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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, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28: Parasha classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

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

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Book Circle cancelled; next meeting Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m.

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

Lighting Shabbat Candles in January

Jan. 1: 4:21 p.m. Jan. 8: 4:27 p.m. Jan. 15: 4:34 p.m. Jan. 22: 4:43 p.m. Jan. 29: 4:51 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, Jan. 10: Project Genesis, Peconic Landing, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 25: Tu B'Shevat

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

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

(Submission deadline for the February 2016 issue of *The Shofar*: Jan. 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Reconciliation”

Dear members and friends,

Even though I’m writing this message on the shortest day of the year, it doesn’t feel dark. Perhaps the reason is the presence of many lights, both physical and spiritual. As the lights of Hanukkah slowly disappeared, the lights of Christmas on many houses and in yards began to glow.

On Saturday night, Dec. 12, we celebrated Project Genesis’ 10th anniversary with an event called “Between the Lights.” Project Genesis is a Jewish-Christian monthly learning program I have been teaching with Christian clergy, where both faiths are invited to learn about the common roots of their beliefs and heritage, building bridges between the two communities. We were happily surprised to discover that on the very same week the Catholic Church released a long document, confirming its *Nostra Aetate* (in our time) — the document that ushered in a profound and positive change within the church toward Judaism 50 years ago, in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

The Vatican’s Commission For Religious Relations With The Jews’ document included the following paragraph: “Another important goal of Jewish-Catholic dialogue consists of jointly combatting all manifestations of ethnic discrimination against Jews and all forms of anti-Semitism. History teaches us where even the slightest perceptible form of anti-Semitism can lead: the human tragedy of the Shoah in which two-thirds of European Jewry was annihilated. Both faith traditions are called upon to maintain an unceasing vigilance and sensitivity in the social sphere as well.”

In response, a few dozen Orthodox rabbis wrote a document affirming Judaism’s connection to Christianity. Their letter states: “After nearly two millennia of mutual hostility and alienation, we Orthodox rabbis who lead communities, institutions and seminaries in Israel, the United States and Europe, recognize the historic opportunity now before us. We seek to do the will of our Father in Heaven by accepting the hand offered to us by our Christian brothers and sisters. Jews and Christians must work together as partners to address the moral challenges of our era.

“The Shoah ended 70 years ago. It was the warped climax to centuries of disrespect, oppression and rejection of Jews and the consequent enmity that developed between Jews and Christians. In retrospect, it is clear that the failure to break through this contempt and engage in constructive dialogue for the good of humankind weakened resistance to the evil forces of anti-Semitism that engulfed the world in murder and genocide... As did Maimonides and Yehudah Halevi, we acknowledge that Christianity is neither an accident nor an error, but the willed divine outcome and gift to the nations. In separating Judaism and Christianity, G-d willed a separation between partners with significant theological differences, not a separation between enemies...”

Now that the Catholic Church has acknowledged the eternal covenant between G-d and Israel, we Jews can acknowledge the ongoing constructive validity of Christianity as our partner in world redemption, without any fear that this will be exploited for missionary purposes. As stated by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel’s Bilateral Commission with the Holy See under the leadership of Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, “We are no longer enemies, but unequivocal partners in articulating the essential moral values for the survival and welfare of humanity... Neither of us can achieve G-d’s mission in this world alone.”

This idea of reconciliation corresponds to our Shabbat Torah reading — “Vayigash” (approached). The reunion of Joseph and his brothers in Egypt begins when Judah approaches the Egyptian vizier, not knowing it is actually his brother Joseph, whom he had arranged to be cast out of the family more than 20 years earlier. Judah confesses his responsibility to the vizier (Joseph), who is so moved by the honesty and sincerity of Judah’s emotional plea for the release of his brother Benjamin that he cannot stay indifferent. Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and allows them to approach him further, until they are close enough to kiss and cry. For the first time in more than two decades, they speak to each other.

Like Joseph and his brothers, the Catholic Church and the Jewish people have taken steps to reconcile with one side approaching the other. Rabbi Cohen reminds us that we, too, have a responsibility to supplement the light in the world through other means, and to partner with others to help God in the project of creation.

May January be the door to ultimate reconciliation and peace for all. Happy 2016.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

Links to the statements by the Catholic Church and the Orthodox rabbis:

<http://www.news.va/en/news/vatican-issues-new-document-on-christian-jewish-di>

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/orthodox-rabbinic-statement-on-christianity/>



Rabbi Gadi kindles the Hanukkah candles at the 10th anniversary celebration of Project Genesis. The Dec. 12 event, held in the auditorium at Peconic Landing, was well attended by regulars and guests.

Steve Benthall photos

A Big Tent Judaism project

It was pretty simple. The shul planned to light its beautiful, newly built hanukkiyah in the middle of Mitchell Park in Greenport. Directly across the street from the park is a popular store that sells gourmet-flavored olive oils — Vines & Branches. By putting the two together, we had an olive oil tasting before the lighting of the menorah.

The event was successful and attracted many people who don’t normally participate in our programs. Simple, but it took one of the brainstorming workshops of Big Tent Judaism to make the connection. BTJ is an organization specializing in helping congregations find ideas to take themselves beyond the walls of the synagogue, into the community. Debra Riva, our shul’s program director, and I began working with BTJ in 2015. We are looking forward to continuing this fruitful relationship in 2016, initiating more projects that reach out to the larger community.

From The President...



I am delighted to report that the candlelighting ceremony and unveiling of our new Hanukkah menorah in Mitchell Park was a huge success. A large crowd attended the menorah lighting, and the synagogue was filled to capacity for the Hanukkah party that followed.

As we approach the New Year, I am taking this opportunity to reflect on 2015. During the year, the synagogue added eight new members. The Judaism and Art Program hosted five successful presentations and trips. The shul held a successful Shabbaton weekend, two Passover Seders and the Great Music Sunday concert.

The Daughters of Israel hosted the 20th annual Literary Luncheon and the annual Back Room Sale. The Men's Club held the annual BBQ and a presentation on estate planning and wealth management. The annual Journal Dinner-Dance was a financial and social success. Thanks to the generosity of Pamela and Paul Birman, the shul has established a Technology Fund to maintain and support technology initiatives.

I want to thank all of our members and friends for their continuing support and generosity. Rochelle and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

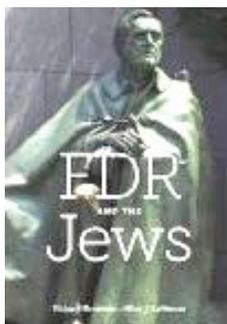
—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

A passing

The Shofar joins the membership in mourning the death of Ann Shengold, daughter of shul member Paula Shengold, on Nov. 26, after a long illness. Our deepest condolences to Paula and to Ann's many friends and admirers.

Book Circle To Discuss FDR's Attitude And Contrasting Actions



The next installment of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 3:30 p.m., in the shul's community room. The book for discussion will be *FDR and the Jews* by Richard Breitman and Allan J. Lichtman. (The January session has been cancelled.)

According to a *New York Times* review of the book by David Oshinsky, Franklin Roosevelt enjoyed the overwhelming support of American Jews during his presidency. From 1933 to 1945, he led the war against Hitler, supported a Jewish homeland in Palestine, appointed a Jew to the Supreme Court, chose another to be his secretary of the Treasury, and surrounded himself with Jewish advisers. But born to Protestant wealth and privilege, the Roosevelts were not immune to the

prejudices of their time, and have been quoted slandering Jews. Nevertheless, the reviewer wrote, "When it mattered most, their nobler instincts took over." Discussion will include FDR's attitude and his contrasting actions.

Previous sessions of the Book Circle have included *Dancing Arabs* by Sayed Kashua, *The Lost Wife* by Alyson Richman, *Jewish Journeys* by Jeremy Leigh, *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.



Hanukkah Happenings...

For CTIers, Hanukkah arrived Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m., when Rita Winkler graciously hosted an olive oil tasting at her shop, Vines & Branches, to usher in the oil holiday. Attractive displays and Hanukkah music complemented Rabbi Gadi's retelling of the Hanukkah story.



Then, off to Mitchell Park at 5 to kindle the first candle (light) on our new menorah, handcrafted by David Nyce. Finally, all back to the shul for latkes and jelly donuts.

DRiva and SMBloom photos

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Yad Vashem Names American Soldier Righteous Among Nations



Yad Vashem has posthumously recognized Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds of the 422nd Infantry Regiment of the United States Armed Forces as Righteous Among the Nations for rescuing Jewish servicemen at the Stalag IXA POW Camp near Ziegenhain, Germany. Edmonds died in 1985.

In January 1945, the Germans announced that all Jewish POWs in Stalag IXA were to report the following morning. Edmonds, who was the highest-ranking soldier in the American section of the camp, ordered all his men — Jews and non-Jews — to fall out the following morning. When the German camp commander, Major Siegmann, saw that all the camp’s inmates were standing in front of the barracks, he turned to Edmonds and exclaimed, “They cannot all be Jews.” To this Edmonds replied, “We are all Jews.” Siegmann took out his pistol and threatened Edmonds, but the Master Sergeant did not waver. “If you shoot me, you will have to shoot all of us,” he said. The Commandant turned and left.

Edmonds is the first American soldier and one of only five Americans to be recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations, alongside Varian Fry, Waitstill and Martha Sharp, and Lois Gunden. More than 26,000 individuals have received the honor.

Lessons From A Building In Shanghai



Shanghai’s Embankment House was once the largest apartment building in Asia, and it remains an impressive feature of the city’s skyline. Writing for the *Paris Review* from one of its apartments, Eleanor Goodman reflects on its history in an article titled “Lessons From a Building in Shanghai”:

In the late 1930s, as the United States and many other countries were closing their doors and denying visas to Jewish applicants, Shanghai was one of the few places where Jews could flee without any paperwork. It was a long journey from Germany, but once they arrived, they would be welcomed into an established community [consisting] largely of Russian and Baghdadi Jews. After Kristallnacht [in November 1938], nearly 20,000 Jews made it to safety in Shanghai. When they landed in the ports, many of them were taken to Embankment House, where Victor Sassoon — the developer and owner, himself of Baghdadi Jewish origin — had converted the first several floors of the 1936 building into a receiving hall for refugees.

They were fed, registered, and given safe haven until they could find more permanent lodgings, often in the nearby Jewish quarter. For many of the lucky ones who made it out, Embankment House offered them their first sanctuary.

UN Recognizes Yom Kippur As Official Holiday

On Thursday, Dec. 17, the United Nations Headquarters in New York recognized the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, as an official UN holiday. On this day, no official meetings will take place, and employees can choose to take the day off.

This decisive victory was achieved through the cooperation of Israel's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Danny Danon, who led the effort on behalf of the Israeli Mission, and the United States permanent Representative of the UN, Ambassador Samantha Power.

"Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people, and the UN should have recognized this holiday many years ago. Today we finally have an official place for the Jewish religion in the world's parliament," said Ambassador Danon.

It's Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'She-what? What's It All About?

The holiday of Tu B'Shevat takes its name from the month and date on which it occurs — the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. On this holiday, also known as "The New Year of the Trees," we celebrate at a Tu B'Shevat Seder with fruits and nuts native to the summer harvest in Israel.

Since ancient times, Jews have preserved summer fruits in various ways. Fruit syrups or honeys were cooked from dates, figs, grapes, carobs and pomegranates. Jams were made from sour cherries and bitter oranges, flavored with cardamom, rosewater and saffron. Grapes that were not processed into wine were dried in the sun to make raisins. Dates, figs and apricots were dried and pressed into leathers for later use.

It is not always possible for Jews in America to get fruits from the Land of Israel, so we have adapted recipes to a tropical fruit found here in America, the guava.

For a tasty snack, cut guavas in half, scoop out the pulp and seeds, and boil in sugar-water until the guavas are soft and can be cut into slices.

May your Tu B'Shevat be fruitful.

Four Elderly Jewish Ladies Busted

You can't be too careful these days. Trust nobody. Crime is rampant, as a recent posting by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) will attest. It seems that four elderly Jewish women — Lee Delnick, Bernice Diamond, Helen Greenspan and Zelda King, aged 87-95 — were nabbed in the act at the Escondido Condominium in Altamonte Springs, FL, on suspicion of illegally gambling. A shandah!

Turns out, the foursome were ratted out by a "troublemaker" in the building, who had alerted authorities to their weekly mahjong game. The ladies were told by the Escondido property manager to "lay low" for a few weeks until the issue sorted itself out. Happily, the game can now continue.

You see, Florida's gambling laws allow games in which a winner takes away less than \$10. The mahjong game caps the winner's earnings at a steep \$4, well within the confines of the law. Whew! Close one. Nobody wants to visit bubbe in the slammer.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Sheldon Silver

Sheldon Silver, one of the most powerful politicians in New York State, was found guilty on Nov. 30 of all seven counts against him. The charges of honest services fraud, extortion and money laundering stemmed from schemes by which he obtained nearly \$4 million in exchange for using his position as State Assembly speaker for more than two decades to help benefit a cancer researcher and two real estate developers.

The verdict came on the jury's third day of deliberations, after a five-week trial in Federal District Court in Manhattan. No sentencing date was set, but Silver, 71, could face up to 20 years in prison on each of the seven counts. His lawyers indicated they would file motions to challenge the verdict.

As a result of his conviction, Silver must automatically forfeit the Assembly seat to which he was first elected nearly 40 years ago. Now out of office, Silver has applied to the state comptroller's office for his pension which, considering his age, length of service and salary, could be nearly \$100,000 a year, *The New York Times* reported.

Mark Zuckerberg



Mark Zuckerberg, the co-founder and chief executive of Facebook, announced that he and his wife, Dr. Priscilla Chan, would give 99 percent of their Facebook shares “during our lives” — holdings currently worth \$46.8 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index — to charitable purposes. The pledge was made in an open letter to their newborn daughter, Max (Maxima).

Zuckerberg, 31, said he and his wife, 30, were forming a new organization, the Chan

Zuckerberg Initiative, which will focus on “personalized learning, curing disease, connecting people, and building strong communities.”

The new dad is taking two months of paternity leave from Facebook. The company announced it is extending its four-month paid paternal leave policy to all Facebook employees, including those living outside of the United States. The previous policy applied only to its U.S.-based workers. Reportedly, many technology companies in Silicon Valley have been rushing to extend parental leave allowances and other benefits to help recruit and retain employees.

Rabbi Yuri Foreman

Rabbi Yuri Foreman, yes Rabbi Foreman, has returned to the boxing ring after a two-year hiatus, during which he completed his studies and was ordained an Orthodox rabbi. In a victorious boxing comeback at Brooklyn's Barclays Center on Dec. 5, Rabbi Yuri defeated Lenwood Dozier in an eight-round junior middleweight bout, extending his record to 33 wins, two losses, and nine knockouts.

At one time, Foreman was the junior middleweight champ, and is on his way to regaining the title.

Rabbi Martin Wolmark

Rabbi Martin Wolmark of Monsey, NY, an Orthodox Jew, was sentenced to more than three years in prison for his lead role in a ring of Jewish men who used brutal methods and tools, including handcuffs and electric cattle prods, to torture unwilling husbands into granting their wives a religious divorce known as a get.

The rabbi pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion. Ten men in all were convicted for their roles in the plot. The scheme was exposed by two FBI undercover agents, one posing as a woman needing a get from her husband in Argentina, and the other as her brother.

• OBITUARIES •

Marcus Klingberg

Marcus Klingberg, an Israeli scientist and the highest-ranking Soviet spy ever caught by the Israeli security services, died Nov. 30 in Paris. He was 97.

Klingberg, an epidemiologist who had served with the Red Army Medical Corps during WWII after fleeing his native Poland, immigrated to Israel in 1948. There, after serving in the medical division of the Israel Defense Forces, he began working in 1957 for the Institute for Biological Research, a top-secret chemical and biological weapons laboratory near Tel Aviv.

A committed communist, Klingberg passed information about the lab's research to the Soviet Union. He was exposed in the early 1960s by a double agent working for Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency. Found guilty of espionage by a military tribunal, he was given the maximum prison sentence of 20 years. In 2003, he immigrated to France.

Klingberg insisted that he had spied for ideological reasons, and out of a belief that all information about weapons should be shared among nations.

Tibor Rubin

Corporal Tibor Rubin, who was awarded the Medal of Honor on Sept. 23, 2005, for heroic acts at Unsan, North Korea, in 1950, died at his home in Garden Grove, CA. He was 86.

President George W. Bush presented Corporal Rubin the medal after a delay of more than a half century because of bias against Jews by the soldier's commanding officer, Sgt. Artice V. Watson. According to the obituary in *The New York Times*, affidavits submitted by Rubin's fellow soldiers described Watson as a virulent anti-Semite who repeatedly assigned

the soldier the most dangerous missions. Statements also suggested that although Corporal Rubin was recommended more than once for the Medal of Honor, Watson deliberately ignored the orders from his own superiors to prepare the appropriate paperwork.

As a teenager, Tibor was sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, and was liberated by the Americans in 1945. He vowed at that time to “give back something,” and he enlisted in the U.S. Army. When his battalion was ambushed by thousands of Chinese troops, Corporal Rubin stepped forward to man the single machine gun. He fought until his ammunition was gone. He was badly wounded, captured, and sent to a POW camp in North Korea where he spent 30 months. Testimony from his fellow prisoners detailed his willingness to sacrifice for the good of others. He had been steeled for captivity and privation, he said, by his experience in Mauthausen. He made a habit of sneaking out of the camp at night and foraging for food, stealing from enemy supplies, and bringing back what he could to help nourish his comrades.

President Bush ordered a review of the records of 137 Jewish veterans. Corporal Rubin’s case was deemed among the most egregious.

Lillian Vernon

Lillian Vernon, who created a catalogue business of personalized gifts and gadgets, and who headed the first woman-owned company listed on the American Stock Exchange, died Dec. 14 in Manhattan. She was 88.

Lillian Vernon was born Lilli Menasche in Leipzig, Germany. In 1933, the year Hitler became chancellor of Germany, her family fled to Amsterdam, and then to New York in 1937. According to an obituary in the *New York Times*, she left New York University after two years to marry Sam Hochberg, whose family owned a dry goods store in Mount Vernon, NY. In 1951, newly married and pregnant, she took \$2,000 of her wedding money — and part of the name of her town — to start a mail-order business on her yellow Formica kitchen table. She advertised a personalized leather handbag for \$2.99 plus tax, and a matching belt for \$1.99 in the September issue of *Seventeen* magazine. The ad generated \$32,000 in orders.

Her niche was whimsical, low-cost items that could be monogrammed — at no charge. To find them, she traveled the world looking for distinct products and sources long before the global marketplace opened up. In 2003, she sold her business for \$60.5 million.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In January

1: Jean Birman; Dr. Arthur Goldin; Jennie Levinson

2: Rose Wasserman

5: Ida Sausmer

6: Toivo Jarvi

7: Marcia B. Block; Martha Levin

8: Herman Millman; Stanley Sidney

9: Norma Good; Nedjat Lazar; Steven Newman; Alvin Robins

11: Nathan Forman; Rose Katz Grossman; Julius Levine; Mel Morrell

12: Monir Lazar; Benjamin Lipman; Ralph J. Michelson and his brothers

(Morris, Lewis, Conrad, Herbert and Morton)

- 13: Annie Bush; Louis Felder; Anna Neimark
- 14: Helen Newman
- 15: Clara Nissenfeld
- 16: Herbert R. Mandel
- 17: Bella Schwartz
- 19: Morris Budofsky; Evelyn Rosenbaum
- 21: David J. Brown; Gladys Feinberg; Yehuda L. Levinson; Joan Slade
- 22: Rebecca Revere
- 23: Anna Posner
- 24: Tillie Chroborsky; Dorothy Kaplan
- 25: Jack Dalven
- 27: Oscar Goldin; Donna Nadel; The Rev. David Orliansky
- 28: Adele Blanche Lustig; Samuel Joseph Pelovitz
- 29: Abraham Slotkin
- 30: Sophia P. Ballen; Samuel Neimark

Birthdays In January

- 2: Molly Byrne
- 3: Seth Greenseid
- 4: Stanley Kaplan
- 8: Alan Weinstein
- 20: Sara Bloom; Carly Teperman
- 22: Jo Ann Blumberg
- 24: Veronica Byrne
- 25: Craig Millman
- 27: Peri Sausmer

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.

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- Bill Pittorino
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- **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

Event	Members	Nonmembers
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
Commemoratives	Members	Nonmembers
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.

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