An Adaptation

Annie

World Premiere
July 8th, 2020
7:00 pm
Brotherhood Synagogue Virtual Theater
Your Living Room
It’s difficult to find the right words to thank Barbara Simon for all she has done to truly make the phrase “the play’s the thing” a reality and an integral part of our Hebrew School and Synagogue.

Her love of theater and caring for each and every student and zeal for creating a sense of community and Kehilah and dedication to Jewish education, have helped to make each Hebrew School musical these past fourteen years something each participant will take with them in years to come.

So to you Barbara, thank you! thank you! thank you!
Director/Choreographer
Maia Karo

Music Director
Daniel Meron

Costume Design
Alice  Roi

Props & Scene Design
Rachel Levine
Daniel Gabay
Felix Goldey
Eli Trinell
Nina Trinell
Leah Huppert

Video & Editing
Maia Karo
Daniel Meron

Stage Managers
Felix Goldey
Sara Rothman

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Leah Huppert
Eli Trinell

Playbill & Graphics
Manda Hegardt

Producers
Brotherhood Synagogue
Barbara Simon
Judith Shapiro

Cast list

Zoey Abramson................................................................. Duffy & Perkins
Adam Fine................................................................. Homeless Person 1, Timothy & FDR
Isabel Fine................................................................. Orphan, Annie #3
Benjamin Gabay................................................ Mr. Greer, Lt. Ward & Orphan Julian
Charlie Greenholtz ...................................................... Rooster
Beatrice Huppert ............................................................ Miss Hannigan
SamiRose Katz .............................................................. Annie #1, Boylan Sister
Elio Koen ................................................................. Daddy Warbucks
Sivan Koen .............................................................. Grace Farrell #2, Act 3
Brandon Laighold ........................................................ Sandy, Harold Ickes
Molly Laighold ........................................................... Orphan Molly
Marley Matorin ............................................................. Lily
Beatrice Neuman ...................................................... Boylan Sister, Annie #2
Gabe Nova ................................................. Mr. Pugh, Henry Morgenthau, Homeless Person #2
Aliza Orlow ............................................................... Orphan Tessie
Jesse Orlow ................................................................. Daddy Warbucks #2
Harlan Paroff ...................................................... Grace Farrell, Act 1 & 2, Boylan Sister, House Staff
Jacob Perelman ........................................................ Bundles, Drake
Isabella Press .............................................................. Pepper, Kate, Homeless Person #3
Phil Rothman ............................................................... Bert Healey
The Cast

Felix Goldey, Eli Trinnel, Leah Huppert

The Tech Crew

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Musical Numbers

**Maybe** ........................................... All Annies, Orphans & Hannigan

**Hard-Knock Life** ........................................... All Annies, Orphans

**Tomorrow** ........................................... Annie, Sandy

**Little Girls** ........................................... Hannigan & Orphans

**I Think I’m Gonna Like It Here** ................. House Staff, Annie & Grace

**NYC** ........................................... Annie, Warbucks, Grace & Ensemble

**Maybe Reprise** ........................................... Annie, Warbucks & Grace

**Easy Street** ........................................... Hannigan, Rooster & Lily

**Won’t Be an Orphan** ........................................... Annie & Lily

**Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile** ........ Annie, Warbucks & Grace

**Don’t Need Anything** ................. Hannigan, Rooster, Lily, Drake, FDR & Eleanor

**Finale** ........................................... Annie, Warbucks, Grace, Orphans, House Staff,
FDR, Eleanor, Sandy & Ensemble
Zoey Abramson (Duffy, Perkins) Zoey is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at P.S. 40. She hasn’t worked on a real play before. When asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “I really like getting to express my energy out, and it’s really fun to dance, sing and perform our songs.”

Adam Fine (Homeless Person 1, Timothy and F.D.R.) Adam is in the 3rd grade at P.S. 40. Adam has worked on Fiddler on the Roof, The Sound of Music, Bye Bye Birdie and camp shows. When asked about what he liked about being in the play he said, “I like working together to make the play come to life.”

Isabel Fine (Annie #3) Isabel is in the 6th grade at the Clinton School. She has worked on Annie, The Wizard of Oz, Grease, Fiddler on the Roof, Bye Bye Birdie and The Sound of Music. When asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “I like working with other people on the songs and scenes and the singing and dancing.”

Benjamin Gabay (Mr. Greer, Officer Ward, Julian) Ben is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at P.S. 40. Ben has been on the back stage crew for the past 2 years in the Sound of Music and Bye Bye Birdie. When asked what he liked about working on the play he responded, “I enjoy working on scenes, learning lines and songs with friends.”

Charlie Greenholtz (Rooster) Charlie is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at P.S. 40. He has worked on the Jungle Book, Sound of Music, and Bye Bye Birdie. When he was asked about what he liked about being in the play he said, “I like being someone else and also be in more lines.”

Felix Goldey (Back stage/Stage crew) Felix is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Success Academy Hudson Yards Middle School. He has worked on Bye Bye Birdie and The Sound of Music. When asked what he liked about the play Felix said, “I like helping with props and backstage.”

Beatrice Huppert (Ms. Hannigan) Beatrice is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at 75 Morton. She has worked on Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Wizard of Oz, Matilda, Bye Bye Birdie, Peter Pan, Beauty and the Beast, Fluffy the Pine, Greatest Showman, and Grease. When asked what she liked about working on the play she said “Being in plays makes me so happy, it’s kind of my thing. I’ve been singing and dancing all my life and that makes me feel so good.”

Leah Huppert (Tech/Stage crew) Leah is 10 years old and in the 4th grade at P.S. 40. Leah has worked on Bye Bye Birdie, The Greatest Showman, and others she forgot. When Leah was asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “I like how you can be yourself, and let your personalities show. It’s also a really fun thing to do, and have your own ideas out.”
Who’s Who in the Cast & Crew

SamiRose Katz (Annie, Boylan Sister)
SamiRose is 11 years old and in the 5th grade at the Church School NYC. Previously, SamiRose has appeared in adapted school productions of Really Rosie, Peter Pan, James and the Giant Peach and The Lion King. When asked what she liked about working on the play, SamiRose said, “It’s amazing to have everybody work together and share the space equally. Getting to sing the songs is a great experience and a dream come true.”

Elio Koen (Daddy Warbucks)
Elio is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at P.S. 40. He has been in Fiddler on the Roof, Grease and The Sound of Music. When Elio was asked what he liked about working on the play, he said “having a good experience on stage and performing.”

Sivan Koen (Grace #2)
Sivan is 14 years old and in the 9th grade at Clinton. She has worked on Fiddler on the Roof and Grease. When she was asked what she liked about working on the play, she said, “I like to get to know the people I am already familiar with and I like having new experiences. I also like to sing and act and participating in the play lets me do that.”

Brandon Laighold (Sandy, Harold Ickes)
Brandon is 9 years old and in the 3rd grade at P.S. 40. He has worked on Broadway Review. When he was asked what he liked about working on a play, he said, “I get to make friends and get to act as someone else and it is fun!”

Molly Laighold (Molly)
Molly is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade at P.S. 40. This is her first play ever. When she was asked what she liked about working on a play she said, “When we are dancing a lot.”

Marley Matorin (Lily)
Marley is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Baruch Middle School 104. Marley previously worked on Fiddler on the Roof, Bye Bye Birdie and The Sound of Music. When she was asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “I like to work with the cast to make the play come alive.”

Beatrice Neuman (Annie 2)
Beatrice is 11 years old and in 5th grade at P.S. 40. She has worked on Bye Bye Birdie, The Sound of Music and High School Musical. When asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “Meeting new people and getting to do the things I love.”

Gabe Nova (Mr. Pugh, Henry Morgenstau, Homeless Person 2)
Gabe is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at P.S. 41. He has been in Bye Bye Birdie, The Sound of Music, and other 2nd and 3rd grade shows at P.S. 41. When he was asked what he liked about working on the play he said, “I like saying my lines by Mr. Pugh ‘And no more mush.’ I like wearing costumes and makeup. And everyone in the play is nice.”

Aliza Orlow (Tessie)
Aliza is 7 years old and in the 1st grade at P.S. 77. This is Aliza’s first play. When she was asked what she liked about working on the play she said, “I like acting all the different emotions in the play because the orphans get to be sad, angry, scared, and happy. I also like making new friends in the cast.”

Jesse Orlow (Daddy Warbucks 2)
Jesse is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade at the Lower Lab School. In previous Brotherhood Hebrew School productions, he played Mr. MacAfee in Bye Bye Birdie and Max Detweiler in The Sound of Music. Asked what he liked about being in the play, Jesse wrote, “the challenge of learning new songs and choreography and working with others.”

Harlan Paroff (Grace Farrell, Boylan Sister, House Staff)
Harlan is 12 years old and is in the 7th grade at LREI School. Harlan’s previous appearances include: donkey in Shrek at Bryn Mawr camp, head jitterbug in the Wizard of Oz/The Wiz at Camp Robindel, Liesl in The Sound of Music and Deborah Sue in Bye Bye Birdie at Brotherhood, Hannah the secretary/Spot Conlon in Newies at LREI, Tom Snout in Midsummer’s Night’s Dream at LREI, and Fluffy the Pine at The Producers Club. I have been performing since I could make words come out of my mouth and it has always been a special part of who I am. I think the most important thing about theater is getting to share the stage with the ones you love. Being part of a cast is amazing but it’s so much more fun when the cast turns into family. I love every person in this cast (although they may not love me), so seeing the show come together is really magical. Annie is such a wonderful show and I am super proud that we get to do it.

Isabella Press (Pepper, Kate, Homeless Person 3)
Isabella is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade at P.S. 41. She has been in Fiddler on the Roof, Grease, and in the 3rd grade at P.S. 41. When she was asked what she liked about working on the play, Isabell said, “singing and acting and I really enjoy working with everyone in the play.”

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Rachel Levine (Scenic Design & Props) Rachel is Brazilian and has been living in New York for the past 21 years. This is her 7th year working together with a wonderful team to put on another amazing play at Brotherhood Synagogue.

Daniel Meron (Music Director/Recorder/Editor) Pianist and composer Daniel Meron has established himself in the New York City music scene over the past decade, performing and recording as both a sideman and a band leader. A skillful improviser, Meron finds a way to feature his unique playing style in brilliant compositions that are both sophisticated and lyrical, rich with influences from jazz, his homeland of Israel, and other folk traditions. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, Daniel has played at NYC venues such as Mezzrow, Soho House, and the Museum of Natural History. He has also performed in the Jacksonville Jazz Festival, Costa Rica Jazz Festival, and has toured Canada, Europe and Costa Rica. Meron’s multiple records have gained rave reviews from music critics and radio stations around the world. “Daniel Meron’s songs are defined by a melodic, lyrical, style that is immediately engaging... his piano sound is crystal clear, precise and beautiful...” - All About Jazz.

Alice Roi (Costume Design) Alice has this to say about Barbara Simon: “The fabulous Barbara Simon is one of the smartest, funniest, and most gracious people I have ever known. She is an inspiration to the children, to the Synagogue, and to me. She always has “a story about that,” and it was always a funny story, a true story, and a story that taught me about life, history, literature, and of course, Jewish culture. Although she will be missed, we can never forget her beautiful banana curls and hugely warm and inviting smile.

Love you with all my might, Barbara! Thank you for everything.

Phil Rothman (Bert Healy) A highlight of each religious school year for me is the school musical. It’s not only the two nights when the community room becomes Broadway with lights, sound, music, and our wonderful students. The room is filled with a wonderful spirit through their words, dancing, singing, and staging. They begin their preparation in January and evolve into a Kehilah, a community or family. When you think about it, isn’t that what the mission statement of the congregation is all about? And that message has become so much more significant this year, given the state of the world. Next year in Gramercy Park!

Signing off as Phil aka Bert Healey.

Sara Rothman (Stage Manager) Sara Rothman has been involved with every Hebrew School musical produced at Brotherhood Synagogue. Whether acting in the musical or helping backstage, Sara always looks forward to this Brotherhood event and watching students’ hard work pay off after months of rehearsals. This year, particularly, the students have done a great job of adjusting to doing a virtual musical. One of Sara’s favorite aspects of the musical is to see students remain involved with the production, year after year, even after they have graduated from Hebrew School. The musical is an important part of her life at Brotherhood and she can’t wait to see what the students bring to the stage next year.

Judy Shapiro (Producer) This is Judy’s 15th year working with the kids on Brotherhood’s Hebrew School musicals.

“Another op’nin’, another Show In Philly, Boston or Baltimore, A chance for stagefolks to say “hello” Another op’nin’, another show.” My profound gratitude to Barbara to have had the opportunity to work with her the past 14 years. It’s been an amazing run!

Nina Trinell (Props & Scene Design) Hobbies: Drawing and sewing

Inspiration of drawing: studios, father
Inspiration of sewing: college
A message from Barbara Simon

This year has been a year unlike any other!
I salute all who made this amazing production of ANNIE possible:
Our producers, Judy Shapiro & Phil Rothman & The Brotherhood Synagogue!
Our director Maia Karo & our musical director Daniel Meron!!!
Our costume designer Alice Roi!!!
Our brilliant cast & crew!!!
Our stage manager Sara Rothman!!!
Our stage mother Bunny Blei!!!
All of the families of our cast & crew whose support made this production come to life!
Without the support of our Brotherhood Community, this amazing project might never have come to fruition.
You made a miracle!!! Thank you!

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Judy Shapiro
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Bunny Blei
Maia Karo
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