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May is Jewish American Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who have helped form the fabric of American history, culture and society.

• 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, May 7, 14, 21 and 28: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31: Torah classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Friday, April 27: Rabbi Goldstein at Shabbat services; Art Talk following

Wednesday, May 9: Book Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 11: Shabbat dinner, hosted by the Sisterhood

Sunday, May 20: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m., slate of officers presented

Lighting Shabbat Candles in May

May 4: 7:37; May 11: 7:44; May 18: 7:51; May 25: 7:57

Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 13: Mothers' Day

Saturday, May 19 at sundown: Shavuot

Thursday, July 26, Catch A Star Luncheon, Porto Bello, noon

(Submission deadline for the June 2018 issue of *The Shofar*: May 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Invigorated Israel”

“The days of our years is seventy years, and when in vigor, eighty years; most of them are but travail and vanity. They pass by speedily, and we are gone.” Psalm 90:10 is a song marked equally by fear and trust, of terrible death and tender friendliness. Commentators have noted that the reference to “seventy years” is usually associated with a national fall and rise — tragedy and hope.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the seventy years in the Babylonian exile and the hope that follows: “And this whole land shall be a desolation, and a waste; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says the Lord, for their iniquity... ” (25:11-12)

The prophet Zechariah captures the same notion of rebuke and then hope: “Then the angel of the Lord spoke and said: 'O Lord of hosts, how long will You not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You have had indignation these seventy years?' And the Lord answered the angel that spoke with me with good words, even comforting words.” (1:12-13)

While the number seven always takes us back to the days of creation, it also symbolizes completion. The word seven in Hebrew—sheva—also means an oath, one we make to each other. An oath of the physical world created by seven days. But the covenant with God, always comes on the eighth day. A baby has not entered the covenant of his life until the eighth day — a spiritual inauguration following the physical existence. Likewise, as we read in parashat Shemini, the Tent of Meeting, the sanctuary created as a meeting place for the people and the glory of God was inaugurated on the eighth day when Aaron, the High Priest, lit the candles.

So now Israel is 70. Most of its years were indeed difficult, with many battles. We lament at the community's historical experience, but as we continue to sing Psalm 90, we conclude with a powerful plea of hope: “Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands. (vv. 13-17).

The hope — “Hatikva” — is Israel’s national anthem. And as Rabbi Akiva teaches us in the Talmud, the hope for Israel is for all of us to come together, like waters gather together to a mikveh — to God. The gathering makes Israel more diverse. This year, for Israel's 70th, 12,000 Israelis came together to sing “Al Kol Eleh,” (Over All These), written by the late Naomi Shemer to say: There is so much to celebrate in Israel — the bitter and the sweet, the honey and the sting. Keep them all for us, God. With all of its problems, Israel is still a place where we feel safe to be who we are, peaceful and secure, with hopes for good relationships with our neighbors for whom this is also a home. One of my colleagues shared his impression of Israel as “a broken place that continues to be deeply important for Jews, Christians, and Muslims, and we need to find better ways to share it, and to honor the multiple narratives that demand our attention. “History doesn’t matter if we don’t learn its lessons. The deep roots in the land are its social justice. Why be strong if you can't defend the weak? Why be rich if you can't give to the poor?

As Israel enters its eighth decade, there is much to celebrate, and may it be in vigor, as there still so much more to do. Happy 70th birthday Israel!

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



As I write this message for the May Shofar, it's April 22 — Earth Day. It reminds me that it's time to start thinking about planting here at the shul.

For the last two years, a number of shul members who love to garden have planted a variety of vegetables and herbs in our beautiful Andrew Levin Park. Some of our crops have been especially memorable. Two years ago, we grew zucchini that were more than a foot long. Eileen Santora, one of our gardeners and a terrific cook, brought a few home, stuffed and baked them. Our garden had so many zucchini that we shared our crop with anyone who came to meetings or visited the shul. Last year, in addition to other veggies, we had a variety of luscious tomatoes and parsley that we used in our Kiddush salads.

As all gardeners know, there are many parts of the gardening process that bring joy. Decisions have to be made regarding what to grow, the number of plants needed, and where to locate them. Having never grown tomatoes, I *kvelled* as the tomatoes kept multiplying. Soon they became a tangled mass of plump red spheres, many of which were laying all over the ground. I soon understood why experienced gardeners stake their tomatoes early. This whole process became a rich, and shared, learning experience.

We have had a number of volunteer gardeners. The division of labor included hole diggers, waterers, and plant shoppers. We all helped to decide where everything should be located. Others came just to enjoy the park, and to have a day out with nature. It was great fun, and we shared a sense of pride in taking on this project. And finally, we found the “fruits of our labor” simply delicious.

We are finally experiencing a taste of spring weather, so lets celebrate this season that restores our spirit and once again reminds us of the glorious bounty of Mother Earth. If you'd like to participate in planting our garden this year, please contact me at the shul at 631-477-0232.

—Adrienne Greenberg

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Special Guest At Shabbat Services This Weekend

Our shul is honored to have Rabbi Mikie Goldstein with us this weekend. Rav Mikie, as he is known, will speak during the Shabbat service this Friday, April 27, and will participate in the discussion following the Saturday service on April 28.

Rav Mikie will focus his remarks on the growth of Masorti (the Conservative movement) in Israel. Other topics will include Kotel (the Western Wall), marriage and divorce, and government funding.

The rabbi is currently the Israel region president of the Rabbinical Assembly. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and was, for many years, rabbi at Adat Shalom-Emanuel, the Masorti congregation in Rehovot, Israel.

Before turning to the rabbinate, Rav Mikie was active in the Masorti movement's development department, and volunteered at various organizations, including the Israel AIDS Task Force, the LGBT Center in Tel Aviv, and the Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance, where he was board chairman from 2008 to 2010. During his studies in New York, Rabbi Goldstein interned at Town & Village Synagogue and Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the world's largest LGBTQ synagogue.

Judaism And Art Group Mounts Exhibit On Jewish Themes



Opening day of the Judaism and Art group's "Who Art Thou?" multi-medium exhibit brought scores of visitors to the shul's community room. Eight artists shared the results of their connection to Judaism. The art will be on display through May 20. See more Andrea Braga photos on the shul's Facebook page.



Artists To Explore Jewish Themes Represented In Gallery Show

The "Who Art Thou" gallery show generated such interest among viewers that the group has agreed to participate in an informal, interactive panel discussion about the themes the artists explored. The discussion will take place immediately following Shabbat services on Friday, April 27. Artists participating are Roberta Garris, Saul Rosenstreich, Meryl Spiegel, Irma Strimban, and Judith Kaufman Weiner, with commentary by Rabbi Gadi. Saul Rosenstreich will moderate. Audience participation is encouraged.

Jewish and Talmudic themes will include creation, heavenly events of light and darkness, the stages of death, and the concept of angels, among others. The artists are members of the shul's Judaism and Art group. A lively exchange between artists and audience is anticipated.

For enlightened participation, plan to view the gallery show prior to the discussion. The show is open to the public on weekends, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Shul Hosts Two Seders For Members, Friends and Families



Chefs Emily and Nico make final preparations for the shul's Seders March 30 and 31, both led by Rabbi Gadi in the handsomely appointed community room.
Debra Riva photos



Save the date: Thursday, July 26, the Catch A Star luncheon will present “Words and Music” with Joe McKay and Corky Maul, at the Porto Bello restaurant in Greenport, at noon. Don’t miss the 23rd year of showcasing the creativity of artists living and working on the North Fork. Tickets at \$40 can be reserved by contacting event chair Paula Shengold at op31@optonline.net

Sisterhood Plans Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 11



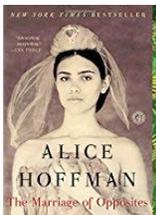
The shul's Sisterhood group is planning the next Shabbat dinner for Friday, May 11. Chef Emily will prepare a three-course chicken dinner, including wine, for \$25 a person. To reserve, call Debra Riva at 631-456-5903 or email debrariva@gmail.com by May 4.

On May 14, 1948, David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel. May 14, 2018 is the 70th anniversary.

The Shabbat dinner on May 11 is “an opportunity for us to celebrate this historic event together,” Debra Riva said. Rabbi Gadi, originally from Israel, will talk about the

anniversary and its special meaning for him. Diners can share their feelings regarding the historic event.

Book Circle Announces New Selection, New Dates, New Time



Members of the Book Circle, the shul's monthly book discussion group, have announced the selection for the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 2 p.m., at the synagogue. Subsequent meetings will be held at the new time, on the second Wednesday of each month.

The selection for May is *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman.

This story of forbidden love raises several ethnic themes, Book Circle coordinator Susan Rosenstreich told *The Shofar*: European Jews in the 19th century, Jews in Colonial history, the place of art in Judaism, and the presumed status of women in Jewish life. “And who knows what else,” she added conspiratorially.

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

More Jewish reading



Readers interested in more readings on Jewish themes might consider two suggestions from Sam Roberts whose *Bookshelf* column appears periodically in *The New York Times*. His April 8 column highlighted two books of interest: *Jewish New York: The Remarkable Story of a City and a People*, and *A Literary Journey to Jewish Identity: Re-Reading Bellow, Roth, Malamud, Ozick and Other Great Jewish Writers*.

Jewish New York, by Deborah Dash Moore, Jeffrey S. Gurock, Annie Polland,

Howard B. Rock, and Daniel Soyer, starts with the arrival of 23 Jewish refugees from Recife, Brazil, in 1654, and then chronicles the growth of Jewish influence on the city through the 21st century.

A Literary Journey, by Stephen B. Shepard, the founding dean of the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism, explores the mid-20th-century Jewish experience by inviting readers to join him on his personal intellectual odyssey to understand how what he read shaped who he is.

[Photo: Orchard Street in the 1920s, capital of the Jewish Lower East Side. Bettman/Getty Images]

Book Talk About The Synagogues Of Long Island



Ira Poliakoff, author of *The Synagogues of Long Island*, entertained a rapt audience of shul members and guests on Sunday, April 22, with stories of Long Island's early Jewish settlers and their desire for spiritual homes. The author's personal history in the area was particularly compelling for listeners. Refreshments were provided by shul member Robin Bours and the shul's Sisterhood. Andrea Braga photo

News From The April 15 Board Meeting

- Rabbi Gadi and the Ritual Committee announced that the High Holidays cantor search will continue. The cantor originally selected by the group declined the offer.
- Rabbi Gadi suggested that the Thursday afternoon Torah class could be opened to members of the two other North Fork synagogues and to the public. Rabbi Gadi said he could engage a co-leader for some of the topics to be discussed. Micah Kaplan said the Men's Club would provide refreshments. Publicity is planned to attract a wide audience.

- Shul president Adrienne Greenberg reported that Debra Riva had stepped down as president of the Sisterhood, likewise Jenny Adler, who had been serving as secretary. Sisterhood vice president Nancy Torchio declined the offer to lead the group as president. Eileen Santora will continue as treasurer, with Gloria Waxler as an advisor to the group. While the leadership issue is yet to be resolved, the group will continue to function. The next event is the Shabbat dinner on Friday, May 11. More information will be provided as the date nears. In her message to the board, Debra Riva wrote, “Although I have enjoyed serving our shul community in this capacity as president of the Sisterhood, it has become evident to me that it is requiring time that I wish to spend on other personal pursuits.”
- The board approved a recommendation to hire a teacher for young people. With a children’s program in place, the shul will be able to attract young families and grow the membership.
- The board will recommend that the Bylaws Committee consider electronic means for attendance at meetings and when voting is called for.

Schedule For Nominating And Voting On New Officers For 2018-19

Shul members are encouraged to attend the next two Congregation meetings, at which time the officers for 2018-19 will be named. Members are encouraged to participate in this process for the continued health and vibrancy of our shul.

- Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m.: The nominating committee will present a slate of officers who have agreed to serve in the various positions on the board of directors. Congregants may nominate other members whose names will be added to the ballot if they agree to serve.

- Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m.: Congregants will vote on the slate presented by the nominating committee, or if additional nominees agreed to serve, paper ballots will be distributed, and the positions in question will be filled by a majority vote.

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South Carolina Is First State To Pass Anti-Semitism Bill

South Carolina became the first state to pass legislation to protect students from anti-Semitic acts. The State Senate overwhelmingly approved the legislation, H3643, in a 37-4 vote on April 12 as part of a larger spending package. The bill passed the State House of Representatives in March in a 116-2 vote. South Carolina governor Henry McMaster is expected to sign it into law.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitism incidents in America increased by 60 percent in 2017, and nearly doubled on American college campuses. The same report found that anti-Semitic incidents at non-Jewish elementary, middle and high schools increased 106 percent.

Survey Reveals Shocking Ignorance Of Holocaust Facts

In spite of the slaughter of nearly a million Jews as well as hundreds of thousands of Poles, Roma, Soviet prisoners of war, and others at Auschwitz, the WWII Nazi death camp, a survey commissioned by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany found that 66 percent of Americans, ages 18 to 34, cannot say what Auschwitz was. The figure for all adults

was 41 percent. The survey also found that 31 percent of all Americans and more than 4 in 10 millennials believe that two million Jews or fewer were killed during the Holocaust, substantially less than the historically accepted figure of six million.

The survey was released on April 12, the observance of Yom Ha Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which is recognized by Israel and Jewish communities worldwide to commemorate the Nazi genocide.

Worldwide, the estimated number of living Holocaust survivors has fallen to 400,000, according to the Claims Conference, many of them in their 80s and 90s. Holocaust remembrance advocates and educators dread the day when none are left to tell their stories. Across the country and around the world, museums and memorials are looking for ways to tell the witnesses' stories once the witnesses are gone.

At the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, near Chicago, visitors can speak with one of seven holograms of survivors, a project also tested at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York. Drawing on recorded testimony, the holograms can answer questions in real time. "I don't think even we realized just how powerful it would be," said Susan L. Abrams, the museum's chief executive.

March of the Living honors the dead

On April 12, 70 Holocaust survivors returned to Auschwitz — now a memorial and museum — to participate in this year's March of the Living, a 30-year-old international educational Holocaust program. The program begins with a week of study and visits to Jewish and Holocaust sites, and culminates with a two-mile march from Auschwitz to Birkenau and an emotion-filled ceremony of remembrance. Adults and young people from 50 countries took part this year.

Shavuot? What's It All About?



The festival of Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah to the entire Israelite nation assembled at Mount Sinai. On Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth. The most quoted reason for this reading is that Ruth's coming to Israel and her acceptance into the Jewish faith is analogous to the acceptance of God's Torah by the Jewish people. The story of Ruth has particular significance to Jews by choice, because it is the story of the first conversion to Judaism.

In the Book of Ruth, we learn that a famine forces Elimelech and Naomi, his wife, to leave their Israelite home and travel to the foreign country of Moab. Soon after arriving, Elimelech dies, and Naomi is widowed in Moab with her two sons, who eventually marry two Moabite women — Orpah and Ruth. Tragically, both sons also die, leaving Naomi to live with her two widowed daughters-in-law in a strange land.

Naomi decides to leave Moab and journey to Bethlehem to live among the Israelites again. She encourages Orpah and Ruth to return to their parents and remarry in Moab. Orpah reluctantly agrees, but Ruth refuses. She chooses instead to stay with her mother-in-law and embrace Judaism, uttering the famous words, "Whither you go, I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

Foods for Shavuot

Shavuot, like most Jewish holidays, has a food component. On Shavuot, we celebrate dairy foods. One explanation is that the Hebrew word *chalav* (milk) has a numerical value of 40,

which corresponds with the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Torah. Others say that Shavuot occurs during the fertile spring period, when animal mothers produce lots of fresh milk. In keeping with the dairy theme, cheesecake and blintzes are popular choices.

But if you're looking for something different this year, *The Shofar* has discovered an excellent recipe for rice pudding, an often overlooked comfort food dessert to soothe the soul.

Creamy Rice Pudding

½ stick butter, softened
1 cup sugar
4 eggs, well beaten
3 cups light sour cream
2 cups cooked rice
½ cup raisins
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ tsp. salt

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Coat a 1-1/2-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray.
3. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat until combined.
4. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well, and pour into prepared casserole dish.
5. Bake 20 minutes, or until the top is golden (pudding will be loose).
6. Serve warm, or cover and chill for at least 4 hours before serving.

Bukhara, Uzbekistan, Is In The News. Where Is that?



Migration scholars likely were aware of Bukhara as once the home of one of the world's oldest and also largest Jewish communities. Now, thanks to a lengthy and thought provoking article by Andrew Higgins for the Sunday, April 8 issue of *The New York Times*, the paper's voluminous body of readers is aware as well.

According to the article, the city has two synagogues, a primary school that teaches Hebrew, a

Jewish cultural association, and a sprawling Jewish cemetery with more than 10,000 graves. What it lacks are Jews. By most estimates, only 100 to 150 Jews are left.

The steady exodus from Bukhara began in the early 1970s, when the Soviet Union relaxed a ban on Jewish emigration. It accelerated in the 1990s after Uzbekistan became an independent state, a development that Jews, Russians and other minorities feared might lead to an upsurge in nationalism and Muslim extremism. The feared nationalist backlash against minorities never happened. Moreover, in Uzbekistan, Jews and Muslims live side by side without friction.

Over the centuries, Bukhara's Jews spread out to other towns in Uzbekistan and other parts of Central Asia, and from there to countries around the world. Today, many Jews now living in Queens, Israel and elsewhere, no matter whether they have any direct connection with Bukhara, often consider themselves "Bukharian Jews."

The central government in Tashkent, the Uzbek capital, would like Bukhara’s Jews to stay, and those who left to start returning. As part of a general opening-up after the death of the country’s long-time dictator, Islam Karimov, in 2016, it recently gave visa-free entry to Israelis and is encouraging émigrés to come back, at least to take a look.

A New Bible Seeks To Connect Modern And Ancient Israel



As reported by Religion News Service, a new Hebrew-English Bible with a distinctly Israeli flavor will be published next month in honor of Israel’s 70th anniversary. *The Israel Bible* is “the world’s first Bible centered on the land of Israel, the people of Israel, and the unique relationship between them,” according to Israel365, the organization that is producing it in conjunction with Menorah Books, a division of Koren Publishers Jerusalem.

Maayan Hoffman, vice president of marketing and brand strategy at Israel365 wrote in the Jerusalem Post that the aim of the new Bible is “to convince... what sometimes seems like an anti-Israel world that Israel belongs to the Jewish people.” Commentary in *The Israel Bible* ties the history of the Jewish people to modern-day Israel.

The new Bible was created largely with non-Jews in mind, said Rabbi Tuly Weisz, its editor, pointing out that Jews, too, would find merit in its text and presentation. “For 2,000 years, the Bible was the No. 1 source of division between Jews and Christians,” he said. “My hope is that this Bible will become a source of unity between the two peoples.”

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •



A model pre-Passover Seder conducted by Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon was attended by more than 60 ambassadors and senior diplomats from all over the world. The Seder, held at the U.N. on March 28, was organized by Israel’s Mission to the United Nations, in cooperation with the European Coalition for Israel. Shahar Azran photo

Michael Cohen

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump’s personal attorney, has been “under criminal investigation” for months in New York because of his business dealings, the Justice Department said on April 13.

A court filing did not detail what Cohen is under investigation for. But the filing contains details from searches of Cohen’s residence, hotel room, office, safety deposit boxes, and two cell phones. Previous search warrants allowed New York federal prosecutors to search multiple email accounts, the filing said.

Sheldon and Miriam Adelson

Sheldon and Miriam Adelson have announced a \$70 million donation to the Birthright Israel project. The project brings Jewish young people from around the world to Israel to foster a bond with the Jewish state.

“Before Israel was founded, my father said he wished there was a place where Jewish people could live. Later, he said he wanted to go to Israel, but by the time I could send him, he said he was too old and too sick. I don’t want any kid to say they were too old or too sick to visit Israel,” Sheldon Adelson told 650 people in attendance at the 18th annual Birthright Israel gala.

Mark Zuckerberg



Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s CEO, testified before a joint hearing of the Senate Commerce and Judiciary committees on Capitol Hill in Washington on April 10. The substance of the testimony focused on the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election. Lawmakers demanded better personal data protection at Facebook, citing breaches affecting tens of millions of users of the mammoth social media platform.

Zuckerberg was called to testify after news emerged that the personal data of millions of users had been harvested without their

knowledge by Cambridge Analytica, a British voter-profiling company that Donald Trump’s campaign had hired to target likely supporters. Cambridge said it had data for 30 million of Facebook’s 2.2 billion users.

Zuckerberg admitted the company had not been proactive in safeguarding users from misuse of data or those sowing malign messages. “I started Facebook, I run it, and I’m responsible for what happens here,” he said.

Bernard Madoff

The victims of the man behind one of the biggest schemes on Wall Street, Bernard Madoff, are set to receive an additional \$504 million. This money is a result of the government selling the assets from Madoff’s financial firm, which went under 10 years earlier.

The Justice Department said that this is the second in a series of payouts to the approximate 21,000 victims, who will now have received combined compensations totaling more than \$1.2 billion. An entity created by the government to help those who lost money when Madoff's long-running Ponzi scheme was revealed, called the Madoff Victim Fund, has been distributing the payments.

Mr. Madoff spent client money on family and friends rather than investing it, as promised, and then took in money from additional clients to pay out early investors and cover up the fraud. Half of the \$4 billion the Justice Department hopes to distribute to victims comes from the governments moves to seize the assets not only of Mr. Madoff and his family, but also of the wealthy investors who over the years cashed out billions from the fund, profits that turned out to be fictions. The other half came from J P Morgan Chase, which was accused of ignoring red flags while it acted as Mr. Madoff's bank.

Madoff is serving his 150-year sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution Butner Medium in Butner, NC. He is Bureau of Prisons Register #61727054.

Felix Klein

German diplomat Felix Klein has been appointed Germany's first commissioner to combat anti-Semitism following a rise in such incidents in recent years. The new post was approved by German lawmakers earlier this year. Klein, who had been endorsed by German Jewish groups, was the special representative of the German Foreign Office for Relations with Jewish Organizations and Anti-Semitism Issues.

"Germany has taken a praiseworthy step in addressing the need for a dedicated and expert individual to protect the well-being of the country's Jewish community," said Robert Singer, CEO and executive vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

Last year saw a dramatic rise in anti-Semitism in Germany, with 1,453 incidents reported, including 32 incidents involving physical violence, 160 incidents of vandalism, and 898 incidents of incitement to violence or hate speech directed at Jews.

• OBITUARIES •

<p><i>The Shofar</i> joins the membership is mourning the death of William Pittorino, husband of shul member Deborah Pittorino, on Wednesday, April 4. May memories of happy times together be a consolation for the family.</p>
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Eli Leon

Eli Leon, a psychologist, writer, collector and self-taught scholar of African-American quilts, who helped bring attention to the field and especially the quilts of Rosie Lee Tompkins, died March 6 in Emeryville, CA. He was 82.

He was an obsessive collector of "things" — tiny dolls, Depression glass, egg timers, meat grinders — but he will be remembered mostly for his passion for African-American quilts. He appreciated their irregular, improvisational patterns, the *New York Times* said. Reportedly, his house was filled with them. One had to negotiate among two-foot-high piles of them in his living room. His exhibitions of quilts, publications about them, and collections of them leave a profound legacy, *The Times* said.

Mireille Knoll

Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor, who narrowly escaped being deported to Auschwitz during WWII, when 13,000 Jews were rounded up in July 1942 at the infamous Vel d'Hiv stadium in Paris, was found murdered in her apartment in the 11th arrondissement of Paris on March 23. She had been stabbed 11 times, and her apartment set ablaze after the attack. She was targeted because she was Jewish, the French prosecutor confirmed.

The murder provoked a strong emotional reaction and revived worries about anti-Semitism in France. However, thousands of people took part in a march in Paris on March 28 in her memory. French President Emmanuel Macron attended her funeral that day. The Élysée presidential palace said that Macron went to the ceremony in the cemetery in Bagneux, a Paris suburb “in a personal capacity, to support the family.”

Mel Rosen

Mel Rosen, renowned track and field coach at Auburn University who led one of the most decorated American track teams in the history of the Olympics, died March 25 in Auburn. He was 90.

Rosen was named head coach at Auburn in 1963. He pressed the university to grant more scholarships in order to be more competitive in the conference, and ultimately turned out seven Olympians, eight NCAA champions, and 143 All-Americans. He was named NCAA coach of the year three times, and the Southeastern Conference coach of the year four times. He was elected to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1995, the first year he was eligible, and the United States Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001.

In his role as head coach of the 1992 United States Olympic men's track team, he led his athletes to 20 medals at the Barcelona Games, including eight gold. His team also broke three world and five Olympic records, the best showing by Americans since 1956.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In May

- 1: Samuel Gutterman
- 4: Adelaide “Addy” Brittman; Nanie Lewis
- 5: Richard Jaffe
- 6: Fannie Ballen; Louis I. Blumenson; Ernestine Brickner; Elchanan Edelman
- 7: Sarah Lipman; Esther Schlefstein
- 8: Sidney Goldman; Ella Bush Lipton; Aaron Lieb Rosenstreich
- 9: Ruth Rothman
- 10: Hersh Julius Evelstein; Sadie Kaplan; Ruth Samuel
- 11: Maurice Nezin; Geraldine Sheinkopf; Esther Simpson
- 12: Pauline Walker
- 13: William Kaplan, MD
- 14: Bernard Sharp
- 15: Albert Lepawski; Sheldon Seigel
- 16: Rose Bercun; Joseph Pushkin; Eugene Schrott
- 17: Herman L. Brickner; William Wells

18: Jerome Finkelstein
19: Louis J. Levinson; Samuel Nissenfeld; Ivy Graber Schiff
20: Harold Weiskott; Freda Wiederlight
21: Gizela Friedman; Irving Richter
22: Lena Harris; Martin R. D. Sharp
24: Peter Friedmann
26: Solomon Bush
27: Evelyn Blitz
28: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
29: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
30: Louise Oliver

Birthdays in May

3: Michael D. Solomon
7: Paula Shengold
10: Elaine Goldman
13: Lewis Teperman
18: Roberta Kaplan
23: Rochelle Garmise
25: Paul Nadel; Alexander Novick
28: Aidan Carter

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.

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
Jane Sachs

Jody Levin
Bruce Bloom
Daniel Slatkin
Philip Goldman
Sidney Waxler
Paul Birman

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in April

Marilyn May
Eileen Santoro
Robert and Judith Goldman
Philip and Elaine Goldman
Jack and Roberta Weiskott
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
Drs. Thomas Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
Carol Seigel

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
Gabbai Stanley Rubin: 631-765-6848

Board of Directors

Adrienne Greenberg: President
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Philip Goldman: Treasurer
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Elaine Goldman: Corresponding Secretary
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Debra Riva: Sisterhood Representative
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD: Men's Club Representative

The Sisterhood

President: TBA
Nancy Torchio, Vice President
Eileen Santora: Treasurer

Secretary: TBA
Gloria Waxler, Advisor

The Men's Club
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, President
Aaron Novick: Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer: TBA

The Shofar
Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel: Editors

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Andrew Levin Park
 Sy Brittman, caretaker

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

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

Calendar
 Elaine Goldman, chair

Cultural Arts
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 Saul Rosenstreich, Sonia Spar, Judith Weiner

E-Communications/Web Site
 Sonia Spar, chair

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 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.