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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services (Hybrid)

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Yiskor in 2024: June 13 (Shavuot); Oct. 12 (Yom Kippur); Oct. 24 (Shemini Atzeret)

Tuesday, April 23: Yiskor, (Passover), 9:30 a.m.

Dates To Remember

Thursday, March 28: Opening Day, Yankees at Houston Astros, Minute Maid Park, Houston 3:10 p.m.

Saturday, March 30: Opening Day, Milwaukee Brewers at Mets, Citi Field, 1:40 p.m.

Shul Events

Monday, April 1: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Pastoral at 11 a.m., on Zoom

Mondays and Thursdays during March: Laurie Short's Trifecta Workout, community room, 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25: Hebrew Class at 4:30 p.m.; Trope Training at 5:30 p.m.,
at the parsonage and on Zoom

Friday, April 5: Oneg Shabbat, sponsored by Elaine Goldman, immediately following Shabbat service

Thursday, April 18: Book Circle, 3 p.m. on Zoom; selection TBD

Sunday, April 21: Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m., Congregation at 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, April 22: First Seder at the shul (Menu, cost and reservations: information to come)
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Lighting Shabbat Candles in April

April 5: 7:07 April 12: 7:14 April 19: 7:22 April 26: 7:29

Deadline for the May 2024 issue of *The Shofar*: April 20

From The Rabbi...A Purim Message For Today



“The Sin of War”

Every time I read the name Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas, I behold the embodiment of the sin of war. Sin and war are also the two words that make up his name. Like Haman in ancient Persia, who plotted to annihilate a nation, Hamas today holds the same agenda, only by a different name. Gaza has submitted to the sin of war in the underground of Hamas’ state of death. When death kidnapped life into evil underground tunnels, Hamas turned the plowshares into swords — thousands dead, 240 kidnapped, many of them now also dead. Ironically, Sinwar’s first name, Yahya, means life. Such a choice in one man, between death and life. For Jews, we always choose life.

Before Purim, we observe the Fast of Esther and believe in Venahafokhu — that things will flip in our favor. On the day of Purim, we give money to the Temple, offer gifts to the homebound and poor, exchange food with friends, and enjoy a festive meal.

To win against Haman is to be kind to each other. So much so, that we even dress as the other.

On the holiday of Purim, we read “the whole Megillah” of Esther. Our Rabbis tell us that Purim is the time that, as a nation, we accepted the mitzvot fully, striving for life, and making faith and freedom the law of the land. According to Rabbi Jacob Neusner, “The stories of the Scroll of Esther are important, not because of their portrayal

of actual events, but because they speak to the situation of Jews in times of crisis.” Thus, the holiday never loses its meaning for the Jewish people. Haman, the Agagite, and Mordechai, the descendent of King Saul, continue to battle through the generations.

What is the war about? Eli Wiesel and Primo Levi both write that antisemitism is a war against memory. Professor Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi in his seminal book, *Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory*, writes that, “...ancient Israel knows God from what he has done in history. And if that is so, then memory has become crucial to its faith and, ultimately, to its very existence.” It reminds us that we have enemies, often masquerading.

On this Shabbat Zakhor — the Shabbat of Remembrance immediately preceding Purim, we are obligated to remember what Amalek did to us when we left Egypt, when he attacked us from behind, when we were most vulnerable. We will not forget them, those who are still kidnapped. We should speak in a loud voice for those who are in the silent tunnels.

Many families around the world leave an empty chair for the kidnapped at their tables. Our synagogue has adopted two brothers — Eitan Horn (37), and Iair Horn (45), taken from their home on Oct. 7. At our Model Seder and at our Passover Seder, we will place in Elijah’s

chair a poster that pictures the two of them, a symbol of hope that they will return to us with Elijah.



O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto — “In God is our trust”

—Francis Scott Key
“The Star Spangled Banner”

I hope you had a miraculous and happy Purim.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

Help bring the hostages home: <https://freedomtags.org/>

From The President...



“The Festive Meal”

Memory is flawed. Images and details surface in the mind and, from those bits, a composite of a past experience emerges. Sometimes the memory is blurred, lost in a haze of maybe's that the passage of time has largely swallowed. Siblings central to a family happening may have different recollections of how an event unfolded — unique perspectives and points of view on the same experience, even though all were present and participating. For sure, memory is not an exact science.

Some readers may recall Akira Kurosawa's iconic 1950 film, “Rashomon,” in which a samurai is murdered in a forest, and various witnesses provide alternative and contradictory versions of the incident. It is a plot device, often used in storytelling.

On the other hand, some memories startle with vividness, each aspect electric in its detail — who was there, what you were wearing, who said what. The gatherings of families for holidays and celebrations embody that effect, yet none perhaps with more coherence than April's family seder when, let's say, Aunt Eva's gefilte fish is followed by Aunt Rosie's brisket and Aunt Harriet's tzimmes, and where Uncle Bruce's honey wine emerges triumphant from a brief aging in the wine cellar to be mixed with seltzer for a spritzer like none other. Topsy teens drunk on it come to mind. These details I recall from decades of Seders in my own house.

Perhaps these suggestions are bringing forth memories long buried in your own past, some with astonishing clarity.

As I revisit the years of Seders held in the dining room of our house, my father presiding, children, grandchildren and siblings all present at a dining table extending like a stretch limo clear into the entry hall that separated the formal dining room from the living room. I recall lighthearted moments at that table: A knock at the door just as Elijah's cup was raised; various pets adding a chorus of sounds at the start of the singing; boyfriends one year never to be seen again — succeeded by others the next. Moments, too, that touch us — one of the youngsters nervously reciting the four questions for the first time. [Note, this president likely holds the world's record for that task given to the youngest child — recitation year after year until my freshman year in college.]

As dear as I hold those memories of Seders past, one transcends them all: An unfilled place at the head of the table the year my father died created an emptiness within me that family, close friends, and ritual togetherness struggled to fill. My husband had spent quite some time preparing to lead the ceremony, yet I found it hard to focus on the current Seder, lost in what had been, the narrator's voice just an echo of the familiar story of how the Jews, newly released from bondage, had raced across the land to the sea, Pharaoh's soldiers in pursuit. As he held the Seder plate aloft, pointing out the symbols of spring and a fresh start of freedom for the Jewish people, all present, except one, were engaged in the retelling. You see, my father and I had a little interplay every year at the end of the ceremony and, no matter how foolish it may sound today, how formal it seemed even then, I would wait for it and savor the moment when it came. I would not hear it this year.

As the Seder ceremony drew close to ending, suddenly, I sensed an unexpected quiet...no prayers, no singing, no idle chatter. Stillness. I glanced up questioningly at my husband's place at the table — lost in reverie, what had I missed? — and then, catching the glint in his eye, a smile playing at the corners of his mouth, I heard the words “Daughter, you may serve the festive meal.” My father's words. There, at that moment, I felt his presence. And my husband knew I would. And all was right.

I hope your Seder this year will be a memorable event, one you will carry with you wherever you are, wherever you go. Remember, it's not always the grand gesture that triggers a profound effect. Often it is a commonplace moment that becomes a powerful experience, a treasured memory.

Zissen Pesach to all...

— Sara Bloom

Journal Committee Names Judith K. Weiner The 2024 Honoree



In a unanimous decision by the 2024 Journal Committee, past president and shul innovator Judith K. Weiner was named this year's journal honoree. "At this moment in our shul's history, no one is more deserving than our own Judy, who led this shul with strength and commitment to the vitality of our Jewish community here at Congregation Tifereth Israel," said Madelyn Rothman, chair of the journal committee.

The annual journal recognizes the growth and accomplishments that have distinguished our shul in the past year, and honors those behind the achievements in the spiritual, educational and social programs that propel us forward. The journal also invites shul and community members to join the ever-expanding list of supporters who value the efforts of those volunteers who work creatively to maintain our Jewish presence on the North Fork.

A highly respected and popular president, Judith K. Weiner embodies that essence — a spirit of commitment to Judaism, to Israel, to our shul, and to what she once called "the Jewish dream of community." An artist by profession, and a strong leader, she served our shul as president for three terms, from June 2020 through June 2023, a tenure that exceeded all presidents who came before her. During her time in office, membership grew significantly, volunteers stepped forward to be part of her mission, attendance at services and events virtually doubled. While other institutions struggled during the Covid epidemic, ours thrived. She embraced technology and the advances that allowed members to participate via Zoom, keeping us together and involved. Where other shuls faltered for lack of funds, contributions to our shul increased. As chair of the shul's fundraising, Judith's effort has provided the finances that support strong programming and the smooth operation of our institution.

Prior to accepting the presidency, the honoree served two terms as vice president, four years as an active member of the Board of Directors, and was co-founder with Saul Rosenstreich of the shul's Judaism and Art group.

In those moments when her obligations to the shul and the pleasure she takes in her large and loving family allow her cherished alone-time, she paints. Noteworthy among acknowledgments of her work is recognition by Long Island's Heckscher Museum of Art that named her one of 20 artists in an international competition to participate in the museum's Instagram Takeover Series. Decades of her work making ceramic sculpture and paintings, including new digital images, are on view at Ilon Art Gallery in New York City and in her home and studio gallery in Mattituck.



The Opening Of Solicitations, And A Celebration Garden Party. All Are Invited

The Journal Committee will invite family, friends and shul and community members to place tributes to the honoree in the 2024 journal. Watch your email accounts for messages announcing the April 1 opening of journal solicitations.

To celebrate the honoree and the launch of the 2024 journal, the shul will host a catered Garden Party in Andrew Levin Park on **Sunday, July 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Our Shul And NFRS To Observe Yom HaShoah With Yellow Candles

Tikkun Olam Group Heads Candle Packaging and Distribution



Our shul will join with members of the North Fork Reform Synagogue in a joint program to honor the six million lost in the Holocaust. We will participate together in the Yellow Candle Project on Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m., on Zoom. Rabbi Gadi Capela and one of the NFRS rabbis will lead participants in commentary and prayers to honor those who were lost amid the horrific acts of aggression that vanquished Jewish populations in major cities and peaceful villages across Europe.

Veronica Kaliski, one of the leaders of the shul's Tikkun Olam group, gathered

volunteers to package the yellow candles and mail or hand deliver one to each family in our shul. Susan Bloom of the NFRS will see that candles are distributed to her synagogue families.

This is the third year that our shul has participated in this worldwide candlelighting event that takes place annually on Yom HaShoah. It is a moving experience and a powerful communal event. In addition, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that originally developed and introduced the project to the global Jewish community, recommends that families discuss with their children and grandchildren the events that led to the Holocaust, and the evil effects of hatred. The federation points out that young people may think it is not possible that such events occurred, yet we know they did.

And when the last of those who survived the Holocaust are gone, who will speak of it? Who will honor those who died? Who will say their names? We must, the Yellow Candle Project says, and our children and grandchildren, too, must keep alive the memory of the events that occurred more than a half-century ago. Our lighted candles are powerful symbols that can open the door to discussion, education and interaction — the paths that fight the antisemitism that continues to build in the world.

Join us on this night of remembrance: Sunday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m., on Zoom.

[Pictured, from left, Cookie Slade, Tom Byrne, Vika Bloom, Veronica Kaliski and Elaine Goldman.]

Andrea Blaga photo

To Make A Yellow Candle Charitable Contribution...



Should you wish to acknowledge receipt of your candle with a charitable contribution, we suggest that you consider a gift in a multiple of \$18, the number that represents life — chai — to Congregation Tifereth Israel, and designate it for the Yellow Candle Project. The shul will, in turn, donate the full amount of all the contributions to Greenport High School to help finance a visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, a fitting conclusion to the 10th-graders' unit on the Holocaust.

You can contribute online at our website — www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org — or by sending a check to the shul at P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY 11944.

...And now, terrorist activity in Gaza: 240 hostages taken on Oct. 7. See their photos, and read their names and their stories at bringthemhomenow.com

Hamantaschen, Music, Dancing, Costumes, Fun: Happy Purim Everyone



GEM Interfaith Event Recognizes Easter/Passover Over Matzaball Soup





Rabbi Gadi, Pastor Ann Van Cleef, and Don Russo, guests at the GEM interfaith event, display a poster of the shul's "adopted" brothers, held hostage in Gaza. The Israel-Hamas War and the hostage-taking are uppermost as Jews throughout the world observe Passover, a holiday that celebrates freedom and rebirth. Pictured right, the event's kitchen crew, from left, Dora, Sara, Joanna, Roberta and Carol. Photos by Beth Young and Sara Bloom

Tikkun Olam: From Our Shul To John's Place At Saint Agnes Church



Tikkun Olam members Veronica Kaliski, center, and Madelyn Rothman, right, deliver purchases and contributions of men's clothing to Alex Zimardo, coordinator of John's Place at St. Agnes Church in Greenport. In a thank-you letter to the group, the coordinator wrote, "Having other organizations willing to support our efforts with this vulnerable population is truly a blessing. We are grateful to be a part of a community that cares."

John's Place provides a safe, warm and dry place to sleep, also hot showers, nourishing meals, and warm winter clothing for homeless men.

Tikkun Olam spearheaded a February campaign at our shul, seeking contributions of men's clothing for the shelter housed within the church.

Many Tikkun Olam campaigns throughout the year benefit CAST's charitable work. When the group learned about the need at John's Place, they added that charity to their work in the community on behalf of our shul.

Members of Tikkun Olam are Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman and Cookie Slade.

For more information about the group, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Veronica Kaliski. John's Place photo

The Shofar joins the membership in welcoming Miriam David and Scott Friedman of Cutchogue to our congregation. We look forward to meeting you and participating with you in our spiritual, educational and social programs.

Series Of Resignations At Harvard Underscores Antisemitism On Campus

The co-chair of a task force set up by Harvard University to combat antisemitism has resigned. It is the second high-profile resignation in the university's efforts to address complaints by Jewish students that they have felt uncomfortable on campus since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack in Israel. In that attack, scores of citizens were slaughtered and nearly 200 taken as hostages, some of them children and seniors.

The co-chair, Raffaella Sadun, a professor of business administration, did not give a reason for stepping down, but a colleague said she appeared to be frustrated at how long it was taking to make

Hillels of Westchester filed a Title VI complaint Tuesday against Sarah Lawrence College on behalf of Jewish students over "persistent and pervasive" antisemitism.

Annual Genesis Prize Awarded To Five Israeli Groups Supporting Israel



Five Israeli groups supporting Israelis held hostage in Gaza will receive the 2024 Genesis Prize, the \$1 million award known as the "Jewish Nobel." Presented annually since 2013, the award is given by the Genesis Prize Foundation, and historically has gone to Jewish celebrities or public figures. More recently, the foundation has given the prize to organizations that together are tackling a crisis in the Jewish community, including in 2022 when it honored groups supporting Jews in Ukraine.

This year, the foundation turned again to a collective group working to support Israelis taken hostage when Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7. The groups are: The Hostages and Missing Families progress on addressing the issue, *The New York Times* said.

In December, a nationally prominent rabbi, David Wolpe, resigned from a previous antisemitism advisory committee after widely criticized testimony about campus antisemitism before Congress by the former Harvard president, Claudine Gay. "Events on campus and the painfully inadequate testimony reinforced the idea that I cannot make the sort of difference I had hoped," he wrote on X at the time.

The university has named Jared Ellias, a law professor, to replace Dr. Sadun. "Over the past five months, grief, anger and fear have taken a toll on members of our community as divisions on our campus have persisted," Alan M. Garber, the university's interim president said in a statement. "We must do more to bridge the fissures."

More Campus Unrest, This Time at Barnard College/Columbia University

As a response to the tense climate on campus at Barnard College and Columbia University since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war, students at Barnard may no longer display messages on their dorm doors, said an email from Leslie Grinage, the college's dean.

Some students at Barnard and Columbia University, of which it is a part, have placed signs on their dormitory doors charging Israel with genocide in Gaza and of being an illegitimate state. In response, Jewish students have filed a lawsuit, accusing both schools of failing to protect students from "pervasive" antisemitism and anti-Zionism. "Anti-Zionism is not merely a political movement — although many try to disguise it as such — but is a direct attack against Israel as a Jewish collectivity," the suit reads.

Barnard officials said the new dorm policy is intended to foster an atmosphere “where everybody feels welcome and safe... While many decorations and fixtures on doors serve as a means of helpful communication amongst peers, we are also aware that some may have the unintended effect of isolating those who have different views and beliefs,” the email statement said.

And the following...

The Faculty for Justice in Palestine at the University of Pennsylvania is suing the school in an attempt to stop it from participating in a U.S. Department of Education investigation into antisemitism on campus.

The New York Civil Liberties Union and an organization that represents pro-Palestinian activists are suing Columbia University for what they describe as the “unlawful suspension” of two pro-Palestinian student groups on campus. But now, Columbia is [considering reinstating](#) its chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace.

A New Jersey school group apologized for an email to staff encouraging them to “contextualize” lessons about Ramadan by explaining how Israel prevents Palestinian Muslims from celebrating their holiday as it “enacts genocide.”

A group of pro-Palestinian activists disrupted an astrophysics lecture on black holes by a visiting Israeli professor at the University of Nevada. The lecture had to be cancelled.

Money donated to the JAFI Fund for Victims of Terror; Lev Ehad; The Israeli Trauma and Resiliency Center; and One Family-Overcoming Terror Together is to be used for humanitarian purposes that support medical and psychological treatment for former hostages and their families. More than 250 Israelis were taken hostage on Oct. 7, when Hamas attacked Israel. More than 100 were freed in November during a temporary ceasefire. An estimated 136 people remain hostage in Gaza, of whom about 100 are thought to be alive.



A College Course Has Inspired An International Hunt For Books In The Yiddish Language

When Aaron Lansky was studying Yiddish literature at McGill University, he was having difficulty finding the books he needed. First generation Jewish Americans, escaping pogroms and poverty abroad, had flocked to America, bringing their Yiddish books with them. But, Mr. Lansky wondered, what would happen to those books left to their children, who did not speak the language?

In an article published Feb. 29 in *The New York Times*, Joseph Berger chronicled the events that led to a collection of 1.5 million books and the establishment of the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA., one of the nation’s leading Jewish cultural institutions, *The Times* said.

Mr. Lansky had expected to amass about 70,000 books. What exists now is an institution that is part museum, part library, part bookstore, and part storehouse, currently lodged in two buildings on the campus of Hampshire College, where Mr. Lansky was an undergraduate student.

So far, 11,000 titles have been digitized, and have triggered five million downloads, *The Times* said. NYTimes photo

A New Jewish Comedy, 'Dinner With The Parents,' Debuts In April



It's been four years since the British Jewish comedy show, "Friday Night Dinner," aired its sixth and final season. But this month, the story is finally coming to America with an adaptation called "Dinner With the Parents," starring Michaela Watkins and Carol Kane. It will stream on Amazon FreeVee, the first four episodes starting April 18, a few days before Passover. The show is about Shabbat dinners at the home of one chaotic Jewish family.

Skywatchers: Prepare To Witness A Rare Total Eclipse Of The Sun



On April 8, North America will experience its second total solar eclipse in seven years. The moon will glide over the surface of our sun, casting a shadow over a swath of Earth below. Along this path, the world will turn dark as night. In cosmic terms, it is unusual that this happens: the moon is about 400 times smaller than the sun, but it is about 400 times closer to us. That means that when these two celestial bodies are aligned, they appear to be the same size in the sky. Skywatchers in Mexico will be the first to see the eclipse on the mainland. From there, the show will slide north, entering

the United States through Texas, then proceeding northeast before concluding for most people off the coast of Canada.

It is never safe to look directly at the sun during an eclipse (except for the few moments when the moon has fully obscured its surface). At all other times, watch the event through protective eye equipment, or you can live stream the event at a number of websites, including exploratorium.edu among others. The event will last about two and a half hours, but the totality will last about four minutes.

The map above shows the path of totality — near us on the North Fork, but not directly above

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Evan Gershkovich, a Jewish reporter for the Wall Street Journal, imprisoned for a year in Russia, has been ordered to remain in jail there on espionage charges until at least June, when his case may be reviewed. Friends and colleagues have organized fundraisers to bring attention to his plight in the hope that publicity may hasten his release.

Zach Hyman, a star hockey player for the Edmonton Oilers, scored his 50th goal of the 2023-24 season on March 24.

Ruth Levy Gottesman, an American educator, chair of the board of trustees of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) in the Bronx, New York, and a long-time professor there, last month donated \$1 billion to the medical school to ensure that tuition would be free in perpetuity to all future students. It is the largest gift ever made to any medical school in this country.

With her husband David, she donated \$25 million to AECOM in 2008, which was used to found the Ruth L. and David S. Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Research, the Ruth L. Gottesman Clinical Skills Center and the Faculty Scholar in Epigenetics at AECOM.

When David died in 2022, he bequeathed a portfolio of stock in Berkshire Hathaway to Ruth, with the instructions for her to do with it as she pleased. Wanting to support education, Ruth Gottesman announced the \$1 billion gift in February to the Albert Einstein institution.

Adrianne and Miriam



Yup, check this out. There they are — our own Miriam Gabriel and Adrianne Greenberg — all decked out for Hawaii in Florida. Shirts, leis, and a grass skirt on friend Meg.

Of course, it's all about golf and good fun, too at the Legacy Golf and Tennis Club's member-guest tournament. Would you believe that some of the aloha revelers even dressed up their golf carts in grass skirts?

Now for the scores. Our Miriam was the hands-down winner of the "closest to the line drive contest." For this feat, you drive the ball with a mighty swing and, if you do it right, you come three inches from the line set way, way down the fairway. If you've ever seen Miriam take a swing, you know not to question that woman's ability to put the ball exactly — exactly — where she wants it. She might argue, but take it from your Shofar editor, who learned the game at the feet of the master, no surprise there.

About Adrianne, another champ player, her team was one little stroke away from the winning circle. She may be losing sleep over that darn ball that put on its brakes a quarter-inch from the hole.

All in all, a great day for golf and for fun.

Barbra Streisand



In a ceremony held Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Hall in Los Angeles, Barbara Streisand, a director, actor and writer, accepted a lifetime achievement award at the 30th annual Screen Actors Guild (SAG) awards. She had joined SAG more than six decades ago.

In her acceptance speech, she paid tribute to the Jewish founders of the film industry — Samuel Goldwyn, Louis B. Mayer, and Marcus Loew. “They were all fleeing the prejudice they faced in Eastern Europe simply because of their religion,” she told the crowd at the SAG awards. “They were dreamers, like all of us tonight,” she said. “And now I dream of a world where such prejudice is a thing of the past.”

• OBITUARIES •

It is with deep sadness that *The Shofar* joins the membership in mourning the deaths of two members of the shul family. **Malvina Cohen**, mother of shul member Madelyn Rothman and a long-time friend of our shul, died on March 9, in Israel.

On March 17, we mourned the passing of shul member **Ellen Esther Levin Wiederlight**, sister of shul members Jody Levin and Rachel Levin Murphy.

May memories of their loved ones bring comfort to the families at this difficult time.

Jacob Rothschild

Jacob Rothschild, a wealthy financier, patron of the arts, philanthropist with close ties to Israel and, who broke with his family’s fabled banking dynasty at a time of change in the world of high finance, has died. He was 87. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the Rothschild Foundation, a British charity.

In addition to his career as a high-powered financier, Mr. Rothschild played a role in Israel. He oversaw his family’s long-running philanthropic activities there as head of the Yad Hanadiv foundation, which sponsored the construction of Israel’s Parliament, Supreme Court and National Library. Waddesdon Manor, a chateau built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, managed by Britain’s nonprofit National Trust, is now home to the Rothschild’s collection of an estimated 15,000 works of art and objects, and for Jacob Rothschild’s collection of Rothschild wines, mainly from the Bordeaux region of France.

Richard Lewis



Richard Lewis, the stand-up comedian who parlayed a dark sense of humor into an acting career that included movies and TV, died on Feb. 27 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 76.

Neurotic and self-deprecating, typically dressed all in black, Mr. Lewis paced the stages of comedy clubs, hanging his head, pulling at his shock of black hair, riffing on his struggles in life and love. He called himself “The Prince of Pain.”

Beginning in 1999, he had a regular role on “Curb Your Enthusiasm” as a good friend and golf buddy of Larry David, the show’s star and creator. He played a semi-fictionalized version of himself, a dour personality who made Mr. David’s otherwise prickly self seem like Christopher Robin.

“I owe my career to my mother,” Mr. Lewis told the *Washington Post* in 2020. A woman with issues, he said, “I should have given her my agent’s commission.”

Jason Zinoman, in an appraisal in *The New York Times*, wrote of the friendship between Lewis and David, “These cantankerous Brooklyn Jews made harangues seem like hugs.”

Bruce Newman

Bruce Newman, a New York antiques dealer and proprietor of his family’s business, Newel Galleries, originally founded as a prop house for theater and film productions, died on Feb. 9 at his home in Beverly Hills, CA. He was 94.

During his reign over the business, the building teemed with two centuries’ worth of treasures, most costing upward of five figures — carousel horses, Ruhlmann desks; benches from the Paris Metro; French Victorian dining chairs swirled in bronze trim, also Victorian wicker, French salon furniture, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Gothic revival, Biedermeier, Directoire, English Arts & Crafts, Renaissance and Medieval pieces, also the weird and the whimsical. Reportedly, Mr. Newman loved “the hunt.”

His customers? From Queen Elizabeth II and Jackie Kennedy to Barbara Streisand and Claus Von Bulow who, between trials for the attempted murder of his wife, Sunny Von Bulow, sold Mr. Newman two 18th-century Venetian lacquered commodes from the couple’s Newport estate.

Iris Apfel

Iris Apfel, a New York society matron and interior designer who invaded the fashion world with a brash bohemian style that mixed hippie vintage and haute Couture, died on March 1 at her home in Palm Beach, FL. She was 102.

Calling herself a “geriatric starlet,” Ms. Apfel in her 80s and 90s set trends with irreverent ensembles: a boxy, multicolored Bill Blass jacket with tinted Hopi dancing skirt and hairy goatskin boots; a fluffy evening coat of red and green rooster feathers with suede pants slashed to the knees; a rose angora sweater set and a 19th-century Chinese brocade panel skirt.

“When you don’t dress like everybody else, you don’t have to think like everybody else,” Ms. Apfel told Ruth La Ferla of *The New York Times* in 2011.

For decades starting in the 1950s, Ms. Apfel designed interiors for private clients like Greta Garbo and Estée Lauder. In 1992, she and her husband sold their company, and she became a soaring free spirit known in society and to the fashion cognoscenti for ignoring the dictates of the runway in favor of her own artfully clashing styles.

Rabbi Ellen Bernstein

Ellen Bernstein, a river guide turned rabbi who blazed a spiritual trail in the environmental movement by connecting nature to the Hebrew Bible, died on Feb. 27 in Philadelphia. She was 70.

In 1988, Rabbi Bernstein founded Shomrei Adamah, Keepers of the Earth, which she described as the first national Jewish environmental organization. “The Creation story, Jewish law, the cycle of holidays, prayers, mitzvot, and neighborly relations all reflect a reverence for land and a viable practice of Stewardship,” she wrote in *Ecology & The Jewish Spirit: Where Nature & the Sacred Meet*.

Her work gave a new dimension to the words “holy land” and to the synergy between heaven and earth,” *The New York Times* said.

Steve Lawrence

Steve Lawrence, the nightclub, television and recording star who, with his wife Eydie Gorme, kept pop standards in vogue on musical walks down memory lane for a half-century, died on March 8 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 88.

Besides playing concerts and tours with his wife, Mr. Lawrence starred in Broadway musicals, acted on television and in movies, produced TV specials, recorded scores of albums with Ms. Gorme, and more than 60 singles.

In 2004, at the Westbury Music Fair on Long Island, where they had played many times, they performed at a theater in the round. “Forty years we’ve been schlepping all over the world, only to be working in a merry-go-round in Westbury,” Mr. Lawrence joked to a *New York Times* reporter that year.

Howard Hiatt

Howard H. Hiatt, a physician, scientist and academic who reshaped the field of public health, steering it away from the narrow study of infectious diseases toward big-picture issues of fiscal and societal accountability in medicine, died on March 2 at his home in Cambridge, MA. He was 98.

Harvard Public Health, a magazine published by the Harvard School of Public Health, where Dr. Hiatt was dean for 12 years, wrote in 2013 that Dr. Hiatt “made public health the conscience of medicine.”

A Harvard-trained physician who held leadership posts at some of the country’s most prestigious hospitals, Dr. Hiatt was an outspoken critic of the inequities in American health care. He accused American medicine of having a bias toward expensive, high-tech treatments while excluding millions of people from basic care.

Gerald M. Levin

Gerald M. Levin, a media executive who ran the world’s largest media company, Time Warner, and who became an architect of its merger with America online, the world’s largest internet company, then headed by Steve Case, died on March 13. He was 84.

The merger was widely considered the worst corporate marriage in American history. AOL’s stock price slid more than 30 percent between the deal’s announcement in January and its approval that December by the Federal Trade Commission, pushing AOL’s proposed \$165 billion purchase of Time Warner — in stock and assumed debt — down to \$112 billion.

By the start of 2002, AOL Time Warner’s market value was around \$127 billion. That year, the company posted a net loss of \$98.7 billion, a record for a U.S. company. Mr. Levin resigned in 2002.

Blame for the failure was placed on a variety of factors, including the bursting of the dot-com bubble, the cultural differences between Time Warner’s old media and AOL’s new media, and a clash of egos between the two CEO’s.

Len Sirowitz

Len Sirowitz, an award-winning advertising art director whose creative work in the 1960s included memorable print ads for the Volkswagen Beetle — like one declaring, “Ugly is only skin-deep” — and a campaign for Sara Lee, which introduced “Nobody doesn’t like Sara Lee,” died on March 4 at his home in Manhattan. He was 91.

“It was quite early in my career that I began to realize that my message needed to not only be bold and daring, but it must stem from the truth...and touch people’s emotions,” he told Dave Dye, who runs the advertising blog “From the Loft.”

Mr. Sirowitz was the senior vice president and associate creative director of Doyle Dane Bernbach. During his tenure, he was voted art director of the year several times by Ad Weekly, and was inducted into the Art Directors Club Hall of Fame.

Josette Molland

Josette Molland, a French Resistance fighter during WWII, eventually captured by the Nazis, who deported her to concentration camps for women, died Feb. 17 at a nursing home in Nice.

The horrors she endured took a visual form in the retelling. Many years after her liberation and return to France, she was worried that the story wouldn't be told. She began to make a series of paintings depicting her life at Ravensbruck and Holleischen. "I use them to explain to young people in the schools what the human race is capable of, hoping that my testimony will awaken their vigilance so they don't have to live what I did," she wrote in an autobiography.

The paintings are frank, leaving little to the imagination. There is no emotion, and the faces are nearly expressionless, powerful in their fairy-tale-like simplicity, *The New York Times* said.

David Seidler

David Seidler, a screenwriter whose Oscar-winning script for "The King's Speech" — about King George VI conquering a stutter to rally Britain at the outset of WWII — drew on his own painful experience with a childhood stammer, died on March 16 on a fly-fishing trip in New Zealand. He was 86 and lived in Santa Fe, NM.

On winning the Academy Award for best original screenplay for "The King's Speech" (2010), Mr. Seidler said from the Hollywood stage that he was accepting on behalf of all stutterers. "We have a voice; we have been heard," he said.

Ben Stern

Ben Stern, a survivor of nine concentration camps, who spearheaded a defiance against a rally organized by a band of Nazis in Skokie, Ill., in 1977, died on Feb. 28, at his home in Berkeley, CA, where he had moved from his residence in Illinois. He was 102.

The threat of Nazis rallying in his midst was intolerable to him, to many of his fellow Skokie residents, and to local government leaders. Efforts to block the demonstration failed. The Supreme Court denied the request for a stay, clearing the path for the Nazis to demonstrate.

Although Skokie lost the legal fight, the village was spared the Nazi rally. The group moved the event to Chicago, knowing that a rally in Skokie would face a counterdemonstration, which Mr. Stern had helped to plan and which was expected to draw about 50,000 people.

In Chicago, an estimated 5,000 turned out to protest the rally. In the end, the demonstration outside a federal building included 29 Nazis and lasted 10 minutes, *The Los Angeles Times* reported.

Mr. Stern was quoted saying "Today you prove we stand together against the threat of Nazism."

Martin Greenfield

Martin Greenfield, born in a part of Czechoslovakia that is now Ukraine and who was sent to Auschwitz as a teenager and later became a tailor for clients, including six U.S. presidents and numerous celebrities, died on March 18 at his home in Brooklyn. He was 95.

Beaten in the camp for ripping a shirt, a fellow prisoner taught him to sew. At age 19, he was freed, and he boarded a ship to New York with \$10 in his pocket. Mr. Greenfield became arguably the best men's tailor in the United States.

Joseph I. Lieberman

Joseph I. Lieberman, the independent four-term U.S. senator from Connecticut, who was the Democratic nominee for vice president in 2000s, becoming the first Jewish candidate on the national ticket of a major party, died on March 27 in New York City. He was 82.

Mr. Lieberman served 10 years in the state Senate, the last six as majority leader before running the open U.S. House seat for the New Haven area. Following that loss, he ran for state attorney general and swept to victory. He won reelection four years later and then took a U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weiker, Jr., a three-term liberal Republican.

In Washington, Mr. Lieberman became known as a serious-minded legislator, adept at working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. In private life, Mr. Lieberman was a strict observer of Orthodox Jewish practice. He kept a kosher diet, prayed daily, and declined to campaign on the Sabbath. He brought moral certitude to his public life as well, denouncing gratuitous sex and violence in films, television shows, and pop music. One of Mr. Lieberman's enduring themes was that religion in general, not just the Jewish faith, deserved a more prominent place in public life.

In his 2012 farewell Senate speech, he said, "The greatest obstacle I see standing between us and the brighter American future we all want is right here in Washington. It is the partisan polarization of our politics that prevents us from making the principled compromises on which progress in a democracy depends."

Share Your Thoughtfulness With A Sisterhood Sunshine Card



On the front, our historic sanctuary; an acknowledgment of your generosity appears inside.

A donation acknowledgment card from Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY. The card is light blue and features a Star of David on the left and right sides. The text on the card reads: "A donation has been made in your name to Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY to acknowledge the" followed by a line for the donor's name, "by" followed by a line for the donor's address, and a line for the donor's phone number.

In times of celebration or sadness, a card to a family member or friend is a welcome expression of love. Purchase a Sunshine card (\$18 each; 3 for \$36) by calling Andrea Blaga at 631-477-0232. Relay your message, and she will send a card, indicating that a donation has been made to the Sisterhood.

Please mail your donation to the Sisterhood, P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944, or go to the shul's website (www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org) to pay with a credit card.

Refuah Shlemah

Paul Birman
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Martin Ehrenreich
Alan Garmise
Hal Neimark

Birthdays In April

8: Eric Friedmann
9: Jennifer Morris
15: Miriam Bloom; Carol Ingall
20: Helen Weinstein
26: Isaac Kaplan
28: Adam Weinstein
30: Susan Meshover

Please share your celebrations with the shul family. Forward the month and day of your birthdays and anniversaries, and those of your immediate family, to Sara Bloom at sbblazer@hotmail.com/.

Yahrzeits in April

1: Sam Merson; Gertrude Michelson
3: Sylvia B. Levine; Hymie Shulman
4: David Bloch; Edward Hyman; Gayle Krueger
5: Herman Zausel; Leibet Zausel; Mahtel Zausel; Ruchel Leah Zausel
6: Helen Klavans Rubin; Ralph Silverman
7: Irving Briller
9: Max Kalter; Isaac Orleans
10: Robert Friedmann; Abram S. Kaplan; Terry Slade
12: Gloria Waxler; Miriam Wellington
13: Sylvia Levine; James J. Winton
14: Aline Prager
16: Irwin Seigel; Harvey Simpson
17: Ethel Kahn; Seymour Lan
21: Zelig Kaplan
22: Louis Kelbick; Frances Meshover; Hana Shaw
23: Mervin J. Goldin; Anna Katz
25: Herman Ballen
26: Harold Hoberman; Yafa L. Melamud
27: Bertram Feinberg; Joseph Lipman
28: Benjamin Forman; Rose Levinson Goldsmith; Irving Levin
29: Edward Moch

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in March

Goldie Anna Charitable Fund
Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg
Maury Harris
Robin Bours
Elaine Goldman
Miriam David and Scott Friedman
Michael and Lynn Simon

Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
- **Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School:** supports Jewish education.
- **Paul S. Birman Technology Fund:** supports updates and new communication programs.
- **Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and Projects:** supports cultural endeavors

Invest In Our Shul

• Cash

Write a check or make a credit card payment.

Donor Benefits: There is an immediate tax deduction for the full value of the gift, and taxable assets are removed from the donor's estate, delivering direct benefits to CTI.

• Appreciated, Marketable Securities

Give a gift of appreciated securities that have been held for more than one year.

Donor Benefits: This gift bypasses capital gains tax; provides a tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities; and removes taxable assets from your estate.

• IRA Charitable Rollover

Donors 70-1/2 years or older can make an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$100,000 per year) to CTI. The IRA funds must be transferred directly to CTI by December 31 of the calendar year you are making the donation. Charitable rollover amounts could count toward the donor's required minimum distribution, although these funds do not provide a charitable deduction.

Donor Benefits: This gift reduces taxes on amounts up to \$100,000 from the donor's IRA, and satisfies all or part of the required minimum distribution for the year.

• Gift in a Will or Trust

Donors can make a bequest gift of specific property, a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of the estate and/or a designated asset. The estate will receive a charitable tax deduction for the amount of the gift, which may reduce the taxable portion of the estate. If the donor already has a will, an attorney can write a codicil to include the bequest.

Donor Benefits: This gift is simple to create; the estate receives a charitable tax deduction for the bequest, and the donor retains control of assets throughout life.

• Life Insurance/Name CTI as Beneficiary

Donors can name CTI as beneficiary and specify a percentage or the entire policy as the legacy gift.

Donor Benefits: Donors can ask for a "Change in Beneficiary" form from their plan administrator, retain control of the policy; and may receive a charitable tax deduction after death. This gift is an opportunity to make a large gift at little cost.

• 401(k) or IRA Retirement Plan Designation

Upon death, retirement plans are subject to estate and income taxes, which means up to 60% of retirement assets may go to the IRS; distributions to charities incur no taxes.

Donors can name CTI as beneficiary and can specify a percentage or the entire account as the legacy gift.

Donor Benefits: Gifts of IRAs and other retirement accounts allow donors to make a gift to CTI while saving on estate and income taxes.

• Charitable Remainder Trust

Donors can transfer assets (e.g., publicly traded securities, real estate, cash) to a trust that pays either a fixed amount (annuity trust) or a fixed percentage that reflects the size of the trust (unitrust) to the donor and/or their designated beneficiaries. This enables donors to make an irrevocable gift that produces payments for life or a set term for themselves and/or their beneficiaries, with the remainder of the donated assets going to CTI. At the end of the term or upon death of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, the trust terminates, and the assets in the trust pass to CTI as a legacy.

Donor Benefits: This gift offers a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the gift, a payment stream, and removal of assets from the donor's estate, which may reduce estate taxes.

• Charitable Gift Annuity

This gift provides one or two individuals who are 55 and older with fixed payments for life. The gift can be established with a simple contract between the donor and CTI. The donor transfers assets of cash or marketable securities to CTI and, in exchange, CTI promises to pay one or two people for life. The payment rate depends upon the age of the beneficiary or beneficiaries at the time of the transfer; the older the beneficiary at time of gift, the greater the fixed payments. The donor may be subject to tax on the income stream. When the last beneficiary dies, the annuity's balance becomes the donor's legacy gift to CTI. A deferred gift annuity works the same way, but starts providing payments at a fixed date in the future (rather than immediately). Until payouts begin, the annuity may grow in value, providing a higher payment rate.

Donor Benefits: This gift guarantees annual payments for life regardless of market conditions; a portion of the income may be tax-free; taxable assets are removed from the estate; some portion of capital gains may be bypassed with gifts of appreciated property, and the donor is entitled to an income tax deduction in the year the gift is made.

If you would like to discuss any of these Legacy Gift options, please contact Judith K. Weiner at jkweiner@icloud.com or Caren Demel at carengail@gmail.com/.

Honor Loved Ones With A Plaque

• **Memorial Plaque:** mounted in the sanctuary, lighted during the anniversary month.

Cost: \$300 members; \$600 nonmembers.

• **Tree of Life Leaf:** commemorates a simcha or joyous event, mounted in social hall.

Cost: \$54 members; \$108 nonmembers.

• **Sanctuary Seat Plate:** seat nameplate in sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers

• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

Event	Members	Nonmembers
Lifecycle Event*	\$1,000	\$2,000
Sanctuary Only	\$500	\$1,000
<u>Commemoratives</u>		
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate**	\$200	\$250
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	TBD	TBD

*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park, also cleanup fee. Renters of our facilities must sign a contract at least 30 days prior to the event, and satisfy the fee schedule accordingly. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.org with a message for Elizabeth Adams.

** Seat plates are for current members or to honor deceased members.

Membership Per Year (Revised June 2023)

Family: \$1,000

Individual: \$650

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