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## • CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

### *Weekly and Holiday Services*

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

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

### *Learning at our Shul*

Mondays, Dec. 7: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31: Parasha classes, 4 p.m.

### *Shul Events*

Sunday, Dec. 6: Menorah lighting, Mitchell Park, 5 p.m.; unveiling of David Nyce menorah

Saturday, Dec. 12: "Project Genesis 10th anniversary event," light buffet at 6 p.m.,  
panel discussion, 7-8:30 p.m., Peconic Landing

Monday, Dec. 14: Last day of Hanukkah; light the 8th candle

Sunday, Dec. 20: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in December*

Dec. 4: 4:10 p.m. Dec. 11: 4:11 p.m. Dec. 18: 4:12 p.m. Dec. 25: 4:16 p.m.

### *Dates to Remember*

Sunday, Dec. 27: Memorial to Arthur Swan, community room, 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1, 2016: New Year's Day

Sunday, Jan. 24, Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

February 2016: Trip to Israel and Rome w/Rabbi Gadi and Fr. Roy Tvrdik

(For more information, visit <http://pilgrimages.com/genesis>)

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## From The Rabbi...



### *“Silence”*

Dear members and friends,

Like many people these days, I am surrounded by various technological devices and screens that help with many aspects of our lives. Of course, they also compete for our attention, and if we're not careful, they can distract us, sometimes to a point at which we're never silent. The Mishna (Avot 1:17) quotes Rabban Gamliel's son, Shimon, who said: "All my life I have been raised among the wise, and I have found nothing better for the body than silence." Also, in the Gemara (Berachot 17a): Mar, the son of Rabina, on concluding his prayer added the following, which we say to this day: "My God, keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile. May my soul be silent to them that curse me and may my soul be as the dust to all."

It's true that Shabbat supposes to give us that break we need, but do we take enough advantage of it? This year, I decided to participate in an ecumenical silent retreat in the mountains of Colorado, at St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass. After four days, 2,100 miles in the car, a hurricane, and a snow blizzard, I arrived on Friday, Nov. 13. After a short

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introduction, we entered the "grand silence." For the next eight days there was no speaking or eye contact with the other participants until the following Friday. Like Dorothy and her friends, I traveled far to see the Wizard, which is really our inner voice.

Going to the mountains where there is no cellular reception, where all the screens that normally surround us now lay lifeless, and where there is no human to talk to, we are forced to face ourselves and channel a conversation with God. We can finally hear and recognize the voices we don't normally hear. At once, silence becomes the conversation.

It makes sense. God, who created the world with words and gave humanity its unique ability of speech, wants us to learn how to use words and use them wisely. After all, another wise proverb tells us that if a word spoken in the right time is worth a coin, silence in the right time is worth two. Surely, we can all improve our skills in this area. Silence challenges us to let go of the constant need to know and to be in control. Silence is an opportunity to practice the notion that ultimately we are not in total control.

Just before entering the "grand silence," we learned about the massacres in Paris, but for a week, we had no way to follow the story. I was torn. Is finding a way to listen to the news more important than listening to silence? My conclusion was that it's essential to take these breaks and to be silent. Sometime it's the only way to process in our minds this kind of barbarism. It's important to be silent and to free ourselves from distractions, so we can think, so we can act. Sometimes we need to be silent to let our actions speak louder.

May God bless us with peace soon in our days and everlasting thanksgiving,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

## From The President...



As we head toward the end of a beautiful fall season, we look forward to our Hanukkah celebration. This year our candle lighting ceremony will be held on Dec. 6, the first night of Hanukkah, in Mitchell Park, at 5 p.m., when we will unveil our new menorah, crafted by David Nyce, the former Mayor of Greenport and a gifted furniture artisan. I hope all of our members and friends can join us for this joyous event. We are inviting the entire community to the ceremony, including Greenport Mayor George Hubbard and a number of other dignitaries. After the candle lighting, members, friends and the community are invited back to the shul for a Hanukkah party featuring potato latkes with all of the fixings, jelly donuts, fruits, and other desserts and

beverages.

Prior to the candle lighting, everyone is invited to an olive oil tasting at 4 p.m., at the Vines and Branches shop on Front Street, across from Mitchell Park. Debra Riva has orchestrated this event as a Big Tent Judaism initiative.

After erev Shabbat services on Nov. 6, our shul held a special oneg to welcome all of our new members. The oneg was sponsored by Suzi Rosenstreich to commemorate her second bat mitzvah, which was part of Shabbat services the next day, on Nov. 7. We had a large turnout for the joyous event, including many members of Suzi's family. I would be remiss if I did not point out that Suzi read the entire Torah portion for the service, and that she did a fantastic job. Following the service, Suzi and Saul Rosenstreich sponsored a delightful Kiddush luncheon, prepared by shul member Deborah Pittorino, proprietor of the Greenporter Hotel and a kosher caterer.

Rochelle joins me in extending to everyone our best wishes for a happy and festive Hanukkah holiday. May the Festival of Lights brighten your days.

—Alan Garmise

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### **New Hanukkah Menorah Handcrafted by David Nyce To Be Unveiled In Mitchell Park Ceremony On Dec. 6**

Shul members, friends, Jews and non-Jews are invited to Mitchell Park on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m., to witness the unveiling and lighting of a new menorah, constructed by artisan furniture maker David Nyce. The annual lighting of the menorah will take place this year on the first night of the eight-night observance of Hanukkah. In the spirit of ecumenism, the menorah will remain lighted throughout the holiday season, sharing the park with Greenport Village's Christmas tree.

Rabbi Gadi will lead those attending the menorah lighting ceremony in prayers and songs of the holiday. Scheduled to participate in the Mitchell Park program are Greenport Mayor George Hubbard, synagogue president Alan Garmise, and other local dignitaries. Prior to the ceremony, in keeping with the oil theme of the holiday and a Big Tent Judaism initiative, all are invited to participate in an olive oil tasting at 4 p.m., at Vines & Branches, 110 Front Street in Greenport, across the street from Mitchell Park. Following the oil tasting

and the menorah lighting ceremony, all those attending are invited back to the synagogue for refreshments, including traditional potato latkes, dessert and beverages.

The foods most closely associated with Hanukkah, like latkes and jelly doughnuts, are deep-fried in oil as a reminder of the miracle of the oil that took place thousands of years ago. With only enough consecrated oil to fuel the Temple's eternal flame for one day, the oil burned for eight days — the length of time needed to press, prepare and consecrate sacred oil. Historically, Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after desecration by Antiochus IV during the 2nd century BCE. Other rituals associated with Hanukkah include playing the Dreidel Game, exchanging gifts, and giving gelt (money) in the form of small net bags of foil-covered chocolate coins.

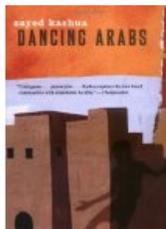
The new menorah is constructed of red cedar, known for its durability and resistance to harsh weather. The piece is approximately seven feet tall, four and a half feet wide, and stands on a base of steel tubing that has been cut, heated and bent into its present shape. The steel will be powder coated, making it impervious to weather. In describing the new menorah, David Nyce said, "I am inspired by the beauty in nature that surrounds us, and this appreciation influences the work I do. To me, this menorah represents a blooming plant, with the lighted portion opening at the top of the metal base, almost as a flower."

For more information about the menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, call the synagogue at 631-477-0232.

## **The Gift Shop: Your Hanukkah Headquarters**

Hanukkah is really early this year. We won't have fully digested Thanksgiving dinner before it'll be time to light the first candle on Dec. 6. Will you be ready? Worry not. The shul's Gift Shop is prepared to provide you with all the Hanukkah accouterments to light your way to a festive celebration — candles, of course, plus dreidels, choco coins, and gifts galore. For Gift Shop purchases, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Sara Bloom.

## **Book Circle To Continue Analysis of 'Dancing Arabs' On Dec. 2.**



The next installment of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m., in the shul's community room. The group will continue its analysis of *Dancing Arabs* by Sayed Kashua, author of several books and newspaper columns on the problems faced by Arabs living in Israel. In this story, a young Palestinian earns an opportunity to study at a Jewish university in Jerusalem. The protagonist's views largely mirror those of the author.

Previous sessions of the Circle have included *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman, Jeremy Leigh's *Jewish Journeys*, *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* by Michael Chabon, *Seyder Tkhines*, a book of common prayer for women, *Children of the Ghetto* by Israel Zangwill, *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar, and *Rabbis and Wives* by Chaim Grade.

The Book Circle meets on the first Wednesday of every month to explore works by Jewish writers on Jewish themes. For more information, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Suzi Rosenstreich.

## Paul and Pamela Birman Establish Technology Fund



The shul's Board of Directors has finalized an agreement with Paul and Pamela Birman to establish the Paul S. Birman Technology Fund. This fund will maintain and support technology initiatives such as Web presence, database information, social media connections, and other communications tools that allow people to create, share and exchange information, interests, ideas, pictures and videos. In this way, the shul will be on the leading edge of our technology-driven world, appealing to

present and upcoming generations of Jews looking to affiliate with a forward-thinking congregation, the Birmans said.

An engineer by profession, Paul Birman early on advocated for an Internet presence and established and maintained the shul's first site more than a dozen years ago. Since that time, he and his wife have worked with shul members and with Rabbi Gadi and his technology consultants to update and build on the early plan. In many ways, the future of the shul is tied to technology, the Birmans pointed out. "The Internet and social media are the means to reach future members. This fund will assure that our synagogue has the tools to remain vibrant," they said.

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The Birmans have pledged an initial endowment of \$10,000, and have agreed to contribute \$10,000 a year for the next 10 years to sustain the fund. They have designated Rabbi Gadi as the manager of the fund, based on his professional experience in business before entering the rabbinate. In that regard, Rabbi Gadi will make the decisions connected to hardware/software purchases and personnel to implement these initiatives. As a checks and balances influence, the president of the shul, currently Alan Garmise, will disburse the funds and make periodic reports to the Birmans.

"As the world moves into different ways to communicate, we are dependent on technology to stay in contact with each other and with our community," Rabbi Gadi said. "I can attest that these days, even theology needs technology. I am grateful to Paul and Pamela for their extreme generosity and their trust in me and in our community."

"I would like to thank Pamela and Paul Birman for establishing the Paul S. Birman Technology Fund at our synagogue," said Alan Garmise. "Thanks to their generosity, our shul will have adequate technology resources to keep up to date with synagogue practices for many years to come."

Rochelle Garmise photo

## **Mazel tov...**

Mazel tov to shul member Jesus Teyuca on his bar mitzvah, which took place Saturday, Nov. 21, at Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, with Rabbi Daniel Geffen officiating. Miriam Gabriel, Adrienne Greenberg and Paul Nadel were present from our shul. In his talk, Jesus described his physical journey from Mexico and his spiritual journey to Judaism.

Mazel tov to shul president Alan Garmise and his wife, Rochelle, on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Hannah, on Nov. 21, at Temple Sinai in Roslyn, with Rabbi Michael White officiating. Hannah read the entire Torah portion, the Haftorah, and conducted much of the Shabbat service.

## **News From The Nov. 15 Congregation Meeting**

- Prior to the Nov. 15 talk on estate planning, elder law and wealth management presented by H. Lee Blumberg and Joshua Blumberg, partners in the law firm of Blumberg, Cherkoss, Fitz Gibbons and Blumberg, LLP, of Amityville, New York, the Men's Club provided a bagels and lox lunch for members and guests.
- The board is researching the cost-benefit of installing security equipment at the shul.
- Micah Kaplan announced that a community group will hold a memorial to Arthur Swan in the shul's community room on Dec. 27, at 1 p.m.
- A Hanukkah Committee consisting of Alan Garmise, Phil Goldman, Elaine Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, and Debra Riva are finalizing the program and food service for the first night of Hanukkah celebration on Dec. 6. (See separate article for details.)
- Treasurer Joan Prager announced that the shul had purchased a \$25,000 State of Israel Bond, paying 2.53 percent for five years.
- Phil Goldman announced that for safety reasons, the exterior front entryway at the rabbi's house will be extended. Currently, visitors must step back in order to bypass the screen door. At the same time, a railing will be installed.
- It was reported that seven new members joined the shul in 2015. *The Shofar* joins the Board of Directors and the membership in welcoming Jeroen and Robin Bours, Stephan Brumberg and Carol Ingall, Peter Krasnow, Stuart Laufe, Betty Rugg, Adam and Sonia Spar, and Jesus Teyuca.

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## **Harvard To Establish Jewish and Israeli Law Program**

Thanks to a gift from Mitchell R. Julis, one of America's most successful hedge fund managers, Harvard Law School will launch the Julis-Rabinowitz Program in Jewish and Israeli Law. The new initiative will fund visiting scholars and fellows, hold classes devoted to traditional Jewish legal texts, host an annual conference, and organize events related to "the impact and study of Jewish law in Israel, in the United States, and across the world."

The announcement follows the September launch of a similar center for Islamic law at Yale, made possible by a \$10 million gift from Saudi banker Abdallah S. Kamel.

The Harvard program will be directed by Noah Feldman, the Harvard law professor best known for helping to write the Iraqi constitution in the aftermath of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Throughout history, Jewish law has made profound contributions to legal thought and practice, and it remains vibrant and relevant around the world,” said Martha Minow, the law school’s dean.

## Arab-Jewish Preschool: Sanity Amid Violence



Jaffa, Israel — Amid ongoing violence between Palestinians and Israelis, a school in this city seems more determined than ever to teach Arab and Jewish children about coexistence. In a sunny playground here, just three miles south of Tel Aviv, children paint recycled tires in vibrant colors and refurbish wooden furniture to beautify a place that many in the community say is their best chance at a peaceful future.

This is the Jaffa branch of Yad b’Yad — Hand in Hand — a school made up of four kindergarten and two

first-grade classes that aims to respond to growing Jewish-Arab segregation and violence with mutual respect and open dialogue. Bringing together Jewish and Arab students is a revolutionary idea in Israel, where children usually register for schools along demographic lines — Arab, secular Jewish or religious Jewish.

When Hand in Hand opened its Jaffa branch three years ago, 35 Arab and Jewish students attended. Today, enrollment is 170, split almost evenly between Arabs and Jews. Each class has two teachers — one Arabic-speaking and one Hebrew-speaking — and students learn to master both languages. The schools mark all Jewish, Muslim and Christian holidays.

Hani Chamy, an Arab engineer, was one of the first parents to send her two girls to the preschool. The children may not yet grasp the implications of their ethnic, religious or national identities, she said, but it is a way to show that it is possible “to be together, while still different, and learn about each other.”

## New York Artist Archie Rand Illustrates The Torah’s 613

Penguin Random House’s Blue Rider Press has released a high-gloss volume titled *The 613*, which consists of 613 full-page and vividly colored paintings by New York artist Archie Rand. Each page features one of the 613 Torah commandments (mitzvot). His work has been described as a compilation from *Mad Magazine*, pulp, and 20th-century illustration — outrageous and inviting, in your face and mysterious, all at the same time.



Rand's images incorporate each commandment's Hebrew number. The first image, "To know there is a God," depicts a blue-clad astronaut floating upended against a background of chartreuse mountains and a hot-pink alien moon.

Rand won a Guggenheim fellowship and chaired Columbia University's visual arts program. His work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Getty, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

(Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for about \$30.)

## Book About Assassination Of Yitzhak Rabin Asks 'What If...'



The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin 20 years ago (Nov. 4, 1995) remains a consequential event in Israel's recent history, and one that many believe fundamentally altered the trajectory for both Israel and the Palestinians. *Killing a King* relates the parallel stories of Rabin and his stalker, Yigal Amir, over the two years leading up to the assassination, as one of them planned political deals he hoped would lead to peace, and the other plotted murder.

Dan Ephron, who reported from the Middle East for much of the past two decades, covered both the rally where Rabin was killed and the subsequent murder trial. He describes how Rabin, a former general who led the army in the Six-Day War of 1967, embraced his nemesis, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, and set about trying to resolve the 20th century's most vexing conflict. He recounts in detail how extremists on both sides undermined the peace process with violence. And he reconstructs the relentless scheming of Amir, a 25-year-old law student and Jewish extremist who believed that Rabin's peace effort amounted to a betrayal of Israel and the Jewish people.

Through the prism of the assassination, much about Israel today comes into focus, from the paralysis in peacemaking to the fraught relationship between current Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Barack Obama. Resources include Israeli police reports, interviews, confessions, and the cooperation of both Rabin's and Amir's families. One can't help but wonder what Israel would look like today had Rabin lived. (16 illustrated pages; available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for \$20.93.)

## A Sculpture With Something To Say

OY/YO is a brash, iconic New York sculpture, newly installed in Brooklyn Bridge Park. It yells "YO" if you're looking at it from Manhattan, or "OY," if you are gazing out from Brooklyn.

The sculpture, made of simple aluminum and paint, is the first of this size (8 x 17.5 feet) from artist Deborah Kass. It was commissioned by a Brooklyn developer, Two Trees Management Company, and placed in the park on Nov. 9. It will remain until August 2016.

Lisa Kim, the development group's cultural affairs director, observed, "How much more succinct and iconic of a New York and Brooklyn phrase can you get than 'oy' or 'yo'?"

“This is New York, baby,” Miss Kass said. “We’ve got it all. And the sculpture covers it all.”



## A Hanukkah Connection To An Archaeological Dig

The Israel Antiquities Authority announced early in November that the Givati Parking Lot dig had found remnants of a fortress used by the Seleucid Greek king Antiochus IV Epiphanes in his siege of Jerusalem in 168 BCE. Antiochus is remembered by Jews as the villain of the Hanukkah story; it was Antiochus who had sought to ban Jewish religious rites, sparking the Maccabean revolt.

As reported in *Mosaic*, an online site that explores Jewish thinking, a section of fortification was discovered under the Givati parking lot in the City of David, south of the Old City walls and the Temple Mount. The Acra fortress was used by the king’s Seleucids to oversee the Temple and maintain control over Jerusalem. The fortress was manned by Hellenized Jews, who many scholars believe were then engaged in a full-fledged civil war with traditionalist Jews represented by the Maccabees. Mercenaries paid by Antiochus rounded out the force.

The discovery of the Acra’s foundations ends more than a century of intense speculation over its location. The fortress is mentioned in the first and second books of Maccabees, and by the Romano-era Jewish historian Josephus.

## Prices For Two Jewish Artists Soar At Christie’s Auction



Thanks to record-high bids for works by two Jewish artists, Amedeo Modigliani and Roy Lichtenstein, Christie’s, the New York City auction house, realized nearly \$146 million in its Impressionist & Modern Art evening at the week-long Artist’s Muse event.

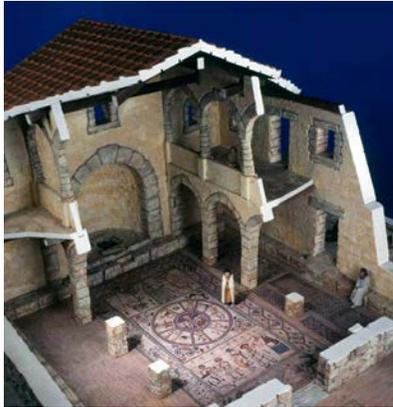
“Nu Couché” by Modigliani, the Tuscan Sephardic 20th-century Jewish artist, fetched \$170.4 million from Chinese billionaire art collector Liu Yiqian, who called in his bids via telephone from Shanghai. As reported in the

*New York Times*, Yiqian beat out six other eager bidders for the piece, and plans to exhibit the painting in one of his two private museums. The winning bid was \$100 million above the last record for the artist.

[In an unrelated development, the artist's grandson, Philippe Maestracci, is seeking the return of Modigliani's 1918 painting, "Seated Man With a Cane," which is valued at more than \$25 million. According to a legal complaint filed in New York State Supreme Court on Nov. 24, the portrait was seized by the Nazis and is now in the possession of the Nahman family, a dynasty of art dealers, the *New York Times* said.]

American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein reportedly surprised onlookers at the Christie's auction with a high bid of \$95.4 million for his "Nurse" (1964) to a telephone buyer, whose bid was well above the estimated \$80 million for the piece.

## 'Synagogues To Scale' Exhibit at Yeshiva University Museum



When New York's Yeshiva University Museum opened in April 1973, its core collection included intricately detailed scale models of historic synagogues, constructed entirely by hand. The current exhibit displays all 10 models for the first time in nearly three decades.

From the Dura-Europos Synagogue in 3rd-century Syria to the 18th-century Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, and Tempio Israelitico in 19th-century Florence, the models reflect the geographic and cultural range of the Jewish world throughout history, and represent a dramatically diverse array of architectural styles.

The models were created from 1970-1973 by Displaycraft, a model-making and exhibition design company based in New York, with the aid of archival photographs, archaeological records, site measurements, and firsthand descriptions of the structure. No computers were employed. The models are accompanied by original objects associated with each synagogue, including a bronze incense shovel from the era of the Second Temple, a Torah scroll used in Amsterdam's Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, and a brass Hanukkah lamp and silver Torah shield that echo the furnishings of the 17th century's Zabłudow Synagogue in Poland.

"Modeling the Synagogue — from Dura to Touro" is on view at the Yeshiva Museum, 15 W. 16th Street, New York City, through Dec. 27. Adults \$8, seniors \$6, admission free Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m., and Fridays 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Daniel Libeskind*



Daniel Libeskind, the Jewish-Polish-American architect, vowed to continue "full-speed ahead" when the city of Jerusalem bowed to objections by groups and individuals to the planned stone and glass pyramidal tower set to rise on a 1.7-acre plot in Jerusalem's downtown. Officials reduced the height by more than a third, from 539 feet to 355 feet; ordered the architect to replace the arched arcade around the base

with retail businesses that open to the street; and forbade communication devices, like cell phone towers, above the apex.

Neither the building's pyramid shape nor its program — apartments, a boutique hotel, a museum, and an observation platform with a restaurant and café — will change, Libeskind said, noting that he wanted to create a “wow” for the city, to which many in dissent observed that Jerusalem is already a “wow” and does not need another tourist attraction.

### *Shlomo Rechnitz*



In the true spirit of tzedakah, Los Angeles-based entrepreneur and philanthropist Shlomo Rechnitz funded hearty meals for an army of 400 U.S. soldiers. During a stopover in Shannon, Ireland, Nov. 18, on his way to visit Israel, Rechnitz, a healthcare businessman and do-gooder in the Jewish community, noticed hundreds of soldiers noshing, on, well, pretty shvach provisions. Rechnitz wanted to provide them with an upgrade, and after negotiating with their commander, he gifted up to \$50

for each soldier to use at a restaurant of each one's choosing.

Rechnitz thanked the soldiers for protecting him, his family, and Israel. “I just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart,” he told the troops, to a standing ovation.

### *Jonathan J. Pollard*

Jonathan J. Pollard, the American convicted of spying on behalf of Israel, walked out of prison early on Nov. 20 after 30 years, but the Obama administration had no plans to let him leave the country and move to Israel as he had requested.

Mr. Pollard, who as a Navy intelligence analyst passed classified documents to Israeli handlers, was released from a federal prison in Butner, NC, after receiving parole on a life sentence.

## • OBITUARIES •

### *Thomas Blatt*

Thomas Blatt, one of the few survivors of a rare revolt and mass escape from a Nazi death camp in occupied Poland during WWII, died Oct. 31 at his home in Santa Barbara, CA. He was 88.

Mr. Blatt was 16 on Oct. 14, 1943, when he and several hundred other prisoners staged an uprising against Nazi SS officers and the Ukrainian guards at the Sobibor extermination camp. His parents and younger brother had been gassed there six months earlier. Searchers captured and killed about 150 of the escapees. Mr. Blatt was one of only about 50 who survived for nearly a year, until advancing Russian troops routed the Germans. A half-century later, he testified in Germany at the war crimes trial of John Demjanjuk, a

retired Ohio autoworker who was prosecuted as a former death camp guard, accused of willingly participating in the killing of Jews at the Treblinka, Majdanek and Sobibor camps.

He wrote two books and a manuscript that became the basis for a television film, "Escape From Sobibor," starring Alan Arkin and Rutger Hauer.

### ***Yitzhak Navon***

Yitzhak Navon, who took part in the founding of Israel, died Nov. 6 at his home in Jerusalem. He was 94.

Mr. Navon served as Israel's fifth president, from 1978 to 1983, and then returned to politics as a Labor Party legislator and minister of education. He entered public life immediately after Israel's establishment in 1948, beginning in the foreign service. He then served as chief of staff to David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, and to Moshe Sharett when he succeeded Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Navon was fluent in Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish language of the Sephardic Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492, and he strove to preserve Jewish Ladino traditions.

## • **COMMEMORATIONS** •

### **Yahrzeits In December**

- 1: Miriam Lipman Gluckman; Brigitte Jarvi
- 2: Philip Ballen; Henry Kessler; Herbert Michael Krasnow; Bracha Rothman; Robert Rothman
- 3: Annie Wandt
- 4: Sylvia Britzman; Anne Lengyel
- 5: Lt. Earl M. Silverstone; Mollie Kaplan Singer
- 6: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren
- 7: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein
- 8: Joseph Teperman
- 9: David Robert Levinson; Sidney A. Schneider
- 15: Goldie S. Friedman
- 16: Joseph Adelson; Helen Newman
- 18: Chuck Kahn
- 20: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine
- 21: Michael Lepawski
- 22: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger; Nathaniel M. Sperling, M.D.
- 24: Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panepinto
- 25: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs
- 26: Max Katz; Sarah Weiskott
- 27: Max Birman
- 29: Lillian Silberberg
- 30: Arnold Jaffe; Melvin Shengold, DDS

### **Birthdays In December**

- 21: Elizabeth Berg; Barbara Glassner; Elyse Kirschner

## **Anniversaries in December**

12: Jed Clauss and Joanna Paulsen  
25: Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg

## **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**

Jed Clauss  
Victor Friedman  
Ann Hurwitz  
Arlene Marvin  
Thelma Novick  
Judith Schneider  
Ann Shengold  
Gloria Waxler  
Michael Murphy  
Marshall Hurwitz  
Bill Pittorino  
Jane Sachs

## **• MONEY MATTERS •**

### **Donations in November**

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Z. Micah Kaplan, M.D. and Gayle Kaplan  
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Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris  
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 David Judlowitz  
 Aaron and Thelma Novick  
 Roslyn Polonecki  
 Joan Prager  
 Stanley Rubin  
 Michael Slade, M.D. and Cookie Slade

**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
- **Paul S. Birman Technology Fund:** supports updates and new communication programs

**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

<u>Commemoratives</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</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	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 •

Rabbi Gadi Capela: 631-477-6940  
Gabbai Stanley Rubin: 631-765-6848

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Sara Bloom

### Journal Dinner-Dance

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Thelma Novick, chair

Gloria Waxler

Yahrzeit : Stanley Rubin, chair; Miriam Gabriel

