## MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA IN SCARSDALE MARCH 10, 2012

## A PURIM PANOPLY

"An Adult Irreverent Musical Extravaganza" takes the biblical story of Queen Esther – already replete with lust, greed, envy, wrath, vanity and palace intrigue – and stands it on its head. The Panoply returns to Shaarei Tikvah, 46 Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale, NY on Saturday evening March 10<sup>th</sup> for one performance only.

"This is not your grandmother's Purim Play", said White Plains resident Bill Magaliff, the show's creator/producer/director. "The Book of Esther, arguably the strangest and most secular book in the Bible, provided us with a framework for a story that could be set in any world capital today, as easily as in the original setting of ancient Persia." Magaliff added.

Westchester native David Alben co-wrote the lyrics. "Bill and I parody songs from the last 60 years to give our characters a voice to tell their stories, from their own perspective" said Alben. "Rock, soul, funk, jazz, new wave – it's all in here. We're all along for the ride as inept guards, a highly placed palace buffoon, a king with an insatiable appetite for women, and a beautiful young queen on a mission to save her people, portray their tales of tragedy, deceit, conspiracy and a unique heroism --neatly packaged in a love story. You'll never look at Bible stories the same way again!"

Bill Magaliff directs a talented group of local performers as they sing and dance their way through this unique theatrical event. New Relics, a Westchester-based band, provides the music for the show and the after party to which all are invited.

Magaliff concluded "We've created an evening out, away from the kids, where our audience can enjoy the show and then join us for more live music, refreshments and dancing; an evening of pure adult fun."

Just \$25 for the evening includes the show, the after party, light snacks and a complementary beverage. Purchase your advance tickets on line at <a href="http://www.shaareitikvah.org/purim">http://www.shaareitikvah.org/purim</a> through PayPal with any major credit card (no PayPal account is necessary). Tickets will also be available at the door, but you may want to secure your place now!

## Shaarei Tikvah

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