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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

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

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31: Hebrew class, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Sunday, Dec. 2: Menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m., followed by latke party at the shul

Sunday, Dec. 16: Board meeting, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26: Book Circle, community room, 2 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in December

Dec. 7: 4:10 Dec. 14: 4:11 Dec. 21: 4:13 Dec. 28: 4:18

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Jan. 8: Men's Club program/speaker/ TBA

Sunday, Jan. 20: Tu B'Shevat

Sunday, Jan. 20: Board and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Book Circle, community room, 2 p.m.

(Submission deadline for the January 2019 issue of *The Shofar*: December 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Blended Jewish”

Over the last weekend, I attended my good friend Angela’s wedding in Chicago. Angela married Jason, and since they are both members of Mensa, they were permitted to wed at the Newberry Library downtown. The 12-foot chuppah was placed in the middle of the museum lobby — pure white sashes flowing down from all four corners, like the four rivers in Eden. The bride descended the widening staircase to the affecting sounds of a piano. The queen of the day was joining her beloved — a Jewish man and a Jewish woman standing under the canopy of God to become one flesh.

This beautiful picture was a result of a mixed background, reflected by the mixed audience witnessing the event. In fact, most of the guests were not Jewish. Both Angela and Jason are Jews by choice. Angela converted 10 years ago; Jason completed his conversion only the day before the wedding. For both of them, this is a second chapter.

Angela has a daughter, who is half Indian with a skin tone much darker than her mother’s, whose German/Swedish background is apparent by her light coloring. She followed in her mother’s footsteps and converted to Judaism in her late teens, five years ago. She, like her mother, is a regular shul goer and loves Israel. Jason comes from an Italian background; his son is Jewish by birth, on his mother’s side. It is a beautiful picture of blended Jewish.

It has always been the case: The Jewish story from its genesis is a story of blending. Coincidentally, the weekly portion on that Shabbat was Parashat Vayetze, which describes exactly that. The Jewish family of our forefather Jacob was a blended one of Leah and Rachel. And, of course, a blended family presents many challenges, but the Torah tells us that it is simply the reality of life. Even when the Israelites, as a nation, leave Egypt, they are accompanied by the famous Erev Rav — a blend of multitude from the other nations.

But what if Rachel and Leah are the same woman? What if the message is simply an exercise in acceptance — accepting the two sides in ourselves? The external separation is simply a manifestation of an internal and permanent split. Maybe this is what our forefathers refused to accept, such as the *minim* — the types — any irregular blend. What if it’s time to accept the *minim* — all types? We are all *minim*, a type of blending. We have to accept the Leah, the tired,” with the Rachel, the freshly born lamb. We have to accept that our story begins with a blend in the Erev. Just as we begin our Shabbat in the eve — the erev — let’s learn how to come together like a braided challah for Shabbat, and have a meal around the table with our blended Jewish family.

Happy holiday season.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved member Sid Waxler A”H. Our condolences to Gloria and their sons, Jason and Roger, and their families. Just over a year ago, we honored Gloria and Sid at the Journal Dinner-Dance. Our words then still ring true. “I think about them every time I look at my fig tree that came from their yard. They are like the fig tree that keeps giving. Just when you think you have retrieved the last fig, behind the thick leaves are more sweet figs, more good deeds.” The Waxlers have been pillars of Tifereth Israel’s family and of our community. Sid has lectured and led workshops at our shul that probe Jewish history and its relevance to current events. He passed away on Nov. 11 — Veterans’ Day, the day WWII ended. Sid is the first to be buried at our Adrien Felder EEJCC Cemetery in Calverton. May Sid’s memory be for a blessing and help end all wars. We will miss you.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



A visit to the Capitol Mall in Washington, DC, is always a cold shower. All that planned elegance screams out the Enlightenment creed: Order begets order. What an illusion! Real time life is incurably messy, and all the geometric expertise of Washington architect Charles L'Enfant will never alter that fact.

For starters, could that 18th-century planner have envisioned the rise of Frisbee as an activity that would scatter dogs over the sedate lawns of our nation? Or the advent of jogger-strollers along sidewalks intended to accommodate the traffic of peripatetic lawmakers deep in debate over democratic lawmaking?

Yet it works. When you stand back and look at the scene of spirited and unpredictable behavior against the backdrop of the mall's serene order, it makes perfect sense. People go their disordered way, yet they pay careful attention all the while to the personal space of others, mindful of the boundaries that outline that space. In this way, L'Enfant's ordered environment does guarantee a field of play for our inevitable disorder.

That seems to be how we operate at Congregation Tifereth Israel. We have bylaws and contracts and policies that lay out our expectations for conduct on the part of Congregation, spiritual leader, and outside support. Those stated expectations provide a field on which each party plays out its attempts to fulfill its specific mission. The challenge is to keep all players on the field and within the field. But that won't happen unless each party looks out for all the others, unless each party is aware of the mission of the other parties, and unless each party understands how specific missions fit into the greater mission of providing a spiritual home for Conservative Judaism. A challenge, yes. But if any crowd is up to it, we are. For us it's just a walk in the park. Whoops! I mean it's just a walk on the mall.

—Susan Rosenstreich

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Hanukkah Celebration Dec. 2: Menorah Lighting in Mitchell Park And Latke Party At The Shul; Klezmer Band Adds To The Fun



The shul invites members and friends to Mitchell Park on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m., to witness the lighting of Greenport's Hanukkah menorah, which is taking place this year on the first night of the eight-night holiday. In the spirit of ecumenism, the menorah will remain lighted throughout the holiday season, sharing the park with the Village's Christmas tree in a display of friendship and respect among religions.

With that in mind, the

synagogue invites all those who attend the menorah lighting in the park to join the members and friends of the congregation for a Hanukkah party in the community room of the synagogue. Latkes and jelly doughnuts — traditional foods associated with Hanukkah — will be served. Kvetch, a klezmer band, will add to the festivities, thanks to a contribution from the Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund. Musicians are Andrea Urist, flute/tenor sax; Steve Wishnia, bass; Marilyn Glickman Gold, accordion; and Peter Kowalsky, doumbek/Greek baglama/baritone horn.

Rabbi Gadi will lead those attending the menorah lighting ceremony in blessings and songs of the holiday. Scheduled to participate in the Mitchell Park program are synagogue president Susan Rosenstreich and other local dignitaries.

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, called the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after desecration by Antiochus IV during the 2nd century BCE. Hanukkah also is a reminder of the miracle that took place then. With only enough consecrated oil to fuel the eternal flame in the Temple for one day, the oil burned for eight days — the length of time needed to press, prepare and consecrate sacred oil.

In recognition of the importance of oil in this holiday, observers prepare and eat foods deep-fried in oil, such as potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts. Other celebrations associated with Hanukkah include playing the Dreidel (a kind of top) Game, exchanging gifts, and giving gelt (money), commemorated by small net bags of gold foil-covered chocolate coins.

For more information about the menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, call the synagogue at 631-477-0232.

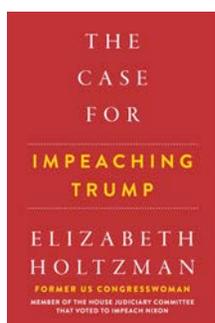
Sisterhood Partners With CAST To Provide Warm Clothing

The Sisterhood is putting the concept of *tikun olam* into action through a partnership with CAST (Community Action Southold Town) to provide much-needed warm clothing for children. To that end, shul members are being asked to donate new pajamas, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for children — infants through teenagers.

You can deliver your donations to Andrea in the synagogue's office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, and CAST will pick them up on Dec. 17. Or, you can send a check payable to Congregation Tifereth Israel, with "clothing drive" marked on the memo line, and members of the Sisterhood will use the money to shop for needed items.

In its announcement of the clothing drive, the Sisterhood quoted Anne Frank: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

In New Book, Shul Member States The Case To Impeach Trump



In her new book, *The Case For Impeaching Trump*, former U.S. Congresswoman and shul member Elizabeth Holtzman asserts that American democratic ideals and the rule of law in the United States are eroding under President Trump. "He lies, attacks our Constitution, assaults the press, and obstructs justice. He causes unfathomable damage. The Constitution has a remedy for presidents who commit 'great and dangerous offenses': impeachment." Holtzman makes the case that Trump has already met the requirements for impeachment as set out by the Constitution — and that the process should start now.

In her four terms as a Democratic Congresswoman from New York, Elizabeth Holtzman served on the House Judiciary Committee that investigated the role of President Richard M. Nixon in the Watergate scandal, and voted to impeach him. Her accomplishments in Congress include bringing Nazi war criminals in the U.S. to justice, creating

the bipartisan caucus of Congresswomen, and coauthoring the first special prosecutor legislation and the 1980 Refugee Act. She was later elected Brooklyn District Attorney and New York City Comptroller. She practices law in New York City, and is also a frequent media commentator on political affairs and a published writer.

USCJ/METNY Cites Judaism & Art And *The Shofar* For Excellence



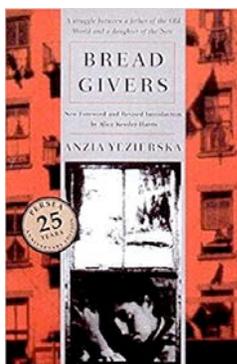
The Metropolitan New York District of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Solomon Schechter Awards Program recognized our shul with two gold citations, the most prestigious category, at the annual conference held Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Lake Success Jewish Center in Great Neck. Cited for “unique, creative and dynamic initiatives and/or programs that enhance the life of the congregation” were the Judaism & Art program in the Art & Music group, and *The Shofar* in the Bulletins & Periodicals group. Awards were classified gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention. Shul past president Adrienne Greenberg accepted the awards on behalf of Congregation Tifereth Israel.



According to METNY, the Solomon Schechter Program “rewards outstanding aspects that go beyond the expected norms. Award winners deserve recognition for the originality and quality of their programs, presentations and achievements.” The Art & Music award recognizes artistic expression of Judaism by members of the congregation. The Bulletins & Periodicals award represents the pride

the synagogue takes in its communications.

Book Circle To Discuss *The Immigrant Experience*



The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m., in the shul’s community room to discuss Anzia Yezierska’s novel, *Bread Givers*, with a foreword by historian Alice Kessler-Harris. The novel is set in the 1920s on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. It tells the story of Sara Smolinsky, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox rabbi, who rebels against her father’s rigid conception of Jewish womanhood, and struggles toward independence and self-fulfillment.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss the Jewish experience in literature, and the writers who portray it. For more information about the selection and how to join the group, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich.

Police Chief Martin Flatley Addresses Congregation Re: Security

Following an address by Police Chief Martin Flatley at the Nov. 18 Congregation meeting, Phil Goldman volunteered to head up a shul security committee to explore suggestions from the chief and congregants. Serving on the committee are Miriam Gabriel, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Paul Nadel, Joan Prager, Nancy Torchio, and Judy Weiner. The committee will recommend remedies to the congregation.

Rampage Kills 11 At A Synagogue In Pittsburgh *Attack Is Among Deadliest Against Jewish Community In The U.S.*

Armed with an AR-15-style assault rifle and at least three handguns, a man identified by police as Robert Bowers, 46, an avowed anti-Semite who had spread Jew-hating slurs on the Internet, opened fire inside the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh on the Shabbat morning of Oct. 27. Eleven people were gunned down and killed, and four police officers and two others were wounded.

The assailant fired for several minutes and was leaving the synagogue when officers, dressed in tactical gear and armed with rifles, met him at the door. According to the police, Bowers exchanged gunfire with officers before retreating back inside and barricading himself inside a third-floor room. He eventually surrendered.

Federal officials charged Bowers with 29 criminal counts, including obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs — a hate crime — and using a firearm to commit murder.

Leaders in the United States and across the world condemned the attack.

Ironically, the attack occurred on the morning following the 2018 installment of the Shabbat Project, a date when participating Jews worldwide gather in their respective houses of worship, including our shul, as part of a communal, peaceful Shabbat.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of our shul, issued a statement in response to the tragedy. The statement is reprinted here in part, with permission:

Dear members and friends,

Like all of you, I was horrified to learn about the massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life congregation yesterday. The peace and sanctity of our Shabbat was shattered by an evil man with a hateful and hurtful heart, who murdered 3 women and 8 men, simply for being Jewish. A confused soul who chose death over life at the "Tree of Life."

...Eleven people were gunned down in a house of worship on the Shabbat the Jewish people in the whole world decided to come together. The Shabbat Project had brought more than 40 people to dinner at our shul the night before. It is the Shabbat we learn about our father Abraham urging guests to enter his tent and rest from their long journey.

...While we mourn the loss of 11 men and women in what is believed to be the worst attack ever on the Jewish community on American soil, let's pray to God that the families of the deceased be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. Let's pray to God that the wounded, most of them first responders who prevented an even worse tragedy, will fully recover. A special prayer goes to Rabbi Jeffrey Meyers, who is also my colleague in the Conservative Judaism Movement.

While we are reminded that anti-Semitism is on the rise in America, along with other hate crimes, let's continue to listen to God speaking to us from the burning bush. "...those who hope in God will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like Eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

—Rabbi Gadi Capela



Occurring four days before Halloween, the massacre in Pittsburgh inspired a mystery carver, who placed this seasonal tribute among the flowers outside the Tree of Life synagogue, as part of a memorial dedicated to those killed while worshipping there. AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

Mourners' Kaddish Appears On Front Page of Pittsburgh Daily



יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבה...

These are the first words of the Jewish mourners' prayer, 'Magnified and sanctified be Your name,' to be recited tonight on the first Sabbath since the tragedy at Tree of Life



respect, of condolence — for a 21st-century audience mourning its dead, whether family, friend, congregant, neighbor or, simply, Pittsburgher.

“...if the past several days have shown anything, it is that these losses are all of ours, and that the solidarity of Pittsburgh’s grief is the face we have shown to those beyond the three rivers to the four corners of the earth.”

David M. Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, ran the opening line from the Mourner’s Kaddish on the front page of the newspaper.

In his message to the community, he wrote, “When you conclude there are no words to express a community’s feelings, then maybe you are thinking in the wrong language. That’s what prompted me to consider whether an excerpt from a 10th-century prayer might be the appropriate gesture — of

The result, a response to the shooting murder of 11 Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue on Oct. 27, was a banner headline on the Friday, Nov. 2, Post-Gazette that featured — in Hebrew characters — the opening of the mourners’ prayer, “Magnified and sanctified be Your name.”

Massacre Inspires A Wave Of Support For American Jews

After a gunman killed 11 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, hundreds of thousands of non-Jews attended Shabbat services around the world, according to JNS (Jews News Syndicate).

At the Sixth & I synagogue in Washington, DC, the line to get in for the 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat service ran the full length of one block and around the corner to the end of the next. The synagogue had prepared to seat about 700 people. Hundreds remained outside in the rain. Heather Moran, the synagogue’s executive director, announced that an impromptu second service would be held directly after the first, for those willing to wait. Nearly everyone stayed.

Three days after the Oct. 27 massacre, the American Jewish Committee announced a worldwide effort that encouraged those of all faiths and backgrounds to attend a Shabbat service over the weekend as a show of solidarity with the Jewish people, #ShowUpForShabbat. The AJC reported response from all corners of the world.

Canadian Prime Minister Apologizes For Failure To Save Jews

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau officially apologized for his country’s 1939 refusal to allow entry to a ship carrying more than 980 Jewish refugees from Nazi oppression.

Trudeau made the statement at the House of Commons on Nov. 7. “We apologize to the 907 German Jews aboard the St. Louis, as well as their families,” he said. “We are sorry for the callousness of Canada’s response. We are sorry for not apologizing sooner.”

The St. Louis fled the Third Reich from Hamburg in May 1939 carrying 937 passengers. The ship arrived in Cuba, which would not accept the refugees. They pleaded for help from the U.S. and Canada, but both countries refused. The United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands and France took in a large number of the escapees, but another 254 were murdered by the Nazis.

Smithsonian Magazine Marks 80th Anniversary Of Kristallnacht; November 2018 Issue Devotes 48 Pages To Two New Diaries

In recognition of the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, *Smithsonian Magazine* devoted 46 pages of its November 2018 issue to five stories about the Holocaust, including two newly translated diaries by young women who were ultimately murdered by the Nazis. The main story among the five that are included is by Renia Spiegel, “a spirited Polish teenager who spent her last days hiding from the Nazis. Her gift to us today is her journal, an eloquent account of a young woman’s consciousness blossoming in the midst of unimagined evil,” the magazine said.

Other articles include content about Anne Frank, and a soul-searching diary kept by Matilda Olkin, a young girl from Lithuania.



The Fifth Avenue menorah is arguably the largest and most frequently viewed public menorah in the world. It was designed by Israeli artist Yaacov Agam. Reassembled each year at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 59th Street in Manhattan, it was first lit on Dec. 26, 1986. Photo: Chaim Perl/Chabad

Tournament Champions Take Part In Israel's 60th Bible Quiz

In 1958, a one-time “Chidon HaTanach” (Bible quiz) was created as a radio celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Jewish state. What happened? The entire country caught “chidon fever.” One contest was not enough.

Sixty years later, on Dec. 6, a televised chidon “Champion’s Champion” program will take place to mark the anniversary of the Bible Quiz project. It will be held at Binyanei Ha’uma, Israel’s International Convention Center in Jerusalem, and will also be streamed on YouTube.

This chidon will cover 842 of 929 chapters in the Tanach. Three American competitors will return to Israel for the event, where 16 former champions will assemble for the tournament:

Yair Shahak, a teacher at the Frisch School in Paramus, NJ; Rabbi Ezra Frazer, a teacher at the Ramaz School in Manhattan; and Alexander Heppenheimer, a proofreader for chabad.org and an IT tech support specialist from the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn. The prize for the winner is 30,000 shekels (about \$8,000).

Rabbi Grabs Torahs Before California Wildfires Reach Synagogue

Rabbi Barry Diamond of Temple Adat Elohim, a Reform congregation in Thousand Oaks, California, risked his life to save the Torah scrolls in his synagogue, snatching them before they were burned in two massive wildfires converging on the temple.

According to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report, Rabbi Diamond was awakened at 3 a.m. on Nov. 9 by a neighbor who warned him that their Southern California neighborhood was under a voluntary evacuation order. Choosing not to gather his own personal items, the rabbi instead drove 20 minutes to the temple, where the fire had already begun to engulf the adjacent hill as he ran inside. He grabbed two Torah scrolls — one that had survived the Holocaust and another that was just six months old. Synagogue president Sandy Greenstein arrived in time to help the rabbi grab two more Torahs and a Megillat Esther. Rabbi Diamond said the vegetation behind the synagogue caught fire just as he loaded the Torahs into his car and fled the scene.

The First Jewish Governor Of Florida To Serve Five Days

“Now, you may not have known this from my name, Lopez-Cantera, but I’m Jewish. My father came from Cuba, but he married a nice Jewish girl in Miami, and I followed suit,” says Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera.

With Florida Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson conceding his reelection bid on Nov. 18 to Republican Gov. Rick Scott, the state will have its first Jewish governor — on an interim basis for five days. Governor Scott will be sworn into the Senate on Jan. 3, 2019, but Florida Rep. Ron DeSantis, a fellow Republican, who defeated Democratic Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum in a contentious race, will not be sworn in as governor until Jan. 8. During the interregnum, enter Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Miriam Adelson



Miriam Adelson, a philanthropist who has supported many Jewish institutions and causes, is one of seven people to have received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Donald Trump on Nov. 16. The medal is considered America’s highest civilian honor, along with the Congressional Gold Medal. The other recipients were Senator Orrin Hatch, NFL star-turned jurist Alan Page, rock legend Elvis Presley, baseball legend Babe Ruth, former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and former Hall-of-Fame quarterback Roger Staubach.

“Miriam Adelson is a committed doctor, philanthropist and humanitarian,” the White House announcement said. “She has practiced internal and emergency medicine, studied and specialized in the disease of narcotic addiction, and founded two research centers committed to fighting substance abuse. With her husband, Sheldon, she also established the Adelson Medical

Research Foundation, which supports research to prevent, reduce or eliminate disabling and life-threatening illness. As a committed member of the American Jewish community, she has supported Jewish schools, Holocaust memorial organizations, Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, and Birthright Israel, among other causes.” The Adelsons own the Israeli daily newspaper *Israel Hayom*, and are also major backers of the Republican party.

Facebook: Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg

Facebook is on the hot seat after *The New York Times* published a more than 5,000-word investigative report about how its executives responded to a series of scandals. From combating election meddling and hate speech to dealing with a massive security breach, the tech giant’s woes keep piling up. It’s trying to rebuild trust with its more than two billion monthly active users, but it also faces the potential of more regulation from lawmakers.

The New York Times investigation focuses on how Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, 34, and COO Sheryl Sandberg, 49, handled crisis after crisis over the last three years. The report was a biting criticism of their leadership, raising new questions about them, their role at Facebook and the company's future. The executives “ignored warning signs and then sought to conceal them from public view,” the paper wrote. They were also “distracted by personal projects and passed off security and policy decisions to subordinates.”

Facebook tried to “deflect blame” and “mask” the extent of a data privacy scandal that came to light in March, *The Times* said. Cambridge Analytica, a UK consulting firm, harvested the personal data of roughly 87 million Facebook users without their permission. The paper also said Facebook knew about Russian activity on the platform as early as spring 2016, more than a year before the company alerted the public.

Meanwhile, to protect the social network's image, the company resorted to “aggressive” lobbying tactics and tried to shift blame to tech rivals to ward off critics.

CTI Oneg Preparers (September-November)

Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg
Elaine and Phil Goldman
Meryl Kramer and Madelyn Rothman
Sherry Shaw

Roberta Garris
Z. Micah Kaplan and Gayle Kaplan
June Shatken
Dede Whitsit

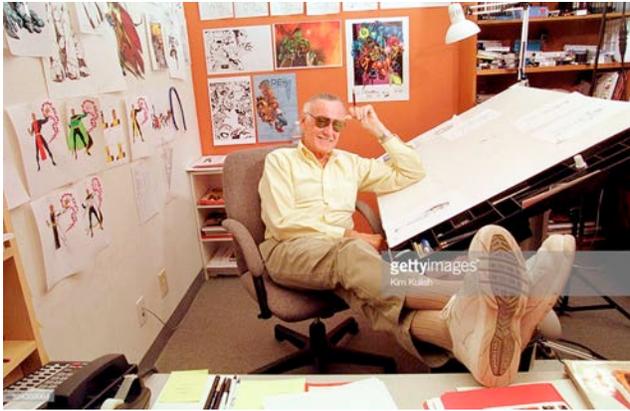
• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership in mourning the passing of long-time shul member Sidney Waxler on Nov. 11. He was 94. Sidney will be remembered for his intellectualism, his knowledge of Jewish history, and as the developer of a popular lecture series for our shul on the state of Jewish affairs. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Gloria, and their family.

Victims of the Oct. 27 shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh:

Joyce Fineberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65
Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66
Cecil Rosenthal, 59; David Rosenthal, 54
Bernice Simon, 84; Sylvan Simon, 86
Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; Irving Younger, 69

Stan Lee



Stan Lee, the legendary writer, editor and publisher of Marvel Comics, whose fantabulous but flawed creations made him a real-life superhero to comic book lovers everywhere, died Nov. 12 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was 95.

Mr. Lee began in the business in 1939 and created or co-created Black Panther, Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Mighty Thor, Iron Man, the Fantastic Four, the Incredible Hulk, Daredevil and Ant-Man, among countless other characters. The National Endowment for the Arts awarded him a

National Medal of Arts in 2008.

Mr. Lee's unwavering energy is well known in the profession. In a 2010 television documentary, "With Great Power: The Stan Lee Story," he said, "I want to do more movies. I want to do more television, more DVDs, more multisodes, I want to do more lecturing, I want to do more of everything I'm doing. The only problem is time. I just wish there were more time."

William Goldman



William Goldman, who won Academy Awards for his screenplays for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "All the President's Men," died Nov. 16, in Manhattan. He was 87.

In his long career, which began in the 1960s and lasted into the 21st century, Mr. Goldman also wrote the screenplays for popular films like "Misery," "A Bridge Too Far," "The Stepford Wives" and "Chaplin." He was a prolific novelist as well, and several of his screenplays were adapted from his own

novels, notably "The Princess Bride" and "Marathon Man."

In his book, *Adventures in the Screen Trade*, he expressed his philosophy of writing: "As a writer, I believe that all the basic human truths are known. And what we try to do as best we can is come at those truths from our own unique angle, to reilluminate those truths in a hopefully different way."

H. Peter Stern



H. Peter Stern, who co-founded Storm King Art Center in Mountainville, NY, and developed it into a prestigious outdoor sculpture museum with modern and contemporary works arrayed over a vast pastoral landscape, died Nov. 12 at his home in Manhattan. He was 90.

At any given time, Storm King's 500 acres are usually filled with 110 to 120 sculptures, including works

commissioned from Richard Serra, Maya Lin, Isamu Noguchi, Nam June Paik and Andy Goldworthy. Others have been acquired, including works by Louise Nevelson, Mark di Suvero, Henry Moore, Ursula von Rydingsvard and Alexander Calder.

Naomi Breslau

Naomi Breslau, one of the first scientists to study how the experiences of everyday life can cause serious psychiatric syndromes like post-traumatic stress disorder, died Oct. 13, in hospice care in Pittsboro, NC. She was 86.

Dr. Breslau, an emeritus professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Michigan State University, conducted pioneering studies on a broad range of topics in addition to PTSD, including low birth weight, migraine headaches, sleep disorders and dependence on nicotine.

She was born in what is now Afula, Israel. Her parents were Labor Zionist immigrants from western Ukraine, who settled in Palestine during the turbulent time of the British Mandate, which governed Palestine after WWI. In 1948, much of that territory became the newly created state of Israel.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In December

- 1: Mollie Kaplan Singer; Lt. Earl M. Silverstone
- 2: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren
- 3: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein
- 4: Alan Alford; Joseph Teperman
- 5: David Robert Levinson; Sidney A. Schneider
- 10: Michael Lepawsky
- 11: Goldie S. Friedman
- 12: Joseph Adelson; Helen Newman
- 14: Chuck Kahn
- 16: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine
- 18: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger; Dr. Nathaniel M. Sperling
- 19: Robert Strimban
- 20: Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panepinto
- 21: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs
- 22: Max Katz; Sarah Weiskott
- 23: Max Birman
- 25: Lillian Silberberg
- 26: Arnold Jaffe; Dr. Melvin Shengold
- 28: Jean Birman; Dr. Arthur Goldin; Jennie Levinson
- 29: Rose Wasserman

Birthdays in December

- 21: Elizabeth Berg, Barbara Glassner, Elyse Kirschner
- 24: Lori Melvin
- 26: Matthew Nathel
- 31: Pamela Birman

Anniversaries in December

12: Jed Clauss and Joanna Paulsen
14: Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg

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
Paul Birman

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in November

Paul and Pamela Birman
Ari and Susan Spar
Barry Wiseman
Francis Dubois
Lyle and Karen Bakst
Aaron and Thelma Novick
Renee Carey

William and Elizabeth Adams
 Bruce and Sara Bloom
 Michael and June Shatken
 Michael and Lorene Solomon
 Paul and Dr. Alice Nadel
 Matthew and Allison Nathel
 Roslyn Polonecki
 Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg
 Joshua and Dawn Teyuca
 Ari and Susan Spar
 Albert and Sylvia Safer
 Michael and Lynn Simon
 Stephan Brumberg and Carol Ingall
 Z. Micah Kaplan, MD and Gayle Kaplan
 Michael Slade, MD and Corinne Slade
 Stanley Rubin
 Joan Prager
 Hillary Kelbick
 Michael and Rachel Murphy
 Michael and June Shatken
 Carol Seigel
 Fisher Cardiology PLLC
 Martin Ehrenreich
 Edward & Arlene Fox
 Ann Hurwitz
 Lawrence Kotik
 Dr. Mark Melnick and Sharon Melnick
 Dr. Elana Sydney and Ellen Jaffe
 Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris
 Elizabeth Holtzman
 Sheldon and Joyce Pitkin
 Diana Whitsit

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.
- **Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and Projects:** supports cultural endeavors for the shul and community.

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, Bar/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
Dr. Susan Rosenstreich: President
Judith Weiner: Vice President

Nancy Torchio: Treasurer
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Sara Bloom: Recording Secretary
Elaine Goldman: Corresponding Secretary
Miriam Gabriel, Philip Goldman, Madelyn Rothman: Members at Large
TBA: Sisterhood Representative
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD: Men's Club Representative

The Sisterhood

President: TBA
Vice President: TBA
Eileen Santora: Treasurer and Acting President
Secretary: TBA
Gloria Waxler, Advisor

The Men's Club

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, President
Jesse Reece: Vice President
Philip Goldman: Treasurer

The Shofar

Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel: Editors

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Andrew Levin Park
Sy Brittman, caretaker
Advertising
Alan Garmise, chair
Audio-Visual
Phil Goldman, chair
Beautification/Building and Grounds
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, chair
Miriam Gabriel, Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece
Bylaws
Aaron Novick, chair
Alan Garmise, Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Joanna Paulsen
Calendar
Elaine Goldman, chair
E-Communications/Website
TBA
Education
TBA
Finance
Joan Prager, chair
Alan Garmise, Phil Goldman, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Stephen Meshover, Nancy Torchio,
Judith Weiner
Gift Shop
Sara Bloom, chair

Information Technology

Pamela Birman, Paul Birman, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Susan Rosenstreich,
Judith Weiner

Journal Dinner-Dance

Elaine Goldman, Joanna Paulsen, co-chairs

Judaism & Art

Saul Rosenstreich, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, June Shatkin, Cookie Slade, Irma Strimban, Dan Torchio,
Judith Weiner

Long Range Planning:

Alan Garmise, chair

Phil Goldman, Judith Weiner

Membership

Phil Goldman, chair

Nominating

TBA

Pastoral

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Elaine Goldman, Carol Seigel

Plaques

Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece, Stanley Rubin

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair

Sara Bloom

Ritual

Phil Goldman, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Stephen Meshover, Aaron Novick,
Susan Rosenstreich, Stanley Rubin, Sherry Shaw

Security:

Phil Goldman, chair

Miriam Gabriel, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Paul Nadel, Joan Prager, Nancy Torchio,
Judy Weiner

Telephone/Sunshine

Thelma Novick, chair

The Shofar

Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel, co-editors

Vegetable Garden

Adrienne Greenberg, chair

Yahrzeits:

Miriam Gabriel, chair

Stanley Rubin

Note: The president is a nonvoting member of all shul committees.