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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, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28: Hebrew class, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

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

Saturday, Jan. 19: Project Genesis pre-pilgrimage event, Peconic Landing, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, Jan. 21: Tu B'Shevat

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

Lighting Shabbat Candles in January

Jan. 4: 4:23 Jan. 11: 4:31 Jan. 18: 4:38 Jan. 25: 4:46

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sunday, Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Monday, Feb. 18: Presidents' Day

Sunday, March 10: Daylight Saving Time begins, 2 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20: First day of spring

Wednesday, March 20: Purim (reading of the Megillah)

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From The Rabbi...



“Bingeing the Bible”

With the passing of President George H. W. Bush, another chapter in American history has been signed. He was my first American president. I had just graduated from high school in Israel and was waiting for my army service when Iraq invaded Kuwait and instigated the First Gulf War. Soon after, scud missiles were starting to land in the middle of Israel. It was a tough time — having to run for shelter in sealed rooms, wearing gas masks. My brother and sister were still serving in the IDF (Israeli Defense Force), and my father was recruited for reserve duty. I joined a few days before the war officially ended.

For political reasons, the coalition’s armed forces, headed by the United States and its commander in chief, President Bush, asked Israel to avoid retaliation and let the coalition wage the battle. After six weeks of active battle, the war was over. For me, President Bush was a determined soldier, fighting tyrannical regimes wherever they were, representing core American values. May his memory be for a blessing.

Lately, I’ve been “bingeing the Bible,” as I like to call it; I’m reading the Bible cover to cover, not waiting for the weekly episode. It becomes obvious that the beginning and end of the Biblical books, is determined by the life and death of the protagonist king, prophet, or leader, irrespective of the way they die. This idea starts with the Book of Genesis — which we just completed reading in synagogue, that ends with the death of Jacob and Joseph. The Torah ends with the death of Moses, the Book of Joshua ends with the death of Joshua, giving room to the first judge to come on stage. 1 Samuel ends with the death of King Saul, while 2 Samuel begins and ends with King David. Things have to die before other things can begin. A new era beginning with a new leader.

The other feature that comes clear when reading the Bible straight through is the fact that stories are not always told in a chronological order. Many times stories moves forward and backward at the same time. The people who are dead, come back to live. Departing and then reuniting with the characters. But reading about them or telling their stories gives them their immortality. So even if they are gone, they are still circling around us. Maybe the person that knows it best is the Prophet Elisha, who saw his master, the Prophet Elijah, storm alive with a chariot into heaven.

Elisha gained a perspective which allows him to see beyond and notice the heavenly beings around us. When he is engulfed by the King of Aram with mighty chariots and a great host, he does not despair. When his servant was crying out: “Alas, my master! what shall we do?” He answered: “Fear not: for they that are with us are more than they that are with them... And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:14-17) Elisha sees what we don’t see. Those who departed, are now the army around us that protects us.

We never know what a new leader would be like and what new era they will usher. All we can do is keep “seeing” our past and future leaders and know that their successes as well as their failures are always live in our ongoing story. Unfortunately (or fortunately) we can’t binge life, or accelerate it forward and backward. We have to live one day at a time, one episode at a time.

Happy New Era!

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



A writer-friend recently asked me about a long-term book project. When I told him the project was still a work in progress, he chided me: “You mean you haven’t finished that thing yet?”

What is a good response to that? I could have told the guy to write “that thing” himself if he thought the project was as simple as his comment implied. Instead, I took a moment to appreciate what “that thing” really is.

We all hope to finish our projects, arrive at our destinations, fulfill our expectations. But there are two ways to end our journeys. One way is to rush to the finish. Traveling this way keeps you on the strait and narrow, focused on the goal. No chance you’ll lose your way if this is how you plan to reach it.

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The other way to travel is not for the faint of heart. This path is circuitous, punctuated by detour after garden path after dead end, and you’re guaranteed to lose your way repeatedly. On the other hand, what you see when you travel this way is what you would have missed if you had limited your focus to the destination. You’ll still get to the finish line, but it might not be where you

thought it was.

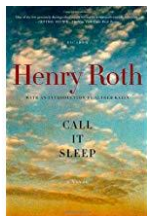
This other kind of travel demands that you constantly correct your course and assiduously study the waters ahead. But hey! Are you the servant of your goal, or the master of your journey?

So no, I haven’t finished “that thing” yet, and yes, it will be waiting for me at the finish line. And what about my writer-friend who can think only of the finish line? Maybe I should remind him that there is one universal finish line for all of us. He’ll be a much better writer if he quits focusing on destinations and lives this life on his way to the end of it.

—Susan Rosenstreich

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Book Circle To Discuss The Immigrant Experience



The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m., in the shul’s community room, to discuss *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. When this debut novel was published in 1934, it was greeted with considerable critical acclaim, though lackluster sales. With its paperback publication 30 years later, the book began to receive the recognition it still enjoys, having now sold millions of copies worldwide. It is the story of a young Jewish boy growing up in a Lower East Side New York ghetto in the early 1900’s.

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.

The *Little* Miracle: A Hanukkah Tale

There was music, there was dancing, there was candlelight, and the latkes were plentiful, as was the rain...

When we think about Hanukkah, we think about miracles — the miracle of Judah Maccabee and his small army of rebels, who fought for freedom against the overwhelming might of the Greek-Syrian oppressors, and also the miracle of the single cruse of oil, enough for a single day that miraculously burned for eight days and eight nights. These events occurred more than 2,200



years ago, in the 2nd century AD. And, as they have for millennia, Jews the world over have recognized these miracles in a festival of lights known as Hanukkah.

Not that the Village of Greenport, New York, can compete with the heroic story of Judah Maccabee and his triumph. But in a way, in 2018, this quiet little maritime outpost on

the east end of the North Fork of Long Island had its own little Hanukkah miracle.

It all started with a few sprinkles several days before Hanukkah. But the sprinkles rapidly escalated to showers, and ultimately into a deluge of Biblical proportions that soaked the earth and flooded the streets. Not only did the rain not let up on the morning of December 2, the date to usher in the first night of Hanukkah this year, but the forecast was even worse: thunderstorms with possibly dangerous lightning.

All day it rained, threatening the Hanukkah celebration planned to begin that night in Greenport's Mitchell Park, where the lighting of the official village menorah would take place. Shul members were looking forward to the observance. Villagers, local dignitaries and officials had been invited to witness the event, and to participate in a joyous celebration afterward at Congregation Tifereth Israel, the synagogue on Fourth Street. Yet the rain continued — all morning long, thunderously at noon, and relentlessly into the afternoon hours.



Now shul members and Greenport villagers, and most dignitaries and officials are a hardy bunch. And they have endured questionable weather on past Hanukkahs — some years shivering in the icy winds that blow across Mitchell Park from Peconic Bay, other years standing amid snow squalls on wintry nights, and yes, from time to time, with umbrellas raised against light showers and damp mists. But heavy rain and thunderstorms? Yet, the official menorah

beckoned... Surely only a miracle could save the event so meaningful to the Jewish people, one that so many had worked so diligently to arrange.

And it came to pass that the rain seemed less intense around 3 in the afternoon. Was it merely a light shower by 4? And maybe a mist at 4:30? Hopeful, the shul members, the villagers, the dignitaries, and the officials began to gather in Mitchell Park for the 5 o'clock ceremony. Would the rain hold off? Or would the celebrants find themselves drenched in a sudden downpour?

This is Hanukkah, a season of miracles. And this is the story of another Hanukkah miracle — nothing to be compared with the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem — but one that occurred not in ancient history, but in this lifetime — on December 2, 2018, in Greenport, New York, where the shul members, the villagers, the dignitaries and the officials joined Rabbi Gadi to recite the prayers, sing the songs, and witness the lighting of the official menorah in Mitchell Park on a suddenly and surprisingly clear night.



And when it was over, as planned, the shul members, the villagers, the dignitaries and the officials walked the three blocks happily together to the synagogue on Fourth Street, noting the Christmas decorations on the shops and buildings along the route, a manifestation of ecumenical good will that is pervasive in Greenport among its shul members, its villagers, its dignitaries and its officials.



At the synagogue, a klezmer band was tuning up, latkes were heating in the oven, and the community room was decorated with Hanukkah greetings and tables festooned in blue and white décor, complemented with gold, foil-shaped menorahs, chocolate coins and dreidels — the trappings of a festive Hanukkah celebration.

Unlike the weather, the arrangements were no miracle, but were the result of good work by many helpers. The latke-makers, headed by Joan Prager, included Elaine Goldman, Micah Kaplan, Larry Kotik, Jesse Reece, Susan Rosenstreich, Carol Seigel, Paula Shengold and her friends Sarah McNamara and Marlene Serby. Decorations had been set out by Roberta Garriss and Gayle Kaplan. Music arrangements with the Kvetch trio were provided by Ann Hurwitz, Suzi Rosenstreich, and Judy Weiner, with support from the Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and Projects.



Patty Ciacia was in the kitchen, overseeing all the refreshments. And many others pitched in to answer the phones, take the reservations, shop, pay the bills, organize the tables, position the chairs, and lend a hand wherever needed.



Photos by Adrienne Greenberg and Sara Bloom, text by Sara Bloom

Meanwhile, the shul members, the villagers, the dignitaries and the officials began arriving at the synagogue. The rain had not poured down, but into the synagogue they poured until a hundred or more had filled the room to overflowing. There was music, there was dancing, there was candlelight, and the latkes were plentiful. And still there was no rain — not until the last of the revelers had made their way home, when once more, the shul members, the villagers, the dignitaries and the officials slept in their beds that night under the pitter-patter of rain.

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Is Holocaust Remembrance Day The Same as Yom HaShoah?

Holocaust Remembrance Day and Yom HaShoah honor the victims of the Nazi genocide that took place during WWI, but the holidays focus on different aspects of the event and are observed on different days.

Holocaust Remembrance Day is an international memorial day on Jan. 27. It recognizes the tragedy of the Holocaust and commemorates the genocide that resulted in the death of an estimated 6 million Jewish people, 5 million Slavs, 3 million ethnic Poles, 200,000 Romani people, 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people, and 9,000 homosexual men by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day was designated by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/7 on Nov. 1, 2005. It urges every member nation to honor the memory of Holocaust victims, and encourages the development of educational programs about Holocaust history to help prevent future acts of genocide. It rejects any denial of the Holocaust as an event and condemns all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief. It also calls; for actively preserving the Holocaust sites that served as Nazi death camps, concentration camps, forced labor camps and prisons, as well as for establishing a U.N. program of outreach and mobilization of society for Holocaust remembrance and education. The date for the observance corresponds with the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp, on Jan. 27, 1945.

Yom HaShoah is the Jewish community's day for internal reflection. It provides an opportunity to educate children, to honor the victims of the Holocaust, and to recognize the achievements of its survivors and refugees who have given so much to society. In 2019, Yom HaShoah will be observed on Wednesday evening, May 1, to Thursday evening, May 2.

Arnold's Bread Manufacturer Drops The OU



Bimbo Bakeries USA, which owns many of the nationally distributed bread and bun brands in the United States, including Arnold's, Thomas', Sara Lee, Strohmann, Freihofer's and Entenmann's, has decided to drop the world's largest kosher symbol, the OU (Orthodox Union) certification, for many of its products, according to JNS (Jewish News Service).

"This [Arnold's] has been the bread of choice for kosher consumers all over the country," said Rabbi Zvi Nussbaum, the primary voice behind the OU kosher hotline. "It's a staple of many Jewish homes. This has hit kosher consumers like a ton of bricks," he said.

The Rabbinical Council of America sent out an "urgent notice" about Bimbo Bakeries products, and has recommended that those wishing to urge the company to maintain kosher certification of favorite products should contact the company at 1-800-984-0989, or utilize its customer feedback form: <https://www.bimbobakeriesusa.com/consumer-questions-feedback/>.



Jewish tombstones desecrated with swastikas in the Herrlisheim Jewish Cemetery, north of Strasbourg, in eastern France, on Dec. 13. Dozens of tombs were defaced. AP Photo/Jean-Francois Badias



Jewish community members light a menorah at the landmark Gateway of India as part of Hanukkah celebrations on the last night of the festival in Mumbai, India.

AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool

Germany To Compensate Kindertransport Survivors

Eighty years later, Germany has said it will compensate Jewish men and women who survived the Holocaust as children, according to the Jewish Material Claims Against Germany organization, which negotiated restitution with the German government.

The country will pay \$2,800 to each Holocaust survivor from among the 10,000 who fled Germany via the kindertransport. With about 1,000 survivors remaining, approximately half of them living in Britain, the reimbursement is touted as a “symbolic recognition of their suffering,” said claims negotiator Greg Schneider. As many as 1.5 million children perished.

Jewish Actors And Culture Represented at Golden Globes

The Golden Globe Awards will air on NBC on Jan. 6, and there’s no shortage of Jewish actors and culture represented this year, according to the *New York Post*.

- Timothee Chalamet played a meth-addicted teen in *Beautiful Boy*, and is nominated for best supporting actor.

- Troye Sivan’s song, “Revelation,” featured in *Boy Erased*, is up for best original song. Mark Ronson also made the category with his song, “Shallow,” from *A Star is Born*. Composers Justin Hurwitz and Marc Shaiman’s musical work got them nominations — Shaiman for the *Mary Poppins* sequel, and Hurwitz for *First Man*.

- Adam Driver, best known as Kylo Ren from the new Star Wars movies, isn't Jewish himself but is nominated for playing a Jewish cop in *BlaKkKlansman*, the Spike Lee movie.
- "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" is nominated for best musical or comedy television series. Rachel Brosnahan portrays a Jewish character in Amazon's "Maisel," although she isn't Jewish herself. She's nominated for best actress along with two well-known Jewish actresses: Alison Brie for her work in "Glow," and Debra Messing for playing the part of Grace in the reboot of the popular sitcom "Will & Grace."
- Henry Winkler, who played The Fonz on "Happy Days," is nominated for best supporting actor for his role in the HBO series "Barry."
- Sacha Baron Cohen duped a number of prominent American politicians into being interviewed by the various characters he portrayed in "Who is America?" on Showtime. He is nominated for best musical or comedy television actor.

Random Reads: Recommendations For The Winter Doldrums



- *New York's Yiddish Theater: From the Bowery to Broadway*, edited by Edna Nahshon. In the early decades of the 20th century, on New York City's Lower East Side, dramas, comedies, musicals and vaudeville, along with sophisticated productions of Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekhov were staged in Yiddish for largely Eastern European audiences. This heyday of Yiddish Broadway is vividly illustrated. [Note: "Fiddler" in Yiddish moves Feb. 11 from the Museum of Jewish Heritage to Stage 42.]
- *The Length of a String* by Elissa Brent Weissman. Imani is adopted, and she's ready to search for her birth parents. She discovers the diary her Jewish great-grandmother wrote, chronicling her escape from Holocaust-era Europe.
- *The Mandela Plot* by Kenneth Bonert. Secrets from the past begin to emerge, and old sins long buried return, making for a literary thriller, a coming of age tale, and an unforgettable story.

Stuck At Home With A Cold? Try *The Shofar's* Giggle Therapy

Doctor Bloom, who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis, had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office and emerged within half an hour walking completely erect, with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half, and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?"

She answered, "Miracle, shmiracle...he gave me a longer cane."

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The Italian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have wine."

The Frenchman says, "I'm thirsty. I must have cognac."

The Russian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have vodka."

The German says, "I'm thirsty. I must have beer."

The Mexican says, "I'm thirsty. I must have tequila."

The Jew says, "I'm thirsty. I must have diabetes."

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When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered, so he asked his little brother Henry to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. But Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand.

Their father said, "Henry, this is important. Put your hand back on your brother's head." To which Henry replied, "Am I my brother's kippah?"

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While not a joke, per se, this item that appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* should give you a chuckle or two that somebody — anybody — would actually do it. According to the *Post*, a kippah with Frank Sinatra's name crocheted on it, advertised as having belonged to the singer, was auctioned off at Sotheby's for — Wait for it! — \$9,375.

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• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Leon and Debra Black



Leon Black, chair of the board of directors of the Museum of Modern Art, and his wife, Debra, have pledged \$40 million to MoMA's expansion project. The \$400 million refurbishment will increase space by 30 percent, and add flexible spaces dedicated to contemporary design, performance and film.

In honor of the gift, MoMA will create the Debra and Leon Black Family Film Center, spanning two floors of the museum's Ronald S. and Jo Carole Lauder Building, which includes multimedia exhibition

galleries and two theaters. The center will present film exhibitions and premieres with directors, actors, and other cinema experts.

Leon Black has served as a trustee of the museum since 1997, and was named chairman of the board in May 2018.

Michael D. Cohen



Michael D. Cohen, the former lawyer for President Trump, was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in a scandal that implicates the President in a scheme to buy the silence of two women who said they had affairs with him. The sentencing in federal court in Manhattan on Dec. 12 capped a startling fall for Mr. Cohen, 52, who ended up a central figure in the inquiry into payments to a porn star and a former Playboy model before the 2016 election.

Judge William H. Pauley III said Mr. Cohen had committed a "veritable smorgasbord" of crimes involving deception and "motivated by personal greed and ambition," each of which "standing alone warrant serious punishment." He added that Mr. Cohen's crimes — breaking campaign finance laws, tax evasion, and lying to Congress — "implicated a far more insidious harm to our democratic institutions."

"I blame myself for the conduct which has brought me here today," Mr. Cohen said. "It was my own weakness and a blind loyalty to this man" — a reference to Mr. Trump — "that led

me to choose a path of darkness over light... Time and time again, I felt it was my duty to cover up his dirty deeds rather than to listen to my own inner voice and my moral compass.”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg underwent surgery on Dec. 21 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Center in New York to remove cancerous nodules from her lungs.

The nodules were discovered incidentally during tests performed at George Washington University Hospital to diagnose and treat rib fractures sustained in a fall on Nov. 7, according to a statement from the court.

“Post-surgery, there was no evidence of any remaining disease,” the statement said.

The 85-year-old has survived two previous bouts with cancer.

Robert Alter

Robert Bernard Alter is an American professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has taught since 1967. He published his translation of the Hebrew Bible in 2018. A landmark event, the complete Hebrew Bible is an award-winning translation and a masterpiece of deep learning, according to *The New York Times*, which praised its poetry and narrative. The translation features the editor’s generous commentary.

Shul members providing Onegs and Kiddushim

Susan Meshover
Peninah Neimark
Susan Rosenstreich
Carol Seigel
Paula Shengold
Dr. Elana Sydney
Joan Prager
Diana Whitsit



Rabbi Gadi joins fellow clergy and the guest speaker at the annual EEJCC (East End Jewish Community Council) annual dinner, held Dec. 16 at the Hampton Synagogue. Pictured, from left, Rabbi Gadi; Rabbi Sheryll; Cantor Rubin; guest speaker Robert Socolof, Long Island director of the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Azriel; Rabbi Roscoe; and Rabbi Altman.

Photo provided by Rabbi Gadi

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins shul members of long standing in an expression of sadness at the Dec. 10 death of Rabbi Harold Spivack, who led our congregation from 1998-2000. Those of us who knew Rabbi Spivack enjoyed his intellectual interpretations of the Bible, and his personal warmth.

Randolph Braham

Randolph L. Braham, who as the foremost American scholar of the Holocaust in Hungary, his homeland, rejected that country's highest award to protest what he denounced as an official whitewash of its collusion in the murder of hundreds of thousands of Jews during WWII, died Nov. 25 at his home in Forest Hills, Queens. He was 95.

A Holocaust survivor, whose parents had been murdered at Auschwitz, he wrote or edited more than 60 books, including *The Politics of Genocide: The Holocaust in Hungary* (1981) and his three-volume *The Geographical Encyclopedia of the Holocaust in Hungary* (2013). In 1992, he retired as a distinguished professor of political science at City College, where he had taught Holocaust history for three decades.

Professor Braham was outraged by what he described as attempts by Hungary's current nationalist government to equate the murder of nearly 600,000 Jews in Hungary with the suffering of other Hungarians under the German occupation. In protest, in 2011, he returned the Order of Merit he had received for his research.

Gerald Berenson

Dr. Gerald Berenson, a cardiologist who found that detecting and reducing elevated weight, blood pressure and cholesterol in young children could help prevent heart disease when they became adults, died Nov. 22 in Houston. He was 96.

Dr. Berenson was a professor of cardiology at the Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Medicine when, in 1972, he initiated what became known as the Bogalusa Heart Study, a four-decade survey that would track 16,000 people from birth to adulthood. He was its principal researcher.

The study resulted in worldwide preventive programs to encourage exercise and lower salt and fat consumption beginning when children are very young. Those measures could ward off or mitigate atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease, Type 2 diabetes, hypertension and obesity, the study concluded.

"What he learned from Bogalusa school children influenced the well-being of people the world over," Dr. Larry Hollier, the chancellor of Louisiana State University Health, said.

Lisa Schwartz

Dr. Lisa Schwartz, a director of the Center for Medicine and Media at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, part of Dartmouth College's Geisel School of Medicine, devoted her life to warning patients about the dangers of unnecessary medical tests and treatment and excessive diagnoses. She died Nov. 29 in Lebanon, NH. She was 55.

Working with her husband, they warned of "the medicalization of everyday life," and an "epidemic of diagnoses. Everyday experiences "like insomnia, sadness, twitchy legs and impaired sex drive now become diagnoses: sleep disorder, depression, restless leg syndrome, and sexual dysfunction." They were particularly concerned about how such diagnoses affected

children. “If children cough after exercising, they have asthma; if they have trouble reading, they are dyslexic; if they are unhappy, they are depressed; and if they alternate between unhappiness and liveliness, they have bipolar disorder.” If everyone took the recommended tests for blood cholesterol and sugar, body mass index and diabetes, she once calculated, three in four adults in the United States would be classified as diseased.

Sy Kattelson

Sy Kattelson, a photographer and member of the influential Photo League, who captured workaday New York in pictures of nuance and intimacy for half a century, Died Nov. 24 in Rhinebeck, NY. He was 95.

His photographs tended to show New Yorkers in unguarded moments as they rode subways, walked the avenues, wheeled Perambulators and otherwise went about their urban business. His works are in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the National Portrait Gallery.

Selma Engel

Selma Wynberg Engel, who escaped a Nazi extermination camp after a prisoner uprising and was among the first to tell the world about the camp’s existence, died Dec. 4 in East Haven, CT. She was 96.

A Dutch Jew, Mrs. Engel was among 58 prisoners who escaped from the secret Sobibor extermination camp in Eastern Poland. Only one other former Sobibor prisoner, Semyon Rozenfeld, of Israel, is believed to be alive today, the *New York Times* said.

Most prisoners sent to Sobibor were instantly gassed or shot to death, but Mrs. Engel, who was 20, was selected to sort the clothing of the dead and thus spared. Knowing that all the prisoners would be murdered sooner or later, a group of them staged a revolt. About 600 prisoners broke free and fled under machine-gun fire. Only about half made it to the fences. Search squads recaptured most of the rest. One prisoner, Chaim Engel, had also survived as a clothes sorter. He grabbed Selma’s hand and fled with her. They were among the few to escape.

She began telling the world what she had witnessed and, along with Chaim, her husband, the two of them would continue to do so for the rest of their lives. On April 12, 2010, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Mrs. Engel in recognition of her historical witness. On the same day, the Dutch minister of health care, Ab Klink, issued a formal apology. Mrs. Engel said she was honored to receive the knighthood, but she rejected the apology, telling family and friends that it was too little, too late, *The Times* said.

Evelyn Berezin

Evelyn Berezin, who nearly a half-century ago built and marketed the first computerized word processor, died Dec. 8, in Manhattan. She was 93.

In an age when computers were in their infancy and few women were involved in their development, Ms. Berezin not only designed the first true word processor; in 1969, she was also a founder and president of the Redactron Corporation, a tech start-up on Long Island that was the first company exclusively engaged in manufacturing and selling the revolutionary machines.

Ms. Berezin called her computer the Data Secretary. It was 40 inches high and had no screen. Later versions came with monitor screens for text, separate printers, greater memory caches, smaller consoles, faster processing speeds, and more programmed features to smooth the writing and editing tasks.

Early in her career, she designed numerous single-purpose computer systems. They calculated the firing ranges of big guns, controlled the distribution of magazines, and kept accounts for corporations and automated banking transactions. She also claimed credit for the world's first computerized airline reservations system.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In January

- 1: Ida Sausmer
- 2: Toivo Jarvi
- 3: Marcia B. Block; Martha Levin
- 4: Gerald Nathel; Herman Millman; Stanley Sydney
- 5: Norma Good; Nedjat Lazar; Steven Newman; Alvin Robins; William Sausmer
- 7: Nathan Forman; Rose Katz Grossman; Julius Levine; Mel Morrell
- 8: Monir Lazar; Benjamin Lipman; Ralph Michelson and his five brothers
- 9: Annie Bush; Rebecca Evelstein; Louis Felder; Anna Neimark
- 10: Helen Newman
- 11: Clara Nissenfeld
- 12: Adrien Felder; Herbert R. Mandel
- 13: Bella Schwartz
- 15: Morris Budofsky; Evelyn Rosenbaum
- 17: David J. Brown; Jeffrey Doss; Gladys Feinberg; Yehuda L. Levinson; Joan Slade
- 18: Rebecca Revere
- 19: Anna Posner
- 20: Tillie Chrobersky; Dorothy Kaplan
- 21: Jack Dalven
- 23: Oscar Goldin; Donna Nadel; the Rev. David Orliansky
- 24: Adele Blanche Lustig; Samuel Joseph Pelovitz
- 25: Abraham Slotkin
- 27: Sophia P. Ballen; Samuel Neimark
- 28: Bessie Goldin; Bernyca "Bunny" Simon
- 29: Kate Kalter; Nettie Rosenstein
- 31: Gertrude Ogur Moskowitz; Bernard Solomon

Birthdays in January

- 2: Molly Byrne
- 3: Seth Greenseid
- 4: Stanley Kaplan
- 8: Alan Weinstein
- 20: Sara Bloom; Carly Teperman
- 22: Jo Ann Blumberg
- 24: Veronica Kaliski
- 27: Peri Sausmer

Anniversaries in January

5: Carol Ingall and Stephen Brumberg

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 December

Miriam Gabriel
Bruce and Sara Bloom
Peter Krasnow and Christine Cerny
Marsha Lipsitz
Drs. Saul and Susan Rosenstreich
Dr. Lewis Teperman and Helaine Teperman
Mark and Ellen Wiederlight
Buoy One
Gayer Tax Service
Philip and Elaine Goldman
Harry and Ana Katz
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan

Sy Brittman
Ladon Shalom-Murray
H. Lee and Jo Ann Blumberg
Roberta Katcher
Menachem Kastner and Sherry Shaw
Francis Dubois and Paul Jeselsohn
Irma Strimban
Daniel and Nancy Torchio
Judith Weiner
Elizabeth Holtzman
Charles and Louise Bogen
Stephen and Susan Meshover
Arnold and Myra Gans
Jonathan Sperling
Harriet Abraham
Ellen Jaffe
Howard and Esther Kalman
David Ticker
Marian Friedmann

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
Joan Prager: Financial Secretary
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

Shul Committees

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

Adrianne Greenberg, Jesse Reece, Stanley Rubin

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair

Sara Bloom

Ritual

Phil Goldman, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Adrianne Greenberg, 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

Vegetable Garden

Adrianne Greenberg, chair

Yahrzeits:

Miriam Gabriel, chair
Stanley Rubin

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