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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, March 4, 11, 18 and 25: Hebrew class, 4 p.m.

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28: The Siddur, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Sunday, March 10: Great Music Sunday, concert by Basically Baroque, community room, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 17: Board meeting, 9 a.m.; Congregation meeting 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20: Book Circle, 2 p.m., community room

Thursday, March 21: Megillah reading, hamantaschen, and Purimshpiel, 4 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in March

March 1: 5:29 March 8: 5:37 March 15: 5:44 March 22: 5:52 March 29: 5:59

Dates to Remember

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

Wednesday, March 20: First day of spring

Friday, April 19: First Passover Seder, community room, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: Havdalah at Seder table, followed by Second Passover Seder, 6 p.m.

A New Workshop: Be better organized according to the Jewish prayer book

Beginning Thursday, March 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Rabbi Gadi will begin a new series focused on the Siddur. In this workshop, participants will delve into the structure and philosophy of the Siddur, and explore how it can help each person organize his or her life.

(Submission deadline for the April 2019 issue of *The Shofar*: March 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Bat Mitzvah in Jerusalem”

It was a beautiful winter day today in Jerusalem. We had just celebrated Eliza Garmise’s bat mitzvah at the family section of the Western Wall. Eliza stood to read the Torah right at the heart of the Jewish story. She was surrounded by her proud parents, Jason and Jessica, and her grandparents — our shul members Alan and Rochelle Garmise. Three years ago, they all stood witness to Eliza’s sister Hannah’s bat mitzvah, observed with grandma Rochelle also celebrating her belated bat mitzvah. This time, the celebration was shared with the bar mitzvah of Eliza’s friend Benjy, who was accompanied by his parents and grandparents.

It was wonderful to see the three generations standing shoulder to shoulder — mothers, daughters, and granddaughters; fathers, sons, and grandsons. Our rabbis teach us that the connection of the three generations spells out the word “stone” — as in the cornerstone of the Temple. Seven months ago, a large stone suddenly fell out of the Western Wall, right there at the family section, and many practical and spiritual speculations followed. But even if all the stones fall, the important stone of the foundation was standing in front of us in the form of three generations keeping their promise to God, as God keeps His promise to them.

My words to the teens came out of an important lesson from the weekly portion of “Ki Tisa.” One of the signs of maturity and responsibility is to keep those promises. We read about the 40 days and nights that Moses goes away to bring down the two tablets. The people somehow believe he is late (“boshesh” 32:1), even though he actually returned on the same day. But the people demanded a visible God, something to believe in right then and there. By creating the Golden Calf, they were violating the cardinal prohibition of having no other gods.

The golden calf was not the first time the covenant between Man and God was broken because of not waiting a little longer. The midrash also tells us that Eve and Adam ate from the Tree of Knowledge on the same day they were created. Had they waited a bit, they would have entered a peaceful Sabbath.

The common thread between the Golden Calf and the Tree of Knowledge is “instant.” To be in a hurry, and in a hurry to know. If we let our FOMO (fear of missing out) control us, then we instantaneously lose our relationship to God. God gives Moses the tablets right after His mandate to keeping Shabbat. “And the people of Israel shall observe the Shabbat for their generations as an eternal covenant.” (Exodus 31:16) Perhaps the essence of God’s creation is exactly that — to take our time, to slow down, to keep Shabbat, to nourish the generational connections, of becoming a bat/bar mitzvah — the cornerstone of the covenant.

Blessings from Jerusalem,



From The President...



Years ago and far away, my French teacher asked me the meaning of a line in some ancient, obscure poem. The question caught me in flagrant daydreaming mode. But this was French class, right? So the answer had to be love.

At my response, Monsieur looked down upon me from the great height of his French superiority, and speaking loudly and clearly to make sure everyone knew what he thought of American teenagers, he announced, “That may be what you think the poem means, mademoiselle, but that is not what the text says.” Please don’t think ill of me, but my response to his response to my response was one great big guffaw.

On my way to the principal’s office, I reflected on that laugh. I hadn’t been trying to cover up any discomfort — this was Berkeley, after all, and we didn’t do discomfort. Nor had I (consciously) intended to mock Monsieur. No, what had tickled me was the thought of that little poem, enthroned on its perfect white page, saying the same-old same-old from century to century, while the world around it went through hell and high water, feast and famine, war and peace.

How could the poem mean the same thing to a French baker in medieval Paris and a Montreal hockey player in the 1980s? How could the French words of the poem speak to me exactly as they spoke to Monsieur? Isn’t the whole point of life to figure out for ourselves what the dad-blasted poem is trying to tell each of us? Any Jew knows that’s why we’re down here.

Anyway, after my talk with the principal, I was transferred out of Monsieur’s French class and into Madame’s. It was a smart move. Madame believed that students should recite poems, not read them. That way, she told us, we could put our own, personal meaning into French words. Because, she told us, a poem means different things to different people. And yes, she agreed, French poetry is always all about love.

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Coming Up, A Purim Imagining You’ve Never Heard Before



Whether you call it a Purim Party, a Purim Carnival, or a Purim Palooza, it’s going to be a celebration to remember. Yes, Rabbi Gadi will read the Megillah, and everybody will be encouraged to hoot and holler and twirl gregors whenever Haman’s name is mentioned. And yes, we will feast on Phil Goldman’s famous hamantaschen. But something extra is in store for you this year — an old-fashioned Purimshpiel will tell a Purim story, the likes of which you’ve never heard before. Funny? Mostly.

Corny? Definitely.

Dust off your Purim costumes, or scramble something together from your closet. Come prepared to be part of the Purimshpiel cast. Scripts will be distributed, and all players will be encouraged to overact. This is your chance. Next stop: Broadway.

It all starts on Thursday, March 21, at 4 p.m. From newborns to superseniors, all are welcome. Come for the Megillah, come for the noise, come for the costumes, come for the hamantaschen, come for the shpiel, come for the fun. See you there. Don’t be late.

Basically Baroque To Perform In Synagogue's 'Great Music Sunday' Concert Series, March 10

Program Includes Works From The German, French And Italian Baroque Periods



Back by popular demand after the group's dynamic presentation last January, Basically Baroque, a quartet of local professional musicians, will perform in the fourth annual Great Music Sunday concert series, to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, in the shul's community room.

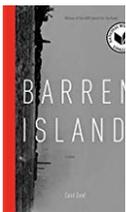
The Great Music Sunday series, a popular cultural offering on the North Fork, brings professionally trained musicians to local audiences. This year's program will include works by JS Bach, Loeillet, Quantz and Vivaldi, which covers compositions from the German, French and Italian Baroque periods. A

lively question and answer session following the concert provides an opportunity for audience members to get to know the musicians and to learn how music has influenced their lives.

The members of the quartet met here on the North Fork in 1995 through their shared interest in Baroque music, and have been performing together since that time. The quartet's appearances are eagerly anticipated events with local audiences. Members of the quartet are Linda Betjeman, keyboard; shul member Bill Packard, flute; Dan Skabeikis, violin; and Jeannie Woelker, cello. [Photo by Debra Riva]

There is no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering would be appreciated. For more information about the concert, please call the synagogue at 631-477-0232.

March Book Circle Selection Tells An Immigrant's Story



The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 20, at 2 p.m., in the shul's community room, to discuss *Barren Island* by Carol Zoref. This is the story of an immigrant family and their neighbors, who lived on a now-paved-over island in Sheepshead Bay. Set in the early 1900s, the author gives readers an account of the sometimes insurmountable difficulties they had to overcome. It is an uplifting tale of survival. Winner of the AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs) award for the novel, the National Book Award for Fiction, and the National Jewish Book Award Goldberg Prize.

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.

Members Step Up To Prepare Onegs and Kiddushim

The Shofar joins the membership in commending Elaine Goldman for arranging Friday evening Onegs and Saturday Kiddush lunches. To that end, many thanks to January preparers Rochelle and Alan Garmise, Roberta Garris and June Shatken. February preparers were Roberta Garris, Elaine and Phil Goldman, William Packard and Jesse Reece.

The tasks are simple to perform, and volunteers are needed. Won't you step up? Please call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Elaine, stating your availability.

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If You Are Reading This Newsletter, Chances Are You Are Happy

Based on an analysis of survey data from the U.S. and 25 other countries, a Pew Research Center study concludes that people engaged in religious activities tend to be happier and more involved in civic life than their peers. That is not to say that reading this newsletter makes you happy, although the *Shofar* editors certainly hope you enjoy the articles included. What the editors infer from the research is that if you are reading this newsletter, chances are you are interested in learning about the Judaic-focused material to be found here; that probably you are affiliated with Congregation Tifereth Israel, the newsletter's sponsoring synagogue; and that likely you participate in the spiritual, educational and social activities associated with the synagogue.

If our supposition that *Shofar*-reading Jewish people in our coverage area may be happier than non-*Shofar*-reading Jewish people in our area (many qualifiers, to be sure), then *Shofar* readers join the majority of actively religious adults responding from 26 countries who say they are very happy. And that makes *The Shofar* editors very happy.

Holocaust Educators Rush To Preserve First-Person Testimony

In the continuing fight to educate the world about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, and to honor the millions who were slaughtered, Holocaust educators are rushing to preserve first-person testimony. Survivors are aging; the youngest remaining witnesses are reaching their 80s, and their inevitable disappearance weighs heavily on educators, who believe there is nothing more effective and moving than face-to-face testimonies.

"I don't like to speak of the day when there won't be any survivors," said Shulamit Imber, pedagogical director of Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies, as reported in an article by Michael Chabin for Religion News Service. "To hear that six million Jews were murdered is overwhelming. To hear one story from someone who lived through the Holocaust makes a strong impression."

While Yad Vashem has thousands of survivor testimonies in its archives, the importance of in-person survivor testimonies goes beyond anecdotal evidence, Imber said. In surveys, teachers who have participated in Yad Vashem's multiday Holocaust education seminars listed face-to-face encounters with survivors as the most effective part of the program.

The race against time has prompted Yad Vashem to create a contextual kind of filmed testimony in which survivors travel to their hometowns in Europe and to the places where they experienced the Holocaust most acutely. Yad Vashem is also actively encouraging teachers to use its extensive archive of diaries by Holocaust victims, many of whom did not survive the war. "Everyone knows about Anne Frank's diary, but there are thousands more, translated into many languages," she said.



Survivors of Auschwitz arrive at the International Monument to the victims of Fascism at former Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau on International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Oswiecim, Poland, on Jan. 27. AP Photo/Czarek Sokolowski

Auschwitz Artifacts At Museum Of Jewish Heritage In May



A lengthy article in *The New York Times* by Ralph Blumenthal and Joseph Berger detailed the replications to be mounted in an exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, which will devote 40 rooms on three floors to 700 or more artifacts and settings designed to provide a vivid sense of the Nazi death camp where 1.1 million people were killed, a

million of them Jews.

The exhibition is titled “Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away.” It is aimed at “refocusing the heritage museum into one that will delve more deeply into the Holocaust at a time when Jewish leaders say anti-Semitism and other hate crimes are growing, and the memories of — and witnesses to — what happened to six million Jews and other victimized minorities three-quarters of a century ago are fading away,” *The New York Times* said.

Visitors will see a boxcar of the kind the Nazis used to transport people like cattle, the barracks where they slept, jammed into narrow bunks, the posts from fences that caged them, a canister once filled with the poison gas pellets that sealed their fate, plus small, personal items, remnants of a life once lived.

The exhibition will open May 8, 2019 and run through Jan. 3, 2020 at the museum, located at 36 Battery Place, in Manhattan. For tickets, visit the website or call 646-437-4231.

‘Random Reads’ Offers Selections For Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month. This recognition began as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” For the next five years, Congress passed joint resolutions designating a week in March as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987, following a petition by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L 100-9, which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month” to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.



In *A Difficult Woman*, Alice Kessler-Harris writes about Lillian Hellman, a giant among 20th century writers and one of the most successful playwrights on Broadway, author of *The Little Foxes* and *Toys in the Attic*. But she was a combative and controversial woman, who fought to make her way in a man’s world.

Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA, by Brenda Maddox. In 1962 Maurice Wilkins, Francis Crick and James Watson received the Nobel Prize for solving the structure of DNA, but it was Rosalind Franklin’s data and photographs of DNA that led to their discovery. Brenda Maddox tells the story of a woman who was airbrushed out of the greatest scientific discovery of the 20th century.

Lillian Wald: A Biography, by Marjorie Feld. Many of us are familiar with Lillian Wald as the founder of the Henry Street Settlement on New York’s Lower East Side and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. Feld states the case for Wald’s innovative reform work was a product of her family’s experience with immigration and assimilation as Jews late in the 19th century.

Emma Lazarus, by Esther Schor. Emma Lazarus’s most famous poem gave a voice to the Statue of Liberty, but her personal story has remained a mystery. Drawing upon a cache of letters, Esther Schor shows Lazarus as a feminist, a Zionist, and a trailblazing Jewish-American writer.

\$55 Million To Be Invested In Jerusalem’s Jewish Quarter

Visitors and residents alike are jubilant about the \$55 million investment in Jerusalem’s Jewish Quarter. As reported by Jewish News Service, the Company for the Reconstruction and Development of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem has several projects already underway. The initiative seeks to improve public spaces in the Jewish Quarter and adapt them to the needs of residents as well as tourists.

The projects entail making infrastructure accessible; outdoor improvements, such as shaded areas and recreational areas; the installation of uniform outdoor furniture and advanced

lighting; and laying out clearly marked tourist routes, including explanatory signs leading to the Western Wall and other important points.

The first stage of the project was carried out at Resnick Square on Hayehudim Street, a main tourist route. Work has started also on the renovation of the Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue, which was destroyed in 1948. Another issue the company is addressing is the staircase that leads from the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall plaza, which is not accessible to the handicapped; an elevator and tunnels will lead directly to the plaza.

The project is expected to be completed by 2022.

Thousands March Against Wave of Anti-Semitism In France



Following the vandalism of 80 gravestones in a Jewish cemetery in the Alsace region of France, thousands of people joined rallies in Paris and across the country on Feb. 19 to publicly oppose anti-Semitism in their country.

In addition to the defaced gravestones, incidents have included the defacement of a street portrait of Simone Veil, a European Parliament president and survivor of the Holocaust, who died in 2017; the destruction of a memorial for Ilan Halimi, who was captured and tortured to death in 2006; and the scrawling of “Juden” on a Paris bagel restaurant. Also, two people were arrested recently for shooting an air rifle at a synagogue in Sarcelles, and French philosopher, writer and intellectual Alain Finkielkraut was verbally attacked by “yellow vests” protesters.

The French government reported a big rise in anti-Semitism last year: 541 registered incidents, up 74 percent from 311 in 2017. France is home to the world’s third-largest Jewish population, although the wave of anti-Semitism has led increasing numbers of French Jews to immigrate to Israel and other hospitable countries.

Holocaust Relatives Seek Compensation From Belgium’s Railway

Descendants of Holocaust victims in Belgium are pressing the country’s railway company, SNCB, to compensate them for its role in the deportation of Jews during the Holocaust, following the examples of France and the Netherlands.

Between August 4, 1942 and July 31, 1944, some 25,600 Jews and Gypsies from Belgium were deported from the Dossin barracks in Mechelon to the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps. Campaigners say that Narcisse Rulot, the director of SNCB at the time, allowed the Germans to transport Jews, aiding the suffering and deaths of thousands of people.

In 2014, France paid the equivalent of \$57 million to victims who had been transported to death camps by the national railway. The Netherlands responded similarly in 2018, acknowledging its state-owned railroad’s role in delivering thousands of Jews to their deaths.

Francois Bellot, Belgian minister in charge of mobility, is due to meet shortly with representatives from the country’s Jewish community.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Julian Edelman



New England Patriots' wide receiver Julian Edelman was named Super Bowl LIII's most valuable player after catching 10 passes from Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady and rushing for 141 yards, helping the Patriots win the game in Atlanta on Feb. 3, 13-3 over the Los Angeles Rams. It was the 6th Super Bowl win for Brady and head coach Bill Belichick.

Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer tweeted after the game, "Congratulations to the Patriots' and the Jewish people's mega-mensch Robert Kraft," owner of the team, who has contributed millions to Jewish causes. Dermer also cited Edelman, "a gridiron Maccabee" for winning the MVP trophy.

Pictured, Edelman hoists the Vince Lombardi trophy. USA Today/Mark J. Rebilas
[Two weeks after the Super Bowl win, Robert Kraft was charged with two counts of soliciting sex as part of a wide-ranging investigation into prostitution and suspected human trafficking in South Florida. Mr. Kraft has denied the charges.]

Elan Carr



Elan Carr, 50, an Iraq War veteran and attorney, has been appointed by the Trump administration as special envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism.

He arrived in Baghdad in October 2003 and served as an anti-terrorism officer in a unit under U.S. Central Command. While there, he participated in Jewish life, including organizing a Passover Seder, leading Shabbat services, and lighting a Hanukkah menorah.

Since returning to the U.S. from Iraq, Carr has served as a criminal gang prosecutor with the Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney's office. Carr grew up in New York, and was educated at a Jewish day school.

Anthony Weiner

Former Democratic U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner was transferred from a federal detention facility in Devens, MA, to a residential re-entry center in Brooklyn, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He is scheduled to be released on May 14, several months less than his 21-month sentence for transferring lewd message and photos of himself to a 15-year-old girl from North Carolina. He must register as a sex offender.

Nadav Lapid

Israeli film director Nadav Lapid won the Golden Bear for best feature film at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. *Synonyms*, a largely autobiographical drama about a young Israeli trying to reinvent himself in modern-day Paris, was one of 16 films in competition at the festival.

In his acceptance speech, Lapid dedicated the award to his mother, who had edited much of the film but died during production. The selection committee was headed by the French actress Juliette Binoche.

Bernie Sanders



Bernie Sanders, the Democratic Jewish independent senator from Vermont, officially announced that he will enter the 2020 presidential race. The sheer number of donations that poured in over the next 24 hours was staggering, according to Marketwatch, which reported he raised more than \$6 million in the first 24 hours, more than doubling the amount that Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) raised in the early hours of her official candidacy. Reportedly around 20 candidates will be vying for the Democratic

nomination

Sanders raised about \$228 million during the 2016 primary race that ultimately came down to him versus eventual nominee and frontrunner Hillary Clinton.

• OBITUARIES •

Frank Blaichman

As a teenager during WWII, Frank Blaichman fled into the forests of eastern Poland to avoid a roundup of fellow Jews by occupying Germans. He soon became a leader of a band of partisans trying to disrupt the Nazis from inside the country. He died on Dec. 27 at his home in Manhattan at the age of 96.

Mr. Blaichman settled in the U.S. after the war, where he was active in promoting the legacy of the partisans, hoping to counter the misperception that all Jews went passively to their fate and that none had fought back against the Nazis. He spent the war disrupting German supply lines and communications, and ferreting out Poles who were collaborating with the Nazis. He told his story in a 2009 book, *Rather Die Fighting: A Memoir of World War II*, as well as in an oral history recorded for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and in several documentaries.

Meshulam Riklis

Meshulam Riklis, a financier who aggressively uses debt to acquire companies before that tactic became commonplace, died Jan. 25 in Tel Aviv. He was best known, beyond business circles, for his marriage at the age of 53 to 24-year-old singer and actress Pia Zadora, whose career he financed.

Mr. Riklis, who was born in Turkey and raised in Israel, was a brash financial alchemist and corporate raider who built empires out of office equipment companies, retailers like the McCrory-McLellan chain, and the Lerner Shops, a variety of outfits like BVD, Playtex, Fabergé, and the liquor distiller Schenley, and the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. He also financed the startup of Carnival Cruise Line with his friend Ted Arison.

Proud of his Jewish heritage, he donated about \$190 million to Israeli charities and pro-Israel causes.

Morton Sobell

Morton Sobell, who was convicted in the Cold War spy trial that delivered Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to their deaths, died on Dec. 26 in Manhattan. He was 101.

Mr. Sobell had served 18 years of a 30-year term in prison, asserting his innocence until 2008, when, in an interview with *The New York Times*, he startled his defenders by reversing himself and admitting he had been a Soviet spy. He had been convicted in 1951 with the Rosenbergs of conspiracy to commit espionage. The government portrayed Mr. Rosenberg as the mastermind of an espionage ring that provided Soviet scientists with classified conventional weapons technology and the know-how to enable them. Mrs. Rosenberg was portrayed as her husband's partner and accomplice. Mr. Sobell was entangled in the conspiracy, although no evidence was presented that tied him to the theft of any nuclear secrets.

Leonard Dinnerstein

Leonard Dinnerstein, a historian whose doctoral dissertation on the 1915 lynching of Leo Frank, a Jewish factory manager in Atlanta, heralded his career as one of the nation's foremost scholars of anti-Semitism, died Jan. 22 at his home in Tucson. He was 84. Professor Dinnerstein's theses was published in 1968 by Columbia University Press, titled simply, *The Leo Frank Case*. It has never been out of print.

He received his doctorate in American history from Columbia University. He first taught at the New York Institute of Technology and at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey before moving to the University of Arizona, where he was a professor of history from 1970 through 2004, and director of Judaic Studies from 1993 through 2000. In addition to his published thesis, he is the author of three books on immigration, ethnic groups, and the Holocaust.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein



Rabbi Yechiel Zvi Eckstein, founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, died suddenly on Feb. 6 in Jerusalem. He was 67. The fellowship, under his chairmanship, raised about \$500 million each year for Israel and various Jewish causes.

The Fellowship is a philanthropic organization founded in 1983. Its goal is to promote understanding and cooperation between Jews and Christians, and to build broad support for the State of Israel.

Lili Wronker



Lili Wronker, a Hebrew calligrapher and book illustrator, died Jan. 10 at a hospital in Mount Holly, NJ. She was 94.

Her love of Judaism found artistic expression in her Hebrew calligraphy, which appeared in fine-art books and magazines. "Her connection to being Jewish was so strong and overflowing, she couldn't contain it, said Misha Beletsky, the art director of Abbeville Press and president of Typophiles, a New York organization devoted to typography and book design. "She had so much joy in being Jewish that it permeated her whole life."

Neil Yerman, a renowned Torah scribe, said Mrs. Wronker stood out in the world of Hebrew calligraphers. She also illustrated dozens of children's books.

Al Vorspan

Rabbi David Saperstein, senior advisor to the Union for Reform Judaism and director emeritus of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued the following statement: "Today, we

mourn the passing of Al Vorspan, former senior vice president of the Union for Reform Judaism and director emeritus of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, who died Feb. 16, at age 95. Al Vorspan...was one of the 'great ones' of Jewish social justice work.

"Vorspan was a leading Jewish voice during the civil rights movement, in opposition to the Vietnam War, and for Soviet Jewry relocation efforts...Al Vorspan was, to many, the personification of reform Judaism's social justice efforts."

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In March

- 1: Rosemarie Birman
- 2: David Bloch; Edward Hyman
- 3: Ida Gutterman; Sam Katz; Louis Revere
- 4: Ralph Silverman
- 6: Mazaltov Safer
- 8: Gertrude L. Poulson
- 9: Albert M. Israel; Sarah Slotkin
- 10: Harry Katz; Arthur Meyer; Minnie B. Revere
- 11: Celia Feigen
- 13: Jennie Kessler
- 14: Abraham J. Nissenfeld; Irma Beverly Ribka
- 15: Philip Cohen; Emanuel Garmise; Kurt Seligson
- 16: Samuel David Glickman; Max Kremsky
- 17: Dora Ann Helderman; Molly Kaplan; Lottie Sherrin Schultz
- 18: Samuel L. Schwartz
- 19: Norman Blaustein
- 20: Laura Merson; Emery I. Wells
- 21: Egon Adler; Morris Kaplan
- 22: Mortimer Lahm
- 25: Nathan Burch
- 26: Fannie Kaplan Douglas; Jack Eskell; Eva Goldin; Ella Ruth Schlefstein
- 27: Rose Fierer; Bernard Glick
- 29: Sam Merson; Gertrude Michelson
- 30: Gabriel Fortgang
- 31: Sylvia B. Levine; Hymie Schulman

Birthdays in March

- 1: Joseph Nadel
- 5: Debra Riva
- 6: Bruce Bloom
- 10: Lawrence Rubin
- 13: Noam Spar
- 24: Mitchell Berg
- 25: Elizabeth Friedmann

Anniversaries in March

- 15: Dr. Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
- 16: Mitchell and Jennifer Berg

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

Victor Friedman
Arlene Marvin
Thelma Novick
Judith Schneider
Gloria Waxler
Michael Murphy
Jane Sachs
Jody Levin
Bruce Bloom
Daniel Slatkin
Philip Goldman
Paul Birman
Aaron and Thelma Novick

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in February

Thomas Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
Paula Shengold
Aaron and Thelma Novick
Judith Weiner
David Berson
Joan Prager
Carol Seigel
Lynne and Richard Dillon
Harris Levine, DDS, and Marilyn Bayer
Barbara and Muzzy Greenberg

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
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