

## **TEMPLE JUDEA CELEBRATES YOM HATZMAOUT**

On Wednesday night April 25th the halls of Temple Judea of Manhasset resonated with the sounds of children singing, laughing and dancing. Families feasted on falafel with salad, hummos and tahina in warm folds of pita bread. The temple ballroom and cocktail area were decorated in the colors of the Israeli flag with balloons, posters and banners. Everyone was celebrating Israel Independence day and its 59th birthday.

This amazing event, under the leadership of Ellen Gastwirth, Education Director, was the culmination of many months of programming to bring Israel into the Religious School.

The students worked for weeks on art projects that were exhibited at the event along with other decorations. They sang Israeli songs taught to them in the school's music program.

In addition to the students' performances, the audience was entertained by the Adult Volunteer Choir and by the Adult Hebrew class, who took tremendous pride in singing the songs that they had learned in class.

Temple Judea is very proud of this exceptional night. It was a tribute to Israel, the Religious School program, as well as an incentive to so many families to come together and celebrate events as a community. We look forward to many more exciting activities such as these and hope to see all of our friends and neighbors joining us.

Temple Judea of Manhasset, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is located at 333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call 621-8049 for further information and visit the website at [www.temple-judea.com](http://www.temple-judea.com).