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

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

Shul Events

Wednesday, March 30: Model Seder for GEM, interested parishioners,
shul members and guests, noon

Sunday, April 3: Aiyoun Choi (member of Women Cross DMZ), talk about peace,
Mattituck-Laurel Library, 2 p.m., sponsored by North Fork Reform Synagogue

Monday, April 4: Deadline to reserve places at the shul's Seders

Wednesday, April 6: Book Circle, Community Room, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 10, AMP Trio jazz concert, community room, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 17: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

Friday, April 22: First Passover Seder, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23: Second Passover Seder, 6:30 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in April

April 1: 7:03 April 8: 7:10 April 15: 7:18 April 22: 7:25 April 29: 7:32

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday

Friday, April 22: Earth Day (coincides with the first Passover Seder)

Sunday, May 1: Holocaust Remembrance Day program, Temple Israel, Riverhead

Sunday, May 8: Mothers Day

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

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From The Rabbi...



“Dinner in Palermo”

A few weeks before my yearly pilgrimage to Israel, I learned that a few members of our congregation were planning to be in Italy, specifically in Sicily. So I decided to take a few days and meet up with them for dinner. We set the date for Thursday, March 17, in Palermo. I was looking forward to the dinner, but it was sandwiched between a sequence of events leading to it and back from it. As in many of life’s journeys, it was a sequence in which faith and reason were competing with each other.

Faith and reason are twin sisters. They are not identical twins, but they have many commonalities, and they love to hang out together. The twin sisters are ancient, having been here from the beginning, and they are still in our lives at all times and in every decision we make — from how we spend our mornings or to whom we will vote for President. For me, the faith-reason struggle started as soon as I landed in Rome, and went to collect the rental car for the drive to Palermo. I was asked to pay for extra insurance, which was double the price to insure the car. Everything has a time and place, and I didn’t think this was the time or place for that expenditure.

Traveling, especially for pleasure, is the desire and willingness to meet the unknown. We say Birkat HaDerkh — the Blessing of the Road — and we ask God to protect us from all evils, acknowledging that every journey holds unknowns. But the unknown is also the home of excitement and hope. We buy insurance for our houses, our cars, our children, our health, our retirement, and the list can go on... The insurance companies speak to our reason of course, but they also know we will never be able to insure our lives at every moment, everywhere. They also know there are times when the best insurance is faith. If you will, faith is insurance for the soul. Since I was already insured through the credit card, I was willing to risk the deductible and leave room for faith. After all, I wanted God to travel with me.

The way between Rome and Palermo includes some of the most beautiful places in the world, the best known being the Amalfi coast to the south of Naples. Depending on how fast you drive through the hundreds of dangerous twists and turns along this gorgeous strip of

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land, it takes about two hours to traverse. And again, there is a conflict between reason and faith. The drive through these mountains requires the utmost attention and eyes on the road. This is reasonable. But no less important is to lift the eyes once in a while to take in the beauty. Reason

keeps us grounded and looking at the road; faith takes us up for the view, which makes it worth being grounded. Just as the body needs a home, the soul needs to hope. We need to accept the twin sisters that way. If we focus only on reason, we discriminate against faith. If we concentrate exclusively on faith, we leave no room for reason.

Recently, Europe experienced a series of terror attacks, and while I am writing this message, I am hearing the news about the most recent coordinated attacks in Brussels, where 34 people died — people simply on their way to work, on their way to school, or on the way to a vacation. If reason always wins, we will not travel or perhaps will not leave the house at

all. The twin sisters, don't have to compete against each other; they should accept that they complete each other. As we celebrate Purim, let us remember that this observance is about the unknown. The Rabbis tell us that the protagonist's name, Esther, comes from the notion of *hester* — hiddenness. Esther is the only book of the Bible in which the name of God is hidden. To traverse Purim successfully is to understand that reason is important, and that we need to do our best to be ready for what might be worse. But at the end, we need to acknowledge and leave room for faith.

As we go through our lives on earth, our hands make reasonable decisions and actions, but then we have to leave the rest to the hidden hand in heaven to complete them. The mitzvah of Purim is Ad Delo Yadah (from the word Da'at) — until no knowledge — until one cannot distinguish between Haman and Mordechai or, in other words, two distinguishable entities. Purim is the only day we are encouraged not to be so reasonable. It is an opportunity to do the Tikkun — correction of the original sin. Sometime we must let go of the Tree of Knowledge (Etz haDa'at), even for just a moment, in order to experience God.

The dinner in Palermo was great. But whether you are on the way to dinner in Sicily or breakfast in Missouri, the important thing to consider is whether you used both faith and reason to navigate your way. As for me, after four weeks on a journey, I am ready to come back home and celebrate Purim together with all of you.

Safe journeys, and Purim Sameach!

—Rabbi Gadi Capela



It's a small world after all...

Rabbi Gadi traveled from the USA to Israel to Italy, and the women from the USA to Italy. All met for dinner in Palermo, the capitol of Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. Seated with Rabbi Gadi are, from left, shul member Betty Rugg, Sarah Olmstead, and shul members Diana (Dede) Whitsit Alford and Debra Riva.

From The President...



Rabbi Gadi left for Israel on Sunday, Feb. 20, and didn't return until Thursday, March 24, just in time to conduct Purim services. How did our small synagogue in Greenport carry on Shabbat services, Parasha and Hebrew classes while the rabbi was away? After all, at our shul, the rabbi leads all of the services and teaches all of the religious classes. He is the only shul employee.

The first challenge was to cover erev Shabbat and Shabbat services over a four-week period. For the first two weekends, shul member Jesse Reece led the services with the help of his son, Neville, and others. On the third weekend, shul member Jeroen Bours conducted services. Finally, on the fourth weekend, long time shul friend Menachem Kastner led us in prayer.

I am taking this opportunity to thank Jesse, Neville, Jeroen and Menachem for the wonderful job they did. We are truly lucky to have such skillful volunteers who are willing to step up and perform these rituals.

Rabbi Gadi was able to conduct three Parasha classes and two Hebrew classes directly from Israel using Skype technology. With our new visual arts system, we were able to project the rabbi's image on the large screen so that it seemed as though he was in the room with us. Our thanks to Phil Goldman for overseeing the installation of the new equipment, and to Rabbi Gadi for his diligence in continuing his classes, even from afar.

Rochelle and I extend our best wishes to all members and friends for a sweet Passover.

—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

AMP Trio Brings 'Smart, Contemporary Jazz' To Our Shul *Don't miss this exciting and entertaining event happening on April 10*

Rave reviews for the AMP Trio jazz sound place the group securely on the front lines of the jazz scene today. "...smart, contemporary jazz" said *Midwest Record*; "...a fresh sound, entertaining listening" said *The Jazz Page*; "...vibrant" according to *Drummer Magazine*. The trio is coming to our shul for a "Jazz On Sunday" concert on April 10, at 2 p.m., in the community room. The concert is part of the "Great Music Sunday" series, sponsored by the synagogue for shul members and North Fork residents and visitors. Tickets at \$15 can be purchased at the door.

AMP Trio musicians are Addison Frei, piano; Matt Young, drums; and Perrin Grace, bass. The three met at the University of North Texas Jazz Studies program, and have played together at the Ravinia Steans Music Institute for Jazz in Chicago, and at Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead Residency Program at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. All three have toured and recorded with jazz musicians in the U.S. and abroad, and have won important competitions in jazz performance.

The group's sound is a smooth blending of composition and invention that is accessible to all — those familiar with the jazz lexicon as well as casual listeners. The AMP Trio "...finds the sweet spot," says *Midwest Record*.

The shul initiated the "Great Music Sunday" series to showcase rising musical talent. During intermission, the players will talk with the audience about contemporary music, jazz on the rise, and how jazz musicians collaborate on improv and notation.

For more information about the AMP Trio and the "Jazz on Sunday" concert, call the synagogue at 631-477-0232.



The AMP Trio in concert: Addison Frei, piano; Perrin Grace, bass; and Matt Young, drums.

Shul Plans Two Passover Seders For Members, Guests, Visitors



Shul members, guests and visitors to the North Fork are invited to participate in two Passover Seders, to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23, in the community room of the shul. Rabbi Gadi Capela will lead the Seder services, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Coincidentally, the first Seder occurs on Earth Day, an event observed annually on April 22 to celebrate the environment. Traditionally, activities associated with Earth Day focus on spring growth and new plantings. In like manner, the Seders embrace the theme of rebirth.

The ceremonial portion of the Passover observance retells the story of the Exodus in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. Jews throughout the world have celebrated Passover for more than 3,000 years, and yet the story of religious freedom is as meaningful today as it was during the time of the Pharaohs. The ceremony will be followed by a festive dinner, catered by Nassau Kosher Kitchen in East Meadow, Long Island.

The Seder follows an order of service prescribed in a Haggadah, which tells the story, explains the symbols, addresses the issue of slavery, reflects on the beauty of freedom, and expresses gratitude to God for life's many blessings.

Among the symbolic foods served at the Seder is haroset, which is made from chopped apples, nuts, wine and spices to symbolize the mortar that the Jewish slaves made for bricks in Egypt. Matza is served as a reminder of the hastily prepared unrisen bread made by the Jews as they fled from Egypt across the desert. A roasted lamb bone is a reminder of the sacrifice that spared the Jewish children from God's plague. Saltwater represents tears, and horseradish the bitterness of slavery, but parsley and eggs symbolize rebirth.

The dinner will feature traditional foods associated with the holiday, such as chicken soup with matza balls, gefilte fish, roasted brisket, potato pudding, and fruit and nut desserts.

The cost is \$60 per person, no charge for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. Please call Elaine Goldman at 631-765-3504 by Monday, April 4, to reserve your place at the Seder tables.

A Passover Quiz: Test Your Haggadah IQ

1. Which Haggadah has been used for President Barack Obama's annual White House Seder?
2. Disagreement among rabbis over whether the Seder required four or five cups of wine led to which custom?
3. The oldest known complete Haggadah manuscript, from the Saadia Gaon prayer book, is from which century?
4. Which major figure in the Passover story gets only one mention in the Haggadah?
5. Some Sephardi Jews mimic the lashings received by Jewish slaves by swatting their Seder tablemates with which edible plant?
6. What is the name of the earliest illuminated Ashkenazi Haggadah, which doesn't depict humans in the illustrations?
7. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks's best-selling novel, *People of the Book*, tells the tale of what Haggadah?
8. Yiddish political cartoonist Leon "Lola" Israel depicts which type of athlete as the "wicked son" in his 1920s Haggadah?
9. Whose Haggadah was publicly burned in 1945 after the ultra-Orthodox rabbinic organization Agudath Ha-Rabbanim deemed it heretical?
10. What is the name of the Haggadah created by Arthur Waskow in 1970 in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.?
11. Pottery Barn provides a place for a 20th-century addition to its Seder plate. What is it?
12. What group continues to perform the Passover sacrifice to this day?

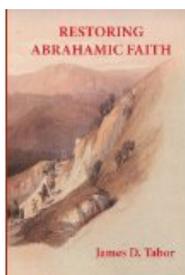
[Quiz courtesy of *Moment* magazine. Answers on the last page of this issue of *The Shofar*.]

News From The March 20 Congregation Meeting

- Daughters of Israel president Eileen Santora met with Sy Brittman, caretaker of Andrew Levin Park, to determine a site for an organic garden to be established on the property. Those interested in tending the garden can volunteer by calling the shul at 631-477-0232,

- Micah Kaplan announced that the Men's Club once again would award a community service prize to a graduating senior at Greenport High School. The recipient will be chosen by the school.
- The Board of Directors approved an outlay of approximately \$2,300 for the installation of a surveillance camera system at the shul. Although the system is not designed as a preventative, it will provide an extra measure of security. Sterling Communications Inc. of Greenport will install the system.
- With the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors, the shul has contracted with Isaac Yager to be our cantor for High Holy Days services.
- Phil Goldman reported that the Beautification/Building and Grounds committee will implement touchup exterior painting at the shul and the rabbi's house, plus minor repairs at the parsonage.
- Phil Goldman also reported that audio-visual updates had been completed, allowing off-site images via Skype to be projected onto the pull-down screen in the community room. Using the updated system, Rabbi Gadi was able to conduct Hebrew and Parasha classes in Greenport during his vacation in Israel.

Book Circle To Explore The Faith Of The Ancients



The next installment of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m., in the shul's community room. The book for discussion will be *Restoring Abrahamic Faith* by James D. Tabor, who examines the faith of the ancients, unadulterated by time and interpretation.

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, *Rabbis and Wives* by Chaim Grade, *FDR and the Jews* by Richard Breitman and Allan J. Lichtman, and *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idlibi, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner.

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.

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King Solomon's Mine Fields Yield Fabric Fragments

Archaeologists have unearthed an extensive fabric collection in the south of Israel, dating back about 3,000 years to the biblical era of King Solomon in the 10th century BCE. The materials were uncovered in the Timna copper mines in the Arava Valley by a Tel Aviv University excavation team. The finds are the first discovery of textiles from the era, and include cloth of diverse color, design and origin, the team said.

The Timna Valley, now a national park, was a copper production district with thousands of mines and dozens of smelting sites. Also found there were quantities of seeds

from the “seven species,” the two grains and five fruits considered unique products of the Land of Israel.

Elfrange Is The Last Synagogue In Damascus



Once home to a thriving and ancient Jewish community, Syria now has only a handful of Jews. Nevertheless, the Elfrange Synagogue in Damascus refuses to close its doors. It is the only one of the city’s 17 synagogues that has not been shut down and robbed. Elfrange serves a membership of 16 men, ages 60 to 90.

Since the 1990s, only a few dozen Jews have remained in Syria, according to Avraham Hamra, who in 1993 left Damascus, where he served as chief rabbi, and now lives in Holon, near Tel Aviv. As many as 4,000 Jews were living in Damascus, Aleppo, and al-Qamishli up until 1992, when they were permitted to emigrate, he said.

Papyrus Fragments Reveal Script Based On Book of Exodus



Bits of papyrus that had been tossed in the rubbish by the inhabitants of an ancient Egyptian city, hidden for centuries, have been uncovered and translated. From the 500,000 fragments found, stories have emerged that range from a doctor’s report on the drowning of a 12-year-old slave girl to a rendition of the *Book of Exodus* in the style of a Greek tragedy — allowing an unknown actor to play Moses 2,000 years before Charlton Heston got his chance in the 1956 blockbuster film *The Ten Commandments*. Also pieced together was an

extract from *Andromeda*, a lost tragedy written by Euripides and thought to have been first produced in 417 BC.

The fragments were found at the site of the ancient Egyptian city of Oxyrhynchus, about 120 miles south of modern Cairo. The finds are to be unveiled by the Royal Geographical Society at a meeting of the World Monuments Fund, Britain.

New Exhibit Traces Yiddish Theater From Europe To Broadway

A new exhibit, “New York’s Yiddish Theater: From the Bowery to Broadway,” opened last month at the Museum of the City of New York. With 250 posters, playbills, photographs, film clips, set designs, costumes and other artifacts, it shows how what began as traveling troupes performing for poor Jewish audiences in Europe turned into a major New York entertainment center, providing an escape for the Lower East Side’s sweatshop workers and pushcart peddlers at the start of the 20th century.

The exhibition runs through July 31. The museum is located at 1220 Fifth Avenue, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Merrick B. Garland



President Obama has nominated Merrick B. Garland to be the nation's 113th Supreme Court justice. Merrick Garland is Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. If confirmed by the Senate, he will fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who died Feb. 13.

Friends say that Judge Garland's connection to Judaism runs deep, according to an article in *The New York Times*. His father

was Protestant, but he was raised as a Jew, and had a bar mitzvah in a Conservative synagogue. In a Rose Garden ceremony on March 14, he spoke movingly of how his grandparents left Russia, "fleeing anti-Semitism and hoping to make a better life for their children in America."

His wife, Lynn is a granddaughter of Samuel I. Rosenman, a prominent figure in the New York Jewish community who served as special counsel to Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. The Garlands are members of Temple Sinai, a Reform synagogue in Washington, D.C., where their two daughters had their bat mitzvahs.

Lord Jonathan Sacks



Lord Jonathan Sacks, Britain's former chief rabbi and a prominent leader in efforts to promote interfaith understanding, has won the 2016 Templeton Prize. Sack's vision of a better world and his "future-mindedness" were key reasons he was chosen for the honor, said Jennifer Simpson, who heads the John Templeton Foundation Board of Trustees.

Sacks, 67, served as Great Britain's chief rabbi from 1991 to 2013. During his tenure, the John Templeton Foundation said, he "built a network of organizations that introduced a Jewish focus in areas including business, women's issues and education, and urged British Jewry to turn outward to share the ethics of their faith with the broader community."

Sacks said he was humbled by the award, and that he would use the \$1.5 million prize money to "deepen, extend and intensify" his efforts for peace.

The Templeton Prize is considered the most prestigious in the field of religion. It is given annually to a living person "who has made exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works." Other Templeton Prize winners have included Mother Teresa, The Rev. Billy Graham, the Dalai Lama, and Desmond Tutu. Rabbi Sacks will be formally awarded the Templeton honor at a

May 26 ceremony in London. In 2009, he was made a Life Peer in the British House of Lords as Baron Sacks of Aldgate in the City of London.

Daniel Libeskind

Before Daniel Libeskind was known as the architect of the Jewish Museum in Berlin and the master planner for the World Trade Center site, he was considered a musical prodigy. His instrument? The accordion.

Growing up in Communist Poland, the young Libeskind had to transcribe songs from the classical canon (Bach, mostly) to sate his musical appetite, establishing himself as a virtuoso and winning competitions.

Now, for a program called “One Day in Life,” a 24-hour cycle of performances with Frankfurt’s Alter Oper, Libeskind has curated more than 75 of the musical presentations that will take place on May 21 in 18 venues across the city. Each concert will be staged multiple times throughout the day.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“My Own Words,” a collection of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s writings, will be published by Simon & Schuster in January 2017. The book will include her writing and speeches on a variety of subjects, including her Jewish identity, gender equality, interpreting the Constitution, and the way lawyers and the law are depicted in opera. The book will have an introduction by Justice Ginsburg, who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1993.

Alice Mayhew, the vice president and editorial director of Simon & Schuster, acquired world rights to this book as well an authorized biography of Justice Ginsburg, which is being written by Georgetown Law professors Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams. Justice Ginsburg, 82, was the second woman appointed to the Supreme Court, after Sandra Day O’Connor.

Julianne Wainstein



Modern Orthodox Jew Julianne Wainstein will join the cast of “Real Housewives of New York” in the upcoming 8th season of the popular Bravo series.

According to Wainstein, her family is “kind of modern Orthodox...half Japanese, half Brooklynese.” Her father is Jewish; her mother is Japanese. She explained that they are a traditional family, and that even if they don’t have challah for their weekly Shabbat dinners, they will always have a hot dog bun or cracker. If they’re out of Manischewitz for kiddush, they’ll drink Gatorade as a substitute.

Wainstein, who is married to Michael Wainstein, a venture capitalist, is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, where she studied fashion and event planning. She’s currently the event planner for the Women’s International Zionists, an organization that helps women in Israel.

Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt

Jonathan Rosenblatt, senior rabbi at the Riverdale Jewish Center, has resigned the post he has held for more than 30 years. The synagogue has lost more than half its members since Rabbi Rosenblatt drew scrutiny last May for having naked sauna chats with boys as young as 12. The concerns about the rabbi center mostly on conduct in the 1980s and 1990s.

Meyer G. Koplow, a lawyer for the rabbi, told *The New York Times* the rabbi was stepping down because “he would like to see the community grow and he thinks in order for that to happen it needs a fresh start, and this is intended to make that possible.” Another lawyer for Rabbi Rosenblatt, Benjamin Brafman, said that the rabbi’s decision was “purely voluntary” and that discussions on the subject were “initiated by Rabbi Rosenblatt.”

Members of the synagogue who left formed a new congregation, the Riverdale Minyan, which meets in the social hall of a Reform temple and says it now serves “close to 200 families.” The Riverdale Jewish Center lists 240 families on the membership roll, down from about 600 a year ago, according to *The Times*.

• OBITUARIES •

Eddie Einhorn

Eddie Einhorn, who created a sports network that propelled national interest in college basketball, laying a foundation for the immense popularity of the annual tournament known as March Madness, died Feb. 24 in Norwood, NJ. He was 80.

Millions watched basketball on TVS, as Mr. Einhorn had named his network, consisting of about 150 stations in 49 states, many affiliated with CBS, ABC or NBC. He sold TVS to the Corinthian Broadcasting Corporation in 1973. In the late 1970s, he was executive producer of “CBS Sports Spectacular,” which featured a variety of sports events.

From 1980 to 2005, he was an active owner of the Chicago White Sox, and held the title of vice chairman until his death. He was a consultant to the United States Olympic Committee and the United States Figure Skating Association.

Ralph Baruch

Ralph M. Baruch, a refugee from Nazi Germany, who turned Viacom, a small cable and syndication company that CBS spun off in 1971, into a communications and entertainment giant, died March 3 at his home in Manhattan. He was 92.

Mr. Baruch was a CBS vice president and general manager of CBS Enterprises, the company’s cable television and syndication division, when the Federal Communications Commission ruled that television networks could no longer own cable systems or syndicate programs in the United States. To comply, CBS created a new publicly owned company with Mr. Baruch as its president and chief executive.

In his new position, he began buying radio and television stations and cable systems. He started Showtime and the Cable Health Network (now Lifetime), and began producing and distributing television programs. He acquired Warner-Amex Satellite Entertainment and, with it, MTV, Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel and VH1. The deal completed Viacom’s transformation into a diversified communications and entertainment powerhouse. In 1987, Sumner M. Redstone paid \$3.4 billion for it.

Dr. Myron G. Schultz

Dr. Myron G. Schultz, whose detection of a cluster of pneumonia cases in the early 1980s helped public health officials identify the AIDS epidemic, died Feb. 19 in Atlanta, at age 81

Dr. Schultz, an infectious disease epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, created the Parasitic Diseases Drug Service to provide physicians with medicines to treat rare illnesses. One was pentamidine. Prescribed for patients with African sleeping sickness, it was also made available to treat patients with pneumocystis pneumonia. That the condition appeared nearly exclusively in adult males triggered recognition of what would become the AIDS epidemic

He also founded the travelers' health unit and developed a brochure called "Health Information for International Travel — now known as the Yellow Book — to advise international travelers about health risks.

Elliot Gant

Elliot Gant (Gantmacher), the last of the founders of the Gant button-down shirt, died March 12 in Boston. He was 89.

Beginning in the late 1940s, Elliot and his brother Martin Gantmacher popularized the button-down shirt as a de rigueur garment for Ivy League and Madison Avenue men. From its British beginnings, the Gants transformed the button-down into a mass-market must. As innovators, the brothers perfected the collar's shape, introduced the box pleat in the back for more freedom of movement, the extra button in the back of the collar to keep the tie in place, and also placed a button tab beneath the necktie to push the knot up and out. (The tab won an award from *Esquire* magazine.) They also introduced the hanger loop on the back of the shirt so it could be hung on a hook, as well as bold colors and patterns.

Elliot Gant's father, Bernard, was a Jewish immigrant from Ukraine, and he worked in the garment industry on the Lower East Side while studying at night at Columbia University to be a pharmacist.

Geoffrey H. Hartman

Geoffrey H. Hartman, a literary critic whose work took in the Romantic poets, Judaic sacred texts, Holocaust studies, deconstruction and the workings of memory, died March 14 at his home in Hamden, CT. He was 86.

Considered one of the world's foremost scholars of literature, Professor Hartman was associated with the "Yale School" of literary theorists at Yale University.

He was born in Frankfurt in 1929, and in 1939 was among the Jewish children evacuated from Nazi Germany as part of a Kindertransport. He spent the war years in England living with other evacuated children at Waddesdon Manor, the Buckinghamshire country estate of James de Rothschild, a scion of the banking family. His mother managed to flee Germany for New York, and they were reunited after the war.

• **COMMEMORATIONS** •

Yahrzeits In April

- 1: Sam Merson
- 2: Gabriel Fortgang
- 3: Sylvia B. Levine
- 4: David Bloch; Edward Hyman
- 5: Samuel Katz; Herman, Leibel, Mahtel Wander and Ruchel Leah Zausel
- 6: Helen Klavans Rubin; Ralph Silverman
- 7: Irving Briller
- 9: Max Kalter; Isaac Orleans
- 10: Robert Friedmann; Abram S. Kaplan
- 12: Miriam Wellington
- 13: Sylvia Levine; James J. Winton
- 14: Zelig Kaplan
- 16: Aline Prager; Irwin Seigel; Harvey Simpson
- 17: Ethel Kahn
- 22: Frances Meshover; Hana Shaw
- 23: Mervin J. Goldin; Anna Katz; Harry Katz
- 24: Dorothea Seranne
- 25: Herman Ballen
- 26: Yafa L. Melamud
- 27: Joseph Lipman
- 28: Benjamin Forman; Rose Levinson Goldsmith; Irving Levin
- 29: Edward Moch

Birthdays in April

- 8: Eric Friedmann
- 9: Jennifer Morris
- 15: Mimi Bloom; Seymour Britzman
- 20: Helen Weinstein
- 26: Isaac Kaplan
- 28: Thelma Novick; Adam Weinstein
- 30: Susan Meshover

Anniversaries in April

- 16: Victor and Leah Friedman

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. 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
Arlene Marvin
Thelma Novick
Judith Schneider
Gloria Waxler
Michael Murphy
Marshall Hurwitz
Ann Hurwitz
Bill Pittorino
Jane Sachs
Jody Levin

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in March

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Adam and Sonia Spar
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Carol Seigel
Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris
Aaron and Thelma Novick

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
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 •

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Miriam Gabriel

Answers to the Haggadah quiz

1. Maxwell House Haggadah
2. Elijah's cup
3. 10th century
4. Moses
5. Scallions
6. The Bird's Head Haggadah
7. Sarajevo Haggadah
8. A boxer
9. Mordecai Kaplan
10. Freedom Seder
11. An orange
12. The Samaritans

