

The Shofar

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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.
Remaining Yiskor dates in 2024: Oct. 12 (Yom Kippur); Oct. 24 (Shemini Atzeret)

Shul Events

Monday, July 1: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Pastoral at 11 a.m., on Zoom
Mondays and Thursdays, July 1, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29: Trifecta exercise class, 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays, July 4, 11, 18 and 25: Hebrew Class at 4 p.m.; Trope Training at 5 p.m.,
at the parsonage and on Zoom
Friday, July 5: First Friday Oneg Shabbat, immediately following Shabbat service
Sunday, July 21: Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m., on Zoom
NEW DATE: Sunday, July 21: 2024 Journal Launch Party; Andrew Levin Park, 4-6 p.m.
Thursday, July 25: Book Circle, 3 p.m., Andrew Levin Park, weather permitting

Dates To Remember

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day

Lighting Shabbat Candles in July

July 5: 8:12 July 12: 8:09 July 19: 8:04 July 26: 7:58

Deadline for the August 2024 issue of *The Shofar*: July 20

From The Rabbi...



“A Conversation between Truth and Peace”

Crossing the United States is fascinating, whether by air, auto, water, or train, as I did it this time. I was traveling to my cousin David’s wedding in Ventura, California, and I decided to take the scenic route. It was a different experience. No need to pack and unpack. The food was good, and the company was interesting. We stopped in some of the small towns, usually in the “flyover states.” It took four days and three nights from Penn Station in New York City to Union Station in Los Angeles, giving me ample time to think and muse, especially as it wasn’t easy for me to sleep in a bouncy and rattling train.

One of the memorable experiences was a two-hour conversation with a young Amish man I befriended in the café car as we were crossing the Colorado mountains. Jonas was traveling with his wife and other family members from Indiana to Los Angeles, and eventually on to Tijuana, Mexico, where he could find cheaper dental treatment. (Amish are prohibited to fly, but boats and trains are permissible). I learned that the Amish have no concept of divorce or annulment. That made me think about Danielle and David’s wedding, and marriage in general. What really makes a *bayit ne’eman*— a faithful or a strong home?

Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel in *Pirkei Avot*, the Talmudic ethical tractate, says, “The world stands on three things: Justice, Truth, and Peace,” that humans operate between their need to live the truth and their need for peace, with justice in the center, balancing individual truth and the communal peace. Those who look for absolute truth may sacrifice peace, and those who look only for peace may sacrifice the truth.

The Talmud tells us that our first house, the Temple in Jerusalem, was destroyed because of arguments over the smallest things, the smallest letter of the law. They fought over the little pointy end at the top of the yod, the smallest Hebrew letter. In his 1878 poem, Judah Leib (Leon) Gordon — in the time of the Haskalah, the Jewish Enlightenment — criticizes the rabbis for paying too much attention to the letter of the law, while a woman remains *aguna*, chained to her abandoning husband. On the other hand, those who avoid any confrontation, may avoid the truth of reality, and perhaps push peace farther away.

In Parashat Naso in the Book of Numbers, we read the story of the woman whose husband suspects her of infidelity, and of the ritual she must endure — drinking the bitter water concocted by the High Priest in the Temple to prove her innocence (or guilt). Our rabbis explain that the bitterness of the water comes from dipping this very portion of the Torah into the water, allowing the ink to dissolve. However, the name of God is written on it, and it dissolves as well, something downright forbidden. But the Midrash explains that God loves the concept of *shalom bayit* — peace in the house — so much that He allows even His own name to be erased.

But which comes first, truth or peace? Well, truth must be at the core of everything. But we can at times fudge the truth for the sake of peace, such as telling a bride she is beautiful, even if that may not be so. In that case, one must first recognize the truth, but then immediately pursue peace. The Prophet Zechariah tells us that these are the things you are to do: “Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgement in your courts that are just and lead to peace. Then, when both the truth and peace coexist, the days of mourning and fast will become celebratory days.”

Marriage is like boarding a train ride across the country. It keeps swinging and bouncing, rattling and shaking, while we try to enjoy the view and the company. Sometimes you have to get off the train, take a breather, but stay the course. As long as the conversation between truth and peace is maintained, we will arrive at our destination — a faithful and peaceful home.

May God bless us with peace,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“On The Move”

You never realize how much stuff you have until you try to move it — from here, where you and your family may have lived, collected, and saved a half-lifetime of possessions — to there, where a comfortable but more intimate nearby space for a single occupant must stretch to its limit to contain all that you say you cannot live without — plus accommodate one 12-pound pussycat who considers this intrusion an intolerable affront to his established routine.

Such was the case this president braved only a month or so ago — giving up an expansive house in Southold and 40 years of memories — for an apartment at Peconic Landing, a few miles east, but an epoch away from life as I had known it for more than 50 years of homeownership.

Happily, I can share the news that after all the sorting, tossing, repurposing, donating, selling and gnashing of teeth, all is well. I am moved in, the furniture is in place, art is mounted on the walls, the boxes are unpacked, the electronics are connected, and I have a wonderful place to work, thanks to my daughters. Mothers and daughters, oh my. *They* argued vigorously that the L-shaped desk in my house would not fit in the small den in the apartment and “Oh Mom, just bite the bullet and order a new desk that fits the space.” So, finally, I did, and well, they were right. However, after much championing the case of the living room rug, of which they argued, “Mom, it will not fit,” *I* replied, “It’s coming with me. End of discussion.” And, whadiya think? The rug translated beautifully from there to here, (well, close enough). As to the insufferably annoyed cat, he has discovered that his new playground is a rabbit habitat, with himself named chief bunny bully, chasing them away from new plantings. Cat and gardener happy.

Why am I telling you this?

Two reasons: I want to announce to all that although I am happy in my new digs, alas, I had to sacrifice my much-envied and exalted position as the across-the-street-neighbor to Elaine Goldman. I miss the proximity to my dear friend, but we make frequent use of phone, email and Zoom.

And, equally important, I want everyone to know that plans for some moving at the shul are already in motion. No, we are not relocating from our historic site, but structural and aesthetic upgrades to the building have become necessary. Since the last time the shul was altered more than two decades ago, we have maintained our housing well, but we have not brought it forward to accommodate our growing membership, new programs and purposes, and the technology to bring these ideas to you. Nor have we looked insightfully at the future growth of our congregation and how an enhanced building — without infringing on our historic designation — can attract the new members we need to become the leaders and caretakers of our continuing Jewish presence here on the North Fork. In the process, just as I did, we will examine every crevasse and every item owned, from basement to attic — sorting, tossing, giving away, replacing, and gnashing teeth, no doubt, plus likely moving walls and repurposing spaces — sans feline complaints — once an action plan is established.

This is not happening tomorrow. We have miles to go — many, many months, or perhaps even a year or more — before the first nail is hammered into raw wood. I will keep the congregation updated on progress toward what is necessary and desired for the future of our shul.

We are indebted to shul member Gordon Henry, who has agreed to chair the CTI Physical Enhancement Committee, tasked with the enormity to reconcile various opinions, see the project take shape, and move the shul forward. Serving with Gordon is a group of shul members skilled in architecture and space allocation, historic preservation, financial expertise, and administrative experience, including Rabbi Gadi Capela, Elaine Goldman, Meryl Kramer, Peter Krasnow, Margot Perman, Mark Solomon, Nancy Torchio, Judith K. Weiner, and Sara Bloom (ex officio). Other professionals will be consulted and employed at the appropriate times, and the congregation will be able to follow the steps to a successful conclusion, Baruch HaShem, one to make everyone proud to be a part of our future.

—Sara Bloom

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Note New Date To Celebrate Our Journal, Shul, And The 2024 Honoree *Garden Party Moved to Sunday, July 21, 4-6 p.m.*



Come one, come all and raise a glass to our 2024 Journal honoree, Judith K. Weiner, at a catered party in Andrew Levin Park on Sunday, July 21, from 4-6 p.m. The party is shaping up to be the CTI social event of the year, an occasion befitting our wonderful honoree, our beloved shul, and the launch of this year's stunning journal.

The Journal Committee is going all out on this one with food and drink and celebratory plans, including a raffle prize that everyone present at the affair is eligible to win. No cost for raffle tickets. Just be sure you are present at 5 p.m. when

the drawing will take place. So, what is this fabulous raffle prize? A sunset cruise on a 1936 vintage Chris Craft motor yacht for up to six people, including sparkling wine and refreshments. Wha-hoo.

The journal will be on continuous loop throughout the event for easy viewing of your message as well as all the features of the journal, a full-color, illustrated publication, designed by Andrea Blaga.

Here's to all of us, to another successful CTI year, and to our Judith a huge mazel tov.

Please let the committee know you will be there. RSVP to citigreenport@gmail.com/. Many thanks to the sponsors of the garden party: Elaine Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Gordon and Debbie Henry, and the members of the 2023-24 Board of Directors.

Sisterhood President Adrienne Greenberg Honors Two GHS Students *Synagogue Bestows Scholarship Awards For Community Service*



Representing our shul on Thursday, June 6, at the annual Awards Breakfast at Greenport High School, Sisterhood President Adrienne Greenberg called the names of two graduating seniors to receive scholarship awards for service to the community.

In presenting the award to Stanly Rivas, the Sisterhood President said, "Stanly has faced the devastating loss of a beloved teacher, and it is a testament to his character that he continues to draw inspiration from her encouragement... Since 9th grade, he has been employed in the kitchen of a local assisted living facility... His strong work ethic is evident in both his academic pursuits and his responsibilities at the facility. He is studying law enforcement at BOCES, and his goal is to work for the New York Police

Department... He is determined to contribute positively to his community, and to make a meaningful impact in the field of law enforcement."

Kateryn Gonzalez Huertas, who earned the second synagogue award, "exemplifies a deep commitment to promoting multiculturalism within her community," Adrienne Greenberg said. "...In every interaction, she embodies empathy and respect. She understands that true progress lies in embracing diversity and creating spaces where everyone feels a sense of belonging... Through her tireless efforts in talking to local businesses and unwavering dedication in preparing for the school's Multicultural Festival, Kateryn...shapes her community into a more inclusive and welcoming place for all Greenport families." Rabbi Gadi photos



‘Tikkun Olam is busy,’ Says Group Coordinator Veronica Kaliski.



Common Ground gardeners Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski, left, and Madelyn Rothman have been planting and harvesting veggies and herbs in the CTI beds, then donating the crops to CAST, which according to the charity is now serving 1,490 families in Southold Town. The group could use a couple of extra hands for

gardening chores. Those interested can contact Veronica at [ctigreenport@gmail.com/](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com). Also from Tikkun Olam, the group has donated \$400 from its operating budget, allocated by the shul, to purchase chickens for CAST clients. Coming up, the graduation ceremony for the ParentChild+ Program, which is supported by our shul. TOI photos

Graduation Day: Another Successful Year, CAST Parent-Child+ Program



Tikkun Olam members Madelyn Rothman and Suzi Rosenstreich attended this year’s graduation ceremony of CAST’s Parent-Child+ Program, signifying another successful year. The children were dressed up for the occasion and posed for this photo at the conclusion of the program. As you

can see from a photo of the back page of the program, our shul was recognized publicly and thanked several times during the event, Madelyn and Suzi said. Our shul has contributed to this valuable program that helps new families to our country adjust to their new environment and prepare children for school.

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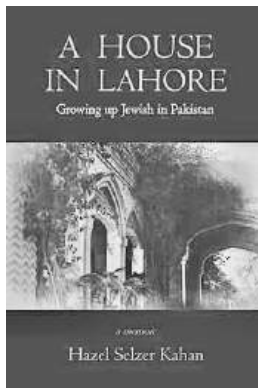
Rabbi Gadi And Congregants Join Israel Day Parade On Sunday June 2



Thousands of supporters of Israel marched along Fifth Avenue on Sunday, June 2, during a heavily policed Israel Day parade that took on a more somber tone this year as the war in Gaza entered its eighth month. The normally jubilant event, which has been held annually since 1964, had fewer spectators in Midtown Manhattan than usual because of intense security. The parade, which drew about 40,000 participants, all of whom needed credentials to march, focused on remembering the hostages seized by Hamas on Oct. 7. Along the entire parade route, Rabbi Gadi held a poster with photos of the hostages. He

said few protests intruded on “the spirit of the day,” which attracted 158 groups of marchers, including the Long Island coalition, pictured above.

Book Circle To Delve Into Family Life in Internment In Muslim Pakistan



At the next Book Circle meeting, to be held on Thursday, July 25, at 3 p.m., in Andrew Levin Park, the group will study the effects on family members held for six years in an internment camp. Hazel Selzer Kahane has written a harrowing account of the experiences in *A House in Lahore: Growing Up Jewish in Pakistan*.

Drawing on extensive boarding school correspondence, the book examines the power of letter writing to bind a scattered family. When the author returns to her beloved childhood house, she finds that it still stands, but she is unprepared for what she finds.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss books on Jewish topics and/or by Jewish writers. For more information, email Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator, at ctigreenport@gmail.com/

Three Quickie Announcements

- Andrea is looking for photos of our shul, shul members, and shul events to illustrate our weekly Shabbat Shalom messages. Please email your submissions to ctigreenport@gmail.com/.
- A short film about our shul, starring some of our members, is ready for viewing. You'll find the link on the home page of our website: www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org/. Share with friends and family.
- Did you RSVP to the party on July 21 to launch the 2024 Journal and honor Judith K. Weiner. Please do so today: ctigreenport@gmail.com/.

Cat and Mouse



During the NBA playoffs, people were beginning to notice that the uniforms worn by the Dallas Mavericks seem not to say “Mavs,” rendered in all caps, but “Maus,” the title of Art Spiegelman’s 1986 bestseller, a graphic novel about the Holocaust.

Louis Keene, a staff reporter at *The Forward*, covering religion, sports and the West Coast, decided to call Art Spiegelman to see what he thought of the Mavs/Maus mixup. “That’s funny,” Spiegelman said. “I haven’t seen it, but I have no thoughts about sports at all. I couldn’t recite back to you what sports you were talking about.

As an afterthought, he asked, “Is there another team with cats playing?”

Holocaust Reparations

The German government has agreed to allocate \$1.5 billion in Holocaust reparations this year, setting a new record for how much the country is spending to support survivors.

The increase from a total of \$1.4 billion last year is due to a rise in the amount the government is paying to reimburse survivors’ medical expenses. But the sum paid directly to survivors has once again declined, reflecting the accelerating deaths of survivors. And the growth in the total package is expected to end soon as the number of living survivors plummets, according to the conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, known as the Claims Conference, the group that negotiates reparations with the German government. The group has calculated that about 245,000 are still alive, with the median age of 85.

The \$1.5 billion set aside this year is broken into three categories: \$500 million in direct reparations, a decrease from last year; \$972 million to support the care needs of an increasingly elderly cohort of survivors; and \$40 million for Holocaust education.

The Tree Of Life Synagogue In Pittsburgh Undertakes A New Mission

In a bittersweet ceremony held on Sunday, June 23, the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh broke ground for a memorial and a new Tree of Life building. The synagogue was the scene of a mass shooting on Oct. 27, 2018, when a gunman opened fire and killed 11 worshippers.

The building will house a sanctuary for the Tree of Life congregation — one of three congregations that were meeting at the synagogue at the time of the shooting — also an education center dedicated to combating bigotry, and a museum chronicling the long history of antisemitism in America.

The museum will be the first in the United States dedicated exclusively to the history of antisemitism in America, from colonial days through the hard-line anti-immigration politics of the mid-20th century to the neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, VA, in 2017.

The 2024 Tony Awards Held June 16 Were Packed With Jewish Winners

In a star-studded Tony Awards night, Jewish winners claimed many of the statues:

- Shaina Taub won for best book of a musical and best score for her musical “Stuffs.”
- Alex Edelman won a special Tony for his show, “Just For Us,” in which he chronicles his infiltration into a neo-Nazi meeting.
- Winners for directing included Danya Taymor, niece of Julie Taymor, for “The Outsiders,” and Daniel Aukin, son of directors David Aukin and Nancy Meekler for “Stereophonic.”

- David Adjmi won the Tony for best play, “Stereophonic.”
- Daniel Radcliff won best performance by an actor in a featured role for playing Charlie Kringus in “Merrily We Roll Along.”
- Jonathan Tunik won for orchestrations of “Merrily We Roll Along.”
- Maria Friedman, director, and her sister Sonia Friedman, producer, won Tonys for best revival of a musical, “Merrily We Roll Along.”

Random
An occasional
noteworthy reading



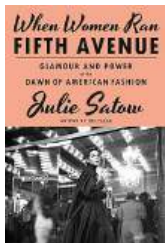
Reads
column on new and
with a Jewish perspective

The Money Kings, by Daniel Schulman



The saga of the German-Jewish immigrants — with now familiar names like Goldman and Sachs, Kuhn and Loeb, Warburg and Schiff, Lehman and Seligman — who influenced the rise of modern finance. These industrious immigrants would soon go from peddling trinkets and buying up shopkeepers’ IOUs to forming what would become some of the largest investment banks in the world. Schulman chronicles their paths to Wall Street dominance, as they navigated the deeply antisemitic upper class of the Gilded Age, and the complexities that tested their empires and identities as Americans, Germans and Jews.

When Women Ran Fifth Avenue, by Julie Satow



Here, journalist Julie Satow draws back the curtain on the 20th-century American department store and the three visionary women who took great risks, forging new paths for the women who followed in their footsteps: Hortense Odlum of Bonwit Teller, Dorothy Shaver of Lord & Taylor, and Geraldine Stutz of Henri Bendel. This stylish account, rich with personal drama and trade secrets, captures the department store in all its glitz, decadence and fun, and showcases the women who made that beautifully curated world go round.

Israel’s High Court Says Government Must Draft Haredi Men Into IDF

In a landmark ruling this month, Israel’s High Court of Justice ruled unanimously that the government must draft ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students into the military, that no longer is there any legal framework to continue the decades-long practice to grant them blanket exemption from army service, *The Times of Israel* reported. The justices made clear they were not telling the state how many Haredi yeshiva students to draft or how quickly, indicating that the process could be gradual. But they warned the government that it must begin now.

The High Court’s decision means that after decades of political and societal controversy over the issue, there is now a legal obligation for young Haredi men to join their Jewish Israeli comrades and serve in the military.

This new reality has come about largely due to the confluence of two major events: The expiration of the original law allowing for blanket service exemptions, and the cataclysmic Oct. 7 Hamas attack and its aftermath, which threw into sharp relief the IDF’s need for more manpower. Currently, an estimated 63,000 Haredi men had been exempt from military service. The IDF has stated that it would be able to

draft 3,000 Haredi yeshiva students in the 2024 enlistment year, in addition to accommodating an annual average of 1,800 Haredi men who choose to enlist.



Activists protest the High Court's ruling to conscript ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students. Yonatan Sindel/FLASH90

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Benjamin Netanyahu

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has accepted an invitation from leaders of both political parties to address a joint session of Congress. No date has been set, but the speech is expected to take place soon after the August recess.

The invitation was signed by House speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican; Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat; House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, a Democrat, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican. In the letter, the congressional leaders said the invitation was extended “to highlight America’s solidarity with Israel.”

Claudia Sheinbaum

Sunday, June 2, was a historic day in Mexico, with a landslide election victory for Claudia Sheinbaum, 61, the first woman and the first Jewish person to become the country’s president. The new president succeeds President Andrés Manuel Lopez Obrador, who has served the country for six years. President Sheinbaum is a decorated climate scientist and was the mayor of Mexico City from 2018 to 2023.

Although many of her relatives died in the Nazi concentration camps, she claims to be a secular Jew. It is not yet known how, as president, she will navigate Mexico’s position on the war in Gaza, a contentious issue in the country. Pro-Palestinian protesters have clashed with police outside the Israeli Embassy in Mexico City, and Mexico’s government moved to support South Africa’s case at the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of genocide.

Benny Gantz

Former Defense Minister Benny Gantz has quit Israel's three-person war cabinet, repositioning himself as a potential replacement for his longtime rival Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to *The Forward*. Gantz's departure from the coalition on Sunday, June 16, along with that of Gadi Eisenkot and another six Knesset members, came one day after an Israeli operation freed four hostages held by Hamas.

Rebecca Kobrin



Professor Rebecca Kobrin, the Russell and Bettina Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History at Columbia University, was a special guest at Congregation Tifereth Israel's Tikkun Leil Shavuot event, held on Tuesday, June 11. Professor Kobrin joined Rabbi Gadi and two other speakers, all of whom connected their remarks to receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, the focus of the Shavuot observance.

Professor Kobrin talked about the protests and violence on the Columbia campus in the aftermath of the brutal Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack on many scores of Jews in Israel. Encampments by Palestinians protesting Israel's retaliation were common on college campuses across the U.S.

• OBITUARIES •

David Levy

David Levy, a Moroccan-born Israeli who rose from ditch digger to Israel's political heights, often embodying the resentments of Jews of North Africa and Middle Eastern origin, who felt ill-treated by Europe-rooted elites, died on June 2 at a hospital in Jerusalem. He was 86.

Mr. Levy was Israel's foreign minister three times in the 1990s and often its deputy prime minister across two decades.

He entered politics, starting in the Israeli labor federation, Histadrut, and then in the right-wing nationalist Herut Party, a core component of what would become Likud. "He swiftly learned how to play the political game," the *New York Times* said.

As he told his biographer, "I had to find a road that would lead to the corridors of power."

Yael Dayan

Yael Dayan, a celebrated Israeli writer who, after the death of her father, the war hero and statesman Moshe Dayan, entered politics and became a proponent of women's rights, L.G.B.T.Q. issues, and a two-state solution to the Palestinian conflict, died on May 18 at her home in Tel Aviv. She was 85.

Ms. Dayan was the last surviving child of Mr. Dayan, who served as Israel's defense minister during the Six-Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973. With his distinctive black eyepatch, having lost his left eye in combat fighting with the British in WWII — he was the unmistakable patriarch of a family dynasty.

Ms. Dayan shot to literary stardom at age 20 with *New Face in the Mirror* (1959), an autobiographical novel written in English about a young female soldier whose father is a military commander. Other books followed.

As a member of the Labor Party, she served three terms in the Knesset, and was instrumental in passing legislation that outlawed sexual harassment. She also founded the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women and Gender Equality, and backed measures protecting L.G.B.T.Q. individuals from discrimination.

Sigmund Rolat

Sigmund Rolat, a Polish Holocaust survivor who tapped the wealth he had accumulated as a businessman in the United States to support cultural projects in his homeland, died on May 19 at his home in Alpine, NJ. He was 93. Notable among his projects is the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews that stands on the grounds of the Warsaw Ghetto.

“I want the gate of our museum, and not the ‘Arbeit macht frei’ gate to be the first gate that will be seen by Jews visiting Poland,” Mr. Rolat told *Forbes* magazine in 2014, referring to the inscription (“Work sets you free”) that greeted inmates when they entered the main Auschwitz concentration camp. “The Jews should first learn our shared history,” he added. “And then, of course, they should see Auschwitz, but with a better understanding of what happened there.”

“It is not another museum of the Holocaust,” Mr. Rolat told *McClatchy Newspapers* in 2013. “It is a museum of life.”

Howard Fineman

Howard Fineman, a witty encyclopedic political reporter who dominated the fast-moving world of Washington journalism for nearly 40 years, died on June 11 at his home in Washington. He was 75.

He was what might be called the post-post-Watergate generation of crusading journalists. Mr. Fineman brought a polished professionalism to his tasks and assignments, *The New York Times* said.

“We are in what I view as a new global war for control of the search for truth,” he said. “We have to mobilize our truth-seeking strength to survive, for America and democracy to survive.”

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, who helped establish scores of outposts around the world for the Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic movement and served as a global ambassador to aid its far-flung emissaries in accomplishing their mission to revitalize Jewish life, died on June 4 at his home in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. He was 75.

Rabbi Kotlarsky traveled tens of thousands of miles to respond to requests for an institutional presence in sparse Jewish communities in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and the former Soviet Union. He was particularly effective in setting up many of the 346 sites now serving 818 college campuses in 23 countries, exposing nonobservant Jewish students to the faith’s traditions and thought.

Martin Starger

Martin Starger, who as a senior executive at ABC in the 1970s helped bring “Happy Days,” “Roots,” “Rich Man, Poor Man” and other shows to the small screen before turning to producing movies, notably Robert Altman’s “Nashville,” died on May 31 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 92.

Silverman, Mr. Starger joined ABC in the mid-1960s and rose to positions of increasing importance, culminating in his promotion to president of ABC Entertainment in 1972. After three years, he left to start his own production company, with a deal to create programs exclusively for the network. Some of the programming he left behind for his successor, Fred Silverman, was responsible for ABC’s rise to the top spot in prime time for the 1976-77 season. Seven of the 10 top-rated shows that season were on ABC.

For the next two decades, Mr. Starger produced theatrical and television films, including “Sophie’s Choice,” “Escape From Sobibor,” and two Muppet movies. He also produced several Broadway shows, including the comedy “Lend Me a Tenor.”

Refuah Shlemah

Paul Birman
Menachem Bloom
Martin Ehrenreich
Alan Garmise

Birthdays In July

3: Vika Bloom
4: Theo Weiskott
6: Joseph Brittman
7: Bonnie Chodosh
8: Jason Garmise; Leah Kaplan-Melone
14: Jason Clauss; Joanna Paulsen
21: Jared Brittman
25: Stephen Brumberg
30: Jake Teperman

Anniversaries in July

3: Michael and Lorene Solomon
22: Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris

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 July

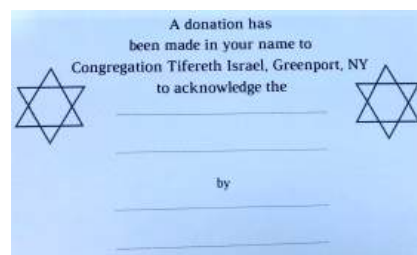
1: Hersh Julius Edelstein
2: Alexander Feigen
3: Liba Adelson
4: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell/ Seymour Brittman; Ethel Schwartz Levinson
5: Herbert Gochman; Sam Speyer
6: Kenneth S. Goldin; Barbara Kaplan
7: George Dolin; Lillie Ehrenreich
8: George Berson
9: Bernard Cooper; Albert J. Farber; Rosalind Mordkofsky
10: Meyers D. Goldman; Dr. Gustavo "Gus" Lara
12: Dr. Howard Bachrach; Dr. Eugene Feigelson; Shirley Kotik; Eva Levinson; Sandor Weisz
13: Mary Dalven; Philip Kaplan; Anna Silverman
14: Dr. Filia Holtzman
16: Jacob Brittman; Emmanuel Enerio; Albert J. Rubin
17: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Samuel L. Yett
18: Pearl Shulman
19: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garris
20: Miriam Finkelstein; Hugo Kessler
21: Leah Schottland
23: Gertrude Blaustein; Susan Millman
24: Jacob Friedmann; Raymond G. Wells
25: Sarah Etta Cohen; Michael Krepon; Edward C. Weinrib
26: Rebecca Ballen; Sandra Goldberg Bernstein; Charles Laurie

27: Frieda Greenberg; Jean Nissenfeld
28: Emma R. Levin
30: Ann Rachel Arm
31: Margaret Stewart Katzenberg; Ruth Lichter

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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.

• MONEY MATTERS •

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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

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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Shul president Sara M. Bloom is an ex officio member of all shul committees.

Address comments and questions to the president, members of the board of directors, or committee chairs to ctigreenport@gmail.com/. In the subject line, include the name of the person you want to reach.

