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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Weekly and Holiday Services

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28: Torah classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

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

Wednesday, June 13: Book Circle, Suzi Rosenstreich's house, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 24: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m., vote on slate of officers

Lighting Shabbat Candles in June

June 1: 8:03; June 8: 8:07; June 15: 8:11; June 22: 8:13; June 29: 8:13

Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 17: Fathers' Day

Thursday, June 21: Summer solstice, summer begins 6:07 a.m.

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

Sunday, Sept. 16, Journal Dinner-Dance, The Halyard at the Sound View, 5 p.m.

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

From The Rabbi...



“On the Shoulders of Giants”

The day before we completed the counting of the 49 days of the Omer, we escorted Arthur Levin — Aaron ben Enoch z”l — on his last journey. This occurred just before Shavuot — the holiday of receiving the Torah.

In various places throughout the text, the Talmud claims that in studying Torah — beginning with Moses, who was the closest to the original teachings on Mount Sinai — there has been a “deterioration of the generations,” because every generation moves farther away from Sinai. Regression rather than progression.

To demonstrate this concept, R. Yohanan states: “The fingernail of earlier generations is better than the belly of the later generations.” (BT. Yoma 9b.) For example, the Tanaim, the earlier rabbis who lived in the time of the compilation of the Mishnah (1st-2nd C. CE), receive automatic precedence over the Amoraim, who came afterward.

The lesson from this is that the only way to overcome the “deterioration of the generations” is to act like “dwarfs on the shoulders of giants.” R. Isaiah di Trani (circa 1200-1260), an Italian commentator of the Talmud was the first to cite this aphorism of the Christian philosopher and theologian, Bernard of Chartres. The thought pays tribute simultaneously to progression and regression, as it always remains necessary to explain how progression in Torah study was possible despite moral regression. In other words, it’s a lost battle unless we sit on the shoulders of the giants who came before us. This is who Arthur was — a giant.



Three years ago in February, Stanley Rubin and I traveled to Florida to celebrate Arthur’s 100th birthday with many of our Florida contingency and the rest of the Levin family. It was nice to get out of the cold in February for a few days, but the real warmth came from seeing Arthur dance at his party. It was worth the three-day trip in the car and then

back. It was a Friday night, and we sang the last lines of Psalm 92 from Kabbalat Shabbat — the welcoming of Shabbat: “...The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; they shall grow tall like a cedar in Lebanon. They shall bear fruit even in old age; they shall be ever fresh and fragrant...” This was Arthur, always celebrating life.

Now Arthur joins his wife Emma and his brother Jack. On Arthur’s last journey, we went through the stations of his life. I was with his two daughters, Carol and Diane, and his niece, Jodi. We went through Greenport High School, his early dentistry practice on Front Street, his home, the Island’s End Country Club and, of course, the shul. I loved Arthur. He and his older brother Jack will forever be an inspiration for me. I feel fortunate to have known them. It is hard to understand this place without knowing that generation.

Now it is up to us. The only way to overcome the “deterioration of the generations” is to act like dwarfs on the shoulders of the giants that preceded us. It is up to us to take the extra step from 48 to 49, to the top of the mountain, to keep receiving the Torah and long life.

May Arthur’s soul rest in Eden, and may his memory be for a blessing.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



This is my last *Shofar* message as your president for the 2017-2018 term. I would like to say some goodbyes.

How fortunate to have known Arthur Levin, who died recently at age 103. He was an honorable, kind and caring man, and a true gentleman. He was also a patriarch of one of the leading and long-standing families of our shul community. Among other philanthropic contributions, the Levin family endowed the beautiful garden adjacent to our shul building, and named it Andrew Levin Memorial Park in honor of Arthur's nephew, who died in an auto accident.

I am so happy I went to visit Arthur in March, just before I left Florida. Though I thought I would stay just a few minutes to say hello, I ended up spending a truly enjoyable two hours visiting with Arthur and his daughter, Carol. Despite his recent health issues, he was warm, mentally alert, and as gracious as ever.

Goodbye Arthur. I hope you will be able to play a few rounds with some golf greats. I understand G-d is a golfer because we've all heard only G-d can hit a one-iron.

My term of office will end on June 24, after the congregation vote. I have been blessed with a strong board that gave their time freely. Their commitment to Congregation Tifereth Israel was evident in the caring and thoughtful manner in which each participated in board, congregation, and emergency meetings, working together to make sometimes difficult decisions.

I was so fortunate to have Dr. Suzi Rosenstreich working with me as vice president. We shared opinions and ideas about how best to manage the many shul issues we encountered throughout this year. We also laughed a lot. This is a necessity for a good partnership. Thank you Suzi. You were a blessing.

The Nominating Committee has presented its slate, and I see another strong board ahead, with a good mix of members with long experience as well as those new to the management of our shul. New faces add new strengths.

The shul benefitted greatly from the executive experience, clear thinking and good advice of immediate past president Alan Garmise, who served as an advisor to the board. Thank you, Alan, for the many hours you spent helping to smooth out thorny issues that surfaced from time to time.

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Thank you Suzi Rosenstreich, Elaine Goldman, Miriam Gabriel, Sara Bloom, Judy Weiner, Philip Goldman, Joan Prager and Micah Kaplan. With the congregation's approval, you will remain on the board, some of you in different positions. Similarly, welcome Nancy Torchio as treasurer, and Madelyn Rothman as a member at large. It is good to know the shul will be in capable hands. Congregation Tifereth Israel has a strong history, and a strong future.

Please attend the June 24 meeting to cast your vote for the new board. If you cannot attend, you may vote by proxy. Just send in your vote or have another member bring your proxy vote to the meeting.

It has been a privilege to serve as president of this wonderful shul. Thank you for enriching my life.

—Adrienne Greenberg

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Shofar joins the membership in extending a big mazal tov to Jason Clauss, son of shul members Jed Clauss and Joanna Paulsen, on his engagement to Sara Menkin. A congratulatory oneg will be held following services on Friday, June 8 (which also happens to be Jed's birthday). All are invited.

The following weekend, join the congregation in bidding farewell to Yehudit Moch and Judith Ullman, who have sold their house here on the North Fork. *The Shofar* joins the membership in wishing them well.

Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2018-19

The shul's Nominating Committee has announced the slate of officers for the new term to begin following the annual meeting on June 24, 2018, for one year. The slate will be presented at the congregation meeting on Sunday, June 10, at 10 a.m., when additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. If those proposed agree to run, ballots will be distributed at the June 24 meeting, at 10 a.m., for the contested position or positions. Typically, the congregation accepts the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, but the bylaws permit additional nominations. If there are no additional nominations, the recording secretary can cast one vote for the slate. Members need not be present at the June 24 meeting to cast a vote.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, made up of Roberta Garris and Adrienne Greenberg, is as follows:

President: Dr. Susan Rosenstreich

Vice President: Judith Weiner

Treasurer: Nancy Torchio

Recording Secretary: Miriam Gabriel

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Goldman

Financial Secretary: Joan Prager

Members at large: Sara Bloom, Philip Goldman, Madelyn Rothman

Sisterhood representative: TBA

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

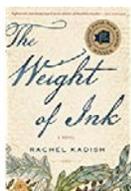
Past president advisor (nonvoting): Adrienne Greenberg

Sisterhood Seeks New Leader For The Group

Owing to the unexpected resignation of Debra Riva as president of the shul's Sisterhood, a new leader is being sought. Women interested in carrying on the valuable work of this organization should contact shul president Adrienne Greenberg by calling the office number, 631-477-0232.

Before becoming shul president, Adrienne Greenberg had served as president of the Sisterhood, known then as the Daughters of Israel. In that capacity, she innovated important contributions to the organization to benefit the shul and its members. She is looking forward to sharing her observations and experiences with volunteers for the position.

Book Circle Announces Selection For June 13 Meeting

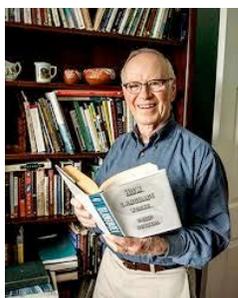


Members of the Book Circle, the shul's monthly book discussion group, have announced the selection for the next meeting, to be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 2:30 p.m., at Suzi Rosenstreich's home in Cutchogue.

The selection for June is *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish. Set in London in the 1660s and also the early 21st century, this book interweaves the tales of two women — Ester Velasquez, an immigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

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.

Words And Music Highlight Offerings At Catch-A-Star Luncheon



Catch-A-Star, the longest running literary luncheon on the North Fork, will be held on Thursday, July 26, at noon, at Porto Bello Restaurant in Greenport. Paula Shengold, who has chaired the event for all of its 23 years, has lined up two well-known North Fork personalities for this year's presentation on a "Words and Music" theme.

Providing the words is Joe McKay, who originated a column that is distributed nationally via the Internet titled "Crazy About Words," now also a book available through Amazon and retail booksellers. McKay's take on words, offered through short, often pithy essays, is insightful and humorous, covering the familiar as well as the arcane for those who enjoy the English language. Providing the music is George Cork Maul, a composer and pianist, whose credits include modern songs, suites and dance pieces, contemporary operas, musicals, and pieces for string orchestra. His work has been performed in the U.S. and abroad.



The Catch-A-Star Literary Luncheon is an eagerly anticipated annual event, sponsored by the Sisterhood of our shul. The event typically attracts more than 100 guests from the North and South Forks, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, and Connecticut.

Previous Literary Luncheon speakers have included Abigail Thomas, Teresa Taylor, Bob Berks, Rikki Samuels, Toni Munna, Miranda Beeson, Jeri Woodhouse, Karen Catapano, Ann Liquori, Joanne Sherman, Yvonne Lieblein, Phillip Lopate, and Lauren Grant.

Advance reservations are suggested. Tickets at \$40 each include lunch and program, raffle prizes, gift bag, and camaraderie. For reservations and more information, call the synagogue at 631-477-0232, or Paula Shengold at 631-477-1234.

Shofar Seeks Names Of Graduates And Award Winners

The Shofar would like to recognize the shul family's graduates. To that end, we will publish a list of graduates from elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, trade schools, and continuing education. Please forward the following information to sbblazer@hotmail.com no later than June 15 (the sooner the better) for publication in the July issue:

Name of graduate; names of parents, city and state; relation to shul member (child, grandchild, cousin, niece, nephew, etc.); name of school or program; degree earned; awards or prizes; future plans (more schooling, job, travel, etc.).



Random Reads

An occasional column on new and noteworthy reading with a Jewish perspective

***The Killing of a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel*, by Dan Ephron**

The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin remains the single most consequential event in Israel's recent history, and one that fundamentally altered the trajectory for both Israel and the Palestinians. *The Killing of a King* tells the parallel stories of Rabin and his stalker, Yigal Amir, over the two years leading up to the assassination, as one of them planned political deals he hoped would lead to peace, and the other plotted murder. [Published in 2015, this book won the year's *Los Angeles Times* "Book Prize for History," and was named one of the year's notable books by *The New York Times*.]

***All the Rivers*, by Dorit Rabinyon**

A controversial, award-winning story about the passionate but untenable affair between an Israeli woman and a Palestinian man, from one of Israel's most acclaimed novelists. The book was denounced by Israel's Education Ministry ostensibly because it tells of an interfaith relationship between an Israeli woman and a Palestinian man.

***The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust*, by Lisa Moses Leff**

In the aftermath of the Holocaust, the Jewish historian Zosa Szajkowski stole tens of thousands of archival documents related to French Jewish history from public archives and collections in France and moved them, illicitly, to New York. Why did this respectable historian become a thief?

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Canada Will Apologize For Turning Away Jewish Refugees in 1939

Canada will formally apologize for turning away a boat full of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany in 1939, JNS Daily Syndicate said. Speaking at a Jewish fundraiser for March of the Living, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the country's decision to force the German ship known as the MS St. Louis to return to Europe was a stain on the country's history.

"An apology in the House of Commons will not rewrite this shameful chapter of our history," he said. "It will not bring back those who perished or repair the lives shattered by tragedy. But it is our collective responsibility to acknowledge this difficult truth, learn from this

story, and continue to fight against anti-Semitism every day, as we give meaning to the solemn vow ‘Never again.’ I look forward to offering this apology on the floor of the House.”

U.S. Officially Opens Embassy in Jerusalem; 80 New Synagogues To Be Built In The Holy City At A Total Cost Of \$224 Million



The United States officially opened its embassy in Jerusalem on May 14, fulfilling a promise made on the campaign trail by now-President Donald Trump. The ceremony, attended by some 800 American and Israeli officials, was held in Jerusalem’s Arona neighborhood, the site of the new embassy. Israelis largely applauded the move; tens of thousands of



Palestinians rioted in Gaza

The United States has long had a consulate in Jerusalem, which mainly dealt with the Palestinian Authority. The new Jerusalem embassy will see the ambassador’s office and about 50 staff members relocate to an already-existing former U.S. consulate, while the United States plans for eventually constructing an entirely new embassy building in the city.

Concurrent with the opening of the embassy, it was reported by *JNS News* that the hundreds of synagogues already established in Jerusalem do not meet the needs of the growing traditional, religious and ultra-Orthodox communities, who favor the diplomatic move. Some 80 new synagogues are under construction at a total cost estimated at \$224 million.

According to Lavi Industries, the world’s largest maker of synagogue furnishings, some of the synagogues are being designed as complexes that can seat 5,000 to 10,000 people each.

[Photo, top, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, stand before the new embassy with U.S. representatives Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, advisors to the president. Photo at right, a Palestinian protester. Getty images]

Trump Signs Holocaust Property Bill Into Law

As reported by *JNS News*, President Donald J. Trump has signed into law a bill that will help Holocaust survivors reclaim lost assets or property. The bill requires the State Department to report to Congress efforts by European countries to compensate Holocaust survivors or their heirs for assets seized by the Nazis and later the Communists. The legislation caps intensive efforts by Jewish groups, including the World Jewish Restitution Organization, to take immediate action while Holocaust survivors are still alive

Enacting the legislation will enable Congress to ensure transparency and accountability for the 47 countries that support the 2009 Terezin Declaration on Holocaust Era Assets and

Related Issues. Despite the Terezin act, many countries in Europe have not fully addressed the restitution of Jewish property and assets.



Members of the ancient Samaritan community attend a Passover pilgrimage to the religion’s holiest site atop Mt. Gerizim, overlooking the West Bank town of Nablus, on May 6. Samaritans descended from the ancient Israelite tribes of Menashe and Efraim but broke away from mainstream Judaism 2,800 years ago. Today, the remaining 700 Samaritans live in the Palestinian city of Nablus in the West Bank and the Israeli seaside town of Holon, south of Tel Aviv. (AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Josh Rosen

Josh Rosen was a first-round pick by the Arizona Cardinals in the April 26-28 NFL draft. A quarterback, he was named 2014 *USA Today* High School All-American, and had a great college football career, including throwing 26 touchdowns last season for the UCLA Bruins, and a career 59 touchdowns and 9,341 yards.

A Josh Rosen post on social media: “I want to be the winningest QB in NFL history. I want to win the most games and most championships. I’d say six titles, but if Brady gets six, I’ll say seven.”

Eric Schneiderman

On May 7, Jane Mayer and Ronan Farrow reported in *The New Yorker* that Eric Schneiderman had physically abused at least four women during his tenure as attorney general of New York. According to the report, Schneiderman had committed acts of violence against four of his romantic partners from 2013 to 2016.

Three hours after the article was published, Schneiderman announced his resignation effective the next day. In a statement, he “strongly contested” the allegations, but resigned because they “effectively prevent me from leading the office’s work.” Schneiderman's deputy, Solicitor-General Barbara Underwood, assumed the position of acting attorney general. Governor Andrew Cuomo assigned a special prosecutor to investigate possible criminal charges against Schneiderman.

Netta Barzilai



Netta Barzilai of Israel, a singer and performer of electroacoustic music (known as looping), won the Eurovision Song Contest with a defiant anthem about female empowerment, the international pop competition that took place on May 12 in Lisbon. When the votes came in from around the world, and Ms. Barzilai’s performance of “Toy,” beat songs by rivals from nations like Austria, Cyprus and Sweden, many Israelis hailed it as a diplomatic victory and national vindication.

Israel first took part in Eurovision 1973, and won the competition in 1978, 1979 and 1998. The country has hosted the contest twice.

Sheldon Silver

A jury convicted former New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver of public corruption charges, dashing the 74-year-old Democrat’s second attempt to avoid years in prison after a decades-long career as one of the most powerful politicians in state government. He was found guilty on May 11 of selling his office for \$4 million in kickbacks, affirming a 2015 conviction on the same charges that had been overturned on appeal, the *New York Post* reported.

Prosecutors said Silver broke the law by collecting nearly \$4 million in fees from a cancer researcher and real estate developers who in turn benefited from his clout in state government. He made another \$1 million investing that money.

Silver could again be facing a long prison term when he is sentenced on June 13.

Mark Wilf

Mark Wilf, a billionaire real estate developer and co-owner with his brother, Zygi, of the Minnesota Vikings football team, has been named the incoming chair of the Jewish Federations of North America.

The son of Holocaust survivors, Wilf is a major donor to the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum and memorial in Israel. He is also the current national campaign chairman of the JFNA and vice chair of the board of trustees. He serves as co-chair of the JFNA National Holocaust Survivors Initiative, which has raised millions of dollars to support Holocaust survivors. He is a trustee of Yeshiva University in New York.

Wilf's father, Joseph Wilf, was the first North American chair of the "March of the Living" youth trip to Poland and Israel, which dedicated the 2017 "March of the Living" to his memory.

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership in extending condolences to shul member Jeroen Bours on the death of his mother, Katrien Ruth Bours, April 27, in The Netherlands. May you be comforted by happy memories of times spent together.

Rabbi Aaron Panken

Rabbi Aaron Panken, who expanded the ranks and ambitions of liberal Reform Jewish leaders in North America and in Israel, died May 5 when a plane he was piloting — an Aeronca 7AC — crashed just after takeoff from Randall Airport in Orange County, NY. He was 53.

Rabbi Panken was president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He was elected to the presidency in 2013, after serving on the faculty and in leadership roles there for nearly three decades. The college trains rabbis, cantors, religious school educators, chaplains and nonprofit leaders for the Reform movement as well as those of other faiths.

He himself was ordained by Hebrew Union College in 1991. As a teacher, he encouraged his students to be involved in advocating the rights of women, refugees and minority groups, and to ground it all in the Jewish value of "tikkun olam," or healing the world, the *New York Times* said in its May 7 obituary.

Remembering Dr. Arthur Levin...



On Feb. 7, 2015, long-time shul member Dr. Arthur Levin celebrated his 100th birthday with about 50 family members and friends at the Indian Springs Country Club in Boynton Beach, Florida. Many had traveled thousands of miles to be part of this memorable occasion. An elegant figure in a white sport jacket, his white hair gleaming under the room lights, Arthur greeted his guests warmly, starred in a slide show prepared by his daughters, raised his glass in toasts to his longevity, and charmed the gathering as he glided across the dance floor as easily as a teen at his high school prom.

It is with profound sadness that *The Shofar* reports the death of Arthur Levin, at his home in Florida on May 10. May his family be comforted by an outpouring of love from the shul family for man so dear to so many.

Judith Leiber

Judith Leiber, the handbag designer whose whimsical creations were prized as collectors' pieces and frequently displayed as objets d'art, died April 28 at her home in Springs, NY, just hours after the death of her husband of 72 years, the painter, lithographer and sculptor Gerson Leiber. She was 96. He was 96.

Her handbags are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Chicago Historical Society. Although she designed luxurious handbags with discreet clasps and frames for daytime, she was best known for her imaginative and eye-catching evening creations in animal, flower, fruit and egg shapes

The women who carried Leiber bags included first ladies, queens and princesses, and celebrities like Greta Garbo, Claudette Colbert, Diana Ross and Joan Sutherland. Queen Elizabeth II was presented with a bag during a visit to California, and Raisa Gorbachev, the wife of the Soviet leader, received one from Barbara Bush.

Throughout her career, Ms. Leiber was often asked if she ever carried handbags other than her own. "I either carry my own or a paper bag," she would say.

Jeremy Safran

Jeremy Safran, a professor of psychology at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan, was found dead in the basement of his Brooklyn home on May 7. Police arrested Mirzo Atadzhanov, 28, who was hiding in a closet, and charged him with murder. The officers were responding to a 911 call of a burglary at the Prospect Park South neighborhood at about 6 p.m. They found Mr. Safran, 66, unconscious in the basement with severe wounds to his head and body, a bloody hammer lying nearby. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mr. Safran was well-known and admired in his field. He was an expert in cognitive-behavioral therapy and was one of the pioneers in the field of emotion-focused therapy, a psychotherapeutic approach to individual and couples therapy. He joined the New School faculty in 1993.

Daniel Cohen

Daniel Cohen, a children's author who exhaustively sought justice for his 20-year-old daughter, Theodora Cohen, and the 269 other victims of the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1998 over Lockerbie, Scotland, died May 6 in Cape May, NJ. He was 82.

Mr. Cohen and his wife, Susan, became two of the bereaved families' loudest voices, speaking often to the media and government officials, and writing a book about the investigation into the explosion and their own ordeal.

Professionally, he wrote books largely for children and teenagers — about ghosts, UFOs, the occult, ESP, vampires, werewolves, conspiracies, cloning, weather and the human genome. He also wrote biographies and, with his wife, wrote "When Someone You Know is Gay." In all, he wrote nearly 200 books.

Art Shay

Art Shay, a photographer who chronicled the famous and powerful, including nine presidents, as well as the everyday life of mid-20th-century Americans, died on April 28, at his home in Deerfield, Ill. He was 96.

In more than 1,500 assignments for Life, Time, Look, Sports Illustrated and Fortune magazines, Mr. Shay photographed famous Americans like Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, Muhammad Ali, Jimmy Hoffa, Senator Joseph McCarthy and President John F. Kennedy. He also passionately documented the streets of his adopted hometown, Chicago. Mr. Shay was a prolific writer as well, with more than 60 books, including many nonfiction children's books, and five plays.

Last year, Mr. Shay received a lifetime achievement award from the Lucie Foundation in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall. After a brief speech he whipped out a harmonica to play a solo,

noting that any “Jewish kid growing up is expected one day to go to Carnegie Hall.” Of his late parents, he quipped: “My mother and father must be kvelling, wherever they are.”

Philip Roth

Philip Roth, one of the great American novelists, died May 22. He was 85. Roth won a Pulitzer Prize, a National Book Award, and the Man Booker International Prize, drawing inspiration in his writing from Jewish family life and American ideals. His works included *American Pastoral*, *I Married a Communist*, and *Portnoy’s complaint*.

Roth first found success with his short story collection, *Goodbye Columbus*, published in 1959. A decade later, *Portnoy’s Complaint* catapulted him to notoriety, making him a celebrity in the U.S. In later life, he wrote a number of highly regarded historical novels, including his 1997 work, *American Pastoral*, for which he won his Pulitzer. He wrote prolifically over the course of his career, publishing more than 30 books before ending his fiction career in 2009.

Bernard Lewis

Professor Bernard Lewis, a world renowned Middle East scholar, whose prolific writings helped the world understand the complexities of the Middle East, died May 22. He was 102.

In 1974, Lewis accepted a position at Princeton University, where his research on the Middle East and Islam made him a world-renowned historian. His work includes dozens of books and hundreds of papers.

U.S. policymakers often sought his advice on various foreign policy matters, including in the months after 9/11 and immediately after the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In June

- 2: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal; Myron Sausmer; Freda Wiederlight
- 3: Siah Schlefstein
- 4: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
- 5: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
- 6: Dr. Max C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weintraub
- 7: Norma Youmans
- 8: Howard Bachrach
- 9: Alexander Feigen
- 10: Liba Adelson
- 11: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell; Ethel Schwartz Levinson
- 12: Herbert Gochman; Frieda Greenberg; Sam Speyer
- 13: Kenneth S. Goldin
- 14: George Dolin; Lillie Ehrenreich
- 15: George Berson
- 16: Bernard Cooper; Albert J. Farber; Rosalind Mordkofsky
- 17: Meyers D. Goldman; Dr. Gustavo “Gus” Lara
- 19: Dr. Howard Bachrach; Shirley Kotik; Eva Levinson; Sandor Weisz
- 20: Mary Dalven; Philip Kaplan; Anna Silverman
- 21: Filia Holtzman

23: Jacob Brittman; Albert J. Rubin
24: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Samuel L. Yett
25: Pearl Shulman
26: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garris
27: Miriam Finkelstein; Hugo Kessler
28: Leah Schottland
30: Gertrude Blaustein; Susan Millman

Birthdays in June

4: Jennifer Berg
8: Jed Clauss; Ann Hurwitz; Marsha Millman
11: Marian Friedmann
19: Carol Levin
27: Carol Seigel

Anniversaries in June

9: Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
24: Lewis and Helaine Teperman
17: Matthew and Allison Nathel

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 May

Joseph and Elizabeth Britzman
Micah Kaplan, MD, and Gayle Kaplan
Peter Krasnow
Dr. William Packard
Ellen Kate Jaffe
Gertrude Katz
Fisher Cardiology, PLLC
Marsha Lipsitz
Harold and Peninah Neimark
Carol Seigel
Drs. Saul and Suzi Rosenstreich
Sy Britzman
Marian Friedmann
Michael and Lynn Simon

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

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Adrienne Greenberg: President
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Sara Bloom, chair

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Elaine Goldman and Debra Riva, co-chairs

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Phil Goldman, chair
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Susan Rosenstreich, chair

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Stanley Rubin, chair
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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.