bill Walsh, our Financial Secretary and Laurie Frolich, our Treasurer, got us on a path toward financial stability, reducing A/R by over 90%!

In 2011, our cantor, Daniel Mutlu moved to Congregation Beth-Israel in Houston and we had the good fortune to hire Melanie Cooperman. In 2012, with a special endowment, we were able to bring on our then Rabbinic Intern, Leora Frankel, as Assistant Rabbi. I look back on both events with particular fondness and delight.

Toward the end of my tenure, we started discussions with architects and funding consultants on a potential renovation of CSR. My successor, Karen Cherney Zaltz continued the process, which led to our spectacularly renovated space.

On a personal note, these two years began a new chapter in my Jewish journey. I had attended Saturday morning Torah study services for years. My wife Jean and I started to attend Friday evening Shabbat services on a regular basis, which we have continued ever since.

The creation of pride of place
- Formal steps forward for the renovation of our building took place at this time. This included a feasibility study to determine how much money could be raised for a capital campaign and the hiring of architects to initiate drawings to match our vision and purpose of newly imagined space. The guiding principles of the renovation were set:
  - For the continuation of a Jewish community in this part of Westchester
  - To address the significant needs of an aging building
  - To the creation of spiritually inspired spaces that originate from listening to our community and understanding that we now worship and learn differently
  - The creation of pride of place

Here we are at 70 years! Hoping all feel that sense of pride.
Gerald Cohen (2014–2016)

As I said in my first bulletin column on becoming President in 2014, many told me I should have my head examined to undertake the role. Four and a half years later, I can look back at my term and assess whether I or the prognosticators were right in terms of measuring fool-hardiness.

At the end of the day, I know this venture was worth the effort. When considering whether to take the path to the presidency, I thought about the synagogue community—I believed it to be the foundation and core value system on which Judaism is based. During my two years, I often quoted Rabbi Alexander Schindler, “the Synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and the community are joined. It is the place where seeds of Jewish identity are sown. Only the Synagogue creates Jews, child by child, family by family…”

Thus, we began working on a renovation that would reflect the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation. Recognizing that almost every aspect of synagogue life had changed dramatically from our founding, our Building Committee was asked to be bold and reflective in determining how our congregants’ needs would best be met. I hope you agree with me that the resulting rejuvenation and modernizing is vital to our sustainability and a reflection of who we are as a sacred community.

I am grateful I had the opportunity to make so many new friends who shared the common vision in bringing our synagogue community closer to the way we pray, meet and study in the 21st century.

Laurie Frolich (2016–2018)

If I had to sum up my term as President of Community Synagogue of Rye in two words they would be: Embrace Change. Almost from the moment I became President, our congregation began a series of wonderful transformations that challenged us in new and exciting ways.

While still in the midst of our Kadima Capital Campaign, we began the process of relocating our offices, sanctuary and worship spaces to other venues. Due to the good relationships we shared with other local synagogues, we were able to accommodate all of our b’nei mitzvah families. We moved our regular worship services to the Rye Presbyterian Church, where we received a warm and caring welcome.

Just when things were calming down, we found ourselves seeking a new Executive Director and one who would be flexible enough to work in a construction trailer! Our efforts were rewarded with Glynis Conyer, who joined us in 2018, and made our lives much easier. Also during this time, with retiring’s and new hiring’s, we reimagined our CJL educational model, rebuilt our ECC playground, reinvigorated our youth group and kept our eyes on the prize of rebuilding our spiritual home.

Thanks in large measure to the dedication and flexibility of our clergy, professional staff, and the generosity of lay leaders and congregants, we emerged at the end of this term as a stronger and more cohesive community, ready to rededicate our new sanctuary under the capable leadership of Sue Zeitlin, and begin the process of building a bright future in our new home.

Susan Zeitlin (2018–2020)

My experience as president for the past 5 months has been truly exhilarating. I have learned and experienced so much about who we are as a community. I am in awe of our dedicated members who are passionate about our synagogue and who volunteer so much energy, talent and money to all aspects of CSR.

In addition to the reopening of our renovated space, one of the major highlights of my term so far, was marching our Torah scrolls home from Rye Presbyterian Church to Community Synagogue. The singing, dancing and overall ruach (spirit) as we returned was overwhelming and beautiful. To see the excitement and pride that our members demonstrated was heartwarming. But equally beautiful, was the participation from the wider community—our friends at Rye Presbyterian Church who so warmly welcomed us, the many local and national political leaders who proudly attended, and Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the president of our reform movement who honored us with his presence at the celebration. As Rabbi Jacobs told us, our synagogue’s relationship with the greater Rye community is something that can be a model for others.

While the world around us seems to be in turmoil currently, our synagogue community remains a strong, stable, safe place for us all to come together.

I sincerely hope you will join us at our upcoming gala on November 17 to celebrate our 70th anniversary and honor all of our past presidents. We will have a renowned storyteller, Eva Grayzel, joining us for the weekend, who will help congregants of all ages share their stories (it’s not too late to send your story to me!). Also in November, we will be continuing our series with the Rye Interfaith community called “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” and on November 18, we will have our annual Rye interfaith Thanksgiving service. We have a lot to be thankful for and these are more great ways for our community to come together.
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The Rye Clergy Invite You to Join us!

Won’t You Be My Neighbor? You are invited to learn more about your religious neighbors during this four week journey through the four houses of worship in Rye.
Each week we’ll gather at a different house of worship, in the congregation’s worship space, to learn more about its faith tradition.
The clergy from the house of worship you are visiting will engage you in an introduction to their community’s faith tradition.
These presentations will be followed by a time for Q & A.

Wednesday Evenings
Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14
7:30 PM

Schedule
Oct. 17 Community Synagogue of Rye
Oct. 24 Christ’s Church
Nov. 7 Church of the Resurrection
Nov. 14 Rye Presbyterian Church

Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, Nov. 18, 4:00p.m.
at Community Synagogue of Rye
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:

Susan Komitor, sister of Robert Komitor (3rd)
Thelma Komitor, mother of Robert Komitor (2nd)
Marion Likoff, mother of Laurie Frolich (2nd)
Aaron Belkin, nephew of Susan Taplin (2nd)

We mourn those who were massacred at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh:

Melvin Wax
Irving Younger
Jerry Rabinowitz
Cecil Rosenthal
David Rosenthal
Rose Mallinger
Bernice Simon
Sylvan Simon
Daniel Stein
Joyce Fienberg
Richard Gottfried

May their memories be a blessing.
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.

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