

## **TEMPLE JUDEA MEMBERS MAKE SPECIAL JOURNEY TO POLAND**

On Sunday, April 19, Temple Judea of Manhasset's Greatest Generation group presented a program featuring a very special trip to Poland by six adult students of the temple.

The group began by studying Polish history as well as Polish Jewish history for several weeks before their departure. Ellen Gastwirth, their weekly teacher and Educational Director of Temple Judea and Irving Roth, Director of the Holocaust Research Center at the temple, led the journey of the five students: Bea Gerstein, Larissa Guarrera, Lynn Levine, Lois Newman and Rhoda Horowitz. Jerry Bloom, a friend of Mr. Roth's joined the group.



Some of the sites they visited were Krakow, Kazimierz, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the ghettos, forests, Warsaw, Tykochin (on the road to Bialystock), the Jewish cemetery of Warsaw, Treblinka, Majdanek and Beit Warsaw, the Progressive synagogue of Warsaw.

Each participant spoke to the audience of over 50 people, explaining his or her feelings about the places that were most meaningful, as well as what prompted them to make the trip, what they expected, what they found and how the trip transformed their lives.

Irving Roth concluded the presentation with a short talk followed by questions and answers from the audience. Photograph albums and brochures were displayed for everyone to view.

Refreshments included authentic Polish potato and onion pierogi, borsht and sour cream and babka for dessert.

Greatest Generation's next program, the Rebuilding of the 1887 Eldridge Street Synagogue on the Lower East Side, will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4 p.m. Open to the public, the fee is \$5. Please R.S.V.P. to the temple office 621-8049.

While the Greatest Generation is a committee designed to address the needs of Temple Judea congregants who are generally 60 years old plus, the programs  
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are open to the public. They have included a genealogy event, film presentations and discussions, barbeques and special Shabbat Services. For more information on upcoming events, please contact Temple Judea directly.

Temple Judea of Manhasset was established in 1955 and has over 500 member families. One of the few temples that is completely handicapped accessible, Temple Judea is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. It is located at 333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call (516) 621-8049 for further information and visit its website at **[temple-judea.com](http://temple-judea.com)**.

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