

★ Temple Israel of Great Neck  
2026 Gala Dinner Dance

★ AN ★  
ENCHANTED  
★ EVENING ★



honoring the past and present members of  
*Temple Israel Players*  
and their legacy of engaging our congregation



## The Story of Temple Israel Players, our Honoree

*Once upon a time*, a little over 50 years ago, a musical theatre group was born at Temple Israel of Great Neck.

Over those 50 years, congregants performed *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Pajama Game*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *South Pacific*, *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story* and many other shows. More recently, The Players performed *Into the Woods*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *The Addams Family*.

It is unusual to have a musical theatre group at a synagogue that is cast and produced solely by members of the synagogue. It is also unusual to have an affinity group at a synagogue that has generations of members — from ages 8 to 88 plus — that includes parents, grandparents, children, spouses, and partners.

For many cast members, Temple Israel Players provided their first opportunity to be on stage. For some, it is a return to something they enjoyed in high school or college.

Most of all, Temple Israel Players is a collaborative, multigenerational group, always welcoming new members and offering, for many, an entry into synagogue involvement.

Temple Israel of Great Neck is grateful to the visionaries who started this musical theatre group over 50 years ago as well as to all of the cast members, backstage crews, producers, and audience members who kept Temple Israel Players going all of these years. Every year when people show up to audition, to work backstage, and to buy tickets for the performances, they show an appreciation for Temple Israel Players and what The Players create each year.

Please join us at this special Gala... what promises to be *an enchanted evening*.

*Join Temple Israel of Great Neck for*

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

*Six o'clock in the evening*



TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK

*Grand Ballroom*

COCKTAILS • DINNER • DANCING • CELEBRATION

*Kindly RSVP and place journal ads by May 29:*

[TIGN.ORG/GALA2026](https://www.tign.org/gala2026)

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\$200 PER PERSON (\$126 FOR THOSE UNDER 35)

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

# Gala Dinner Dance Committee

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