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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, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, 4, 11, 18 and 25: Parasha classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

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

Sunday, Jan. 21: Board/Congregation meetings, with Men's Club presentation

Wednesday, Jan. 31: Tu B'Shevat

Lighting Shabbat Candles in January

Jan. 5: 4:25; Jan. 12: 4:32; Jan. 19: 4:40; Jan. 26: 4:48

Dates to Remember

Sunday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

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

Saturday, Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, Jan. 28: GEM Interfaith Service, Orient Congregational Church, 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 19: Presidents' Day

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Purim/reading of the Book of Esther

Sunday, March 11, 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins

Sunday, March 25: Judaism and Art opening reception, community room, 2-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28: Model Seder for GEM and parishioners, community room, 11 a.m.

Friday, March 30: First Passover Seder, 6:30 p.m.

(Submission deadline for the February 2018 issue of *The Shofar*: January 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Jerusalem”

By its name, Jerusalem is a city of peace (“they shall regard peace”), and for centuries the object of hope for the Jewish people. The yearning to return to Jerusalem was not simply to return home, but to return to God, with Jerusalem acting as the bridge between earth and heaven. The Talmud (Taanit 5a) brings a midrash where God Himself says, “I shall not arrive in the heavenly Jerusalem (Yerushalayim shel Maa’la) until I arrive at the earthly Jerusalem (Yerushalayim shel Mata).”

In essence, Jerusalem is built on two levels: The road to redemption in heavenly Jerusalem goes through its earthly twin. God will not bestow His blessing of peace from heaven until we bestow the blessing of peace on each other here on earth. The Jewish yearning is to bridge the physical and the spiritual Jerusalem, where the angels from Jacob’s Ladder will continue to go up and down, and where it feels as comfortable on earth as in heaven.

Following President Trump’s Jerusalem’s speech, the Conservative Movement worldwide — including 13 of its institutions, the Rabbinical Assembly, United Synagogue, and the Jewish Theological Seminary — issued the following statement:

“Jerusalem is Judaism’s holiest city and the capital of the State of Israel, as the Conservative Movement has long maintained in resolutions and public statements. We are pleased at the President’s initiative, that the United States government will now recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and begin the process of moving the American diplomatic mission from Tel Aviv.

“The status of Jerusalem is a matter to be settled in direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. But in recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and planning to move the American embassy to a location under uncontested Israeli sovereignty, the U.S. government acknowledges the age-old connection that Israel and the Jewish people maintain with the holy city.

“We urge the U.S., Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and the international community to take the bold steps needed to advance a two-state solution and a regional accord between Israel and its neighbors. Now more than ever, Israelis and Palestinians deserve a just and durable peace that protects the security of Israelis and grants to Palestinians an independent state in which to realize their national aspirations.”

I believe our movement’s message summarizes and encapsulates the elements that are needed for us to strive for a peaceful earthly Jerusalem. Whether the President’s announcement was simply stating an existing reality, or meant as a will to “undo” the U.N.’s denial of any clear Jewish connection to Jerusalem in its resolution last year, the fact is that Jerusalem is where we have established our capital and we want that fact to be recognized. U.S. policy on the ground reflects an awareness that Jerusalem is a city subject to dual claims, both of which the United States still respects. And that shouldn’t disqualify the U.S. from being an honest broker between Israelis and Palestinians. I hope that other countries and leaders around the world will stand behind Israel and its right to make Jerusalem its capital.

Furthermore, neutrality is not necessarily the best strategy here. For two states to exist next to each other, the Palestinians should grant that right to Israel, too. U.N. resolutions should be calling on the Palestinians to stop their monetary support for terrorists, and stop teaching hate

of Israel in their textbooks. Recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel does not negate a Palestinian connection to the land. In fact, the Talmud continues to say that the ultimate obstacle to bridging the physical Jerusalem with the heavenly one is idol worshipping. Since all monotheistic faiths fight against idol worship, there should be no problem in having the Jewish sector and the Muslim sector next to each other.

There is divinity even in this political reality and discussion — a sacred and difficult conversation — as in a marriage. In fact, we say it at every Jewish wedding: “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember thee not; if I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy.” That is to say, the relationship between God and the people of Israel is a marriage. There are ups and downs, and we can be away for a long time, but we are still married to each other.

As we enter the month of Tevet, let’s take to mind the lesson of Hanukkah and the candles we just lit for eight nights. At the end of the Haftarah for Shabbat Hanukkah: “Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, said the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6) Eventually, Jerusalem will show us how to be in peace.

Chodesh Tov.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“Twenty-Chai”

As we approach the New Year, it occurred to me that in our lifetime, this is the year of chai — 2000 and 18. The last year of chai occurred exactly 100 years ago, in 1918. Let us make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I am reminded that Jews interpret letters with respect to their collective meaning and also their individual numeric value. The Hebrew

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word “chai,” translated to English, means “life.” “Chai” consists of two letters in the Hebrew alphabet — the chet (ח) and the yud (י). Symbolically, these letters form chai and signify life.

Numerically, the same Hebrew letters add up to 18 — chai — which is

why Jewish charity is often given in multiples of 18. So, as Jews, let us think of entering the year of “life” with renewed spirit — with the power of 20 times chai.

What will this year of chai bring us? Can we find a way to be with each other in the spirit of chai? Will science find ways to make inroads in medicine to extend chai? When we see differences, will we be able to accept the chai that is before us, and not be thoughtlessly dismissive?

These are big challenges. Are we up to them? I would like to believe that we are. In this year of 20-chai, let us find a way to bring healing and unity to the world, to bring peace into our hearts and homes, and to enrich our lives with friendship and neighborliness in the spirit of chai.

With good wishes to all for days of happiness and a year of joyous chai.

—Adrienne Greenberg

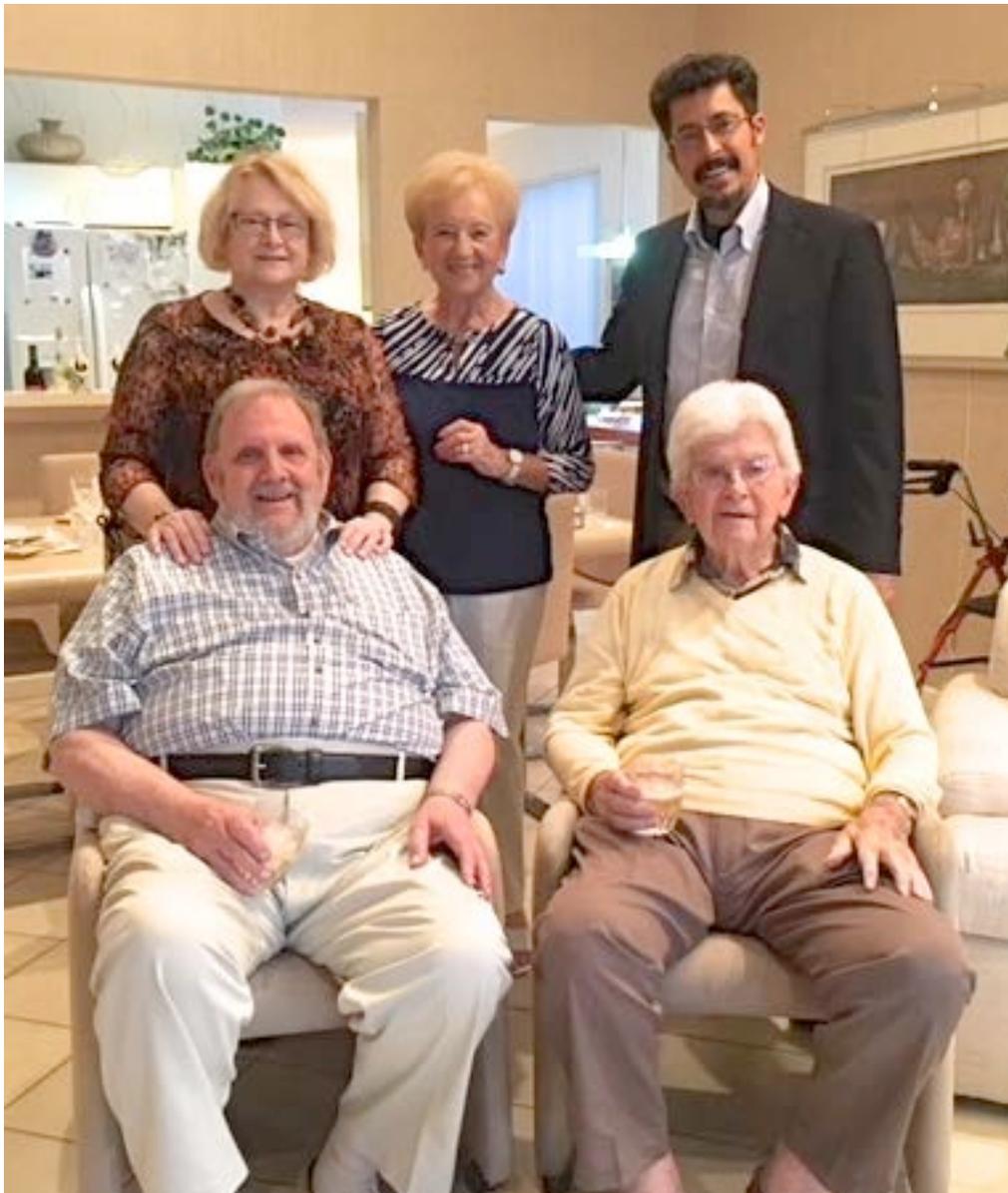
• LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

To the editors:

Carol and I are back from a 12-day trip to Sicily — a wonderful and mind-bending experience. Who knew, for example, that Sicily had a significant Jewish population until the expulsion in 1492 (it had been part of the Spanish Royal Empire at the time). Today, in the former Jewish quarter of Palermo, the street signs are printed in Hebrew and Arabic (the Hebrews and Moors lived side-by-side back then). And in Siracusa, the ancient Greek city on Sicily's eastern coast, we visited a recently-discovered mikveh dating back to the 12th-15th centuries. The island is like a great big layer cake, with remnants of Greek, Roman, Moorish, Norman, Catholic, Jewish and contemporary cultures.

—Stephen Brumberg

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •



How wonderful it was to spend the last Shabbat of November with our eldest elder Dr. Arthur Levin. Arthur is 102 years old. He no longer travels back and forth from Boynton Beach, Florida, to his beloved Greenport. So Greenport came to him. Joining the celebration are Pamela and Paul Birman, and Arthur's friend and neighbor, Franny. It was a delicious post-Thanksgiving Shabbat dinner.

—Rabbi Gadi

And A Joyous Hanukkah Was Had By All...



Hanukkah preparations began at the shul on Sunday, Dec. 10, when shul member Joan Prager led her helpers on a latke-making extravaganza, which resulted in hundreds of those Hanukkah favorites from more than 60 pounds of potatoes. Joining Joan for the peeling, mixing, frying and fun were Micah Kaplan, Larry Kotik, Jesse Reece, Paula Shengold, Nancy Torchio and Diana Whitsit.

The latkes were taste-tested following the lighting of the public menorah in Mitchell Park on Sunday, Dec. 17, when Rabbi Gadi led onlookers in prayers and songs for the occasion.

At the shul, latke fressers loudly proclaimed “best ever.” They disappeared so fast it seemed as though another Hanukkah miracle had taken place.

Many are to be thanked for this year’s festivities, including Mayor George Hubbard Jr. for joining Rabbi Gadi with a holiday message at the Mitchell Park menorah lighting; Micah and Gayle Kaplan, Elaine Goldman and Patty Ciacia for setting up the tables and refreshments in the shul’s community room; Alex Nadel and Sarah Fogarty for providing the music; the shul’s Gift Shop for donating dreidels and chocolate coins; Joan Prager and her latke crew for catering the event, Doug Jacobs of Greenport Village for care of the elegant David Nyce public menorah and the electrical work in connection with the official Mitchell Park menorah lighting; Sy Brittman for crafting the menorah displayed on shul property; and Jesse Reece for putting up the shul’s menorah and connecting it to the timer, which electrified the Hanukkah symbol for four hours beginning at dusk.

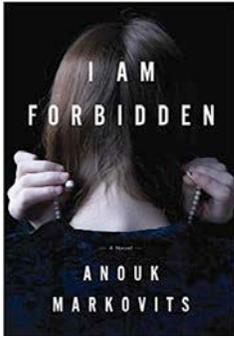
It takes a Village...



Michael Leyton, son of Patricia and Kent Leyton of Southold, lights a tabletop menorah at the Hanukkah party. Micah Kaplan lights the “candle” on the public menorah in Mitchell Park to signify the 6th night of Hanukkah.

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Book Circle's Choice Studies Four Generations Of A Satmar Family



Following a holiday hiatus, the Book Circle group will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m., in the shul's community room, to discuss *I Am Forbidden* by Anouk Markovits.

The writer was raised a Hasidic Jew in France, but at 19 she fled her community to avoid an arranged marriage. She went on to get a master's degree in architecture and a Ph.D. in romance studies. *I Am Forbidden*, her first novel in English, centers on two Hasidic sisters: one who leaves, and one who stays, shunning modernity. In spite of the author's background, she remains largely nonjudgmental about the most difficult-to-grasp practices of the Satmar sect, while showing how even the most fervent believers struggle with the letter-of-the-law faith.

The involved plot, sweeping across four generations, opens in Transylvania, along the Hungarian-Romanian border, just before World War II, and ends in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

The Book Circle, organized and led by Suzi Rosenstreich, explores writing by Jewish authors and Jewish themes.

For more information about joining the group, call the shul at 631-477-0232.

'Judaism And Art' Group To Mount Exhibit On Jewish Themes

The working artist members of the shul's Judaism and Art group will mount an exhibit of their works on Jewish themes in the shul's community room. The exhibit will run from Sunday, March 25, through Sunday, May 20. The artists have been meeting monthly for the past year with Rabbi Gadi to discuss artistic expression related to Judaic concepts.

All shul members, friends and guests are invited to the opening wine and cheese reception on March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Men's Club. Each artist will speak briefly about his or her work and the themes explored.

Seven wall spaces have been designated for hanging art, and two floor spaces will display sculpture. Meryl Seigel and Judy Weiner will organize and oversee the installation. The shul will receive 25 percent of each piece sold during the two-month showing.

Members of the Judaism and Art group are Roberta Garris, Debra Riva, Saul Rosenstreich, Meryl Seigel, June Shatkin, Cookie Slade, Irma Strimban, Robert Strimban, and Judy Weiner.

News From the Dec. 17 Board Meeting

- Rabbi Gadi reported that the EEJCC and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism are reviewing final plans for cemetery plots in a portion of the Calverton National Cemetery that will be designated for Jewish burials. Once the contract is signed, plots will be available for purchase by members of the EEJCC synagogues.
- Rabbi Gadi reported that GEM (Greenport Ecumenical Ministries) would hold an interfaith service at the Orient Congregational Church on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m., and that our shul would host a model Seder for GEM members and interested parishioners on Wednesday, March 28, at 11 a.m.
- Rabbi Gadi hosted a Hanukkah party for the residents of San Simeon on Sunday, Dec. 17.

- Micah Kaplan announced that the Men’s Club would present a program on the history of the Jews on Long Island and in Greenport at the Sunday, Jan. 21 Congregation meeting at 10 a.m. Learn about the journey that led our forebears to Greenport and how our historic shul came to be.
- Following the solicitation of résumés and follow-up interviews, the shul has hired Annette Deerr as an administrative assistant in the shul office for three hours daily. Duties will include data entry, correspondence, and calendar maintenance among other tasks.
- Rabbi Gadi and the shul’s board of directors have mutually agreed to enter into negotiations in connection with extending the rabbi’s contract beyond August 2018, when the current contract expires. Alan Garmise is chair of the committee, which includes Adrienne Greenberg, Suzi Rosenstreich, and Debra Riva.
- Jeroen Bours has donated two mezuzahs and scrolls from Israel, to be installed on two of the shul’s interior doors.

• FYI • FYI • FYI •

Global Observance of The Holocaust Is Saturday, Jan. 27

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed annually on Jan. 27 recognizes the genocide that resulted in the deaths of an estimated six million Jewish people, 200,000 Romani people, 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people, and 9,000 homosexual men by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during WWII.

The date was designated by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 60/7 on Nov. 1, 2005 during the 42nd plenary session. The resolution urges every member nation of the U.N. to honor the memory of Holocaust victims, and encourages the development of educational programs about Holocaust history to help prevent future acts of genocide. It rejects any denial of the Holocaust, and condemns all manifestations of religious intolerance. It also calls for preserving the Holocaust sites that served as Nazi death camps, concentration camps, forced labor camps and prisons.

Hedy Lamarr, Jewish Actress/Tech Wizard, Made Wi-Fi Possible

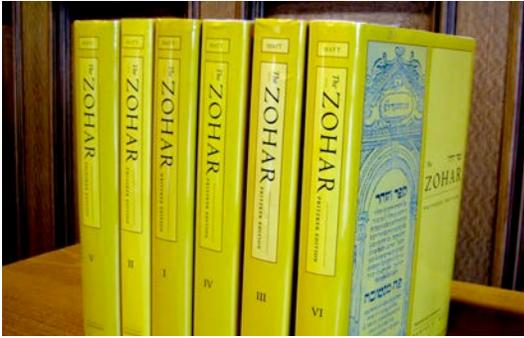


She is the subject of a new documentary, *Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story*, and of biographies by Ruth Barton and Richard Rhodes, who have presented her as a Hollywood sex symbol, but she may have made her greatest contribution in the field of engineering.

Her hobby was inventing, and as war broke out in Europe, she sought to invent something that would help defeat the Nazis. When only 26 years old, she and music composer George Antheil developed plans for a radio-controlled torpedo that by switching from one frequency to another, could elude enemy detection and jamming. The idea for frequency-hopping came in part from Antheil’s attempt to synchronize player pianos; the knowledge of weaponry was Lamarr’s, learned during her marriage to Fritz Mandl, a munitions manufacturer.

The U.S. Navy at first rejected the plan, but later acquired the patents. The plans became the basis for “spread-spectrum” technology that would ultimately lead to Wi-Fi, surveillance drones, satellite communications, GPS, and many cordless phones.

After 20 Years, Translation Of The Zohar Is Finished



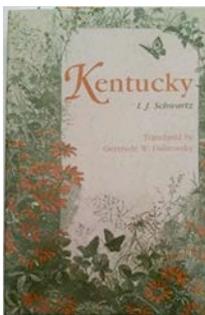
An article in *Moment*, written by Isabelle Monahan, details the background of a translation into English of the original Zohar. After two decades, the 12-volume translation is finished, Monahan reported. The final volume, translated by Berkeley professor Daniel Matt, was released this summer. The Zohar is the foundational work in the literature of Jewish mystical thought known as Kabbalah, which includes commentary on the mystical aspects of the Torah.

The 12-volume translation was set into motion in 1989 when philanthropist Margot Pritzker offered to sponsor a translation from the ancient Aramaic. The English editions available at the time were inadequate, according to Pritzker, who pointed out that they failed to capture the poetry of the text, and avoided its radical passages.

“I fell in love with it,” Daniel Matt said. For his graduate dissertation at Brandeis University, he focused on the first-ever translation of Zohar. He edited the translation, which had been converted from Aramaic to Hebrew in the 14th century by a Kabbalist. That translation had helped him understand the complex text, he said, as he tried to balance a spiritual and academic approach. “I think the value of the Zohar is how it deepens one’s own spiritual life, and it certainly has done that for me. But I think there’s a lot to gain also from learning what was going on historically at the time, what Jewish society was like then, what text the author or authors of the Zohar might have had before them, and how they built on earlier traditions.”

“Professor Matt’s monumental work has made it possible for anyone to study the Zohar in English for the first time,” Isabelle Monahan concluded.

My Old Kentoki Home...



Thanks to an article in *Mosaic*, an online magazine, *The Shofar* learned about an epic poem titled “Kentoki,” the Yiddish translation of “Kentucky.” First published in 1921-22, the poem is largely forgotten today, revived only in translator Gertrude Dubrovsky’s 1990 English rendering of the Y.Y. Shvarts poem, published by the University of Alabama Press. But according to *Mosaic*, this vast lyrical work was once required reading in Jewish schools from Lithuania to Argentina, and was even set to music and performed by Yiddish choirs around the world, thus providing an entire generation of Jews with their first glimpse of America.

Shvarts (aka I.J. Schwartz) was a Yiddish poet, born in a shtetl near Kovno, Lithuania, in 1884. In 1906, he immigrated to America, where he continued his career as a Yiddish poet and translator, producing Yiddish editions of medieval and modern Hebrew poets as well as Shakespeare, Milton and Walt Whitman. But it was his move to Lexington at the age of 33 that inspired his most lasting work. “Kentoki” is a book-length saga covering three generations of Southern Jewish life and the hardships there, including unplanned pregnancies, armed hillbillies, lynchings, and the death of a Jewish peddler by drunken rednecks.

In her review, Dara Horn, believes “Kentoki” reveals the unspoken discomfort that still shapes American Jewish life. The poem’s opening canto references “der fremd,” (in the strangeness) that she says creates “a constant awareness,” even among the native born, that we are still strangers in this land.

Attention Jewish Truck Drivers...



• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Michael Bloomberg and Nir Barkat Honored By The AIFL



The American-Israel Friendship League (AIFL) honored Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City, and Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem, with its Partners for Democracy Award at its Nov. 29 annual awards dinner, held at the Plaza Hotel. The awards recognized the mayors' lifelong careers in public

service and strong commitment to enhancing the friendship between the United States and Israel. Pictured, from left, Ambassador Dan Gillerman, AIFL-Israel chairman; Janice Gillerman; former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Beverly Barkat; Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat; Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York; Kenneth Bialkin, AIFL chairman; and Joel I. Klein, AIFL president.

Photo courtesy of AIFL

• OBITUARIES •

Mary Adelman

Mary Adelman, the proprietor of Osner Business Machines in Manhattan, provided an emergency room for typists and their ailing typewriters long before word processors and computers emerged. She died Nov. 22 in Washington. She was 89.

According to James Barron, writing for *The New York Times*, “the shop was not just about typewriters. It became an Upper West Side fixture in the lives of people desperate to keep the words flowing.” Well-known writers, including Isaac Bashevis Singer, David Mamet, Nora Ephron, Gene Shalit, Philip Roth, Murray Schisgal, and Joseph Heller, were clients. The novelist David Handler was so grateful for Mrs. Adelman’s assistance that he made her a character in a mystery, *The Girl Who Ran Off With Daddy*.

She was born Marie Golinski in Antwerp, Belgium. Her family fled the occupying Nazis in 1941. In 1954, she married Stanley Adelman, who had survived five concentration camps during WWII.

Rabbi Neil Gillman

Rabbi Neil Gillman, a Jewish theologian who gave aspiring rabbis and congregants in the Conservative movement new ways to talk about God, death and the afterlife, and who was an important advocate for the movement’s ordination of women and gays, died on Nov.24 at his home in Manhattan. He was 84.

Rabbi Gillman was a professor of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan for 46 years, and dean of its rabbinical school for 10. He began publishing his writings in the 1980s. His book, *Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew* (1990) won the National Jewish Book Award for Jewish thought. In his book *The Death of Death: Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought* (1997), he chronicled the evolution of Jewish ideas on death and the afterlife.

Vera Katz

Vera Katz, a refugee from Nazi Germany and a former Brooklynite who became a feminist force in Oregon and a three-term mayor of Portland, died Dec. 11 in Southwest Portland. She was 84.

She was the first woman elected speaker of Oregon’s House of Representatives, serving three terms, before serving as mayor from 1993 to 2005.

She was born Vera Pistrak in Dusseldorf to Jewish parents who had fled Russia after the revolution of 1917. In 1933, two months after she was born, with Hitler already installed as Germany’s chancellor, she escaped to Paris with her parents and older sister. When she was 7, after the Nazis invaded France, the family crossed the Pyrenees by foot into Spain and boarded a Greek steamship for the United States. She married an artist, Mel Katz, and moved west with their son, settling in Portland in 1964.

Of her many years in public service, she explained that when she was in the 8th grade, the members of the class were told to write what they wanted to have etched on their tombstones. Vera wrote, “She made a difference.” Her son, Jesse Katz, quoted her as saying, “I didn’t want to be in a grave with a lie written on it.”

Rabbi Aharon Leib Shteinman

Rabbi Aharon Leib Shteinman, a revered figure in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish world, died Dec. 12 in Mayanei Hayeshua Medical Center in Bnei Brak, Israel. He was 104. Reportedly tens of thousands of men and boys crowded the streets for the funeral.

Rabbi Shteinman, esteemed as a great sage, was known for promoting lifelong Torah study by adult men, upholding standards of the yeshivas, and finessing political dealings with the Israeli government. Politically, he was regarded as a moderating force, cautioning against implacable confrontations with the government.

In Bnei Brak, Rabbi Shteinman was made head of a kollel, a yeshiva for adults, named Ponevezh, and served as the chief scholar of another yeshiva. He also published a popular series of pamphlets on faith, ethics and education that were based on lectures he gave at his kollel.

Aliza, Henrietta, Yitzah and Moshe Azan

A Brooklyn mother and three of her children, who had gone to bed after celebrating the sixth night of Hanukkah, died early Monday, Dec. 18, when a fast-moving blaze — likely started by their menorah — swept through their home, fire officials said.

The four family members were trapped in the bedrooms of their Sheepshead Bay house by a roaring inferno as the husband and father of the victims desperately tried to rescue them. Despite his heroics, Yosi Azan, 45, was unable to save his loved ones. He was badly burned and clinging to life Monday.

Two of his other children also suffered critical injuries. Another son and a cousin were taken to the hospital in stable condition. Aliza Azan, 40, and three children, Henrietta, 3, Yitzah, 7, and Moshe, 11, died in the fire.

“Tragedy strikes at this time of year, and this time of year makes it that much sadder,” FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro said. “Four people died here, a mom and three children. The father, who acted very courageously, got two teenagers out safely.”

The Shofar is saddened to report the death of Joan Pollack, a long-time friend of Congregation Tifereth Israel. Many members of long standing will remember Joan and her husband, Dr. Bernard Pollack, and how they often visited our shul and supported our events. Her death occurred on Dec. 21. A graveside funeral was held at Montefiore Cemetery, St. Albans, NY.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In January

- 1: Goldie S. Friedman
- 2: Joseph Adelson; Helen Newman
- 4: Chuck Kahn
- 5: Marlene Ferber
- 6: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine
- 7: Michael Lepawski
- 8: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger, Dr. Nathaniel M. Sperling
- 10: Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panepinto

- 11: Louis S. “Bill” Sachs
 12: Max Katz; Sarah Weiskott
 13: Max Birman
 15: Lillian Silberberg
 16: Arnold Jaffe; Dr. Melvin Shengold
 17: Nathan Forman; Rose Katz Grossman; Julius Levine; Mel Morrell
 18: Monir Lazar; Benjamin Lipman; Ralph J. Michelson and his brothers Morris, Lewis, Conrad,
 Herbert, and Morton
 19: Annie Bush, Rebecca Edelstein; Louis Felder; Anna Neimark
 20: Helen Newman
 21: Clara Nissenfeld
 22: Herbert R. Mandel
 23: Bella Schwartz
 25: Morris Budofsky; Evelyn Rosenbaum
 27: David J. Brown, Gladys Feinberg; Yehuda L. Levinson; Joan Slade
 28: Rebecca Revere
 29: Anna Posner
 30: Dorothy Kaplan

Birthdays in January

- 2: Molly Byrne
 3: Seth Greenseid
 4: Stanley Kaplan
 8: Alan Weinstein
 20: Sara Bloom; Carly Teperman
 22: JoAnn Blumberg
 24: Veronica Kaliski
 27: Peri Sausmer

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 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
Philip Goldman
Robert Strimban

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in November/December

Dr. Alvin Berman and Dr. Ellen Buchbinder-Berman
Dr. Z. Micah Kaplan and Gayle Kaplan
Sy Brittman
Gayer Tax Service
Mark and Ellen Wiederlight
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
Richard and Francine Walker
Hillary Kelbick
Debra Riva
Diana Whitsit
Suzan Lipson
Harriet Abramson
Jeroen and Robin Bours
Arnold and Myra Gans
The Greenporter Hotel & Spa
Michael and Lynn Simon
Lewis Teperman MD and Helaine Teperman
Barry Malin and Gail Kriegel Malin
Rena Wiseman
Aaron and Thelma Novick
Bruce and Sara Bloom
Peter Krasnow
Ronit Avneri

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.

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
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