

This year's walk goal is to raise \$350,000 and 1,600 people are expected

year in early June, the chapter runs 22 support groups and 50 educational pro-

grammatically to cancer research, \$5 million to AIDS/HIV, and over \$1 billion to

support, page 1000, alz.org.



A new playground for all sorts of play and growth

After seven years of dreaming and fundraising, Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El has opened its new children's playground. In addition to slides and climbing bridges, the wonderland features a rain garden with its own water supply to grow flowers and grasses that are favorites of butterflies, a set of 15 tree stumps for gathering or leaping upon, and two giant boulders, unearthed when the temple solved its previously plaguing water problems due to its proximity to the Bronx River.

The playground also has a small street with street signs, ride-on vehicles and three playhouses, one of which is designed as a book store with a counter, shelf and a big chair for reading. "The playground was built with lots of intentionality. Not every child wants to climb, some

want to sit and talk, others are drawn to dramatic play," said Jody Glassman, Scarsdale Synagogue's Mazel Tots director. "The playground in general is an important place to grow in all sorts of ways: physically, but also emotionally."

The new playground is the result of raising funds that ranged from small change to tens of thousands of dollars. The temple sold coupon books, held carnivals and hosted pizza lunches for the children, and congregants made honorarium donations of every size.

Safe with a layer of spongy blacktop, the playground is also environmentally friendly and will soon be complete with an organic vegetable garden. "It represents so much effort from our congregation, from the youngest to the oldest congregants. It's a wonderful thing."



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Seven years in the making, children now enjoy the new playground

District Dental Society of New York and a freelance to The New York Times. In 2002, he also was an columnist for The Scarsdale Inquirer for which, in the New York Times' 2000 Better Living Contest, he received first prize in a field of 234, for best humor column "Once Over Lightly." Following the death of his wife in 2006, he resumed his writing from the Community of Kendal-on-Hudson. "Arthur Ash shared his wit and a delightful sense of humor with the Inquirer for many years. As former Inquirer editor Linda Glassman eagerly anticipated Arthur's columns — especially his seasonal and local issues which were witty, never mean, and laugh-out-loud funny."

Mr. Ash is survived by his wife, Nancy Ash and Nancy's daughters, Jody Ash and Nancy Ash, granddaughters Emily Ash and Nancy Ash, and grandson, William Ash. He died in 1998. A memorial service is planned at Kendal-on-Hudson in the near future. Contributions in memory may be made to the Ash Gallant Memorial Fund for Cardiac Research, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In 2004, the Inquirer published Ash's "A Year is Ending (Pending)": "It was a year behind us. I offer this ode to remind us. We never know the future will find us. It could be a blessing or come as a curse. If it comes, it could always

Milestone

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