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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Weekly and Holiday Services

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

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 12: Yiskor service, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Parasha classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Wednesday, June 1: Book Circle, guest speaker Wafa Hallam, 433 Sixth St., G'port 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 11: Shavuot service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m., election of new officers,
followed by Men's Club BBQ at 11:30 a.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in June

June 3: 8:04 June 10: 8:09 June 17: 8:11 June 24: 8:13

Dates to Remember

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Sunday, June 5: Project Genesis, Peconic Landing, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 19: Fathers Day

Monday, July 4: Independence Day

Sunday, July 17: Garden Party

Thursday, July 21: Catch A Star luncheon, noon, Sound View Restaurant

Sunday, August 7: Back Room Sale

Tuesday, August 9: Jazz concert

Sunday, Sept. 11: Journal Dinner-Dance, 5 p.m., Sound View Restaurant

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From The Rabbi...



Dear Members and Friends,

As we count each day of the Omer from Passover to Shavuot, we are reminded of an essential (if not the most important) Jewish concept — learning to separate and set aside. We count 49 days from Passover to Shavuot, separating and setting aside each day. After all, that’s how God created the world — separating light and darkness, water from water, and six days from the seventh. So being godly is to know how to separate. But can we take it too far? Separation is a hard concept for the modern ear to hear, mainly because it’s often associated with discrimination. So where do we draw the line?

We recently read Parashat Emor, which takes this idea far. “The Lord spoke to Moses, saying ‘Speak to Aaron and say: Any man of your offspring throughout the ages who has any defect shall not be qualified to offer the food of his God... No man who is blind, or lame, or has a limb too short or too long. No man who has a broken leg or a broken arm, or who is a hunchback, or a dwarf, or who has a growth in his eye, or who has a boil-scar, or scurvy, or crushed testes... He may eat of the food of his God... but he shall not enter behind the curtain or come near the alter, for he has a defect.’” (Leviticus 21:17-23)

This is extremely strict, no doubt — setting aside only a particular class of people, all perfect. One of the oddities here seems to be that the perfection speaks only to the physical side of the candidates and nothing regarding their mental or spiritual qualities. In an age of pluralism, this seems to go against our grain. However, we can still see many places where similar practice is maintained. For example, joining elite units in the military requires one to be in perfect shape, in many cases still only men. In many religious institutions, Jewish and others, only a particular group is qualified to serve in the house of God. I was also reminded of this separation on my visit to Vatican City a few months ago when I observed the Swiss Guards surrounding the plaza. The most diverse detail about them was the color of their uniforms. Otherwise, they all seem to fit a similar frame.

One of the ideas behind this religious restriction relates to the Kohanim — the priests — who are sacrificing on behalf of the people; similar to the sacrifices, they themselves have to be perfect. Being less than perfect may give people the impression that their sacrifices are not being channeled perfectly. Being less than perfect may even affect the priests themselves who, when they bring the sacrifices, are aware of their own imperfections. They would feel awkward and would not be able to serve appropriately.

But what if the world came to a time when people would not feel awkward about being short or tall, black or white, man or woman? There will always be places where some type of uniformity should be maintained. (Would the Rockettes be so spectacular if they were not uniform?) But where it can, this should change. Can it change in the House of God?

I am writing this message while attending the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism, this year taking place in Manhattan. Last night, we honored the class of ‘66 — rabbis who have been serving for 50 years. Representing the class was Rabbi Joel Meyers, who gave a compelling speech. On the stage behind him were sitting his distinguished classmates. All of them were pretty much the same age, pretty much all with facial hair and —you guessed right — they were also all men. My classmate Rabbi Dahlia Bernstein and I were quickly doing the math to determine when women would sit on that stage. If you are wondering, that will occur in 2035, 19 years from now; the first women



were ordained in 1985.

The Torah does not contain punctuation. The difference between a Biblical verse and a grammatical sentence is that the former does not have a period. And there is a reason for that. It's true that learning to separate is central to Jewish life and to living a holy life, but quoting a beautiful phrase: Let's not put a period where God might have only intended for a comma. While Rabbi Meyers was speaking, I couldn't avoid taking the photo accompanying this article. Equally as beautiful as his words were the faces of the little girls sitting on the stairs below wearing yarmulkes, looking up at him, looking up to their future.

Happy Lag BaOmer.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

P.S. Look who I found at the convention...



Good friends get together...

Rabbi Myron Fenster and his wife, Ricky, met up with Rabbi Gadi at the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism convention. Rabbi Fenster served our congregation during the four-year interregnum prior to Rabbi Gadi's arrival.

From The President...



At 11:53 p.m. on April 23, after the second Passover Seder, Rochelle and I, along with 10 members of our family, departed for our first trip to Israel. This trip during Passover week was amazing for many reasons. The most amazing part of the trip occurred on the morning of April 26, when Rochelle and our granddaughter Hannah participated in a b'not mitzvot service at the Robinson's Arch area, adjacent to the Western Wall. The service was conducted by Rabbi Arnie Bender, and both Rochelle and Hannah chanted their respective Torah portions as part of the service.

For Hannah, this service might have been considered old hat because she had completed her bat mitzvah in November at Temple Sinai in Roslyn, NY. But for Rochelle, it was a totally different story. Growing up in an Orthodox household in Brooklyn in the 1950's, girls were

not generally privileged to obtain a Hebrew education. When Rochelle joined the shul's Hebrew class in March 2012, she could not read a single word in Hebrew. At that time, the class was being taught by Sarah Marcus. Rabbi Gadi took over the Hebrew class shortly after he came to the synagogue.

Our son Jason and our daughter-in-law Jessica began planning the Israel trip about a year in advance of the event. It was always part of the plan for Hannah to participate in a bat mitzvah service in Israel. As the trip came into focus, Jason announced to Rochelle that he thought his mother should have a bat mitzvah in Israel, along with his daughter. Rochelle's initial response was "no way," but after much discussion, Rochelle agreed.

Rochelle received her bat mitzvah Torah portion about six weeks prior to the trip. She began to practice, and was tutored by Rabbi Gadi. On the morning of April 26, Rochelle chanted her Torah portion flawlessly, as did Hannah. The b'not mitzvot service was a proud moment for our



Rochelle Garmise and her granddaughter Hannah near the Western Wall in Jerusalem.
Alan Garmise photo

family.

I am taking this opportunity to congratulate Rochelle and Hannah for their extraordinary achievements. Rochelle and I thank Rabbi Gadi for his encouragement in preparing Rochelle to chant her Torah portion. Her adventure began with the synagogue's adult Hebrew class with Sarah Marcus, and continued under the strength of Rabbi Gadi's expertise. Clearly, the synagogue's adult Hebrew class has been a huge success.

—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Shofar joins the membership in expressing condolences to Roberta Garris on the death of her mother, Rigolia Garris. May the family be consoled by happy memories of times spent together. Roberta will sit shiva on Sunday, May 29, from 10 a.m., 229 Fifth Ave., Greenport.

Nominating Committee Presents Slate Of Officers For 2016-17

Adrienne Greenberg presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers for the 2016-17 year, as follows:

President: Alan Garmise

Vice President: Z. Micah Kaplan, M.D.

Treasurer: Joan Prager

Recording Secretary: Debra Riva

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Goldman

Members at Large: Sara Bloom; Miriam Gabriel; Sonia Spar

Representative, Daughters of Israel: Eileen Santora

Representative, Men's Club: Jesse Reece

Providing no additional names are proposed, a vote on the above slate will take place at the next Congregation meeting, to be held on Sunday, June 26, at 10 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting as a show of support for the slate. Members may vote by proxy via the U.S. Postal Service to Adrienne Greenberg, 43 Sound Road, Greenport, NY, 11944, or by email to [agreenberg825@optonline.net/](mailto:agreenberg825@optonline.net). Members of the Nominating Committee are Adrienne Greenberg and David Judlowitz.

Watch Out: Men In The Kitchen. Men's Club Plans BBQ Following Congregation Meeting And Election Of New Officers

To kick off the summer season in Andrew Levin Park, the Men's Club is planning a BBQ to follow the June 26 Congregation meeting and election of shul officers for the 2016-17 year. The slate will be presented at the 10 a.m. Congregation meeting. Come and cast your vote in support of the slate and the dedicated volunteers who keep our shul operating. Then, as your reward, adjourn to the park for lunch.

Chefs for the event are Sidney Waxler and Phil Goldman, who will be aided by members of the Men's Club. On the menu are hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixin's, plus salads and desserts. A tam g'naden.

Coming Soon: Andrew Levin Park Updates

In the works, thanks to the generosity of Levin family and the thoughtful caretaking of park superintendent Sy Brittman, are updates to the gazebo, the centerpiece of Andrew Levin Park, adjacent to the shul. Coming soon are new seat cushions from Hoey's Custom Canvas, updated electrical fixtures, to be installed by Jeff Colton, and many flats of annuals bursting with color to encircle the gazebo, painstakingly planted by Bob and Eileen Schiavetta. Hours

of volunteer work have resulted in this neighborhood jewel that is enjoyed by members, friends, visitors and passers-by.

The park was established decades ago in memory of Andrew Levin, son of the late Jack and Donna Levin. Andrew died tragically in a car accident on the North Road. In a past article for *The Shofar*, Sy Britzman observed, “Sometimes, when I’m working in the park, planting new shrubs and flowering bushes...I think about how the Levin family continues to provide such a beautiful living memorial for their young son, brother and nephew. And sometimes I take the time to thank God for orchestrating something so beautiful from such sadness. Indeed, God truly does work in mysterious ways.”

Those interested in helping with the gardening chores associated with the park can contact Sy Britzman by calling the shul at 631-477-0232.

Yvonne Lieblein to Talk About Her Debut Novel, *The Wheelhouse Café*, At Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon *Greenport is the setting for this narrative of life at sea*



Yvonne Lieblein, a local author, poet, and business strategist, will be the guest speaker at the annual Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon, to be held Thursday, July 21, at noon, at the Sound View Restaurant in Greenport.

The Greenport native will share with her audience an inside look at her debut novel, *The Wheelhouse Café*, a story about love of the sea, love of music, and love as the antidote to loneliness. As the writer reads scenes from the book and pairs them with the songs that accompany the novel, listeners will learn how her local village anchors the narrative and inspires her artistic life.

Yvonne Lieblein is the creative force behind Lieblein Associates, which provides marketing solutions to companies seeking brand building and visibility. In 1995, she established Wish Factory, Inc., a charitable organization to brighten the holidays for families in need. She is a co-founder of Greenport High School’s DECA

Business Club, part of a national organization that promotes business and marketing skills among high school students. She is also a co-producer of “Poetry at Poquatuck.”

This is the 21st year that Paula Shengold has arranged and chaired the summer luncheon celebrating arts and letters, sponsored by the Daughters of Israel. The event typically attracts more than 100 guests from the North and South Forks, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, and Connecticut. This year’s event will introduce local people who are featured in the novel.

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

Lunch will feature locally grown foods, and guests will have an opportunity to take home great raffle prizes. Advance reservations are suggested. Tickets at \$40 each can be reserved by calling the synagogue at 631-477-0232.

Shul Group Visits Brooklyn Museum For ‘This Place’ Exhibit; Discussion Over Lunch Yields Lively Discourse



Participants in the May 22 Judaism and Art tour of the Brooklyn Museum’s “This Place” exhibit enjoy lunch in the museum’s café. The exhibit includes more than 600 images taken by 12 photographers from the United States, Canada, Europe and Korea. The exhibit was conceived by the French photographer Frédéric Brenner, who has long documented the Jewish diaspora. Café photo.

Wafa Hallam To Be Guest Speaker At The Book Circle



Wafa Hallam, author of *The Road From Morocco*, will make a guest appearance to talk about her book at the next installment of the Book Circle, to be held on Wednesday, June 1, at 3:30 p.m., at 433 Sixth Street, Greenport. In her book, Hallam recounts the experiences of a Muslim woman and her daughter, born into a Middle Eastern society far removed from modern American culture. The story is based on recorded history and family memories.

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*, *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, *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idlibi,

Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, *Restoring Abrahamic Faith* by James D. Tabor, and *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi.

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.

Journal Dinner-Dance Honorees Named



Debra Riva, co-chair of the 2016 Journal Dinner-Dance, has announced the names of the honorees for the event, which will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m., at the Sound View Restaurant. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to attend. The annual Journal Dinner-Dance is the shul's major social activity and fundraising event.

Community honorees are Rich Vandenburg and John Liegey, co-founders of the Greenport Harbor Brewing Co, located on Carpenter Street in Greenport, and also at the intersection of Main Road and Peconic Lane in Peconic.



This year's synagogue honorees are Alan and Rochelle Garmise. Alan has served as shul president for the last two years, and is slated to continue as president through June of 2017. Rochelle Garmise is one of the synagogue's stalwart volunteers, always appearing on the list of workers in connection with synagogue activities.

More information about the JDD and the honorees will appear in later issues of *The Shofar*.

Pictured, Alan and Rochelle Garmise; John Liegey, left, and Rich Vandenburg. SMBloom photos

News From The May 15 Congregation Meeting

- The dates for a number of upcoming events were announced. Please see the Calendar page of this issue for dates and times.
- Phil Goldman reported that the Ritual Committee is working with Rabbi Gadi on possible additions to Shabbat services.
- Micah Kaplan reported that the Men's Club will present a \$150 citizenship award to a graduating senior at Greenport High School.
- Phil Goldman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the dishwasher in the Rabbi's house had failed; a new dishwasher was purchased and installed.
- Adrienne Greenberg presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2016-2017 year. (See separate story.)
- Debra Riva, co-chair with Elaine Goldman of the 2016 Journal Dinner-Dance, announced this year's honorees. (See separate story.)

Cheesecake On Shavuot: A Delicious Requirement

Not that we need an excuse to binge on cheesecake, especially Phil Goldman's creamy delight, but isn't it good to know that by eating cheesecake, we're fulfilling one of the obligations of Shavuot? The holiday arrives this year at sundown on Saturday, June 11.

Numerous reasons for this delicious requirement abound. Here are seven possibilities offered by various Judaic scholars, sages and theorists, with perhaps some or bits and pieces of the different philosophies being valid. The upshot is this: Bring on the cheesecake and, if you're looking for the best, try Phil Goldman's recipe, reprinted below.

We eat dairy on Shavuot because (possibly)...

1. When the Jewish people received the Torah at Mount Sinai, they also received special instructions on how to kosher and prepare meat. All meat and utensils up to that moment were not kosher. What to do until meat and utensils could be readied? Eat dairy.
2. Torah is likened to milk. Just as milk has the ability to fully sustain the body of a nursing baby, the Torah provides the spiritual nourishment necessary for the human soul. Nourish body and soul.
3. The numerical value of the Hebrew word for milk, chalav, is 40. We eat dairy foods on Shavuot to commemorate the 40 days that Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving instructions on the Torah.
4. Traditionally, observant Jews eat a dairy meal and a meat meal on Shavuot, never mixing the two, as per the Torah's commandment. Cheesecake for dinner, everyone.
5. As the story goes, when Moses was plucked from the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, he refused to nurse from Egyptian women. Not until his biological mother offered him milk did he nurse. The eating of dairy foods on Shavuot commemorates this phenomenon, which occurred on the 6th of Sivan, the day on which Shavuot falls.
6. An alternative name for Mount Sinai is Har Gav'nunim, the mountain of majestic peaks. The Hebrew word for cheese is gavina, etymologically related to Har Gav'nunim.
7. Upon receiving the Torah, which refers to the Land of Israel as "flowing with milk and honey," dairy products became permitted to the Jews. In a bit of Judaic irony, the moment meat became prohibited, dairy became permitted. The Jews ate dairy on the first Shavuot, as we do today. But lucky us, we have Phil Goldman's recipe...

Phil Goldman's Cheesecake

¾-1 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 stick butter
1-1/2 lbs. cream cheese
1-1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
juice of 2 lemons, and their grated rinds

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Bring cream cheese and eggs to room temperature.
3. Melt butter and mix into graham cracker crumbs.
4. Line bottom and sides of an 8-or 9-inch springform pan with the buttered crumbs.
5. Beat cream cheese and sugar in a standing mixer.
6. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat mixture until no lumps remain.
7. Add vanilla, lemon juice, and lemon zest
8. Pour filling into prepared pan, and bake 40-45 minutes until the top is slightly browned. If center is still runny, turn off oven, leave oven door slightly open, and let the cheesecake cool slowly in the oven for about an hour.
9. Refrigerate cheesecake until ready to serve.

Replica Of Noah’s Ark Is Brazil-Bound; Fundraising under way



A massive replica of Noah’s ark could travel from the Netherlands to Brazil this year, hopefully in time for the Summer Olympics. The ark, created by Dutch carpenter Johan Huibers, will stop at several port cities in Brazil and make four stops along the coast of the U.S., according to the Ark of Noah Foundation, which is working to raise funds for the ark’s journey.

The modern ark, dubbed “Johan’s Ark,” is a fully-functioning replica of Noah’s Ark, as described in the book of Genesis in the Bible. It is Huibers’ second ark, and has been open to visitors in the Netherlands since 2012. “Once in Brazil, the Ark will use virtual and augmented reality to illustrate biblical themes and stories in an interactive and challenging way,” the organization said in a statement.

Congregation Beit Simchat Torah Moves To A New Home



Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the world’s largest synagogue for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Jews, with about 600 member households, has a new home — one that, much like the LGBT community itself in recent years, has increased visibility. Early last month, CBST moved to a space on West 30th Street in New York City’s garment district. The space was designed by Architecture Research Office.

The synagogue sits at the base of a 1929 Cass Gilbert loft building that has a restored terracotta and brick exterior. The synagogue occupies the ground floor and basement of the 18-story landmarked structure, now a condominium building. The 50-foot long glass storefront is adorned with gold-leaf pinstripes. Behind this, a pane of lavender glass — the façade’s only overt reference to the congregation’s LGBT identity — bears the Hebrew words, “It’s good to give thanks to the one above.”

Israeli Artifacts Headed To Bible Museum In Washington

The Times of Israel has expressed concern over a decision by Israel's Antiquities Authority to make some of the holy land's most precious ancient finds available to an evangelical institution set to open in 2017 near Washington's National Mall.

Hobby Lobby president Steve Green and his father, David Green, the Hobby Lobby CEO and founder, have pledged \$400 million to unveil a Museum of the Bible. Steve Green is known for his large donations to evangelical colleges and for launching a public school curriculum in Oklahoma based on a literal teaching of the Bible, making him a controversial figure in the debate over defining the boundaries between church and state.

In August 2015, the Israel Antiquities Authority agreed to a multi-year contract with the museum to display a selection of ancient artifacts excavated in Israel in a 4,000-square-foot top-floor exhibition space. Reportedly, the collection on exhibit will include selections from the Dead Sea Scrolls, cuneiform tablets from Abraham's time, materials from the First and Second Temples, and various other antiquities that go back to the Canaanite period.

"It is an opportunity for Israel to have a dedicated space in Washington, where we can exhibit archaeological material from the IAA that will be seen by millions of people," deal organizer Jacob Fisch, executive director of the New York-based Friends of the Israeli Antiquities Authority, told *The Times of Israel*, which has expressed concern about how materials from Israel will be used in the museum's presentation of the Bible.

Most famously, the Greens successfully challenged President Obama's healthcare reform package in the Supreme Court, specifically its provision mandating companies to provide insurance plans to its employees that include access to emergency contraception. By a 5-4 ruling, the nine-member panel agreed that the mandate impinged on the family-owned corporation's religious freedom.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Sanford and Joan Weill

Sanford I. Weill, the former Citigroup chairman, and his wife, Joan, have announced plans to give \$185 million to the University of California, San Francisco to finance a new center for neuroscience research. The school specializes in health sciences.

The gift to the UCSF is the largest ever to the school and among the largest ever by the Weills, who have sought over the years to make themselves known for their philanthropy as well as for Mr. Weill's business achievements. With the newest donation, the Weills — who have signed the Giving Pledge, the drive created by Warren E. Buffett and Bill Gates for the world's richest to donate most of their wealth to philanthropy — have now pledged more than \$1 billion to charitable causes.

Over the years, the Weills have given more than half a billion dollars to Weill Cornell Medical College, and \$12 million to Sonoma State University for a concert hall.

Sheldon Silver

Manhattan Federal Court Judge Valerie Caproni sentenced disgraced New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to 12 years in prison for the seven criminal counts against him, stemming from his trial last November. Silver was found guilty of a variety of

corruption charges, including money laundering, extortion, and involvement in illicit real estate and asbestos schemes.

In addition to prison time, Silver, 72, was mandated by the court to make significant financial restitution of \$5.2 million in graft money that he took while immersed in corruption related activities as well as \$1.75 million in fines. His sentence begins on July 1.

A day after being convicted, Silver retired from the Assembly, and is eligible to receive \$100,000 a year in public pension money. Public pensions are constitutionally protected assets that cannot be seized, regardless of former actions. A pension forfeiture amendment was passed this year by the Senate, but was blocked by Silver's Assembly colleagues, claiming the bill "was too broad" and could affect "ordinary janitors."

Robert Silverman

Robert Silverman, a Jew who spent most of his diplomatic career in Muslim-majority nations, will now reach out to Muslims in his own country. The American Jewish Committee has hired him as its first U.S. director of Muslim-Jewish relations.

As a U.S. Foreign Service officer for 27 years, the Des Moines, Iowa, native served in Israel, Azerbaijan, Tunisia, Egypt, Turkey, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Sweden, and retired from the government last year. Now 58, he works at the New York headquarters of the 110-year-old AJC, which was founded to combat discrimination against Jews but has historically defended other minority groups as well.

Through Silverman, the AJC hopes to strengthen Muslim-Jewish relations in the U.S. and then duplicate the model in Europe, where tensions have heightened between the two religious minorities and where the organization is about to open its fifth office.

Sumner Redstone



In a victory for media mogul Sumner Redstone (born Sumner Murray Rothstein), Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David J. Cowan dismissed a lawsuit that challenged the billionaire's mental competence, removing a cloud that has been hanging over his family's corporate empire, which includes Viacom, CBS Corp., and Paramount Pictures film studio and cable networks. Cowan concluded that Redstone was in command of his faculties enough to recognize and articulate — despite a severe speech impediment — that he wanted his daughter Shari in charge of his healthcare.

Manuela Herzer, Redstone's former girlfriend, filed the petition in late November after Redstone removed her as the agent in charge of his healthcare. He also removed her from his will. Immediately after the ruling, Herzer filed a new lawsuit against Redstone's family. It alleges that "Shari and her henchmen" orchestrated Herzer's ouster from Redstone's Beverly Park home last fall, and robbed her of the \$70 million he planned to leave Herzer before he cut her out of his will in mid-October.

Susan Schrott

Shul member Susan Schrott is the featured artist in the gallery space created by Griffing & Collins Real Estate at 2 Grand Ave., Shelter Island. Her fiber art and mixed media work will be on display through July 30

For more information, call the office at 631-749-0599.

• OBITUARIES •

Walter Kohn

Walter Kohn, an Austrian-born American scientist and former refugee who shared a Nobel Prize in chemistry, died April 19 in Santa Barbara, CA. He was 93.

According to an article in *The New York Times*, Dr. Kohn's theoretical research into atomic behavior and the formation of chemical bonds enabled scientists to develop new molecules that formed the basis for innovative materials custom designed for medicines and for advances in electronics. The approach became known as the Density-Functional Theory. It is the basis of many aspects of computational chemistry in which the geometric structure of molecules can be mapped and reactions predicted.

Born in Vienna to middle-class Jews, he was put on a Kindertransport rescue convoy bound for England, where his older sister had arrived earlier. Their parents were later murdered by the Nazis at Auschwitz.

Rabbi Ben-Zion Gold

Just before Passover this year, Rabbi Ben-Zion Gold died at the age of 92. Rabbi Gold was the longtime director of Harvard Hillel. He had grown up in central Poland, and was sometimes referred to as the Harvard rebbe.

According to Mark Silk, reporting for *Spiritual Politics*, Rabbi Gold was a survivor of Auschwitz, but he did not dwell on that time in his life. The important idea for him was to remember how the Jews of Europe had lived, not how they died.

He arrived in the U.S. in 1947, and joined the Conservative Movement, through which he sought to integrate traditional religious practices with modern life.

Ernest Michel

Ernest Michel, who survived the Auschwitz death camp because of a calligraphy course he had taken at his father's insistence, died May 7 in Manhattan. He was 92.

Because of his flawless penmanship, the Nazis conscripted him to falsify the death certificates of his fellow inmates, hoping to hide the actual cause of death: extermination. His account of mechanically forging the death certificates was one of many he would tell in his decades of bearing witness, in writing and public speaking, to the horrors he had observed.

Mr. Michel eventually escaped his captors on a death march between concentration camps, immigrated to the United States in 1946, and worked for Jewish causes. He was executive vice president of the UJA from 1970 to 1989, and oversaw the merger that created the UJA-Federation of New York. In 1995, he negotiated with the Mormon Church for the withdrawal of about 380,000 names of Jewish Holocaust victims posthumously baptized as Mormons. He was also a founding trustee of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York.

Rabbi Chaim Parnes and Rabbi Yitzchok Rosenberg

Two rabbis visiting Miami from New York were caught in a powerful rip current at an unprotected stretch of Haulover Beach on May 17 and drowned, despite the heroic efforts of an off-duty cop and a lifeguard on a Jet Ski.

A friend of the two men said they chose the isolated and unguarded spot with no swimming signs posted because Orthodox Judaism prohibits them from being exposed to scantily clad women.

According to Miami-Dade police, another man, identified as Aaron Werberger, entered the water with the two who drowned, but was able to swim to safety and call 911 for help. Responding to the call were off-duty Bal Harbour police officer George Waisman and lifeguard Marcelo Lopez of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. The two men were recovered and taken to Aventura Medical Center, where they were pronounced dead.

Rabbi Rosenberg was president of Congregation Yetev Lev D'Satmar, a Hasidic Jewish congregation in Brooklyn. Rabbi Parnes was active in the Satmar community. The bodies were transported to New York for burial.

Morley Safer

Morley Safer, a CBS television correspondent during the Vietnam War and a mainstay of the Network's newsmagazine "60 Minutes" for nearly five decades, died May 19 at his home in Manhattan. He was 84.

He was one of television's most celebrated journalists, a durable reporter familiar to millions on "60 Minutes. When CBS announced his retirement on May 11, Mr. Safer had broadcast 919 "60 Minutes" reports, "profiling international heroes and villains, exposing frauds and corruption, giving voice to whistle-blowers, and chronicling the trends of an ever-changing America," the *New York Times* said.

Mr. Safer won many awards, including Emmys, Peabodys and the George Polk Award for career achievement.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In June

- 1: Ruth Rothman
- 2: Sadie Kaplan; Ruth Samuel
- 3: Maurice Nezin; Geraldine Sheinkopf; Esther Simpson
- 5: Dr. William Kaplan
- 6: Bernard Sharp
- 7: Albert Lepawski; Sheldon Seigel
- 8: Rose Bercun; Joseph Pushkin; Eugene Schrott
- 9: Herman L. Brickner; William Wells
- 10: Jerome Finkelstein
- 11: Louis J. Levinson; Samuel Nissenfeld
- 12: Harold Weiskott; Freda Wiederlight
- 13: Gizela Friedman; Irving Richter
- 14: Lena Harris; Martin R. D. Sharp
- 16: Peter Friedmann
- 18: Solomon Bush
- 19: Evelyn Blitz
- 210: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
- 21: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
- 22: Louise Oliver

25: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal
26: Siah Schlefstein
27: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
28: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
29: Dr. Maxwell C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weintraub
30: Norma Youmans

Birthdays in June

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

Anniversaries In June

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

Spreading Sunshine

Rain or shine, a Sunshine Card brightens the day for recipients. Remember friends, family, and fellow shul members on joyous occasions, and wish them well when illness and sadness strike. 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
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Donations in May

Marshall and Ann Hurwitz
Miriam Gabriel
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 Jeff Colton
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Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, Rimmonim, breastplates, curtains, reader’s table covers, etc.
- **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
- **Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School:** supports Jewish education
- **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 tax deduction and an income for life. Upon the death of the contributor, the balance in the trust goes to the charity. For 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.

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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

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Sara Bloom

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Joanna Paulsen

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Stanley Rubin, chair

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Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Stephen Meshover, Aaron Novick, Jesse Reece,
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Stanley Rubin, chair,
Miriam Gabriel