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

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

Shul Events

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.

Wednesday, June 29: Daughters of Israel meeting, 43 Sound Road, Greenport, noon

Wednesday, July 13: Book Circle, Sag Harbor, 4 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 17: Meet and Greet Garden Party, 4 p.m.

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

Lighting Shabbat Candles in July

July 1: 8:13 July 8: 8:11 July 15: 8:07 July 22: 8:02 July 29: 7:56

Dates to Remember

Monday, July 4: Independence Day:

Sunday, August 7: Back Room Sale

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

(Submission deadline for the August 2016 issue of *The Shofar*: July 20)

From The Rabbi...



Dear members and friends,

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”

(Ps. 116:15) It’s been a week on an emotional rollercoaster. While we were celebrating the holiday of Shavuot — the time when we reaffirm the Ten Commandments in the synagogue, commemorating the highest point in humanity’s spiritual mountain of Sinai; while we were receiving the most fundamental law of the land for conducting a civil society, someone was making a point to desecrate the name of God. While we were announcing: “Thou shall not murder,” someone massacred 49 people, bringing us from the highest to the lowest — an act by a terrorized soul, a man who couldn’t make peace between his apparent homosexuality and his intolerant religious environment. How dark was his world to bring him to do such a thing?

It was impossible to avoid the symbolism, having just finished counting the 49 days of the Omer, the seven weeks from Passover to Shavuot. We take 49 steps from the great darkness of Egypt to the great light of the Torah in Sinai, a darkness we are commanded never to return to. Immediately upon leaving Egypt, Moses tells the Israelites: “...the Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again.” (Ex. 14:13) And again before his death, Moses cautions them: “...the Lord has warned you, you must not go back that way again.” (Deut. 17:16) Yet, there is always something or someone who tries to pull us back.

The Nazirite and the Priest

The Shabbat following the shooting, we read Parashat Naso, which discusses the Nazir and the Kohen — the Nazirite and the Priest. The Nazirite and the Priest are closely connected in the Torah. They are similar in some ways but different in others; essentially, they represent two different ways to deal with the complexities of life. The Torah tells us: “If anyone, man or woman, explicitly utters a Nazirite's vow, to set himself apart for the Lord, he shall abstain from wine and any other intoxicant... Throughout the term of his vow as Nazirite, no razor shall touch his head... Throughout the term that he has set apart for the Lord, he shall not go in where there is a dead person...”

Much like the Nazirite, the Priest has to abstain from wine and touching a corpse; however, as opposed to the Nazirite, the Priest must always be groomed. The difference in the hair reflects their respective positions, one within the community and one to himself. While the Priest is constantly active in serving the community, the Nazirite is separated from the community, contemplating and introspecting. The Talmud, which dedicates a whole tractate to the study of Nazir, opens by explaining that a person who sees a sotah, a woman suspected of having an extramarital affair, should immediately take the Nazirite's vow, abstaining from wine because excessive wine drinking surely caused the licentiousness.

Maimonides, in his Laws of Repentance, (Hilchot Teshuvah), explains that a person who sinned is obligated to cure himself by going to the opposite extreme, with the hope that this temporary extremism will bring him ultimately to the ideal middle path. Becoming a Nazirite is definitely extreme. As clergy and as communities, we are responsible to make sure to balance the Nazirite with the Priest. At Mount Sinai, the Israelites announced to God: “Na’aseh VeNishma”—we will do and we will listen! We will do like the Priest, and we will listen like the Nazirite. Upon witnessing such brokenness, we are obligated to become Nazirites for a minute — pause to contemplate, remember, hold vigils, and try to understand why. But we have to remember that “doing” comes first. Right after the vigils and moments of silence, we must return to being Priests, involved in the community and committed to action, committed

constantly to climb the 49 steps from the darkness of Egypt to the light of Sinai. 49 steps with 49 names.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



As I begin my third term as president of Congregation Tifereth Israel, I am pleased to welcome Sonia Spar to the Board of Directors. I also wish to thank Suzi Rosenstreich for her three years of board service.

At the next Congregation meeting on July 17, we will distribute volunteer sign-up sheets for the synagogue committees. I encourage all of our members to consider volunteering for the committees of their choice. There is much work to be done at our shul and, for more than 115 years, this work has been done entirely by volunteers. It is important that we expand the pool of new committee members who can also be considered for future board positions.

Sixteen members and friends attended the “Judaism and Art” trip to the Brooklyn Museum on May 22 to see “This Place,” a photo exhibit by 12 internationally known photographers. The exhibit featured photographs of Israel and the West Bank. I extend thanks to Debra Riva and Saul Rosenstreich for organizing this most enjoyable program.

Rochelle and I wish to thank the Journal Dinner-Dance Committee for selecting us as this year’s synagogue honorees. We are also delighted that Rich Vandenburg and John Liegey, co-founders of the Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, have been selected as the community honorees. The Journal Dinner-Dance, an important fundraising event and one of the shul’s most popular social activities, will be held on Sunday, September 11, beginning at 5 p.m., at the Sound View Restaurant. You will soon receive information regarding tickets and ads. I urge all of our members and friends to attend the event, and to consider placing an ad in the commemorative keepsake journal. Rochelle and I look forward to seeing you there.

—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Congregation Elects 2016-17 Officers By Unanimous Vote

At the June 26 Congregation meeting, recording secretary Debra Riva cast one vote to accept the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee, 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

The Shofar joins the membership in offering congratulations to the new officers and heartfelt thanks for their service to our shul. The slate was proposed by Adrienne Greenberg and David Judlowitz.

Culinary Herbs And Veggies Amid Planting Beds In Levin Park



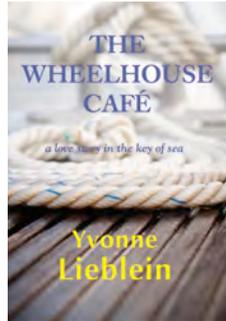
When Daughters of Israel president Eileen Santora suggested planting an herb garden in Andrew Levin Park, everyone thought it was a great idea. Eileen talked with park superintendent Sy Brittman about carving out a plot at the rear of the park so that fresh herbs would be available for the kitchen help preparing for synagogue events. And that's how the idea remained for a couple of months — an idea.

But once warm weather emerged from a reluctant spring, the idea took root and blossomed. One warm Friday afternoon, Eileen brought healthy plants to the park and met three shul women with shovels and energy. Into empty spaces in the existing planting beds (a more manageable plan from the larger plot) went oregano, sage, thyme, rosemary, basil, marjoram, chives, parsley, mint (in a pot), zucchini and tomatoes. With sunshine, gentle rain, and prayers (plus weeding help from the shul's landscapers), from baby plants would come strong herbals and maybe, if all went well, a tomato and basil salad.

Pictured, Adrienne Greenberg with a tub of herbs, basil and zucchini in the ground, and the planters, from left, Adrienne Greenberg, Deborah Pittorino, Eileen Santora and Miriam Gabriel with park superintendent Sy Brittman. Photos by DPittorino, JColten and SMBloom.

Sellout Crowd Expected At Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon

Greenport is the setting for Yvonne Lieblein's 'love story in the key of sea'



Better get your tickets early for this year's Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon, which features Yvonne Lieblein, a local author, poet, and business strategist, talking about her debut novel, *The Wheelhouse Café*. The event will take place 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 new

book, 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.

2016 Graduates In The Shul Family

- **Elizabeth Berg**, daughter of shul members Mitchell and Jennifer Berg, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a double major in earth, atmospheric and planetary science, and also literature, with a minor in physics. In August, she will begin a two-year fellowship with The Frontier Group, an environmental think tank based in Boston and California.
- **Aaron Bours**, son of shul members Jeroen and Robin Bours, earned a BA in business administration/marketing from the IDC Reanati School of Business in Herzilya, Israel.
- **Georgia Downey**, granddaughter of shul members Bruce and Sara Bloom, graduated from the Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts. In September, she will enter the University of Washington as a nursing major.

- **Lody Wander Friedman**, granddaughter of shul members Victor and Leah Friedman, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She will take part in a Match Teacher Residency in urban teaching in Boston, and study for a master’s degree in education.
- **Rose Sabrina Schrott**, daughter of shul members Jonathan and Susan Schrott and granddaughter of shul members Victor and Leah Friedman, earned a master’s of science in biochemistry and molecular biology with a concentration in reproductive biology from Johns Hopkins University. She will enter Duke University to pursue a PhD in integrated toxicology and environmental health.

Parasha Class: Lively, Serious, Challenging, Fun

It is Thursday afternoon, about 3:45. The social hall at Congregation Tifereth Israel begins to fill with members of Rabbi Gadi’s parasha class. Warm chatter comes easily to those of us who have been attending the class for the past several years. We all know the drill. Magically, the Tanakhs (collection of Jewish texts) emerge from the rabbi’s office, and are set out on the table. The teapot is plugged in. Plates of light snacks appear on the table. (Can we ever meet without food?) And slowly we begin to take our places around the table.



We are a group of Jews and Christians meeting weekly for an hour and a half to dissect the meaning and intent of the parasha message for that week. The classes are always lively, mostly serious, often challenging and, yes, fun. The tables are set in a “U” shape, with Rabbi Gadi at the bend, Gabbai Ruben to his right, and all of us occupying the two shafts of the U, so that each member of the group occupies a seat of equal importance. No bells ring; no sirens blast to tell us that class is ready to

begin. The signal is the firm voice of the gabbai announcing, “We are to begin today’s reading on page...” We open the Tanakhs, and Rabbi Gadi states, as he does each week, “This parasha is amazing.”

So what about this ancient text continues to be amazing? What brings us back year after year to read the same text, learn about the same characters, and debate the familiar stories and the lessons they teach? Is there truly something new to discover in the text we read this same week a year ago? The answer is yes; there is always some new insight, some new revelation. The



text is so dense with meaning that sentences seemingly straightforward can morph into linguistic mazes. What we had been convinced last year was the essence of the text somehow becomes less relevant this year, and we focus on a different aspect with the same urgency. The parasha becomes the proverbial onion that we peel away, layer after layer, discovering new meaning as each new layer is exposed.

Because the class is made up of Jews and non-Jews, we explore spiritual comparisons as well as differences in an accepting, nonjudgmental environment. Always, the ancient writings provide connection to our lives today. Agreement is not assured, but what is assured is that this ancient text speaks to us in a contemporary voice, imparting wisdom and understanding. What our Parasha class has shown us is that the text is and will always be, as Rabbi Gadi says, “Amazing!”

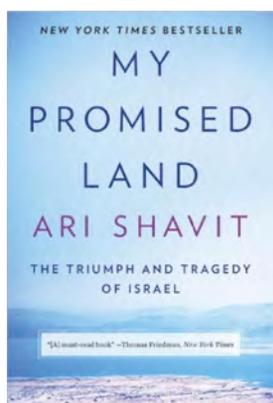
Those interested are invited to join the class Thursday afternoons at 4.

— Miriam Gabriel



Thursday afternoon's parasha class, from left, Miriam Gabriel, Madeline Papa, Don Russo, Debra Riva, Diana Whitsit, Gabbai Stanley Rubin, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Philip Goldman, Elaine Goldman, Rochelle Garmise, Alan Garmise, and Iris Hippner, center. On the rabbi's iPad, via Skype, Gulo Swan joins the class from the Republic of Georgia. Not pictured, Ron Adler, Bruce Berger, and Adrienne Greenberg.
Photos by AGreenberg and SMBloom

Book Circle Examines Ari Shavit's Portrayal of Israel



At the July meeting of the Book Circle, the group will discuss *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at 4 p.m., for a potluck supper at the home of Wafa Hallam in Sag Harbor. This narrative history of the State of Israel won the Natan Book Award, the National Jewish Book Award, and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. A portrait of a small, vibrant country, living on the edge, the book asks penetrating questions: How and why did Israel come to be? Can Israel survive?

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, *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi, and *The Road From Morocco* by Wafa Hallam.

The Book Circle meets on the first Wednesday of every month (usually) 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 Plans Under Way: 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, on Carpenter Street in Greenport, and also at the intersection of Main Road and Peconic Lane.

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

It's time now to submit your congratulatory message to appear in this year's journal. Contact Debra Riva for ad insertion forms at 631-477-0232.



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



Rabbi Gadi and shul member Sonia Spar, who is co-chair of the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force, spoke at the vigil at Silversmith's Corner in Southold to honor the victims of the June 12 shooting in Orlando, FL. This gathering, among others in the area, paid tribute to the 49 who were killed and the 53 injured when Omar Mateen shot at revelers at Pulse, an LGBT nightclub. Debra Riva photos

News From The June 26 Congregation Meeting

- Eileen Santora, president of the Daughters of Israel, reported on two \$150 scholarship awards she presented at Greenport High School's Senior Awards Breakfast held on June 3. Maleik Yoskovich received the essay award from the Daughters group, and Maxwell Mastrangelo received the community service award from the Men's Club.
- Phil Goldman reported that the Ritual Committee is discussing possible changes to the Shabbat service. A High Holy Days schedule of services will be announced soon, he said.
- Adrienne Greenberg announced that the shul's website and Facebook pages are up to date. The Facebook pages, which contain news and photos, can be accessed from the website: www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org
- Phil Goldman, reporting for the Beautification/Building and Grounds Committee, said that minor repairs are needed at the Rabbi's house and to a section of the rear fence at the shul.
- The Cultural Arts Committee, led by Debra Riva and Saul Rosenstreich, is planning an August program as a spinoff of the Brooklyn Museum's exhibit of Israel photographs.

Lip Smackin' Good BBQ Thanks To The Men's Club



Burgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's made for a tasty spread at the Men's Club BBQ on June 26. Sid Waxler manned the grill, and Micah Kaplan and his helpers provided the amenities. Shul president Alan Garmise recited a history of the park, and Sy Brittman talked about the plantings. A bench dedicated to Jack Levin, who had endowed the park in memory of his son, Andrew, was inaugurated by the three Levin sisters — Ellen, Jody and Rachel. SMBloom photos



[As we display our national colors on the Fourth of July, *The Shofar* offers this guest essay for your thoughtful consideration.]

The Passing Of The Flag

By Chaplain Paul Swerdlow



The American Flag is a piece of cloth with three colors — red, white and blue, with seven red stripes and six white stripes. In a field of blue, we find 50 stars. Sometimes the cloth is as large as half a football field. Sometimes it is as small as a pin.

As a child, I would put my hand over my heart and pledge allegiance to the flag. As a soldier, I would salute it. It has travelled the world and has been to the moon. In my home town of Philadelphia, the American

flag had its beginning. I still remember climbing the narrow spiral staircase at Betsy Ross' home. Forever planted in my mind are two images: one is of the four soldiers raising the flag at Iwo Jima; the other is of the firemen raising the flag at Ground Zero.

As the flag blows in the wind, I am reminded of the dreams that it inspires, dreams that inspired my grandparents to leave all that they had known and travel half way around the world in search of freedom and opportunity. Pride fills my being as I watch this piece of cloth raised at the Olympics and our national anthem played. When I see it at half mast, I am sad because our country has lost one of our best. As it drapes a coffin, it says "You have protected me and now I shall protect you."

I watched as the flag was folded. With each fold I felt the emotions in me rage. After the 13th fold, the flag was presented to me. I held it because I can no longer hold my beloved Molly. As I held the flag, I knew what I must do. I gave it to my oldest granddaughter with instructions that at her bat mitzvah, she will pass it on to my next oldest grandchild, and so it will be passed from grandchild to grandchild until one day it will be given to a great granddaughter who will be named Molly. The flag that has symbolized so much for so many has taken on a new meaning for our family.

But my story does not end here. A few days after I had given the flag to my granddaughter, a package arrived. I opened it, and there was another flag, with a note from my congressman, Steven J. Israel. This second flag had flown over the Capitol in Molly's memory. I could give away the flag, but the flag would always be there for me, to inspire me, to cry with me, to dream with me.

The flag that I gave to my grandchildren, I had seen at twilight's last gleaming, and it speaks of

all that I shall never forget. The flag that flew over the Capitol at dawn's early light will lead me to the dawning of a new day, the beginning of the future.

Rabbi Paul Swerdlow is the lead chaplain of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport, NY. As a military chaplain, he served active duty in Vietnam, and retired as a full colonel in 1992. His wife, Molly, who served as rebbetsen at the VA Medical Center in Northport, was buried on March 12, 2009 at Shalom Memorial Park in Huntingdon Valley, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, where the first flag was given. This essay first appeared in "Spirit of Chaplaincy," a publication of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

New Holocaust Museum To Open In Brooklyn

The Kleinman Holocaust Education Center is expanding and rebranding as the Amud Aish Memorial Museum. The museum and education center, which is slated to open in 2017, will bring a new slant to the study of Holocaust history, said *The Jewish Voice*. Through the inclusion of the experiences and perspectives of observant communities, the museum and education center will show how observant Jews lived before, during and immediately after the Holocaust.

Amud Aish is the first museum of its kind. Current Holocaust museums have generally focused on the story of the perpetrator in understanding why the Holocaust happened and how to ensure it never happens again. The Amud Aish Memorial Museum will focus on telling the victims' stories — how they maintained their faith and observance in times of extraordinary adversity.

The term "amud aish" means "pillar of fire" — a biblical reference in the Book of Exodus to the pillar of fire that illuminated the way when the Jews were wandering the desert at night.

Religion News Service Recommends Summer 'Soulstice' Reading

The Girls, by Emma Cline.

The story, set in the 1960s, revolves around 14-year-old Evie, who is drawn to "the girls," a cultish group that gathers around a charismatic leader. Based on Charles Manson and the women who loved him and killed for him, the story exposes a spiritual burden.

Ninety-Nine Stories of God, by Joy Williams

A slim volume of fictional short stories in which God sometimes shows up in unexpected places. Funny, unsettling and mysterious, the stories are well crafted and thought provoking.

The Seed Collectors, by Scarlett Thomas

Family members share a passion for botany, and set off in search of spiritual nourishment — magical seeds that offer the secret of enlightenment. Beautifully written.

We That Are Left, by Clare Clark

In this historical novel, a mother bereft by the loss of a son during WWI, takes up spiritualism to connect with him.

Between Gods: A Memoir, by Alison Pick

A saga of self-discovery. The writer discovers that one set of her grandparents escaped Hitler, came to America, and claimed they were Anglicans, not Jews. She explores whether she wants to be Jewish or Christian.

The Abundance: Narrative Essays Old and New, by Annie Dillard

Dillard's work explores good and evil, the purpose and meaning of life, and the nature of creation.

The Witches: Salem, 1692, by Stacy Schiff

The story of the Salem witch trials, which led to the deaths of 20 men and women, and the imprisonment of hundreds more.

Pure Act: The Uncommon Life of Robert Lax, by Michael N. McGregor

Lax was born Jewish and converted to Catholicism. His biography here describes how he mentored the Catholic monk and mystic Thomas Merton. Lax tried to adhere to "pure act," a philosophy of life he describes as "spontaneous" and "God-chosen."

Gefilte Fish? Make Mine Sushi

Now hear this: Sushi has become a runaway hit in New York's Hasidic and other Orthodox Jewish precincts. Orthodox Jews are eating dragon rolls, rainbow rolls, tsunami rolls, and California rolls (with imitation crab) in sushi bars and kosher restaurants. Borough Park alone boasts more than 50 sushi bars with at least another 50 in Williamsburg, Crown Heights and Midwood. Rabbi Moshe Elefant, chief operating officer of the kosher division of the Orthodox Union, the world's largest kosher certifier, said 80 to 90 percent of the city's 100 kosher restaurants now serve sushi.

The major motivation is that sushi offers a relatively quick meal that is parve. Also, it's easy, and contains protein, carbohydrates and veggies all in one.

Hold the shrimp...

SS Guard At Auschwitz Convicted In A German Court

Reinhold Hanning, 94, a former SS guard at Auschwitz, was convicted in a German court of complicity in the murder of 170,000 people at the Nazi death camp, and sentenced to five years in jail. The verdict was announced on June 17 by the judge presiding over what is likely Germany's last Holocaust trial. He will remain free during appeals.

Hanning said he had volunteered for the SS at age 18 and served in Auschwitz from January 1942 to June 1944. He said he was not involved in the killings in the camp. "It disturbs me deeply that I was part of such a criminal organization," he told the court during the four-month trial. "I am ashamed that I saw injustice and never did anything about it, and I apologize for my actions."

Last year, another SS guard, Oskar Groening, was convicted on 300,000 counts of accessory to murder and given a four-year prison sentence. Groening admitted "moral guilt" for the atrocities.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Isay Weinfeld

New York's Four Seasons Restaurant has announced that Brazilian architect Isay Weinfeld will design the new 20,000-square-foot space at 280 Park Ave. Architecture critic Paul Goldberger provided guidance to co-owners Julian Niccolini and Alex von Bidder during the international search for an architect. "Weinfeld produces some of the most elegant, serene, refined and sensual modern architecture in the world," Goldberger said. "He understands form, materials, light, and space—and what it will take to make a new Four Seasons that will be as important to the 21st century as the first one was to the 20th."

After 57 years in the Seagram building, the restaurant will close on July 16, after losing its lease. The original custom furnishings, including pieces designed by Mies Van der Rohe, Eero Saarinen, Hans Wegner, and Florence Knoll, will be auctioned off on July 26.

• OBITUARIES •

Mell Lazarus

Mell Lazarus, the cartoonist best known for two popular comic strips — "Miss Peach" and "Momma" — died May 24 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 89.

"Miss Peach" ran in newspapers from 1957 to 2002. The creator characterized it as being about "a young schoolmarm and a room full of rotten kids." In 1970, he created a simultaneous strip, "Momma," which revolved around "an aging widow," as he put it, "desperately trying to retain control of her aging children." In all, he wrote and drew more than 33,000 strips.

Lazarus, a past president of the National Cartoonists Society, won the society's Reuben Award for "Miss Peach" in 1981, and its Medal of Honor this year.

[Editor's note: During the nation's bicentennial celebration in 1976, this writer worked with Mell Lazarus on a spoof of Scarsdale, NY, the Westchester village notorious for its excesses, nevertheless the one where each of us lived at that time. Actually, Mr. Lazarus did most of the writing, and this writer did most of the typing. Nevertheless, "O Olympus, O Scarsdale" was a smash hit for its one-night performance, and Mell Lazarus is remembered by this writer for his generosity of talent, of spirit, and of patience. —Sara Bloom]

Rhoda Blumberg

Rhoda Blumberg, who began writing historical books for children when she was in her mid-50s, and produced more than two dozen over three decades, died on June 6 at her home in Yorktown Heights, NY. She was 98.

In addition to her books for children, she produced programs for CBS Radio, and wrote for several magazines under the pseudonym Rhoda Roder to shield herself from anti-Semitism. One of her books, *Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun*, received the Newbery Honor for literature from the Association for Library Service to Children in 1986. Her other books included *The Incredible Journey of Lewis & Clark*, *The Great American Gold Rush*, and *The Remarkable Voyages of Captain Cook*.

The Shofar joins the membership in extending condolences to shul member Jennifer Berg on the death of her mother, Ivy Graber Schiff, June 11, 2016. Deepest sympathies to the Berg and Schiff families.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In July

- 1: Howard Bachrach
- 2: Alexander Feigen
- 3: Liba Adelson
- 4: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell; Ethel Schwartz Levinson
- 5: Sam Speyer
- 6: Kenneth S. Goldin
- 7: George Dolin; Lillie Ehrenreich
- 8: George Berson
- 9: Bernard Cooper; Albert J. Farber
- 10: Meyers D. Goldman; Dr. Gustav Lara
- 12: Shirley Kotik; Eva Levinson; Sandor Weisz
- 13: Mary Dalven; Philip Kaplan; Anna Silverman
- 14: Filia Holtzman
- 16: Jacob Brittman; Albert J. Rubin
- 17: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Myron Sausmer; Samuel L. Yett
- 19: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garris
- 20: Miriam Finkelstein; Hugo Kessler
- 21: Leah Schottland
- 23: Gertrude Blaustein; Susan Millman
- 24: Jacob Friedmann; Raymond G. Wells
- 25: Sarah Etta Cohen; Edward C. Weinrib
- 26: Rebecca Ballen; Sandra Goldberg Bernstein; Charles Laurie
- 27: Frieda Greenberg; Jean Nissenfeld
- 28: Emma Levin
- 30: Ann Rachel Arm
- 31: Ruth Lichter

Birthdays in July

- 3: Vika Bloom
- 6: Joseph Brittman; Sabrina Silverberg-Sarig
- 7: Bonnie Chodosh
- 8: Jason Garmise; Leah Kaplan-Melone
- 14: Jason Clauss; Joanna Paulsen
- 17: Adam Spar
- 18: Sonia Spar
- 21: Jared Brittman
- 25: Stephen Brumberg
- 30: Jake Teperman

Anniversaries In July

3: Michael and Lorene Solomon

30: William and 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. 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

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Donations in May

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Robert Katcher

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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 •

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Yahrzeit:

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Miriam Gabriel