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# The Shofar

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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*

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

Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28: Jewish culture, 4 p.m.

### *Shul Events*

Sunday, Oct. 27: Men's Club BBQ, 1 p.m., rain or shine

Sunday, Nov. 17: Board meeting, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: The Book Circle, noon, community room

Sunday, Dec. 8: "The Ethical Life," continues Dec. 15 and 22, 11:30 a.m., community room

Sunday, Dec. 22: First night of Hanukkah; menorah light in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m., followed by  
latke party at the shul

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in November*

Nov. 1: 5:34 Nov. 8: 4:26 Nov. 15: 4:20 Nov. 22: 4:15 Nov. 29: 4:12

### *Dates to Remember*

Sunday, Nov. 3: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. (Set clocks back one hour.)

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day

Saturday, Nov. 9: Kristallnacht anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 10, pancake brunch, 11 a.m., community room

Monday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day

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## From The Rabbi...



### “The Seven Rings”

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our High Holidays services. It was also a pleasure to work with our Chazan, Phil Billet, who did a delightful job. Thank you to everyone behind and in front of the scenes who made this year a successful one.

The High Holidays season ends with Hoshana Raba and Simchat Torah — both involve circling the bima seven times. When we circle on Hoshana Raba, we also beat the remaining willows from the Arba’ a Minim (four species). Many people were present for that, and most of us circled the social hall while beating the two dried willow branches. Like the walls of Jericho that were encircled by our ancient Israelite ancestors and finally fell, it is our hope that the obstacles we prayed to collapse through Rosh Hashana, will finally fall and go away.

On Simchat Torah, we again circled the social hall seven times, this time with all the Torah scrolls. We then finished the cycle of the Torah reading and re-rolled it, to begin another circle, another year. Circling and circling, God and all of us are like a husband and wife circling each other seven times under the chupah, as though putting seven rings around our fingers.

Just before the concluding holiday, the giant maple tree in front of my next-door neighbor’s house lost a limb that fell into my yard. Many of the old trees in Greenport are falling and are being cut down, leaving wide stumps that reveal a series of concentric rings — in a way renewing their vows with the earth until death do them part. The expert arborists can discern whether a tree experienced a particular cold or hot year, a wet or dry year, an early frost or a forest fire. The number of rings tells us how old the tree is — the light-colored rings represent growth in the spring and early summer, while the dark rings represent growth in the late summer and fall. How many circles does a tree complete without even moving?

Like the trees, our congregation added another year — 118 and growing, growing in concentric circles around the sanctuary, around God.

May we have a blessed year, and may we complete another circle.

Just before the concluding holiday, we learned about the passing of Bruce Bloom A”H, a big tree of a man who left a giant stump with 84 circles. Bruce was an artist at heart, who lived a creative life of writing and painting. His was a life well lived with Sara, who shared 58 of his 84 years, his rings, with him. May his memory be for a blessing for many years to come.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

[Rabbi Capela maintains office hours at the shul on Mondays, from 2 to 4 p.m. Those interested in meeting with the rabbi should call the office at 631-477-0232 to schedule a time.]

### **The shul initiates a new program**

For those unable to attend services, the shul has initiated a new program whereby members can add names to the Mi Sheberach list of the ill in our community. To add names, members can email Andrea at the office (ctigreenport@gmail.com) with names to be mentioned during the Torah service.

## From The President...



At a recent reunion of my high school class in Berkeley, California, I was surprised to learn that for years, a former classmate had been enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in a small northern California town in the company of a local artist who, as we suddenly realized, happens to be my niece. Neither my former classmate nor my niece was aware that both of them knew me. In case you are in the same quandary as I am, trying to determine whether this was coincidence or miracle, I'll just say for the record that the likelihood of my niece and my former classmate ending up in the same small town tries my understanding of the universe. My niece is from a small town in Vermont. That she should become an artist, that she should even be a professor of art at a community college in California, was not the future anyone would have imagined for her. Nor is life in a small town the future I would have imagined for my former classmate, who for decades was a celebrated sous-chef at Chez Panisse, the Berkeley temple of California cuisine. But there you have it.

This was, for me, an example of a miracle. And such miracles were revealed one after another as this visit to the West Coast continued. I had hitchhiked through southern Europe with the author of the textbook my niece was using; another family relative is — okay, that's enough. The point is this: either everything is a miracle or nothing is a miracle. If the latter, then we should yawn and head for the open bar at cocktail parties, where we learn that our current significant other held that same position in the life of our current boss. But if the former, then our chatter should ascend accordingly. Instead of blabber, conversation becomes the search for that miraculous connection to another person. Who is this person we are drinking with? Where does this person really come from? What does this person really think about? How does this person decide where to live, how to eat, whom to live with?

It's okay to say "hello" and comment on the weather in our daily chats. But the fact that we share the same weather conditions is just one of those coincidences. Beyond that, miracles are to be found in our conversation. The longer we stand there at the loathsome cocktail party, glass in hand, chatting away about weather and sports, the closer we come to the miraculous connections we are seeking. Miracles are everywhere. The catch is that we have to seek them out. We aren't just talking about sports and weather when we talk about sports and weather. We're looking for the common bond that is already there, waiting to transform us into something greater than the sum of our coincidences. You might want to call that larger entity a community. But take it from Webster's dictionary. It's literally a miracle.

— Susan Rosenstreich

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### Popular JTS Ethics Course Offered At Our Shul, Beginning Dec. 8



The shul's Education Committee has chosen a course developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary, to be offered to shul members beginning in December. The course, titled "The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice," has been purchased through the Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and

Projects. It is designed to guide participants in understanding how Jewish ethics can inform discussions and decisions about critical issues of the day. Rabbi Gadi Capela is the facilitator.

The complete course is 12 classes, and is divided into three sections. Each of the 12 classes begins with a video lecture by a JTS faculty member on an ethical dilemma. Some examples are “The Ethics of Torture and Just War,” “Ethics and the Lived Experience — A Feminist Approach,” “Advance Directives and the Ethics of End-of-Life Care.” Also included are links to background readings and primary texts.

More than 100 synagogues — Conservative, Reform and Orthodox — have subscribed to the course with positive responses from participants, such as the following:

- “...students were engaged with the text and the videos...and benefitted from the sustained discussion about each topic.”
- “...the course gave students the ability to make connections between Jewish wisdom and the 21st century.”
- ...the fundamental wisdom of the ancient masters combined with the wisdom of contemporary Jewish scholars...some issues were timeless, and some were timely.”

### **Here’s what you need to know**

The first section of three classes will begin on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m., and will continue on Dec. 15 and 29. [NOTE: the class originally scheduled for Dec. 22 has been changed to Dec. 29.] Subsequent dates are Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Feb. 2, 9 and 16; March 22 and 29. All materials will be provided, and transportation will be arranged for members requiring it. All classes will be recorded; participants will receive an online link that will allow them to view the videos at home if they cannot be present. In addition to our shul members, those belonging to the North Fork Reform Synagogue and Temple Israel of Riverhead will be invited to participate.

The cost is \$36 per person for the complete course of 12 classes, or \$54 for couples, a savings of \$18. To sign up, call the shul office at 631-477-0232 or email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) and provide your contact information, including mobile phone number and email address, and your request for transportation, if necessary. You can send your check, payable to Congregation Tifereth Israel, to the shul at P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY 11944, or bring your check to the first class on Dec. 8.

## **Shul Members Step Up To Prepare Onegs and Kiddush Lunches**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in commending Sisterhood president Adrienne Greenberg for arranging Friday evening Onegs and Saturday Kiddush lunches. To that end, many thanks to October preparers Adrienne Greenberg, Rachel Murphy, Ladan Shalom-Murray Deborah Rivera-Pittorino, and Madelyn Rothman.

The tasks are simple to perform, and volunteers are needed. Won’t you step up, and sign up? Visit the shul’s website, click on the “oneg and kiddish volunteers” link, and enter your name in any available date. First-timers can download the preparation instructions. Questions? Call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Adrienne.

*The Shofar* joins the membership in welcoming Frank Bocian, MD, and Phyllis Bocian of New York City and Greenport to our shul. We look forward to meeting you, worshipping with you, and participating with you in our educational and social activities.

## Shul Members Form Construction Crew To Assemble The Sukkah



With instructions and direction from Jesse Reece, an able crew constructed the sukkah in record time. Crew members were Hedi and Graham Diamond, Francis Dubois, Martin Ehrenreich, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Paul and Alex Nadel, and Mayela Sandoval. On Sukkot, the Men's Club provided pizza, which was served to the membership with the help of Adrienne Greenberg and the Sisterhood.

Graham Diamond photos

## New Work From Members Of Judaism And Art Group On Display



Selected works from members of the Judaism & Art group are featured in a new display on the north wall of the community room. Artists are, top row, from left, Bruce Bloom, Saul Rosenstreich, Corrine Slade; bottom row, from left, Bruce Bloom, Hedvah Campeas Cohen, Judith Weiner. Not pictured, sculpture by Graham Diamond. The new display opened for public viewing in concert with the dedication of "The Unfinished Rabbi," a paper sculpture by Robert Strimban. Judith Wiener photo



One of the last pieces constructed by artist Robert Strimban is the paper sculpture titled "The Unfinished Rabbi," completed using only paper and an Xacto knife. The work is now installed permanently in the community room at our shul, thanks to a generous gift by the artist's widow, Irma Strimban.

The members of the shul's Judaism & Art group, led by Saul Rosenstreich and Rabbi Gadi Capela, consulted with professional framers to house the sculpture on a base, place it on a pedestal, and protect it with a transparent enclosure that allows viewing from three sides, revealing the work's intricate details.

The piece was dedicated and officially installed on Sunday, Oct. 20, in a ceremony attended by dozens of congregants and friends. Refreshments were provided by the Men's Club.

*The Shofar* joins the membership in thanking Irma Strimban for this generous gift, and the Judaism & Art group for their efforts to display this important work with artistic integrity.

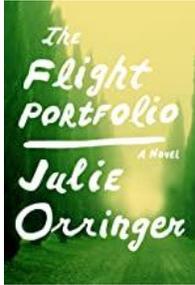
Judith Wiener photo

Have you completed the Long-Range Planning survey? Our shul's Long-Range Planning Committee is looking ahead to secure a meaningful future for our

synagogue. To that end, your thoughts on the issues addressed in the survey will help guide the committee in this important work. With the results of the survey in hand, the committee will be able to implement plans that will move us forward.

At last report, nearly 50% of congregants have already responded. If you have not, please do so. If you need another copy of the survey, please call the shul at 631-477-0232 and ask Andrea to email a copy to you. Your opinion matters.

## **The Book Circle Chooses A High-Stakes Adventure Novel**



The Book Circle will meet Wednesday, Nov. 20, at noon, at the synagogue to examine a high-stakes adventure novel by Julie Orringer titled *The Flight Portfolio*.

In 1940, Varian Fry traveled to Marseille carrying three thousand dollars and a list of imperiled artists and writers he hoped to help escape within a few weeks. Instead, he stayed more than a year, working to procure false documents, amass emergency funds, and arrange journeys across Spain and Portugal, where the refugees would embark for safer ports. His many clients included Hannah Arendt, Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamp, and Marc Chagall. The race against time to save them is a tale of love, adventure, and courage.

For more information about The Book Circle, call the shul at 631-477-0232, and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich.

## **The Gift Shop Is Stocked With Hanukkah Essentials**

As difficult as it is to believe, it is true that a year has passed, and it's time to ready your gift list, your gelt list, and your Hanukkah essentials list. You can trust the shul's Gift Shop to respond to all those needs.

From menorahs to chocolate coins, from majestic tall candles to colorful shorties, from dreidels to, well, gifts, the Gift Shop is your one-stop shopping emporium.

Call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Sara Bloom, and you'll be on your way to Hanukkah happiness. By the way, for last minute shopping, come to the Congregation meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15 (10 a.m.), and browse the Hanukkah goodies on display in the community room.

First Hanukkah candle: Sunday, Dec. 22.

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## **A Small Uptick In Jewish Population Figures Is Reported**

According to the *American Jewish Yearbook 2019*, the number of Jews worldwide stands at 14.8 million, compared to 14.7 million last year. About 5.7 million Jews live in the United States, and about 6.7 million live in Israel.

Here are the current Jewish population figures for other countries: France, 450,000; Canada, 392,000; Great Britain: 292,000; Argentina: 180,000; Russia, 165,000; Germany, 118,000; Australia, 118,000; Brazil 93,000; South Africa, 67,000; Ukraine, 48,000; Hungary, 47,000; Mexico, 40,000; Holland, 30,000; Belgium, 29,000; Italy, 27,000; Switzerland, 19,000; Chile, 18,000; Uruguay, 16,000; Sweden, 15,000; Spain, 12,000.

Around 26,000 Jews live in Arab and Muslim states: 15,000 in Turkey; 8,500 in Iran; 2,000 in Morocco; and approximately 1,000 in Tunisia. Countries with 500 or fewer Jews include Bermuda, Cuba, El Salvador, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands, Surinam; Cyprus, Malta, Slovenia, Bosnia, Indonesia; the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Kenya, Congo, Botswana, Namibia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Syria and Egypt.

## Dutch Reckon With National Railroad's Holocaust Deportations



According to the historian David Barnouw, many Dutch people regarded the wartime performance of their railway system, the Nederlandse Spoorwegen, as heroic, reported Nina Siegal, *The New York Times*, Sept. 29, 2019. In September 1944, the Dutch government in exile in London ordered the railway workers to strike, which they did for almost eight months until the end of the war.

This strike, however, came after the Dutch national railroad had already deported some 107,000 Jewish

residents of the Netherlands to transit and extermination camps, such as Sobibor, Bergen-Belsen and Auschwitz, on commission from the German occupying forces. Only 5,100 survived.

Now, new research published in a Dutch book that was released on Sept. 17, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Dutch railway strike, indicates that there were more transports than previously thought, and moreover, that the Dutch national railway had set up special services to facilitate the German-run deportations.

The book, *De Nederlandse Spoorwegen in oorlogstijd 1939-1945* (The Dutch Railroad in Wartime, 1939-1945) attempts to clarify the role of the railroad under German occupation, and to offer a comprehensive accounting of the trains and their impact. In all, the researchers found 112 Dutch trains went from the Netherlands to Nazi camps in Germany, Austria and Poland from June 1942 to August 1944.

In 2005, the Dutch national railroad officially acknowledged that it had collaborated with the Nazi occupiers and apologized for its role, *The Times* said.

[Photo: Jews at Westerbork, a transit camp, northeastern Netherlands, 1942. Westerbork photo]

## Yom Kippur Shooting In Germany Adds To Rise In Anti-Semitism

The shooting that left two dead and several injured in Halle, Germany, on Yom Kippur is the latest indication of a worldwide rise in anti-Semitic incidents. Reportedly, the Halle attacker shot at the door of a synagogue in an attempt to gain entry. Foiled, he shot at people standing nearby. Inside, some 50 worshippers were observing the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

In response to the shooting, the Anti-Defamation League reported that violent anti-Semitic episodes in the United States had doubled in 2018. In Canada, the government reported a 4% dip in anti-Semitic attacks last year, but only after a sharp rise in 2017. Anti-Semitism is a top concern in Germany, where data shows reported incidents rose 10% last year, according to Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center, and where the trial of a group of alleged neo-Nazis

planning an attack in Berlin is under way. In the United Kingdom, the Community Security Trust charity recently reported a 10% rise in incidents during the first six months of this year. In the Czech Republic, the Federation of the Jewish Communities reported a rise in anti-Semitic incidents last year.



In the marketplace in Halle, Germany, people take part in a minute of silence and a demonstration against anti-Semitism. AP Photo/Jens Meye

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Stefan Soloviev*

Stefan Soloviev, son of New York real estate billionaire Sheldon Solow, just purchased a 53-acre winery in Cutchogue, NY. Soloviev, who changed his name to the original Russian Jewish name, is buying the Peconic Bay Winery in Cutchogue. The closing will take place this month.

Soloviev already owns 500,000 acres in Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas on which he grows crops, raises cattle, and even has a small railway, according to Jewish News Service. He also owns about 150 acres of planted vines on the North Fork, and a total of 1,000 acres in the region. He has not yet sold any wine, and reportedly is about “two or three years away” from producing wines available for sale.

Other wealthy landowners have purchased vineyards on the North Fork. Mexican mining mogul José Antonio Rivero Larrea bought Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead last year, and Randy Frankel, an ex-Goldman Sachs managing director and part owner of the Tampa Bay Rays purchased Croteaux Vineyards in July.

### **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Supreme Court Justice and a pop-culture icon, has won the 2019 Berggruen Prize, given annually to a thinker whose ideas “have profoundly shaped human self-understanding and advancement in as rapidly changing world.” Ginsburg, 86, was chosen from more than 500 nominees. Reportedly, she intends to direct the \$1 million prize money to a charitable nonprofit organization.

The prize committee hailed her as “a lifelong trailblazer for human rights and gender equality” and “a constant voice in favor of equality, the rights of workers, and the separation of church and state.”

The Berggruen Institute is a research organization in Los Angeles dedicated to improving governance and cross-cultural understanding.

## Sheryl Sandberg



Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook, has pledged a gift of \$2.5 million to the Anti-Defamation League in support of ADL’s efforts to combat hate and bias in the United States and Europe. In a post on her personal Facebook page, Sandberg said she was moved to take action after hearing that on Oct. 8 — Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar — a synagogue in Halle, Germany, was attacked, leaving two non-Jewish people dead and two others

wounded. German authorities confirmed the terror incident had an anti-Semitic motive.

## Jessica Meir



The first female spacewalking team, including a Jewish astronaut, exited the International Space Station on Oct. 18. Swedish-American-Israeli Jessica Meir and Christina Koch are repairing a broken part of the station’s solar-power network.

Meir became the fourth Jewish woman and the 15th Jewish astronaut overall to be part of a space mission.

## • OBITUARIES •

*The Shofar* joins the membership in offering condolences to shul member Carol Seigel on the death of her Brother, Stan Finkelstein, who died Oct. 12 at his home in Minnesota.

Shul member Sara Bloom, co-editor of *The Shofar*, announces to readers that Bruce Bloom, her husband of 58 years, died Oct. 18, from complications of Parkinson’s disease.

## *Sol Stein*

Sol Stein, a prolific novelist and playwright, publisher, and editor who helped fashion a collection of essays by James Baldwin, a former high school classmate, into a literary classic titled *Notes of a Native Son*, died Sept. 19 at his home in Tarrytown, NY. He was 92.

As editor in chief of Stein and Day, a publishing house established by Stein and his then-wife, he worked with Elia Kazan; also Jacques Barzun and Lionel Trilling, his former professors at Columbia; David Frost, Budd Schulberg and Dylan Thomas.

Mr. Stein's lifelong association with Mr. Baldwin began when both were editors of *The Magpie*, the literary magazine at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. It was perhaps an unlikely bond: As Mr. Stein would say, he was white, Jewish and attracted to women while Mr. Baldwin was black, the stepson of a Pentecostal minister, and attracted to men.

He was the author of more than a dozen books, including how-to guides for novelists. In *Stein on Writing* (1995), he offered this advice to writers: "Be sure you don't stop the story while describing. You are a storyteller, not an interior decorator. Good writing is supposed to evoke sensation in the reader — not the fact that it's raining, but the feeling of being rained upon."

[Editor's note: Every year, a new crop of how-to-write books is published, and I have read or at least perused most of them. Not one is as clear and helpful as *Stein on Writing*. I recommend it to my classes of memoir writers every term. SB]

### ***Martin Bernheimer***

Martin Bernheimer, a classical music critic noted for witty, withering writing that won him a Pulitzer Prize in 1982, died Oct. 29 at his home in Manhattan. He was 83.

"Historically," Mr. Bernheimer wrote in the *Financial Times* in 2008, "the best critics have guarded standards, stimulated debate and, in the complex process, reinforced the importance of art in society. They have been tastemakers, taskmasters and possibly ticket-sellers. Some have even written well."

Mr. Bernheimer certainly did. He described Luciano Pavarotti as "the over-hype tenor of the century." Of Lorin Maazel, he wrote, "He knows how to capitalize on his limitations." Mr. Bernheimer joined *The Los Angeles Times* after spells at *The New York Post*, *The Musical Courier* and *Saturday Review*. He twice won the prestigious ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for writing about music, in 1974 and 1978, and served on the faculties of the University of Southern California, the University of California/Los Angeles, and other nearby colleges. He appeared regularly on the Metropolitan Opera's national radio broadcasts.

### ***Harold Bloom***

Harold Bloom, an American literary critic and the Sterling Professor of Humanities at Yale University, died Oct. 14 in New Haven, CT. He was 89. He taught his last class at Yale three days prior to his death.

Following the publication of his first book in 1959, Bloom wrote more than 40 books, including 20 books of literary criticism, several books discussing religion, and a novel. During his lifetime, he edited hundreds of anthologies concerning numerous literary and philosophical figures for the Chelsea House publishing firm. Bloom's books have been translated into more than 40 languages.

Bloom was a defender of the Western canon (Shakespeare, Chaucer, Milton, etc.) at a time when literary departments were focusing on what he called the "literature of resentment" (multiculturalists, feminists, Marxists, neoconservatives and others). Armed with a photographic memory, Professor Bloom could recite the whole of Shakespeare, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, all of William Blake, the Hebraic Bible, and Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*.

He was born into an Orthodox Jewish household, the youngest of five children. The first book he read was an anthology of Yiddish poetry. He graduated from the Bronx High School of Science, and was educated at Yale University, the University of Cambridge, and Cornell University.

### ***Elaine Feinstein***

Elaine Feinstein, a British poet, novelist and biographer whose writing was inspired by her Jewish heritage, died Sept. 23 in London. She was 88.

Ms. Feinstein published more than a dozen poetry collections and 15 novels. She also translated the Russian poet Marine Tsvetaeva (1892-1941), whose work she found particularly inspiring, and which influenced her own.

She often explored the relationship between being Jewish and being English. Ever present with her was the knowledge that had her ancestors settled in Germany rather than England, her life might have been very different. "My Jewish upbringing was a source of strength," she told *The Guardian* in 1988.

## • **COMMEMORATIONS** •

### **Yahrzeits In November**

- 1: Bertha Kaufman
- 3: Fannie Levin
- 5: Abraham Kaplan; Nettie Ruth Liburt
- 7: Leo Weinstein
- 8: Rosalind Almond-Lepawsky
- 9: Bessie Bush
- 10: Alexander Kahn; Jeremiah Levy; Esther Skurowitz
- 11: Eve Bloom; Arthur Levinson
- 12: Joseph Skurowitz
- 14: Jessie Farber
- 15: Mordechai Julius Kahn; Tippins Brown Serbin; Harold Winters
- 18: Louis Britvan; Irving Elsky; William Kapell; Anna Novick; Frank Prager
- 19: Abe Feldman; Edythe Packard; Rose O. Silverstone
- 20: Murray J. Farber; David Rothman
- 21: Morris Sausmer
- 22: Mary Glickman; Jacob Rubinsky
- 23: Herman P. Farber
- 25: Ethel L. Komar; Norman Mordkofsky
- 27: Rose Ehrlich; Rabbi Isaac Kiev
- 29: Maurice E. Bloom; Nat Dolin; Gussie Levin; Wayne Scott Mountain
- 30: Mollie Friedman; Goldie Pushkin

### **Birthdays in November**

- 1: Harris Levine; Michael Sausmer
- 3: Jenny Beth Bloom; Helaine Teperman
- 11: Jessica Friedmann; Philip Goldman
- 24: Jacob Spar

### **Anniversaries in November**

- 11 Adam and Sonia Spar
- 22: Stephen and Susan Meshover

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Gloria Waxler  
Michael Murphy  
Jane Sachs  
Jody Levin  
Philip Goldman  
Paul Birman  
Thelma Novick  
Michael Slade  
Sy Brittman  
Judith Weiner  
Stanley Rubin  
Ann Hurwitz

## **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.

## **• MONEY MATTERS •**

### **Donations in October**

Jay and Carolyn Berfas  
Stanley and Roberta Kaplan  
Anthony and Francine Fontana  
Clarke Gardens  
Menachem Kastner and Sherry Shaw  
Daniel Lipman  
Aldo Maionano  
Horton-Mathie Funeral Home  
Dr. William Packard  
Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital  
Helen Weinstein  
Paul and Pamela Birman  
Noah's Restaurant  
Gerard and Monica O'Grady  
Eli Martin and Susannah Leete  
Michael and Kelly Hershey  
Barry and Rena Wiseman  
Carol Novick  
Nathan Graf  
Elaine Schwartz  
The Greenporter

Ken Homan/Braun's Seafood  
 Richard Smith  
 The Ink Spot  
 Bruce and Sara Bloom  
 Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg  
 Dena Zemsky  
 Marc and Joanne Kopmen  
 Anonymous  
 Lloyd and Randi Straus  
 Larry and Jodi Jaffe  
 Joseph and Elizabeth Brittman  
 James Sausmer and Family  
 Joan Prager  
 Philip and Elaine Goldman  
 Lisa Schaffer  
 Gayer Tax Service  
 Paula Shengold  
 Rochelle and Alan Garmise

### **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 •

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