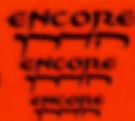


ENCORE! Educational Theatre Company  
Youth Division



# WEST SIDE STORY



PROGRAMME

# DRAMATIS PERSONAE

## JET BOYS

Riff	David Djemal
Tony	Jay O'Brien
Diesel	David Gellman
Action	Josh Moss
Snow Boy	Chaim B. Davies
A-Rab	Danny Freedman
Baby John	Elijah Wolf Kochin

## JET GIRLS

Velma	Marni Schamroth
Graziella	Miri Frankel
Minnie	Chani Mehlman
Clacrice	Yael Serdtse
Pauline	Sarit Brown
Anybodys	Lizzy Leff / Noga Yechieli

## SHARK BOYS

Bernardo	Michael Nissan
Chino	Amitai Rosenberg
Pepe	Michael Simkin
Louis	Stephen Lerner
Toro	Micha Tick

## SHARK GIRLS

Maria	Tamar Geist
Anita	Flo Low
Rosalia	Eliana Brown
Consuelo	Geula Atlas
Teresita	Shira Potter
Francisca	Gal Tsabari
Estella	Hallel Rabinowitz

## ADULTS

Doc	Peter Abelow
Schrank	Jeff Berk
Krupke	Ricky Fleischer
Glad Hand	Aryeh Kaufman



**Stephen Lerner** (Indio) has returned to the stage after a lengthy absence. He last appeared as Sleepy in his schools' grade 2 production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Originally from Montreal, Stephen is currently studying Biotechnology and Underwater Basket Weaving at Hebrew University, and is an avid runner and Cinnamon Bun Dough ice cream eater.



**Flo Low** (Anita) is thrilled to be in her third Jerusalem production in this challenging role, after making her Jerusalem debut last year as Miss Lynch in *Grease*. She made aliyah 8.5 years ago and is a graduate of Barnard-JTS. Flo works in the FSU Department of the JDC. She is grateful to the cast and crew and thanks her mom for coming from the US to support our show.



**Chani Mehlman** (Minnie) is infinitely excited about this fantastic performance. She has a burning passion for dance and applies that grace to the stage as a Jet girl in her debut to *Encore's* stage. She hopes to pursue a career in the performing arts and gives much-deserved thanks to the cast and crew for allowing her the opportunity to begin a lifelong dream.



**Josh Moss** (Action) is a medical student and biomedical researcher at the Hebrew University, as well as a part-time freelance web designer. Josh is also an experienced singer, songwriter and guitarist, although he's a rookie to musical theater. Josh is really excited about playing Action, who in his opinion is one of the most complex characters in the show.



**Michael Nissan** (Bernardo) is 21 years-old, and lives and works in Jerusalem. He is excited to be in his first *Encore* production. Michael's last role was in the Belgian writer Mishel De Galderode's play *Hero of the Day*, performed in Hebrew at the Nurit Katzir Theatre Program. He is moving to New York in April.



**Jay O'Brien** (Tony) was born in St. Louis, MO and studied voice/opera at Washington University in St. Louis. This is the first full show that Jay has ever performed in. Jay is living in Jerusalem as a first-year cantorial student at HUC-JIR. In his free time, Jay also composes songs on piano and guitar. Jay wants to thank all his peeps for giving him love and support.



**Shira Potter** (Teresa) is delighted to participate in her seventh *Encore* production. Recent roles include Young Buttercup (*HMS Pinafore*), Patty Simmcox (*Grease*) and Constance Snow (*Carousel*). She has taken courses for young professional actors in TV and Film in Vancouver and is hoping to attend the BIMA music and theater program at Brandeis University this summer.



**Hallel Rabinowitz** (Estella) is in 9th grade and is 14 years-old. She goes to school at Pelech in Jerusalem. She loves to dance, sing, and act. Hallel has studied both classical and modern ballet (this is her tenth year) and is enjoying all the dances in *West Side Story* very much! She has previously appeared in *Peter Pan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Tender Offer*, and *Annie*.