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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, Dec. 4, 11 and 18: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

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

### *Shul Events*

Friday, Dec. 8: Special board meeting, 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10: Judaism and Art trip to the Jewish Museum

Sunday, Dec. 10: Latke-making w/Joan Prager and crew, 9 a.m. (volunteers welcome)

Sunday, Dec. 17: Board meeting at 9 a.m.; (next Congregation meeting Jan. 21, 10 a.m., to include Men's Club program on history of the Jews on the North Fork)

Sunday, Dec. 17: Menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m., followed by latkes at the shul

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in December*

Dec. 1: 4:11; Dec. 8: 4:10; Dec. 15: 4:11; Dec. 22: 4:14; Dec. 29: 4:19

### *Dates to Remember*

Tuesday, Dec. 12: First Hanukkah candle

Thursday, Dec. 21: Winter Solstice 11:28 a.m. (Shortest day of the year; winter begins)

Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Monday, Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, Jan. 17: Book Circle, *I Am Forbidden* by Anouk Markovits, 1 p.m., at the shul

Wednesday, Jan. 31: Tu B'Shevat

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## From The Rabbi...



### “Rock Formation”

Dear members and friends,

During the last three weeks, I have been enjoying an incredible trip around the beautiful United States. Visiting the breathtakingly massive rock formations within many of our national parks always reminds me of our fleeting existence. One of the most beautiful — and one hard to remain indifferent to — is the rock formation in Sedona, Arizona. The sandstone and limestone deposits of millions of years, which were once a bottom of an ocean, are now revealed as a magnificent sculpture made by nature. The “natural artist” used the force of wind and water to shape its material. The red rocks are even analogous to blood and perhaps ourselves.

This sight immediately brought to mind the verse from Job (14:19): “The waters wear the stones; the overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth...” This verse also became the inspiration for Akiva to become Rabbi Akiva — the greatest sage of the Talmud (c 50-135 CE). A Midrash (*Avot de Rabbi Natan* Ch. 6) lays out the story:

What were the beginnings of Rabbi Akiva? It is said: When he was 40 years of age, he had not yet studied anything. One day he stood at the mouth of the well. “Who hollowed out this stone?” he wondered. They said to him: “The water that falls on it every day.” They said to him: “Akiva, have you not read, *Stones, worn away by water?* Immediately, Rabbi Akiva drew an inference [*kal v’chomer*] with regard to himself: if what is soft carves out the hard, all the more shall the words of Torah, which are as hard as iron, hollow out my heart, which is flesh and blood. Immediately, he went to study Torah... The teacher wrote down *aleph-bet* for him and he learned it; *aleph-tav*, and he learned it; the Book of Leviticus, and he learned it. He went on studying until he learned the whole of Torah.

This story is about late blooming and the power of persistence — how Rabbi Akiva at

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one point as an adult decides to change his life and begins learning Torah as though he were a child. He compares the water to Torah that can shape him over time in the same way that water shapes stones. This became Rabbi Akiva’s motto: If water can wear down a stone, Akiva can become a scholar... If water can wear down a stone, then every Jew can and will study Torah... If water can wear

down a stone, the Jewish people can overcome Rome... If water can wear down stone, then the Temple can be rebuilt...

However, we recently read about Lot’s wife, who turned back into a rock, into a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:26) “But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” Perhaps this occurred because she turned back instead of letting herself go forward. Perhaps she was afraid of the long and slow road ahead. In the short run, perhaps rocks shape the path of water. But in the long run, water shapes rocks. We, too, should not resist the wind and the water of life, but let them shape and form us like red rocks, to become a refined version of ourselves. Let the waters wear the stones in us, and wash away the dust of the earth.

Chodesh Tov,

—Rabbi Gadi

## From The President...



### “It Takes A Village”

Many times, we have had occasion to use the term, “It takes a village.” This month, the “village” of Tifereth Israel was able to cover each Shabbat that Rabbi Gadi was on vacation. Our vice president, Suzi Rosenstreich, also a member of the Ritual Committee, arranged to keep the pulpit filled each weekend. In addition, we added Rosh Chodesh and Havdalah services and during one of the weeks, we even included a Parasha study class.

Here is a list of each of the service leaders:

- Friday, Nov. 3: Suzi Rosenstreich led services.
- Saturday, Nov. 4: Carol Seigel led services; Paul Nadel delivered d’var Torah.
- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11: We enjoyed a Sisterhood-sponsored Shabbat with Suzan Lipson coming in from Texas to help out. Pamela Birman, Suzan Lipson, Debra Riva, and Suzi Rosenstreich provided a choir rendition of the prayer, “Ana Bekoach.”
- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18: Menachem Kastner led both services and delivered a memorable sermon relating the week’s Parasha to the importance of good communication in dealing with those around us. At sundown, Suzan Lipson and Suzi Rosenstreich led the Havdalah service, followed by Rosh Chodesh for Kislev, the Month of Dreams. That led to a lively and rambling discussion over wine, peanut butter-filled pretzels and pomegranate seeds.
- Friday, Nov. 24: I threw my hat (kipah?) into the ring to lead Friday night. I knew that enough congregants would come to my assistance if I forgot a melody or needed someone to lead a responsive reading.
- Saturday, Nov. 25: Once again, Suzan Lipson stepped up to help by leading the morning service; Stanley Rubin delivered d’var Torah.

Thank you all for helping us maintain our tradition of worshipping together.

Speaking of those willing to add their expertise to our activities, Joan Prager and Paula Shengold from our shul, and North Fork Reform Synagogue member Sylvia Pafenyk have been chairing the Poetry For Peace competition for 11 years. This year they received 150 submissions from K-8 students in schools throughout the North Fork. Five children were singled out for their thoughtful poems describing ways to experience peace.

You might be interested in some of the thoughts expressed by these young people.

Cayden Wills, an Oysterponds 5th grader, wrote:

Peace is people being friendly,  
and talking to each other.  
Everyone is not fighting.  
No problems.

Ellie Alloway, a Southold 8th grader, wrote:

Reconciling Differences  
Making up with your family after a misunderstanding.

Each year I look forward to hearing the children proudly read their poetry and watching as the parents, teachers, and other family members take photos. This is truly a good feeling event, coming at a time, perhaps, when an event like this is truly needed.

Thank you for making it a joy to be part of this caring and hard working “village.”

—Adrienne Greenberg

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### **A month of mazel tovs...**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in extending mazel tov to:

Aaron and Thelma Novick, on the birth of their third great-grandson, Carter Max Landawer, who arrived on Oct. 18. Proud parents are Jason and Michelle Landawer of Manhattan. Carter Max is the brother of 3-year-old identical twins Brody and Nash.

Carol Seigel, on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Caleb Henry Seigel Browne, on Nov. 18, at the Kane Street Synagogue in Brooklyn. Caleb conducted the service led by Rabbi Samuel Weintraub. Caleb is the son of Rebecca Seigel and Chris Browne, and the brother of Yona and Gideon.

### **Hanukkah Essentials For Sale In The Shul’s Gift Shop**



Yikes! The first Hanukkah candle is Tuesday, Dec. 12. Are you prepared? When it comes to Hanukkah, potato latkes are just the beginning. Alas, the shul’s Gift Shop can’t help you with latke-making, but if you need a menorah (including one of the irresistible children’s menorahs), candles (regular or tall), dreidels or chocolate coins (parve, of course), we have that covered.

In addition, peruse the gift offerings scattered throughout the

display case. You just might find the perfect one to give, or to purchase for yourself.

For a guided tour, call Sara Bloom at 631-765-3539, or email [sbblazer@hotmail.com](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com).

### **Judaism And Art Group Plans A Trip To The Jewish Museum**

The Judaism and Art group is organizing a field trip to the Jewish Museum in New York City on Sunday, Dec. 10 to see the “Modigliani Unmasked” exhibit. As per previous trips arranged by the group, participants will make their own way to the museum and view the exhibit at their leisure. At 3 p.m., the group will meet at a designated place, and take a short walk to Paola’s Restaurant for a discussion and refreshments.

The discussion will focus on the work of this important artist (1884-1920) in painting and sculpture from the vantage point of his Jewish roots.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 5th Ave. and 92nd St. Paola’s Restaurant is located at 1295 Madison Ave.

For more information, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Debra Riva or Saul Rosenstreich.

## **Lighting The Hanukkah Menorah In The Park; Latkes To Follow; Joan Prager's 'Luscious Latkes' Recipe Released To *The Shofar***

Plan to join the shul family and friends in Mitchell Park on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m., when the official public menorah in downtown Greenport will be lighted in a ceremony led by Rabbi Gadi. Songs, prayers and holiday greetings are part of the event, enjoyed by Jews and non-Jews alike.

This year's menorah lighting will be particularly bright because the ceremony will take place on the sixth of the eight nights of the holiday. Six candles plus the shamash should make the park sparkle. Remarks by shul president Adrienne Greenberg and Greenport officials will be offered to the revelers in attendance.



Following the ceremonial lighting of the menorah, all will troop back to the synagogue for latkes and jelly doughnuts. As those who attended last year's event will attest, the latkes were extraordinarily delicious, prepared in the shul's kitchen by a team led by shul member Joan Prager, who graciously shared her recipe with *The Shofar*. Armed with the following information, readers can enjoy latkes from the beginning of Hanukkah to the very last night — and even beyond.

SMBloom photo, from 2016

### **Luscious Latkes ala Joan Prager**

4 extra large egg whites  
4 large russet potatoes, peeled, cut into one-inch cubes, and placed in cold water (with ice cubes)  
2 large onions, or to taste (Joan likes it oniony)  
1/3 cup flavored breadcrumbs (or more, to taste)  
white pepper to taste  
salt to taste  
canola oil or olive oil

1. Put the egg whites, onion, and 2 cups of drained potato cubes in a food processor with blade in place, and process 3 or 4 seconds, or until chopped to look like potato flakes. (Work quickly so the potatoes won't turn pink.)
2. Add remaining potatoes, and process, pulsing until finely minced. Do not puree or over blend.
3. Drain liquid from the potatoes. Pour into a mixing bowl, and add breadcrumbs, salt and pepper. You may need more breadcrumbs if you use lots of onion. Stir to blend.
4. Put oil in 10-12-inch skillet over medium heat. When hot, add heaping tablespoons of latke batter into oil, using the back of a spoon to flatten.
5. Place browned latkes on paper towels to drain. If you are serving the latkes right away, place them in a 250-degree oven to keep warm. Otherwise, you can freeze them and reheat to serve.
6. Serve with nonfat sour cream, nonfat yogurt, or sugar-free applesauce.
7. To freeze, place drained latkes on a cookie sheet, and place in the freezer until frozen solid. Stack in plastic bags and seal. To reheat, place the frozen latkes on a nonstick, foil-lined baking sheet, and bake at 450 degrees in upper third of oven for five-to-seven minutes, or

until crispy and hot.

8. Enjoy!

## **‘Shabbat Project’ Draws Shul Together With Global Community**

At our shul, preparation began Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26, when Chef Emily Kessler, her father, George, and a crew led by Debra Riva, president of the Sisterhood, gathered in the shul’s kitchen to chop, peel and stir for the dinner planned for 5:30 on Friday. The dinner was a delicious way to welcome Shabbat on Oct. 27, when Jews from more than 1,400 cities (586 in the U.S.) in 97 countries across the globe participated in The Shabbat Project.

The Shabbat Project brings together Jews from all backgrounds and traditions to celebrate one Shabbat together, and our shul here on the North Fork was part of the celebration. The Shabbat Project was introduced in South Africa in 2013 to an astonishing result. On the designated Shabbat, about 70 percent of the country’s 75,000 Jews kept Shabbat, many for the first time in their lives. Once news of the initiative had been reported, synagogues and informal Jewish groups around the world wanted to bring the project to their own cities and communities, and the international Shabbat Project was born.

At our shul, a happy crowd made a joyful noise that echoed around the world.



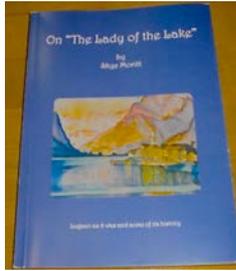
The kitchen crew for the Shabbat dinner on Oct. 27 gathered to chop, peel and stir. From left, Jennie Adler, Nancy Torchio, Denise Morrison, Chef Emily Kessler, and George Kessler. Debra Riva photo



Shabbat celebrants took their seats at the pre-Shabbat dinner on Oct. 27 as a tasty introduction to the shul's participation in The Shabbat Project.

Joanna Paulsen photo

## Skye Moritt Pens Book About Idyllic Childhood On Lake Lugano



Shul members of long standing, particularly those in Rabbi Gadi's Hebrew and Parasha classes, will remember Skye Moritt, the soft-spoken, Swiss-born woman who brought insight and erudition to the lessons as well as to casual conversation. Before her return to Switzerland several years ago, Skye began writing about her childhood, and the years her family had lived along the shores of Lake Lugano.

Skye has now published a limited edition book about her experiences and observations during that period. In her introduction to *On The Lady of the Lake*, Skye writes, "Over the long years in the New World, I always thought of the charmed life I led as a small child during the war years on Lake Lugano, in my mother's boat, The Lady of the Lake. I watched the shoreline in its unspoiled beauty and slowly learned about its history."

Written in Skye's expressive style, the narrative takes the reader on a poetical journey around the lake, introducing the shoreline villages, the grand villas and churches with their ancient artwork and sculpture as well as the simple abodes of the townsfolk. Along the way, we meet the interesting people Sky encountered — from famous opera singers on holiday to everyday workers plying their trades along the lake. As Skye writes, the book documents "the growth of a child into an adolescent and about to set out into the world."

A copy of *On The Lady of the Lake* is on loan to the shul's library.

## Six Students Participate In 'Poetry For Peace' Program



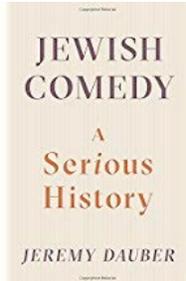
"Poetry is alive and well on the North Fork," said shul member Paula Shengold, who with Joan Prager of Congregation Tifereth Israel and Sylvia Pafenyk of the North Form Reform Synagogue presented the 11th installment of the Poetry For Peace program on Sunday, Nov. 19, to an appreciative audience at the Mattituck/Laurel Library.

North Fork students in grades K-8 were selected by judges L.B. Thompson, Billy Hands, and Gerry Matovcik to read their poems in the program. About 150 poems had been submitted on the theme of peace. The ideas expressed by the winners showed "creativity and originality," the judges said.

Readers were Riley Totten, grade 3, Cutchogue East Elementary School; Keira Klotzer, grade 4, Greenport Elementary School; Cayden Wills, grade 5, Oysterponds Elementary School; Ellie Alloway, grade 8, Southold Junior High School; and the entire Oysterponds kindergarten, represented by two students.

Barbara Sheryl photo

## Jewish Comedy: A Serious History Explored In New Book



In a work of scholarship that is both erudite and funny, Columbia professor Jeremy Dauber traces the origins of Jewish comedy and its development from biblical times to the age of Twitter.

Organizing Jewish humor over continents and centuries into what he calls the seven strands of Jewish comedy — including the satirical, the witty and the vulgar — Dauber traces the ways laughter has mirrored, and sometimes even shaped, the course of Jewish history. Persecution, cultural assimilation, religious revival, diaspora, Zionism — all of these and more were grist for the Jewish comic mill.

Readers will encounter comic masterpieces here that range from Talmudic rabbi jokes to medieval skits, Yiddish satires and Borscht Belt routines to scenes from *Seinfeld* and *Broad City*, the book of Esther to Adam Sandler’s “Hanukkah Song.” Dauber also explores the rise and fall of popular comic archetypes, such as the Jewish mother, the Jewish American Princess, and the schlemiel, the schlimazel, and the schmuck. Classic works of such masters of Jewish comedy as Sholem Aleichem, Isaac Babel, Franz Kafka, the Marx Brothers, Woody Allen, Joan Rivers, Philip Roth, Mel Brooks, Sarah Silverman, Jon Stewart, and Larry David are included.

## Design Team Selected For Holocaust Memorial In London



A team led by David Adjaye, the Ghanaian-British architect behind the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, has won a competition to design a new Holocaust memorial in London. The proposal envisages an elevated memorial site in Victoria Tower Gardens, a park near the Houses of Parliament, and an underground learning center dedicated to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

A rendering of the memorial’s design features 23 bronze “fins” that

jut out of the earth, with the spaces in between representing the 22 countries in which Jewish communities were devastated during the Holocaust.

The competition for the design drew 92 submissions. Mr. Adjaye’s team, which includes the Israeli architect Ron Arad and the landscape architecture company Gustafson Porter & Bowman, was unanimously selected by a jury that included the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan; the chief rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth, Ephraim Mirvis; the president of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York, Alice M. Greenwald; and Holocaust survivors.

The memorial is scheduled to open in 2021, pending approval from building regulators, the *New York Times* reported.

## **Rome's Chief Rabbi Gifts Talmud To Library Of Congress**

Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome, traveled to the United States to present the Library of Congress with the first volume of the first Talmud to be printed in Italy in 500 years.

The Talmud, the book of Jewish law compiled from the 3rd to the 6th centuries, has deep Italian roots. "Italy is where the Talmud was printed for the first time... It is a symbolic event that we wanted to share with the wider public," Di Segni said. The Talmud presented to the library translated from the original Aramaic, is the product of a technology developed by Italian researchers called the Traduco system, which relies on principles of computational linguistics.

Di Segni, who chairs the Babylonian Talmud translation project, told librarians that he expects to produce translations of the Talmud in other languages in addition to Italian. The object is to make the Babylonian Talmud, the most widely read version of the book, accessible to more people.

The project, which was supported by the Italian government and which began work on the 30-volume, Italian language Talmud in 2011, has involved 90 researchers and translators worldwide.

## **Surge In Anti-Semitism Reported In Recent Study**

A new report shows a rise in anti-Semitic incidents across the U.S. in the first nine months of 2017, partly attributable to the Charlottesville, VA, rally in which white nationalists marched through the city shouting, "Jews will not replace us." The report from the Anti-Defamation League shows a 67 percent increase in physical assaults, vandalism and attacks on Jewish institutions over the same period last year.

Specifically, the report cites 1,299 anti-Semitic incidents across the U.S. between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 of this year, up from 779 in the same period in 2016. States with the highest number of incidents tended to be those with the largest Jewish populations — New York, California, Massachusetts, Florida and Pennsylvania.

The report also found a spurt of anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism on college campuses and in grade schools. Incidents in K-12 schools in 2017 more than doubled: 269, up from 130. On college campuses, 118 incidents were reported in the first three quarters of 2017, compared with 74 in the same period in 2016, a 59 percent increase.

## **Are You Hungry? 'My Jewish Learning' Rates NY Jewish Food**

According to "The Nosh" column on the My Jewish Learning website, Jewish restaurants are opening up in hip and trendy places, like the Lower East Side, SoHo, and all over Brooklyn. With so many Jewish food options — bagel shops, knisherries, bakeries and delis galore — how do the hungry decide where to nosh? Some suggestions follow:

### *Matza brei from Barney Greengrass*

This award-winning Upper West Side establishment has been a classic appetizing store since 1908. The restaurant menu has all of your favorite Jewish comfort foods, but the matza brei is the best — served pancake style or scrambled with your choice of preserves or applesauce.

Potato latkes with salmon roe and crème fraiche from Russ & Daughters Café.

A few blocks from the iconic store is the sit-down café, which opened in 2014, and has since been named by none other than the *New York Times* as one of the 10 best restaurants in NYC. The latkes, almost two inches tall, are arguably the best in the city, seasoned perfectly and fried with a satisfying crunch.

*Egg cream from Katz's*

The egg cream, which contains neither eggs nor cream, is made with Fox's U-Bet chocolate syrup, whole milk, and seltzer. It comes in a tall, 20-oz glass, and you might want to ask for two straws.

*Onion and poppy seed bialy from Kosar's Bialys*

Kosar's is one of the longest running businesses on the Lower East Side. Since 1936, they've specialized in bialys. What's a bialy? It's bread brought here by Jews from Bialystok. Vu den?

*Chopped liver from the 2nd Avenue Deli*

The 2nd Ave Deli might no longer be on 2nd Ave, but nothing else about this restaurant has changed since it opened in 1954. The chopped liver is made with a mixture of veal, beef and chicken liver, hard-boiled eggs, and onions. It pairs magically with crispy curls of grribenes.

*Grilled cheese challah from B&H Dairy*

B&H Dairy, established in 1938, is where you'll find the best challah sandwich. This restaurant, with its old-school soda counter vibe, reminds us of when kosher delis and Yiddish theaters lined 2nd Avenue.



*Borscht from Veselka*

Although Veselka isn't a Jewish restaurant, it has been part of the Lower East Side for decades. According to the *New York Times*, in the early 1900s, non-Jewish Ukrainians began immigrating to the Jewish neighborhoods of the East Village and Lower East Side, where they felt at home with "the sounds, smells and tastes of the villages they had left behind." Borscht was definitely among the foods that these two groups had in common. Accompany this deeply flavored borscht, made with homemade stock and

vinegary beets, with Veselka's equally famous dumplings.

*Babka from Breads Bakery*

Breads Bakery is one of the newcomers. The babka is made of countless layers of dough that are spread, rolled, and twisted with a chocolate hazelnut filling.

*Pickled lox from Zabar's Upper West Side*

Sure, you've had your standard nova or lox, but have you tried Zabar's pickled lox? These bite-sized chunks of fish in a creamy, salty brine are a perfect balance of sweet and sour.

*Falafel and fresh pita from Taim*

Get the flavors of Tel Aviv at Taim, a cozy falafel and smoothie shop in the West Village. Try all three flavors of falafel, gluten free and vegan — traditional (parsley, cilantro and mint), harissa (Tunisian spices) and olive (Kalamata olive).

*Matza ball soup from Ben's Best Deli*

This is the standard for matza ball soup, since 1945.



*Smoked meat from Mile End Deli*

Mile End Deli doesn't serve pastrami (Gasp!), but the smoked brisket (or smoked meat) is mighty good.

*New school noshes from Peck's*

Head to Peck's, a picture-perfect deli counter and coffee shop in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn, for all things homemade, small-batch, and Jewish. They make house-cured pastrami, potato and schmaltz pierogis, pates, harissa-spiked shakshuka, and plenty of sweet and savory pastries. (Try the cornbread muffin with an egg baked inside of it.)

*Chopped liver from Sammy's Roumanian Steakhouse*

Romanian-style chicken liver can be found only at

Sammy's, where the atmosphere is chaotic, just like the customers want it. The chopped liver is made right at your table, mixing in grated radishes, gribenes, and chopped onions.

*Hummus from The Hummus Place*

If you want no-frills, this is the place. Order the hummus platter at either location — the West Village or the Upper West Side.

*Knishes from Knish Nosh*

Open since 1952, the Knish Nosh in Rego Park, Queens, is a knish destination worth the trip. Many varieties, including potato, of course, but also kasha, spinach, mushroom, cabbage, sweet potato, carrot, pastrami, etc. etc. etc.

*Shakshuka from Miriam*

The Shakshuka at Miriam's, an Israeli restaurant in Park Slope, Brooklyn is a neighborhood favorite. The bright and flavorful tomato sauce is simmered with warm spices, and the eggs are perfectly poached.

*Bagels from Bagel Hole*

Who makes the best bagels? That's a tough one. All of them taste pretty good when fresh out of the oven. But the Bagel Hole in Park Slope raises the bar. You wouldn't know it from its bodega-like exterior, but they've been making what they call "old-fashioned" bagels since 1986 — small, crusty, and chewy all at once.

*Uzbeki pilaf from Taam Tov*

Uzbeki pilaf, a rice pilaf with carrots spiced with cumin and cardamom originated from the states around Bukhara, Uzbekistan, where Jews have lived since the Babylonian exile. Taam Tov (good taste), located in NYC's diamond district, is accurately named, and is tasty and affordable.

*Gravlax from Shelsky's*

If you love smoked fish, Shelsky's is the place for you. There's no more to say.

## Brooklyn Nets Plan Jewish Heritage Night Dec. 17



Basketball fans are invited to celebrate Jewish Heritage Night at the Barclays Center on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m., when the Brooklyn Nets will face off against the Indiana Pacers. All ticket purchasers will receive a Brooklyn Nets Jewish Heritage Night knit hat.

The Barclays Center is located at 620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn. To order special tickets for the night, call 844-379-0370.

### • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

#### *The Meyerson Family Foundation*



According to an item in *The Jewish Voice*, the Meyerson Family Foundation has made one of the largest donations ever to a Jewish Community Center in the U.S. In the name of the philanthropist Marlene Meyerson, who died earlier this year, the foundation has donated \$20 million to JCC Manhattan on the Upper West Side, and has commissioned Jenny Holzer to create artwork for it. In honor of these gifts, the center on Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street will be renamed the Marlene Meyerson JCC.

Over the next few months, the JCC will ask its members to participate in the creation of the installation by sharing quotes by others or something in their own words that deals with the question: What does community mean? Holzer will choose several of the quotations to be chiseled onto stone plaques and marble benches throughout the building. The artwork will be unveiled at a naming ceremony in the spring.

#### *Rabbi Samuel Hiller*

Rabbi Samuel Hiller was sentenced by Queens Supreme Court Justice Joseph Zayas to one-to-three-years in state prison for stealing \$5 million from a fund for children with disabilities. As part of the plea deal, Hiller will pay \$1 million in restitution and more than \$1 million in forfeiture of seized assets for the crime of first-degree grand larceny. At a later date, Hiller, the former assistant director of Island Child Development Center, also agreed to hand over another \$3 million.

## • OBITUARIES •

### *Ariel Erlij*

Among the victims of the Oct. 31 terror attack on a bicycle path near the World Trade Center in New York were five Argentinian men, one of whom was a Jewish businessman, Ariel Erlij. The men were part of a group of eight friends celebrating the 30th anniversary of their high school graduation from the Polytechnic School of Rosario, Argentina, with a trip to New York City and Boston.

The Yeshiva World website reported that the Misaskim organization, which provides religious Jewish services for the dead and mourners, had been in contact with the New York City Medical Examiners Office to offer its services to ensure Erlij's remains were handled according to Jewish tradition.

### *Irv Refkin*

Irv Refkin, a spy who served the United States and Britain as a saboteur, assassin and courier behind enemy lines in Europe during WWII, died Nov. 2 at his home in San Diego. He was 96.

Dispatched from England, Mr. Refkin was said to have smuggled explosives to the French Resistance in Paris, infiltrated Nazi Germany to kill specific targets integral to the Nazi war machine, and sabotaged train tracks to slow the deployment of German tanks to Normandy before the Allied invasion on D-Day. He also carried out assignments in Italy, the Soviet Union and South Africa. On his clandestine missions inside Germany, he would disguise himself in a Wehrmacht corporal's uniform. "No one has ever noticed a corporal," he explained.

He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Distinguished Service Award from the Office of Strategic Services Society, an association of alumni from the wartime intelligence predecessor to the CIA.

His parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia.

### *Tzipora Jochsberger*

Tzipora Jochsberger left Nazi Germany as a teenager in the late 1930s to study music in Palestine and later immigrated to the United States. She started the Hebrew Arts School for Music and Dance (now the Kaufman Music Center), a school in Manhattan to help Jewish children appreciate their heritage. She served as the school's founding director for 33 years. She died Oct. 29 in Jerusalem, at the age of 96.

"I wanted to use music as a means to strengthen the identity, to get the feeling that it's wonderful to be a Jew, to see the beauty in Judaism through the arts," she said in an oral history for the American Jewish Committee.

### *Karl Katz*

Karl Katz was instrumental in founding/developing various museums around the world, including a number of them focused on Jewish history.

He was the founding curator of the Israel Museum, opened the Metropolitan Museum of Art's vast collection to wider audiences by video, played a key role in finding a home for the International Center of Photography, ran the Jewish Museum in Manhattan, and helped plan the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv and the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, among others.

Mr. Katz died Nov. 8 in Manhattan. He was 88.

## • COMMEMORATIONS •

### **Yahrzeits In December**

- 2: Sanford Firestone; Morris Kaplan; Sylvia Karp  
3: A. Harry Brown; Abram Philip Kaplan; Harry Levin; Charles Millman  
4: Abraham Abba Levine; Helen S. Rose  
7: Miriam Lipman Gluckman; Brigitte Jarvi  
8: Philip Ballen; Henry Kessler; Herbert Michael Krasnow; Bracha Rothman; Robert Rothman  
9: Annie Wandt  
10: Sylvia Brittman; Anne Lengyel  
11: Lt. Earl M. Silverstone; Mollie Kaplan Singer  
12: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren  
13: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein  
14: Alan Alford; Joseph Teperman  
15: David Robert Levinson; Sidney A. Schneider  
21: Goldie S. Friedman  
22: Joseph Adelson; Helen Newman  
24: Chuck Kahn  
26: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine  
27: Michael Lepawski  
28: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger; Dr. Nathaniel Sperling

### **Birthdays in December**

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

### **Anniversaries in December**

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

Attention members: When is your birthday? Your anniversary? *The Shofar* would like to know. If you have not seen your name in these columns in the past year, please forward the information to [sbblazer@hotmail.com](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com) so that the shul family can join your family and friends with good wishes.

## **Spreading Sunshine**

In times of triumph and celebration as well as those of sadness and turmoil, a card to a family member or friend is a welcome expression of sunshine and your love.

Yes, you can purchase a card created by Hallmark. But better still, you can purchase a card from the shul's Sisterhood by calling Thelma Novick at 631-734-6952, who will write a personal message on a card, indicating your feelings and that a donation to the Sisterhood has been made in the recipient's honor. Thelma, who has been in charge of this service for decades — yes, decades — can help you write the perfect message to convey your thoughts. She's had a lot of experience.

Your sunshine card serves double duty: a personal message to the recipient, and a donation to the Sisterhood, whose work supports our shul.

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Jed Clauss  
Victor Friedman  
Arlene Marvin  
Thelma Novick  
Judith Schneider  
Gloria Waxler  
Michael Murphy  
Bill Pittorino  
Jane Sachs  
Jody Levin  
Bruce Bloom  
Daniel Slatkin  
Phil Goldman

## **• MONEY MATTERS •**

### **Donations in October/November**

Ellen Birenbaum, M.D.  
Richard and Francine Walker  
Miriam Gabriel  
Joan Prager  
Drs. Saul and Susan Rosenstreich  
Marian Friedmann  
William Packard  
Richard Walker  
Carol Seigel  
Robert and Irma Strimban  
Sidney and Gloria Waxler  
Philip and Elaine Goldman  
William Packard, MD  
Suzan Lipson  
Ari and Susan Spar  
Roslyn Polonecki  
Alan and Helen Weinstein  
William and Elizabeth Adams

Daniel and Nancy Torchio  
Sheldon and Joyce Pitkin  
Dr. Arthur Levin  
Alan and Rochelle Garmise  
Stephen Brumberg and Carol Ingall  
Michael Ferber  
Stanley Rubin  
Audrey Rothman  
Ann Hurwitz  
Michael and Rachel Murphy  
Albert and Sylvia Safer  
Paul and Pamela Birman  
Arnold and Myra Gans  
Stephen Winters  
Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris  
Ron and Madelyn Rothman  
Elana Sydney and Ellen Jaffe  
Menachem Kastner and Sherry Shaw  
Sidney and Gloria Waxler  
Marsha Lipsitz  
Alice Nadel, MD and Paul Nadel  
Edward and Arlene Fox  
Martin Ehrenreich

### **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

Adrienne Greenberg: President

Susan Rosenstreich: Vice President

Philip Goldman: Treasurer

Joan Prager: Financial Secretary

Miriam Gabriel: Recording Secretary

Elaine Goldman: Corresponding Secretary

Sara Bloom, Sonia Spar and Judith Weiner: Members at Large

Debra Riva: Sisterhood Representative

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD: Men's Club Representative

### The Sisterhood

Debra Riva, President

Nancy Torchio, Vice President  
Eileen Santora: Treasurer  
Jennie Adler, Secretary  
Gloria Waxler, Advisor

The Men's Club

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, President  
Aaron Novick: Vice President  
TBA: Secretary/Treasurer

The Shofar

Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel: Editors

Shul Committees

(With interim chairpersons, pending completion of the committees)

Shul president Adrienne Greenberg encourages all members to volunteer their service on one or more of the shul's standing committees, listed below. If you have not yet signed up, please contact the president so that she can add your name to the committee (s) of your choice. Our synagogue is largely a volunteer organization, and your help makes us strong.  
Contact: [agreenberg825@optonline.net](mailto:agreenberg825@optonline.net) or call 631-477-0813.

Audio-Visual

Phil Goldman, chair  
Adam Spar

Beautification

Debra Riva, chair  
Jesse Reece, Carol Seigel

Building and Grounds

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, chair  
Ron Adler, Miriam Gabriel, Phil Goldman, Jesse Reece, Adam Spar

Bylaws

Aaron Novick, chair  
Alan Garmise, Phil Goldman, Joanna Paulsen, Judith Weiner

Calendar

Elaine Goldman, chair

Cultural Arts

Debra Riva, chair  
Saul Rosenstreich, Sonia Spar, Judith Weiner

E-Communications/Web Site

Sonia Spar, chair

Finance

Phil Goldman, chair  
Alan Garmise, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Joan Prager, Michael Simon, Judith Weiner

Gift Shop

Sara Bloom, chair

Journal Dinner-Dance

Elaine Goldman and Debra Riva, co-chairs

Membership

Phil Goldman, chair  
Sara Bloom, Miriam Gabriel

Nominating

Susan Rosenstreich, chair

Pastoral

Elaine Goldman, chair  
Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Carol Seigel

Plaques

Stanley Rubin, chair  
Jesse Reece

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair  
Bruce Bloom, Sara Bloom, Jeroen Bours, Robin Bours

Ritual

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

Telephone/Sunshine

Thelma Novick, chair

Vegetable Garden

Elaine Goldman, chair  
Eileen Santora

Yahrzeit:

Stanley Rubin, chair,  
Miriam Gabriel

Note: The president is a nonvoting member of all shul committees.