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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, August 6, 13, 20 and 27: Hebrew classes, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Torah classes, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Sunday, August 12: “Before You Go”: a workshop about end-of-life planning, 2-5 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22: Book Circle, noon, at the home of Greenberg-Gabriel

Lighting Shabbat Candles in August

August 3: 7:51 August 10: 7:42 August 17: 7:33 August 24: 7:22 August 31: 7:11

Dates to Remember

Sunday, August 12: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

Friday, August 17: discussion on French artists, led by Saul Rosenstreich, after services

Sunday, Aug. 19: Back Room Sale

Sunday, August 26: Trip to the Jewish Museum for “Chaim Soutine: Flesh” exhibit

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

(Submission deadline for the September 2018 issue of *The Shofar*: August 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Temple Rising and Israel’s Nationality Bill”

This year, Tisha B’Av, the 9th day of the month of Av, was observed on Sunday, the 10th of Av, because public mourning and fasting are prohibited on Shabbat. It is a day of mourning for the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem. Thus, we are encouraged to read the book of Lamentations (Eikha): “How does the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how has she become tributary!” The Second Temple period makes it even more depressing — not only because of what the Romans did to the Jews, but what the Jews did to themselves.

The Rabbis tell us that Jerusalem was destroyed exactly because of that baseless hatred between Jews and Jews, and between Jews and other people who were living in the land at the time. During the latter part of the war against the Romans, the Jews in Jerusalem were divided mainly into three factions. Each faction suspected the other of a lack of loyalty to the national cause. They set fire to each other’s storehouses of grain. They killed each other. As Abraham Lincoln expressed it, could a nation divided against itself fight the mighty Roman legions?

The new Israel Nationality Bill moved forward in a stormy Knesset session. Now, even more than three factions exist, attesting to an expression of diversity. Although the new law contains only a few actual legal implications, and it does not impact the citizenship of a non-Jew in Israel, still, Jerusalem comes under fire for its new Basic Law, which is similar, in fact, to many European constitutions. The law is mostly a modern version of the old nationalistic aspirations, and a long-awaited re-establishment of national identity and sovereignty.

In an article in the July 19 *Wall Street Journal*, Eugene Kontorovich wrote: “Get Over It—Israel Is the Jewish State.” The article begins with the following statement: “Let the handwringing and denunciations begin. On Thursday, Israel finally expressed in constitutional law the basic achievement of Zionism: Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people. In the seven years since the new provision was first proposed, it has attracted a barrage of criticism from the U.S. and Europe. Foreign politicians have demanded Israel not pass the law, and they have not been mollified by the removal of most of its disputed provisions.”

Perhaps Kontorovich was referring to the proposal that communities could be established based on “religion or ethnicity,” which was replaced with a statement of support for Jewish settlement. This law is declarative, not operative; it articulates “values.” It gives status to the Law of Return and to symbols — flag, anthem, etc. — and fixes Israel as “the Jewish State,” homeland of the Jewish people, and Hebrew as the official language.

The Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research, established in 1998 by former Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson, was designed to fight anti-Semitism by uniting governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education. According to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, modern anti-Semitism is in several ways relative to the Nationality Bill. Among other provisions that relate directly to the Holocaust, the bill calls it anti-Semitic to deny the Jewish people their right to self-determination, to consider the existence of the State of Israel as a racist endeavor, and to require of Israel behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

This week, July 27-28 is Shabbat Nachamu, which takes its name from the Book of Isaiah (40:1-26) and speaks of “comforting” the Jewish people for their suffering. May Shabbat Nachamu bring us true consolation.

From The President...



An early experience taught me that differences are much more interesting when they are negotiated instead of challenged. My parents had invited a visiting professor from some faraway land to our house for dinner. Though the memory of that evening isn't precise, I do recall the life lesson.

My mother had prepared her signature Pacific salmon, baked in fresh herbs and moistened with butter and freshly-squeezed lemon. As portions were distributed, our guest murmured that he would decline his serving. Ah, he had food allergies, my mother surmised. No, that wasn't the problem. As it happened, in his tradition, fish was not on the menu. No worries, my mother hurriedly interjected, and she repaired to her pantry. A few moments later, she appeared bearing a glistening omelette. Again, our visitor thanked my mother, and gently refused her offering. In his tradition, eggs were not on the menu, either. So, my mother asked, what could he eat?

That's when the fun began. Mr. Exotic launched into a starry-eyed description of rice puddings, spinach delights, eggplant delicacies, lentil stews, and fruit drinks to make your mouth water. My mother was so taken with the visitor's enthusiasm that she shepherded us all into the

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kitchen, where we put together a meal worthy of a maharajah. True, the spinach was speed-boiled, the lentils undercooked, and our rice pudding was a hastily prepared lump of sugar, milk and Uncle Ben's. But with a little curry and a lot of Louisiana hot sauce, we ended up feasting on a memorable Indian meal made in the USA.

Now there were a few ways that evening could have gone. Our guest could have pretended to eat the forbidden food, leaving it in an undefined mass on his plate. My mother, overworked as she was, could have sulked. My father could have arrogantly admonished his colleague to do as Romans do when in Rome. But that isn't how the evening went. Instead, the visitor brought life in his homeland to our dinner table. My mother forgot her fatigue and listened mesmerized to descriptions of the professor's gustatory sensations when he sat down to a meal in his own house. My father, a professor himself, allowed his colleague to show a side of himself not visible outside the stern confines of their academic discipline. Different as each adult was from the other two, together the three of them found a way first to demonstrate their differences at our dinner table, and then to enjoy them in the kitchen.

I don't think the evening was as spontaneous as it appeared to us children. I will bet the adults were choosing their words with care and monitoring their actions with caution. I am convinced that each of them knew the evening could end in bitterness, or be the first of many delicious commensal gatherings. The choice was theirs. At the time, I was too young to understand the subtle codes that govern the adult world, and so I missed the cues by which these grown-ups signaled the limits of their flexibility and modified the boundaries of their tolerance. My eye was on rice pudding for dessert. But these days, I recognize the power of differences that were on display around my parents' table. Those differences could have ruined an evening. Instead, they became the cause of a delicious celebration.

— Susan Rosenstreich

Journal Dinner-Dance To Fete Three Honorees At Sept. 16 Event



Arrangements for the 2018 presentation of the Journal Dinner-Dance are under way. The date is Sunday, Sept. 16, and the festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Halyard Restaurant (Sound View Inn), followed by dinner, dancing, commemoratives, and an expansive silent auction. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you won't miss a moment of this much-anticipated annual event.

Justice in Southold



JDD co-chairs Elaine Goldman and Gayle Kaplan have announced this year's honorees: Our community honoree is the Hon. William H. Price, Jr., who recently retired from the bench after serving 36 years as a Village Justice in Southold Town. The synagogue honorees are Paul and Pamela Birman. Paul, a long-time member, has served the synagogue in many capacities, including elected officer, committee chairman, and editor of the JDD journal. Now Pamela has joined Paul as a generous contributor to shul projects, notably advances that have aided the synagogue's efforts to keep pace with information technology.

Plan to join us as we salute these deserving individuals, support our beloved shul, and celebrate together.

What Will You Find At The Back Room Sale? “You Never Know, And That’s The Fun Of It,” Say Workers And Shoppers Alike



You never know what you'll find at the Back Room Sale, as this shopper discovered.

luggage without wheels, computers or TVs, please. These items don't sell.

Next, we need you to give us a hand. Set-up days are Tuesday through Friday mornings, Aug. 14-17. Volunteers have a great time sorting through and pricing the donations, working together for a good cause, and getting to know each other. And we need sellers on the day of the sale, Aug. 19. We get a huge crowd, and it takes many hands to help the buyers. And then there's

The shul's annual Back Room Sale will be held this year on Sunday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. What will you find at the sale? Workers and shoppers agree: “You never know, and that's the fun of it.” And you can be a part of the good time, which is also a major fundraiser for the shul, bringing in needed income. Here's how you can help:

First, we need your stuff, and your friends' stuff, and your neighbors' stuff — new stuff and used stuff in good condition. Like what? Tools, garden items, kitchen utensils, kitchen appliances (in working order and with instructions), dishes, silver, pots and pans, glassware, lamps, jewelry (costume, antique, deco), sporting goods, small furniture, artwork, bric-a-brac, accessories, toys, puzzles, and kids' equipment are the best sellers. Or surprise us with something special. But not clothing,

take-down right after the sale. Some strong arms are needed to get the community room ready for the usual weekday activity that starts on Monday.

Questions? Call Nina Neimark at 631-765-9433 or 917-499-1808 or email pneimark@hotmail.com and let me know when you can help.

Let's make this one the best sale ever!

—Nina Neimark



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CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL GREENPORT

As the familiar *Kiss Me Kate* lyrics promise, “Another opening, another show.” But this opening is for an art show, taking place in the community room of our shul. The exhibit, a “Celebration of Summer,” explores Judaism through photography and paintings, with new work by Saul Rosenstreich, painter; Cookie Slade, photographer; Meryl Spiegel, photographer; the late Robert Strimban, paintings and sculpture; and Judith Kaufman Weiner, abstracts. Curator, Rabbi Gadi Capela. This show follows the success of the group’s first showcase last spring. Viewing hours: Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Through Oct. 31. Andrea Blaga photo

Judaism And Art Group Plans Soutine Talk And Museum Trip

The Judaism and Art group is planning a field trip to see the exhibit “Chaim Soutine: Flesh,” on Sunday, August 26, at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan. In preparation for the museum trip, shul member Saul Rosenstreich will lead a talk/discussion on Friday, August 17, in the shul’s community room, immediately following the Shabbat service.

The talk/discussion will serve primarily to give historical context to Soutine and his fellow Jewish immigrant painters, who worked in Paris during the period spanning the two World Wars. The group was dubbed the School of Paris and, in addition to Soutine, included Modigliani, Chagall, Pascin, Krémègne, and Kikoïne. There was little similarity in their work, and few painted actual Jewish themes. But all of them painted in a modernist mode. Rosenstreich will offer some details about each painter, and will show examples of their work.

The talk is based on a book by Stanley Meisner titled *Shocking Paris: Soutine, Chagall, and the Outsiders of Montparnasse*. Reading the book prior to the museum trip would provide background on this part of Jewish (and art) history, as well as enhance the museum experience. Feel free to attend the talk even if you are not able to join the museumgoers.

The museum trip will follow the usual format: everyone gets to the Jewish Museum on his or her own, and views the exhibit at his or her own pace. The group will muster at 3 p.m. in the front lobby, and walk to Paolo's restaurant on Madison at 92nd Street for a nosh and discussion.

Please let Saul Rosenstreich or Judy Weiner know if you're planning to attend the museum (so the restaurant can be informed), or if you need transportation.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 5th Ave. at 92nd Street. The Soutine exhibit will be on display until Sept. 16.



Now at the Jewish Museum, an exhibition of more than 30 paintings by Chaim Soutine, the Expressionist known for his densely painted canvases. The show focuses on the artist's remarkable paintings depicting hanging fowl, beef carcasses, and rayfish, considered among his greatest artistic achievements.

Memorial Service For Arthur Levin Draws Many For Tribute



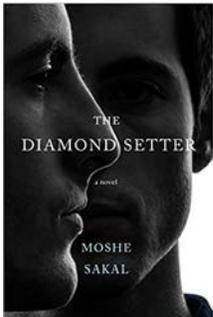
Family, friends, neighbors, and shul members gathered in the sanctuary of the shul on Wednesday, July 18, to remember Dr. Arthur Levin, the last of the Levin brothers, all of whom had supported our shul and, by example, led their children to embrace Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of the synagogue, led the service at which many spoke of Arthur Levin's goodness and kindness.

Pictured, Rachel Levin Murphy, Arthur's niece and the daughter of Arthur's brother Jack, holds a photograph of the two brothers, both of them having lived long and productive lives. Both will be missed by their families, friends, colleagues and, most certainly, by Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Andrea Blaga photo

Book Circle Announces Selection For August 15 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, August 22, at noon, at the home of Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg, Greenport.

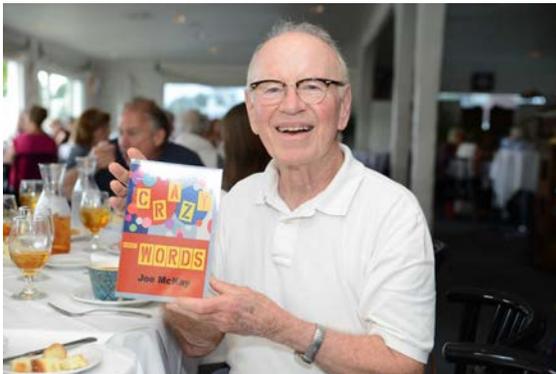
The title for August is *The Diamond Setter* by Moshe Sakal. Inspired by true events, this best-selling Israeli novel introduces a jeweler from Tel Aviv, whose uneventful life is upended when a young man from Damascus arrives in Israel with a piece of a famous blue diamond in his pocket.

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.

Before you go: a workshop about end-of-life planning

Rabbi Dena Bodian, the new chaplain at Wellesley College, will visit our shul on the Shabbat weekend of August 10-11. On Sunday, August 12, she will lead a three-hour Chevra Kadisha workshop in the community room of our shul, from 2-5 p.m., on behalf of the East End Jewish Community Council (EEJCC). The workshop is titled "Before You Go." Those attending will learn about ethical wills, Jewish burial practices, and how to plan end-of-life logistics. Those at the event will be able to purchase Jewish burial ground, recently negotiated by the EEJCC.

Words and Music At July 26 Catch-A Star Luncheon



Thanks once again to Paula Shengold for arranging yet another memorable event on July 26, at the Porto Bello Restaurant in Greenport. Lunch, raffles, and appearances by Joe McKay and composer George Cork Maul made for a delightful afternoon.



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The Power of Kaddish

A Personal Essay By Jay Lefkowitz

The kaddish is an odd prayer to have become the centerpiece of mourning. Despite its association with death and dying, it does not mention the word death. Instead, it is a repetitive celebration of the glory of God... But the text of the prayer leaves me cold. Each day, as I say kaddish, I struggle with the fact that I am praising a God who, according to its words, created the world “according to His Will.” Does God really will that the world endure the cruelty and suffering we see so often? And, on a more personal level, did God will that my father, an intellectual who suffered from dementia, would lose the ability to communicate and have the mental faculties of a 5-year-old during his last 18 months on earth?

Yet, despite my theological ambivalence, I am turning somersaults to say kaddish at three different prayer services each day. Already, in the two months since my father passed away at the age of 86, I have prayed in synagogues and office buildings, schools and private homes in far-flung places, including Texas, Florida, California, Colorado, Copenhagen, and London.

Unlike some people, Jewish and non-Jewish, who take great comfort in communicating with God, I am not confident that God even listens to our prayers. Yet I have reoriented my life to accommodate my obligation to say kaddish. And I do so cheerfully because it links me to Jews across generations and continents. It defines me as a member of the tribe. My tribe.

That is the essential gift of the kaddish. It fosters community for a person who has just suffered a searing loss of a parent or sibling, spouse or child, even when we find ourselves far from home. Even if the words themselves offer little comfort, I take great satisfaction in this communal act of prayer; of hearing the voices of others respond to my own prayers; and of being welcomed and enveloped by a larger and transcendent community. And in that experience, I honor and reconnect with my father.

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‘Fiddler’ In Yiddish Brings *New York Times* Critic To Tears

New York Times theater critic Jesse Green acknowledged to his readers that he is “an easy crier.” His tears at productions of “Fiddler on the Roof” usually wait until Act II to flow, but in the National Yiddish Theater Folksbiene production at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Lower Manhattan, he didn’t even make it to intermission.

Why? Because, Green writes in his July 18 review, this production “offers a kind of authenticity no other American “Fiddler” ever has; It’s in Yiddish”...the language of Tevye and his neighbors would have spoken in Anatevka.

For those who grew up around Yiddish, Green writes “its use here will likely strike a deep emotional chord...the sound of my own grandparents and all they lost in leaving their Anatevkes.”

“Fiddler on the Roof” always makes you cry for that loss — and, more recently, for the losses endured by many other migrants. But by reuniting Jews with their language, “Fidler afn Dakh” does something more: It brings both alive again, not just



Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York City]

Random Reads: Recommendations For Summer Reading



The Boys of Summer, by Roger Kahn. This is a book about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when their glory days were behind them. It is a book about America, about fathers and sons, prejudice and courage, triumph and disaster, told with warmth, humor, wit, candor and love.

Look Alive Out There: Essays by Sloane Crosley. If light and funny are your reading choices for summer, try the writer's latest take on the human condition.

Heaven and Earth: The Last Farmers of the North Fork, by Steve Wick (author) and Lynn Johnson (photographer). If North Fork sounds familiar, you might enjoy this book that tells the stories of two families in one of the oldest farming communities in the U.S. The writer weaves historical narrative and interviews with several generations of farmers. Illustrated.

Israel's *Maktub* "Best Theological Comedy On Netflix"

Film critic Liel Leibovitz, writing for *Tablet* magazine has praised Israel's *Maktub* as "the best theological comedy on Netflix." If you've ever tried it, you know that prayer is a risky business, Leibovitz wrote. "We ask for things it is not in our power to realize, and we hope that the Great



Someone is listening. No sooner does prayer end then anxiety begins. Will our prayer be answered? And if not, what does that mean about our relationship with our Creator?"

These, more or less, are the questions informing *Maktub*, an Israeli comedy, now streaming on Netflix. As the film begins, we meet two smooth-talking gangsters — Chuma and Steve. A few minutes into the film, they walk into a restaurant's bathroom, are startled by a loud explosion, and emerge to discover that everyone else in the restaurant was just killed in a suicide bombing. (Yes, it really is a comedy.)

Shaken, they rush to the Kotel to offer a prayer of thanksgiving, and there, among the stones, they have an epiphany: They've been gifted their lives, and they'll spend them helping others in need. Looking at the world's largest repository of pleas, they remove random notes from the wall's crevices, read them, and set out to help the poor souls who wrote them get exactly what they wished for.

Helping a nebbish accountant get a raise is one thing — all it takes is dangling his boss out a window and presto — but how to help a woman unable to conceive? How do two loveable thugs accustomed to getting their way — or else — come to terms with those intractable things they haven't the power to change?



June 24: A Muslim man and a Jewish man ride a tandem bicycle together to campaign against religious intolerance in Berlin, Germany. AP photo/Markus Schreiber

Holocaust Law Weakened in Poland After Criticism; Yad Vashem Critical Of Joint Israel-Poland Statement Citing ‘Grave Errors.’

A few months after making it illegal to accuse the Polish nation of complicity in the Holocaust, Poland backpedaled on June 27, moving to weaken the controversial law by eliminating criminal penalties for violators, the *New York Times* reported.

The U.S. and other traditional allies had excoriated the Polish government over the law, passed in February, condemning it as largely unenforceable, a threat to free speech, and an act of historical revisionism. Both houses of Parliament voted to remove the criminal penalties, and President Andrzej Duda later signed the measure into law, *The Times* said.

Yad Vashem responds

Yad Vashem, Israel’s authority on Holocaust education, documentation and research, has criticized a joint statement made by Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Polish counterpart, Mateusz Morawiecki, that was meant to put to rest a rift between the two countries over the contentious Polish law. Yad Vashem said the statement contained “grave errors.”

Among other elements of the statement, Yad Vashem objected to the assertion that the wartime Polish government-in-exile tried to stop the systematic murder of Polish Jews in Nazi death camps by trying to raise awareness among the Western allies, and that it “created a mechanism of systematic help and support to Jewish people.”

Yad Vashem said that the Polish government-in-exile and its representatives in occupied Poland “did not act resolutely on behalf of Poland’s Jewish citizens at any point during the war,” and not infrequently “was actively involved in persecuting them.”

Yad Vashem also said that even after the amendment of the law, its “essence” was the same, and raised the possibility of harm to “the historical memory of the Holocaust.”



An estimated 6,000 participants from around the world and 1,500 Israeli soldiers joined in an event in Jerusalem on June 27 to celebrate the 18th anniversary of Birthright Israel, a program founded in 1999 to strengthen identity among young Jews worldwide. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Birthright Israel “a life-changing experience.”

Yossi Gamzo Latuba photo

Knesset Makes It Official: Israel Is A Jewish State

After a heated session that lasted well into the night, Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, on July 19 passed the “Nationality Bill” into law. The bill now holds weight as one of Israel’s “Basic Laws,” the highest level of legal authority.

Included in the legislation, which passed with a vote of 62-55 (and two abstentions) are the official recognition of Israel’s state symbols, including the menorah emblem, the establishment of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Hebrew as Israel’s official language, the right of return for Jews living in the Diaspora, and the utilization of democracy as Israel’s state democratic process.

The legislation also includes language enshrining Shabbat and Jewish holidays as official days of rest in the country, though allowing for non-Jews to determine their own rest days.

El Al Rules Not To Move Women To Accommodate Ultra-Orthodox

For years, a small but vocal minority of ultra-Orthodox Jewish men has demanded that airlines not seat them next to female passengers, citing religious modesty. El Al, Israel’s national airline, has accommodated them by asking women to relocate to another seat on the plane. No longer.

“Any passengers refusing to sit next to other passengers will be removed from the aircraft,” El Al chairman Gonen Usishkin announced on June 25.

Most mainstream Orthodox and even some ultra-Orthodox rabbis allow men to sit next to women in public areas, but a small subset of religious Jewish men go to great length not to sit next to women, or even look at them; some have boarded plants with blinders on.

A 220-Pound Stone Falls Out Of The Western Wall

A woman praying in the egalitarian prayer plaza was narrowly spared from death on the morning of July 23 when a 220-pound stone fell out of the Western Wall and plummeted to the ground. The woman — the only person at the “Ezrat Yisrael” mixed-gender prayer plaza at the time — failed to notice the falling brick, which broke the plaza floor just a few meters in front of her.

Officials from the Israel Antiquities Authority immediately sent inspectors, archaeologists, conservationists and engineers to the site, and have closed off a portion of the plaza until safety can be assured. The breakage came just a day after the Western Wall plaza was filled with worshippers marking Tisha B’Av.

Once before, in 2004, a large piece of Herodian stone fell onto the main prayer plaza. That time, officials said they believed it toppled after metal objects placed in the cracks of the wall by birds had led to erosion.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Daniel Lehmann



Berkeley’s Graduate Theological Union, a multifaith consortium of research centers and seminaries, has selected the first non-Christian president in its history. Daniel Lehmann, an Orthodox rabbi and the president of Hebrew College in Newton Centre, MA, was picked to lead the Northern California union that offers graduate and doctoral degree programs for students interested in Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu traditions. Lehmann, 56, will succeed Riess Potterveld, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, who is retiring after five years as president.

GTU consists of eight member schools, five academic centers, and five affiliates. It has 280 students in its master’s and Ph.D. tracks, and more than 500 students studying for ordination in its various seminaries.

Lehmann was educated at Yeshiva University in New York, from undergraduate study through rabbinical school.

Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo



In the July 1 election, Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, running on the slogan, “Together we will make history,” is the first Jew and the first woman to be voted mayor of Mexico City. Greater Mexico City is home to more than 21 million people, and is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world, with a Jewish minority population estimated to be no more than 50,000.

Sheinbaum-Pardo is a scientist, activist and teacher, who received her doctorate degree in energy engineering and physics from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Born in 1962, she is the grandchild of Mexican immigrants from Lithuania and Bulgaria.

Her political career began when she was elected district mayor of Mexico City's Tlalpan neighborhood, which consists of more than nine million constituents.

Mark Zuckerberg



Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg has surpassed billionaire business mogul Warren Buffet to become the world's third richest person. The entrepreneur's rise in wealth and status further solidifies technology as the most robust creator of wealth compared to other fields of business.

According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Zuckerberg took the lead over Buffet on July 6 as Facebook shares climbed 2.4 percent. Zuckerberg, 34, is now worth \$81.6 billion, which is about \$474 million more than Buffet, the 87-year-old chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. However, richer still than Zuckerberg are Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

According to a report in *Money Magazine*, a fifth of the more than \$5 trillion in wealth tracked by the Bloomberg index is comprised of fortunes made in the technology sector. The ranking, which tracks the world's 500 richest people, is updated after the close of each trading day in New York.

Zuckerberg has pledged to give away 99 percent of his Facebook stock in his lifetime.

Zuckerberg criticized for Recode comments

In a lengthy interview with Recode, a technology news website, posted on July 18, Mark Zuckerberg said that Facebook would not remove content by Holocaust deniers. "I'm Jewish, and there's a set of people who deny that the Holocaust happened," Zuckerberg. "I find that deeply offensive. But at the end of the day, I don't believe that our platform should take that down because I think there are things that different people get wrong. I don't think that they're intentionally getting it wrong..."

Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt responded in a statement: "Holocaust denial is a willful, deliberate and longstanding deception tactic by anti-Semites that is incontrovertibly hateful, hurtful, and threatening to Jews. Facebook has a moral and ethical obligation not to allow its dissemination."

[A full transcript of the Zuckerberg interview is available on the Recode website.]

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership in extending deepest sympathies to shul member Susan Lipson on the death of her father, Roy, on June 29, in Gorman, Texas. He was 97. May you find comfort in his long life, and the many occasions you spent together.

Gerald Fischman

Gerald Fischman, 61, the editorial page editor at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, MD, was killed by a lone gunman June 28 along with four colleagues. Arrested and charged with five counts of murder is Jarrod Ramos, 38 of Laurel, MD. Police said Ramos had been critical of the newspaper for reporting in the past. Also dead in the attack are sales assistant Rebecca Smith, 34; editor Rob Hiassen, 59; reporter and editor John McNamara, 56; and reporter Wendi Winters, 65.

Fischman had worked at the Capital Gazette since 1992. Colleagues have described him as a quiet, committed professional, who was extremely knowledgeable and polite. He had won many regional prizes for his work.

He was married to a Mongolian opera singer he had met online. At an awards event shortly after his marriage, he explained how he had met his wife, saying that he had typed “Mongolian opera singer” into a dating site.

Claude Lanzmann

Claude Lanzmann, the journalist and film director whose obsession with the Nazi genocide brought forth *Shoah*, a groundbreaking film that relived the annihilation of Jews through the memories of witnesses, died July 5 in Paris. He was 92.

With *Shoah* (Hebrew for catastrophe), Mr. Lanzmann’s 1985 film was internationally recognized as both an important historical record and a work of art — a nine-and-a-half-hour movie of interviews with living witnesses: officers and bureaucrats who had run the camps; Jewish survivors, including veterans of the 1943 uprising in the Warsaw ghetto; and Polish townspeople in Treblinka, Chelmno and Oswiecim, where the Auschwitz camp was located. The film, 12 years in the making, has been shown throughout Europe, in Turkey, and on public television in the United States.

Max Fuchs

Max Fuchs was a rifleman in the First Infantry Division when it came ashore at Omaha Beach, the bloodiest sector of the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. Four months later, he fought with the division in the battle for Aachen, which became the first German city to fall to the Allies in WWII.

On Oct 29 of that year, Private Fuchs, who had attended a yeshiva and sang cantorial music in a choir while growing up on Manhattan’s Lower East Side, sang the traditional Sabbath hymns at a highly emotional open-air service on the Aachen battlefield before some 50 fellow Jewish soldiers.

When Mr. Fuchs died on July 3 at his home in Manhattan at 96, he was remembered for his voice, one that resounded at the first Jewish service to be broadcast from German soil since the rise of Hitler. It was heard the next day on the NBC radio network throughout America, and later in Germany.

The American Jewish Committee had made the service possible, locating Sidney Lefkowitz, an Army corps chaplain, to preside. The division had no cantor at the time, so Private Fuchs volunteered to fill the role. Over the years, the recording has been seen and heard by tens of thousands.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In August

- 1: David Lewis; Charlotte Meyer; James Sidney Slotkin
3: Wilson DeLynn; Rachel A. Israel; Minna Orliansky
5: Irving Meshover
6: Hannah Lesser Goldstein; Marjorie Teperman
7: Milton Lipsitz; Esther Winters
8: Yomtov Safer
10: Philip Packard
11: Meyer Levenback
12: Leonard Berg; Franklin Mountain; Arthur J. Sharp
14: Ethel Brown
15: Morris A. Schottland
16: Rose Wander Kornfeld
17: Emanuel Bloch; Louis Posner
19: Morris W. Brown; Anna Goldin; Ethel Moch
20: Jack Kaplan
21: Herman Revere
22: Rose Crohan; Rae B. Levy
23: Dorothy Kaliski; Golda Orleans; Mort B. Shakin; Norman Weiner
24: Fanny Levine
25: Rabbi Ya'acov Berman; Max Seigel
26: Eva O. Rubin
28: Belle Baulsir; Elsie Glockner
29: Eve Adler
30: Esther Dolin; David Rothman
31: Hubert Bloom; Stanley Greenberg; Lena Rosenstreich; Hattie Weinstein

Birthdays in August

- 1: Andrew Sausmer
2: Marilyn Bayer-Levine
3: Paul Birman; James Sausmer; Simeon Seigel
5: Daniel Slatkin
6: Laurie Pinchuk
8: Dede Whitsit
9: Tallulah Sarig; Rebecca Seigel
11: Jane Messing
20: Abby Mendillo
21: Ashley Solomon
23: Dr. Tom Byrne
25: Carolyn Finn; Adrienne Greenberg
28: Aaron Novick
31: Rabbi Gadi Capela

Anniversaries in August

- 5: Alan and Helen Weinstein
31: Paul and Alice Nadel

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
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Gloria Waxler
Michael Murphy
Jane Sachs
Jody Levin
Bruce Bloom
Daniel Slatkin
Philip Goldman
Sidney Waxler
Paul Birman

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in July

Dr. Michael and Corinne Slade
Sy Brittman
Bette Heidenrich
Naomi Smith
Elizabeth Holtzman
Robert and Jane Lewis
Stephen and Susan Meshover
Alan and Rochelle Garmise
Bruce and Sara Bloom
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 death, 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 •

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