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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, Feb. 5 and 12: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15: Torah classes, 4 p.m.

(Rabbi away Feb. 18-March 15)

Shul Events

Friday, Feb. 16: Shabbat dinner *following* early Shabbat service at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18: Board meeting, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Book Circle, 4 p.m., location TBA.

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Purim Party, reading of the Book of Esther w/groggers and boos.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in February

Feb. 2: 4:57; Feb. 9: 5:05; Feb. 16: 5:14; Feb. 23: 5:22

Dates to Remember

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

Monday, Feb. 19: Presidents' Day

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

Sunday, March 18: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m. Part 2 "Jews on L.I."

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.

Sunday, April 22, Ira Poliakoff, *The Synagogues of Long Island*, community room, 2 p.m.

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

From The Rabbi...



“Let My People Stay”

It is the time of year that we read about the Ten Plagues and the eventual liberation of the children of Israel from Egypt. Their thrust into the desert was the moment they became a people — a people of immigrants. For the rest of the Torah, they will be roaming the wilderness. So it's not surprising that the Torah is full of mandates to love and care for the immigrant. The Torah calls us in dozens of different ways to love the stranger, as we were all strangers. Many immigrants pay with blood to arrive on safe shores. They make a blood covenant with Lady Liberty and the ideal of freedom, just as the children of Israel had to apply blood on their doorposts in order to leave.

As an immigrant and a son of immigrants, I always felt comfortable in America — the land of immigrants. Beyond the discussion about legal or illegal immigration, we must not forget

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that we are playing with many lives. But for those undocumented, they live in the shadows. Their liberation would not be to leave, but to stay. In America, immigration and its many issues should not be perceived as a hot potato, but rather as its meat and potatoes. While we are debating a comprehensive solution to the immigration system, let's not forget that life doesn't wait. Many families formed, many children were raised, and for many,

this is the only reality they know. Let's deal with this issue as we deal with life itself, starting with the life in the womb.

I often compare the discussion about immigration to that of abortion. Just as many of us wouldn't want to end the life that developed in the womb, we shouldn't want to uproot the life of a family. America may secure its borders but cannot ignore the life that developed in its womb. Deportation, like abortion, sometimes is necessary. According to Jewish law, “life” begins after 40 days in the womb, the time of the first heartbeat. Similarly, in immigration, after a certain point, life develops.

Immigration is a religious act. It is willing to leap forward through a bloody door. The Prophet Ezekiel says: “And when I passed by you, and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you: In your blood, live; I said to you: In your blood, live;” (16:6) According to our rabbis, Ezekiel is referring to the lamb's blood on the doorpost and the blood of the covenant with God who gives life (also circumcision), the blood we are willing to give in order to reach a better existence. Immigrants don't just develop life here, they bring life with them. Accepting the immigrant gives the other side an opportunity to fulfill many mitzvot. Immigrants are our way to be God fearing. Ultimately, they can be the best ambassadors on earth, and also in heaven in front of God.

Blessings,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of longtime shul member William Sausmer, MD. Bill and his wife, Peri, were active in a range of shul programs and activities for many years. You could always count on the Sausmers to attend Friday night services, and Bill was a loyal Shabbat morning attendee as well.

In an emergency, Bill would eagerly step up to lead services, bringing his devotion to Judaism and fine singing voice to the service. He led with skill and grace because he truly appreciated the spirituality of the Shabbat prayers.

About six years ago, when Bill and Peri moved to Plano, Texas, to be closer to their children and grandchildren, it was a loss to our shul, and I felt the personal loss as their friend. Nevertheless, though thousands of miles away, Bill maintained communication with our shul through phone, personal letters and email. He spoke of being happy to be with his family, but he often expressed how much he missed Greenport and his CTI friends.

Bill said that the community in which he lived had no synagogue, so for a time, he voluntarily led services each week for a small group of people to maintain communal Judaism in his life.

The shul family extends deepest condolences to Peri and the Sausmer family. Those who knew Bill will truly mourn the loss of this intelligent, fine and gracious man.

—Adrienne Greenberg

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Come To The Sisterhood's Shabbat Dinner — With A Twist



Challah makers and bakers know the secret wrist twist to braiding a four- or six-strand bread. It takes know-how, and *The Shofar* surely admires those who know how.

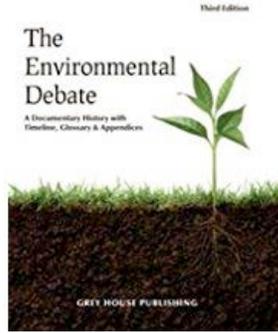
If challah baking is not your glass of tea, surely you can relate to an idea by the shul's Sisterhood president, Debra Riva, who has come up with a twist of her own. The Sisterhood twist has to do with a Shabbat dinner.

Let's start with what we know: The dinner will be offered on Friday, Feb. 16 — a three-course meal, complete with wine. It will be catered by Chef Emily Kessler, so we know it will be delicious. And we know the cost will be \$18 a person.

So what's the twist? The Sisterhood is trying something new. Instead of dinner at 6 p.m., as usual, and an orderly move into the sanctuary before the Shabbat service begins at 7:30, the Sisterhood is reversing the order. The Shabbat service will begin at 6, *followed* by the dinner, where we can relax and socialize without time pressure. A welcome twist, to be sure.

To reserve your place at the table, email Sisterhood president Debra Riva at debrariva@gmail.com, or call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave her a message that you (and your family) will be there.

Gray House Publishing Releases A Shul Member's Book



Gray House Publishing has recently released the third edition of *The Environmental Debate: A Documentary History* by shul member Peninah Neimark. The author told *The Shofar* that her book is "...a collection of extracts from documents ranging from laws, government reports and court cases to the writings of naturalists, economists, politicians and novelists that record the evolution of concern about environmental issues from the Colonial period to the Trump era. The documents, which are arranged chronologically, provide an array of perspectives on issues such as resource development and conservation, population growth, air pollution, land and water use and protection, toxic chemicals, waste disposal, biodiversity and climate change." Each document is introduced by historical and biographical information.

The first edition of the book, published in 1999 by Greenwood Press, was co-edited with Peter Rhoades Mott, then-president of the New York City Audubon Society. The second edition appeared in 2010. Peninah Neimark was an editor specializing in developing books about environmental issues and public policy.

The editions are available online and at the Southold Public Library.

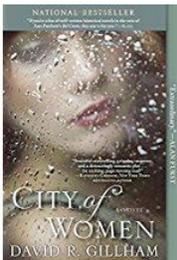
Solo Art Exhibit By Shul Member Saul Rosenstreich Opens At Cutchogue Library; Receptions Jan. 13 And Feb. 16



Shul members and friends attended the Jan. 13 viewing and reception of Saul Rosenstreich's solo exhibit, "Confessions of a Perpetual Art Student," at the Cutchogue Library. On Friday, Feb. 16, a panel discussion, "Decoding Artspeak: Talking About Art in Plain English," moderated by John McLane, at 6

p.m. will precede a second reception at 7:30. Reservations are required for the Feb. 16 events. "A solo exhibit is a wonderful way to show and have a conversation about a body of your work," the artist said. The exhibit will be on view during regular library hours through Feb. 28 —Judith Weiner photos

Book Circle To Explore Crisis Of The Heart In 1943 Berlin



The Book Circle will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m., to discuss David Gillham's novel, *City of Women*, a *New York Times* bestseller and one of *Kirkus Reviews*' "Best books of the Year." It is 1943, at the height of WWII. With the men away at the front, Berlin has become a city of women.

On the surface, Sigrid Schröder is the model German soldier's wife: She goes to work every day, does as much with her rations as she can, and dutifully cares for her meddling mother-in-law, all the while ignoring the horrific immoralities of the regime. But behind this façade is an entirely different Sigrid, a woman of passion who dreams of her former Jewish lover, now lost in the chaos of war. But Sigrid is not the only one with secrets. She soon finds herself caught between what is right and what is wrong, and what falls somewhere in the shadows between the two.

The Book Circle explores the works of Jewish writers and Jewish themes. For more information about joining the group and the upcoming meeting, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Suzi Rosenstreich.

'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 each 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, and Judy Weiner. The late Robert Strimban had been planning to participate in the event.

News From The Jan. 21 Board and Congregation Meetings

- Rabbi Gadi reported that Phase I of the data entry for the shul's database has been completed. All information at hand has been check for accuracy and uploaded to the database. Phase II (following up with those who have not yet responded to requests for information, and finalizing the *yahrzeit* list) will begin immediately.
- The contract with Calverton Cemetery is in the final stages of review.
- Former shul member Dr. Dan Slatkin has donated a number of Israeli coins to the shul for display and/or sale.
- Carol Seigel represented the shul at the funeral of long-time member Dr. William Sausmer.
- The Sisterhood is planning a Shabbat dinner on Friday, Feb. 16, to be catered by Chef Emily Kessler. In a reversal of usual procedure, the Shabbat service will be held earlier than the usual

time of 7:30 p.m., followed by the dinner. More information will be available as the date nears. In other Sisterhood news, volunteers are needed for Shabbat onegs and lunches.

- The shul's annual Purim party, with the reading of the Book of Esther, will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at an early start time to accommodate children. More information will be posted as the date nears.
- The position of office assistant is still unfilled. Résumés from the online service Indeed are being reviewed.
- Sonia Spar and Judy Weiner are investigating updates to the shul's technological equipment.
- On Sunday, April 22, our shul, the North Fork Reform Synagogue and Temple Israel of Riverhead, will co-host Ira Poliakoff, author of *The Synagogues of Long Island*, a new book that includes Congregation Tifereth Israel among the nearly 300 synagogues that exist or have existed in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The talk will take place in our community room at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered.
- The Ritual Committee has begun searching for a High Holidays cantor.
- Dr. Micah Kaplan presented the first of a two-part exploration of the migration of Jews on Long Island. Part 2 will be presented at the March Congregation meeting.

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Coming In July, 'Fiddler On The Roof' In Yiddish



"Fiddler on the Roof," the beloved musical that debuted on Broadway in 1964, will have a Yiddish-language adaptation produced by the National Yiddish Theater Folksbiene, the theater company has announced. Sheldon Harnick, who wrote the lyrics to the show and has won four Tony Awards, will be a consultant for the production, and was named to the company's newly formed artistic council. Broadway director Jerry Zaks will also be an adviser for the revival, which will be performed at the Museum of

Jewish Heritage beginning in July.

The original "Fiddler" starred Zero Mostel. It ran on Broadway for eight years, won nine Tony Awards, including best musical, and became the first musical to hit the 3,000 show mark.

Ancient Clay Seal Found Under Western Wall Plaza In Jerusalem



A stamped piece of clay from the First Temple Period, inscribed in ancient Hebrew script, was unearthed in excavations by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) in cooperation with the Western Wall Heritage Foundation at the Western Wall Plaza in Jerusalem.

The seal measures 13x15 mm and is 2-3 mm thick. The inscription reads, "Belonging to the governor of the city." According to the lead

excavator, Dr. Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah, “the Bible mentions two governors of Jerusalem, and this finding thus reveals that such a position was actually held by someone in the city some 2700 years ago.”

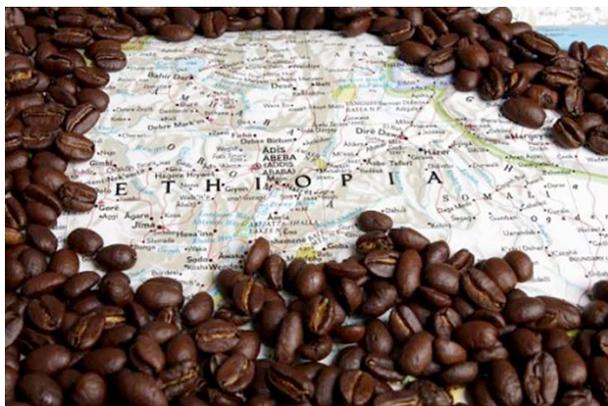
ADL Reports Continued Surge In Anti-Semitic Incidents

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has reported a 67% increase in anti-Semitic incidents across the United States in the first nine months of 2017, compared with the same time period in 2016. The nine-month total of 1,299 incidents exceeds the 1,266 reported in all of 2016. Incidents included physical assaults, vandalism and attacks on Jewish institutions, with a distinct increase after Aug. 11, the date of the white supremacist “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, VA, which featured shocking and violent expressions of anti-Semitism and racism, including the display of swastika flags, chants of “Jews will not replace us,” and other overt anti-Semitic acts.

The incidents reported include a high number of anti-Semitic bullying and vandalism in K-12 schools and on college campuses across the U.S. Incidents recorded are 162 bomb threats, 584 incidents of vandalism against Jewish institutions, and 12 physical assaults.

Ran Yaakobi, head of the Department for Combating Anti-Semitism announced that a conference will be held in Jerusalem this spring, with about 1,000 people involved in the fight against anti-Semitism participating. The American delegation is expected to include Republican and Democratic members of Congress and the mayor of Charlottesville.

Jews, Coffee, And The Maxwell House Haggadah



Coffee originated more than a thousand years ago in Africa. For centuries, Ethiopians chewed coffee leaves and berries and also brewed coffee from the roasted beans. According to Ethiopian lore, the stimulant power of coffee was discovered by people who observed wild goats eating the leaves of coffee trees and then prancing about with renewed energy from the caffeine.

The Jewish population of Ethiopia embraced the national drink, and the “buna” Ethiopian coffee tradition that arose: with great ceremony, the woman of the household would light incense, brew strong coffee, then pass out the fragrant cups to family and friends, accompanied by peanuts or cooked barley. In recent years, as Ethiopian Jews have relocated to Israel, Ethiopian-style coffee has found new fans in the Jewish state.

Historian Elliott Horowitz has documented that devout Jews appreciated the stimulating quality of the caffeine in the new drink, allowing scholars to stay up at night to study Torah.

Coffee houses were first seen in Constantinople in the 16th century. By the mid-1500s, the city boasted many such establishments, and coffee houses soon spread to other Middle Eastern cities, including Cairo, Damascus and Mecca. Jews, Christians, and Muslim men all imbibed, though there were differences in their coffee styles. According to food historian Gil Marks, Middle Eastern Jews typically added sugar to their coffees, while Arabs preferred coffee

unsweetened.

Smuggled coffee beans

Coffee became a highly prized treasure for the Ottomans. They would ship coffee from Yemen to Suez, then transport it by camel to Alexandria. From there, French and Venetian traders supplied the Middle East and Europe; many of these traders, particularly those from Venice, were Jewish. So profitable was coffee as a commodity that the Ottomans forbade anyone from exporting coffee trees or viable seeds. The only coffee seeds they allowed out of Yemen had to be partially cooked, preventing them from being grown elsewhere.

In 1616, an intrepid Dutch explorer managed to smuggle a whole coffee tree out of Aden and transport it to Holland. Soon, coffee was being grown in a number of Dutch colonies,

including Ceylon, Java, Sumatra, Timor and Bali. For years, the Netherlands controlled the international coffee market. Jewish merchants, who were already familiar with the coffee trade, began to sell coffee directly to the public in coffee houses — a new invention by Jews in Europe.

The 20th-century Yiddish writer Hersh Dovid Nomberg claimed that the tobacco-laden air of the café was ideal for his tuberculosis, because “not a single germ could possibly survive in it.”

In 1632, a Jewish merchant opened the first coffee house in Europe in Livorno, Italy. England’s first coffee house was the Angel Inn in Oxford, opened in 1650 by an immigrant from Lebanon, known as “Jacob the Jew.” Four years later, a Jew named Cirques Jobson opened the Queen’s Lane Coffee House, the oldest coffee house still in operation in the world. In the 1800s, Jews, along with Armenian, Turkish and Greek traders, set up coffee houses in the central European cities of Vienna, Berlin, Prague, Warsaw and Budapest. Many of the patrons were Jews, and the continent’s Jewish intelligentsia became identified with European “café culture.” The 20th-century Yiddish writer Hersh Dovid Nomberg claimed that the tobacco-laden air of the café was ideal for his tuberculosis, because “not a single germ could possibly survive in it.”

The all-American drink: kosher for Passover



The early American colonists drank tea like their English counterparts, but following the Boston Tea Party in 1773, politics intervened, and coffee was embraced as the patriotic American drink. Coffee houses flourished in American cities, and Jewish coffee merchants helped fuel the demand for coffee throughout the century and beyond. Today, some of America’s most recognizable coffee and café brands, including Chock Full O Nuts and Starbucks, were founded by Jews.

In 1923, Maxwell House hired the head of one of New York’s first Jewish advertising agencies, Joseph Jacobs, to help publicize that coffee was acceptable on Passover. Mr. Jacobs consulted with an Orthodox rabbi, then helped his client create what is arguably the most enduring advertising campaign in history: Maxwell House began printing and distributing Passover Haggadahs, free with a purchase of kosher-for-Passover Maxwell House coffee. Today, more than 80 years since the first Maxwell House Haggadah, the company has given away more than 50 million Haggadahs.

—Excerpted from an Aish.com article by Yvette Alt Miller

Ultra-Orthodox Jews Enlist In The Israeli Army



Moshe Lifshitz says he always felt motivated to serve in the Israeli army even though, as an ultra-Orthodox Jew, he was entitled to a military exemption.

Lifshitz is one of a growing number of ultra-Orthodox — also known as haredi — men who have defied expectations and enlisted in the Israel Defense Forces. They join despite often intense pressure from other haredim to study sacred texts full time and avoid the military. The battalion created for these haredim was founded with 30 soldiers in 1999. Today, roughly 2,100 serve in the battalion, and about 6,000

haredim overall serve, according to the IDF. The increase is part of a larger trend toward integration into Israeli society among the insular ultra-Orthodox, who comprise 12 percent of the Israeli population.

Haredi units in the IDF allow ultra-Orthodox men to maintain their strict religious lifestyle. Unlike regular IDF units, the Netzah Yehuda Battalion scheduled time for soldiers to pray three times a day and, field conditions permitting, to study Jewish texts daily. Their kosher food supervision is stricter than the supervision on a regular army base.

During their third year of military service, most of the haredi battalion's soldiers, who typically join between the ages of 18 and 20, take up secular subjects, such as math and English — subjects barely taught in most haredi boys' schools. Without a command of these subjects, haredi men who leave the yeshiva cannot pass university matriculation exams and have limited job prospects. In a separate program, these men can learn skills, such as computer programming and engineering before being assigned to IDF intelligence and technology units. These jobs prepare them for careers once they become civilians.

The goal of these programs is “to help haredi men integrate” into secular mainstream Israeli society, but “not to assimilate,” according to Gilad Malach, director of the Ultra-Orthodox in Israel program at the Israel Democracy Institute. “It is to help them support their families, not to become less religious.”

After leaving the IDF, Moshe Lifshitz attended a university, earned a master's degree, and works in a navigation startup company. Now a husband and a father to three children, Lifshitz said he would be proud to see his sons in a uniform someday.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Gal Gadot



Israeli actress and model Gal Gadot, primarily known for portraying Wonder Woman in the filmed versions, spoke out at the Jan. 11 Critics' Choice Awards in Santa Monica to praise the recent events in Hollywood that focus on respect for women. Gadot was honored with the #SeeHer” prize for “pushing boundaries” and “changing stereotypes.”

“In the past weeks and months, we’ve been witnessing a movement in our industry and society, and I want to share this award with all the women and men who stand for what’s right,” she said. “My promise and commitment to all of you is that I will never be silenced, and we will continue to band together to make strides, uniting for equality.

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership in mourning the deaths of two men closely associated with our shul. Dr. William Sausmer, a long-time member and active participant in synagogue life, died recently in Plano, Texas. Funeral services were held Jan. 19 in Dix Hills, NY, followed by burial at Beth Moses Cemetery in Farmingdale. We extend our deepest condolences to Bill’s wife, Peri, and their children and grandchildren.

The artist Robert Strimban, 94, died Dec. 29, following a stroke. Bob Strimban was introduced to our shul through his participation in the Judaism and Art Program. He had been planning to exhibit in the program’s art show on Jewish themes, to be mounted in the shul’s community room and opened to members and friends in March. He was buried at Calverton National Cemetery.

Yehoshua Hershkowitz

More than 40 years ago, Yehoshua Hershkowitz founded a kosher meals-on-wheels program that has been imitated by Jewish groups around the world. He died Jan. 1 in Brooklyn, at age 92.

Made aware that a neighbor was struggling to put food on the table, and reasoning that there must be others like him, Mr. Hershkowitz, a postal clerk, founded Tomche Shabbos (Supporters of the Sabbath) in the kitchen of his home in Borough Park, Brooklyn. He and friends began gathering the ingredients of a traditional Sabbath meal and dropping off packages of food by station wagon at the homes of those they heard were wanting.

From this improvised start, Mr. Hershkowitz built an organization that every week distributes meals to 600 families in the Borough Park area. The concept and name were rapidly imitated. Today there are unaffiliated Tomche Shabbos organizations that distribute meals to the needy in Los Angeles, Toronto, Washington, Phoenix, Miami, Antwerp, London and other world cities, as well as dozens in Israel.

Marshall Loeb

Marshall Loeb, an editor, commentator, columnist and author who helped create modern business journalism, died in Manhattan on Dec. 9 at age 88.

Marshall Loeb spent 38 years working for Time Inc., which included serving as managing editor of *Fortune* magazine from 1986 to 1994 and *Money* magazine from 1980 to 1984. From 1956 to 1980, he was writer, business editor, nation editor, economics editor and columnist for *Time* magazine. He won every major award in business journalism, and his reporting took him to more than 70 countries.

Mr. Loeb expanded his reach through radio, television, and books. He also served as a member of the board of overseers of New York University’s Stern School of Business; as fellow of the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland; a member of the International Advisory

Council of the British-American Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; chairman of the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship Board of Advisors; and a former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Overseas Press Club.

Aharon Appelfeld

Aharon Appelfeld, one of Israel's most prolific and talented writers, who brought forth a rich library of Holocaust fiction, memoirs and essays in 47 books, died Jan. 4. He was 85.

Appelfeld received the 1983 Israel Prize for literature and the 1989 National Jewish Book Award for fiction. In 1997, he was appointed a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Appelfeld wrote his fiction in Hebrew, a language he learned after age 13 when in 1946 he arrived in pre-state Israel, following harrowing escapes and painful experiences in Ukraine, Russia and Europe during and after the Holocaust. Much of his fiction was based on his own life, transforming memory into fiction, as he told *The Independent* in a 2012 interview.

His jottings, including those on napkins and scraps of paper, as well as his notes, books and manuscripts, are in the archives of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

• **COMMEMORATIONS** •

Yahrzeits In February

2: Oscar Goldin; Donna Nadel; The Rev. David Orliansky

3: Adele Blanche Lustig; Samuel Joseph Pelovitz

4: Abraham Slotkin

6: Sophia P. Ballen; Samuel Neimark

7: Bessie Goldin

8: Kate Kalter; Nettie Rosenstein

10: Gertrude Ogur Moskowitz; Bernard Solomon

11: Lore Seligson

12: Phil Rosenstein; Harris Wilitzkin

13: Sophie Berson; Ida Kaplan; Michael Payne

14: Jerome Lipman; Leah Gertrude Sachs

15: Edward Prager

16: Sylvia J. Goldin; Maury Harris; Gertrude L. Poulson

17: Sara Slotkin

18: Herman Keller; Arthur Meyer

19: Celia Feigen; Nathan Goldin; Nora Levin

21: Jennie Kessler

23: Anna Levine; Irma Rybka

24: Philip Cohen; Emanuel Garmise; Michael Adam Rosenbaum; Kurt Seligson

25: Ruth Berman Cohen; Max Kremsky; Leo Schneider; Lottie Sherman Schultz

26: Mollie Kaplan; Joseph Bruce Ross

27: Norman Blaustein; Annie Goldin

Birthdays in February

1: Arthur Levin
7: H. Lee Blumberg
11: Justin Solomon
18: Allison Nathel
24: Georgia Downey
27: Stanley Rubin; David Weinstein

Anniversaries in February

19: Philip and Elaine Goldman

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

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in December/January

Ellen Kate Jaffe Charitable Fund
H. Lee and JoAnn Blumberg
David Judlowitz
Howard and Esther Kalman
Susannah Leete
Michael and Lynn Simon
Adrienne Greenberg
Eugene and Rosalyn Kassan
Richard Smith
Paul and Pamela Birman
Judith Weiner
Carol Seigel
Elizabeth Holtzman
Drs. Saul and Susan Rosenstreich
Bruce and Sara Bloom
Philip and Elaine Goldman
Harry and Ana Katz
Daniel and Nancy Torchio
Ann Hurwitz
Dr. Z. Micah Kaplan and Gayle Kaplan
Mitchell and Jennifer Berg
Lawrence Kotik
Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris

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

Event	Members	Nonmembers
Wedding, Bat/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming*	\$450	\$900
Sanctuary Only	No charge	\$300
Community Room Only	\$25 per hour	\$50 per hour
Community Room, Kitchen and Park	\$300	\$600
Rabbi's classes	No charge	No charge
Commemoratives	Members	Nonmembers
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate	\$200	\$250**
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	No charge	No charge

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

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

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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