

THE NEW SHUL

5772 B'nai Mitzvah ★ Party Directory  
2011-2012

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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*

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## **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](http://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

### **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.

**SOURCE:** Samantha Harmon

### **The Catered Word**

**WEBSITE:** [www.thecateredword.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.cleaverco.com)

**PHONE #:** 212 741-9174

**COMMENTS:** Very accommodating – great with changing over the room.

**SOURCE:** Elizabeth Beskin

### **Izzy and Nats**

**PHONE #:** 212-619-5022

**WEBSITE:** [www.izzyandnats.com](http://www.izzyandnats.com)

### **Jude Sheehan**

**PHONE #:** 917-204-3512

**EMAIL:** [jsheehan@gcschool.org](mailto: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](http://www.cuisinEtc-catering.blogspot.com) and [www.cuisinEtc-weddings.blogspot.com](http://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

### **Once Upon a Tart**

**WEBSITE:** [www.onceuponatart.com](http://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](http://www.readytoeat.net)

**PHONE #:** 212-229-1013

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

### **Russ & Daughters**

**WEBSITE:** [www.russanddaughters.com](http://www.russanddaughters.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-475-4880

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

**SOURCE:** Valerie Broad

### **Tentation**

**PHONE #:** 212-564-7530

**COMMENTS:** Our caterer was wonderful – Ilene Rubin was the woman we worked with from Tentation.

**SOURCE:** Holly Gewandter

### **The Upper Crust**

**PHONE #:** 212-691-4570 [www.tucnyc.com](http://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

## **CAKES**

### **Cupcake Cafe**

**WEBSITE:** [www.cupcakecafe-nyc.com](http://www.cupcakecafe-nyc.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-465-1530

**COMMENTS:** Elaborately decorated cakes; no delivery

**SOURCE:** Valerie Broad

### **Magnolia Bakery**

**WEBSITE:** [www.magnoliabakery.com](http://www.magnoliabakery.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-462-2572

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

**SOURCE:** Andrea Osnow

### **Chocolate Fountain Fantasies**

**WEBSITE:** [www.chocolatefountainfantasies.com/The](http://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](http://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.caevents.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**

**Eric Silvey Entertainment**

**PHONE #: 212-486-9517**

**Email: [silveyent@earthlink.net](mailto:silveyent@earthlink.net)**

**WEBSITE: [www.ericssilveyentertainment.com](http://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**

**Mikey Mike**

**PHONE #: 516-437-5437**

**EMAIL: [mikeymike@jaydee.com](mailto:mikeymike@jaydee.com)**

**COMMENTS: DJ**

**SOURCE: Valerie Broad**

**MME Entertainment**

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

**EMAIL: [jtardi@mmeentertainment.com](mailto:jtardi@mmeentertainment.com)**

**WEBSITE: [www.mmeentertainment.com](http://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](mailto:info@onthemove.com)**

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

**COMMENTS:**

**SOURCE: Alison Gerson**

**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](http://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 asking for Mike Fusco—good understanding of the middle school crowd and its needs and concerns, very personable**

**SOURCE: Samantha Harmon**

### **Total Entertainment**

**PHONE #: 212-684-0060**

**WEBSITE: [www.totalentertainment.com](http://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**

**SOURCE: Stacie Sinder**

### **Jones Street Station**

**PHONE #: 646-515-7882**

**WEBSITE: [www.jonesstreetstation.net](http://www.jonesstreetstation.net)**

**COMMENTS: Live local band.**

**SOURCE: Amy Eichenwald Golding**

**Dylan McDougle**

**PHONE #:** 646-770-2721

**WEBSITE:** [www.djfreshdirect.com](http://www.djfreshdirect.com)

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

**SOURCE:** Amy Eichenwald Golding

**FLORISTS**

**Flowers By Special Arrangement**

**WEBSITE:** [www.flowersbyspecialarrangement.com/](http://www.flowersbyspecialarrangement.com/)

**PHONE #:** (212) 595-0200 or (212) 721-1311

**COMMENTS:** From the folks who bring us the beautiful High Holy Day arrangements

**SOURCE:** Amy Eichenwald Golding

**Ariston Florist**

**WEBSITE:** [www.aristonflorist.com](http://www.aristonflorist.com)

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

**COMMENTS:** Full service florist

**SOURCE:** Barbara Charlton and Karen Shasha

**Camille Joseph**

**PHONE #:** 212-675-6266

**COMMENTS:** Private florist and designer of botanical arrangements

**SOURCE:** Pam Levine

**Elan Flowers**

**WEBSITE:** [www.elanflowers.com](http://www.elanflowers.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-240-9033

**COMMENTS:** Full-service florist

**SOURCE:** Jennifer Levin

**Diana Gould**

**WEBSITE:** [www.dianagouldltd.com](http://www.dianagouldltd.com)

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

**COMMENTS:** Tasteful and Elegant

**SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin**

### **Flowers by Special Arrangements**

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

**PHONE #:** 212-595-0200

**COMMENTS:** Gorgeous florist and is doing many New Shul events this year. Plays off of event space.

**SOURCE:** Eden Miller and 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](http://www.starflor.com)

**COMMENTS:** Great, reliable, and affordable. Located near the shul.

**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**

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### **Great Neck Games & Productions, Inc.**

**PHONE #:** 516-747-9191

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

**COMMENTS:** Event planning and production company; wide array of equipment and games for rent

**SOURCE:** Stacie Sinder

### **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

### **Ryan Oakes**

**WEBSITE:** [www.ryanoakes.com](http://www.ryanoakes.com)

**CONTACT:** 212.699.0700

**EMAIL:** [info@ryanoakes.com](mailto:info@ryanoakes.com)

**COMMENTS:** "Close-up" magician; works the room performing slight-of-hand tricks up close to small groups

**SOURCE:** Ellen Cammer

### **Sam Norkin**

**WEBSITE:** [www.samnorkin.org](http://www.samnorkin.org)

**EMAIL:** [sam.norkin@belnord.org](mailto:sam.norkin@belnord.org)

**PHONE #:** 212-873-1695

**COMMENTS:** Renowned caricaturist for the performing arts

**SOURCE:** Valerie Broad

### **Wacky Wax**

**WEBSITE:** [www.wackywax.com](http://www.wackywax.com)

**PHONE #:** 718-968-2166

**WEBSITE:** [wackywax@aol.com](mailto:wackywax@aol.com)

**COMMENTS: Wax hand sculpture with props and colors**

**SOURCE: Ellen Cammer**

### **Clare Ultimo**

**PHONE: 212-777-6973**

**EMAIL:**[email@clareultimo.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

**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

**myevent.com**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.mvevent.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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.iccmanhattan.org/>

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

**SOURCE:** Susan Levy

### **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](http://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 (kipot) in different styles and colors

**SOURCE:** Ellen Cammer, Andrea Osnow

### **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 Brooklyn Kapelye**

**PHONE #** 206-369-0534

**WEBSITE:** [www.myspace.com/brooklynkapelye](http://www.myspace.com/brooklynkapelye)

**COMMENTS:** Traditional and Klezmer for all occasions.

**SOURCE:** Ellen Gould

### **Chris Cherney**

**PHONE #:** 917-734-2232

**EMAIL:** [chris@blueMmusic.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.greggaugust.com)

**EMAIL:** [gregg@greggaugust.com](mailto:gregg@greggaugust.com)

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

**SOURCE:** Valerie Broad

**Janice Friedman**

**WEBSITE:** [www.janicefriedman.com](http://www.janicefriedman.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-255-8630

**EMAIL:** [janice@janicefriedman.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 Klezmner/Isle of Klezbos**

**WEBSITE:** [www.metropolitanklezmer.com](http://www.metropolitanklezmer.com)

**EMAIL:** [sicular@aol.com](mailto:sicular@aol.com)

**PHONE #:** 212-475-4544

**SOURCE:** Holly Gewandter

### **Yael Strom and Hot Pstromi**

**WEBSITE:** [www.yalestrom.com](http://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

## **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**

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### **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](http://www.deutschphoto.com)**

**COMMENT: He did a great job shooting our 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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](http://www.martyumans.com)**

**Phyllis Belkin**

**PHONE #: 917-558-5601**

**COMMENTS: Experienced photojournalist and member!**

**Sarah Merians Photography & Co. Inc.**

**WEBSITE: [www.sarahmerians.com](http://www.sarahmerians.com)**

**PHONE #: 212-633-0502**

**COMMENTS: Artistic and unobtrusive approach; visit loft studio for a free consultation; can also provide video. Awesome!**

**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](http://www.shiraagmon.com)

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

**SOURCE:** Adam Zucker

### **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**

### **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](http://www.greatplacesdirectory.com)**

**EMAIL: [stephen@greatplacesdirectory.com](mailto: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**

### **America Restaurant c/o Ark Catering**

**PHONE #: 212-206-8815**

**COMMENTS: Union Square restaurant with large room for party; traditional American cuisine**

**SOURCE: Valerie Broad**

**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](http://www.batterygardens.com)**

**COMMENTS: Wonderful to work with!**

**SOURCE: Deborah Lyons**

**Bridgewaters**

**WEBSITE: [www.theglaziergroup.com/restaurants/bridgewaters](http://www.theglaziergroup.com/restaurants/bridgewaters)**

**PHONE #: 212-608-7400**

**COMMENTS: It was the perfect party place.**

**SOURCE: Elizabeth Beskin**

**CIELO**

**PHONE #: 212-645-5700**

**WEBSITE: [www.cieloclub.com](http://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**

**Cowgirl Hall of Fame**

**PHONE #: 212-633-1133**

**WEBSITE: [www.cowgirlnyc.com](http://www.cowgirlnyc.com)**

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

### **Fourteenth Street Y at 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.jackbistronyc.com](http://www.jackbistronyc.com)

### **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](http://www.morandiny.com)

### **Seamen's Church Institute**

**PHONE #:** 212-349-9090

**WEBSITE:** [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org)

**EMAIL:** [sci@seamenschurch.org](mailto: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

## **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

**SOURCE:** Andrea Osnow

## **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/](http://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

## **Village Restaurant**

**PHONE #:** 212-505-3355

**COMMENTS:** Greenwich Village restaurant serving American and French cuisine; separate space for kids upstairs; "relaxed setting for celebration, incredible food"

**SOURCE: Robin Goldberg**

**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**

## **TZEDAKAH**

### **Invitations:**

#### **1. Invitations that benefit charities:**

**Invites that buy trees:** <http://www.jnf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=simcha>

**Invites that support Righteous Gentiles:** [www.jfr.org](http://www.jfr.org)

**Invites that support autistic and special needs people:** [www.keshet.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.familycares.org) and [www.kidscare.org](http://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](http://www.goods4good.org)**

**Songs of Love: [www.songsoflove.org](http://www.songsoflove.org)**

**Pal-O-Mine Equestrian: [www.pal-o-mine.org](http://www.pal-o-mine.org)**

**Project Ezra: [www.projectezra.org](http://www.projectezra.org)**

**The Dorot Foundation: [www.dorot.org](http://www.dorot.org)**

**Yad Sarah: [www.yadsarah.org](http://www.yadsarah.org)**

**Shalva: [www.shalva.org](http://www.shalva.org)**

**Delta Society: [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)**

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger: [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org)**

**Myriam's Dream: [www.myriamsdream.org](http://www.myriamsdream.org)**

**North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry: [www.nacoej.org](http://www.nacoej.org)**

**Interns for Peace: [www.mpdn.org/interns.htm](http://www.mpdn.org/interns.htm)**

**JACS: [www.jacsweb.org](http://www.jacsweb.org)**

**Jewish Braille Institute of America: [www.jewishbraille.org](http://www.jewishbraille.org)**

**Jewish National Fund: [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org)**

**New Israel Fund: [www.nif.org](http://www.nif.org)**

**United Jewish Appeal of New York: [www.ujafedny.org](http://www.ujafedny.org)**