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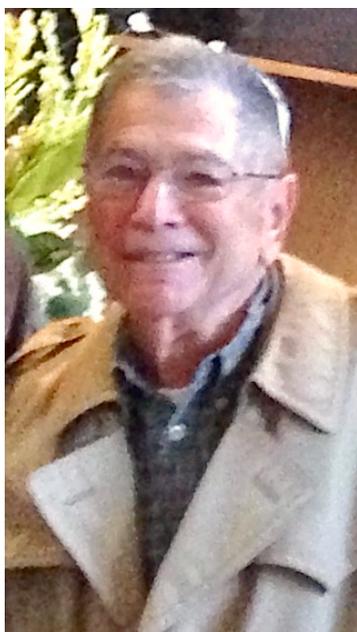
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In Memoriam



With deep sadness, *The Shofar* reports that long-time member and synagogue gabbai Stanley Rubin died at home on Friday, Feb. 14. That his death occurred on a day that many devote to a celebration of love and affection seems fitting, given the outpouring of friendship and fond remembrances arising from the many individuals and various groups in which Stanley was so revered, none more so than within our shul.

The Shofar joins the membership in mourning the death of Stanley Rubin, whose intelligence, humor, loyalty and integrity will serve as a guide for all of us as we begin to move forward.

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m. [except (Rosh Chodesh) March 20 at 6 p.m.]
Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Sundays, “The Ethical Life” course: March 15, 22 and 29, April 5, 11:30 a.m.
Mondays, Hebrew class: March 16, 23 and 30, 4 p.m.
[Rabbi away Feb. 16-March 12]

Shul Events

Friday, March 13, Shabbat observance/Purim celebration, 7:30 in the sanctuary
Sunday, March 15: Board meeting, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, March 18: Book Circle, community room, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 20: Early Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by Shabbat supper in the social hall

Lighting Shabbat Candles in March

March 6: 5:35 March 13: 6:43 March 20 6:51 March 27: 6:58

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 8, Daylight Saving Time begins, 2 a.m. [Set clocks ahead 1 hour.]
Thursday, March 19: Spring begins
Sunday, March 22: Project Genesis, Peconic Landing, 1 p.m.
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
Thursday, July 16: Catch A Star luncheon

(Submission deadline for the April 2020 issue of *The Shofar*: March 20)

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. In keeping with the results of the Long-Term Planning Committee’s survey, Rabbi Capela will be contacting members throughout the coming months, inviting them to have coffee with him.

From The Rabbi...



“Stanley”

As I was preparing for my annual journey to the Holy Land, it was apparent that Stanley was starting his journey to heaven. It was exactly eight years since we’d first spoken. Prior to my introductory Shabbat at Congregation Tifereth Israel, I called him to discuss the order of the service at this shul. He had just turned 87, but he sounded as excited as a teenager. I felt instantly welcomed. When we finally met, I immediately recognized the teenager with the cane. This was the beginning of a wonderful friendship — the Gabbai and the Rabbi.

We journeyed across three continents: From Florida to Ottawa, from the Berlin Wall to the Western Wall, from the streets of my childhood in Israel to the neighborhood of his beloved Eva’s youthful years in Vienna. Both of us loved history and admired beautiful architecture. We brought each other along.

I pushed his wheelchair through many cobblestone streets, while he stirred me through the winding roads of ministry. Handling these trips was not difficult. It was like the Levis from the family of Kehat, who were responsible for carrying the Ark of the Covenant through Israel’s journeys; the Ark carried its carriers.

In Joshua 4:11, the Bible tells us: “And it came to pass, as the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord came up out of the midst of the Jordan, as soon as the soles of the priests’ feet were drawn up unto the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all its banks, as aforetime.” The Talmud (BT Sota 35a) then concludes that the Ark carried itself and its carriers. Stanley carried me with his love of life and his wisdom. He did not let his physical impairment hold him back from appreciating life to the fullest. “What can’t be cured, must be endured,” he would say. By this virtue, he always helped me overlook the difficulties of the moment, and bounce back.

Early on, Stanley shared with me a vivid dream he’d had, by which it was clear to him that he somehow should take care of me and make sure I would succeed. At first, I wasn’t sure if it meant anything, but soon I found that it was prophetic to him. From that point on, we would speak pretty much every evening. We always ended our conversation with him saying, “I’m glad you called.” And I would respond, “I’m glad you answered. Layla Tov.”

It came to a full circle with my own dream on the night of Feb. 14. Early that evening, I sat with Stanley’s children, and our dogs, around his bed. We shared beautiful moments. That night, something woke me at exactly 4:14 a.m., and the phone illuminated Feb. 14. I looked at the phone and twice saw 14. The number 14, according to the Hebrew numerical value, spells the word “hand.” The two hands spell the word yedid — “friend.” On Erev Shabbat, we sing “Yedid Nefesh.” When the message came in the morning that Stanley had passed away, the message was clear. He was a yedid nefesh — a soulmate.

The thought of not saying a proper goodbye to this most proper man was hard to bear. I was torn between the need to begin my planned journey to Israel and the need to stay. With all our journeys together, my heart would not let me leave without accompanying Stanley on his last. I delayed my flight.

I’m writing this message having recently arrived in Israel, a few days after saying a proper goodbye. It was a most respectful and well-attended funeral — testimony to his full life. The group accompanying me on the tour will arrive tomorrow, and Stanley will journey with us. Stanley, a wonderful man who dwelt among us, will continue to travel with me always. May your soul rest in Eden and your memory be for a blessing.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



This winter has been the season of astonishing chats. It began with a neighbor who suggested that it was time for a cup of tea by a cozy fireside. Not two sips into teatime, the conversation turned unexpectedly to what goes on in our respective houses of worship. By the time the teapot was empty, we had worked our way to the conclusion that the elements of ritual — prayer, song and reading sacred texts — were, in both our cases, the same. My neighbor and I could probably switch houses of worship for a day and figure out what to do and when to do it without blowing our cover.

A few days afterward, a friend called from Utah. I was caught completely off guard when, out of the blue, she asked whether I thought ritual is the heart of religion. Blaise Pascal, the 17th-century French math whiz and Catholic theologian, prescribed ritual as a cure for those of us who are skeptics in the department of divinity. Enter your house of worship, go through the motions, follow the script, observe the ritual, he advised, and faith will follow. Really? Ritual is all it takes to find the pathway to religion? My Utah friend pooh-poohed the possibility.

The third chat proved my friend had been right to be skeptical. A former officemate chimed in from Seattle that Pascal may have been a math genius, but his ritual-plus-time-equals-faith formula has nothing to do with religion, he said. Ritual makes you observant, but being observant isn't the same as being religious.

Now we were getting somewhere. No one is certain about the etymology of the word "religion," but the word does suggest a relationship with the Latin verb "ligare," meaning to bind or to tie. You would think, wouldn't you, that the bond in question is the one that ties you to some divine power. You would be only half right, according to Seattle. You can't get that far without help.

And that's where the house of worship comes in. You don't go there to worship *in* a community. You go there to worship *with* a community. You go there for the sense that, when you enter your house of worship, you have come home, you are welcome to your place in this space, you are where you are because everyone else has been waiting for you to get here. That's because we can't get from here to there unless we move beyond ourselves and reach out to pull all of us along. Until that happens, we can be as observant as we want, but that's not a religion. If you're looking for that magic link to what lies beyond you, a whole community is waiting for you. All you have to do is walk through the door.

This winter may be confused as to the season it's supposed to be, but three astonishing chats have made everything else as clear as crystal.

—Susan Rosenstreich

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Purim Celebration Combines With Shabbat Observance, March 13

Once again, our shul will celebrate the holiday of Purim with the reading of the Book of Esther (the Megillah). As always, shul members are invited to come in costume and to make joyful noises with boos and graggers at every mention of Haman's name as the story unfolds. But here's a change: In order to accommodate Rabbi Gadi's annual visit to Israel, our celebration will be held on Friday, March 13, three days after the official holiday on March 10. The

celebration will be combined with our traditional Friday evening Shabbat observance, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Surely, most of us know the story of Purim, how Queen Esther saved the Jewish people from execution by the evil Haman, who was preparing to kill the Jews for not bowing to him. Surely, as well, all of us have feasted on hamantaschen, the traditional pastry for the holiday, a tri-cornered fruit-filled confection shaped to resemble Haman's hat — deliciously evil. Instead of revisiting these familiar themes, *The Shofar* will offer a related and compelling anecdote.

Recently, *The Shofar* learned of an occurrence, which serves, we think, as an incredible sequel to the Biblical story. The incident took place during the Nuremburg Trial in 1946, when military and political leaders of the Nazi party were brought to account for the part each one played in crimes against humanity during the Holocaust. As Julius Streicher, one of the convicted Nazis, was led to the gallows in Oct. 16, 1946, he inexplicably shouted out, "Purimfest." According to historians, Streicher himself made the connection between what was happening to him, an arch-enemy of the Jewish people about to be hanged, and what had happened to Haman a long time ago.

In the Purim story, the Book of Esther ends with the hanging of Haman and his 10 sons. The trial at Nuremburg came to a close with 10 leaders condemned to pay for their crimes by hanging. It might be said that although God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, his presence there manifested itself all those centuries later.

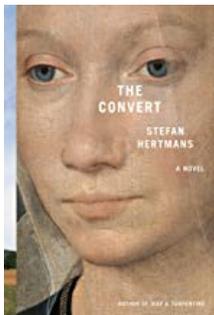
Join Us For Early Shabbat Service On March 20, Followed By Dinner

Following the success of the shul's early Shabbat services on Jan. 24 and Feb. 21, both followed by a Shabbat dinner, the "experiment" will continue one more time, on Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m. Please join us.

The idea behind the experiment is to welcome Shabbat during the dark winter months of January, February and March closer to the actual time that Shabbat officially begins, not at the 7:30 p.m. time that Shabbat services traditionally begin at our shul. That idea combined with a suggestion that Shabbat dinners are popular with congregants led to what shul president Susan Rosenstreich called "the experiment" — early Shabbat followed by a meal together.

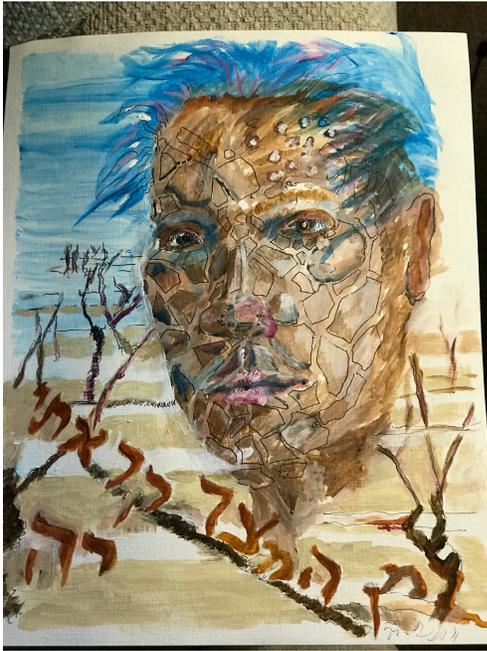
Please RSVP to ctigreenport@gmail.com so we'll know to expect you on March 20.

The Book Circle Reviews Compelling Story Of Star-Crossed Lovers



The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 18, at 2 p.m., in the shul's community room, to review the March selection, *The Convert*, by Stefan Hertmans. This is a work of fiction based on facts excerpted from fragments of the Cairo Genizah, a repository of more than 300,000 manuscripts and documents that had been stored in the upper chamber of a synagogue in Old Cairo. Hertmans tells the story of star-crossed lovers, forced to flee their village in order to be together. The novel recreates a chaotic world of love and hate and the anti-Semitism that persists a millennium later.

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



Oculus: Eye On Art

This month's Oculus selection is an unfinished work by Hedy Campeas, a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group. "Inspiration can come from sources all around us, if we pay attention," she said.

The untitled work in acrylic and pen-and-ink is based on feelings the artist experienced on reading Psalms 118:5: "From the depths I called G-d, G-d relieved me." It is up to the viewer to look at the painting and "determine his or her own interpretation," the artist said.

Photo by Graham Diamond

Gift Shop Stocks New Seder Plates and Fun Matza Aprons And Sets



Hold on to your yarmulkes, the first Passover Seder is on Wednesday, April 8. For those brave souls making Seder at home, the shul's Gift Shop has just received attractive new Seder plates to accommodate the ceremonial dishes, one of them with a matching matza plate. The set would make a lovely addition to your Seder table, or a meaningful gift for your host.

The Gift Shop has also stocked those fun Passover aprons in a matza pattern. Whether you choose the apron alone or the set that includes an apron, pot holder and oven mitt, your gift will amuse and delight your Seder host, or add to the festivities at a Seder in your own home.

For these and other Judaica items, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Sara Bloom.

An Urgent Message From CAST

Shul members responding to the Long-Range Planning Committee's recent survey indicated a desire for greater involvement in CAST (Community Action Southold Town). Many of us regularly donate clothing, household items, food, etc. for distribution to those in need.

How else can we help? Shul president Susan Rosenstreich and shul member Veronica Kaliski recently met with Cathy Demeroto, executive director of the organization, and a number of ideas were suggested. One of those ideas requires immediate attention, and all of us can help.

CAST clients are in great need of personal care items, such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, deodorant (for men and women), shampoo and hair conditioner, feminine hygiene products, baby diapers and baby wipes, razors and shaving cream, toilet tissue and facial tissues, paper towels and napkins, personal soaps and laundry detergent, Band-Aids and topical disinfectant. Please place your donations in the “Personal items for CAST” basket in the shul’s vestibule.

Other opportunities to help the CAST mission will be announced soon, but this need is critical. Please join us in this Congregation effort. For more information, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for the president.

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‘Shalom, Y’All.’ Museum Of Southern Jewish Experience To Open

The Museum of Southern Jewish Experience is slated to open in fall 2020 in New Orleans. Exhibits will explore the ways Jews in the American south influenced and were influenced by the distinct cultural heritage of their communities. Content will cover 13 states and more than 300 years of history, including Colonial times, the Civil War, WWII, and the Civil-Rights Movement.

“This will be the only museum in the country to focus exclusively on the history and culture of Jews .

Archaeologists Unearth Judaica Items Under Polish Synagogue



A wooden crate filled with Judaica items was discovered during an archaeological excavation in a synagogue in Malopolska, Poland, according to *The Jewish Chronicle*.

Archaeologists were digging a small test hole at the old, 1750 synagogue in Wieliczka when they found a fragment of

decaying wood. After removing layers of earth, they uncovered a wooden crate. Inside were 350 objects, including a silver Torah crown, yad, a silver cup, five candlesticks; rimonim to decorate the top of Torah roller handles, and items from the WWI era.

The artifacts will be examined for any legible inscriptions that may provide information about individuals in the community and names of donors.

Michal Wojenka of the Institute of Archaeology of Jagiellonian University, who was supervising the excavation, said his group would keep investigating to try to discover under what circumstances the chest was buried. Anti-Jewish riots were reported in 1889 and again in 1906. In 1921, 1,135 Jews lived in the town. A few Holocaust survivors returned after WWII.

First Yiddish Edition Of ‘Harry Potter’ Sells Out In Two Days



Two days after the Yiddish edition of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, translated by Arun Viswanath, became available for pre-order, the book sold out its first print run of 1,000 copies. A second edition is in the works. Copies were ordered in the United States, Israel, Poland, Sweden, Morocco, Australia and China.

Few — if any — new Yiddish books published outside of the Hasidic world sell 1,000 copies in a year. Most are released in modest editions of several dozen to maybe several hundred.

Read other children's books translated into Yiddish, free at the Yiddish Book Center's online library, include *The Prince and the Pauper*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, *Oliver Twist*, and *The Emperor's New Clothes*. New translations for sale include *The Little Prince*, *Curious George*, *Winnie-the-Pooh*, and several works by Dr. Seuss.

At Last, Iceland Gets Its First Permanent Torah Scroll



The final letters of the Torah were written at a reception held on Feb. 6 at the home of the U.S. ambassador to Iceland, Jeffrey Ross Gunter, who is Jewish. The new scroll, which took a year to write, was donated to the Jewish community of Reykjavik by Uri Krauss of Zurich, Switzerland.

On Feb. 16, members of the city's Jewish community brought the Torah scroll to the local Chabad Jewish Center, the first full-time Jewish institution on the island nation. Up to now, the center has been borrowing a Torah for use every Shabbat morning.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Taika Waititi

Maori Jewish director, writer and actor Taika Waititi won the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay at the 92nd Academy Awards on Feb. 9 for the comedy-drama *Jojo Rabbit*.

The director dedicated the award to “all the indigenous kids in the world who want to do art and dance and write stories.” He shouted out to his Jewish mom: “Thank you for giving me the book that I adapted. This film wouldn't have existed without you doing that.” Waititi's mom, Robin Cohen, told her son to read *Caging Skies* by Christine Leunens — the story that Waititi adapted into his film. *Jojo Rabbit* tells the story of a Hitler youth member, whose imaginary friend is Adolf Hitler, and who finds out that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their attic.

Other Jewish moments at the Oscars: Idina Menzel sang the Oscar-nominated “Into the Unknown” from *Frozen*; Randy Newman performed his Oscar-nominated song from *Toy Story 4*, “I can't Let You Throw Yourself Away”; and *Joker* star Joaquin Phoenix won best actor for his performance as Batman's nemesis.

Delphine Horvilleur



Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur, an alt-cool female intellectual, appeared this month on the cover of *Elle France*. The rabbi, 45, talked to the magazine about living and working in a country where anti-Semitism is on the rise, and the Jewish community can be inhospitable to female leaders.

She has written four books, but it's her most recent one that has made her a staple in the French literary scene. *Reflections on the Question of Anti-Semitism* takes its title from an essay by Jean-Paul Sartre. In it, she explores the intersection of racism and anti-Semitism, and grapples with an uptick in French anti-Semitic incidents in the past few years.

Rabbi Horvilleur is at the forefront of liberal Judaism in France, the spiritual leader at the Liberal Judaism Movement of France, an egalitarian Paris synagogue. She worked briefly as a model in order to finance her studies, but she dislikes the outsize attention this episode in her life now receives. She argues that such focus on a woman's appearance limits her authority.

Sheryl Sandberg



Leaning in to marriage, Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO and author of the motivational bestseller *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead*, has announced her engagement to strategic consultant Tom Bernthal. "You are my everything," she wrote on Instagram. "I could not love you more."

Sandberg was previously married to Dave Goldberg, founder and CEO of SurveyMonkey, who died suddenly in 2015. Her former brother-in-law, Rob Goldberg, introduced her to Bernthal last spring.

Before founding his consulting firm, Kelton Global, Bernthal worked for the Clinton administration and NBC News, where he won an Emmy award for his production work. Reportedly, Bernthal gave Sandberg an engagement band set with five diamonds, representing her two children and his three.

Donna Zakowska

At the Costume Designer's Guild Awards, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" costume designer Donna Zakowska won the prize for excellence in the Period Television category. Midge Maisel has been the best-dressed denizen of the Upper West Side since the show debuted in 2017.



Costumes have been central to "Mrs. Maisel" success, helping the show distinguish itself from the crowd of historical dramas and emerge as one of the major period pieces of the decade. "These costumes change the way I move, breathe, walk and talk," Rachel Brosnahan told NPR. Brosnahan portrays the show's main character.

Zakowska can spend up to 16 hours a day on the set when the show is filming. She personally designs the costumes for all the main characters, while also supervising rental costumes for up to 1,000 extras per episode.

[Photo Rachel Brosnahan as Mrs. Maisel, courtesy Townandcountrymag.com]



Michael Lewis and Lady Kitty Spencer

This just in: Jewish fashion tycoon Michael Lewis, a South Africa native whose fortune is estimated at about \$100 million, is engaged to Lady Kitty Spencer, the niece of the late Princess Diana of Wales. Reportedly, Lady Kitty is converting to Judaism. Lewis was married before in an Orthodox ceremony.

Friends of the couple said that Lady Kitty is taking religious instruction in preparation for the marriage. The two have been seen in London attending synagogue together.

• OBITUARIES •

It is with sadness that *The Shofar* reports the death of former shul member Victor Friedman on Feb. 5. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Leah, their children and grandchildren.

Frieda Caplan

Frieda Rapoport Caplan, a food distributor who changed the look of American produce aisles and made palates more adventurous by championing enoki mushrooms, Jerusalem artichokes and other once-exotic items, died Jan. 18 at her home in Los Alamitos, CA. She was 96.

Ms. Caplan broadened the choices available to American consumers by bringing in products from South America, Australia, Asia and elsewhere and teaching retailers how to store and promote them and buyers how to prepare them.

Perhaps her best-known success involved an unloved fruit native to China, known as Chinese gooseberry. Ms. Caplan promoted it as kiwifruit, and it gradually took hold in the U.S. “It has to have taste, it has to have food value, and it has to have shelf life,” she said, explaining what she looked for in the exotic produce she championed.

Fred Silverman

Fred Silverman, who as a top executive at CBS, ABC and finally NBC was one of the most powerful people in the three-network era — died Jan. 30 at his home in the Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles. He was 82.

Silverman was the force behind beloved series like “All in the Family,” “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “M*A*S*H,” “Laverne & Shirley,” and “Hill Street Blues.”

Kirk Douglas



Kirk Douglas, born Issur Danielovitch Demsky to Jewish immigrants from Russia, the man with the chiseled jaw, steely blue eyes, and a long career in Hollywood, died Feb. 5 in Los Angeles. He was 103.

Nominated three times for best actor by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — for *Champion* (1949), *The Bad and the Beautiful* (1952), and *Lust for Life* (1956) for which he won the New

York Film Critics Award for best actor — Douglas received an honorary Oscar in 1996.

Arguably the top male star of the post-WWII era, he acted in more than 80 movies before retiring from films in 2004.

In 1981, President Jimmy Carter awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Gene Reynolds

Gene Reynolds, an Emmy-winning producer and director who was a force behind two of the most acclaimed television series of the 1970s and early '80s — “M*A*S*H” and “Lou Grant” — died Feb. 3 in Burbank, CA. He was 96.

Mr. Reynolds started his prolific career as a performer, appearing in some 80 films and television shows. In the 1960s, he directed numerous episodes of television comedies, including “Hogan’s Heroes” and “F Troop,” both of which found humor and absurdity in military settings. That experience served him well in 1972, when he helped Larry Gelbart develop “M*A*S*H,” the sitcom about an Army hospital during the Korean War. Immediately after that success, he helped create “Lou Grant,” about a fictional newspaper that twice won the Emmy Award for outstanding drama series.

“M*A*S*H” has been described as a classic example of ensemble acting, and members of the cast credit Mr. Reynolds with the chemistry that made the show work.

Louis Nirenberg

Louis Nirenberg, a mathematician who explored the complexities of equations commonly used by physicists and engineers, and who shared the 2015 Abel Prize, a top math award modeled after the Nobel Prize, died Jan. 26 in Manhattan. He was 94.

“It’s really hard to overstate how important Dr. Nirenberg was,” said Walter A. Strauss, an emeritus professor of mathematics and applied mathematics at Brown University. “He was one of the great mathematicians of the 20th century.” Dr. Nirenberg’s work focused on partial differential equations, which describe the vibrating of strings and drums, the flow of heat, the movement of water, and many other phenomena.

In 2015, Dr. Nirenberg and John F. Nash Jr., the mathematician whose life was depicted in the movie “A Beautiful Mind,” shared the Abel Prize for “striking and seminal contributions” to the field of partial differential equations.

Peter Serkin

Peter Serkin, a pianist in a family dynasty of musicians, died Feb. 1 at his home in Red Hook NY, near the campus of Bard College, where he was on the faculty. He was 72.

Mr. Serkin was descended from storied musical lineages on both sides of his family. His father was the eminent pianist Rudolf Serkin; his maternal grandfather was the influential conductor and violinist Adolf Busch, whose musical forebears went back generations. He challenged his legacy and sought to claim his own by embracing contemporary music. Throughout his career he presented recital programs that juxtaposed the old and the new — 12-tone scores and Mozart sonatas, for instance.

Mr. Serkin enjoyed teaching and held posts at institutions including the Mannes School of Music and the Juilliard School in New York City, in addition to Bard College. During summer, he taught at the Tanglewood Music Institute.

Stanley Cohen

Stanley Cohen, a biochemist who shared the 1986 Nobel Prize in medicine for the discovery of chemicals that promote and help regulate the growth of cells — research that greatly advanced science’s understanding of cancer, dementia and other maladies — died Feb. 5 in Nashville. Dr. Cohen was a professor emeritus of biochemistry at Vanderbilt in Nashville. He was 97.

Greta Beer

Greta Beer, a Romanian Jew whose decades-long search for her father’s Swiss bank account helped force banks in Switzerland to compensate Holocaust victims and their heirs over lost assets, died Jan. 23 at her home in Brighton, MA. She was 98.

By becoming the public face of thousands of victims, she helped generate the momentum that led to the \$.25 billion settlement of a class-action suit against the Swiss banks in 1998.

George Steiner

George Steiner, the celebrated literary critic, died Feb. 3 at his home in Cambridge, in the United Kingdom. He was 90. Steiner was born in Paris to Austrian parents who had emigrated to escape anti-Semitism. The family moved to New York City in 1940, refugees from the Holocaust.

While still in his 20s, Steiner filled the seat previously held by Edmund Wilson at *The New Yorker*, serving as senior book reviewer and contributing more than 200 reviews over 30 years. He also lectured at the University of Vienna, New York University, and Harvard.

“I can only explain what I perceive as the Jew’s mission: To be a guest of humanity,” Steiner said. “What must a guest do? He must live among people, wherever they may be. And a good guest, a worthy guest, leaves the place where he has been staying a bit cleaner, a bit more beautiful, a bit more interesting than he found it.”

Sy Sperling

Sy Sperling, a businessman who helped bring the hair-loss industry into the mainstream with huge late-night ad buys, died Feb. 19 at a hospital in Boca Raton, FL. He was 78.

Mr. Sperling achieved a kind of cult fame in the 1980s for his business, then called the Hair Club for Men. What propelled the concept was the ad kicker: he would hold up an old photo of his own bald pate and tell viewers, “I’m not only the Hair Club president, I’m also a client.” In 2000, Mr. Sperling sold his company to a private-equity firm for \$45 million.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In March

2: Jennie Kessler

3: Anna Levine; Abraham J. Nissenfeld; Irma Beverly Ribka

4: Philip Cohen; Emanuel Garmise; Michael Adam Rosenbaum; Kurt Seligson

5: Ruth Berman Cohen; Samuel David Glickman; Leo Schneider

6: Dora Ann Helderman; Molly Kaplan; Joseph Bruce Ross; Lottie Sherrin Schultz

7: Samuel L. Schwartz

8: Norman Blaustein; Annie Goldin

- 9: Laura Merson; Emery I. Wells
 10: Egon Adler; Morris Kaplan; Dr. Mark Youmans
 11: Mortimer Lahm
 12: Anna Garmise; Max Kremsky
 13: Harold Michelson
 14: Nathan Burch; Daniel Harris; Natalie Wisse Wellisch
 15: Fannie Kaplan Dlugas; Jack Eskell; Eva Goldin; Ella Ruth Schlefstein; Julius Schwartz
 16: Rose Fierer; Bernard Glick
 17: Stephen E. Goldberg; Rhoda Kahn; Arlene Marvin
 18: Samuel Levine; Sam Merson; Gertrude Michelson; Alice M. Ross; Jacob Schneider
 19: Gabriel Fortgang
 20: Rosemarie Birman; Sylvia B. Levine; Hymie Schulman
 21: David Bloch; Edward Hyman
 22: Ida Gutterman; Samuel Katz; Joseph Liburt; Leibel Zausel; Ruchel Leah Zausel
 23: Helen Klavans Rubin; Ralph Silverman
 24: Irving Briller
 25: Mazaltov Safer
 26: Max Kalter; Isaac Orleans
 27: Robert Friedman; Abram S. Kaplan; Terry Slade
 29: Marsha Millman
 30: Sylvia Levine; Audrey Rothman; James J. Winton
 31: Aline Prager; Zelig Kaplan

Birthdays in March

- 1: Joseph Nadel
 5: Debra Riva
 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

Refuah Shlemah

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

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 February

Paul and Pamela Birman
Sara Bloom
Lynne Dillon
Francis Dubois and Paul Jeselsohn
Philip and Elaine Goldman
Ann Hurwitz
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD and Gayle Kaplan
Meryl Kramer
Safer Properties
Michael and Lynn Sion
The Greenporter

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 Paul Nadel: 631-734-8519

Board of Directors

Susan Rosenstreich: President
Madelyn Rothman: Vice President
Alan Garmise: Treasurer
Judith Weiner: Financial Secretary
Sara Bloom: Recording Secretary
Elaine Goldman: Corresponding Secretary
Hedvah Campeas-Cohen, Martin Ehrenreich; Miriam Gabriel: Members at Large
Adrienne Greenberg: Sisterhood Representative
Z. Micah Kaplan, MD: Men's Club Representative

The Sisterhood

Adrienne Greenberg: President
Joanna Paulsen: Vice President
Roberta Garris: Secretary; Eileen Santora: Treasurer

The Men's Club

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD: President

Jesse Reece: Vice President

Philip Goldman: Treasurer

The Shofar

Sara Bloom and Miriam Gabriel: Editors

Shul Committees

Andrew Levin Park

Sy Brittman, caretaker

Adrienne Greenberg, Veronica Kaliski

Advertising

Alan Garmise, chair

Audio-Visual

Phil Goldman, chair

Adrienne Greenberg

Beautification/Building and Grounds

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, chair

Miriam Gabriel, Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg, Jesse Reece

Bylaws

Joanna Paulsen, chair

Alan Garmise, Phil Goldman, Adrienne Greenberg

Calendar

Elaine Goldman, chair

E-Communications/Website

Andrea Blaga

Education

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Ann Hurwitz, Madelyn Rothman, Paula Shengold,
Irma Strimban

Finance

Judith Weiner, chair

Alan Garmise, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Joan Prager, Corinne Slade, Nancy Torchio

Fundraising:

Judith Weiner, chair

Alan Garmise, Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, Susan Rosenstreich, Sherry Shaw, Nancy Torchio

Garden

Adrienne Greenberg, chair

Veronica Kaliski

Gift Shop

Sara Bloom, chair

Information Technology

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

Journal Dinner-Dance

Madelyn Rothman, chair

Sara Bloom, Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski, Graham Diamond, Elaine Goldman,

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, and Gayle Kaplan, Joanna Paulsen, Judith Weiner

Judaism and Art

Saul Rosenstreich, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Roberta Garris, Phil Goldman, June Shatkin, Corinne Slade, Irma Strimban, Dan Torchio, Judith Weiner

Long Range Planning:

Alan Garmise, chair

Miriam Gabriel, Adrienne Greenberg, Judith Weiner

Membership

Phil Goldman, chair

Nominating

TBA

Pastoral

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

Plaques

Adrienne Greenberg

Public Relations

Alan Garmise, chair

Sara Bloom

Ritual

Phil Goldman, chair

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Adrienne Greenberg, Stanley Rubin, Sherry Shaw

Security:

Phil Goldman, chair

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

Telephone/Sunshine

Thelma Novick, chair

Yahrzeits:

Miriam Gabriel, chair

Stanley Rubin

Shul president Susan Rosenstreich is an ex officio member of all shul committees.