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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, June 5, 12, 19 and 26: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Parasha classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

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

Lighting Shabbat Candles in June

June 2: 8:04 p.m.; June 9: 8:08 p.m.; June 16: 8:11 p.m.; June 23: 8:13 p.m.; June 30: 8:13 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Project Genesis lectures: Sundays May 28 and June 25, 1:30 p.m., Peconic Landing

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 31: Shavuot

Wednesday, June 7: Book Circle, 1 p.m., Gabriel/Greenberg home

Sunday, June 18: Fathers' Day

Thursday, July 20: Catch A Star Luncheon, Porto Bello Restaurant, Greenport, noon

Monday, July 31-Tuesday, August 1: Tisha B'Av

Wednesday, June 21, 12:24 a.m.: The summer solstice in the northern hemisphere

[At the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere, the sun reaches its highest position in the sky, as seen from the North Pole. The summer solstice designates the first day of summer.]

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From The Rabbi...



“Open The Gates with Wisdom”

As I’m writing this message, President Trump is wrapping up his trip to Saudi Arabia before flying (directly!) from Riyadh to Tel Aviv. The timing is most interesting — the President arriving in Tel Aviv on May 22, the same day that Israel celebrates a Jubilee—50 years since the unification of Jerusalem after the Six-Day War, which started on the 26th of Iyar (June 5, 1967). I was born into this reality, that even though Jerusalem has not yet been well integrated, still, both sides of The Temple Mount have been under Israel’s governance. Not only that, but 50 years earlier, in 1917, The Balfour Declaration permitted Jews to reestablish themselves politically in their land after 2000 years. Shouldn’t we consider this a miraculous blessing?

This Shabbat, in Parashat BeHar (in the Mount), the Torah speaks about counting the Shemita—the Sabbatical year that occurs every seven years — and then to count seven cycles of Sabbatical years. Accordingly, the 50th year becomes a Jubilee year, when all agriculture stops to allow the land to rest, when debts are forgiven, slaves are freed, and we surrender to the providence of God.

“And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.” (Lev. 25:10) This is a rest for the land, no matter who occupies it. Perhaps it makes sense, then, that when Mark Twain toured the land in the middle of the 19th century, he reported that the land was desolate.

As we are expected to count the Omer for seven weeks and celebrate Shavuot on the 50th day, to reenact receiving the Torah on the Mount, we are required to count 49 years and celebrate universal freedom in the land on the 50th. The Talmud discusses the difference between the two countings: Omer is a private counting, and Yovel is a public counting. Just as we privately climb the mountain of the Omer, we are required as a community to arrive at the top of the jubilee mountain. In both cases, we are expected to rest when we get to the top, not simply run back down. It is at that place that we take the time to contemplate the inequalities and injustices in the world. It is there that we trust God and let Him lead us. What should be the next door to enter?

Our evening prayer begins with the phrase, “Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, Your word bringing the evening dusk. You open the gates with wisdom, design the day with wondrous skill, set out the succession of seasons, and arrange the stars in the sky according to your will... You create day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness away from light....” Every night, we surrender our lives to God and say, “We trust You that You will lead us on the right path.” More importantly, we don’t want to miss the opportunity. The next opportunity in life, according to the cycle, may not reappear for 50 years.

Forgive me for not being cynical. I am a believer, and I believe that God puts opportunities in front of us that we may not have expected or chosen. This week I am praying that President Trump will build on the hard work of previous American Presidents, and that God will open the gates of mercy and peace with wisdom. “O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid. (Isaiah 40, 9)

May we have a blessed new month.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From the President...



On June 11, the members of Congregation Tifereth Israel will vote for a new slate of officers, including a new president. As I complete my third term as the president of our shul, I am taking this opportunity to thank the Congregation for the trust they have placed in me. It has been an honor to serve as president of this wonderful synagogue and to work with Rabbi Gadi. I would also like to thank all of the current and past board members, everyone who has served on committees, and all who have volunteered their time to advance our shul.

During the past three years, we have added many new members, we have had many exciting events and concerts and, thanks to your generosity, we have completed important updates to the synagogue and the rabbi's house, with more work yet to come.

My final message to the congregation as your president is similar to many of the thoughts I have expressed in past messages: Please get involved in the workings of our shul; join committees; come to events, and attend our wonderful Shabbat and holiday services. As you enjoy the many benefits of shul membership, please continue to donate generously in the 115-year tradition of Tifereth Israel.

—Alan Garmise

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Shofar joins the membership in welcoming Barry and Gail Krieger Mallin of New York City and Cutchogue to our congregation. We look forward to meeting you as we participate together in the spiritual, educational and social activities offered at our shul.

2017 Journal Dinner-Dance Plans Underway; More Ads Needed

Arrangements for the 2017 presentation of the Journal Dinner-Dance are underway. The date is Sunday, Sept. 10, and the festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner, dancing, commemoratives, and an expansive silent auction. Be sure to mark your calendars now so as not to miss a minute of this much-anticipated annual event.

Elaine Goldman and Debra Riva, co-chairs of the JDD, announced at the May 7 Board of Directors and Congregation meetings that although costs to mount the event have increased, no

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increases in ticket or advertising prices are planned. Accordingly, the JDD organizers are counting on shul members and friends to increase the number of ads sold in order to offset the additional costs. To that end, please think about where you shop, and what

services you use. If any of those entities are not advertisers currently, please plan to approach them with your personal request to support the synagogue, which earmarks JDD funds for programs and activities open to the community.

Honorees for this year's event are Shelley Scoggin, proprietor of The Market in Greenport, as our community honoree, and long-time shul members Gloria and Sidney Waxler as the synagogue honorees.

Shelley Scoggin opened The Market about 25 years ago with the idea that organic foods and environmentally friendly products would be beneficial choices for the community. Although her location and product lines have expanded, her mission is the same. For her contributions to our health and the environment in which we live, the JDD salutes Shelley Scoggin.

Where would our synagogue be without Gloria and Sid Waxler? Gloria volunteers for virtually every event sponsored by the shul, and she is largely responsible for the vitality of the Daughters of Israel group, serving for decades as its treasurer, organizing onegs and Shabbat lunches, and constantly providing the impetus for new activities. Sid Waxler has lectured and led workshops at our shul that probe Jewish history and its relevance to current events. With love and admiration, the JDD salutes Gloria and Sid Waxler.

Shul Member In Swimming Events at Maccabiah Games



“When I’m standing on the platform, waiting for the signal to dive in, I’m nervous and I tell myself, ‘Ron, you don’t have to do this.’ Then I hit the water, and all those feelings are gone. All I’m thinking about is beating one swimmer and then another one, to be first, to win.”

Shul member Ron Adler has been swimming since boyhood, and now, approaching age 67, he is preparing physically and mentally for the biggest and most significant swimming event of his life. It may be the most significant swimming event for our shul as well, because Ron has chosen to represent Congregation Tifereth Israel at the competition — the 2017 Maccabiah Games, the quadrennial competition that — behind the Olympics and the Pan American Games — is the largest international sporting event in the world.

Is this folly? Is he truly good enough? Maybe... Talking about the upcoming opportunity one afternoon at the shul, Ron acknowledged haltingly that he might be among the top 30 U.S. competitors in his age group — men aged 65 to 69 — noting quickly the vast difference between himself and the top-tier three or four. But he knows little about competitors from the other 80-or-so countries represented at these Games. Will his effort be for naught? Or can he actually prove his competence? “I think I have a shot,” he said, flashing a 200-watt smile.

The making of a swimmer

As a youngster, born and raised on Kibbutz Gesher, located on Israel’s Jordan River, near the Sea of Galilee, Ron would swim in the kiddie pool as a respite from the 110-degree heat so commonplace in an Israeli summer. “It was wet,” he said, so I stayed in that pool and invented games to amuse myself as long as they would let me.”

Immediately in love with the idea of moving through water and its ability to keep him cool, he continued swimming, finding opportunities in the open water at hand. When barely 15, he could swim three miles in the Sea of Galilee, building speed and endurance as he practiced. When Kibbutz Gesher finally installed a 50-meter swimming pool with a diving board, Ron swam and dived fearlessly, reveling in the technique he had developed as well as the attention of

the teenage girls, who couldn't resist his good looks and athletic body. "I knew they were watching me, so I put on a show for them," he said conspiratorially.

And now, retired as proprietor of Adler Painting & Papering, Inc. in Manhattan and living on Shelter Island, Ron swims for a different reason. He still has his good looks and an athletic physique, and he has already medaled in several swim competitions in the New York area. But his mindset now is focused more intensely on the challenges of competition and achieving his personal best.

Rigorous preparation

For the first year of preparation, he started "slow and easy," he said. Then about a year ago, with his technique surging and his confidence rising, he attacked his workouts with vigor. He hired Andrey Trigubovich, a swimming coach, and he lengthened his daily workouts to two hours at the aquatic centers at either the East Hampton or Patchogue Y. There he incorporated speed and endurance drills in different events, covering an accumulated distance of about 4,000 yards five or six days a week. He also is working out at a gym, specifically with TRX equipment and weights to improve strength, balance and flexibility. "I am fighting with my body," Ron said, but he is determined to win — laser fixated on the Games.

On June 30, Ron and his wife, Jennie, will board an El Al flight to Israel, followed in time for the swimming events by their two sons, Nuriel and Eli, and Coach Andrey. There, Ron will pursue his goal under the



watchful and anxious eyes of his American family, his Israeli brothers and sister, their children and friends, and the many thousands of Jewish athletes from around the world and their well-wishers. The Games begin on July 4 and run through July 18. Swimming events are on July 12, 13 and 14, with the open water event two days later.

An unexpected goal

There is a goal in Ron's mind. Probably, the goal is not what you may be guessing right now. Of course, he wants to do well. Yes, he wants his family and friends to be proud of him. And certainly, he wants to win a medal — actually nine medals. Why nine? Because at the London Olympic Games, Michael Phelps won eight medals. Ron's goal is to beat Michael Phelps's record. They don't all have to be gold, he rationalizes; just let there be nine of them.

And he just might do it — if he can maintain the rigorous schedule he has set for himself. He is entered in 16 swim events in his age category — all strokes in all distances, including 4 x 100 and 4 x 100 individual medley for the U.S. team, plus open water events.

"To compete at this age and at this level," he says, "you must push yourself hard, set big goals, and drive yourself toward them. You must be physically and mentally ready. When I finish my workout, I am empty — but I am satisfied. I am happy."

Ron Adler has more than time and energy invested in this "meshuggah," he calls it, "this craziness," this maybe once-in-a-lifetime dream. First, there's the \$10,000 fee to register. Then, there's airfare to Israel for himself, his family and his coach. Once there, factor in hotel fees and meals, souvenirs, clothing, tickets, coaching fees, etc. etc. All in all, about \$25,000, he estimates.

“You know,” Ron says, “the time, the practices, the money, I have zero regret.” For a brief moment in a lifetime, he is revisiting that happy teenager he once knew, the natural athlete who could play all sports, and dive and swim well enough to make the teenage girls swoon.

— Sara Bloom

Election Of Officers At The June 11 Congregation Meeting; Men’s Club BBQ Following The Election Will Welcome New Board

At the May 7 Congregation meeting, Suzi Rosenstreich, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers to serve a one-year term, beginning immediately after the election at the June 11, 2017 Congregation meeting to the date of the election in June 2018. If there are no additional nominations from the floor or by proxy, paid up shul members can cast a vote for the slate as presented. All shul members are asked to attend the meeting as a show of support for the new officers. Those unable to attend can cast their vote by proxy (see attached). Send your proxy to Suzi Rosenstreich, 646 Little Peconic Bay Road, Cutchogue 11935.

Serving with Suzi Rosenstreich on the Nominating Committee are Roberta Garris and David Judlowitz. The proposed slate is as follows:

President: Adrienne Greenberg

Vice President: Susan Rosenstreich

Treasurer: Philip Goldman

Financial Secretary: Joan Prager

Recording Secretary: Debra Riva

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Goldman

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

Following the meeting, the Men’s Club will host a BBQ to welcome the new officers and to thank them for their service to our shul.

Friends And Family Discount Offer For “Sweetee,” A New Musical

“Sweetee,” a musical by new shul member Gail Kriegel, will continue at New York’s Signature Theater, 480 W. 42nd Street, through June 18. Story line: An outcast minister leads a young street singer and a ragtag band of orphans as they struggle to make music and find their place in the world amid the bigotry and poverty of the 1930s south.

For discount tickets, call Ticket Central (212-279-4200), visit the TC box office (416 W. 42nd St.), or come to the Signature Center box office an hour before curtain. Say: sweetfamily.

Novel Centering On Matchmaking Is Book Circle’s Next Choice



The Wednesday, June 7, Book Circle meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the home of Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg, 43 Sound Road, Greenport. Ruchama King’s novel, *Seven Blessings*, will be discussed.

The novel focuses on the world of matchmaking in contemporary Israeli society. How the matchmaker lends her expertise to various problematic situations makes for thought-provoking and sometimes amusing reading. Rich characters, an intriguing setting, nuanced writing, and a page-turning story mesh to define the Jewish experience for anyone who has ever considered marriage.

The Book Circle's mission statement: "The Tifereth Israel Book Circle seeks to develop and enhance members' understanding of Jewish history and traditions through reading and discussing fiction and nonfiction about Judaism, Jews, and issues that affect Jewish life."

For more information about the Book Circle and its current selection, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Suzi Rosenstreich.

A Mystery Revealed...



As we all know, when you put a new chair in your living room, all the rest of the furnishings look shabby and need to be replaced. So too at the shul. When the Buildings and Grounds Committee replaced the front ramp, the bench at the top of the ramp looked shabby. Suddenly, last October, a new bench appeared, a handsome modified Shaker style that blends well with the historic aura of our shul building. Who quietly replaced the bench? The mystery was finally revealed last month when a plaque appeared.

And, wouldn't you know it, the answer is...



News From The May 7 Board/Congregation Meetings

- Rabbi Gadi reported that he and Cantor Mark Morris, hired by the Board of Directors for the 5777-5778 High Holidays, have been in communication to plan the observances.
 - The organic garden, which produced such outstanding results in its debut year, will be replanted this year under the direction of Adrienne Greenberg. Those interested in participating in this pleasant springtime ritual can call the shul at 631-477-0232.
- Sonia Spar is working with the North Fork Reform Synagogue and other organizations toward establishing a summer program for children. It is hoped that the program will lead to a year-round effort and, perhaps, special children's services for the High Holidays.
- Rabbi Gadi is continuing to negotiate with the United Synagogue to set aside a portion of the United Synagogue Cemetery in Calverton for our synagogue members. The East End Jewish Community Council will assume the obligation on behalf of synagogues on the east end of Long Island. The cemetery is asking for a 20-percent deposit on the apportioned land. The availability of burial ground is an important benefit of membership now and in the future.
- Adrienne Greenberg, co-president of the Daughters of Israel, announced that the group will host a planning session early in June to discuss upcoming programming.

Graduates In Your Family? The Shofar Wants To Know...

The July issue of *The Shofar* will include a list of graduates in the shul family. Members and friends celebrating graduations this spring are asked to forward the following information to Sara Bloom at sbblazer@hotmail.com/. The deadline for submissions is June 20 for the July issue.

Name of graduate

Relationship (child, grandchild, niece, nephew)

Your name(s) (indicate members or friends of the shul)

School graduating from (primary, high, junior high, college, graduate school, professional or trade school; city/state)

Degree earned, if applicable

Plan: continuing education (name of school, city/state); or work (position, name of organization, city/state)

Words And Music At Upcoming Catch-A-Star Lunch; New Venue

Mark your calendars now for the 2017 presentation of the Catch-A-Star Luncheon, sponsored by the Daughters of Israel and arranged by Paula Shengold. The date is Thursday, July 20, at noon. The venue has changed this year to Porto Bello Restaurant, 1410 Manhasset Ave., Greenport.

Guest speaker is North Fork resident Lauren Grant, who will talk about her debut novel, *The End Is The Beginning*, a story of deep love challenged by alcoholism and co-dependency. Grant was a radio and television producer/director for NBC, where she won an Emmy for the network's coverage of the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Later, on the North Fork, Grant was program and events manager at the Cutchogue Library, and is currently on the board of directors for the New Suffolk Waterfront Fund, Inc. Also on the Catch-A-Star program is Juliet Rand, a young pianist, who will offer musical interludes.

Tickets at \$40 include lunch, raffle prizes, gift bags and camaraderie. For reservations and more information, call Paula Shengold at 631-477-1234.

Historic Shul On Lower East Side Burns; 14-Year-Old Arrested



A three-alarm fire broke out Sunday night, May 14, at a 19th-century synagogue on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. About 33 units, nearly 140 firefighters, responded to the fire at the historic Congregation Beth Hamedrash Hagadol at 60 Norfolk St. The fire tore down the roof and turned the upper stories of the more-than-150-year-old landmark to rubble.

A 14-year-old boy has been arrested and charged with third-degree arson for allegedly igniting the massive fire. Surveillance footage showed three teens running away from the scene before the inferno erupted. An investigation is underway to identify others who may be involved.

Fine Arts Museum/Boston Exhibiting Ghetto Photographer's Prints

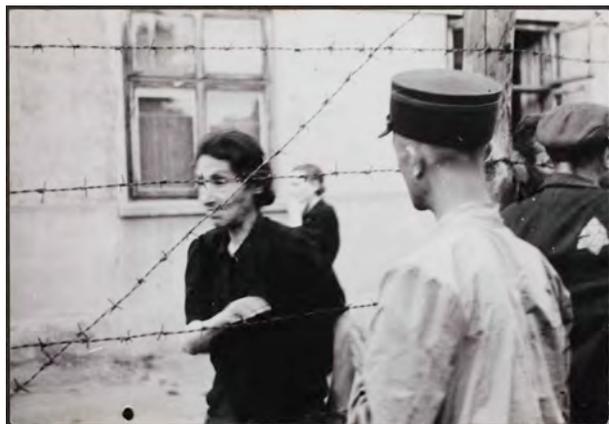
From 1940 to 1945 Henryk Ross, a photojournalist, was incarcerated with more than 200,000 Polish Jews in the 1.5 square mile Lodz Ghetto, where he was assigned to take photographs of the efficient factories there. With a technique he developed for photographing multiple images on a single negative, he was able to hide film for his personal use and document the German occupation. About 3,000 of his images survive. It is the most extant collection of images of ghetto life.

Now, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has mounted an exhibition of about 200 of the Ross photographs, which will be on view through July 30.

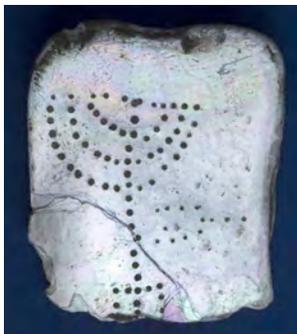
On his own and at great risk, Ross surreptitiously photographed daily life in the ghetto, scenes of birthdays and other celebrations as well as the cruelties and violence of war, hangings and elderly people scrambling for scraps of food. "I was anticipating the total destruction of Polish Jewry," he said. "I wanted to leave a historical record of our martyrdom."

Ross testified at the trial of Adolph Eichmann, and his images of the Lodz Ghetto were entered into evidence. The collection remained in his private possession until after his death. The Archive of Modern Conflict acquired it, and gave it to the Art Gallery of Ontario for "conservation and publication." The art gallery prepared the first exhibition of Ross's pictures. The Boston exhibition is the first in America.

[Text and photos excerpted from Moment]



Ancient Menorah Tablet Shows Jewish Presence In Caesarea



Israeli archaeologists have discovered a 1,500-year-old mother-of-pearl tablet etched with a menorah in the ancient town of Caesarea in northern Israel. According to a report from Jewish News Service, the tablet dates to the late Roman-Byzantine period of the 4th or 5th centuries A.D. and “points to a clear Jewish presence at Caesarea during this period,” said Peter Gendelman, archaeologist for the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Archaeologists speculate that the pearl menorah tablet was likely part of a structure used to hold a Torah scroll. The slab was uncovered near the temple devoted to Augustus Caesar, constructed by King Herod in the 1st century B.C. The discovery was made during a new \$27 million renovation project in Caesarea. The artifact is the first archaeological discovery of its kind made from mother-of-pearl.

Remnants Of WWI Battle Found In Archaeological Dig In Israel



Remnants of a WWI battle between British and Turkish forces were discovered recently in an archaeological dig near Rosh Haayin, in central Israel. The findings, which include dozens of bullet casings, mortar shells and military paraphernalia, were uncovered during an Israel Antiquities Authority dig carried out ahead of the paving of a road connecting Rosh Haayin to nearby Afek Industrial Park.

“As archaeologists, we expect to discover archaic findings in ancient sites hundreds and thousands of years old, but here we uncovered a relatively young story — only 100 years old,” said Yossi Elisha, IAA director of the dig. “These findings are evidence of one of the major battles that occurred in the land of Israel in WWI.”

Pope Sways To Jewish Music During Audience With Hasidim



A delegation of Hasidic Jews visited the Vatican on Monday, May 8, and in addition to a 45-minute audience in which the Jewish group talked with the Pontiff about protecting Jewish cemeteries in Europe and fighting child sex abuse, the group serenaded the Pope with guitars and a chant in Hebrew, “Long years shall satiate him.”

The meeting made headlines when cameras caught the Pope swaying to the music. It was a You-Tube sensation as well.

The delegation was led by Polish Rabbi Edgar Gluck, who was accompanied by his son,

Zvi, and other rabbis. Edgar Gluck is the chief rabbi of Galicia, and has been involved in preserving Jewish cemeteries in Eastern Europe for many years. He had discussed the issue when he met Francis during his official visit to Poland for World Youth Day in July 2016. Zvi Gluck is the founder and director of Amudim, an organization dedicated to helping victims of sexual and substance abuse among other issues in the Jewish community. He lives in New York

Oldest Jewish Library, Founded 1616, To Digitize Its Manuscripts



Over the past few years, in collaboration with the National Library of Israel and the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam, Biblioteka Ets Haim has been digitizing its manuscripts so people around the world can easily access them. Ets Haim is the oldest continuously operating Jewish library in the world.

Having been forced to live as Christians in their home countries of Spain and Portugal, Sephardic Jews arrived in Amsterdam with the promise of religious freedom. The school/library, Ets Haim (Tree of Life), was founded in 1616 to help the newcomers live publicly as Jews. Many had continued to practice their true religion in secret while living outwardly as Christians.

In 1675, the library moved to the Esnoga, the Portuguese Synagogue complex. Since it was dangerous to have open flames in a library, skylights and octagonal openings between the two floors were incorporated into the design to let in natural light for reading. Today, electric lights, including chandeliers, light the rooms. The bookshelves are floor to ceiling. A wooden spiral staircase connects the floors.

The library holds nearly 30,000 printed works dating back to 1484, and more than 500 manuscripts that date to 1282. The documents represent centuries of Jewish thought and scholarship as well as the community's everyday life and culture.

In 1889, David Montezinos, the librarian at the time, donated his substantial private library of 20,000 books, pamphlets, manuscripts and illustrations to Ets Haim in memory of his wife. It has since been known as Ets Haim/Livraria Montezinos.



President Trump in Israel

U.S. President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump are welcomed to Israel by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, as the Trumps deplaned Air Force One at Ben Gurion Airport on May 22. Meetings with Israeli officials and visits to historic sites, including the Western Wall and Yad Vashem, were on the agenda.

Jerusalem Post photo

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Frank Gehry

Frank Gehry, one of the best-known living architects, has donated a portion of the archives covering three decades of his career, from 1954 to 1988, to the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. The acquisition includes thousands of sketches, drawings, photographs, office records, personal papers, and models for 283 projects, including his Santa Monica residence, the Walt Disney Concert Hall competition, and the Vitra Design Museum in Weil am Rhein, Germany. Part of the extensive collection is being donated by Gehry, and the rest purchased.

In a statement, Gehry said, “I’m very moved that this great institution, with its resources to search for the best examples of creativity in our world, has found me an interesting party.”

Ralph Lauren

Fashion designer Ralph Lauren, originally Ralph Lipschitz from The Bronx, has been forced to close his Fifth Avenue flagship store due to a precipitous drop in revenue, according to *The Jewish Voice*. In 2013, Mr. Lauren agreed to a 16-year lease at 711 Fifth Avenue, a contract worth \$400 million. That’s about \$25 million per year or about \$70,000 per day, the amount Mr. Lauren is supposedly paying currently for an empty storefront.

Leah Goldberg and Rachel Bluwstein

Leah Goldberg (1911-1970) and Rachel Bluwstein (1890-1931), two giants of modern Hebrew poetry, have been named as the faces on the new 20- and 100-shekel notes, to be issued by the Bank of Israel.

Goldberg was a prolific Hebrew language poet, author, playwright, literary translator, and comparative literary researcher. Her writings are considered classics of Israeli literature. She died in Jerusalem. Bluwstein was a Hebrew language poet, born in Imperial Russia, who immigrated to Palestine in 1909. She died in Tel Aviv.

Elisha Wiesel

Elisha Wiesel, the only son of Elie Wiesel, the Romanian-born writer, professor, political activist, Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, has indicated that after a 23-year career at Goldman Sachs, where he is chief information officer, he will step forward and further his father’s work, according to an article in *The New York Times*.

Elisha Wiesel’s first step onto the public stage occurred in November at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. Coverage of the event caught the attention of Rabbi Eli Rubenstein, education director for the March of the Living, who invited Wiesel to participate in the April 24 event. The International March of the Living is an annual observance that draws thousands to walk two miles from the former site of Auschwitz I to the more sprawling Auschwitz II. Elie Wiesel lit one of six torches at the climactic ceremony, a torch dedicated to his father’s memory, and a metaphor for passing the torch to the next generation.

• OBITUARIES •

Peter Spier

Peter Spier, an award-winning children's book author and illustrator, died April 27 in Port Jefferson, NY. He was 89.

His dozens of books are filled with meticulously drawn and brilliantly colored images, like the elephants, horses, seals, acrobats, clowns and trapeze artists in *Circus* (1992) and the myriad pairs of animals in *Noah's Ark* (1977), which earned him the Caldecott Medal, the highest honor for illustrators of picture books.

Born in Amsterdam, he and his family were deported to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia; they were liberated by the Soviet Red Army in May 1945. Mr. Spier returned to his homeland after the war and served in the Royal Netherlands Navy for four years before immigrating to the United States in 1951.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In June

- 1: Gizela Friedman; Irving Richter
- 2: Lena Harris; Martin R.D. Sharp
- 4: Peter Friedmann
- 6: Solomon Bush
- 7: Evelyn Blitz
- 8: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
- 9: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
- 10: Louise Oliver
- 13: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal
- 14: Siah Schlefstein
- 15: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
- 16: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
- 17: Dr. Maxwell C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weintraub
- 18: Norma Youmans
- 19: Howard Bachrach
- 20: Alexander Feigen
- 21: Liba Adelson
- 22: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell; Ether Schwartz Levinson
- 23: Sam Speyer
- 24: Kenneth S. Goldin
- 25: George Dolin; Lillie Ehrenreich
- 26: George Berson
- 27: Bernard Cooper; Albert J. Farber
- 28: Meyers D. Goldman; Dr. Gustav Lara
- 30: Shirley Kotik; Eva Levinson; Sandor Weisz

Birthdays in June

4: Jennifer Berg
8: Jed Clauss; Ann Hurwitz; Marsha Millman
11: Marian Friedmann
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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Bruce Bloom

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in May

Ann Hurwitz
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
Matthew and Alison Nathel
Joan Prager
Harry and Ana Katz
Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris
Philip and Elaine Goldman
Micah Kaplan, MD and Gayle Kaplan
Sy Brittman
Drs. Saul and Suzi Rosenstreich

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
Wedding, Bat/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming*	\$450	\$900
Sanctuary Only	No charge	\$300
Community Room Only	\$25 per hour	\$50 per hour
Community Room, Kitchen and Park	\$300	\$600
Rabbi's classes	No charge	No charge

<u>Commemoratives</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate	\$200	\$250**
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	No charge	No charge

*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park. Setup and cleanup fees will be paid by the individual or group renting the facilities. Renters of our facilities must submit an agreement 10 days prior to the event.

** A seat plate designee must be a member or a deceased member of the synagogue.

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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

Board of Directors

Alan Garmise: President
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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, Adrienne Greenberg

Beautification

Adrienne Greenberg, Phil Goldman, Eileen Santora, Adam Spar

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Adam Spar

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Finance

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Sara Bloom

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Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Carol Seigel

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Stanley Rubin, chair

Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair

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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: The president is a nonvoting member of all committees.