



Founded in 1901, Congregation Tifereth Israel serves the Jewish community of Long Island's North Fork in the old whaling village of Greenport NY. [Membership info.](#) The sanctuary is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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# Congregation Tifereth Israel

A Liberal-Conservative Synagogue on Eastern Long Island

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**Welcome**

Congregation Tifereth Israel is an inclusive Liberal-Conservative Congregation in which women participate fully in worship rituals and administrative affairs. The historic Synagogue is located in Greenport, NY on Long Island's North Fork. In 2001, Congregation Tifereth Israel celebrated its 100th year. [Click here](#) for the Congregation's history.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services Friday Eve. - 7:30 PM  
Oneg To Follow

Shabbat Service Saturday - 9:30 am The first Shabbat of the month Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Celebrate your Birthday or Anniversary with a special blessing and an Aliyah. Kiddush / Luncheon followed by Talmud Study Group *Informal, Hebrew not required. All levels welcome.*

**Revised Schedule of events**

**Thursday evenings:** "Two Strange Books of the Bible" conducted by Rabbi Fenster will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 pm following the Hebrew class *instead* of 7:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be no classes on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, October 2:** Completion of the Book of Jonah. 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Thursday, October 16 and 23:** The Book of Ecclesiastes – *Is life all that vanity and wind?* 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Sunday morning:** The *Outrage of the Week* is cancelled on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**A Dinner at the Synagogue followed by Dessert in the Sukkah**

5:30 pm  
**is now rescheduled for Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of October**

Suggested donation \$18.00 per person  
Please RSVP to Marsha Millman or Marian Friedmann at

**Study with Rabbi Myron Fenster**

Learn the Hebrew language for prayer and conversation. Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Friday services, at 7:30 PM- Oneg to follow services.

Every Saturday afternoon, after the kiddush, "Bringing the Talmud out of the shadows."

On Sundays, at 10 am, we will discuss "The Outrage of the Week!" Coffee and bagels will be served.

**Book Club**

Fridays 2:30-4:00 pm Book Club Discussion  
For details contact Adrienne Greenberg

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*Schedule of Services*

Erev Shabbat: Friday 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Saturday 9:30 a.m.

**All are welcome**

Monthly Board and Congregation meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month.



**Congregation Tifereth Israel Schedule**

Erev Shabbat.....7:30 pm  
Shabbat.....9:30 am  
Kiddush Lunch following Service;  
Shiur after Lunch

As Gabbai, Stanley Rubin is available to provide information on dates for celebration of religious holidays, transposition of English death dates to Yahrzeit dates according to the Hebrew calendar, memorial candles or whatever else of Judaic nature.

**Daughters of Israel**

President.....Marsha Millman

Vice-President.....Gloria Waxler

Corresponding Secretary.....

Recording Secretary.....Thelma Novick  
Joanna Paulsen

**The Men's Club**

President.....Daniel Harris

Vice-President.....Aaron Novick

Treasurer.....Charles Millman

Secretary.....Philip L. Goldman



This view of the Greenport Synagogue shows the historic shul nearly obscured by the blooming trees that flank the entrance.

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### Yahrzeit

#### October

- 05 Jane Sachs for William B Sachs
- 07 Roza Spokojny
- 08 Hannah Levinson
- 12 Lena Fortgang
- 13 Mark Wiederlight for Joseph Wiederlight
- 15 Hanna Kaplan
- 15 Sadie Schneider
- 16 Philip Goldman for Miriam Goldman
- 17 Martin Ehrenreich for Abraham Ehrenreich
- 17 Adele Lustig
- 17 John Weiss
- 22 Leo Goldin
- 23 Leopold Ehrlich
- 25 Molly Ginsberg
- 26 Marian Friedmann for Beverly Friedman
- 26 Max Silverstone
- 28 Henry Mandel
- 29 Abbie Levenson

#### November

- 03 Fanny Levin
- 05 Abraham Kaplan
- 05 Nettie Liburt

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am: Set up for Break the Fast  
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Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>: **Break the Fast** following Yom Kippur services. Everyone is invited to join us but please RSVP so that we can purchase and prepare enough food.  
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Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:  
**A Dinner at the Synagogue followed by Dessert in the Sukkah**  
5:30 pm  
Suggested donation \$18.00 per person Please RSVP  
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Sunday afternoon, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm: (moved up from 12:30)  
**"Pizza in the Hut" [Click here for photos](#)**  
Everyone is welcome -- to celebrate Sukkot  
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Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm:  
**Dessert with the Daughters**  
Last meeting of the season  
We invite the Men's Club and all significant others to join us for dessert. All of the above are sponsored by the Daughters of Israel  
All events held at the synagogue unless otherwise noted.

# Nourish your soul.

## Join us for the High Holy Days.

Plan now to observe the holiest days of the year at our synagogue in Greenport, where tradition has thrived for 105 years.

<p><b><u>2008/5769</u></b></p> <p><b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah Mon., Sept. 29, 6:30 PM</p> <p>First Day Tue., Sept. 30, 9 AM, 1:30 PM, 6:30 PM</p> <p>Second Day Wed., Oct. 1, 9 AM, 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Kol Nidre</b> Wed., Oct. 8, 6 PM</p> <p><b>Yom Kippur</b> Thur., Oct. 9, 9 AM Yizkor 11 AM Evening Service 5 PM</p> <p><b>Communal Break-the-Fast after the sounding of the Shofar</b> 7:15 PM All Invited</p>
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**Rabbi Myron Fenster**  
**Cantor Nissim Moshe**

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### Tax Deductible Contributions

You might want to consider making a tax-deductible contribution before the end of the year. Please keep in mind that the Shul has established several dedicated funds with separate purposes so that the dollars you choose to contribute will further Shul functions of particular interest to you. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

**Capital Improvement...**Major building additions and/or repairs to the building and grounds. For example, roofing, painting, re-siding, central air conditioning etc.. It does not include repairs such as plumbing leaks, electrical problems, or day-to-day situations that might crop up.

**Archive –Library...**Expanding the Library, materials for archiving Shul records such as acid free paper and storage boxes.

**Education...**Supplies and materials for the Hebrew School as well as for the Adult Education classes.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund...**Funds set aside for the Rabbi to disperse as contributions and aid to the needy in our community.

**Ritual Materials Fund...** Replacement of Prayer Books, Tallit, Kippah, Torah Mantle, Rimmonim, Breast Plates, Curtains, Reader's Table Cover, etc.

*Your contributions to the GENERAL FUND are essential to the daily operation of our Synagogue.*

### Committees

*(Italics denotes chair)*

**Building & Grounds:** *Charles Millman*, Sy Brittman, Aaron Novick, Jesse Reece

**By-Laws:** *Aaron Novick*, Philip Goldman, Joanna Paulsen

**Calendar:** Elaine Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg

**Finance:** *Bob Rothman*, Philip Goldman, Z. Micah Kaplan, Joan Prager

**Gift Shop:** Sara Bloom

**Journal Dinner-Dance:** *Elaine Goldman*, *Paula Shengold*, Paul Birman, Skye Moritt, Peri Sausmer

**Library, Office Manager:** Elaine Goldman

**Membership:** *Philip Goldman*, Sara Bloom, Marian Friedmann, Joanna Paulsen, Stanley Rubin

**Parliamentarian:** Joanna Paulsen

**Program & Education:** *Adrienne Greenberg*, Marian Friedmann, Lawrence Kotik, Marsha Millman, Joan Prager, Paula Shengold

**Public Relations:** Paul Birman, Bruce Bloom, Sara Bloom

**Ritual Committee:** *Irwin Seigel*, Rabbi Fenster, Philip Goldman, Stephen Meshover, Stanley Rubin

**Telephone Sunshine:** Thelma Novick

**The Shofar:** *Elaine Goldman*, Mary Gabriel, Philip Goldman

**Yahrzeit & Memorial Plaques:** Stanley Rubin

Note: Should you wish to serve on a committee, please call Z. Micah Kaplan, .

### Fund Raising

Congregation Tifereth Israel is our family and as is customary with most families we have a home. The Shul's home is housed at 519 Fourth Street. Those of us who own a house, or have owned one in the past, understand that it takes lots of money to maintain. While membership dues have remained the same for several years, inflation has played havoc with our treasury.

How do we keep up? While our fund raisers have been doing well we still have a shortfall. Your donations are the answer! Consider purchasing one of the many plaques we have available, or contribute to any of the above listed categories. Please do something. Many of us think about our Jewish heritage and what it means to be a Jew and to have a place like Tifereth Israel in which to pray and meditate. Together, we need to look to the future and consider that we are the stewards of our beloved synagogue and that we must leave a legacy for our children, our grandchildren and for generations to come....

Remember Tifereth Israel in you will ... [details](#)

See you in Shul.

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### Rabbi's Message

#### A Breath of Spring is Arriving”

Like an unexpected breath of spring the holiday of *Sukkot* intrudes into the fall season, blithely arriving, unaware of the change of mood.



We will soon experience *Yom Kippur* a

serious heavily-themed day, hours of waiting indoors for the arrival of three stars of night. Now we are hopefully in the sunlight sitting in the *Sukkah* surrounded by greenery, looking upward toward the sky, feeling unburdened relief-happy and serene in our back yard shading. **“How Good It Is!”**

And we want to welcome guests into our *Sukkah*. First night-come to greet Father Abraham and Mother Sarah. They will be there waiting. On successive nights, other biblical notables will be present by virtue of the exquisite bond of mystical memory. All of Israel is under the tent of peace, **“The Sukkah Shalom.”** But no worry-there is always room for one more. We are talking of course, of Monday night, October 13 and then Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a Jewish original for Thanksgiving, the in-gathering of the harvest, the *Sukkah* is the symbol of protection-first, of our ancestors of the desert of Sinai and today for all of us seeking **“Divine Protection.”**

According to folk etymology, the holiday derives its name from the word **“Secach.”**-the roof covering for the *Sukkah*. It must have grown out of the earth in order for it to be used-at some point it had to be a living entity. No dead matter here. This holiday stands for a vibrant people, recently into the New Year-that is grateful to be alive and hopes to be fruitful all year long.

In the tradition, the victory palms we take into our hand-the *Lulav* and *Etrog* are both signs that we have come through days of atonement and now we are one with ourselves, our people, our tradition and our world.

Here at Tifereth Israel, the *Sukkah* is placed in the beautiful Andrew Levin Garden, which, with a little imagination could be seen as the Garden of Eden. I have personally yet to witness it but I imagine that it takes on a mythical quality of grand dimensions on this holiday, all coming together-the time, the place, the people. I hope that you will be there to enjoy it. I look forward to greeting you at that time.

*Rabbi Myron M. Fenster*

#### Rabbi Fenster's Office Hours

Rabbi Fenster will have office hours Thursdays from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. So stop by the Synagogue and say hello! Also, if you know of someone who is homebound or ill, please notify the rabbi so that he may call or visit. This is an important part of the work of a resident rabbi, but it can only happen if he is notified.

Thursdays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at the synagogue 477-3854 or 477-0232.

#### Rabbinic Emergency

Should a Rabbinic Emergency arise, call Rabbi Fenster at

If he is not available, please call any one of the following:

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President's Message  
Z. Micah Kaplan

Having had a very warm and special *Selichot* service led by Rabbi and Ricky Fenster, we look forward to the High Holidays with much more insight. Our congregation has just put together an enormously successful Journal Dinner-Dance through the leading efforts of Paula Shengold and Elaine Goldman and the warmth of that event has continued with the attendance and participation at Saturday evening's *Selichot* service. Of course, the entire village celebrated with us, holding its Maritime Festival on the same weekend!-and now we look forward to inviting the village to our Men's Club bar-b-que, Sunday, September 28 (12:00-4:00 pm)-and I should note that we



Congregation President  
Micah Kaplan, MD

have had a number of visitors stop by, surprised to find a very real, "working" synagogue in Greenport.

We expect our numbers to grow during the High Holy Day services, and I would encourage all to greet our visitors with firm handshakes and enthusiastic smiles for we are blessed to have the freedom to share our faith with all who cross our threshold-blessed with the freedom to worship without prejudice in a wonderful, peaceful setting. During these High Holidays, let us not forget our forebears who suffered mightily in many lands. It is with the strength of their shoulders that we have been able to build our congregation Tifereth Israel. We must remain strong and active for the next generation, as it is very easy to lose one's identity without a specific, identifiable adversity. We re-dedicate ourselves at this time of year to those around us and to continue to do good and help our neighbors, friends and congregation family.

Should someone see anything with which our congregation family as a unit can help others, please alert one of our Board members. Our strength is our unity and concern for each other, both within our congregation and within our community.

L'Shanah Tova!

*Micah*



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## Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club sends cards for all occasions. It is an important means of fund raising for the Shul and a nice thing to do. Please call Thelma Novick at .

Do a Mitzvah! Some of our members are homebound and would appreciate receiving a Sunshine card, a note, or a phone call.

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### Yahrtzeit Remembrance Gabbai Stanley Rubin

From time to time, we've been asked why we were late in commemorating the death date of a beloved family member.



The answer is that the Jewish calendar is lunar, whereas the secular calendar is solar and thus the dates seldom coincide. From time to time, there is a discrepancy of weeks between the actual death date and the Yahrtzeit anniversary. Please allow for this and know that we make every effort to track the dates to give you sufficient advance notice with a letter and a commemorative candle.

Although this is a costly accommodation, we are happy to provide the service and those donations we receive for it, go toward the maintenance of our beloved Shul.

If you wish to have friends and/or relatives entered on our Yahrtzeit list, please furnish their name and address and we will be happy to be of service.

Best wishes to all.



## Daughters of Israel

*Marsha Millman, President*

L' Shanah Tova ... may you be blessed with good health and happiness throughout the New Year. This year may we be spared any additional losses in our families and friends and maybe even have some peace around the world.

We have had the good fortune to have Rabbi Myron Fenster and his lovely wife Ricky become part of our congregation. We should have Friday night sleepovers, since no one wants to leave after services.

Thank you, Paula Shengold for hosting a luncheon and meeting at your home. As usual, everyone wanted your recipes.

Our break-the-fast meal will be sponsored by the Sisterhood: everyone is invited to join us after services for this lovely meal. The preparation will be done on Wednesday morning, October 8. Please call Gloria Waxler at or Marsha Millman at and volunteer to help.

Our last meeting of the season will be on Thursday evening, October 30 at 7:00 pm at the synagogue. We are inviting The Men's Club, and the significant others to join us for some special desserts.

Come to a meeting, help plan an event. We do need your help to keep our activities going. The same people cannot run every function, come down, don't wait to be asked. It really is enjoyable and fulfilling to work on a project, being there and watching the event happen...the complete cycle, go for it!!!!

## HELP!

We need you! The Friday night Onegs and Shabbat Kiddushim cannot be prepared without volunteers. It is an integral part of the Shabbat service. It is important for you as a member to make the time and help with this important task. Please call Gloria Waxler at.

### Memorial Plaques by Gabbai Stanley Rubin

Our Synagogue provides three types of plaques for your use. One, a Memorial Plaque that is placed within the large panels located in the Sanctuary. You may purchase a 'reserved' plaque in advance to ensure a space. The cost is \$200 for a member and \$400 for a non member.

The second category of plaque is mounted on the Tree of Life located in the Social Hall. This plaque can be for any occasion, i.e., graduation, birthday, anniversary, or any memorable occasion. The cost is \$36 for a member and \$72 for a non member.

A new category plaque is to be placed on the back of a seat in the Sanctuary. Inscribe a person's name (yours or a loved one), it will remain forever. The cost is \$125 for a member and \$250 for a non member.

To place an order, contact Stanley Rubin at .

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## Remember Tifereth Israel in your will

You can benefit many others when you have a will. While this is the common way to distribute an estate, it also is a wonderful way to make thoughtful gifts.

After you have provided for your family, there are a variety of ways to benefit charitable interests, including your synagogue. Your attorney can add a simple amendment which designates a specific amount, or a percentage of assets to go to your charity after providing for your main beneficiaries.

This is a simple, inexpensive way to adjust your planned giving wishes. Each month we will explore other ways to consider helping the next generation continue Congregation Tifereth Israel.

## The Jewish Channel

As reported in *The New York Times*, Cablevision is now offering "The Jewish Channel" as a premium station. Eli Singer, Chief Executive, reports that the channel offers a variety of programs from foreign and independent films to a Rabbi's Roundtable. The Rabbi's Roundtable is a monthly program featuring a Conservative, Reform, and Orthodox rabbi debating a number of controversial issues.

Additional original programming includes "Inside the Issues" a monthly Charlie Rose -style show produced in partnership with the Jewish Daily Forward. Regular programming categories include "History and Remembrance." "Israel" and "American Jewry." The channel recently ran a very successful Woody Allen Film Festival and the movie "Exodus."

There are approximately 20, 000 subscribers, mostly from the New York area. The program has been on the air since September. It cost \$5.00 per month. For information call your local Cablevision office.

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### Gift Shop News

by Sara Bloom

About those tiles...

I hope you've had a chance to take a look at the Shul's Gift Shop case to see the beautiful ceramic tiles displayed there. Since I wrote about them in the last issue of The Shofar, I've had news from my friend the artist, Andrea Strongwater.

She wrote me that The Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City has requested a selection of her tiles. This latest recognition is in addition to her commission to create three of the images on four-foot-square canvases for a new synagogue in Atlanta, GA, where two of the canvases will hang on either side of the Ark, and the third one will hang in the back of the Sanctuary facing the Ark.

How lucky we are that our little Gift Shop has the opportunity to offer these elegant designs, based on traditional Jewish themes. The tiles are six inches square, meticulously detailed in rich, vivid colors, and are ready to be hung, embedded, or displayed on small easels. The cost is just \$27. each—a great value for gifts of this quality.

Please call me at so that I can open the gift case and show you the tiles I have and also the images that can be ordered-for Hanukkah gifts or for any occasion.

And speaking of Hanukkah, remember that the Gift Shop stocks traditional candles in vivid colors, tall candles in colorful stripes and solids, cute little wooden Dreidels, Menorahs, and bags of chocolate Gelt-Pareve, of course.

On the gift front we have Star of David necklaces, red Bendel bracelets, key chains, Kiddush cups, candle sticks in a variety of sizes, decorative Yarmulkas, service pieces in pottery and china, and a selection of Mezzuzot in enamel, Jerusalem stone, and other materials to match the decor.

Sara Bloom

email Sara at [sbblazer@hotmail.com](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com).

### Refuah Shlemah

Rosemarie Birman, Daniel Harris, Ann Holton, Mary Mueller, Joan Prager, Stanley Rubin, William Sausmer, Irwin Seigel, Esther Sperling.

### Bereavement

The Shul Family wishes to express its deepest sympathy on the loss of a valued member, Franklin Mountain. May his wife Harriet and daughter go from strength-to-strength.

### Simchas



### Birthdays

#### Birthdays

October

02 Marjorie San Filippi

11 Michael Kolin

22 Marshall Hurwitz

27 Joshua Clauss

28 Jason Kolin

### Anniversaries

14 Thelma & Aaron Novick

16 Marsha & Charles Millman

### The Men's Club

by Daniel Harris

Our purpose always remains the same; to help our congregation spiritually, socially and financially.

The Men's Club sponsored the BBQ and Klezmer/Jazz concert in the park by Howard Leshaw on Sunday, September 28. The raffle drawing was won by, of all people, Danny Harris. Danny has been ill and this was his first trip out to Greenport this season.

[Photos here](#)

“Our strength is our unity and our unity is our strength.”

### Archive:

Bob Rothman spoke to the Men's Club on Sunday, August 26th 2007 about his father, David's, unique relationship with Albert Einstein. [Click here for a synopsis.](#)

### Click below to see photos

[Men's Club BBQ and raffle drawing From 2007](#)

### Aron Kodesh

The Men's Club purchased a beautiful fine wood armoire which we converted into the Aron Kodesh pictured below.



Charlie Millman and Phil Goldman also constructed a 30" extension to the Bimah used for the High Holy Days. This serves as the platform for the new Aron Kodesh providing room for the ritual chairs on either side as well as providing more space for aliyah participants

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**First Saturday of EACH month**, Deborah Pittorino, chef-in-charge of our outstanding Simchat Torah lunch, will offer lunch and what a lunch it is - gravlax (salt- and sugar-cured salmon) on a bagel, with tomato, onion, cream cheese if you like, and a spritz of lemon. Come for Shabbat services, and stay for lunch.

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### Library

On behalf of the Congregation we thank Joyce Shapiro, the daughter of our late beloved member Eva Goldin, for donating many books to our growing Library. We are in the process of cataloguing the new additions. A revised Library list will be issued upon completion.

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### Calendar of Events

#### October

01 Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day, Service 9:00 am  
Evening Service 6:30 pm

08 Kol Nidre 6:00 pm

09 Yom Kippur 9:00 am  
Yizkor 11:00 am  
Evening Service 5:00 pm followed by Shul family break-the-fast 7:15 pm

13 Erev Sukkot 5:30 pm Shul Dinner

14 Sukkot 9:30 am Kiddush in the Sukkah,  
Evening Service 6:30 pm

15 Sukkot 9:30 am Kiddush in the Sukkah  
Evening Service 6:30 pm

17 5:30 pm Shul Dinner followed by Shabbat Service with dessert in the Sukkah

19 Sukkot "Pizza in the Hut" 12:00 pm [Photos here](#)

21 Shemini Atzeret 9:30 am  
Yizkor 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:30 pm Refresh. Follow

22 Simchat Torah 9:30 am  
Evening Service 7:00 pm

24 Speaker TBA

30 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 pm, Men's Club and spouses invited for dessert.

### Sponsor an Issue of *The Shofar*

*The Shofar* is a window into the comings and goings of our Congregation.

Many of our readers look forward to the arrival of their issue each month. Due to rising costs of printing and mailing, we are asking you to help subsidize this expense by sponsoring an issue.

For the sum of \$100 your name will be listed in *The Shofar* for the selected month. It can be for a special occasion, i.e., birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc., or just in general.

Checks should be mailed to the Editor along with the pertinent information: name of the Sponsor, month of the issue desired, and the occasion.

A confirmation of your request will be sent. Should a conflict of date arise, we will pick the request with the earliest postmark or, share an issue if agreed to by the parties.

### Tikkun Olam

#### CAST

Community Action Southold Town  
*Philip L. Goldman*

As we all know, the CAST organization relies on its neighbors to donate all kinds of goods; from foodstuffs to small household items and clothing.

*We have not been doing our part. Yes, times are bad for many of us, but there are those who are in true need of our help and support. Please show your generosity.* When you do your marketing, think of CAST and add a few extra items to your shopping cart. The local supermarkets have been generous in making room for a large container in which to deposit your donations. In addition you can drop your donations off at the Synagogue and we will be happy to bring them to the CAST office. If you wish you can drop them directly at the CAST office. Thank you for your generosity.

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At noon, Sunday October in unseasonably "crisp" conditions, Rabbi Fenster gathered members of Congregation Tifereth Israel for a Pizza in the Hut (Sukkot) featuring Kosher pizza brought in by Irwin and Carol Seigel from Brooklyn. A little libation to open the festivities warmed us up.

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**Kabbalat Shabbat Services**  
**Friday Eve. - 7:30 pm**  
**Oneg To Follow**

Shabbat Service  
Saturday - 9:30 am The first Shabbat of the month

Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Celebrate your Birthday or Anniversary with a special blessing and an Aliyah. Kiddush / Luncheon followed by Talmud Study Group.

*Informal, Hebrew not required. All levels welcome .*

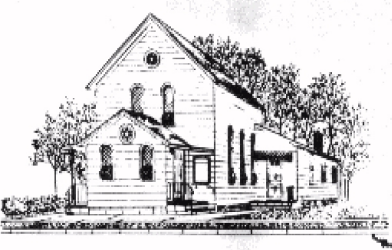
## Invitation to membership

A family membership in Congregation Tifereth Israel is just \$750 per year.

An individual membership in Congregation Tifereth Israel is just \$500 per year.

For information, contact [Gabbai Stanley Rubin](#)  
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## A New Member's Story

*by Mary Gabriel*

Several months ago I decided to join the Synagogue. That decision had its roots in an Elderhostel Trip taken a year and a half ago.

In October of 2006 Elaine and Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg and I took a trip to Central Europe. The cities we visited, Budapest, Prague, Krakow and Warsaw, were all cities that had old, established, thriving Jewish communities prior to the Holocaust; those communities no longer exist. In some cities the most prominent reminder of the Jewish Quarter was the cemetery. Destroyed are the Yeshivas, Homes, Businesses, Market Squares and Synagogues. The physical structures that made up a community were gone. And, more devastating, the human presence was gone

These four major European cities, centers of Jewish life, religion and culture for centuries were almost devoid of Jews. Each city has a Synagogue with a small Congregation where once Synagogues were plentiful and full. Efforts are underway to restore some of the Old Jewish Quarters to attract tourists. Hebrew is written on the storefronts and restaurants to add authenticity to the area but this is for the visitors. Jewish tourists are the primary Jewish presence.

The reality of human loss, gradually building as the tour progressed, culminated in visits to Terezin, Auschwitz, and Birkenau. The visual images of those visits will always be more powerful than any words I could use to describe the horrors of each camp. We have all read the accounts, seen the photographs and newsreels but nothing compares with the physical, sickening reality of the Extermination Camps.

One lasting disturbing image I have is of the beautiful old market center in Krakow. The square is dominated by the splendor of St. Mary's Cathedral. There you find devout Christians kneeling on stones in front of the many small altars on the sides of the main altar. The Church is bustling, filled at midday with parishioners praying and attending Mass. Just ten minutes away, in the Old Jewish Quarter, except for tourists, Synagogues are abandoned. In restaurants, spiritless Klezmer music is performed by Polish musicians for the diners. Once again, the cemetery is the constant and painful reminder of Krakow's past Jewish life.

So, I am now a member of the Synagogue. Why? Maybe it is the memory of the Jews lost whose children and grandchildren should be filling the seats of the Synagogues, restaurants and markets. As a non-Jew I feel deeply that Judaism in Tifereth Israel must survive. My only contribution to that end will be attending services and participating in the life of the Synagogue with appreciation and reverence.

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Jewish Music on the web A delightful site selling CDs of all kinds of music, popular and classical. Using RealAudio, a free web-based utility available on-site, you can sample many of the selections.

The Suffolk Times on-line edition The weekly newspaper is available here in an on-line edition. Stay in touch with community goings on while you are away from the North Fork. Perfect for Snowbirds in winter! Note, the Suffolk Times now requires that you be a print subscriber before they will let you view the on-line edition.

Greenport.com A useful site devoted to the people and places of Greenport village. From this site you can further link to local restaurants, hotels, shops and marinas.

North Fork Magazine A beautiful site devoted to the region: What to do, where to stay, where to eat, the vineyards etc. It is illustrated by local artists and photographers who portray the North Fork of Long Island in a series of stunning images. Enjoy!

It is ironic, perhaps, that the Custer Institute in Southold is right across the street from the Indian Museum. The Custer institute, an astronomical observatory, is named for General George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876) who lost big time to Sitting Bull, the Sioux Indian Chief at the battle of Little Big Horn.

The website of the North fork Promotion council, Inc.

A Hebrew Glossary. Look up Hebrew words transliterated into Roman letters, alphabetically.

View the earth from the sun, the moon or any actual in-orbit satellite. You can view actual real-time weather satellite imagery of color composite views of any point on earth. You'll have the ability to pan and zoom the camera. You can't quite read the newspaper on your front stoop but there are a wealth of perspectives from 10 km up. The site is in Switzerland, but they have mirror sites in North America.

If you use Yahoo, the popular Internet search engine, you'll love Jewhoo. It sports the look and feel of Yahoo, but is limited to Jewish subjects. Find Jewish artists, poets, news items, science, musicians, sporting figures, web sites, etc. Published as a yahoo parody by "Fade to Black" a comedy magazine, it really works!

Translate from English to any number of languages or from another language to English. It isn't literature, but the translations are serviceable.

View the Western Wall. A live camera continuously updated

Web site for Yiddish words found in English

The Jerusalem Post Internet edition

The Jewish World Review... provocative articles.

Al Jolson singing Hatikvah - very moving, very rare. Note, this is a large (3-meg) file. Be patient, it is worth it. It may take a couple of tries to get the whole file.

Stanley Rubin found this site which allows you to select any country in the world and read relevant news stories about that region, courtesy of Yahoo News". <http://muti.co.za/static/newsmap.html>

**East End Jewish Council (EEJC)** The East End Jewish Community Council was formed to unite Jewish people, synagogues and organizations on Eastern Long Island for mutual benefit and to serve as one voice representing the Jewish community. Their primary endeavor is to enable all Jewish organizations to reach their potential and better serve their constituents through our technical assistance.

**SoutholdVOICE** A site devoted to the waterfront surrounding the North Fork of Long Island. It is interactive, meaning you can leave comments on any number of subjects.

**Global Incident Map**

When you click on the website link below, a world map comes up showing what strange & dangerous things are happening right now in every country in the entire world & is updated every few minutes. You can move the map around, zero in on any one area & actually upload the story of what is going on.

This 'map' updates every 7.5 minutes more or less ... constantly 24/7.

<http://www.globalincidentmap.com/home.php>

Click on any icon on the map for text update information. It's not just about terrorism, it's about everything happening some place in the world of terrorism threats, explosions, airline incidents, etc.

An essay on energy independence A vision of what civilization can do once we run out of oil.

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Subject: Sense of Humour at U N

Israeli Sense of Humour:

(This actually happened!!)

An ingenious example of speech and politics occurred recently in the United Nations Assembly and made the world community smile. A representative from Israel began: 'Before beginning my talk I want to tell you something about Moses. When he struck the rock and it brought forth water, he thought, 'What a good opportunity to have a bath!'

He removed his clothes, put them aside on the rock and entered the water.

When he got out and wanted to dress, his clothes had vanished. A Palestinian had stolen them.'

The Palestinian representative jumped up furiously and shouted, 'What are you talking about? The Palestinians weren't there then.'

The Israeli representative smiled and said 'And now that we have made that clear, I will begin my speech.'

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### Sayings of the Jewish Buddhist

If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

Drink tea and nourish life; with the first sip, joy; with the second sip, satisfaction; with the third sip, peace; with the fourth, a Danish.

Wherever you go, there you are. Your luggage is another story.

Accept misfortune as a blessing. Do not wish for perfect health, or a life without problems. What would you talk about?

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single Oy.

There is no escaping karma. In a previous life, you never called, you never wrote, you never visited. And whose fault was that?

Zen is not easy. It takes effort to attain nothingness. And then what do you have? Bupkis.

The Tao does not speak. The Tao does not blame. The Tao does not take sides. The Tao has no expectations. The Tao demands nothing of others. The Tao is not Jewish.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. Forget this and attaining Enlightenment will be the least of your problems.

Let your mind be as a floating cloud. Let your stillness be as a wooded glen. And sit up straight. You'll never meet the Buddha with such rounded shoulders.

Deep inside you are ten thousand flowers. Each flower blossoms ten thousand times. Each blossom has ten thousand petals. You might want to see a specialist.

Be aware of your body. Be aware of your perceptions. Keep in mind that not every physical sensation is a symptom of a terminal illness.

The Torah says, Love your neighbor as yourself. The Buddha says, There is no self. So, maybe we're off the hook.

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A good Hassidic family is most concerned that their 30-year old son is unmarried. So, they call a marriage broker and ask him to find their son a good wife. The broker comes over to their house and spends a long time asking questions of the son and his parents as to what they want in a wife/daughter-in-law.

They give him a long shopping list of requirements. The marriage broker takes a long time looking and finally asks to visit the family again. He then tells them of a wonderful woman he has found. He says she's just the right age for the son... She keeps a Glatt Kosher Home ... she regularly attends synagogue and knows the prayers by heart ... she is a wonderful cook ... she loves children and wants a large family. And, to crown it all off, she's gorgeous.

After hearing all this, the family is very impressed and begins to get excited about the prospects of a wedding in the near future. But the son pauses and asks inappropriately: "Is she also good in bed?" The marriage broker answers, "some say yes ...







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### Evening Prayers

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered... so he asked his little brother Henry to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand. The father said, 'This is important... put your hand back on his head!' to which Henry exclaimed, 'What, am I my brother's kipah?'

### Miracle

Doctor Bloom who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and, amazingly, emerged within half an hour walking completely erect with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, 'It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?'

She answered, 'Miracle, shmiracle . . . he gave me a longer cane!'

Two Jewish men, Sid and Al, were sitting in a Greek restaurant in New York.

Sid asked Al, 'Are there any Jewish people of our faith born and raised in Greece?'

Al replied, 'I don't know, let's just ask our waiter.'

When the waiter came by, Al asked him, 'Are there any Greek Jews?'

The waiter said, 'Ironno, I ask cooks.' He returned from the kitchen in a few minutes and said, 'No ser, no Greek Jews.'

Al wasn't really satisfied with that and asked, 'Are you absolutely sure?'

The waiter, realizing he was dealing with 'xenoï' gave the expected answer, 'I check again,' and went back into the kitchen.

While the waiter was away in the kitchen, Sid said, 'I find it hard to believe that there are no Jews in Greece, our people are scattered everywhere.'

The waiter returned and said, 'The head cook say there is no Greek Jews.'

'Are you certain?' Al asked once again, 'I just can't believe there are no Greek Jews!'

'Malaka mou! Listen, I asked EVERYONE,' replied the frustrated waiter. 'All we have is Orange Jews, Apple Jews & Tomato Jews!'

### THE PICKUP LINE

A Jewish woman is sitting at a bar. A man approaches her.

"Hi, honey," he says. "Want a little company?"

"Why?" asks the woman. "Do you have one to sell?"

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Shalom Y'all - From your Jewish friends in the south  
Original art by Amos Amit  
e-mail: Isamit@aol.com

ONCE AGAIN, FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN IT BEFORE:

**Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream is now available in Israel in the following flavors:**

**Wailing Wallnut**

**Moishemellow**

**Mazel Toffee**

**Chazalnut**

**Oy Ge-malt**

**Mi Ka-mocha**

**Bernard Malamint**

**Berry Pr'i Hagafen (This one totally cracks me up!!!)**

**Choc-Eilat Chip**

**Simchas T'Oreo**

**It should be noted that all of these flavors come in either a cup or a Cohen**

Given what's happening with the economy these days, the Treasury department has issued a new dollar bill:



**"OY VEY"**

# The four stages of life



Polish Digital Clock  
(no joke either!)

Every now and again there comes down the pike a graphic so good the fresh concept blows you away. This is a good subtitle graphic. The University of Poland science students have finally finished their digital clock they have been working on for 4 years. Go to this site to see the results:

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Subject: Water

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling ties.

The Taliban asked, 'Do you have water?'

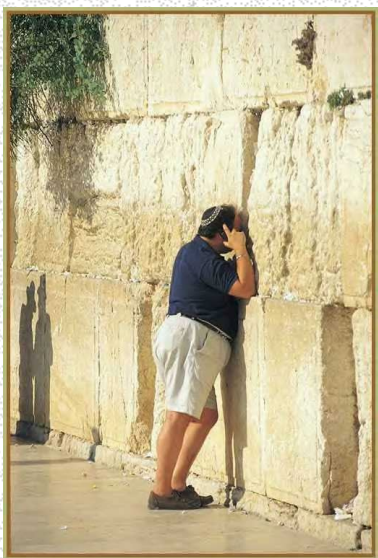
The Jew replied, 'I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5.'

The Taliban shouted, 'Idiot! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need water! I should kill you, but I must find water first.'

'OK,' said the old Jew, 'It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that... If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need.. . Shalom.'

Muttering, the Taliban staggered away over the hill.

Several hours later he staggered back and, through his parched throat, muttered: 'Your brother won't let me in without a tie.'



Hello, God?  
It's Sid. Can  
you hear me  
now?

Subject: The Ten Tribes of Israel

There were 12 tribes of Israel. Two tribes, we know, settled in the south of Canaan and 10 tribes settled in the north. In 722 BCE, Israel lost track of 10 of its tribes. No written word in history books could ever explain the disappearance of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

Each leader of the 12 tribes was a son of Jacob. Can you imagine 12 brothers getting along? It just didn't work. They had to separate and move away from one another. The wives of the brothers were at each other's throats all the time and driving them crazy. You can imagine the women saying, "Nu, so look at your brother's wife. She has a bigger tent than I do and has more jewels on her fingers. I should have married your brother."

The brothers decided they couldn't stand the tumult and the kvetching any longer so they would move away from one another but they would try to keep in touch.

Ten brothers went north; two went south.

The trials and tribulations of the two tribes that went south remain in our history books. The other 10 tribes' saga is a mystery. Here is a theory about that.

The 10 tribes from the north had a meeting and decided it was too cold to stay up north. So they trekked down to the south and established a new homeland. They called it Florida.

It was a state of golden sunshine, a land of milk and honey. It was warm there. Everyone was Jewish. They ate three meals a day. They ate dinner early in the evening so they could get a good night's sleep and not have to drive at night.

There were orange groves nearby. They could send grapefruit and oranges to their relatives in other tribes.

There were other natives living there from distant lands who would clean their tents for a minimum of wages. And the weather was always beautiful, maybe, a little hot at times, but not so terrible.

They had hairdressers and manicurists and clubhouses with activities so they could all play together. It was the Promised Land. So what do you think happened?

Word got out. Lantzman (fellow countrymen) from all over the country heard about this new Jewish Homeland. They started arriving in droves different accents.

Generally, they were from the Land of the Northeast: New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. No one was from Wyoming or Idaho.

The 10 tribes began to adopt the customs of these newcomers.

For instance, the New Yorkers introduced the others to delicatessen: big corned beef sandwiches, and to cheesecake: big thick creamy slices, and to bagels. Bagels were made from round pieces of dough with holes in them

The people from Philadelphia introduced the others to cream cheese; and nu, there was a match: New York bagels and Philadelphia cream cheese.

Bostonians tried to teach the other lantzman the King's English and proper diction, but the others could never learn how to say "cahr" correctly or to speak without an accent. They did learn to like Boston baked beans, however. They go very well with Nathan's Hot Dogs . . . Franks and Beans!

People from New Jersey taught the others how to build long roads. They said they had a very long road in New Jersey that allowed transportation to flow smoothly. The idea was adopted and called a turnpike. Some of these turnpikes today are called parking lots.

Tribesmen from Connecticut tried to convince the other tribal members to open a gambling casino. They believed they could make a great deal of money.

However, the Jews frowned upon gambling and advised letting another tribe come along someday and make a go of that idea. Oy, did the Jews miss an opportunity then. Another tribe did just that, and they are making lots of wampum today in Connecticut.

This is how Florida was begat. Floridians are descendants of the 10 tribes of Israel. We are not lost anymore. We're famisht at times, but we are not lost. We all live happily ever after.

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