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## • CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

### *Weekly and Holiday Services*

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Yiskor: Apr. 11 (Pesach), May 24 (Shavuot), Sept. 23 (Yom Kippur), Oct. 5 (Shemini Atzeret)

### *Learning at our Shul*

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Hebrew class, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25: Parasha class, 4 p.m.

### *Shul Events*

Sunday, June 7: Memorial service for Linda Livni, all welcome, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 14: Board of Directors and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

(Election of board members for 2015-16.)

Friday, June 19: Joint Synagogue Service w/NFRS, Kenny's Beach, 6 p.m. (Bring your own supper to the beach. Simultaneous service at the shul for those not at the beach, 7:30 p.m.)

Sunday, June 28: Judaism & Art Program: "Brief History of Synagogue Architecture," 2 p.m.

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in June*

June 5: 8:05 p.m. June 12: 8:09 p.m. June 19: 8:12 p.m. June 26: 8:13 p.m.

### *Dates to Remember*

Sunday, June 14: Flag Day

Sunday, June 21: Fathers' Day, and first day of summer

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

Thursday, July 16: Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon, Sound View, noon

Saturday, July 25: Erev Tisha B'Av, Havdalah, 8 p.m., Lamentation Service to follow.

Sunday, July 26: Tisha B'Av Talk by Joseph Levy, 2 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1: Shabbaton w/Rabbi Daniel Vaisrub; topic: Jewish law

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## From The Rabbi...



Dear members and Friends,

As we begin the month of Sivan, we are looking forward to Shavuot, the festival of the harvest. Shavuot is also the time when we are standing before God to receive the Torah — the Law. Shavuot, then, celebrates both material and spiritual harvests. During the festival, it is customary to read the book of Ruth, which describes the season of the harvest. However, it is also a tribute to King David, the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz. The ancestors of the Jewish Messiah embody the spirit of the Torah — accepting and loving the other. On Shavuot, while we are reaping the physical bounty, we are reminded of its spiritual source — God blesses us if we know how to bless others.

On Shabbat and holidays, in the first part of the blessing after the meal, we sing, “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Though he goes on his way weeping, bearing the store of seed, he shall come back with joy, bearing his sheaves.” Psalm 126 is also known as Shir Hama’alot — the Song of Ascents. We sowed in tears of slavery in Egypt; we then ascend the 49 steps (the counting of the omer) until we get to the real harvest in the presence of God. There, we are reaping in joy, as God’s law is joyful, liberating.

God sets the table for us; we come from work hungry and sit around the table. It is not surprising that the code of Jewish law is called Shulchan Aruch — Set Table. In Psalm 23, King David thanks God: “You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” In life, God sets a table for us, and it is up to us to make the most of it. Are we going to accept the others whom God has placed at our table?

Last Sunday, our synagogue hosted the East End Jewish Community Council’s first annual Rabbis and Lay Leaders dinner. After months of hard work, there was one more thing to do. Once the tables were set, I walked around the room and placed nametags according to what I thought would be the best order of seating. It felt like serious responsibility, deciding who will sit next to whom. For one night, I was setting the tables. The rest would be up to God and the people in the room to make the best come from it. Happily, it was successful.

May we all learn from Ruth and Boaz to follow God and accept others.

Chodesh Tov,

—Rabbi Gadi

## From The President...



The Nominating Committee submitted its recommendations for officers and board members at the May 17 Congregation meeting, and I encourage you to review the slate, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Shofar*. The election will take place at the June 14 Congregation meeting. I hope you will make every effort to attend, and to cast your vote.

As the first year of my presidency comes to a conclusion, I am reminded that we have a number of members who volunteer and work tirelessly for the synagogue year after year. The efforts of our volunteers contribute immeasurably to the success of our shul. I am

amazed at what we have accomplished in the last year, and how we have been able to move the synagogue forward, largely as a result of the efforts of these volunteers. While I am tempted to give a shout out to each of these individuals, I will not for fear of missing someone. I think that it is safe to say that we all know who they are.

On Saturday, May 16, the shul was packed for the joyous occasion of naming baby Ella Shay Sidney. All of us were treated to a delicious Kiddush luncheon, prepared by Deborah Pittorino and sponsored by the new parents, Elana Sydney and Ellen Jaffe.

On Sunday, May 17, our shul hosted a dinner for the East End Jewish Community Council (EEJCC). The guest speaker at the event was Congressman Lee Zelden. The EEJCC consists of 15 member synagogues from the East End of Long Island. The mission of the organization is "...to serve as an advocate for the needs of Jewish communities on the East End of Long Island, and to support and further efforts to promote Jewish identity and continuity." Our shul was one of the founding members of the EEJCC. Rabbi Gadi has been president of the group for more than a year, and the organization has been greatly invigorated during his tenure.

—Alan Garmise



Top photo, U.S. Representative Lee Zelden (R, 1st district, NY) was the guest speaker at the first annual EEJCC (East End Jewish Community Council) dinner for Rabbis and lay leaders, held Sunday, May 17, at our shul. Representatives from eight East End congregations attended. Left photo, pictured from left, Congressman Zelden with representatives from Congregation Tifereth Israel, Debra Riva, recording secretary; Rabbi Gadi, EEJCC president; and Alan Garmise, shul president. Not pictured, Phil Goldman.  
Belinda Alvarez-Groneman photos

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### **Nominating Committee Proposes Slate for 2015-16**

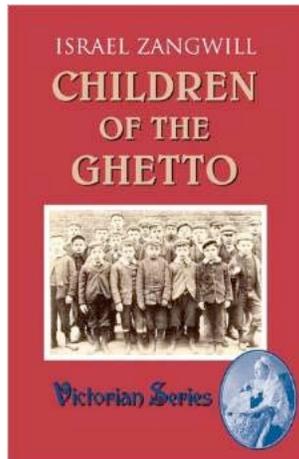
The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers and members at large to serve on the Board of Directors for 2015-16:

President: Alan Garmise  
Vice president: Phil Goldman  
Treasurer: Joan Prager  
Financial secretary: Micah Kaplan, MD  
Recording secretary: Debra Riva  
Corresponding secretary: Elaine Goldman  
Members at large: Sara Bloom, Miriam Gabriel, Susan Rosenstreich  
Daughters of Israel representative: Eileen Santora  
Men's Club representative: Jesse Reece

Voting will take place at the June 14 Congregation meeting. Members are asked to attend to show their support for the slate by casting their votes.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Adrienne Greenberg, David Judlowitz, and Phil Goldman, chairman.

### **‘Children Of The Ghetto’ is Book Circle Choice For June; All Invited To Share Personal Family Stories Of Immigration**



The June 3 session of the Book Circle will study *Children of the Ghetto* by Israel Zangwill, first published in 1892. It documents the lives of immigrant Jews, many who escaped the shtetls to live and work in London's Yiddish-speaking streets. Social historian Bob Biderman wrote the book's insightful introduction. Shul members are invited to share their own family stories of immigration.

Previous sessions have included *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman, Jeremy Leigh's *Jewish Journeys*, *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon, and *Seyder Tkhines*, a book of common prayer for women, first published in Amsterdam and now edited and translated into English.

The Book Circle meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m., in the social hall at the shul to explore works by Jewish writers on Jewish themes. For more information about joining the group, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Suzi Rosenstreich.

### **Journal Dinner-Dance Honorees Named; Event Plans Under Way**

The Journal Dinner-Dance Committee has announced the honorees for the Sept. 20 event. Community honorees are selected for their contributions to the betterment of the North Fork,

its residents and visitors. This year's community honorees are former Greenport Mayor David Nyce and his wife, cultural arts organizer Jennifer Benton.

Synagogue honorees are chosen for their many volunteer efforts on behalf of the shul. This year's synagogue honorees are Madelyn Rothman, a former president of the Congregation, and her mother-in-law, Audrey Rothman, who is one of the shul's members of longest standing. Audrey is a former member of the Board of Directors, and volunteers quietly on virtually all shul-sponsored activities.

The Journal Dinner-Dance event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Sound View Restaurant, beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. The JDD is one of the most festive events on the shul's social calendar. It features dinner, dancing, presentations by local dignitaries, and a popular silent auction of goods and services.

Watch monthly issues of *The Shofar* for more information about JDD invitations, tickets, features and activities. Or call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for event co-chairs Gayle Kaplan or Debra Riva.

## 'Judaism and Art' Offers Program On Synagogue Architecture



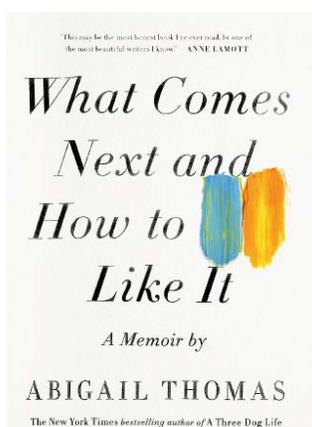
Practicing architect Harley P. Abrams, AIA, will lead the June 28 program in the Judaism and Art series. The program will be held in the shul's community room at 2 p.m. The talk, titled "Synagogue Architecture: Then and Now," asks the questions What should a synagogue look like? What makes one building a synagogue and another not a synagogue? Does form follow function, as architects are guided in their training?

Abrams is a staff architect at BBS Architects & Engineers in Patchogue, where his work involves all phases of the planning and design process. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel of Riverhead

The Judaism and Art series is coordinated by shul members Debra Riva and Saul Rosenstreich. The series explores the influences of culture on the artistic process. Previous lectures have examined the life and work of Saul Raskin, Louise Nevelson, local artist Robert Strimban, Lower East Side artists, and shul members Victor Friedman, photographer; Leah Friedman, painter and writer; and Susan Schrott, fiber artist. Group excursions to the Tenement Museum and to the Chagall exhibit at the Jewish Museum have been arranged.

For more information about the series, call Debra Riva at 631-456-5903.

## Memoirist Abigail Thomas Is Speaker At Literary Lunch July 16



Memoirist and fiction writer Abigail Thomas will be the guest speaker at the annual Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon, to be held Thursday, July 16, at noon, at the Sound View Restaurant. This is the 20th year that Paula Shengold has arranged and chaired the summer luncheon celebrating arts and letters, sponsored by the Daughters of Israel. The event typically attracts more than 100 guests from the North and South Forks, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, and Connecticut.

Stephen King says Thomas's new memoir, *What Comes Next and How to Like It*, "fills memory with living

breath.” He calls her the Emily Dickinson of memoirists, as so much of her book’s wisdom is “between the lines and in the white spaces.” Glowing reviews of the new book, which addresses the joys of her life as well as aspects of growing older, duplicate those of her two previous memoirs, *A Three Dog Life* and *Safekeeping*, which focus on experiences during her younger days.

Previous Literary Luncheon speakers have included Teresa Taylor, Bob Berks, Yvonne Lieblein, Rikki Samuels, Toni Munna, Miranda Beeson, George Cork Maul, Jeri Woodhouse, Karen Catapano, Ann Liquori, Joanne Sherman, and Phillip Lopate

Lunch will feature locally grown foods, and guests will have an opportunity to take home great raffle prizes. Advance reservations are suggested. Tickets at \$35 each can be reserved by calling the shul at 631-477-0232.

## **Jews From Arab Countries Is Speaker’s Topic For Tisha B’Av**

Joseph Levy, an Egyptian Jew, will be the guest speaker for a Tisha B’Av observance at our shul on Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m. Following his presentation, the speaker will take questions from the audience. Refreshments will be offered at the conclusion of the program.

Levy’s talk will address the issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries and how they play a part in the longstanding Arab-Israeli dispute. For more than three decades, the speaker has focused on what he considers “the forgotten people” in the current Jewish-Arab question. In recent years, he has spoken in more than 50 locations in the tri-state area about the marginalized existence of Jews in Arab countries up to present day Jewish life in Egypt.

Tisha B’Av, translated from the Hebrew as the 9th day of the month of Av, is an annual fast day, which mourns the destruction of the ancient First and Second Temples in Jerusalem plus other tragedies that, centuries later, have befallen the Jewish people on the 9th of Av. For this reason, scholars attach spiritual meaning to the date. Noteworthy today, the Western Wall that still stands in Jerusalem, where for centuries Jews have gathered to pray, is the retaining wall on the western side of the Temple Mount that survived the destruction in 587 BCE.

The program is being arranged by the shul’s Cultural Arts Committee. For more information, call committee chairperson Debra Riva at the synagogue at 631-477-0232.



## **News From The May 17 Congregation Meeting**

- The president announced that David Wallach, who had agreed to return to the shul as our High Holy Days cantor, had instead accepted a different appointment. The Ritual Committee is continuing the search for a cantor
- Daughters of Israel representative Gloria Waxler announced that IGA-brand milk does not display the UD code and is not kosher. Those supplying the shul’s kitchen must purchase milk that displays the kosher hechsher, including other brands carried by IGA markets.

- Phil Goldman, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, announced that outdoor repairs to the shul are about to begin, among them a new handicap-accessible ramp, touch-up painting, repointed brickwork, and repairs to the side-entrance railing and steps.
- Phil Goldman, chair of the Audio-Visual Committee, announced that the shul now has the technological capability to project images from Skype to a large, pull-down screen in the community room.
- The next meetings of the Board of Directors and the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 14. Please make an effort to attend and cast your vote for the proposed 2015-16 slate.

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## **Ultimate Irony: Synagogue Rises Inside Dying German Church**

For years, the Schlosskirche (castle church) at the heart of the German city of Cottbus stood mostly empty, its congregation dwindling. Efforts to breathe life back into the 300-year-old structure had failed. However, when the church leaders learned that the local Jewish community was looking for a synagogue to replace their cramped quarters around the corner, they responded. The synagogue that had been host to the vibrant Jewish community in Cottbus was destroyed in 1938 during Kristallnacht.

With the city's backing and unanimous support among church leaders, state officials offered to buy the building for the Jewish community and turn it into a synagogue — the first in the eastern State of Brandenburg since 1938. The German government promised support and protection to Jews amid the growing threat of Islamist violence across Europe.

“It keeps the church as a house of God,” said Ulrike Menzel, the regional superintendent of the Evangelical Church in Germany, the nation's main Protestant body. “And it is a way to make amends for the city's painful past.”

## **Germany Begins Trial of 93-Year-Old Former SS Guard**

Seven decades after the liberation of Auschwitz, a 93-year-old former SS member at the Nazi death camp shuffled into a German court in Lüneburg to answer charges of complicity in the murders of 300,000 mostly Hungarian Jews in two months during the summer of 1944.

With Holocaust survivors looking on, the former SS soldier, Oskar Gröning, one of the last Nazis called to trial, read a chilling but clear account of his life. It focused on the autumn of 1942 to the autumn of 1944, when he served in the SS at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Unlike those tried decades ago, Mr. Gröning does not deny he was at Auschwitz and that he witnessed atrocities. The case turns on whether he is not only morally but also criminally responsible for what happened there. In an hour-long speech, he said, “It is beyond question that I am morally complicit. This moral guilt I acknowledge here, before the victims, with regret and humility...As concerns guilt before the law, you must decide.”

The trial is expected to last about three months.

## **Alex Soros Forms First Jewish Super PAC For Domestic Issues**

For the first time in American politics, a Jewish super PAC has been created to focus entirely on domestic issues. One of the leading people behind the launch of the new political action committee is Alex Soros, the son of billionaire philanthropist George Soros.

The 29-year-old son of Soros has helped establish the “Bend the Arc” PAC, aimed at backing progressive candidates who focus on issues such as income inequality, marriage equality, social justice, and immigration reform, according to reports by *Politico* and *The Forward*.

Top donors joining Soros include Marc Baum, Paul Egerman, Ilyse Hogue and Terry Winograd.

## **Streit’s Matzo Factory Tenements Sell for \$30.5 Million**

Streit’s Matzo Factory, a 50,000 sf operation located over four tenement buildings on Rivington Street on New York’s Lower East Side, has been on and off the market for seven years. On May 11, *The Real Deal* announced that “Midtown East-based Cogswell Realty closed on the acquisition of Streit’s Matzo Factory...for \$30.5 million,” according to property records filed with the city.

The factory, which produces 16,000 pounds of unleavened bread every day, reportedly will move to New Jersey. Streit’s is reported to own a 40-percent market share of matzo sales in the U.S.

## **More Nazi-Looted Art Returned**

A priceless Matisse, “Seated Woman in an Armchair,” was returned to Elaine Rosenberg, the heir of her family’s art collection, which was looted by the Nazis 70 years ago. Rosenberg had recognized the image from a slide made public several years ago, and directed her lawyer, Christopher A. Marinello, who specializes in tracking down stolen art, to retrieve it.

The painting was part of a 1,200-piece art trove hoarded by Cornelius Gurlitt and discovered in his Munich apartment in 2012. Another painting found in Gurlitt’s apartment, “Two Riders on the Beach,” by Max Liebermann, was returned recently to David Toren, a great-nephew of David Friedmann, a Jewish industrialist from Breslau, whose art collection had been stolen.

A task force established by the German government and the state of Bavaria continues to investigate the ownership history of about 590 works thought to have been stolen.

## **Yale President Calls On Graduates to Commit To ‘Tikkun Olam’**

Peter Solovey, a professor of psychology who became president of Yale University in 2013, is a scion of the Soloveitchik family, the Orthodox rabbinic dynasty that has shaped Europe, America and Israel. Since assuming office, Solovey has embraced his heritage — from outlining his full lineage for those interested in a comment at the *Yale Daily News*, to engaging in a public dialogue in March with former U.K. Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

But perhaps the most Jewish moment of his presidency came at this year’s Yale graduation ceremonies, where Solovey repeatedly invoked the rabbinic tradition in exhorting students to commit themselves to “tikkun olam.”

“What I am going to suggest to you today is that your purpose in life as a graduate from Yale is simply this: to improve the world. In the Jewish tradition, this is called tikkun olam, literally to repair the world...My predecessor, President Richard Levin...often quoted Rabbi Tarfon: ‘It is not your responsibility to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.’”

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Susan Schrott*



Shul member Susan Schrott will be represented in the 2015 Sacred Threads exhibit, to be held July 10-26 at the Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, VA, just outside of Washington, DC. Schrott's "A Tree Grows In Jerusalem" was selected for the juried show.

The biennial exhibition includes quilters of all faiths who see their work as a connection to the sacred and/or as an expression of their spiritual journey. Themes explored include joy, spirituality, peace/brotherhood, inspiration, grief, and healing.

Susan Schrott talked about her work as a fiber artist at the April session of the shul's Judaism and Art series, coordinated by Debra Riva and Saul Rosenstreich. For more information about the July show, visit [www.sacredthreadsquilts.com](http://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com)

### *Bernie Sanders*



Bernie Sanders, 73, the liberal Senator from Vermont has announced he will seek the Democratic Party nomination in the 2016 presidential election. Sanders is the first Jewish candidate to run for president since Joe Lieberman sought the Democratic nomination in the 2004 presidential election.

Sanders was raised in Brooklyn by Polish Jewish immigrants. He moved to Vermont after college. (Brooklyn College, the

University of Chicago). His father, Eli, sold paint, and lost many family members in the Holocaust.

Running as an independent, the Senator promised to fight income inequality, raise taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations, and offer tuition-free education at public colleges and universities.

### *Michael R. Bloomberg*

On April 28, former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced the nine recipients of the Genesis Generation Challenge, a competition supporting innovative projects guided by Jewish values to address the world's pressing issues.

Each winning team will be awarded \$100,000 to implement the initiatives and will be matched with a mentor to help develop the project. Winning projects concepts focus on

subjects such as public health, education, cross-cultural exchanges to spur understanding and tolerance, and alleviate poverty.

The Genesis Generation Challenge arose from the Genesis Prize, an award of \$1 million, which was offered to Michael Bloomberg as the inaugural laureate. Rather than accept the prize, Bloomberg turned the funds into the Genesis Generation Challenge, a competition he created to fuel ideas that would better people's lives. The winners represent submissions from Israel, Canada, Kenya, Burundi, India and the United States.

### ***Jon Stewart***

Jon Stewart, long-time host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," is leaving the program later this year. According to Farm Sanctuary, an animal rights organization based in upstate New York, Stewart and his wife Tracey have bought a farm in New Jersey with the intention of providing a home for farm animals rescued from cruelty.

Tracey Stewart is editor-in-chief of *Moomah* magazine, whose mission is "to inspire connection between our kids and ourselves with the world around us." She also authored the forthcoming book, *Do Unto Animals: A Friendly Guide to How Animals Live, and How We Can Make Their Lives Better*.

### ***Gal Gadot***



Israel model and actress Gal Gadot, 29, is the new face of Gucci Fragrances. She will also star as Wonder Woman in the upcoming film, *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

Gadot, a former Miss Israel, grew up in Rosh HaAyin, Israel in a "very Jewish, Israeli family environment," she said. She served for two years as a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces, is an avid motorcycle rider, and owns a black 2006 Ducati Monster-S2R. She is the leading fashion model for the Castro clothing company.

### ***Ed Miliband***

In spite of exit polls that projected a tight vote, Prime Minister David Cameron secured an outright majority in Parliament in the May 7 general election in Britain. Cameron's Conservative Party won 331 seats, up 24 from the 2010 election.

This was a striking blow to opposition party leader Ed Miliband, the son of Polish Holocaust survivors, who had hopes of becoming the first Jewish Labour Party leader elected as Prime Minister. (In 1868, Benjamin Disraeli, a Conservative, became the UK's first and only Jewish Prime Minister, although some would say Disraeli doesn't count, because he was officially baptized into Christianity as a child.)

Miliband has resigned as party leader.

### ***Natalie Portman***

Jewish actress Natalie Portman (Are we tired of hearing about her yet? Probably not.) has been tapped to portray Jewish jurist Ruth Bader Ginsburg in a biopic scheduled to go into production by the end of 2015. The film, *On the Basis of Sex*, will detail Ginsburg's career leading up to her appointment as the second female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

And if that isn't enough, there's more Hollywood news: Portman is to portray Jacqueline Kennedy in another forthcoming biopic.

### ***Ahmed Zayat***

Ahmed Zayat, an Egyptian Jew, is a well-known name in horseracing circles, among other enterprises, but he may not be as famous as his horse, American Pharaoh, who is in line to be the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978. American Pharaoh won the Kentucky Derby on May 2, and the Preakness on May 16. The Belmont Stakes, the nemesis of 13 horses since Affirmed, who have won the first two races of the Triple Crown, only to falter in the Belmont, the longest of the three, will be raced on Saturday, June 6.

According to *Tablet*, Zayat is head of Zayat Stables, a 200-plus horse operation. He founded Al Ahram Beverage Company, a distributor in Egypt, and sold it to Heineken in 2002 for \$280 million. Zayat is known for his philanthropy to Jewish causes, including a \$500,000 donation to the Frisch School, a Jewish school in Paramus, NJ, and the SINAI Special Needs Institute for Children. He and his family live in Teaneck, NJ

### ***Rabbi David Cohen and William Rapfogel***

Rabbi David Cohen, formerly executive director of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council), was sentenced to one year in jail for his participation in an embezzlement scheme that looted approximately \$9 million from the taxpayer-funded nonprofit. The rabbi was charged with Met Council CEO William Rapfogel and other co-conspirators for their participation in a 20-year grand larceny and kickback scheme.

Cohen was ordered to pay \$650,000 in restitution to the Met Council. Rapfogel was sentenced to 3.3 to 10 years in prison, and had to pay \$3 million in restitution to the Council.

### ***Rabbi Barry Freundel***

Barry Freundel, the disgraced Washington, D.C. rabbi who in February pleaded guilty to 52 counts of voyeurism, was sentenced to 6.5 years in prison, or 45 days for each count, to be served consecutively.

According to the charges, Freundel lured victims to the mikvah and secretly recorded them undressed without their knowledge or permission.

## **• OBITUARIES •**

### ***Dave Goldberg***

Dave Goldberg, the CEO of SurveyMonkey and husband of Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, died of severe head trauma after falling off a treadmill at a Mexican resort, according to Mexican officials. The 47-year-old died on May 1 at a gym in, Punta Mita, a resort near Puerto Vallarta while on a trip with family and friends. Efforts to revive him at the gym and hospital were unsuccessful.

Mr. Goldberg worked at Yahoo and at a venture capital firm before running SurveyMonkey. He and Ms. Sandberg have two children.

## ***M.H. Abrams***

M.H. Abrams, critic and teacher who helped shape the modern literary canon as founding editor of the *Norton Anthology of English Literature*, died April 21 at Kendal, a retirement community in Ithaca, NY. He was 102.

While teaching at Cornell University in the 1950s, Abrams was asked by publisher W.W. Norton to lead a team of editors compiling excerpts of vital English works. The first edition of the Norton Anthology came out in 1962 and was an immediate success. Abrams stayed on through seven editions, into his 80s, as the book became required reading for millions of college students.

Abrams also wrote several books, notably the 1953 publication *The Mirror and the Lamp*, a work of literary theory that celebrated Byron, Keats and other British Romantic poets and popularized a field of study that emphasized how authors' lives and feelings influenced their work.

## ***Elio Toaff***

Elio Toaff, who served as Rome's chief rabbi for more than 51 years (1951-2002), died April 19. He was 99.

Rabbi Toaff was a fighter in the Italian resistance during WWII. He helped hide Jews after the Germans occupied northern and central Italy in 1943 and had begun mass deportations to concentration camps.

Rabbi Toaff will be remembered also for welcoming Pope John II into Rome's central synagogue on April 13, 1986, in what the *New York Times* reported was "the first such visit on record."

## ***Wladyslaw Bartoszewski***

Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, an Auschwitz survivor, who battled the Nazis on behalf of Jews, died in Warsaw, Poland, on April 24. He was 93.

After the Nazis took the city of Warsaw, he was among several thousand Poles rounded up and sent to Auschwitz. Following his release, after about a year, he joined the underground and the Council for Aid to Jews, code named Zegota, which saved tens of thousands from Nazi capture. For his work to save Jews during WWII, he was given honorary Israeli citizenship and named Righteous Among the Nations, an honor given to non-Jews for saving Jews during the Holocaust.

At a 90th birthday celebration at Warsaw's Royal Castle, Mr. Bartoszewski was presented with a medallion by President Bronislaw Komorowski inscribed, "To the one who dared to be disobedient."

## ***Maya Plisetskaya***

Russian ballerina Maya Plisetskaya, widely considered to be one of the greatest dancers of the 20th century, died on May 2 in Munich. She was 89.

Former Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev called Plisetskaya (translated from Russian), "a rare combination of artistry, beauty, generosity and dignity."

Her father was shot to death in 1938 in Stalin's purges, and her mother was arrested and sent to a labor camp with her infant son, then exiled to Kazakhstan. Plisetskaya was taken in by her uncle and aunt, known as "Mita," who both taught at the academy at the Bolshoi.

Mita took young Maya to the Bolshoi School when she was eight years old to begin dance training. Plisetskaya joined the Bolshoi ballet company at the age of 18, and became an international star.

### ***Mira Rothenberg***

Mira Rothenberg, a Holocaust survivor and influential child psychologist, who cared for concentration camp orphans and children with autism, died April 16. She was 93.

In 1958, Rothenberg and two colleagues brought 11 autistic and schizophrenic child patients to a camp in Raquette Lake, New York. Their experiences with these children, considered “helpless cases” by the medical community in New York, inspired Rothenberg and her colleague, Tev Goldsman, to open Blueberry Treatment Centers, a therapeutic agency for treatment of autistic and schizophrenic children in Brooklyn. According to the *New York Times*, by the 1990s, the center was providing services to more than 200 children and adolescents in the area.

Rothenberg’s son, Akiva Goldsman, told the Los Angeles Times, “She is a Holocaust survivor, so she’s seen the real monsters that people are running from in their minds.”

### ***Rachel Rosenthal***

Rachel Rosenthal, a performance artist, writer, dancer and teacher, died May 10 at her home in Los Angeles. She was 88.

The daughter of a prosperous Russian Jewish family, Ms. Rosenthal was born in Paris. Her father, Léonard, was a dealer in gems. With the outbreak of WWII, the family fled France for Rio de Janeiro before making their way to New York in 1941. Many of their European relatives perished in the Holocaust, and Ms. Rosenthal’s bald head, shaved in performance in 1981 and kept that way for decades, recalled images from Nazi concentration camps.

Her performance art melded dance, theater and improvisation with politics and environmentalism. The Rachel Rosenthal Company continues to present stage work in her tradition.

## **• COMMEMORATIONS •**

### **Yahrzeits In June**

- 1: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
- 2: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
- 3: Louise Oliver
- 6: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal
- 7: Siah Schlefstein
- 8: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
- 9: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
- 10: Dr. Maxwell C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weintraub
- 11: Norma Youmans
- 12: Dr. Howard Bachrach
- 13: Alexander Feigen
- 14: Liba Adelson
- 15: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell; Ethel Schwartz Levinson

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25: Filia Holtzman  
27: Jacob Brittman; Albert J. Rubin  
28: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Myron Sausmer; Samuel L. Yett  
30: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garris

### **Birthdays In June**

4: Jennifer Berg  
8: Jed Clauss; Ann Hurwitz; Marsha Millman  
11: Marian Friedmann  
12: Joan Prager  
19: Carol Levin  
27: Carol Seigel

### **Anniversaries in June**

9: Stanley and Roberta Kaplan  
24: Lewis and Helaine Teperman

### **Spreading Sunshine**

Rain or shine, a Sunshine Card brightens the day for recipients. Remember friends, family, and fellow shul members on joyous occasions, and wish them well when illness and sadness strike. It costs so little to do so much. Please make your contribution payable to the Daughters of Israel, and send to P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY 11944.

To send a Sunshine Card, call Thelma Novick at 734-6952.

### **Refuah Shlemah**

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## • MONEY MATTERS •

### **Donations in May**

Betty Friedberg  
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Stanley and Roberta Kaplan  
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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, Rimmonim, breastplates, curtains, reader's table covers, 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

### **Invest In Our Shul**

- **Bequest:** Make a gift to the shul with an inclusion in your will.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** A cash or appreciated stock gift provides fixed income for life.
- **Life Insurance Policy:** Contribute a fully-paid or new policy with the shul as owner.
- **Life Estate:** Donate real estate through a grant deed, and use the property for life.
- **Charitable Remainder Unitrust:** This investment allows the contributor a current tax deduction and an income for life. Upon the death of the contributor, the balance in the trust goes to the charity. For more information, contact Financial Secretary Z. Micah Kaplan, MD.

### **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:** nameplate is placed on the back of a seat in the sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers.

## **Schedule of Synagogue Fees**

### **Membership Per Year**

Family	\$850
Individual	\$550

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
Wedding, Bat/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming*	\$450	\$900
Sanctuary Only	No charge	\$300
Community Room Only	\$25 per hour	\$50 per hour
Community Room, Kitchen and Park	\$300	\$600
Rabbi's classes	No charge	No charge

<b><u>Commemoratives</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
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	No charge	No charge

\*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park. Setup and cleanup fees will be paid by the individual or group renting the facilities. Renters of our facilities must submit an agreement 10 days prior to the event.

\*\* A seat plate designee must be a member or a deceased member of the synagogue.

## **• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •**

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