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Congregation Tifereth Israel

A Liberal-Conservative Synagogue on Eastern Long Island

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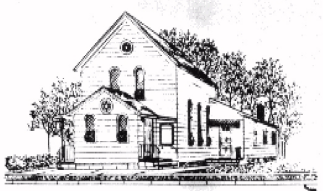
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Welcome

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.

["But He's Not My Dog and Other Tales"](#)

A collection of stories by our own Sara Bloom.

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Sunday May 31st, 2009. **A video DVD of the concert is available. Contact Adrienne Greenberg to order a copy.**

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

Shabbat Service Saturday - 9:30 am.

Celebrate your Birthday or Anniversary with a special blessing and an Aliyah. Kiddush followed by Talmud Study Group *Informal, Hebrew not required. All levels welcome.*

First Saturday of EACH month, Deborah Pittorino, chef-in-charge of our outstanding Simchat Torah lunch, will offer lunch Come for Shabbat services, and stay for lunch.

Learn with Rabbi Fenster

Thursdays Sept 3. 10. 17

4:00-5:00 pm Learn the Hebrew Language for prayer and conversation.

5:15-6:15 pm Modern Jewish Thought. "Abiding Influence of Abraham Heschel"

Shabbat

After the Kiddush, "Bringing the Talmud out of the Shadows."

JOIN US FOR THE JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES ON THE NORTH FORK

The families of Congregation Israel invite you to worship at our historic synagogue.

Sept. 12 Sat 8:30 pm—Selichot

Sept. 18 Fri 7:20 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 19 Sat 9:00 am—Rosh Hashanah

7:30 pm—Evening service

Sept. 20 Sun 9:00 am—Rosh Hashanah

1:30 pm—Tashlich

Sept. 27 Sun 6:30 pm—Kol Nidre

Sept. 28 Mon 9:00 am Yom Kippur/Yiskor

5:30 pm—afternoon service

7:20 pm—Shofar

Break the fast follows service

Oct. 2 Fri 7:30—Erev Sukkot

Oct. 3 Sat 9:30 am—Sukkot

Oct. 4 Sun 9:30 am—Sukkot

Oct. 9 Fri 7:30 pm—Erev Sh'mini Atzaret

Oct. 10 Sat 9:30 am Sh'mini Ataret/Yiskor

6:30 pm—Erev Simchat Torah

Oct. 11 Sun 9:30 am—Simchat Torah

Rabbi Myron Fenster

Cantor Nissim Moshe

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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.

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Treasurer.....Phil Goldman

Corresponding Secretary.....Jed Clauss



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

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Musician to Apply His Expertise to Jewish Liturgical Tradition

Groundbreaking Music for Observance of Selichot

Jay Loomis, a collector and player of unusual wind and percussion instruments, will provide a musical interlude during the observance of Selichot at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Greenport, NY, on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8:30 p.m. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Myron Fenster.

The observance of Selichot is held traditionally on the Saturday evening preceding Rosh Hashanah, the first of the High Holy Days, a serious, heartfelt and introspective period in the lives of Jews. At the Selichot service, the themes of the High Holy Days are introduced: self-analysis, critique of each individual's life, and a sense of collective responsibility for the sins of fellow Jews.

Traditionally, music in a lighter, sprightlier vein is offered, largely because the mood of the observances is forgiveness, Rabbi Fenster says. Jay Loomis had entertained the congregation and members of the North Fork communities at a synagogue-sponsored summer dinner. His music so captivated listeners that he was asked to return to the synagogue to offer music appropriate for the Selichot observance. Loomis is studying Jewish liturgical themes in preparation for the service. It is the first time these folk instruments will be heard during a spiritual observance.

Jay Loomis has traveled extensively on four continents in search of unusual wind instruments, most of them wood-carved flutes. Many are Native American; others are from Europe, Asia and Africa. In Sierra Leone, he learned to play the Fula flute from members of the nomadic West African Fulani tribe. While in China, he discovered an instrument with an unusually mellow sound in a public market, and was taught to play it by local musicians. "Flutes and percussion instruments resonate to the folk music of their native origins," Loomis says.

Yahrzeit

September

- 03 Max Seigel
- 04 Eva Rubin
- 06 Bella Baulsir
- 08 Esther Dolan
- 08 David Rothman
- 09 Stanley Greenberg
- 09 Hattie Levenson
- 10 Aaron Levin
- 12 Abraham Klausner
- 12 Benjamin Stock
- 13 Abraham Cohen
- 15 Arthur Levine
- 18 Laura Klein
- 18 Libby Orliansky
- 19 Beatrice Farber
- 19 Edith Kapell
- 21 Fannie Goldstein
- 24 William Sachs
- 26 Rosa Spokojny
- 27 Hannah Levenson
- 28 Sam Winters
- 29 Ethel Ballen

October

- 01 Lena Fortgang
- 02 Joseph Wiederlight
- 02 Samuel Lipman
- 04 Hannah Kaplan
- 04 Sadie Schneider
- 05 Miriam Goldman
- 05 Fannie Lipman
- 05 Paula Sherman
- 06 Abraham Ehrenreich
- 06 Adele Lustig
- 06 John Weiss

Journal Dinner-Dance

What!! You still have NOT returned your RSVP?
What are you waiting for?
Pretend you are planning a wedding, would you not like to have your guests respond to you in a timely Fashion? So would your Journal Dinner-Dance Committee.
Thank you very much. Goldman and Shengold, Chairs



The Levin memorial park in full bloom, July 2009, lovingly tended by Sy Brittman, it is a jewel in Greenport, located adjacent to the shul.

Volunteers Needed

Eastern Long Island Hospital is in need of volunteers at this critical time. A large percent of our regular volunteers have either left for Florida or have retired from their valued service and volunteer numbers are dwindling. Additionally, Governor Patterson is cutting aid to our hospital and ELIH has lost investments in the economic disaster of 2008 increasing our current support needs.

And what do the volunteers do? They aid in supporting fund raisers and special ELIH Community Programs, they work in the Op Shop and Corner Gift Shop, assist visitors and patients, and offer a multitude of other support services that keep ELIH serving our community. The volunteers, both men and women, retirees and teens, form a very special social network, lunch together, and share in teas and other volunteer events.

Contact Toni De Meo at the ELIH volunteer office or congregation member Regi Weile at for more information.

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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.

Financial Assistance Fund ... To assist persons in the community in financial distress. Administered by two congregants.

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 your will ... [details](#)

See you in Shul.

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Rabbi's Message

The Year at Congregation Tifereth Israel

by Rabbi Myron Fenster



When I was young, my father would speak of the wonder-Rabbi of Strelyisk, his home town. Reb Uri the Sereph renown in the Hasidic circles is emblazoned in my memory. When he

died in 1826, they tied ropes around his chair and in no way were they permitted to sit in it. A century later they still spoke of him as a living presence.

The mystique of the man entranced me. Later I was to scour the literature for further details. In a way I have been looking for such a Rebbe all my life. The impact of youth has remained.

These great leaders gave off a special aura. In Lizensk, Berditcher, Lublin and dozens of other towns and villages, Judaism was turned into a sweet adventure, a collective unfolding experience. Oft times they were poor but they strove together for spiritual strength and moral audacity, spurred on by the Rebbe.

And so Reb Uri taught the folks of Strelyisk that each should be like a Sefer Torah. And he spelled it out. In the Torah no two letters may touch or lean on another. Each needs to stand on its own. Yet, if one letter is missing the whole Torah is invalid.

So this is my prayer for the New Year: That each person in our community will stand erect before God, confident, contrite, and contributing and that no one will be missing. Join me, and let us search together.

Shana Tovah!!

Rabbi Myron Fenster

Funds for the Needy

Due to current financial conditions, more people are finding themselves in need and are turning to the synagogue for help. It is a big Mitzvah for the synagogue to be there for them. Rabbi Fenster has asked that we revive the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and a new Fund has been created; The Financial Assistance Fund. Two congregants will be responsible for the making the distribution. Please send your check to

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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:

- Z. Micah Kaplan
- Stanley Rubin
- Elaine Goldman

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President's Message

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD

We catch our breath as we head into the year 5770. And what a year 5769 has been! Rabbi Fenster has recovered extremely well from his hip replacement six weeks ago. He has provided extra stimulation with his course on Jewish Thought in the Twenty-First Century America-and Bar Mitzvah studies have begun for Neville Reece-and what a treat to be tutored by the Rabbi.



Congregation President
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD

The summer months have flown by, and August brought one more exceedingly successful "back room sale" sponsored by the Daughters of Israel. Again Chaired by Marian Friedmann, the tag sale was a huge event with

more merchandise than ever changing hands. Many "elves" worked solidly for three days to make it look "simple"-among the many: Elaine Goldman, Gayle Kaplan, Adrienne Greenberg, Ricky Fenster, Marian Friedmann, Mary Gabriel, Marsha and Charlie Millman, Paula Shengold, Nora Levin, Peri Sausmer, Sara Bloom, Ann Hurwitz, Roberta Garris, David Judlowitz, Gloria Waxler, Jesse Reece-and all were happily exhausted at its finale, with very little merchandise having to be passed along to other charities. Congratulations for a job exceedingly well done.

And while we're passing out kudos, Sy Brittman has the garden thriving once more, and Charlie Millman single handedly renovated the main entrance ramp and added a new railing. Remarkable! There is no end to the talents of both of these gentlemen.

The August 28 Chicken Dinner and Klezmer Concert featuring Howard LeShaw with Larry Pearlstein on keyboard was a huge success. The Social Hall was filled with members and guests. Rabbi Leana Moritt conducted services since Rabbi Fenster had a prior commitment. It was certainly a fabulous musical evening.

And, now on to September, a month of renewal. The service for Selichot, September 12 at 8:30 pm will be sparked by flute playing by Jay Loomis, and multiple musical variations by Ricky Fenster. BE CERTAIN TO ATTEND! The Journal Dinner-Dance is the very next day at 5:00 pm, at The Sound View Restaurant, this year honoring Angela Oliveri-Deroski and Adrienne Greenberg. Call Elaine Goldman for your reservations at . The High Holidays begin with Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 18 and conclude with Yom Kippur on September 27 ending with our classic 'Break-the-Fast' meal. Please refer to the complete schedule of services sent to you under separate cover. The month is so filled with events that we will not have our monthly Congregation Meeting, although the Board will meet at 7:00 pm on September 17. The next Congregation Meeting will be Sunday, October 25.

Our High Holiday period is a special time, one in which we hopefully can push everyday concerns aside and look intensely at ourselves with renewed vigor. As the Shofar echoes through Tifereth Israel we look forward again, excited about the possibilities for our Congregation, for our community, and for our nation.

We wish you Health, Happiness and a Sweet Year in 5770

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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.

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

The summer has come and gone, and here we are in September. Our August event, the "Back Room Sale" was great, due to the hard work and efforts of Marian Friedmann and her wonderful crew.

Paula Shengold hosted our August meeting on the 24th at her home. She provided a delightful luncheon. Shopping lists were provided to members for the "Break the Fast Meal."

Our Shabbat Dinner jointly sponsored with The Men's Club was a huge success. We did the cooking and the men did the cleanup. A Healthy Happy New Year to all from the Daughters of Israel.

Catch a Star Literary Luncheon

Paula Shengold

This year's luncheon was the best ever. I think! I say that every year. If you were at the Soundview Restaurant on Thursday, July 16, 2009, you had an opportunity to hear Bob Alley tell us baseball stories; to be charmed by Sylvia Daley, who told us how she got to the North Fork and to be impressed by Lee Hayes, whose stories about his days as a Tuskegee Airman were moving and impressive. Lunch was delicious and served well by Rachel and her staff. Michelle and Gabrielle were on hand to see that our needs were attended to and the raffle prizes were attractive and numerous. Thanks to Roberta and Joan for taking care of that part of the event. Thanks to Joan, Capital One, Tanger, IGA and all of our local merchants for their gifts. The favors, five-minute chocolate cake in a mug were assembled by Elaine, Audrey, Susan, Marsha, Gloria, Emily, Adrienne, Peri, Ilene, Thelma, Gayle. That, was an assembly line project. Estefany Molina, the recipient of Catch A Star Essay Award was at the luncheon with her mom. Thanks to Paul Birman and Sara Bloom for handling publicity. Thanks to Jo Johnson and Marjorie Day for helping to arrange for Lee Hayes to be at the luncheon. Thanks to all 100 guests who came from Connecticut, Moriches, Commack and the North Fork to enjoy the 14th Annual event. Special thanks to *Ann*, who continues to inspire me and be a great cheer leader.

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 765-6848.

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Lyric Baritone, Nissim Moshe in concert

Lyric Baritone Nissim Moshe Performed at Greenport Synagogue with Well-Known Greenport Pianist, Lea Kendall as Accompanist

Lyric Baritone Nissim Moshe, who has stirred listeners with his moving interpretations of the traditional cantorial prayers at High Holy Days services at Congregation Tifereth Israel synagogue, sang in concert on Sunday afternoon, May 31. Well-known Greenport piano teacher and performer, Lea Kendall, accompanied.

The program included arias from 17th- through 19th-century opera composers during the height of the Italian bel canto style of ornamental singing. Alessandro Scarlatti, Vincenzo Bellini, Antonio Caldara, Giuseppe Giordani, Francesco Tosti and Giacomo Carissimi were represented. Also on the program were modern folk songs, ballads, and art songs by Arthur Tate, John Jacob Niles, Stephen Foster, Samuel Barber, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and S. Coleridge-Taylor. The singer has also programmed music from the Broadway hit, "South Pacific."

Nissim Moshe studied cantorial music at Yeshiva University in New York City, and is a student of vocal performer and teacher Joe Neal. Lea Kendall earned a bachelor's degree in music education at West Chester University, and has been for many years an accompanist for soloists and choruses, including Galaxy and the Narrow River Singers locally.



Accompanist Lea Kendall



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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.

Yad LaKashish? What's that?

Yad LaKashish. I'd never heard of it before, Rabbi Fenster's wife Ricki, started to talk about it one Sunday afternoon. She said that she and the Rabbi had been actively supporting this organization in Jerusalem for some time, and I found that the more she talked about it, the more interested I became.

Yad LaKashish "lifeline for the elderly." It is a nonprofit organization that invites elderly and needy artisans in the Jerusalem area to apply their creativity to fabrics, ceramics, metals, wood and other natural materials, giving the lives of these poor immigrants new purpose. The results are lovely silk scarves, embroidered challah and matzah covers, stunning jewelry designs, elegant note papers and wall hangings, colorful placemats and other hand made items that the organization offers for sale in its Gift Shop.

Of course, I began thinking about our own Shul's Gift Shop, infinitesimal by comparison to Jerusalem's emporium, nevertheless a place for our members to purchase some of these finely crafted items for our own use, our own homes, and as unique gifts. Thanks to Mrs. Fenster our gift shop now has an edited selection of the Yad LaKashish offerings. Your purchase of these one-of-a-kind items will benefit the Jerusalem organization as well as our own Shul.

In our gift case, you will find 30-inch silk scarves, lovely beaded jewelry, decorative book marks, and novelties both charming and amusing. Prices range from \$1 to \$25. As these items are sold new items will be added. Be sure to check out these new items in the gift case, and call me at to make a purchase.

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.

"But He's Not My Dog and Other Tales"

Xlibris Publishing has announced the release of a book of essays by Sara Bloom, a collection of 32 writings from the former Feature Editor and Special Sections Editor of the Scarsdale Inquirer, the weekly newspaper in Scarsdale, New York. During her 21 year tenure, the New York Press Association cited her 27 times including 4 first-place awards, for editorial and design excellence. Currently, she is President of Blazer Books, Inc., the family publishing and public relations firm. She also teaches a memoir-writing workshop for the adult education program in Southold, New York.

From a lovingly conceived essay about her father, to her hot fudge sundae secret to weight loss, and the laugh-out-loud escapades of life in the suburbs with husband, children, job and animals domestic and wild, Sara Bloom shares her observations, her wit, and her individual view of the world in this engaging collection.

The book is titled "But He's Not My Dog and Other Tales." And it is listed on the Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Border's

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Sara Bloom

E-mail Sara at sbblazer@hotmail.com.

Gift Shop News

by Sara Bloom

For gift giving, we have Star of David necklaces, red Bendel bracelets for good luck, Kiddush cup, serving pieces for your table, key chains, candle sticks in a choice of sizes, decorative Yarmulkes and Mezzuzot in enamel, Jerusalem stone and other materials to match any decor.

Don't forget those gorgeous decorative tiles by well-known artist Andrea Strongwater. Each six-inch square tile features an elegant design based on a traditional Jewish theme, a thoughtful collectable for gift-giving as well as for your own home. Visit the Gift Shop, where the merchandise is top quality, the prices are modest, and the value is unsurpassed.

For personal service, call .

The Men's Club

by Charlie Millman

Our Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner was a complete success. Many thanks to all the people who helped (too many to name). A special thanks to Marsha Millman for her culinary expertise.

On August 28, The Men's Club and the Daughters of Israel combined forces to provide Shabbat dinner and entertainment before the evening service. Howard LeShaw and Larry Pearlstein gave us a lively mix of Klezmer and Jazz.

We are looking forward to the Journal Dinner-Dance and wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year from all of us at The Men's Club.

Men's Club meeting June 7th, 2009.

[Click here for photos](#)

[Jerusalem Resident and Journalist, Linda Livni Discussed the political situation in Israel](#) at the June 7th Men's Club meeting.

Officers for 2009-2010

Charles Millman, President
Aaron Novick Vice president
Jed Clauss Corresponding Secretary
Phil Goldman, Treasurer

Men's Club meeting July 22nd

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Corinne "Cookie" Slade, an occupational and cognitive therapist, and Jenny Myers, a survivor of a brain injury, talked about treatment for people with brain injuries and other neurological disabilities, such as stroke, and their plan to start a support group here on the North Fork. [Pictures here](#)

Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner Featured Jay Loomis, Flautist

[Click here for photos](#)

The Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner was a great success with 50 people attending and enjoying the musical presentation by Flautist Jay Loomis. [Pictures here](#).

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](#).

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](#)

Click below to see photos

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

"Our strength is our unity and our unity is our strength."

Refuah Shlemah

Rosemarie Birman, Rabbi Fenster,
Ann Handler, Esther Sperling

Bereavement

Congregation Tifereth Israel and Rabbi Myron Fenster offer our deepest condolences to Sara Bloom on the loss her brother, **Harold Michelson** and to Regi Weile on the loss of her brother, **Stephen Goldberg**.

We mourn the untimely passing of our immediate past President **Irwin Seigel**. The family requests that donations be made to Congregation Tifereth in Irwin's memory.

May their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Sunshine Club

Please consider sending a Sunshine card. It is a form of fund raising and it also makes the recipient happy, and permits you to perform a Mitzvah.

For information call Thelma

Simchas



Birthdays

- 08 John Clauss
- 08 Meryl Fishbine
- 10 Scott Kolin
- 11 Stephen Meshover
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- 15 Tom Sarig
- 18 Mary Gabriel
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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.

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.

Calendar of Events

September

- 12 Selichot Service 8:30 pm
- 13 Journal Dinner-Dance, Sound View Restaurant, 5:00 pm
- 17 Board Meeting 7:00 pm**
- 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 pm
- 19 Rosh Hashanah First Day 9:00 am, Evening Service 7:30 pm
- 20 Rosh Hashanah Second Day 9:00 am, Tashlich 1:30 pm
- 27 Kol Nidre 6:30 pm
- 28 Yom Kippur 9:00 am, Afternoon Service 5:30 pm, Shofar 7:20 pm, and Break the Fast

October

- 02 Erev Sukkot 7:30 pm
- 03 Sukkot First Day 9:30 am
- 04 Sukkot Second Day 9:30 am
- 09 Erev Sh'meni Atzaret 7:30 pm
- 10 Sh'mini Atzeret-Yizkor 9:30 am, Erev Simchat Torah 6:30 pm
- 11 Simchat Torah 9:30 am
- 25 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- Cong. Meeting 9:30 am

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

What Can We Do to Help the Poor in Our Community?

Adrienne Greenberg

CAST is our synagogue's chosen community outreach program for *Tikkun Olam* (healing the world). Many in our community are encountering difficult times. More people than ever are coming to the CAST office to apply for assistance. Please, when you do your food marketing, pick up a few extra items and bring them to the CAST office at 311 Front Street. If you cannot do that then bring your donation to the synagogue and we will deliver them to the CAST office.

Please call Liza Coppola, Executive Director at 477-1717 to volunteer your time to help at CAST.

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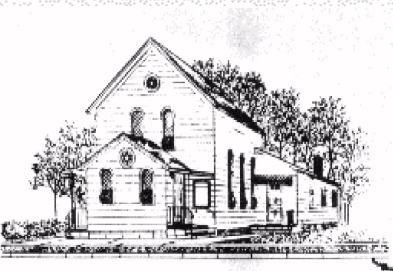
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Shabbat Service
Saturday - 9:30 am The first Shabbat of the month

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 .

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Links to web sites of interest will be placed here

[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.

THIS IS THE MOSCOW YIDDISH MUSICAL THEATER AND IT'S GREAT!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnY1Qm_JR1Y

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Q: Why did Adam and Eve have a perfect marriage?

A: He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Q: What business is a yenta in?

A: Yours.

Q: How do Jewish wives get their children ready for supper?

A: They put them in the car.

Q: What is the technical term for a divorced Jewish woman?

A: Plaintiff.

Q: What does a Jewish woman do to keep her hands soft and her nails long?

A: Nothing at all.

Q: Define "genius."

A: An average student with a Jewish mother.

Q: If Tarzan and Jane were Jewish, what would Cheetah be?

A: A fur coat.

Q: What do you call the nipple on a Jewish wife's breast?

A: The tip of the iceberg.

Q: What mechanical device causes the most arousal in a Jewish woman?

A: A Mercedes Benz 560SL convertible.

Jewish proverb:

"A Jewish wife will forgive and forget, but she'll never forget what she forgave."

One of life's mysteries -- how a 2 lb. box of chocolates can make a Jewish woman gain 5 lbs.

The trouble with some Jewish women is that they get all excited about nothing and then they marry him.

Bar mitzvah is defined as the day when a Jewish boy comes to realize that he is more likely to own a professional sports team than he is to play for one.

A pill was developed to increase the sexual desire of Jewish women. There is only one side effect: A headache.

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A minister, a priest and a rabbi went for a hike one day. It was very hot. They were sweating and exhausted when they came upon a small lake. Since it was fairly secluded, they took off all their clothes and jumped in the water. Feeling refreshed, the trio decided to pick a few berries while enjoying their "freedom." As they were crossing an open area, who should come along but a group of ladies from town.

Unable to get to their clothes in time, the minister and the priest covered their privates and the rabbi covered his face while they ran for cover. After the ladies had left and the men got their clothes back on, the minister and the priest asked the rabbi why he covered his face rather than his privates. The rabbi replied, "I don't know about you, but in MY congregation, it's my face they would recognize."

Ida, who belonged to a synagogue group devoted to visiting and helping the sick members of her congregation, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. Since Ida was on the way to see another patient, and was behind schedule, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she always had handy for needy patients.

Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gas, and carried the full bedpan back to her car which was decorated with many Hebrew decals and bumper stickers.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two men watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said: 'If it starts, I'm converting to Judaism.'

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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 kippah?'

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 'xeno'i' 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: lsamit@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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If that does not work, try this link.
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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.'

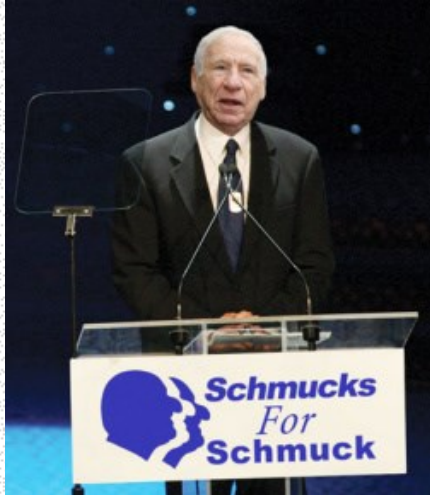
'OK,' said the old Jew, 'It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that... If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need.. . Shalom.'

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.'

Mel Brooks Starts Nonprofit Foundation To Save Word 'Schmuck'

NEW YORK-Saying he could no longer stand idly by while a vital part of American culture is lost forever, activist and Broadway producer Mel Brooks has founded a private nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the word "schmuck."



port of kvetching at a schmuck

Brooks said during a 2,000-person event in Williamsburg, Brooklyn Monday. "Schmuck" is a way of life. Yet when I see people behaving in foolish ways, I hear only the words "schmuck." I shake my head and think, 'I don't

schmuck, has compiled schmuck words and conducted its own study of temporary "schmuck" usage. The study is frightening: Utterances of the word "schmuck" are spoken every year since its peak of 17 times spoken a mere 28 times-17

of these times by Brooks himself. The study indicates that today, when faced with a situation in which one can use a targeted or self-deprecating insult to convey a general feeling of disgust, people are 50 times more likely to use the word "jerk" than "schmuck," 100 times more likely to use "dick," and 15,000 times more likely to use "f**king a**hole."

Perhaps more startling, only 23 percent of men know what schmuck means, and only 1.2 percent of these men are under the age of 78. If such trends continue, Brooks estimates that by 2011, such lesser-used terms as "imbecile," "dummy," "schlub," and "contemptible ne'er-do-well" will all surpass schmuck, which is projected to completely disappear by the year 2020 or whenever Brooks dies.

"We must save this word!" Brooks said to thunderous applause as those in attendance began chanting "Schmuck! Schmuck! Schmuck!" "How will we be able to charmingly describe someone who acts in an inappropriate manner? Especially given the tragic loss of the word 'schmegeggy' in 2001. So I urge you: Tonight, when you get home, please, call up your family, your friends, your loved ones, and tell them they're a bunch of schmucks."

Hundreds turned out at a Boca Raton, FL demonstration to show their support for the dying word.

"I've never told anyone this before," Brooks added, choking back tears, "but my father was a schmuck."

The foundation has already raised more than \$20 million, thanks to donations from supporters such as Jackie Mason, Albert Brooks, the Schtupp Institute, Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI),



nt for the Preservation of Jewish words and projects aimed at preserving the English lexicon, including the word "schmuck," Jewish Humor Awareness, and a

to as schmucks. You can call someone a schmuck, and you can be called a schmuck. You can even call yourself a schmuck."

"Plus, it's just so fun to say," Brooks added. "Schmuck." Many of the foundation's volunteers say they share Brooks' passion for the word "schmuck," as well as his outrage that it is slowly disappearing from everyday use. They claim that if they do not act now, the trend could create a snowball effect.

"Today it's schmuck, tomorrow it might be toochis," said SFS volunteer Harry Steinbergmann, 82. "What's next, schlemiel? Putz? Schlimazel?" Steinbergmann went on to classify this scenario as farcockteh.

A fast bris

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