

THE NEW SHUL
5775 B'nai Mitzvah★ Party Directory
2014-2015

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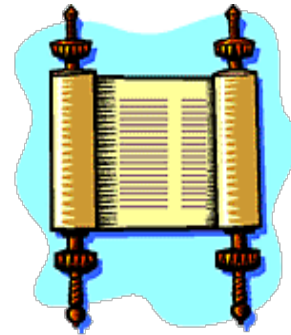
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"It's possible to put together an event like this for 300 people in 3 months."

--Valerie Broad

"This is an event that turns out to be a rite-of-passage for children and parents."

--Susan Finley

"We went our own way and it turned out great."

--Jennifer Levin

"A great family excursion . . . buying tallit, kipahs, bialys and pickles and a pastrami sandwich for lunch!"

--Ellen Cammer

The New Shul is in no way affiliated with the companies and individuals listed here and is not responsible for the services provided.

CATERERS

NOTE: The New Shul has a minimum requirement for onegs. Pork, shellfish, ham, bacon, and meat are prohibited.

Abigail Kirsch

WEBSITE: <http://www.abigailkirsch.com/>

COMMENTS: *Affiliated with Chelsea Piers but not exclusively; known for fine cuisine and event management*

SOURCE: *Jennifer Levin*

Above and Beyond Catering and Eventures

WEBSITE: www.aboveandbeyondny.com

PHONE #: 212-234-3178

COMMENTS: *Kosher caterer with excellent food. Owner was very easy to work with, and the food was ample—even non-kosher friends asked about them!*

SOURCE: *Susan Levy*

Barnard Bar Tending

WEBSITE: www.barnardbartending.com

PHONE: (212) 854-4650

COMMENTS: *We used them for additional help with serving and cleanup. They were great; very helpful, very responsible, skilled and knowledgeable about everything we were not. And it's a great way to help out some local college students. We also used them at the kids' party and they were invaluable. They decorated the place and took care of every crumb of clean-up. They were also delightful young women.*

SOURCE: *Wendy Grabel and Barry Bellovin*

Brooklyn Bagels and Coffee

WEBSITE: <http://www.brooklynbagelandcoffeecompany.com>

PHONE #: 718-775-4094 (Catering number)

COMMENTS: *Ask for Peter--he was great to work with and incredibly gracious and helpful to our guests. Prices were quite reasonable for a "bagels and lox" place. Works often with The New Shul.*

SOURCE: *Samantha Harmon, Annie Yanovsky*

The Catered Word

WEBSITE: www.thecateredword.com

PHONE #: 718-720-5170

COMMENTS: *Everything from coffee in urns to huge challahs on platters; crew will make menu selections, set up space, arrange food, and provide servers*

SOURCE: Pam Levine

City Bakery

WEBSITE: www.thecitybakery.com

PHONE #: 212-366-1414

COMMENTS: *Brunch platters and baked goods; homemade fudge*

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder

The Cleaver Company

WEBSITE: www.cleaverco.com

PHONE #: 212 741-9174

COMMENTS: *Very accommodating – great with changing over the room. Also owns Green Table in Chelsea Market—amazing food.*

SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin

Izzy and Nats

PHONE #: 212-619-5022

WEBSITE: www.izzyandnats.com

Jude Sheehan

PHONE #: 917-204-3512

EMAIL: jsheehan@gcschool.org

COMMENTS: *Brunch platters available at all price levels. Brings challah, table cloths, and all paper goods. Surprisingly the egg salad sandwiches were a big hit.*

SOURCE: Susan Berger, Beth Weiner

Lisa Teiger/Creative CuisinEtc

More than just great food...

PHONE #: 646-932-3496

WEBSITE: www.cuisinEtc-catering.blogspot.com and
www.cuisinEtc-weddings.blogspot.com

COMMENT: *Deliciously caters New Shul events often. Food is superb!*

SOURCE: *Amy Eichenwald Golding*

Moishe's Homemade Kosher Bakery

PHONE #: 212-475-9624 (E. Houston); 212-505-8555 (2nd Ave.)

COMMENTS: *Challah, hamantashen*

SOURCE: *Valerie Broad & Helen Greenberg*

Mama Bakes

WEBSITE: www.mamabakes.com

COMMENTS: *Personalized Challahs*

SOURCE: *Anne Davidson*

Murray's Bagels

WEBSITE: www.murraysbagels.com

PHONE: (212) 462-2830

COMMENTS: *Excellent quality bagels and appetizer platters. Sadly, the fruit platter was inedible. They were very pleasant to deal with, and arrived right on time, and did set-up.*

SOURCE: *Wendy Grabel and Barry Bellovin*

Once Upon a Tart

WEBSITE: www.onceuponatart.com

PHONE #: 212-387-8869

COMMENTS: *Brunch platters and baked goods*

SOURCE: *Valerie Broad, Jill Rubin*

Ready to Eat

WEBSITE: www.readytoeat.net

PHONE #: 212-229-1013

COMMENTS: *Good local purveyor offers wide assortment. Great platters.*

SOURCE: *Amy Eichenwald Golding*

Russ & Daughters

WEBSITE: www.russanddaughters.com

PHONE #: 212-475-4880

COMMENTS: *Famous for lox and smoked fish; will deliver*

SOURCE: *Valerie Broad*

Simply Divine

WEBSITE: www.simplydivine.com

PHONE #: 212-541-7300

Judy Marlow

COMMENTS: *Judy was great to work with and is a whiz at transforming a room. She'll listen to your ideas and then run with it. She has the ability to do floral arrangements also.*

SOURCE: *Robyn Dietz*

The Upper Crust

PHONE #: 212-691-4570

WEBSITE: www.tucnyc.com

COMMENTS: *Caters and designs parties with elegance and flair; also has a space of its own for small affairs*

SOURCE: *Sheryl Eisenberg*

TuLu's Bakery

PHONE #: 212-777-2227

COMMENTS: *Gluten Free and Vegan options*

SOURCE: *Helen Greenberg*

CAKES

CBK Cookies

337 E81st St #1

PHONE #: 212-794-3383

WEBSITE: www.cbkcookies.com

SOURCE: *Anne Davidson*

Cupcake Cafe

WEBSITE: www.cupcakecafe-nyc.com

PHONE #: 212-465-1530

COMMENTS: *Elaborately decorated cakes; no delivery*

SOURCE: Valerie Broad

Food Emporium- Tribeca

316 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10013

PHONE #: 212-766-4598

SOURCE: Dana Wynn

Magnolia Bakery

WEBSITE: www.magnoliabakery.com

PHONE #: 212-462-2572

COMMENTS: *Famous for cupcakes, cakes with buttercream icing*

SOURCE: Andrea Osnow

CMNY Cakes

WEBSITE: <http://cmnycakes.com/>

PHONE #: 516-513-0010

COMMENTS: *This is the "Ace of Cakes" kind of cake maker. Delicious and so striking we used the cake as the room center piece! On L.I. but they deliver the cake. Because we didn't need flowers we had it customized and some might find it expensive but was definitely worth it to us.*

SOURCE: Lois Davis

Chocolate Fountain Fantasies

WEBSITE: www.chocolatefountainfantasies.com/The

COMMENTS: *Good prices and customer service; sent amazing staff/server*

SOURCE: Samantha Harmon

ENTERTAINMENT

Allen Entertainment

PHONE #: 732-536-5191 or 800-339-8738

WEBSITE: <http://www.stanallenmusic.com/>

COMMENTS: *Full service music and entertainment company; can be "as glitzy or as simple as you want"*

SOURCE: Andrea Osnow, Jill Rubin

Bizbash.com

PHONE #: 646-638-3600 (NY)

WEBSITE: www.bizbash.com

COMMENTS: Party planners with caterers, locations, music, entertainers, etc.

SOURCE: Natalie Cohen

Bottle Dancers!

PHONE #: 800-716-0556

WEBSITE: <http://bottledancers.com/>

COMMENTS: From Pasternak Productions- bottle dancers like from Fiddler on the Roof—a huge crowd pleaser

SOURCE: Susan Levy

Creative Entertainment Associates

PHONE #: 908-222-8900

WEBSITE: <http://www.ceaevents.com/>

COMMENTS: Full service music & entertainment company; can do photography, video

SOURCE: Wendy Miller

Dancing DJ's

PHONE #: 1-800-669-3123

WEBSITE: <http://www.dancingdjs.com/>

SOURCE: Jennifer Levin

Geo Events

PHONE #: 212-572-8323

WEBSITE: www.geoevents.com

Giovanni Cassas

SOURCE: Dana Wynn & Robyn Dietz

Eric Silvey Entertainment

PHONE #: 212-486-9517

Email: silveyent@earthlink.net - www.ericssilveyentertainment.com

COMMENTS: *We had a DJ and 2 dancers. We had Eric instead of an Emcee, because we didn't want anyone, but us, telling our guests what to do, or where to go (at least when we were in the room). He worked as a party planner and liaison with the restaurant. We also had a magician and a trivia guy, which he arranged.*

SOURCE: *Beth Weiner*

Everton Green

PHONE #: *718-835-2692*

COMMENTS: *DJ who works with his brother; low-key, no dancers, but hip to the music kids like*

SOURCE: *Sheryl Eisenberg*

Expressway Music Inc.

PHONE #: *212-953-9367*

WEBSITE: *<http://www.expresswaymusic.com/>*

COMMENTS: *DJ, karaoke, video and photography*

SOURCE: *Karen Shasha*

Lloyd & Eric Lerner

PHONE #: *718-494-2619*

COMMENTS: *Lloyd singing and playing keyboard, Eric does Magic*

SOURCE: *Helen Greenberg*

Karl

PHONE #: *918-704-3150*

COMMENTS: *Sing Along Show Tunes*

SOURCE: *Helen Greenberg*

Mari O'Connor – Party planner

PHONE #: *347-280-9366*

EMAIL: *Mario@nyc.rr.com*

COMMENTS: *she is organized, supportive, creative and tireless. She's also budget sensitive and saves money because she knows the ropes and negotiate with vendors.*

SOURCE: *Simone Kaplan*

Mikey Mike

PHONE #: 516-437-5437

EMAIL: mikeymike@jaydee.com

COMMENTS: DJ

SOURCE: Valerie Broad

MME Entertainment

PHONE #: 212-971-5353 or 516-679-5353 (Long Island)

EMAIL: jtardi@mmeentertainment.com

WEBSITE: www.mmeentertainment.com

COMMENTS: DJ; MC's; dancers; full package; great music selections

SOURCE: Samantha Jacob

On the Move:

PHONE: 212-229-1009

EMAIL: info@onthemove.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.onthemove.com/>

SOURCE: Alison Gerson

Party Up Productions

PHONE: 631-988-9579

WEBSITE: <http://partyupproductions.com/>

COMMENTS: Was very willing to work with us. At the party they showed up with an extra dancer which was nice for the kids (no cost to me). I bought all my own giveaways but they were very willing to put it all together and they organized the distribution nicely. Contact- Danny Walsh

SOURCE: Lois Davis

Sax & Sound Entertainment

PHONE #: 516-594-4015 or 800-581-1983

COMMENTS: Full music package, live & recorded; also party planning & video

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer

SPN Music and Entertainment

WEBSITE: www.spnmusic.com

PHONE #: 516-767-3919 (Norman Spizz)

COMMENTS: *All styles of music and entertainment*

SOURCE: *Natalie Cohen*

Steven Scott Orchestras

PHONE #: *516-682-0080 or (212) 967- 800*

WEBSITE: *http://www.stevenscott.com/*

COMMENTS: *All kinds of music, live and recorded; interactive entertainment; DJ/MC/party motivators; video*

SOURCE: *Stacie Sinder*

Summit Soundz

WEBSITE: *http://www.summitsoundz.com/*

COMMENTS: *Recommend! Speak to Mike Fusco—good understanding of the middle school crowd and its needs and concerns, very personable. Also DJ-ed The New Shul B'Mitzvah.*

SOURCE: *Samantha Harmon, Amy Eichenwald Golding*

Total Entertainment

PHONE #: *212-684-0060*

WEBSITE: *www.totalentertainment.com*

COMMENTS: *Very professional and great with kids.*

SOURCE: *Elizabeth Beskin*

Travesties Entertainment

PHONE #: *212-695-1114*

WEBSITE: *http://www.travestiesent.com/*

COMMENTS: *Emcees, DJ's, dancers, live music, interactive entertainment; all styles from Big Band '40s thru contemporary; video*

Jones Street Station

PHONE #: *646-515-7882*

WEBSITE: *www.jonesstreetstation.net*

COMMENTS: *Live local band.*

SOURCE: *Amy Eichenwald Golding*

Dylan McDougle

PHONE #: 646-770-2721

WEBSITE: www.djfreshdirect.com

COMMENTS: Graduate of our B'nai Mitzvah program, this DJ can bring a party to life!

SOURCE: Amy Eichenwald Golding

FLORISTS

Ariston Florist

WEBSITE: www.aristonflorist.com

PHONE #: 800-422-2747 or 212-929-4226

COMMENTS: Full service florist

SOURCE: Barbara Charlton and Karen Shasha

Botanica

WEBSITE: <http://www.botanicainc.com/>

PHONE: 212-563-9013

COMMENTS: The most personal, down to earth, creative MENSCHES!!! Ask for Bob or Les.

SOURCE: Annie Yanovsky

Camille Joseph

PHONE #: 212-675-6266

COMMENTS: Private florist and designer of botanical arrangements

SOURCE: Pam Levine

Elan Flowers

WEBSITE: www.elanflowers.com

PHONE #: 212-240-9033

COMMENTS: Full-service florist

SOURCE: Jennifer Levin

Diana Gould

WEBSITE: www.dianagouldltd.com

PHONE #: 914-347-7134 or 212-629-6993

COMMENTS: Tasteful and Elegant

SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin

Flowers by Special Arrangement

WEBSITE: www.flowersbyspecialarrangement.com/

PHONE #: (212) 595-0200

SOURCE: Amy Eichenwald Golding

Magnolia

PHONE #: 212-243-7302

WEBSITE: <http://www.magnolia-nyc.com/>

COMMENTS: Fresh flowers in "simple abundance"

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder

Mel Furukawa

WEBSITE: <http://melfurukawa.com>

PHONE #: 212-349-3225

COMMENTS: Floral designer

SOURCE: Valerie Broad

Starbright Floral Design

PHONE #: 800-520-8999

WEBSITE: www.starflor.com

COMMENTS: Great, reliable, and affordable. Located near the shul and used at The New Shul's B'Mitzvah.

SOURCE: Amie Gross, Elisa Cohen

True Blooms

PHONE #: 516-921-0197

WEBSITE: <http://www.trueblooms.net>

COMMENTS: Pretty baskets of flowers and canned goods which can be donated after party; speak with Irene Woodard

SOURCE: Susan Finley

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

SEE ALSO ENTERTAINMENT

Great Neck Games & Productions, Inc.

PHONE #: 516-747-9191; 1-800-GN-GAMES

EMAIL: <http://www.greatneckgames.com/>

COMMENTS: Event planning and production company; wide array of equipment and games for rent. Worth the shlep to their showroom in Mineola to see their stuff. They rent everything from Foosball to virtual reality games to a Poker table. All games are set up, removed at the end of the party, and come with whatever attendants/dealers are needed.

SOURCE: Stacie Sinde, Wendy Grabel & Barry Bellovin

Minnesota Fats' All Fun and Games

PHONE #: 212-366-6981

COMMENTS: We rented foos ball which was a big hit with the kids.

SOURCE: Amie Gross

Wacky Wax

WEBSITE: www.wackywax.com

PHONE #: 718-968-2166

WEBSITE: wackywax@aol.com

COMMENTS: Wax hand sculpture with props and colors

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer

The Great Lerdini's Magic Show

WEBSITE: www.lerdini.com

PHONE: 718-713-7751

COMMENTS: Fantastic, engaging performer. Worked the floor at The New Shul B'Mitzvah and was super easy to work with.

SOURCE: Amy Eichenwald Golding

Clare Ultimo

PHONE: 212-777-6973

EMAIL: email@clareultimo.com

COMMENTS: Clare does Tarot Card readings and she is a wonderful addition to any party. She is authentic, the real deal and has been working with cards for over 40 years.

Her bubbly and professional personality adds life to any event and she has multitudes of experience with different kinds of events, she arrives on time, and she delivers.

PARTY FAVORS

Give-Aways:

Mini Sports Balls- personalized with a logo, from Staples Promotional Products;
www.staplespromotionalproducts.com

Sweatshirts- Lowertown Printing

Professional and excellent “midwestern” prices; located in MN but ship everywhere and extremely helpful and available.

SOURCE: Samantha Harmon

INVITATIONS

All The Best Invitations

PHONE #: 1-866-992-4033 or 973-993-4033

WEBSITE: <http://www.allthebestinvitations.com/>

COMMENTS: Good discounts which vary for different stationery companies; many selections

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer

Alpine Creative Group

WEBSITE: www.alpinecreativegroup.com

PHONE #: 212-989-4198

COMMENTS: Very Creative and easy to work with

SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin

Blacker and Kooby

WEBSITE: <http://www.blackerandkooby.invitations.com>

PHONE #: 212-369-8308

COMMENTS: Uptown shop with wide selection of invitation books from different companies to browse through

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer

Forever Finances

WEBSITE: www.foreverfinances.com

PHONE #: 877-256-9815

SOURCE: Robert Davidson

Bobby Becker

PHONE #: 516-466-5516 (Great Neck)

COMMENTS: Invitations and party planning

SOURCE: Valerie Broad

Create for Less

WEBSITE: <http://www.createforless.com>

COMMENTS: for making your own invitations, good source for high-quality paper

SOURCE: Samantha Harmon

Gaddis Design

PHONE #: 703-365-9164

COMMENTS: Online design/printing firm; check out online portfolio and work-in-progress; select what you like or help art direct your design

SOURCE: Pam Levine

Invitations Plus

PHONE #: 718-548-3900

ADDRESS: 600 W 246th St Bronx, NY 10471

COMMENTS: half price of the others, ships to home, prefers a check mailed versus credit card. Very nice guy, very funny so makes the ordering process easy.

SOURCE: Carin Barbanel

myevent.com

WEBSITE: <http://www.myevent.com>

COMMENTS: Allows you to create great e-vites and manage everything through a personal website; great for the digitally-minded. Easy and inexpensive but few design options.

SOURCE: Susan Levy

Kate's Paperie

PHONE #: 212-941-9816; 212-633-0570

WEBSITE: <http://www.katespaperie.com/>

COMMENTS: *High-end paper and cards for invitations, save-the-date, seating cards and more*

SOURCE: *Barbara Charlton and Robin Goldberg*

Paper Presentation

PHONE #: *212-463-7035*

WEBSITE: *<http://www.paperpresentation.com>*

COMMENTS: *Carries a variety of paper as well as gift boxes and cards*

SOURCE: *Jennifer Levin*

Park Slope Copy

PHONE #: *718-783-0268 (Brooklyn)*

EMAIL: *mparkslopecopy@aol.com*

COMMENTS: *Custom-design thermography printing; different styles available*

SOURCE: *Nina Yankowitz*

JUDAICA

Center for Jewish History Gift Shop

PHONE #: *212-294-8330*

WEBSITE: *<http://www.yumuseum.org/>*

COMMENTS: *Wide assortment of unique merchandise including tzedaka boxes, kiddish cups, books; ritual pieces done by artists; jewelry*

SOURCE: *Melanie Sylvan*

Economy Handicrafts

WEBSITE: *www.economyhandicrafts.com*

PHONE #: *800-216-1601*

COMMENTS: *Best place to buy candy to throw after the D'var Torah. Sold in bulk. Sunkist individually wrapped candies is the way to go.*

SOURCE: *Deborah Lyons*

J. Lowy

WEBSITE: *www.kipot.com*

PHONE #: *718-338-7324*

COMMENTS: *Great price on yarmulkes.*

SOURCE: Deborah Lyons

JCC Manhattan Gift Shop

PHONE #: 212-496-2987

WEBSITE: <http://www.jccmanhattan.org/>

COMMENTS: Wide assortment of unique merchandise, including a decent selection of tallitot.

SOURCE: Susan Levy

Kippah.com

Personalized Yarmulkes

SOURCE: Robyn Dietz

Merrie Handfinger

PHONE #: 718-469-8285

WEBSITE: <http://www.handfinger.com>

COMMENTS: Specializing in handcrafted talitot, lovingly crafted from precious fibers by an accomplished fiber artistt and craft person. Custom designed to make your dreams come true. Contemporary and Kosher.

SOURCE: Holly Gewandter

Stacy Berkowitz

WEBSITE: www.basketcaseinc.net

PHONE #: 631-979-7293

COMMENTS: Made beautiful tzedakah baskets that were also used as centerpieces for the luncheon.

SOURCE: Holly Gewandter

Weinfeld Skull Cap Manufacturing Co.

WEBSITE: <http://yarmulkes.com>

PHONE #: 718-854-3864

COMMENTS: Large selection of yarmulkes (kippot) in different styles and colors

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer, Andrea Osnow

West Side Judaica

2412 Broadway

PHONE #: 212-362-7846

SOURCE: Robyn Dietz

World ORT Union

WEBSITE: <http://www.bible.ort.org>

COMMENTS: An online bar/bat mitzvah tutor for help with Torah portion; Hebrew as it looks in the Torah and English, passage by passage

SOURCE: Natalie Cohen

Wholesale Liquidators

COMMENTS: If you need to get the candles for the cake try this store on Broadway between Bleecker and Houston. You can get 4 for ~\$1.30. They are 12" long and tapered. (Candles are about \$10 for 6 at Pottery Barn, a little less at Crate & Barrel, and they are not tapered.)

SOURCE: Beth Weiner

Zion Talis

PHONE #: 800-219-9809

WEBSITE: <http://www.ziontalis.com/>

COMMENTS: Nicely-designed website for Judaica: talits, kippot, accessories

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder

MUSIC

Arkady Kofman

PHONE # 718-204-2477

WEBSITE: <http://arkady.com/>

COMMENTS: Eclectic performer and musician who specializes in Jewish jazz for all occasions

SOURCE: Diane Temkin

The Brooklyner Kapelye

PHONE # 206-369-0534

WEBSITE: www.myspace.com/brooklynerkapelye

COMMENTS: Traditional and Klezmer for all occasions.

SOURCE: Ellen Gould

Danny Fox

WEBSITE: www.dannyfoxmusic.com

COMMENTS: *Very low-key jazz trio*

SOURCE: *Robert Davidson*

Chris Cherney

PHONE #: 917-734-2232

EMAIL: chris@blueMmusic.com

COMMENTS: *Classical jazz and popular standards; featuring piano and vocals; reasonably priced and flexible to suit your taste*

SOURCE: *Amie Gross*

David Freydenson

PHONE #: 201-819-3917

WEBSITE: <http://www.freilehs.com/>

COMMENTS: *International music, including Jewish, current top 40 and hits from the past; can provide DJ's, dancers, light shows, and karaoke*

SOURCE: *Amy Eichenwald*

Golem Rocks

WEBSITE: www.golemrocks.com

PHONE #: 212-866-6943 (*Annette Ezekiel*)

COMMENTS: *Very lively Eastern European Jewish music; can also play rock, funk, soul and standards*

SOURCE: *Adam Zucker*

Gregg August

WEBSITE: www.greggaugust.com

EMAIL: gregg@greggaugust.com

COMMENTS: *Bass player; will arrange musical groups for parties: jazz, latin, contemporary*

SOURCE: *Valerie Broad*

Janice Friedman

WEBSITE: www.janicefriedman.com

PHONE #: 212-255-8630

EMAIL: janice@janicefriedman.com

COMMENTS: *World-renowned jazz pianist; can arrange any size group from solo to Big Band*

SOURCE: Sylvia Stein

The Klezical Tradition

WEBSITE: www.klezband.com

PHONE #: 203-374-0607

COMMENTS: *Owner is Adrian Greenbaum, very professional and listened to requests. Can also lead games and traditional dances if you are interested.*

SOURCE: Susan Levy

Hal Prince Music

PHONE #: 212-354-4100

WEBSITE: www.halprince.com

COMMENTS: *Handled the luncheon music. The jazz band was perfect.*

SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin

Jonathan Segal

PHONE #: 212-222-3169

WEBSITE: <http://www.jonathansegal.com/>

COMMENTS: *Keyboard player who specializes in "elegant swinging jazz", songs from the Great American Songbook; singer available*

SOURCE: Valerie Broad and Amy Eichenwald

Metropolitan Klezmer/Isle of Klezbos

WEBSITE: www.metropolitanklezmer.com

EMAIL: sicular@aol.com

PHONE #: 212-475-4544

SOURCE: Holly Gewandter

Yael Strom and Hot Pstromi

WEBSITE: *www.yalestrom.com*

PHONE #: *917-923-7434*

COMMENTS: *Klezmer with Yiddish vocals; can also play swing with vocals; Rom (Gypsy), Arabic, Israeli*

SOURCE: *Stacie Sinder*

Untouchable Events

WEBSITE: *www.untouchableevents.com*

PHONE #: *212-924-6299*

Greg Telleri

SOURCE: *Anne Davidson*

PARKING GARAGES NEAR VCS

Standard Parking

1 Block North. 140 Charles St (btw Greenwich St and Washington St)

Garage Management

2 Blocks North. 166 Perry (btw Washington and West Side Highway)

Perry's Garage Co

2 1/2 Blocks North. 738 Greenwich (btw Perry and 11th St)

Apple W 11th St Garage

3 Blocks North. 332 W 11th St (btw Greenwich St and Washington St)

PHOTOGRAPHY

SEE ALSO ENTERTAINMENT

Aunt Deb Productions

WEBSITE: *http://auntdeb.com*

PHONE #: *212-749-2606*

COMMENTS: *Video editing and post-production. Deb Levy can create a video or montage from any materials that you provide her with.*

SOURCE: *Holly Gewandter*

Deutsch Photography (Brett Deutsch)

PHONE #: 212-810-2148

WEBSITE: www.deutschphoto.com

COMMENT: He did a great job shooting our 10th anniversary gala.

SOURCE: Dan Ain

Doug Beube

PHONE #: 718-834-8432

WEBSITE: <http://www.dougbeube.com/>

COMMENTS: Photojournalist style; records events of day including ceremony; "personable, and very organized"

SOURCE: Andrea Osnow

Sara Merian Photography and Video Company

Sheila – Photographer

PHONE #: 212-633-0502

WEBSITE: www.sarahmerians.com

SOURCE: Anne Davidson

Gabe Kirchheimer

WEBSITE: <http://gabephoto.com>

PHONE #: 212-927-6384

COMMENTS: Inexpensive, good choice. Has done a few events at the shul already so knows layout well.

SOURCE: Deborah Lyons

Marquee Photography Ltd.

PHONE #: 646-486-4555 (NYC); 516-349-9319

WEBSITE: <http://www.marqueephoto.com/>

COMMENTS: Professional event photographers; will capture the day for traditional album

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder

Marty Umans Photography

PHONE #: 212-995-0100

WEBSITE: www.martyumans.com

Michael Scott Studio

PHONE #: 212-679-1144

WEBSITE: www.michaelscottstudios.com

COMMENTS: He has a great eye and captures the moment with clarity and joy.

SOURCE: Simone Kaplan

Phyllis Belkin

PHONE #: 917-558-5601

COMMENTS: Experienced photojournalist and member!

Sarah Merians Photography & Co. Inc.

WEBSITE: www.sarahmerians.com

PHONE #: 212-633-0502

COMMENTS: Artistic and unobtrusive approach; visit loft studio for a free consultation; can also provide video. Awesome! You can also get it for less by just getting a CD of pictures if they have a photographer available in the last minute.

SOURCE: Valerie Broad, Elizabeth Beskin

Scott Deere

PHONE #: 516-569-3444

WEBSITE: <http://www.artphotographers.net/>

COMMENTS: Works with Sax and Sound but also on his own, "kid-friendly"

SOURCE: Ellen Cammer

Shira Agmon

PHONE #: 917-753-1844

WEBSITE: www.shiraagmon.com

COMMENTS: *Hardworking and resourceful photographer; great action and atmosphere shots*

SOURCE: Adam Zucker

Teri Bloom

WEBSITE: www.Terribloom.com

PHONE: 212-475-2274

COMMENTS: *We have used her for 3 bar/bat mitzvahs now! Lovely person, does great work.*

SOURCE: Wendy Grabel & Barry Bellovin

Todd France

PHONE #: 888-260-6306

WEBSITE: <http://www.toddfrancephoto.com/mitzvah>

COMMENTS: *Todd is the most professional and the most fun photographer around. He gets right in the corner of the action to get fabulous candid shots (color and B&W) of the kids, adults, and even grandparents on the dance floor and you don't even know he's there. His shots during the service, while discreet, captivated all the emotions of the day.*

SOURCE: Alison Gerson

TRANSPORTATION

Academy Bus Company

WEBSITE: www.academybus.com

SOURCE: Simone Kaplan

Campus Coach

PHONE #: 212-682-1050

WEBSITE: <http://www.campuscoachlines.com/>

COMMENTS: *Friendly and reliable bus service*

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder, Deborah Lyons

Citywide Transit, Inc. (School Bus)

PHONE #: 718-932-1500

COMMENTS: \$250 one trip (\$375 two trips). Call at least a week in advance, then a few days before. If you have "older people" (Grandmas?) taking the bus, think about bringing a step stool to make it easier for them to get on and off (the bus doesn't kneel)

SOURCE: Beth Weiner

VENUES

Great Places Publishing

PHONE #: 212-505-3286

WEBSITE: www.greatplacesdirectory.com

EMAIL: stephen@greatplacesdirectory.com

COMMENTS: This is not a venue, but a contact for all great venues in the city. Stephen is a member and is on board to help any parents looking for venues.

Ace Party and Tent Rental

PHONE #: 718-445-2600

WEBSITE: <http://www.acepartyrental.com/>

COMMENTS: Tables, chairs, and table settings; "They were the best and cheapest supplier that we found"

SOURCE: Nina Yankowitz

Alger House

PHONE #: 212-627-8838

WEBSITE: <http://www.mansionscatering.com/>

COMMENTS: Beautiful carriage house in West Village with many special features; can seat 105 guests for lunch or dinner; caterer on premises

SOURCE: Barbara Charlton and Karen Shasha

American Park at the Battery

PHONE #: 212-809-5508

COMMENTS: Offers harbor backdrop with Statue of Liberty and great sunsets; on-site banquet staff to assist with party planning

SOURCE: Stacie Sinder

The Angel Orensanz Foundation

PHONE #: 212-529-7194

WEBSITE: <http://www.orensanz.org/>

COMMENTS: Space for rent: former neo-Gothic synagogue built in 1850, measures 7,000 square feet with 60-foot ceilings

SOURCE: Pam Levine

Battery Gardens

PHONE #: 212-809-5508

WEBSITE: www.batterygardens.com

COMMENTS: Wonderful to work with!

SOURCE: Deborah Lyons

Bridgewaters

WEBSITE: www.theglaziergroup.com/restaurants/bridgewaters

PHONE #: 212-608-7400

COMMENTS: It was the perfect party place.

SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin

CASA LA FEMME

PHONE: 212 505 0005

WEBSITE: <http://www.casalafemmeny.com/>

COMMENTS: Right around the corner from VCS. Guests really appreciated that it was so close. Great food (many choices for cocktail hour and luncheon) and Middle Eastern decor (no need for flowers). Party coordinator Sarina Salvo, we found her a little bit a difficult but everything was well done and in the end everything was great. We worked on a guaranteed number of guests with a set cost.

SOURCE: Lois Davis & Helen Greenberg

CIELO

PHONE #: 212-645-5700

WEBSITE: www.cieloclub.com

COMMENTS: Great club in meat packing district. Excellent sound system and lovely outdoor patio. All inclusive from food (nice selection and very delicious) to DJ to dancers if you want it!

SOURCE: Elisa Cohen

City Winery

PHONE: (212) 608-0555

WEBSITE: citywinery.com

COMMENTS: *Wonderful venue used often by The New Shul. Located in SoHo and tons of options in terms of spaces and food.*

Cowgirl Hall of Fame

PHONE #: 212-633-1133

WEBSITE: www.cowgirlnyc.com

COMMENTS: *Great neighborhood place, easy to work with and delicious food.*

Fourteenth Street Y at 1st Avenue Gym

PHONE #: 212-780-0800 (Wendy Bennett)

COMMENTS: *Large empty space; you do everything*

SOURCE: *Diane Temkin*

Grill Room

PHONE #: 212-945-9400 (Liz Caro/General Manager)

EMAIL: grillroom@arkrestaurants.com

COMMENTS: *Great views of Hudson River and New Jersey skyline; buffet or sit-down; located in World Financial Center*

SOURCE: *Pam Levine*

Jack Bistro

PHONE #: 212-620-5544

WEBSITE: www.jackbistroneyc.com

Luxe Lounge at Lucky Strike

624 West 42nd St

646-829-0185

Jodi Reynolds

COMMENTS: *Jodi was very accommodating and a master at doing this. She connected us with other vendors and has lots of good ideas.*

SOURCE: *Robyn Dietz*

Manhattan Penthouse

PHONE #: 212-627-8838

WEBSITE: <http://www.greenmansionscatering.com>

COMMENTS: Beautiful windowed penthouse space; can seat up to 200; includes catering

SOURCE: Diane Temkin

Metronome

PHONE #: 212-505-7400

WEBSITE: <http://www.metronomenyc.com/>

COMMENTS: Club-like ambiance and good food for lunch or dinner; "They have an upstairs lounge area which can become the kids domain entirely"

SOURCE: Susan Finley

Morandi

PHONE #: 212-627-7575

WEBSITE: www.morandiny.com

Onegin

PHONE #: 212-294-8001

WEBSITE: www.oneginnyc.com

COMMENTS: Russian restaurant on 6th ave. Jacob Rivkin, the manager is a consummate professional, made everything look elegant and effortless. Served delicious food and vodka and accommodated guests with food allergies and stringent kashrut requirements with grace and charm.

SOURCE: Simone Kaplan

Seamen's Church Institute

PHONE #: 212-349-9090

WEBSITE: www.seamenschurch.org

EMAIL: sci@seamenschurch.org

COMMENTS: Located in the South Street Seaport; a unique maritime setting with views of NY Harbor and a wrap-around deck

SOURCE: Pam Levine

Slate Club

21st St between 5th and 6th ave

PHONE #: 212-989-0096

SOURCE: Karen Phillips

STREB

PHONE #: 718-384-6491

WEBSITE: <http://www.streb.org>

COMMENTS: "Hip" gymnastics/dance/circus space and company in Williamsburg. Party package includes a DJ, instructors, 3 hours use of the space, and light refreshments.

SOURCE: Susan Levy

Swing 46

PHONE #: 212-262-9554

WEBSITE: <http://www.swing46.com/>

**COMMENTS: All-swing dinner-dance club, all-inclusive: band, dance lesson, food
Toy Building/200 Fifth Club**

PHONE #: 212-675-2802

WEBSITE: <http://www.200fifth.com/>

COMMENTS: Elegant, classic décor with 22-foot ceilings; 3 separate areas seats up to 300

SOURCE: Diane Temkin

Twenty Four Fifth

WEBSITE: www.theglaziergroup.com/restaurants/245th/

PHONE #: 212-505-8000

COMMENTS: Friendly staff; beautiful ballroom w/ steps descending to dance floor; great lighting

SOURCE: Samantha Jacob

Westbeth Community Center

PHONE #: 212-989-4663

COMMENTS: Simple space, good for kids party (up to 40 kids); small kitchen, ping-pong, tables and chairs supplied; provide your own sound system and decorations; minimal fee

SOURCE: Amie Gross, Wendy Grabel & Barry Bellovin

TZEDAKAH

Invitations:

1. Invitations that benefit charities:

- 1 Invites that buy trees: <http://www.jnf.org/site/PageServerpagename=simcha>**
- 2 Invites that support Righteous Gentiles: www.jfr.org**
- 3 Invites that support people with special needs and autism: www.keshet.org**

2. Go green

- **Do invites online, but don't forget to collect addresses if you want to send out person handwritten thank you notes.**
- **Collective Copies (Amherst, Massachusetts) print and cut save the date cards or invites on 100 percent tree free card-stock called tortilla (please don't eat them). Collective Copy is a worker-owned collective and the workers are members of UE. <http://www.collectivecopies.com>**

Kippot/Jewish Ritual Items:

1. Kippot crafted by Mayan women. Sales support the remote villages in Guatemala where these women live. Order early, as they are very busy. www.mayaworks.org

2. Buy a Tallit Bag, Support a family. The richly embroidered bags are beautiful works of African art that depicts scenes from the Bible. The bags are made by Ethiopian Jews – each one takes a month to make and the purchase price will support a family for an entire month. Order from the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry)from home page, click on "Embroidery". www.nacoej.org

Party Favors:

- **Candy bars that help rescue Endangered Species - From Endangered Species Chocolate Company. Members have used these as place cards by putting calligraphy labels on them! <http://www.chocolatebar.com/index.asp>**

Center Pieces:

- **In lieu of flowers (or in addition to!), members have made their own table decorations with non-perishable food, books, or baby clothes and then donated**

them to a charity that the B'nai Mitzvah have worked with leading up to the special day.

Miscellaneous:

Gifts That Keep Giving

www.globalgoodspartners.org

Global Goods Partners (GGP) sells handmade, fair trade bags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, home decor, stationery, children's toys, pet products, and holiday items produced by women artisans in Asia, Africa and the Americas. As a not-for-profit, GGP uses proceeds from sales to provide technical assistance and capacity-building grants to artisan partners. By increasing income for communities and raising global awareness, GGP supports sustainable development in the areas of economic empowerment, education, health and women's rights.

Volunteer:

1. www.familycares.org and www.kidscare.org are two great organizations that will help you find satisfying volunteer opportunities

Charities at your party: Find your own here: <http://www.justgive.org> or use the recommended listed below.

Goods 4 Good: www.goods4good.org

Songs of Love: www.songslove.org

Pal-O-Mine Equestrian: www.pal-o-mine.org

Project Ezra: www.projectezra.org

The Dorot Foundation: www.dorot.org

Yad Sarah: www.yadsarah.org

Shalva: www.shalva.org

Delta Society: www.deltasociety.org

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger: www.mazon.org

Myriam's Dream: www.myriamsdream.org

North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry: www.nacoej.org

Interns for Peace: www.mpdn.org/interns.htm

JACS: www.jacsweb.org

Jewish Braille Institute of America: www.jewishbraille.org

Jewish National Fund: www.jnf.org

New Israel Fund: www.nif.org

United Jewish Appeal of New York: www.ujafedny.org