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NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

Membership Appreciation Nig

SATURDAY May 17th, 2025 AT 7.00 PM

AN EVENING OF COCKTAILS, MUSIC, DINNER & DESSERT

Free for Members \$54 Non-Members

Honoring all of our members and with special recognition to our maintenance employee Donny Raul Rivera for his 25 years of service.

RSVP by May 8 Northshoresynagogue.org/appreciation



Service Schedule

Friday, April 4 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, April 11 Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sunday, April 13 First Day Passover Service	10:30 AM
Friday, April 18 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, April 19 Seventh Day Passover Service with Yizkor	10:30 AM
Wednesday, April 23 Yom Hashoah Speaker and Service	7:00 PM
Friday, April 25 Tot Shabbat Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM 7:30 PM
Friday, May 2 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, May 9 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, May 16 Tot Shabbat Youth Celebration Shabbat Service	5:30 PM 7:30 PM
Friday, May 23 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, May 30 Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sunday, June 1 Shavuot Program, Study and Service	7:00 PM
Monday, June 2 Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor	10:30 AM
Friday, June 6 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, June 13 Musical Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, June 20 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, June 27 Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

Save the Date

Shabbat Beach Beach

Friday, July 18 Friday, August 8 Bring your picnic dinner at 5:30 PM

> Service at 7:00 PM Located at the west Gazebo

JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday Morning Torah Study and Prayer at 9:00am Join us as we study the Torah portion of the week. All are welcome to learn, discuss and question. No experience or knowledge necessary. We look forward to sharing ideas and opinions, different perspectives and thoughts to discover how Torah becomes part of our daily life. A wonderful way to learn more about the morning liturgy, meet new people, and share our common links of Torah and worship, prayer and song. A spirited, meaningful and informal Shabbat service for all of our members. Newcomers are always welcome (When Hebrew is used, it is translated or transliterated.)

Office and School Closings		
Main office	May 26 June 2	
Nursery School	April 14–18 May 22–26	
Religious School	April 9–21	

The Standard at North Shore our in-house caterer

Planning a simcha? Mazel tov! Let our in-house kosher-style caterer, The Standard at North Shore take care of all of your catering needs from baby namings and B'nei Mitzvah parties, to engagement parties and weddings, to fundraising events and more. Come check out our newly renovated ballroom. Contact The Standard at North Shore at steve@thepiermontny.com or 516-226-1460.

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From the Rabbi's Desk Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet



Around Passover time, I like to take a look at the past year. I know that we usually do this during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Jewishly, or January first in the secular year, but something about meticulous Chameitz cleaning and spring cleaning for Passover, makes me look back into the past year and take an evaluation. It's not the same kind of soul-searching I do on the High Holy Days, And it's not

the same new years resolutions I make in January. Rather, it's a look back to take account of what I've learned, what I've noticed about the world around me, and the community I call home.

What I have learned about MY community - the North Shore Synagogue community - fills me with joy and hope.

I have learned that our community loves helping the world. Our mitzvah projects are increasing and our attendance at each event is growing. Our group of volunteers is incredibly eclectic, from young children to grandparents, families and individuals, our passion to help heal the world is truly palpable.

I have learned that our religious school children are engaged in their learning. I have witnessed them lead absolutely amazing grade level Erev Shabbat services. Their readings about their thoughts on God, spirituality, and prayers are truly impressive. And when I come in for "ask the rabbi," their questions are so profound and deep, they defy their young age.

I have learned that our youth group is bursting at the seams. Our activities are so memorable and enjoyable that kids are reminiscing about last year and asking "Can we do this again?" about almost

Welcome New Members

Geraldine and Steve Niemczyk Sherri Winick and John Pagliaro Natalia and Adam Good Joanne Lang Audrey and Barry Krostich

Ongoing Adult Education with Rabbi Shalhevet

alternating Wednesdays at 11:30 AM

Torah for Today

Learn Torah at a slow pace, spending time to truly understand the deeper meaning of this sacred text. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is required to participate. Newcomers to the class are always welcome.

Lessons from Our Traditions

Believe it or not, Jewish texts both ancient and modern give us guidance on how to raise children, deal with arguments with our spouses, how to handle conflicts, and even how to survive toxic people in our lives. Join THIS class discussion with Rabbi Shalhevet and you WILL believe it. And you will begin to live a happier and freer life if you choose to. It's all in your hands. Give it a try. every event. I have witnessed friendships grow through these events with children of all ages who don't get to interact during regular school time. The camaraderie and good sportsmanship I have seen during our Maccabia games warms my heart. And during our Tu B'shevat program, I saw them put their religious school education into good use as they answered questions and excitedly shared with each other their knowledge.

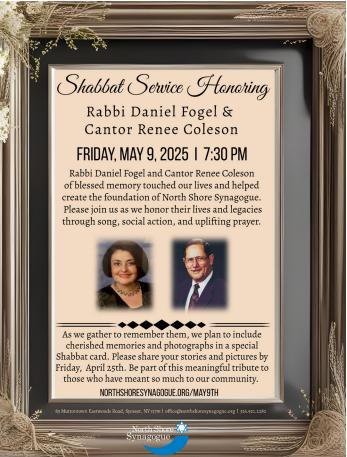
I learned that our life long learning committee is unstoppable. From a book group and meet-the-author that was a huge success, to a scholar in residence who amazed people of all ages, to a powerful movie and discussion. They have also partnered with the Anti-Defamation League to bring us up-to-date info on antisemitism in our country and community and valuable advice on how to combat its growing presence.

I've learned that our services on Friday night reach people of all ages. They make people feel comfortable in their Jewish skin, no matter their practice. I've learned that we can partner with other synagogues nearby and create a larger community of prayer. I've learned that despite what we hear on the news, we have a strong interfaith community that stands by each other.

In the end, this Passover brings me to a hopeful place on the future of North Shore Synagogue and Long Island Jewry. As we clean out the chameitz of our homes, let us clean out the past thoughts of fear and worry with it. We have continued to increase our mark made on the community. We are growing in numbers and influence. We are not just surviving, but we are thriving.

May we only go from strength to strength.





Cantor's Notes Cantor Steven Hevenstone



Can music enhance memory? Go back to your first experience you can remember of being in a Synagogue. It could be one of the High Holy Days, a Holiday like Purim, Chanukkah, or Passover, Religious School, and even Shabbat. What do you remember? When asked that question, my response is always the music, how the prayers were sung. Those melodies touch something deep inside of us. Not only in

the Synagogue do these songs, these melodies resonate, but also from Passover Seders, Chanukah, even in our secular lives.

From our early years we all remember the melody to the "A, B, Cs"; "Itsy Bitsy Spider", and others. Many of those melodies have made it into our Prayers. Those melodies continue to resonate with us every Shabbat and Holiday.

"Since earliest times, music has universally been a part of G-ds creatures' worship of their Creator. From the very beginning of our national existence, the worship pf G-d with Prayer and sacrifice has been accompanied by music (noted in Exodus 15: 12, 20) and music played an important part of the Temple service as well." (source: A Guide to Jewish Prayer pg. 370) In Chronicles, David commands the priests to sing to the Lord with instruments of music, with trumpets and cymbals and harps.

"Sing to G-d a new Song..."(Psalm 96) The sounds and tones of music weave through Jewish life as a thread through a tapestry. This tapestry is rich and vibrant, much like Joseph's coat of many colors. But instead of colors, we have tones and harmonies which can lift us up and raise our spiritual identity, helping to fill us with sweet sounds. We only have to listen, and let ourselves be carried away by these sweet sounds.

Growing up going to Shul I would look forward to attending services along with the Cantor and the Congregation. There truly was and still is something very spiritual that happens when we all join together singing the prayers. That sense of our community, not only here at North Shore Synagogue, but the entire Jewish community coming together through the words of our Prayers utilizing music. Sometimes our melodies differ slightly from Synagogue to Synagogue. Sometimes the melodies might be completely different. However the result is still the same, as we join together in song. Our spirits are lifted, and no matter how you enter our Friday night service, our joyous praise lifts us all up.

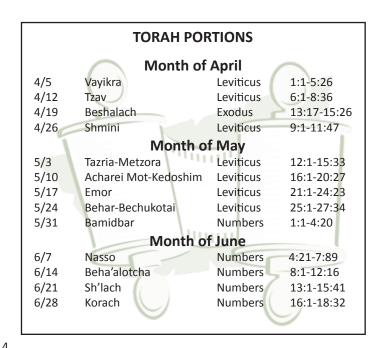
"Clap your hands, all peoples!..." (Psalm 41)Today, many of the melodies for our prayers represent our differing cultures, blending together different musical Minhagim (traditions). Throughout our services here at North Shore Synagogue you can hear the Ashkenazic melodies which many of us grew up with. You can also hear strains of Sefardic melodies. There are also the melodies from Contemporary Composers like Debbie Friedman (z"l), Dan Nichols, Rick Recht, and many others. Etz Chaim, which we sing prior to the closing of the Ark at the end of the Torah Service, is sung to the melody of HaTikvah. And as stated above some nursery rhyme music has entered our services, or is it Mozart?!

Many times we introduce new melodies into our services. These melodies might take a little bit to grow on us, but those melodies bring a fresh perspective on the Prayer.

Our music is another way we represent L'dor Vador – Generation to Generation. We pass on these melodies to our children and others, and the next generation takes those melodies to heart. As each generation grows into those songs, many come up with new melodies for the Prayers, taking their own personal perspective and becoming a new part of the tapestry of song. "Make music to G-d... with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn ...! (Psalm 98)

Whether you've had a good week or one of challenges, come join us on a Friday night this summer and experience 60 minutes of food for your soul. Who knows? Maybe you'll be humming all week! May we all continue to be a part of that musical tapestry that is our tradition, new and old.

Hazzan Steve Hevenstone



Synagogue

Program/Service will be held

North Shore X



Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day April 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Join together on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM, as we will Commemorate Yom Hashoah with a brief service and by listening to first-hand testimony from survivor Liane Deligsehi. Lets remember those who have perished, and honor those who have survived.

A Message from the President

Sondra Cardno



It's hard to believe that my two year term as president is coming to an end on June 30th. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as president of North Shore Synagogue. I'm so proud of all we have accomplished and I look forward to all the wonderful things ahead as we welcome a new president on July 1st.

Many past presidents told me that each presidency had its share of challenges,

yet also included many joyous moments, and I will absolutely agree. During my time in this role, we as a congregation grew closer, coming together to support one another, and the surrounding community, while coming to terms with the atrocity on October 7th. We dealt with bomb threats to our building and anti-Semitism in our neighborhood schools and workplaces. We built a strong foundation as being a place where all could come and practice as much or as little of Judaism as we wanted, all while finding something that could connect us to the jewish community. Our youngest have every opportunity to learn and grow, our older students continue along their jewish journey preparing for a future B'nei mitzvah and adults enjoy educational classes and programming. Opportunities to participate in mitzvot, making sandwiches and packaging toiletries on mitzvah days and preparing meals for the homebound on Thanksgiving morning. Worship experiences from tot Shabbat, family Shabbat and regular Friday night services to torah study and prayer on Shabbat morning and classes with the clergy. Celebrating holidays together at Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner and the 2nd night of Passover seder open to the community. Our seniors stayed engaged and connected with old friends at our Senior Friendsgiving and senior brunches. We sang and danced at summer concerts in the parking lot, ate a ton of food at the welcome back BBQs and spent time with our families during bowling and bingo nights.

In the role of synagogue president, you often receive kudos when things go well and other times, constructive feedback. I'm fortunate

Get involved by Volunteering!

The North Shore Synagogue Board of Trustees is seeking congregant volunteers to join the following committees:

- Fundraising
- Nursery School
- Membership
- Mitzvah / Caring
- Social Justice
- Marketing & Social Media
- Youth Learning and Engagement

Please contact Jacquelynn Golub (516.921.2282 ext. 106) or Sondra Cardno (ext. 190) at your earliest convenience. Join your Board of Trustees in making NSS better everyday! to say there were many compliments. I was supported by a talented team whose every goal was for North Shore Synagogue to be the place where all are welcome, and we watched as our membership grew year over year, and I can't thank them enough for their support and partnership. None of the wonderful opportunities we have could take place without the leadership of our amazing clergy, Rabbi Shalhevet and Cantor Hevenstone, as well as the energy and creativity of our incredible Executive Director/Religious School Principal Jacquelynn Golub and our wonderful nursery school director Jacqueline Sanchez. This team works together daily to ensure our synagogue is safe, welcoming to all, and provides opportunities for worship, education and comradery. I'd be remiss if I didn't include our maintenance staff, Raul and Luis, who handle all of the cleaning and upkeep and always offer a hello and smile when you see them, and a special thank you to our security team, Joe, Matt and Terrance, who have become part of our synagogue family.

Behind the scenes, the Board of Trustees volunteer their time to share their thoughts and opinions, and make decisions to ensure the financial stability of our synagogue. They work together on committees to plan programming for the future while keeping the interests of you, our congregants, at the forefront. I truly appreciate all of the time our lay leaders dedicate to ensuring our synagogue is here for you, and the community, and thank them for their support of our goals.

So while I leave the title of president behind, I think of some of the challenges we faced, and how we overcame them, and how we worked to continue building this wonderful synagogue family. You'll still see me around the building, helping out in the religious school office on Sundays and collecting raffles for the Purim carnival and summer outing fundraiser. I look forward to welcoming in our next president and seeing all of the wonderful things ahead for North Shore Synagogue.

Sondra Cardno

Don't Forget...

Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 18

at 7:30pm

Join your fellow congregants to learn what's happening at North Shore Synagogue. Vote on the slate of officers and trustees for 2025-2026, our budget, and the nominating committee members for the next year. All members in good standing may vote. We hope to see you there.



Sharing our Lives



bondolences

Barbara Elis: Mother of Janet Elis Milder (Rabbi Laurence Milder), Mark Elis (Laura Debski), and Alan (Gail) Elis; and grandmother of Miriam (Josh), Avi, Alex, and Bailey (Paul).

Judie Chessin: Mother of Lynn (Jeffrey z"l) Citron; stepmother of Bob (Judy), Paul, and Steven (Laurel); sister of Belle; grandmother of Rachel, Matthew, Sarah (Fran), Annie (Mike), Emily (Kyle), Julie (Doug) and Sylvia; and great-grandmother of Tate, Gram, Mattie, Parker, Emmet, June, Nora, Ezra, Izzy.

Louise Polner: Mother of Beth (Mark) Abrahams, Alex Polner (Margi) and Rob Polner (Monica); grandmother of Jesse, Rachel, Aliza, Cody, Molly and Catherine; great-grandmother of Benjamin and Otis.

Donald Glick: Husband of Sandra Glick; brother of Claire Danuff; father of Jill (Jim) Garfinkel, Larry (Andrea) Glick, and Adrianne (Marty) Klein; grandfather of Erica (Greg), Jess (Steve), Jared (Jacquelyn), Lindsey (Zack), Austin and Camryn; and greatgrandfather of Seth and Sloane.

Julius Marks: Husband of Barbara Marks; Father of Cindy (Steve) Shore and Steven (Lauri) Marks; Grandfather of Brett, Jenna, Brandon and Dylan.

Beverly Levitan: Mother of Peter (Christine) Levitan, Kathi Levitan (Ira Belkin), and Nancy Levitan Charash; Grandmother of Anna, Rebecca (Joe), Julia (Erwin) and Arin (Daniel), and Meghan (Kenny), Kailey (Tom) and Lindsey (Jake). Marilyn Lehrbaum: Mother of Amy (Alan) and Adrienne (Alex); Grandmother of Matthew, Kaitlyn, Zachary (Laura), and Jacob (Autumn).

Gary Sanford: Father of Drew and Blake; Brother of Steven (Susan); Uncle of Jamie (James) and Jordan; Friend of Gary.

Kenneth Fisher: Father of Scott (Carol), James (Shelley), and Amy (Stephen); Grandfather of Pamela (Brian), Rebecca (Jason) Jacklyn (Alex), Lee (Nicole), Matthew (Jackie) and Jesse (Isaabel); Great-Grandfather of Penelope, Elon, Jonah, Lila, William, Sebastian, Derek and Remi.

Keep Us Informed

Got Good News? Engagements, marriages, births, graduations, special accomplishments? Send your information by email to office@northshoresynagogue.org or contact the office at 516-921-2282, so we may share your simchas with the congregation.

Please Let our Clergy Know! Current laws prevent hospitals from releasing names of patients.Please call the synagogue office when you, a family member, or a friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit.

In Times of Bereavement. At office hours, we can be reached at 516-921-2282 ext. 8. If you wish us to officiate at the funeral of your loved one, please have the funeral home ensure our availability at the time you desire before finalizing your arrangements.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to **Glen Wolther & Donna Rosen** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilly Mara Ferris. Proud parents are Jeremy and Liz Ferris.

Mazel tov to **Steve & Carrie Cohen** on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Ezra Eidler. Proud parents are Scott and Lauren Eidler.

Mazel tov to **Marianne Litzman** on the birth of her grandson, Asher Benjamin. Proud parents are Alexandra and Elie.

Mazel Tov **Iris and Dan Rosenthal** on the birth of their granddaughter Isabelle. Proud Parents Jessica and Daniel. Proud big sister Nora.

To Honor and Remember

Mishkan Hanefeh Bookplate (\$54 per set of bookplates) Dedicate a prayer book in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special or a noteworthy occasion

Mishkan T'filah Bookplates (\$54 per bookplate) Dedicate a prayer book in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special or a noteworthy occasion.

Simcha Wall Plaques (starting at \$500) Commemorate a joyous occasion.

Butterfly Wall (starting at \$108)

Honor and celebrate precious moments in your child's life. Add a butterfly to the Gateway Wall of the Nursery School Wing.

Cemetery Plots (\$5,000 per plot)

Judaism teaches us that purchasing one's plot while still alive is a segulah (spiritually propitious act) for longevity, because by doing so one contemplates one's own mortality and uses one's time allotted on this earth more wisely. The Cemetery Committee is selling plots in the Synagogue's section at Beth Moses Cemetery in Farmingdale. Please note maintenance at Wellwood, New Montefiore and Beth Moses cemeteries is provided at no cost. Any concerns regarding maintenance should be brought to our attention.

Memorial Plaques (\$650 per plaque)

Remember a loved one in perpetuity with a solid bronze memorial plaque on our Illuminated Memorial Tablet in our Sanctuary.

Oneg/Flower Sponsors (starting at \$180)

Did you know you could sponsor the oneg and flowers? Do you have a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or simcha coming up? Let us celebrate with you! Your contribution will help defray our cost.

Mazel Tov to our B'Nei Mitzvah



Hello, my name is Mason Fink. I go to POB Middle School and I am in 7th grade. I am going to be a Bar Mitzvah on April 26, 2025. My mom is Alissa Fink. I have a 6 year old brother named Andrew. I sadly lost my dad in December after a long illness. I really know how important becoming a Bar Mitzvah was to him. Sadly he can't be here, but he can be in memory and I know he would be proud! I have one set of grandparents Michael and Glenda Fink. I enjoy playing games and spending time with family.

For my Mitzvah project, I volunteered at a local animal shelter. I wanted to do this because animals are cute and fun to play with. I wanted to do this for my project because I like animals and they need more attention, especially at shelters. My favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah because of the story and how it lasts 8 days. I like spending that time with my family. My favorite jewish food is challah because I like the taste. To me, becoming a Bar Mitzvah is being an adult and being more responsible for myself and my actions. In the eyes of Judaism I am not a kid anymore, I am more responsible and mature.

Hello! My name is Jordyn Kenner. I am in 7th grade and attend HBT Middle School. I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on May 3, 2025. My parents' names are Douglas and Amy Kenner and I have a brother named Drew. My grandparents are Hilary and Arthur Friedman and Martin and the late Elizabeth Kenner. I enjoy being with my family and friends, playing soccer, cheering and volunteering.

Instead of doing one mitzvah project, I have tried to get involved volunteering for as much as possible. I have packed both birthday boxes and breakfast packages for children in need. I have created artwork for seniors. I participated in a bake sale to help those affected by the California Palisades fire. I have participated in a couple of the NSS Mitzvah events and I have recently created an Instagram account where I post daily motivational quotes for teens. My favorite Jewish foods are matzoh brei, matzoh balls, challah and latkes. I love all the Jewish Holidays because I get to celebrate with my extended family. To me, becoming a Bat mitzvah means that I am responsible for my actions, choices and how I contribute to the world.

My name is Jordan Eli Adelman. I am in 7th grade and attend Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. I am going to become a Bar Mitzvah on May 10, 2025. My mother's name is Robyn Adelman. I am an only child, but I have lots of half-siblings including Henry, Stella, Mia, and Lila. I have 2 cousins, Kaiya and Grayson Adelman. My grandparents are Harold (Hank) and Karen Adelman.

I enjoy playing the tuba, participating in Boy Scouts, playing video games, and cooking. For my mitzvah project I volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House with the synagogue and I am raising money to donate to the children and families that stay there. My favorite Jewish food is Latkes and my favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah because I like playing Dreidel. To become a Bar Mitzvah to me means becoming an adult.

Hello my name is Addison Steerman. I am in 7th grade and I go to South Woods Middle School. I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on May 17, 2025. My parents are Jaimee and Charles Steerman and I have a younger sister Zoe Steerman. I have 3 grandparents Susan and Paul Steerman and Ellen Schifrin. My bunkie who I miss very much passed away when I was six years old.

I enjoy dancing, spending time with family and friends, and going skiing in the winter with my family. I also love going to the beach, water skiing and swimming. I play tennis and volleyball in and out of school. I like to paint and draw as well. My favorite Jewish food is matzah ball soup. My favorite holiday is Rosh Hashanah. These are my favorites because I love having matzah ball soup when I am sick and when we have family dinner on Jewish holidays. I love Rosh Hashanah because to me it symbolizes new beginnings which is always nice. To become a Bat Mitzvah means that I am becoming a young adult and it shows all of the hard work we all have put in to become B'nei Mitzvahs, and that is what really shows.

Hello my name is Emma Tramposch. I am in 7th grade and attend South Woods Middle School. I am going to become a Bat Mitzvah on June 7, 2025. My parents' names are Stefanie and Jim Tramposch and I have a brother, Ethan. I have four grandparents and their names are Neil and Iris Silver and James and Rosemary Tramposch.

I enjoy playing volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, going to sleepaway camp, traveling and hanging out with my friends. My favorite Jewish foods are matzo ball soup and latkes and my favorite Jewish holiday is Chanukah, because I love opening presents! To become a Bat Mitzvah to me is embracing the Jewish religion and to be proud of who I am as a Jew.

Emmi Kien becomes a Bat Mitzvah on May 10, 2025 Jason Eisenberg becomes a Bar Mitzvah on June 14, 2025







Nursery School News Jacqueline Sanchez, Director

The Nursery school children had a very busy winter. Even though we did not get a lot of snow we enjoyed many winter activities. Our favorite was Hibernation Day! After learning about hibernation, migration and adaptation the children celebrated all they have learned on Hibernation day. The children came to school in their pajamas with their favorite stuffed animals. They enjoyed cupcakes with teddy graham bears hidden inside. The

most exciting part of the day was going on a bear hunt through the school. We followed four clues and found four different types of bears. They were hiding on the playground, in Miss Jacquie's office, in the gym and in their classroom! We took many pictures during our Bear Hunt to share with our families. The children



also learned under what conditions ice freezes and melts. Some classes brought snow inside on the day it snowed and put it in their sensory bins for the children to play with. Many classes learned about artic animals. The children learned about where artic animals live and how artic animals love the cold weather.

The children are looking forward to the arrival of spring. A few warm days at the end of February helped add to the anticipation. We were excited to be able to play on the playground, there was even some snow left for the children to observe before it melted away.

We loved celebrating Tu B'Shevat and learning about the importance of trees and the many fruits they give us. We had a Seder in our classrooms and enjoyed fruits and juice to represent each season. Our Purim party was so fun! The children loved hearing the story of Purim. We also learned many Purim songs that we sang to our families at our Purim Party. The children enjoyed creating many crafts such as masks, crowns, groggers and baskets to use during our celebrations.

On February 14th the UPK students celebrated being 100 days smarter. The parents came to school to participate in 100th day of school activities. They helped build with 100 cups, stamp out

> 100 dots, sort 100 buttons and the best of all participate in doing 100 different exercise moves. It was a fun day. All the parents were impressed with how much we have learned in 100 days.

March is Read Across America month. The children spent the first week of March celebrating the love of reading with the help of Dr.

Seuss. Each day of the week was a new theme. We had hat day, crazy sock day, Wacky Wednesday, our favorite color day and pajama day. These themes all coordinated with a Dr. Seuss book. To culminate our month dedicated to the love of reading we held our annual Book Fair in the gym. The book fair was open in the evening so all our families had the opportunity to shop. To help decorate the gym the children's art work hung on the wall for everyone to admire! It is always so exciting to see our families after school

The end of our school year is just around the corner. We will have many exciting events to look forward to along the way. In April we will celebrate Passover, May we plant flowers in our classroom flower boxes and in June there is Truck Day and the Pre-K graduation!

Miss Jacquie



Upcoming Tot Shabbal Dates

Friday, April 25th Friday, May 16th Service, Dinner and Craft starting at 5:30 PM

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Religious School & Youth Programming Jacquelynn Golub and Cantor Steve

Our Religious School has been busier than ever and in just a few short weeks another year will come to an end. The month of February brought us learning about Tu B'Shevat, as together we planted parsley to grow for Passover. March was filled with learning the story of Purim, watching our children put on a Purim shpiel, and participating in our annual Purim Carnival. The smiles and enthusiasm were contagious, as children were jumping on the inflatables, shooting baskets, racing down slides, playing games, making sand art projects, eating cotton candy, popcorn and so much more.

As we enter into April, we will be journeying our way through the Passover Seder while exploring the story of Passover and connecting to our homeland Israel while learning about Yom Ha'Atzmaut. In addition, our children continue to find meaning through prayer whether in the classroom or at T'fillah with Rabbi Shalhevet and Cantor Hevenstone or at Family Shabbat Services. We are so lucky to have clergy engaged and invested in our children's Jewish education. On any Sunday morning you can walk into our school and see the Rabbi and Cantor greeting our families. If you walk down the halls during Religious School, you will hear our youngest children singing the Alef-Bet, while our oldest are mastering their letters, vowels and prayers, and playing Hebrew games.

As our children reach seventh grade their learning all comes together as they practice leading the prayers to get ready for their B'nei Mitzvah. Our family day programs are just another wonderful way for our parents, children, and clergy to learn together and form a closer connection. Each grade this year had a different theme. We explored Shabbat, G-d, and Torah in fun interactive ways. We will be ending our school year in just a few short weeks and our children will be showing us some of what they learned at our Youth Celebration Shabbat BBQ and Service.

Join together on May 16th for a BBQ at 6:15 PM followed by a Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 PM, that your children will be leading. Please support our children, teachers, staff and each other by attending this service and hearing from our children who have worked so hard throughout the year. My door is always open and I am here to answer any questions you may have! I Hope you and your families enjoy the rest of this wonderful spring weather!

Jacquelynn

3rd Grade Religious School Family Day



Family Shabbat



NOSHTY North Shore Synagogue Temple Youth

Did you know that your Religious School tuition includes youth group dues? Your children can participate in some fun activities like arts and crafts, cooking/baking, bowling, amusement parks, and more. (Open to all Religious School students in Grades K-6)

Join us for our End of Year Hibachi Dinner: Miko in Plainview on Saturday, May 10th at 5:00 PM. RSVP Required

Sisterhood Scoop Janet Cohen, Carol Fisher, Donna Gelber, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood is having an exciting and busy year! In December, we brought joy to the Ronald McDonald House by donating bags of toys for children of all ages. A big thank you to everyone who contributed – your generosity made the Holiday Season brighter for many kids. In January, we held a wonderful Rosh Chodesh program, led by Rabbi Shalhevet. We had a great turnout, and the evening was both fun and educational. We explored the Havdalah service and had the chance to create our own spice bags to take home.

As Purim approaches, we are excited for our annual fundraiser-sending Mishloach Manot bags. Keep an eye on your email for details

and be sure to order bags for other congregants. These bags will be filled with delicious treats, including hamantaschen, and will be available for pickup at the synagogue.

Mark your calendars for our signature event: the Women's Seder on April 9. It promises to be a spiritually meaningful and fun evening, complete with a delicious meal from our caterer. Then, on May 1, join us for a Spring event – a cooking class at What's Cooking on Main Street in Oyster Bay. We will prepare and enjoy a delicious Mediterranean dinner. Space is limited, so be sure to register when the flyer comes out. We look forward to seeing many of you at these exciting events! As always, thank you for your continued participation and support.





Lifelong Learning Corner Susan Kopech Committee Chair

The Lifelong Learning Committee ("LLC") was proud to launch its Book Club on January 26, with Hilari T. Cohen, author of the book The Wick And The Flame, discussing her book and leading a very engaged, well attended Q&A.

On January 28, for Holocaust Remembrance Day, LLC hosted the screening of the film, "The Devil's Confession." We listened in horror to Adolph Eichmann's voice, retelling his diabolical plan to murder all European Jewry, juxtaposed with his denials during his trial in Israel! Rabbi Shalhevet led a wonderful discussion following the film!

Through June, LLC presented and will present varied offerings for Religious School students and adults of all ages:

- February 29 through March 2, Scholar in Residence Weekend, honoring NSS' Lifelong Learners at Shabbat services, with a sermon by, Dr. Alyssa Gray. Talmud Study, March 3, during Torah Study, and a program for Religious School students and their parents, in a.m. March 4, all led by Dr. Gray.
- March 23 at 7 pm, Zoom only, "Recognizing and Confronting Antisemitism in Online Gaming & Social Media," an ADL Center for Technology and Society- led program: you may be surprised to learn what your children are exposed to every day online.

- March 30, 10 am, LLC's second Book Club offering, Freedomland U.S.A.: The Definitive History by Michael Virgintino, who will be on hand to fill us in on its fascinating history.
- May 4, come to a screening of "Israel Swings for Gold," the uplifting documentary about the first Israeli baseball team to make the journey to the 2021 Olympics! Q&A with the manager and coach of the team to follow. An athletic event will follow at the end of Religious School with the students and U.S. Israel Baseball professionals. Bagels and light snacks to be served. Co-hosted by LLC and Brotherhood.
- May 7, local Plainview author, Brad Kolodny, will be on hand to discuss his book, Seeking Sanctuary. Attendees last year were mesmerized by his firsthand account of, The Jews of Long Island: 1705-1918.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us for all or any of these events! Watch our weekly space in "Happenings" for more information and other exciting opportunities to schmooze and learn b'yachad, together!!!

Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah one good deed leads to another

Ronald McDonald House Mitzvah

On Sundays, February 2nd and March 30th, congregants of all ages came together to prepare and cook 50 meals for families who were staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children were patients in the Cohen Children's Hospital (part of Long Island Jewish Hospital) in Queens. The menu consisted of making beef tacos, preparing salad, baking chocolate chip cookies and brownies. Everything was completed within two hours and put out for the families to take as they came back from the Hospital. It was a very successful mitzvah and all of the families were very thankful to have a ready cooked meal.



Visit to Orchard Estates

Our visit to Orchard Estates Assisted Living in Woodbury was on Sunday March 9th, we brought Purim to the residents at Orchard Estates Assisted Living. The children attending helped to decorate graggers with the residents and shared hamantaschen with them. Rabbi Shalhevet and Cantor Hevenstone sang songs along with the children, and guitar playing by Cantor and mitzvah student Bradley Zelniker. In addition to the main residential area, we also visited the memory care unit and sang songs for the residents there. Thank you to our Executive Director Jacquelynn Golub and the mitzvah committee for planning this wonderful mitzvah. It was a wonderful experience to see the smiles on the faces of the residents as we brought the celebration of Purim to the assisted living community.



Mitzvah Monday

Our New Initiative started in February 2025, where on the first Monday evening of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, congregants will have an opportunity to do a mitzvah; including make cheese or peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, and/or assembling wash-up kits, dental kits and snack kits for those in need.

Upcoming Mitzvahs

Mark your calendars for April 7, May 5th and June 2nd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM to join this fun and worthwhile mitzvah!!

In addition the next Orchard Estates Assisted Living visit is on April 11, please watch for details on other mitzvahs that will also take place in April, May and June.

Interested in Participating?

Interested in participating in our Mitzvah Committee and helping with our many mitzvahs? Please contact the Mitzvah Committee through our Main Office.

Donations to our Mitzvah Fund to celebrate or commemorate a special event in your life or to honor someone's memory is always appreciated and helps support the mitzvah program here at North Shore.

Anne Frank House Exhibition



College Connection

Wishing our College Students a Chag Purim Sameach! Packages went out to all of our college students filled with some sweet treats,

hamantaschen, and a note from the clergy. Sign up your child and help them celebrate the holidays while staying connected to their NSS family.





North Shore Synagogue

~Sponsored by Sisterhood~

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

This event is complimentary to all paid-up Sisterhood members. Guests are \$60 per person



Celebrate

Connect the generations, mothers, daughters (10+) friends and family and celebrate as Rabbi Shalhevet leads us in song and prayer.



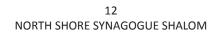




First Day Service April 13th at 10:30 AM

Seventh Day Service April 19th at 10:30 AM with Yizkor









Mitzvah Day

On Sunday, January 12, 2025, over 100 volunteers of all ages came to participate in Mitzvah Day! Ten different stations were set up including sandwich making, cookie baking, assembling wash-up, dental and snack kits, making birthday boxes, decorating pillowcases, filling zip loc bags with detergent, stuffing teddy bears, and assembling no sew blankets. Everyone worked together effortlessly to complete all of the above mitzvahs in an hour and one half. The excitement was felt throughout the Youth Lounge. Everything was delivered to various soup kitchens, homeless shelters, outreach centers and food pantries, all throughout Nassau, Suffolk and Queens and was greatly appreciated by the organizations that received the donations. Thank you to all you participated in this worthwhile mitzvah. It was truly a wonderful Synagogue event!



Mitzvah Monday

February 3rd was our first Mitzvah Monday and approximately 1000 American cheese sandwiches were made in one hour! We had over 50 volunteers and many of them were our younger congregants who really enjoyed helping to do this wonderful mitzvah. One half of the sandwiches were delivered to the Mercy Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch and "Life's Angels" delivered the other half to a homeless shelter in Queens.

On March 3, our second Mitzvah Monday was held and like the first one, it was a wonderful success. Once again, we had over 50 volunteers preparing cheese sandwiches and all of the sandwiches were donated to organizations helping those in need.













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Family Bowling

On Sunday, January 26th our North Shore Synagogue families enjoyed an afternoon of bowling at Syosset Lanes. Rabbi Shalhevet, Cantor Hevenstone and our Executive Director Jacquelynn Golub joined in the fun and gave lots of high fives as pins were knocked down for a strike. Kids loved the arcade and enjoyed eating pizza and cake. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and hear the laughter of kids and parents enjoying time together. Join us next time as we strike up more fun!



Hockey Game

A great evening was had cheering on the Israel Elite Hockey League for their first ever appearance in the USA at UBS Arena for the USA Challenge Cup.



NOSHTY Events

Our NOSHTY Youth Group friends celebrated and learned about Tu B'shevat by having a Birthday Party for the Trees. Together we created our own edible trees and learned about the special foods that we eat on Tu B'shevat. For Purim we learned to bake our favorite cookie, hamantaschen. We learned why we shape our cookie into a triangle. The best part was filling our cookies with jelly, chocolate, sprinkles, and marshmallow and baking them enjoy.









Dueling Pianos

A great night was had at our Dueling Pianos Bar Night! Wonderful entertainment, delicious food and drinks, lots of raffles, and an evening with great friends. We even had a special appearance by the clergy on piano. Thank you to The Flying Ivories and The Standard at North Shore Synagogue for a great event.



Purim Carnival









































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Israel Benefit Cantorial Concert

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Israel Benefit Cantorial Concert raising money for Magen David Adom in order to purchase an ambulance for Israel. Thank you to all of the clergy and musicians that shared their talent and beautiful voices with us. Thank you to Fran and Larry Raxenberg for partnering with us and helping to raise money to purchase the ambulance. It was an amazing evening and was only possible because of all of you. Am Yisrael Chai!





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