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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

(Hebrew class moves to Thursday for the winter.)

Thursdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29: Hebrew at 2:30; Parasha at 4.

Shul Events

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Book Circle, Debra Riva's house, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

(Get Hanukkah candles, dreidels, gelt bags and gifts before, between and after the meetings.)

Saturday, Dec. 24: First Hanukkah candle

Sunday, Dec. 25, first full day of Hanukkah, menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m., followed by Hanukkah party at the shul with latkes, desserts and beverages for all.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in December

Dec. 2: 4:11 p.m. Dec. 9: 4:10 p.m. Dec. 16: 4:12 p.m. Dec. 23: 4:15 p.m. Dec. 30: 4:20 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Winter solstice: the shortest day and longest night of the year

Sunday, Jan. 15, Basically Baroque quartet, concert, community room, 2 p.m.

Monday, January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Saturday, February 18: Tu B'Shevat (New Year for the trees)

Monday, February 20: Presidents' Day

Sunday, March 12: Purim

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From The Rabbi...



“Discussion, Not Debate”

Dear Members and Friends,

As I'm traveling through Europe, I witness how strongly the events in America still reverberate throughout the world. Most newspapers are showing President-elect Trump or President Obama on his trip in Europe endorsing our democracy.

As many of you know, I was awake most of Tuesday night, Nov. 8, following the intricate American election system. Some of us are content with the results, and some of us are not. But after a long period of debates, it's time to engage in discussions. During this long period of the presidential election process, it was too convenient and even entertaining to make every difference of opinion into a debate, too often in a vitriolic manner. Two days before the election, the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force organized a Vigil of Respect and Civility. A few days after the election, this vigil proved to have been necessary.

Recently, we read the story of Noah. How God flooded the world — His precious creation, because people couldn't be peaceful and respectful to each other. But before He did, He gave Noah a chance to build an ark. Noah spent the next 40 days and 40 nights in the ark with his family and the family of animals, then a few more months inside until the water subsided, forcing them to find that common language, a common word. In fact, the word “ark” in Hebrew — *Teivah* — means “word.”

The Talmud says that just as people's faces are different, their opinions are different. So disagreeing is a given, but it is up to us to find a peaceful way to disagree. In the words of Ferenc David, a Unitarian preacher (16th century, Transylvania): “We don't have to think alike to love alike.” We should respect the results of the election. The real protest was made in the ballot box. The time for a debate is over. Now it is time for a discussion. Voting was the easy part. Time now to do the hard work. Many times during this campaign, the answer to questions about alleged inappropriate actions of the candidates was: “But let's focus on the real issues.” Well, these are the real issues. Before we promise to improve big things like national security or the economy, we need to improve something small in ourselves.

One of the great disappointments I had during this campaign occurred toward the end, at the Al Smith Annual Dinner in New York, a Catholic charity fundraising night for children. What can be a greater cause and a better way to bring everybody together? After the speeches of the two candidates, it was Cardinal Dolan's turn to speak. As the host of the evening, he sat between the candidates and now was his turn to offer a few words of comfort and peace. However, as he was walking toward the microphone, the network I was watching silenced his remarks and, instead, rushed to hear the commentators remark on the quasi-fourth debate.

How can it be? Why would they cut his speech? I don't know if I was one of the few looking forward to hearing the Cardinal, but I was deeply disappointed when I searched for another network to hear his words, and I couldn't find one. All of them seemed to focus on the entertainment, discarding the precious opportunity for a few words to bridge peace.

Later, I found the Cardinal's remarks on YouTube. It was merely 4 minutes — four minutes of a few words of hope and a peaceful prayer. The voice in the middle was silenced. When we eliminate the word of God, we are bound to make any discussion into a debate. I found it disrespectful for the host of the event, and a manifestation of how we can be disrespectful to our ultimate host in heaven. It was a missed opportunity.

So let's come together into Noah's Ark – Noah's word. Four minutes of coming

together can save us 40 days of flood. It may never be possible to avoid harsh discussions, but it's imperative to find the opportunity to come together. It is important to remember that God will work it out. It is important to give time for peaceful words in the midst. It is important to say we are proud and love our country and pray for it as we do every Shabbat:

“Our God and God of our ancestors: We ask Your blessings for our country — for its government, for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights of Your Torah, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst. Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our country with Your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions that are the pride and glory of our country. May this land, under Your Providence, be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom and helping them to fulfill the vision of Your prophet:

‘Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war any more.’”
 (Isaiah 2:4) (Sim Shalom Prayer book)

God bless the United States of America.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela



Rabbi Gadi and Gabbai Stanley vacation in Europe

Pictured, left, at the Theodor Herzl Plaza in Vienna.



Pictured, right, in Prague at the Old New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue. The gothic structure, completed in 1270, was known as the New Synagogue. When others were built, the New Synagogue became known as the Old New Synagogue.

Photos courtesy of Rabbi Gadi

From The President...



On Friday, Nov. 4, Emily Kessler, a skilled young chef, prepared Shabbat dinner for 30 people at our shul. Without any help, Emily shopped at local farm stands and a local fish store, then prepared the ingredients and cooked the dinner, which was enjoyed by all. We thank Emily for her inspired efforts, and wish her every success in her career. The Daughters of Israel and Rabbi Gadi will be planning more Shabbat dinners in the future. Stay tuned.

Substituting for Rabbi Gadi, who was away over two Shabbats on a well-deserved vacation, was Menachem Kastner for services on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, and Jeroen Bours on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26. Our synagogue is truly blessed to have such talented members willing and able to step in when needed.

The renovations of the synagogue-owned rabbi's house have begun with replacement of the siding and new insulation in the attic. Replacing the air-conditioning system is next on the to-do list.

I would like to thank everyone who donated generously in response to our High Holy Days appeal. In essence, our appeal is ongoing because further improvements are necessary at the rabbi's house and at the synagogue.

Everyone is invited to attend the lighting of Greenport's Hanukkah menorah on Sunday, December 25, at 5 p.m., in Mitchell Park. For only the fourth time in the last century, the first full day of Hanukkah coincides with Christmas day, a confluence of events that inspires ecumenical thoughts and deeds. In that spirit, the synagogue is inviting all those who attend the menorah lighting in the park to join the members of the congregation for a Hanukkah party in the community room of the shul, immediately following the ceremony.

Rochelle joins me in extending good wishes to all members and friends for a happy Hanukkah.

—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Shofar joins the membership in extending a warm welcome to Daniel and Nancy Torchio of Cutchogue, Richard and Francine Walker of Aquebogue, and John Carter and Meryl Kramer Carter of Mattituck, who have joined our shul. We look forward to participating with you in our shul's spiritual observances and our educational and social activities.

Hanukkah Menorah Lighting In Mitchell Park On Christmas Night

Hanukkah Party At The Shul To Follow

Overlap Of The Holidays Presents Opportunity For Demonstration Of Friendship and Respect Among Religions

Our shul invites Jews and non-Jews to Mitchell Park on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 5 p.m., to witness the lighting of Greenport's Hanukkah menorah, which will take place this year on Christmas night — the first of the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah. In the spirit of ecumenism, the menorah will remain lighted throughout the holiday season, sharing the park with the Village's Christmas tree.

For only the fourth time in the last century, the first day of Hanukkah, which is determined by the Jewish (lunar) calendar, coincides with Christmas Day, which is determined by the Gregorian (solar) calendar. The convergence of the two observances raises awareness of the Judeo-Christian tradition in our country, and offers an opportunity for both beliefs to demonstrate friendship and respect for each other. With that in mind, the synagogue invites all those who attend the menorah lighting in the park to join the members and friends of the congregation for a Hanukkah party in the community room of the synagogue. Latkes and jelly doughnuts — traditional foods associated with Hanukkah — will be served.

Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of the synagogue, will lead those attending the menorah lighting ceremony in blessings and songs of the holiday. Scheduled to participate in the Mitchell Park program are synagogue president Alan Garmise and other local dignitaries.

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, called the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after desecration by Antiochus IV during the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah also is a reminder of the miracle that took place then. With only enough consecrated oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day, the oil burned for eight days — the length of time needed to press, prepare and consecrate sacred oil.

In recognition of the importance of oil in this holiday, observers prepare and eat foods deep-fried in oil, such as potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts. Other celebrations associated with Hanukkah include playing the Dreidel Game, exchanging gifts, and giving gelt, commemorated by small net bags of gold foil-covered chocolate coins.

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

Are you ready for Hanukkah?

To help you prepare for Hanukkah, the shul's Gift Shop will open a satellite sales venue at the Dec. 18 board of directors and congregation meetings. Candles, menorahs for adults and children, dreidels, gelt bags, and other gifts of the season will be available for purchase. Come and learn about the activities planned for our shul, and stock up on Hanukkah goodies for your home and family.

For a sneak preview of the Gift Shop offerings — and to avoid the rush — call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Sara Bloom.

Poetry For Peace: 10th Anniversary Program on Sunday, Nov. 13



Some of them were shy and nervous, others couldn't wait to share their creative work with an audience. All of them were excited to have been chosen to participate in the 10th annual Poetry For Peace program, co-sponsored by our shul and the North Fork Reform Synagogue.

Judges for the event, held Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Mattituck-Laurel Library, were Billy Hands, Jerry Matovcik, and LB Thompson. Each winning poet received a \$25 prize. Through this program, the sponsoring organizations hope to encourage young people to focus on peace and

friendship in their own poetic language.

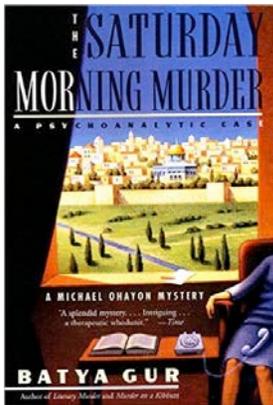
Readers from the Southold Elementary School were Mickey Smith, first grade, and Lucie Ramone, second grade; from Cutchogue East Elementary School were Allison Grattan, third grade, and Alexa Field, fourth grade; from Oysterponds

Elementary School readers were Mary Bofinger, fifth grade, and Declan Crowley, sixth grade. Paula Shengold represented our shul. Sylvia Eisenstadt Pafenyk represented the North Fork Reform Synagogue.

News From November 20 Congregation Meeting

- Sonia Spar is looking to create a program for young children, and will coordinate with Barbara Sherrill of the North Fork Reform Synagogue to explore the possibility of a joint program.
- The Building and Grounds/Beautification Committee is overseeing the installation of new siding and attic insulation at the rabbi's house. Craig Richter of R & R Home Improvements of Greenport is the contractor. Coming up in the next few months is a new air-conditioning system at the house, to be installed by Burt's Reliable.
- Adrienne Greenberg, co-president with Eileen Santora of the Daughters of Israel, is coordinating the Hanukkah party at our shul on Dec. 25, following the lighting of the menorah in Mitchell Park. Our synagogue will provide homemade latkes under the direction of Joan Prager and a committee of potato peelers and latke fryers, plus other party treats. The North Fork Reform Synagogue will join us at the party, and will provide sufganiyot.
- Shul president Alan Garmise reported on the success of the Shabbat dinner prepared by Chef Emily Kessler. More Shabbat dinners are in the planning stages.
- The Men's Club is looking into updating the shul's sukkah for the 2017 observance of Sukkot. Concerts are being planned as part of the club's winter activities.

The Book Circle To Discuss Israeli Writer Batya Gur



The next Book Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 3:30 p.m., at Debra Riva's house on Sixth Street in Greenport. The group will read *The Saturday Morning Murder* by Israeli writer Batya Gur, best known for her detective fiction and her likeable hero, Chief Inspector Michael Ohayon. In this, the first book in the series, Gur offers an intriguing story that takes place at the Jerusalem Psychoanalytic Society's headquarters, where a revered senior analyst is found dead.

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, *The Road From Morocco* by Wafa Hallam, *The Hill Top* By Assaf Gavron, *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit, and *Mystery Midrash: An Anthology of Jewish Mystery & Detective Fiction*, edited by Lawrence W. Raphael.

The Book Circle meets monthly to explore works by Jewish writers on Jewish themes. For more information, call Suzi Rosenstreich at 516-987-3390.

Attention: Those Who Have Served In The Military

Shul member Aaron Novick would like to point out to new members the military services plaque in our shul that identifies those in the congregation who have served in the armed forces. Gathering the names for the plaque was a Men's Club project several years ago, and Aaron

would like to add the names of new members as well as members of long standing, who have not yet provide information about their military service.

There is no charge to have your name added to the plaque. The Men's Club underwrites the cost of the individual leaves for each serviceperson. Those interested should contact Aaron Novick by calling 631-734-6952.

The Great Music Sunday Series Continues; 'Basically Baroque' To Perform In Community Room At Our Shul On Jan. 15



The Great Music Sunday series will present the Basically Baroque quartet in a concert to be held in the community room of our shul on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. Pictured, from left, Linda Betjeman, keyboard; shul member Bill Packard, flute; Dan Skabeikis, violin; and Jeannie Woelker, cello. The program will include works by Handel, Vivaldi, Stamitz, Goldberg and Haydn. Katharine Shroeder photo

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7th Century B.C. Papyrus Confirms Judean Kingdom in Jerusalem

Archaeologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority have unveiled the earliest known nonbiblical Hebrew language reference to Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the First Temple in the 7th century B.C. The reference, part of a wine-shipping order, was written in ancient

Hebrew on a small piece of papyrus that reads, “From the king’s maidservant, from Na’arat, jars of wine, to Jerusalem.” As reported by *The Times of Israel*, the papyrus, or scroll, like the Dead Sea Scrolls found nearby decades ago, was preserved thanks to the Judean Desert’s extremely dry climate.

“The document represents rare evidence of the existence of an organized administration in the Kingdom of Judah. It underscores the centrality of Jerusalem as the economic capital of the kingdom in the second half of the 7th century B.C.,” said Eitan Klein of the IAA.

Miri Regev, Israel’s minister of culture and sport, called the papyrus “further tangible evidence” that Jerusalem “was and will remain the eternal capital of the Jewish people.”



With the help of volunteers during the past year, the Israel Antiquities Authority has been conducting an archaeological excavation in search of artifacts in the Cave of the Skulls in the Judean Desert. Photo by Yoli Shwartz, courtesy of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

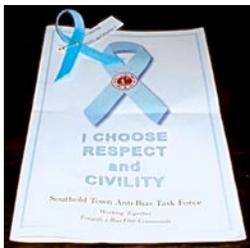
Jewish Museum Showcases Pierre Chareau’s Interior Design



The French architect and designer Pierre Chareau and his wife were avid art collectors, but were forced to sell some of their best pieces as they fled German-occupied Paris. Esther da Costa Meyer, professor of the history of modern architecture at Princeton, has curated an exhibit at the Jewish Museum, designed by the New York City architecture firm of Diller Scofidio + Renfro, that brings together for the first time more than 180 artworks the Chareaus kept and others that once belonged to them.

Other sections of the exhibit include his furniture and lighting designs in a series of vignettes, also interior design, including a house built from an existing army-surplus Quonset hut for artist Robert Motherwell in East Hampton, NY, completed in 1947. The exhibition culminates with footage of Chareau’s masterwork, the Maison de Verre in Paris, completed in 1932, which is privately owned and not easily accessible to the general public. The exhibit is on display through March 26, 2017.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •



Speaking up for respect and civility...

Pictured at the “Respect and Civility Candlelight Vigil” event, organized by the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force on Sunday, Nov. 6, at Silversmith Square in Southold, from left, Rabbi Dr. Steven Moss of Suffolk County’s Human Rights Commission and Anti-Bias Task Force; shul member Sonia Spar, co-chair of the event, with Noam Spar; and Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of our shul, who was one of the 20 speakers and performers to address the theme with reflections, poetry and music. SMBloom photos

Frank Gehry, Lorne Michaels, and Newton Minow

The architect Frank Gehry, the television producer Lorne Michaels and former FCC chairman Newt Minow were among 21 people named by President Obama to receive the 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. Criteria for the award include meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. The awards were presented at the White House on Nov. 22.

Frank Gehry, one of the world's leading architects, has helped to define contemporary architecture. His best-known buildings include the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, the Dancing House in Prague, and the Guggenheim Museum building in Bilbao, Spain.

Lorne Michaels is best known for creating and producing "Saturday Night Live," which has run continuously for more than 40 years. Michaels has also produced "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "Late Night With Seth Myers," and "30 Rock," among other popular, award-winning shows. He has won 13 Emmy Awards over the course of his lengthy career.

Newton Minow is an attorney with a long and distinguished career in public life. In 1961, President Kennedy selected Minow to serve as chairman of the Federal Communications Committee. Since then, Minow has devoted himself to public and charitable causes.

Rabbi Ari Berman

After a yearlong search, Rabbi Ari Berman has been named president of Yeshiva University. For the past eight years, Rabbi Berman has been in Israel, living in a West Bank settlement and, most recently, running the Jewish Heritage Center in Jerusalem, an art museum and cultural hall. Before his migration to Israel, he was the rabbi at the Jewish Center, a well-known Modern Orthodox synagogue on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

He is only Yeshiva's fifth president since Yeshiva College was founded in 1915.

Jewish Names Emerge In Post-Election Appointments

Bernie Sanders, a Vermont Independent, has joined the Senate Democratic leadership. Sanders was named chair of outreach for the party, in charge of reaching out to blue-collar voters who supported President-elect Donald J. Trump, a Republican. Sanders campaigned for the presidency this year, garnering more than 40 percent of the primary votes. He became the first Jewish candidate to win a U.S. presidential primary.

Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York was elected Senate Democratic leader, succeeding retiring Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada. Schumer is the first Jewish politician to lead either party's Senate Caucus.

Lewis Eisenberg

Lewis Eisenberg, the private equity chief for Granite Capital International Group, is finance chairman for the Republican National Committee. His name has been floated as a possible pick for Commerce Secretary in the Trump administration.

Boris Epshteyn

Boris Epshteyn, a Moscow native, moved to the United States in 1993. A fluent Russian speaker, he may serve as an asset for Trump in navigating relations with Russia.

Michael Glassner

Michael Glassner was national political director during the Trump campaign. Like many of Trump's Jewish advisers, Glassner is outspoken in his support of Israel.

Jason Greenblatt, an Orthodox Jew, and ***David Friedman***, the son of a Conservative rabbi, are two lawyers whom President-elect Donald J. Trump has said he would appoint as his Israel advisers.

Jared Kushner, an Orthodox Jew married to Trump's daughter Ivanka, played a crucial role in the President-elect's campaign. In 2015, Fortune named Kushner to its 40 Under 40 list, its "annual ranking of the most influential young people in business."

Stephen Miller

Stephen Miller helped to warm up crowds at Trump's campaign rallies and drafted speeches, including the President-elect's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention. He grew up in a liberal Jewish home in California, but reportedly is drawn to Conservative causes.

Steven Mnuchin

Steven Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs executive, worked as Trump's national finance chairman during the campaign. According to Politico, Trump is considering Mnuchin for the position of Treasury Secretary.

Ivanka Trump

Trump's daughter Ivanka, who converted to Orthodox Judaism, has served as the softer face of her father's campaign. She is the founder of the Ivanka Trump Collection, a fashion and lifestyle brand, and serves as executive vice president of development and acquisitions for the Trump Organization. She and her family — Jared Kushner and their children — belong to the Upper East Side Orthodox synagogue Kehilath Jeshurun. She has described her family as "pretty observant." She made Fortune's 40 Under 40 list in 2014.

• OBITUARIES •

Stanford Lipsey

Stanford Lipsey, a publisher who persuaded Warren E. Buffett to invest in newspapers and whose chain of Nebraska weeklies won a Pulitzer Prize for exposing fundraising excesses by Boys Town, the charity for orphaned children, died Nov. 1 at his home in Rancho Mirage, CA. He was 89.

Mr. Lipsey got his start in the publishing business when he joined an Omaha company that distributed two free weeklies. Within 15 years, he had expanded it to become the Sun Newspapers, a chain of seven paid-subscription weeklies and five that were distributed free. Mr. Lipsey later sold the company to Berkshire Hathaway, which had only \$50 million in assets then, compared with more than \$550 billion today.

Yaffa Eliach

Yaffa Eliach, who as a 4-year-old survived the Nazi massacres of Jews in her Lithuanian town, and who went on to document their daily life in a book of photography and an oeuvre of photography at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, died Nov. 8 at her home in Manhattan. She was 79.

She was a professor of history and literature in the department of Judaic studies at Brooklyn College, and she founded the Center for Holocaust Studies at the Yeshivah of Flatbush in Brooklyn. That collection of taped interviews, diaries, letters, photographs and artifacts became a model for dozens of such centers.

Her mission, she said, was to document the victims' lives, not just their deaths. To that end, she spent 15 years traveling to all 50 states and many countries searching for photos, diaries and letters of shtetl residents from the one she had known in Lithuania.

Leonard Cohen

Leonard Cohen, the hugely influential singer and songwriter whose work spanned nearly 50 years, died at his home in Los Angeles. He was 82.

Cohen was one of the influential singer/songwriters to emerge in the 1960s and early 1970s, including Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Joni Mitchell. His haunting bass voice, nylon-stringed guitar patterns, and Greek-chorus backing vocals shaped evocative songs that dealt with love and hate, sex and spirituality, war and peace, ecstasy and depression. He enjoyed artistic success into his 80s, releasing his final album, "You Want It Darker," earlier this year. His best-known composition was "Hallelujah," a meditation on love, sex and music.

In 1992, he said, "I never had the sense that there was an end, that there was a retirement or that there was a jackpot. Last month, he said, "I intend to live forever."

Ruth Gruber

Ruth Gruber, a photojournalist and author who documented Stalin's gulags, life in Nazi Germany, and the plight of Jewish refugees intercepted by the British on the infamous passage of the Exodus to Palestine in 1947, died Nov. 17 at her home in Manhattan. She was 105.

Over seven decades, she was a correspondent in Europe and the Middle East, and she wrote 19 books, mostly based on her own experiences. Acting for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, she escorted nearly 1,000 refugees from 19 Nazi-occupied nations to a safe haven in the United States on a perilous trans-Atlantic crossing in 1944.

Ruth Gruber worked for *The New York Herald Tribune*, *The New York Post* and, briefly, *The New York Times*. She covered the Nuremberg war-crimes trials and many events in the history of Israel, including its war for independence. Her coverage, she often said, was rooted in her pride as a Jew and as a journalist with a mission. "I had two tools to fight injustice — words and images, my typewriter and my camera," she said.

Ben Zion Shenker

Rabbi Ben Zion Shenker, a leading composer of Hasidic prayer melodies, died Nov. 20 in Brooklyn. He was 91.

Rabbi Shenker was the foremost composer and singer of the Modzitzer Hasidim, a Polish-rooted Hasidic sect that is known for melodies composed for the texts of Sabbath and holiday prayers. For the Modzitzer, as for all Hasidim, music and dance are vehicles to bring Jews closer to God, in accord with a philosophy expounded in the 18th century by the founder of Hasidism, the Baal Shem Tov.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In December

- 1: Maurice E. Bloom; Nat Dolin; Gussie Levin; Wayne Scott Mountain
2: Mollie Friedman; Goldie Pushkin
4: Moe Harris; Jeanette Lipsitz; Max Posner; Rachel Stollar
5: Libbie Esther Brown
7: Solomon S. Carasso; Samuel Shemaiah Kaplan; Esther Sperling
8: Beverly Rose Seigel; Mortimer Silberger
9: Sidney Holtzman; Beulah "Billy" Raphael Sher
10: Dr. Norman Elsky; Betty Millman; Henry Newman; Mildred Pushkin Pelovitz
11: Murray Buchbinder; Rose Katcher
12: Sylvia Dornfeld; Susan Felder; Samuel Novick; Doris Ann Levine
14: Sanford Firestone; Morris Kaplan; Sylvia Karp
15: A. Harry Brown; Abram Philip Kaplan; Harry Levin; Charles Millman
16: Abraham Abba Levine; Helen S. Rose
19: Miriam Lipman Gluckman; Brigitte Jarvi
20: Philip Ballen; Henry Kessler; Herbert Krasnow; Bracha Rothman; Robert Rothman
21: Annie Wandt
22: Sylvia Britzman; Anne Lengyel
23: Lt. Earl M. Silverstone; Mollie Kaplan Singer
24: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren
25: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein
26: Alan Alford; Joseph Teperman
27: David Robert Levinson; Sidney A. Schneider

Birthdays in December

- 21: Elyse Kirschner; Elizabeth Berg; Barbara Glassner
24: Lori Melvin

Anniversaries In December

- 12: Jed Clauss and Joanna Paulsen
14: Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg

Spreading Sunshine

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

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Howard and Esther Kalman
Stephan Brumberg and Carol Ingall
Leonard and Norma Minzer
Harry and Ana Katz
William Packard
Mark and Froma Solomon
Roslyn Polonecki
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
Sidney and Gloria Waxler
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Marshall and Ann Hurwitz
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Joseph and Elizabeth Brittman
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Dr. Michael and Corinne Slade
Steve and Jane Walker
Stanley Rubin
Elana Sydney
Howard and Suzanne Greenberg
Barry and Gloria Garfinkel
Ron and Jennie Adler
Carol Seigel
Lewis and Helaine Teperman
Deborah Smilow
Alan and Helen Weinstein
Michael and Lynn Simon
Barbara Lipman
Richard and Fran Walker
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- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, Rimmonim, breastplates, curtains, reader’s table covers, etc.
- **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
- **Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School:** supports Jewish education
- **Paul S. Birman Technology Fund:** supports updates and new communication programs

Invest In Our Shul

- **Bequest:** Make a gift to the shul with an inclusion in your will.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** A cash or appreciated stock gift provides fixed income for life.
- **Life Insurance Policy:** Contribute a fully-paid or new policy with the shul as owner.
- **Life Estate:** Donate real estate through a grant deed, and use the property for life.
- **Charitable Remainder Unitrust:** This investment allows the contributor a 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

Board of Directors

Alan Garmise: President
Z. Micah Kaplan: Vice President
Joan Prager: Treasurer
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Debra Riva: Recording Secretary
Elaine Goldman: Corresponding Secretary
Sara Bloom, Miriam Gabriel, Sonia Spar: Members at Large
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Jesse Reece: Men's Club Representative

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The Shofar

Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel: Editors

Shul Committees

Audio-Visual

Phil Goldman, chair
Adam Spar

Beautification

Adrienne Greenberg, Phil Goldman, Eileen Santora, Adam Spar

Building and Grounds

Micah Kaplan, chair
Ron Adler, Miriam Gabriel, Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece,
Adam Spar

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Debra Riva, chair
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Alan Garmise, Adrienne Greenberg, David Judlowitz, Micah Kaplan, Joan Prager

Gift Shop

Sara Bloom

Journal Dinner-Dance

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Sara Bloom, Miriam Gabriel

Nominating

Adrienne Greenberg, chair
David Judlowitz

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Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Carol Seigel

Plaques

Stanley Rubin, chair
Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair
Bruce Bloom, Sara Bloom

Ritual

Phil Goldman, chair
Rabbi Gadi Capela, Adrienne Greenberg, Stephen Meshover, Aaron Novick, Jesse
Reece, Debra Riva, Susan Rosenstreich, Stanley Rubin, Carol Seigel

Telephone/Sunshine

Thelma Novick, chair

Vegetable Garden

Adrienne Greenberg, Eileen Santora, co-chairs

Yahrzeit:

Stanley Rubin, chair,

Miriam Gabriel

Note: President Alan Garmise is a nonvoting member of all committee.