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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m. [except Rosh Chodesh Jan., Feb., and March at 6 p.m.]
Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Monday, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27: Hebrew class, 4 p.m.
Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26: "The Ethical Life" course continues, 11:30 a.m.

Shul Events

Sunday, Jan. 19: Board meeting, 9 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 24: Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by Shabbat supper in social hall

Lighting Shabbat Candles in December

Jan. 3: 4:22 Jan. 10: 4:29 Jan. 17: 4:37 Jan. 24: 4:45. Jan. 31: 4:54

Dates to Remember

Jan. 1: New Year's Day
Sunday, Jan. 12: Project Genesis w/Rabbi Gadi and Fr. Roy, Peconic Landing, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 15: Book Circle, social hall of the shul, at noon
Monday, Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sundays, Feb. 2, 9 and 16; March 22 and 29: "The Ethical Life" course continues
Monday, Feb. 10: Tu B'Shevat
Monday, Feb. 17: Presidents' Day
Tuesday, March 10: Purim
Wednesday, April 8: Ecumenical Seder at noon; first Passover Seder 5 p.m., community room
Thursday, April 9: Second Passover Seder, venue to be announced, based on attendance

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From The Rabbi...



“Fifty Shades of Light”

Recently, I was privileged to be invited to the 11th annual Congressional bipartisan Hanukkah celebration at the Library of Congress. I met our Congressman, Lee Zeldin, and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who mutually hosted. I also met again a colleague and a Jewish Theological Seminary graduate, Chaplain (Col.) Rabbi Larry Bazar, who gave the benediction. When I arrived, the senators were discussing the impeachment deliberations, this celebration, and the lighting of the Chanukia celebration at the White House. This was a reminder of the necessity to take a break from the festival of darkness and celebrate the Festival of Lights.

As the people came into the room, they looked at each other somewhat “suspectfully” in an effort to ascertain each one’s political affiliation. It reminded me of a wedding, where guests



were on the side of either the bride or the groom. But conversations immediately arose, vibrant and friendly, even in this contentious time.

This is the beauty. The Torah commands us never to keep our anger or even our hate buried in our hearts: “You must not harbor hatred against your brother in your heart.

Directly rebuke your neighbor, so that you will not experience guilt on account of him. (Lev. 19:17) In the shortest days of the year, we also read about the darkest text in the Torah — the selling of Joseph by his brothers. This was a culmination of a process that began with envy and jealousy and the inability to speak to him. Keeping anger and hate inside resulted in throwing Joseph into a dark pit. Our rabbis teach us that keeping our anger buried is equivalent to keeping Joseph in the pit, in the dark.

Hanukkah is a celebration of outward light, publicizing the miracle. Perhaps when we say, “Blessed are You, the Lord our God, King of the universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season,” we as Jews come together in the darkest hours and overcome our differences. While the ancient Greeks enlightened the world with art, philosophy and science, it was reserved for the intellectual realms. But for Jews, the heart is indispensable to our world view. Jews have always been battling to maintain the spiritual light within any oppressive environment. Even for a minute, the bipartisan Hanukkah celebration brought Joseph out of the pit.

In a time when it seems as though anti-Semitism is rampant, keeping the conversation going is essential. It may not be a total solution to anti-Semitism, but I believe that it can influence the greater conversation by example. The Jewish people have survived physical, spiritual, mental, and religious persecution; we must advance this message of continuous conversation — to have faith in a God we can't see, but who speaks to us all the time.

The menorah, one of the most Jewish and outward symbols, of our faith, represents our community, our identity, and our continuity. The battle of Hanukkah protected monotheism in the world, not just for Jews. John Adams, the second U.S. President (1735-1826), wrote to those who look down on Judaism: "Let the wits joke; the philosophers sneer! What then? It has pleased the provident that Abraham should give religion, not only to the Hebrews, but to the greatest part of the modern civilized world." Mark Twain (1835-1910) wrote "[The Jew] has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him... All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

The answer is light in the home — Ner Ish uVeito — each home and its light. In the beginning of 2020, let's try to see one another clearly, and to appreciate our different shades of light.

Happy New Year 2020!

—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.]

From The President...



Ugh! It's that end-of-year time when we're supposed to look back at our foibles and resolve to correct them in the coming year. Of course, next year, the same-old same-old will be back to greet us, those foibles cheerfully awaiting our resolution to correct them.

Maybe we should change it up. Instead of looking back at our foibles, why not look outward at the rest of the world? Why not take our perennially imperfect selves out of the loop, and put the world front and center so we can address the failures it can't address without us? What would it take to resolve to do one thing, just one thing, that will help to repair what is broken in this world?

If you've ever spent New Year's Eve in Italy, you've heard the crash, bang and tinkle as revelers all over town gleefully toss pots, pans and baking bowls from windows. The Italians will repair the damage in short order, and next New Year's Eve, the breakage will resume. It's fun, it's cathartic and, as with all things Italian, it has a deeper meaning.

If the point of New Year's Eve were to bemoan our individual failures, then it isn't cookware that we should be throwing out the window. Italians know a thing or two about renaissance, and one of those things is that it isn't about you. So as you return to normal life this January, why not do as the Romans do at this time of the year? Take a look at our broken world, and see what you can fix out there. As for your own broken self, get over it.

—Susan Rosenstreich

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •



Oh, those Hanukkah party latkes, a tam gnaden thanks to Joan Prager and her crew, from left, Roberta Garris, Suzi Rosenstreich, Jesse Reese, Sara Bloom, Chef Joan, Micah Kaplan, MD, Paula Shengold, and the photographer, Jackie Gitter, who mixed, fried and froze the tasty results.



Graham Diamond captured the spirit of the shul's Hanukkah party event on Sunday, Dec. 22, beginning with the lighting of the public menorah in Mitchell Park. Meanwhile the ukulele group from Peconic Landing tuned up for the sing-along musical interlude. Rabbi Gadi led the revelers in the social hall in lighting the candles signifying the first night of the eight-night holiday. Hanukkah gelt, dreidels, platters of delicious latkes, and jelly doughnuts rounded out the festivities, and made for a memorable evening together.

Oculus: Eye On Art

Oculus, the Latin term for an eye-like opening that allows light to focus on a specific subject, column in *The Shofar*, one that selected work of art, and shed

Each column will feature a piece by a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group. To inaugurate Oculus, *The Shofar* paper, titled "Bertha," by Judith Kaufman Weiner. The work is a haunting portrait of Judith's mother, completed shortly after her death in 1965. "Although it is decades old, whenever I come upon it looking back at me, it evokes vivid memories of the time and the creation of the piece," the artist said.



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Graham Diamond photo



Thanks to a generous contribution from shul member Adrienne Greenberg, the community room is now equipped with a new, up-to-date audio-visual system. After a number of false starts from various vendors, thanks also goes to the Geek Squad at Best Buy, which provided and installed the new equipment. We can now show films and record events and presentations, among other media benefits.

Adrienne Greenberg photo



Pictured, some of the young poets who participated in the 2019 Poetry for Peace program, held at the Mattituck Library on Nov. 24, and witnessed by one of the largest audiences in the 13- year history of the popular event. In the back row, from left, program facilitators Sylvia Pafenyk of the North Fork Reform Synagogue; Joan Prager and Paula Shengold of Congregation Tifereth Israel; and Billy Hands, one of three local poets who served as judges. Young poets from the Southold School District: Colin Sommo and Lyla Zabloutny. From the Cutchogue School District: Raylan Disilvio, Addia Hough, Rachel Kubetz and Lily Lopez. From the Oyster Ponds School District: Nicholas Dowling, Sean Furman, Alex Rowson, Stella Squire and Noel Stevenson. Not pictured, judges Jerry Matovick and LB Thompson; and facilitator Fred Cohen of NFRS. “The program encourages the schoolchildren to appreciate poetry and to share their feelings and thoughts about peace,” Paula Shengold said. Carol Seigel photo

Putting The Survey Results To Work

Surveys are one thing, but putting the information they yield to good use takes meaningful collaboration. At the Dec. 15 Congregation meeting, *you* — those who completed the Long-Range Planning Committee’s survey, and those who participated in the analytical discussion that

morning — showed the committee how to translate the survey’s results into meaningful action. Since the survey data represented a 59% return rate from you, and since you gave us great feedback at the Dec. 15 meeting, we now have a meaningful vision for future programming and growth. Here are highlights from the recent discussion.

PROGRAMMING: What you want in programming is a give-and-take format with speakers, perhaps in conjunction with Shabbat services and /or the onegs that follow. Ethics are high on your list of topics, and the shul’s Education Committee responded with the current JTS course, “Jewish Ethics in Today’s World.” History and Talmud/Torah are also of interest. We would like to hear your thoughts regarding speakers and programs with those interests in mind.

TIMES FOR PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES: Respondents agreed that we need to experiment with alternative times for activities. To begin, the shul is planning to hold Shabbat services at 6 p.m., rather than 7:30 on Rosh Chodesh Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 20, followed by supper in the social hall. Watch your email for more information about this initiative. [See separate store in this issue of *The Shofar*.]

FACILITIES AND BEAUTIFICATION: The newly-formed Fundraising Committee has been asked to address repairs to the Aron Kodesh. Also, since storage space is limited on the main floor, the committee will be looking to make better use of the building’s attic and basement.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH: Publicity for our programs and special Shabbat services, and coffee hours with the Rabbi are some of the suggestions you would like to see implemented.

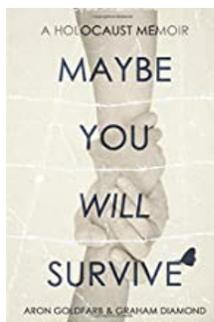
NEW FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: The shul’s new Fundraising Committee, chaired by Judy Weiner, is tasked with coming up with new efforts to strengthen the shul’s financial position. Serving on the committee are Alan Garmise, Micah Kaplan, MD, Susan Rosenstreich, Sherry Shaw, and Nancy Torchio. Your ideas are welcome.

THAT’S IT FOR NOW: What you told us is that we should explore new ideas, working through ad hoc committees, discussions at Congregation meetings, and informal feedback. You are the driving force behind these initiatives, so please let us know what works and what doesn’t. Thank you for participating in the survey, and for voicing your ideas to put the results of the survey into action.

—Judith Weiner, Survey Coordinator

—Susan Rosenstreich, President

Shul Member Tells Book Circle Group About Holocaust Escapee



Shul member Graham Diamond will recount for the Book Circle the harrowing story of Aron Goldfarb, who was ripped from his bed in Poland and forced to enter a Jewish work camp, and how he and his brother made their courageous escape.

Maybe You Will Survive: A Holocaust Memoir was co-written by Aron Goldfarb with Graham Diamond. According to the story, the brothers hid together in underground holes on an estate controlled by the Gestapo. The narrative is “a testament to the strength of human endurance, and the power of relationships,” Amazon said.

The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at noon, in the social hall of the shul. For more information about The Book Circle, call the shul at 631-477-0232, and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich.

Experience An Experiment; Expect Extra Exuberance On Jan. 24

Please excuse our ex-uberant and ex-hausting ex-pression of ex-ultation, but *The Shofar* is extra ex-cited to report what shul president Susan Rosenstreich calls an “ex-periment.” In the spirit of the ex-periment, we offer the following ex-planation.

The ex-periment will be ex-ecuted three times over the dark winter months, beginning in January, the darkest of them all. It grew ex-ponentially from a discussion at the December meeting of the Congregation, where analysis of the Long-Term Planning Committee’s survey was ex-plored. In dialogue focused on preferred times for synagogue events, congregants ex-plicated that Shabbat services in the winter months take place long after the start of Shabbat, which begins not at 7:30 in the evening, when Shabbat services are scheduled, but often in the late afternoon. Combine that notion with a suggestion that Shabbat dinners are an ex-cellent way to appeal to congregants and prospective members and, well, there you have it — the ex-periment.

So, on Jan. 24, the Shabbat closest to Rosh Chodesh, services will begin at 6 p.m. instead of 7:30. And, services will be followed by a Shabbat supper in the social hall. Similarly on Rosh Chodesh Feb. 21 and March 20, the ex-periment will continue. Watch your email for more information on the January installment of the ex-periment.

See you at 6 on the 24th — no ex-cuses. Please RSVP ctigreenport@gmail.com so we’ll know to ex-pect you. And be sure to ex-press your thoughts to the president before you ex-it.

• FYI • FYI • FYI •



To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Jewish ghetto on Nov. 28, people in Budapest, Hungary, light candles in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. AP/Marton Monus photo

Reimann Family Atones; Gives Millions To Holocaust Survivors.

The family behind Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Panera Bread, Peet's Coffee, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Keurig, Coty, and other brands is donating 5 million euros, or \$5.5 million, to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which seeks reparations for Holocaust survivors and funds social services. That donation and \$11.3 million made last spring to institutions that help former forced laborers and their families is being made by the JAB Holding Company of Luxembourg, which supported the Nazi regime and once used forced labor from prisoners of war and others taken from their homes in Nazi-occupied territories. The JAB Holding Company is solely owned by the Reimann family, who have been publicly reckoning with the family's history.

Chancellor Angela Merkel Visits Auschwitz, Pledges \$66M



Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, met German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the site of the former Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp, in southern Poland, and thanked her for announcing Germany's commitment of \$60 million to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation for support and preservation of the memorial site

Her visit is the first in her 14-

year tenure as Chancellor of Germany, the first time a German chancellor has visited the site since 1977, and only the third time a German chancellor/head of government has visited since WWII. The chancellor has gone to other concentration camps, including Buchenwald and Dachau, which are in Germany, but she had not visited Auschwitz. The visit comes in advance of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau on Jan. 27, 2020, and amid rising levels of anti-Semitism in Europe and around the world.

Chancellor Merkel entered through the camp's notorious gate marked "Arbeit Macht Frei" (Work Sets You Free), and lit a candle in memory of the more than 1.1 million people killed there. She visited the museum's Conservation Laboratories, which preserve suitcases, human hair and every shoe, every document, and every building that remains at the site. She also visited the Central Sauna building at the former Birkenau camp, where prisoners were subjected to "disinfection" before being forced into slave labor.

On the eve of her visit, the chancellor said that Germany would contribute \$66 million to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, in addition to the \$80.5 million it has given over the past decade. The United States has contributed \$15 million to the endowment.

[Pictured with chancellor Angela Merkel are Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki of Poland, second from right, flanked by Holocaust survivors.

Getty Images/Janek Skarzynski



Members of the Jewish community walk amid vandalized tombs in the Jewish cemetery of Westhoffen, France. Authorities said that vandals have scrawled anti-Semitic inscriptions, including swastikas spray-painted in black, on 107 tombs. AP Photo/Jean-Francois Badias

Two Shooters Attack Kosher Grocery in Jersey City



On Martin Luther King Drive, JC Kosher Supermarket in Jersey City, NJ, had become the center of a small but growing Hasidic community. All that changed on Dec. 10, when David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50, stormed the store with rifles, beginning an hours long standoff with police that ended in both of their deaths along with three other people in the store.

Authorities believe Anderson and Graham intentionally targeted the store, and say the pair is believed to be

responsible for the death of Jersey City Police Detective Joseph Seals, who was killed shortly before the pair attacked the store. Anderson was a one-time member of the Black Hebrew Israelite movement, and his social media pages pushed anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. The Black Hebrew Israelite movement has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The victims in the store were identified as Mindy Ferencz, 32, who ran the store with her husband; Miguel Douglas, 49, who worked at the store; and Moshe Deutsch, 24, pictured at his funeral with Orthodox men carrying his casket. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihen)

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop called the attack a hate crime, saying that based on surveillance evidence, the Jewish community in his city was targeted.

Britain's Prince Charles To Visit Yad Vashem In January

Britain's Prince Charles has accepted an invitation by Israeli President Reuven Rivlin to take part in the fifth World Holocaust Forum at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, scheduled for Jan. 23. The event, titled "Remembering the Holocaust, fighting Anti-Semitism," is a joint project by the World Holocaust Forum Foundation and Yad Vashem. It will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

The United Kingdom also revealed that the Prince's itinerary will include a visit to the occupied Palestinian territories, where he will be a guest of the leader of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas.

Prince Charles last visited Jerusalem in 2016 to attend the funeral of Shimon Peres on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II. He also represented the queen at the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin.

Jewish Democrats In U.S. House Urge Firing Of Stephen Miller

Twenty-five Jewish members of the U.S. House of Representatives have joined a growing coalition of public figures urging President Donald Trump to fire White House senior advisor Stephen Miller over emails leaked last month that show he pushed white nationalist talking points ahead of the 2016 election.

In an open letter released Dec. 20, the lawmakers called on Trump to dismiss Miller from his administration because "his documented support for white nationalist and virulently anti-immigrant tropes is wholly unacceptable and disqualifying for a government employee."

The 25 lawmakers are led by Reps. Brad Schneider (D-Ill.) and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.).

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Pamela Karlan and Noah Feldman

Pamela Karlan, a professor of public interest law at Stanford Law School, and Noah Feldman, a professor of law at Harvard University, testified on Dec. 4 before the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment inquiry regarding President Donald J. Trump. Karlan and Feldman were two of three law professors Democrats called as witnesses to testify. They joined Michael J. Gerhardt, a professor of jurisprudence at the University of North Carolina for the Democrats. The Republicans called Jonathan Turley, a professor of public interest law at the George Washington University Law School.

All four professors were called to testify on the constitutionality of the president's behavior in connection with activity in Ukraine, including abuse of power, obstruction of justice, and obstruction of Congress.

[On Dec. 18, 2019, the House of Representatives passed two articles of impeachment against Donald Trump, who is only the third U.S. president (Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton) to be impeached. Richard Nixon faced impeachment, and resigned. The impeachment process now moves to the Senate, where a trial is expected to be held in January.]

Ronald Lauder

Billionaire philanthropist Ronald Lauder is funding a \$25 million campaign against political candidates in the United States who support or normalize anti-Semitism. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, said the Anti-Semitism Accountability Project will include a nonprofit organization and a super PAC.

The launch comes in response to a documented surge in anti-Semitism across America, according to a statement from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which noted that 14% of Americans hold anti-Semitic beliefs, as compared to 7% from a survey released by the Anti-Defamation League in 2014.

Recent appointees: Ellie Cohanin and Abigail Pogrebin



Veteran TV correspondent Ellie Cohanin has been named deputy special envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism by the U.S. State Department, working with special envoy Elan Carr. Previously, she was senior vice president and a special correspondent for the Jewish Broadcasting Service, and has served on the boards of Jewish organizations, including the American Jewish Committee.

Abigail Pogrebin, the author of multiple books on Jewish subjects, will become director of Jewish outreach for former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has announced his candidacy for President of the United States.

[Cohanin photo, left, Twitter; Pogrebin photo, Jewish News Service]

They Were Twins And Cute; Years Later, They Were Newsmakers *A National Story With A Local Angle*

If you can, think back maybe 35 years or so to children you might have known at that time. Maybe they were neighborhood youngsters, or friends of your children or grandchildren. Now, picture yourself opening up the *New York Times* and finding one of those youngsters on the front page, a major contributor to one of the most compelling political stories of our time.

That's just what happened to shul member Ann Hurwitz, who on Nov. 20 opened up her copy of the *New York Times*, as she has done every morning for as long as she can remember. Expecting the usual follow-up to the world's lead stories, she stared in astonishment at a photo of one of the twins her friend Carol Kitman had photographed 35 years earlier for a book the two women were developing, titled *One Mezuzah*.

The book, published in 1984, has been popular with Jewish families through the years, helping early childhood youngsters, typically ages 4 to 6, learn to count using Jewish symbols —

one mezuzah, two candles, three hamantaschen, four questions, five books of Moses, etc. up to the bar mitzvah age of 13.

Ann provided the concept and the text, which offers young readers a lesson on every page. Parents certainly value the education, but preschoolers like picture books, and pictures of children are especially helpful in engaging youngsters in the storybook activity. So, how to illustrate the book...

Carol Kitman, Ann's neighbor at that time in Leonia, NJ, was acquainted with a family of Russian-Jewish émigrés living in Brooklyn with their children, including twin boys. The twins were only about 4 or so when Carol first met them. She remembered they were dressed in matching blue sailor outfits with navy caps and, to her, a photographer, they were bright, engaging, and extremely photogenic. In fact, Carol would take many photos of the twins for her work, and she thought of them immediately as models for the book she and Ann were producing. As it turned out, the boys were not only willing to make the many trips from Brooklyn to Leonia that the photo sessions would require, they seemed eager to have their pictures in a book. One can almost hear them saying, "We're going to be famous." Well, that comes later.

On Oct. 29, 2019, one of the twins testified in a closed session before the Intelligence Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. The House was conducting an inquiry into the impeachment of President Donald Trump. But three weeks later, on Nov. 19, that same witness testified in a televised public hearing that propelled his story into the Nov. 20 issue of *The New York Times* and made his name one for the history books.

Imagine Ann Hurwitz's surprise to see a photo of one of the youngsters pictured in her book, now grown up and in his dress uniform as a United States Army officer, who currently serves as director for European affairs for the National Security Council. He was one of many official listeners on the infamous July 25 telephone call between President Trump and Ukraine's newly-elected President, Volodymyr Zelensky, in which Mr. Trump asked Mr. Zelensky for "a favor." It is alleged that U.S. military aid was contingent upon "the favor" — an announcement of an investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden. If true, it would be a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution that Mr. Trump had sworn to uphold.

Likely, many *Shofar* readers have already guessed the surname of the youngster who posed for photos in a children's book and, 35 years later, served his adopted country as a high-ranking military officer and witness to a possible impeachable offense by the President of the United States. If you're still pondering the identity of the witness, you might want to consult Ann's book, where you will see photographs of several young people, among them a youthful Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman and his identical twin brother, Lt. Col. Eugene Vindman, also serving on the NSC.

One Mezuzah is currently out of print, but the shul's Gift Shop still has one copy of the book, should anyone want to peek inside.

—Sara Bloom

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar has been advised of two deaths within the shul family. Long-time shul member H. Lee Blumberg died Sept. 30. Mary Anthea Mueller, mother Tim Mueller, a long-time friend of the congregation, died Dec. 4. *The Shofar* joins the membership in mourning these losses.

Rabbi Henry Sobel

Rabbi Henry Sobel, a Brazilian human rights activist who led Latin America's largest liberal Jewish congregation and who drew wide attention for defying his country's dictatorship in the aftermath of a notorious political killing, died Nov. 22 in Miami. He was 75.

Rabbi Sobel, a Lisbon native, was a national figure in his adopted homeland, his counsel sought by presidents, popes and the Dalai Lama. He came to prominence in Brazil in 1975 after Vladimir Herzog, the news director of a São Paulo television station was murdered in prison by his military torturers. The dictatorship falsely claimed that Mr. Herzog had committed suicide, an act that would have relegated his burial to a remote corner of the cemetery. But Rabbi Sobel chose to inter Mr. Herzog at the center of the cemetery with full rites.

Days later, he led an interfaith service in honor of Mr. Herzog with Catholic and Protestant clergy by his side. Thousands turned out for the service and stood in silent protest in a rare display of defiance against the despotic military leaders who would run Brazil for another decade.

Branko Lustig

Nearly 50 years after his liberation from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, Branko Lustig stood onstage at the 1994 Academy Awards ceremony to accept an Oscar for best picture as one of three producers of Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List."

"My number was A3317," he said of the tattoo that was inked on his left arm by the Nazis at Auschwitz in 1943. "It's a long way from Auschwitz to this stage."

It was a remarkable moment for Mr. Lustig, a Croatian Jew who had survived several concentration and labor camps by the time he was 12; worked on movie sets for decades in Europe; and secured his position on "Schindler's List" — the story of a factory owner in Poland who saved more than 1,000 of his Jewish workers from Nazi persecution — when he showed Mr. Spielberg his tattoo at their first meeting.

Mr. Lustig died on Nov. 13 in Zagreb, Croatia. He was 87.

In addition to the award for "Schindler's List," Mr. Lustig had been a production supervisor for "Sophie's Choice," and was associate director of "War and Remembrance," another Holocaust story filmed at Auschwitz. Before the cameras rolled, Mr. Lustig asked the crew to say a prayer for the dead.

As a youth, Mr. Lustig, who was nearing his 13th birthday when Bergen-Belsen was liberated, never had a bar mitzvah. In 2011, he returned to Auschwitz to celebrate that Jewish ritual, holding it in front of Barrack 24, where he had been incarcerated.

Alan Gerson

Alan Gerson, born Elik Gerzon in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in 1945, was a lawyer, whose case against Libya in connection with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, paved the way for lawsuits in American courts against states that sponsor terror attacks. He was a child of Jewish refugees from the Holocaust, who arrived in New York in 1950. Mr. Gerson died Dec. 1. He was 74.

He enjoyed a long and varied career. He prosecuted Nazi war collaborators, represented victims of terrorism, taught international law, worked at the United Nations, and wrote books. He was also a notable photographer and jewelry maker.

But he was best known for originating the legal argument that was used successfully against the Libyan government for its role in supporting terrorists who bombed a civilian

airliner. All 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground were killed. In 2002, Lybia agreed to a \$2.7 billion settlement, or \$10 million per victim.

Ron Leibman

Ron Leibman, an actor who enjoyed a six decades-long career in film, television and the theater, died Dec. 6 in Manhattan. He was 82.

Mr. Leibman's career was highlighted by a Tony Award in 1993 for his performance as Roy Cohn in the first part of "Angels in America." He also portrayed Cohn in the second part, earning him a Drama Desk nomination for outstanding supporting actor in a play.

Raeanne Rubenstein



Raeanne Rubenstein, whose photographs captured rock-and-roll and country music celebrities, died Nov. 30 in Nashville, TN. She was 74.

Ms. Rubenstein photographed Andy Warhol, John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Jimi Hendrix and countless others who were part of the New York music and art scene in the late 1960s and early '70s. The documentarian Ken Burns found Ms. Rubenstein's photographs similarly compelling. He used

them in his "Country Music" series, seen on PBS. "She had great ability to capture a moment," Mr. Burns said, "whether it was Dolly Parton on her tour bus or Janis Joplin on stage."

Danny Kronenfeld

Danny Kronenfeld, who directed the Henry Street Settlement in New York for 16 years, died Dec. 6 at his daughter's home in Manhattan. He was 87. Mr. Kronenfeld also founded the nation's first family homeless shelter staffed by social workers.

A product of neighborhood social-service programs when he was growing up in the South Bronx, he understood the daily challenges posed by urban poverty. He was known for treating with equal dignity the struggling people he aided and the benefactors who helped him support and expand Henry Street's programs in Manhattan.

In January 1993, President Bill Clinton honored Mr. Kronenfeld as one of 53 "Faces of Hope," inviting him to sit by his side at a luncheon honoring the group during the presidential inaugural celebration.

"Eschewing technology and traditional management practices, many people would joke that Danny ran Henry Street out of his back pocket," said David Garza, the settlement's current president. "Those of us fortunate enough to be close to him knew that he ran it from his heart."

Felix Rohatyn

Felix Rohatyn, a financier and government advisor who has been credited with helping to keep New York City from financial ruin during the 1970s when he was chairman of the agency that oversaw finances, the Municipal Assistance Corp. He died Dec. 14 in Manhattan. Mr. Rohatyn, a longtime managing director at Lazard Frères & Co., was 91.

The Austrian-born Mr. Rohatyn, whose Jewish family made a narrow escape from Nazi-occupied France in 1940, was known as a deft solver of complicated problems. "I get called when something is broken," he told the Associated Press in 1978. "I'm supposed to operate, fix it up, and leave as little blood on the floor as possible."

Early on, the singer Edith Piaf hired him briefly as an English teacher for \$5 an hour, until she lost interest in English lessons. His stepfather arranged an introduction to André Meyer, the senior partner at Lazard. "I had no idea what an investment bank did," Mr. Rohatyn wrote later. He began work in a junior role at \$37.50 a week. After military service, he returned to Lazard and stayed for 40 years. He became a partner in 1961, and later was a managing director.

• **COMMEMORATIONS** •

Yahrzeits In January

- 1: Joseph Adelson; Helen Newman
3: Chuck Kahn
5: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine
7: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger; Nathaniel M. Sperling, MD
8: Robert Strimban
9: Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panepinto; Sarah Weiskott
10: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs
11: Max Katz
12: Max Birman
14: Lillian Silberberg
15: Arnold Jaffe; Melvin Shengold, DDS
17: Jean Birman; Arthur Goldin, MD; Jennie Levinson
18: Rose Wasserman
21: Ida Sausmer
22: Toivo Jarvi
23: Marcia B. Block; Martha Levin
24: Herman Millman; Gerald Nathel; Stanley Sydney
25: Norman Good; Nedjat Lazar; Steven Newman; Alvin Robins; William Sausmer
27: Nathan Forman; Rose Katz Grossman; Julius Levine; Mel Morrell
28: Jed Clauss; Monir Lazar; Benjamin Lipman; Ralph Michelson and his brothers — Morris, Lewis, Conrad, Herbert and Morton
29: Annie Bush; Louis Felder; Rebecca Edelstein; Anna Neimark
30: Helen Newman
31: Clara Nissenfeld

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: Stephen Brumberg and Carol Ingall

Refuah Shlemah

Jane Sachs
Jody Levin
Philip Goldman
Paul Birman
Thelma Novick
Sy Brittman
Stanley Rubin

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 December

Daniel and Nancy Bogen Torchio
Ronald Rose
Eileen Santora
Sara Bloom
Rabbi Gadi Capela
Martin Ehrenreich
Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg
Ann Hurwitz
Howard and Esther Kalman
Harry and Ana Katz
Joanna Paulsen
Irma Strimban
Dr. Lewis and Helaine Teperman
Barry and Rena Wiseman
Diana Whitsit
Elizabeth Holtzman
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, and Gayle Kaplan
Roberta Katcher
Harris Levine, DDS, and Marilyn Bayer
Barry Mallin and Gail Krieger Mallin
Joan Prager
Carol Seigel
Gary Senft
Paula Shengold
Drs. Saul and Susan Rosenstreich

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

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Irma Strimban

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Nancy Torchio

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Pamela Birman, Paul Birman, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Adrienne Greenberg,

Susan Rosenstreich, Journal Dinner-Dance

JDD Madelyn Rothman, chair

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Gayle Kaplan, Joanna Paulsen, Judith Weiner

Judaism and Art

Saul Rosenstreich, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Phil Goldman, June Shatkin, Cookie Slade, Irma Strimban, Dan

Torchio, Judith Weiner

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Nominating

TBA

Pastoral

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

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Yahrzeits:

Miriam Gabriel, chair

Stanley Rubin

The president is an ex officio member of all shul committees.