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A Message To Readers...

The Shofar extends thanks and admiration to Susan Rosenstreich for her monthly contributions to this publication's president's column. We eagerly anticipated her messages, which were always thoughtful, often amusing, and uncommonly erudite. We happily welcome Judith Weiner to these pages in her new role as shul president. She offers a fresh voice brimming with energy and creative spirit that bodes well for our synagogue and its place in the community.

—The editors

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m., online only, via Zoom

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m., online only, via Zoom

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27: Hebrew class: 4 p.m., via Zoom

Shul Events

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27; Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Lunch and Learn, Zoom at noon

Wednesday, July 15: Virtual Journal ad sales close

Wednesday, July 15: Book Circle, at noon, via Zoom

Sunday, July 19: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., via Zoom

Lighting Shabbat Candles in July

July 3: 8:12 July 10: 8:10 July 17: 8:06 July 24: 7:00 July 31: 6:54

Dates to Remember

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

Thursday, July 30: Tisha B'Av

(Submission deadline for the August 2020 issue of *The Shofar*: July 20)

From The Rabbi...



“Yesterday Island”

All of us are guilty of romanticizing our past to various degrees. On the surface, it may seem silly to do so. Why should we attribute more hope to our past than our future? Surely, we set ourselves on a downward slope. Perhaps when our present is dark and our future is obscure, we believe a glimpse of light can shine through only in our yesterday. In the words of John Lennon: “Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away...”

What if there were a place like that — some sort of a yesterday island? Would you want to live there? In fact, there *is* such a place. I first learned about Yesterday Island when I was researching a fantasy road trip from New York to Jerusalem. The only obstacle (ignoring all geopolitical elements) would be crossing the Bering Strait between Alaska and Chukotka, Russia. That part is passable only by way of a two-hour boat ride or possibly overland when the strait is frozen.

In the middle of the narrow strait, nearly kissing, are two small islands — Big Diomedede on the Russian side, and Little Diomedede on the American side. Since the International Date Line crosses in the middle, and although they are only 2.4 miles apart, there is a 20-hour time difference between them. They are often called Tomorrow Island and Yesterday Island. As in life, sometimes the difference between tomorrow and yesterday is a world apart, and the difference a day makes is between ancient history and a distant future. At times, progress propels us forward in retrograde motions that blur tomorrow and yesterday.

Significant progress in the world often happens because of technology — from symbols to alphabet writing, scrolls to codex, printing press to telecommunication, and now Zoom. Global communication accelerates it all. These past few weeks gave us a taste of that. While we were in the midst of events promulgated out of blunt racism, which keeps taking the entire global community back to yesterday, America sent a rocket into tomorrow’s space. Two steps forward, one step back. Sometimes in history, progress happens directly from yesterday to tomorrow. While the U.S. Supreme Court reached back to yesterday to rule against discrimination of the LGBTQ community, a situation many argued was already settled law, the court also gave a hopeful future to many immigrants who dared to “Dream.”

Perhaps this all means we are getting closer and closer to God. The tetragrammaton — the Hebrew name of God transliterated in the four letters YHWH, we articulate as Adonai,—is actually an acronym for Was, Is, and Will Be. What seems to be very far, as Yesterday Island, may not be that distant after all.

I wish Tifereth Israel’s new Board of Directors great success, with the hope that together we will learn to read correctly the signs of the time.

May we have a blessed month,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

I would like to convey my condolences to the Brittman family on the passing of our dear Sy A”H. His legacy of Andrew Levin Park will stand as testimony to his service to God and the community. When I was first considering Tifereth Israel, I came to look at the synagogue and when I saw the beautiful garden I thought to myself, “If they take care of the garden this beautifully, they must take care of people just as well.” May his memory be for a blessing.

From The President...



With burdens come opportunity. And with change comes transformation. Although we have experienced a seismic shift in our lives and in the world around us, Congregation Tifereth Israel has been an anchor and a constant in the “new normal.” For me, this is an auspicious time to shepherd the shul forward. I am honored that you have placed your faith and trust in me to take on this role. I can assure you that I am prepared to do all I can to make a difference as we work together to achieve our common goals.

It is also an honor to follow in the footsteps of Susan Rosenstreich. With smarts and insight, Suzi has balanced multiple and sometimes competing needs. And she has trod new paths with a devotion to the synagogue that is unparalleled.

Now that we are together apart, we have made great strides in adjusting and responding to the restrictions imposed upon us. The pandemic has become an engine of opportunity. It pushes us to think differently about what we do and how we do it. With little hesitation, we have moved online, building a robust infrastructure. We did not cancel programs. Instead, we maintained our agenda and added new initiatives in a Zoom format: Shabbat and holiday services, Passover Seders, Board of Directors and Congregation meetings, classes, the popular Shul Schmooze column, and the innovative Lunch and Learn project. Plus, our virtual fundraising programs — the Silent Auction and the Journal — are keeping our shul vibrant.

Forced by circumstance, we began to think differently about how we could embrace congregants, how we could bring people together, and how we could nurture our spiritual home now and as we begin to plan for the reopening of our shul building.

And this is just the beginning.

—Judith K. Weiner

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Nominating Committee Announces Slate Of Officers And Directors

At the Congregation meeting on May 17, the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers and directors for the 2020-21 term. As the congregation offered no additional nominations at the May 17 meeting, the recording secretary cast one vote at the June 21 Congregation meeting to elect the slate, as follows:

President: Judith Weiner
Vice President: Sara Bloom
Treasurer: Alan Garmise
Financial Secretary: Susan Rosenstreich
Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Goldman
Recording Secretary: Joanna Paulsen
Members at Large: Hedvah Campeas Cohen; Miriam Gabriel; Madelyn Rothman
Also serving on the board
Sisterhood Representative: Adrienne Greenberg
Men’s Club Representative: Z. Micah Kaplan, MD

The members of the Nominating Committee are Phil Goldman, chair; Sara Bloom, Tom Byrne, Roberta Garris, and Susan Rosenstreich.

Sy Brittman, Master Gardener of Andrew Levin Park, died June 20



It is with profound sadness that *The Shofar* reports the death of long-time and devoted shul member Seymour (Sy) Brittman, on Saturday, June 20. According to the family, he died comfortably and peacefully at his home in Southold. Sy was buried next to his beloved wife, Addy, at the family burial ground in New Jersey. Because of the continued threat of Covid-19, plans for shiva and a gathering of mourners are delayed.

As many shul members are aware, our stunningly beautiful Andrew Levin Park, adjacent to the synagogue building, was designed, planted and maintained, largely singlehandedly for as long as he could, by Sy Brittman. It was for him a labor of love, his fondness for the Levin family, and for the park that bears Andrew's name. Sy also contributed his craftsmanship to the interior of our building, from the kitchen to the

handsome library shelving in the vestibule.

Sy held a special place in the heart of this editor, and I will miss him greatly. SMB

It's Live Online! The Virtual Journal Campaign Kicks Off *Your Ad Says 'Hats Off' To Our Shul, And Thanks To Suzi*

Since the super success of our first-ever Virtual Silent Auction, excitement has been building for the first-ever Virtual Journal that got under way on June 10. Have you submitted your ad?

From what we're seeing here at Shofar Central, folks seem to relish the idea that messages of congratulations on our shul's 119th birthday — not bad, huh, for our little shul,

How will you respond? Please support our shul with your ad, and be a part of this breakthrough happening. Sales close July 15, and we're live online early next month.

tucked away more than 100 miles from the big metropolis to the east — and our thanks to Susan Rosenstreich (our Suzi) for leading us through the good times and the come-what-may, will reach a greater audience than ever before, one *virtually* unlimited. With messages of good wishes and good will in the Virtual Journal, members and friends are proclaiming loudly that they are here for our synagogue, here for our shul family,

and here for our future together.

Ads in the Virtual Journal will be on our website 24/7 for an entire year, and also on Facebook and Instagram. This broad exposure raises the shul's visibility, raises respect for this initiative in our community, and raises the dollars from members and vendors that we need to bridge a \$60,000 gap in our annual budget.

How will you respond? Please support our shul with your ad, and be a part of this breakthrough happening. Sales will close on July 15; we go live online in early August. Find an ad form below.

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Congregation Tifereth Israel

Celebrating Our 119th Year



We're going VIRTUAL! Please advertise in our Journal.



Presenting Our 2020 Honoree
Susan Rosenstreich

With unparalleled grace and devotion, Suzi has led our Congregation through extraordinary times. She has instituted new educational and social programs as well as guided us seamlessly into virtual platforms during this pandemic that threatens our lives as well as our synagogue family. With love and thanks, we are proud to celebrate Dr. Rosenstreich as Congregation Tifereth Israel's 2020 Honoree.

Journal

Advertising Rates

- Gold Page \$3000
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Any questions, call: Joanna Paulsen (631) 774-5576

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The Shofar joins the Congregation in welcoming Rabbi Charles Simon of New York City as a new member of our shul. Rabbi Simon said he had joined in honor of his student, Rabbi Gadi. We look forward to Rabbi Simon's insights, and to worshipping with him.

Enthusiastic Audiences Zoom In For 'Lunch and Learn'

When the doors of our shul were locked shut to secure the safety of our members from the spread of Covid-19, the Lunch and Learn program opened. And from the first program, led by Ron Rothman talking about his grandfather's friendship with, yes, Albert Einstein, L&L has been in high gear, offering an array of presenters to keep shul members engaged and together until the doors open once again. And what a response we've had to this initiative.

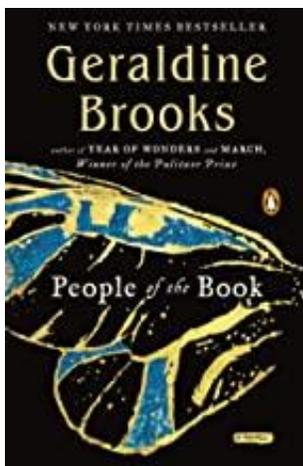
Every Monday, Lunch and Learners zoom in (via Zoom, a videoconferencing antidote to the shelter-in-place restrictions) for sessions led mostly by our members. After Ron Rothman, we pivoted to Sara Bloom's memoir-writing session, then to Marian Friedmann's garden, followed by Suzi Rosenstreich's lecture on body language and how actions can speak as loud (or, yes, louder) than words. We cooked with Deborah Pittorino, sang with guests presenter Cantor Melissa Berman, coped with our flowing locks with hairstylist Ladan Shalom-Murray, exercised with Adrienne Greenberg and, thanks to Saul Rosenstreich, looked at art like an artist. And when Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman agreed to lead a session, our members (and guests) responded with the largest Lunch and Learn audience to date. Her appearance was an honor for our shul and the L&L program, and a passionate response to today's political scene.

Each Thursday, Rabbi Gadi fills the noontime slot with probing questions about Judaism, often a follow-up to the theme of the Monday program, such as a Biblical look at hair, or a spiritual look at politics.

What have we cooked up for July? Zoom at noon every Monday and Thursday and find out. Sometimes it's chitchat; sometimes shul folks or guests offer particular expertise for all of us to learn while we lunch. There's always discussion, Q&A, and more chitchat. It's instructive, it's entertaining, it's fun.

To Zoom at noon for Lunch and Learn, visit www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org, click on "Go to meeting/services," follow the prompts, and enter code 955110. Come learn. Bring lunch.

Book Circle Selection Traces Journey Of The Sarajevo Haggadah



The July meeting of the Book Circle will take place on Wednesday, the 15th, at noon, on Zoom. The novel selected, *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, involves history, mystery, antiquity and Judaica — all together in a rip-roaring good story.

Inspired by true events, the work traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in 15th-century Spain. The narrative asks a rare-book expert to conserve the priceless gem, protecting the pages in which clues to its past are hidden.

The Book Circle meets each month to explore books on Jewish themes and Jewish writers. For more information, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

Oculus: Eye On Art



This month's Oculus column features Graham Diamond's sculpture of Leonardo da Vinci, perhaps the most famous Renaissance man, who is often depicted in works by other artists. The sculptor's interpretation captures da Vinci as an inventor as well as an artist. "I pictured him in his own time in Florence, ever wary and aware of dangers around him. The eyes, which I believe to be a window into the soul, are looking with doubt and suspicion to the side, giving the face an interesting aspect, as if the viewer also is wondering about his surroundings," the sculptor said. The piece was crafted with buff clay, fired, then glazed with white, applied sparingly with brush and sponge. Then it was fired a second time.

Da Vinci is one of the sculptor's series on historical people he admires, among them Alexander Pushkin, Marcus Aurelius, Mark Twain, and Sigmund Freud. Graham Diamond is a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group, and also submitted this photograph of his work.

Update On The Common Ground Project: A+ For Great Growing



With a little help from shul members working at Beds 16 and 18 at Treiber Farms, Mother Nature is delivering bigtime at the Common Ground Project. Just look



at the luscious plants that have emerged from the fragile seedlings that were pictured in the June issue of *The Shofar*. The project, initiated by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greenport, grows vegetables to stock local food pantries, including CAST, the shul's designated charity. The gardening group maintaining the shul's two beds are Tom Byrne, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Adrienne Greenberg, Veronica Kaliski, Jesse Reese, Suzi Rosenstreich and Madelyn Rothman. Interested in volunteering to help. Call the shul at 631-477-0232. AGreenberg photos

2020 Graduations In The Shul Family; Mazel Tov To All

Gideon Browne graduated from the Kane Street Synagogue Hebrew School in Brooklyn, and will be a Bar Mitzvah in November. Gideon is looking forward to continuing his participation in Hebrew School teen programs. He is the son of Rebecca Seigel and Chris Browne of Brooklyn, the brother of Yona and Caleb Browne, and the grandson of shul member Carol Seigel.

Georgia Eve Downey earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with honors, from the University of Washington in Seattle. A four-year Deans List student, Georgia participated in the BSN Honors Program research study. She is the daughter of Jenny Beth Bloom of Aquebogue and Bryan Downey of Sag Harbor, and the granddaughter of shul member Sara Bloom.

Bram Emmanuel Ellant graduated from Hunter College High School in New York City, and was accepted early decision to the University of Pennsylvania. Bram is the son of Drs. Jonathan and Devi Ellant of New York and Shelter Island, and friends of Rabbi Gadi.

Mohini Morzaria Kaplan was promoted from the 5th grade at the John Stanford International Elementary School to the Hamilton International Middle School, both in Seattle. Mohini is the daughter of Hem Morzaria Luna and Isaac Kaplan of Seattle, and the granddaughter of shul members Gayle Kaplan and Z. Micah Kaplan, MD.

Halle Murphy graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in film production. Since graduation, she has been working on feature films and commercials in Charleston, and will begin a new job in New York City when coronavirus restrictions are eased. Halle is the daughter of shul member Rachel Levin Murphy of Southold, and the niece of shul members Ellen and Mark Wiederlight of New Suffolk.

Ethan Isaac Weiss earned a bachelor of science degree in business with high honors from Montclair (NJ) State University. Ethan plans to move south for work and military service when travel restrictions allow. He is the son of Lilian Rosenstreich and Mitchel Weiss of Manhattan and South Gibson, PA, and the grandson of shul members Drs. Saul and Susan Rosenstreich.

Shul president Judith Weiner celebrated the graduations of three grandchildren this year:

Kaden Lints graduated from The King School in Stamford, CT, and will enter the University of New Hampshire this fall. He is the son of Briana Weiner Lints and Craig Lints of Norwalk, CT.

Tamir Naim, son of Saura Weiner Naim and Koby Naim of Sunnyvale, CA, has been accepted into the Elite Paratrooper Brigade of the Israeli Defense Forces.

Faygah Weiner graduated from Ayanot Youth Village High School in Ness Ziona, Israel, and will draft into the Israeli Defense Forces. Faygah is the daughter of Mikhael Weiner and Sarah Weiner of Montreal, Canada.

From The ‘Mighty Oaks From Little Acorns Grow’ Folder...

We’ve all heard of Amazon.com, and probably most of us, at one time or another, have shopped its thousands of products and connected with the conglomerate’s many hundreds of affiliate members. But buried inside all those big numbers is a small idea that can make a difference — yes, a little difference — but remember: Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.

Here’s how it works: Congregation Tifereth Israel is now registered as a charity with an Amazon program called AmazonSmile, meaning that Amazon will donate 0.5% (half a percent) of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. If you would like to select our shul as your charity of choice (and we certainly hope you will), the shul will benefit — by a little bit — from your purchase. *The Shofar* is not recommending that you to shop at Amazon, but

should you choose to do so, and should you choose our shul as a charity within the AmazonSmile program, your purchase could be one of those little acorns from which mighty oaks grow.

Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-3192561>

Agree to support Congregation Tifereth Israel

Shop as usual

The AmazonSmile program was suggested by Adrienne Greenberg and put into operation by the shul's Fundraising Committee, which thanks readers for considering this opportunity to help our shul at no additional cost to them.

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Suffolk County Provides Free Masks To Residents Age 60 And Over



FREE MASK for any individual over 60 years of age

To receive a mask from Suffolk County, simply:

- Dial 311. No Area Code required, just the 311.
- There are several choices that will be mentioned, but wait until the end of the options for personal assistance.
- You should say that you are calling to obtain a FREE mask, or if married, two masks.
- The person will ask for the year you were born and your mailing address in order to qualify.

That's it and they will send your mask(s) to you.

Thanks to shul member Beth Britman, *The Shofar* has learned that Suffolk County is offering free masks to all county residents over 60 years of age. Here's how to get yours:

- Dial 311
- Listen to all the options for 311 services, and wait for an agent to answer the call.
- Ask for a free mask for you and/or your spouse.
- Provide your name, mailing address, and the year you were born.

That's all there is to it.

[Just to be sure, *The Shofar* editor tried it. It works. I have my free mask, thanks to Suffolk County.]

With Quarantine, Arolsen Archives Adds More Than 120,000 Names



When the coronavirus prompted lockdowns, the Arolsen Archives — the world's largest devoted to the victims of Nazi persecution — enlisted thousands of those quarantined to further the work of the archive's "Every Name Counts" project. So far, the amateur archivists have indexed names from the archive's enormous collection of papers, adding more than 120,000 names, birth dates, and prisoner numbers to the database.

The Arolsen Archives houses more than 30 million original documents containing information

on the wartime experiences of as many as 40 million people, including Jews executed in extermination camps and forced laborers conscripted from across Nazi-occupied Europe. The documents, which take up 16 miles of shelving, include things like train manifests, delousing records, work detail assignments, and execution records.

The documents were gathered by Allied forces after WWII and stored. The archive began scanning and digitizing the collection in the late 1980s. In the last year, 26 million scanned documents have been posted online. The process is straightforward. Volunteers call up a prisoner list and type names, birthdays, prisoner numbers and other details into a form. To ensure that data is accurate, the information must be entered the same way by three different users. Participants say they relish the chance to make a meaningful contribution.

Indexing the names has a practical purpose for historians and the relatives of victims, said Paul Shapiro, director of international relations at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. But the project's greatest value may be as a tool to help people trace their relatives' fates and to keep the past alive, he said. "These collections are an insurance policy against forgetting...evidence that screams authenticity." Swen Pförtner photo/for AP

2,000-Year-Old Rooms Found By The Western Wall in Jerusalem



A two-millennia-old subterranean system of three rooms has been uncovered near the Western Wall. The three-room complex — painstakingly chiseled by hand out of bedrock prior to the fall of Jerusalem to the Romans in 70 CE — is the first evidence of everyday life underground in the ancient city.

"This is a unique finding," said Israel Antiquity Authority co-directors Dr. Barak Monnickendam-Givon and Tehila Sadiel. "You must understand that 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem, like

today, it was customary to build out of stone blocks. The question is, why were such efforts and resources invested in hewing rooms underground in the hard bedrock?" the archaeologists said.

The purpose of the three-room complex, hidden for centuries under a large 1,400-year-old Byzantine white mosaic floor, is still being investigated, but it may have served as a basement pantry, living space, or even a place to hide during raids, the IAA directors said, noting that perhaps the rooms were part of a larger public structure that has since been obliterated.

The rooms are spacious, about 2.5 meters by 4 meters; 2.5 meters by 2.5 meters; and a third room still being excavated that appears to be about the same size as the smaller space. The rooms occupy different floors connected by stairs.

Photo by Shai HYaLevi/IAA

Wilson's Arch At Western Wall Dates To Herod The Great



Named after the 19th-century British explorer and archaeologist Charles William Wilson, Wilson's Arch is located at the northern end of the Western Wall, and prayer services frequently take place in the area beneath it. Recently, using radiocarbon dating and the emerging techniques of microarchaeology, Israeli scientists made a breakthrough in pinpointing its date of construction .

Wilson's Arch was part of the Great Causeway, an ancient bridge linking Jerusalem's Temple Mount to the houses of Jerusalem's upper city. Construction has been the subject of much scholarly debate, with dates suggested from the time of Herod the Great (1st century CE), Roman colonization, or even the early Islamic period in Jerusalem (a span of about 700 years.)

The authors of a new study narrowed the dates of construction for the initial Great Causeway bridge structure to between 20 BCE and 20 CE, largely during the reign of Herod the Great. They also discovered a second stage of construction, between 30 CE and 60 CE, when the bridge doubled in size as Wilson's Arch in its current form was finalized. Evidence suggests that during this period of direct Roman rule, many building projects around Jerusalem, including an aqueduct supplying water to the Temple Mount, were begun or expanded.

What Every Lox Fresser Should Know About Smoked Fish



So, you think you know smoked fish, huh? Well, let's see. We'll start with the basics. Salmon in the wild roam the waters freely, and where they are caught in their journey can affect the texture and flavor of the fish. Generally, they are lean and less fatty. Since fat is a significant component of flavor, wild-caught salmon tends to be less flavorful. Not only that, farmed salmon, less active than their cousins in the wild, have a smoother and more buttery flavor. (Bet those little factoids have surprised the purists.)

Now, a few words about hot-smoked vs. cold-smoked. Hot smoking (usually between 165 and 185 F) cooks the meat while flavoring it with smoke. Cold smoking (usually between 69 and 87 F for up to 30 days) preserves the meat.

Sable. This fish is actually black cod, but sable sounds so much more elegant, doesn't it? No matter what you call it, its flavor is sweet, buttery, and a touch salty. But the texture is silky.

Sturgeon. Ahh, this is the king of smoked fish, at least to some mavens. It is hot smoked, traditionally with maple wood to enhance its natural flavor, which is mild and somewhat sweet. Its texture is dense and meaty. You've got to taste it to understand it.

Whitefish. Whitefish, found in the Great Lakes of North America, run from 2 to 23 pounds. They are considered one of the best-eating freshwater fish — high in fat content, mild flavor, medium firm, sweet, delicate and smoky meat with large juicy flakes that peel right off the bone. Chubs, baby whitefish, are rich tasting, delicate and smoky, and are always sold whole. [By the way, if making gefilte fish is your thing, combine whitefish with yellow pike. No carp.]

Gravlax. This cured salmon dish dates to the 14th century, when salt was expensive and alternative methods were found to preserve the fish. The early technique that preserved the fish in dirt has been refined to a recipe calling for salt, brown sugar and dill. Gravlax, excellent at any time, is particularly delicious as hors d'oeuvres. Serve with a creamy dill sauce.

Kipperd salmon. Preparation is the same as for baked salmon, but kippered salmon is hot-smoked, which flavors the meat. Either way, the whole slab is prepared, then cut into chunks. The belly section is succulent and sweet, the back section drier. Still mighty good.

Tuna. For smoking choose ahi tuna, or maybe yellowfin. Salted slightly and hardwood smoked, the tuna has a delicate, mildly sweet flavor and a dark reddish-purple color.

Brook trout. Brook trout live in the cold freshwater lakes and streams of the Great Lakes region. They inhabit shallow lakes in the north, and deep lakes farther south. To enhance the flavor, they are brined, refrigerated, dried and hot-smoked. The result is a smoky, salty, somewhat chewy delicacy, available whole.

Bluefish. Surprise. Bet you didn't expect that. Living here on the North Fork, you learn that bluefish run in the Sound into the late fall, and when they run, they run in huge schools. It is not unusual to net 10-20 of them on a really good day. What to do with all that fish? Smoke it. The preparation is the same as for brook trout, and a hot-smoke for many hours — well into the night as your *Shofar* editor recalls — depending on the thickness of the fillets, yields something akin to out of this world. When done, refrigerate, share the bounty with friends and neighbors, and freeze the rest. Serve on crackers with a squeeze of lemon. A tam g'naden.

[This article was adapted from an item in *The Forward* by Len Berk, a 26-year Zabar's slicer.]

National Weather Service Names Hurricanes Through 2025

Bet you're thinking that with the mostly delightful weather we have been enjoying this spring here on the North Fork, the National Weather Service probably has reason to take some time off. Well, you would be wrong about that, and *The Shofar* is jumping in here to dispel any disparaging thoughts you may have about the service's attention to duty.

With all the chitchat about climate change and the possibility of a particularly tempestuous hurricane season upcoming, the National Weather Service has been busy choosing names for all the 2020 hurricanes from A (Arthur) through W (Wilfred). So as not to alarm the populace, the NWS has assured the public that in all the years that Atlantic storms have been tracked and named, the hurricane season has ended before ever reaching a W name. Whew!

Nevertheless, should this be the year that a storm needs a name beyond Vicky, the NWS is prepared to name it Wilfred. Since we have never reached W, *The Shofar* assumes there is no need to even suggest X, Y or Z names. So, if any expectant parents are among *The Shofar's* readers, and should they look forward one day to having the name they've chosen for their offspring match that of a hurricane, they should reconsider Xavier, Yvonne and Zelda. You have been alerted.

For the curious, the names of Atlantic storms so far this season were Arthur, Bertha and Cristobal. Coming up are Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo Hanna, Isaias, Josephine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky and, lastly, Wilfred.

While we're on the subject, you might be interested to learn that the NWS has already named Atlantic storms through 2025 and, yes, *The Shofar* has the list and will keep readers current as needed. You might like to know, also, that a master list exists, from which the storms are named. The names can be rotated every six years, however those attached to particularly devastating storms are retired. So no more Sandy's. And good riddance.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Adam Rapoport

Adam Rapoport, the longtime editor-in-chief of *Bon Appétit*, resigned after a photo showing him wearing a racist costume surfaced in Twitter, and several staffers publicly called out racist practices within the magazine, *The Forward* reported.

In a statement on Instagram, Rapoport, who led the magazine since 2010, wrote, "I am stepping down as editor-in-chief of *Bon Appétit* to reflect on the work I need to do as a human

being and allow *Bon Appétit* to get to a better place.” He acknowledged that he had “blind spots as an editor.”

Jacob Frey



Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey was at the center of the country’s most dire protests in years. Following the police killing on May 25 of George Floyd, an unarmed black man arrested for apparently trying to make a purchase with a counterfeit bill, thousands of people looted and burned buildings in Minneapolis and St. Paul. On the heels of those riots, protests broke out in major cities across the country, including New York, Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago, as well as the suburbs.

Frey, a Jewish former city councilmember, is two years into his tenure as mayor, and has captured national attention for forcefully calling for an end of the destructive protests. He said he understood the protesters’ “pain and anger,” and supported deployment of state police and National Guard troops to quell the uprising. “We need to look out for our city,” he said.

Meggie Kwait



Meggie Kwait, a humanities teacher at the Beit Rabban Day School on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, was one of 14 contestants during the recent Teachers’ Tournament sponsored by the “Jeopardy” quiz show. She won two rounds to make it into the two-game final, where she finished second to a music teacher from Michigan. The experience netted her \$50,000 in prize money and bragging rights about her experience.

The giveaway that she was indeed Jewish occurred when she placed an \$18 bet in a segment called Final Jeopardy. She was so far ahead in the game that she couldn’t lose, so the wager was more symbolic than competitive. “That was when all the Jews realized I was Jewish,” she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

“My overriding memory of it is just exhilaration and excitement,” she said. “Some people have said to me ‘Oh, I’m so sad you lost,’ but I really don’t feel that way. I know it sounds cheesy, but I felt like I was winning from the moment I got there.”

Greg Glassman



Greg Glassman, founder and CEO of CrossFit Gyms, resigned his role following days of unrest at the fitness company. As reported by *The New York Times*, Glassman was on a Zoom call when he made what might be interpreted as racist remarks about George Floyd, whose death at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis sparked protests and demonstrations across the country. “I created a rift in the CrossFit community and unintentionally hurt many of its members,” he said in a statement. Glassman will maintain his ownership stake.

CrossFit, founded in 2000, is one of the largest fitness brands, with more than 6,000 affiliate gyms in the country and 14,000 worldwide.

Geoffrey S. Berman

U.S. Attorney General William P. Barr said Saturday that President Trump had fired the top federal prosecutor in New York, ending an unprecedented standoff between Barr and U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman, who had resisted being removed from his post. Barr informed Berman of the president's move in a letter, explaining that Berman's deputy, Audrey Strauss, would serve as the acting U.S. attorney in Manhattan until the Senate can confirm a permanent replacement. Under Berman, the office managed a number of sensitive investigations involving people close to Trump, including his personal lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani.

The extraordinary day-long fight between Barr and the nation's most powerful U.S. attorney deepened alarm over Barr's management of the Justice Department, generating fresh accusations the attorney general is placing the president's interests above those of the public.

The president denied interference in the decision to fire Berman, despite Barr's contention otherwise.

• OBITUARIES •

Else Blangsted

Else Blangsted, who fled Nazi Germany as a teenager, believing that she had given birth to a stillborn child, then built a career as a leading music editor on Hollywood films, died May 1 in Los Angeles. She was 90.

For more than 30 years, Ms. Blangsted played a major part in shaping how movie music was heard in features like "The Color Purple," "Tootsie," and "On Golden Pond."

She concealed a teenage pregnancy when her family sent her to a Jewish boarding school in Switzerland to escape the Holocaust. The pregnancy was discovered when she went into labor. Under sedation during the delivery, she was told afterward that the child had died. Fifty years later, she discovered that her daughter had survived and was adopted by German-speaking Jews. When they finally met, "it was the end of drama, the end of shame, the end of accusations, the end of migraines," Ms. Blangsted said.

Susan Rothenberg

Susan Rothenberg, who helped to usher figure drawing back into art in the 1970s, died May 25 at her home in Galistero, NM. She was 75.

Ms. Rothenberg took art lessons as a child but harbored no serious hopes of becoming a professional. Later, she came up with the idea of penetrating deep into the Nova Scotia woods to teach English in some rural town. But then, on a whim, she changed trains in Montreal for New York City, easily tapping into the SoHo art crowd.

In a 1984 *Times Magazine* interview, Ms. Rothenberg said she considered herself a groundbreaking artist partly in the sense that she'd had the confidence to paint for herself. "I almost feel I can take the most banal subject matter and make a good painting out of it," she said.

Herb Stempel

Herb Stempel, who admitted that the quiz show on which he was a contestant was fixed, died April 7. He was 93.

According to *The New York Times* account, on Dec. 5, 1956, Mr. Stempel, a City College student from Queens, was in his eighth week on "Twenty-One," an NBC quiz show, where he

posed as a nerdy know-it-all. He had won \$49,500. But his new rival was Charles Van Doren, a golden-boy Columbia University instructor, and the uninspiring Mr. Stempel was scripted to take a dive.

While Mr. Van Doren went on to become the most celebrated (and, later, vilified) contestant of the quiz-show era, Mr. Stempel might have become a forgotten man. Instead, he helped blow the cover off one of the major scandals of the age, telling the news media, prosecutors and congressional investigators that it was all a hoax.

At a 1959 congressional hearing where an episode of “Twenty-One” featuring Mr. Stempel was viewed, he said he had not returned the money he took from the show because he felt he had earned it. “Actually,” he said, “may I say that I was not a quiz contestant in this program, in my opinion. I was an actor.”

Norman Lamm

Norman Lamm, the longtime leader of Yeshiva University who encouraged the Orthodox Jewish institution to engage with the secular world and, in doing so, *The New York Times* said, rescued the school from the brink of bankruptcy, died May 31 at his daughter’s home in Englewood, NJ. He was 92.

After he was elected president in 1976, Rabbi Lamm championed the concept of Torah U’Madda — leading a life that blends rigorous adherence to Jewish law with pursuit of worldly knowledge and immersion in the wider society. The idea was controversial because Hasidic and other ultra-Orthodox rabbis argued that exposure to decadent influences would erode traditional Jewish life. But Rabbi Lamm, as a clergyman, philosopher, teacher and administrator, made a forceful case for his synthesis of the spiritual and temporal during his 37 years as the university’s president or chancellor.

Cyril Wick



Cyril Wick, a race car driver who “dressed British, thought Yiddish” died April 10 in London. The cause was Covid-19. He was 90.

Born in London to Jewish immigrants from Poland and Lithuania, he was educated at the prestigious Harrow School, where he faced anti-Semitic taunts during sporting matches. Later, an avid sailor, he would light Shabbat candles aboard his boat at the posh Lymington Harbour. “He was like James Bond,” his stepdaughter Barbara Balaban said. “He raced cars and wore cool suits and did cool things and was passionately Jewish,” supporting numerous Jewish institutions, including nonprofits for the blind and disabled and a number of Orthodox groups. “His approach was very much ‘dress British, think Yiddish,’ she said. “He spoke like an old Harrovian, also sang songs in Yiddish and dirty Russian.”

Cyril Wick founded the engineering firm Diffusion Alloys, where he developed a number of techniques for coating metals in chrome and titanium.

Bruce Jay Friedman

Bruce Jay Friedman, whose early novels, short stories and plays were pioneering examples of modern American black humor, died June 3 at his home in Brooklyn. He was 90.

Mr. Friedman, who also wrote the screenplays for the hit film comedies *Stir Crazy* and *Splash*, was an unusual case in American letters: an essentially comic writer whose work skipped back and forth between literature and pop culture.

His first two novels, *Stern* (1962) and the best-selling *A Mother's Kisses* (1964) — tales of New York Jews exploring an America outside the five boroughs — and his first play, the 1967 Off-Broadways hit *Scuba Duba*, made him widely celebrated. The New York Times Magazine in 1968 declared Mr. Friedman “The Hottest Writer of the Year.” He continued writing through the ‘70s and ‘80s, many of his stories made into films, including *The Heartbreak Kid*, a provocative story about a young man who ditches his new wife on their honeymoon and takes up with another woman. His 2011 memoir is titled *Lucky Bruce*.

Talking to a Key West, Florida, audience in 2005, Mr. Friedman said, “People ask me where do stories come from. Well, they come from a lot of places. Very often, it’s your life, and then you extrapolate from a personal experience. You have a fragment of an experience, and you ask yourself, ‘What if?’”

Betty Goudsmit-Oudkerk

Betty Goudsmit-Oudkerk, a Dutch-Jewish woman who saved hundreds of Jewish children during the Holocaust, died June 14 in Amsterdam. She was 96.

Goudsmit-Oudkerk was the last living member of the small team of rescuers who smuggled Jewish children to safety over several months from a Protestant seminary in Amsterdam. The seminary bordered an internment facility that the Nazis had set up for Jewish children opposite the Hollandsche Schouwburg concentration facility where their parents were kept. At 17, Goudsmit-Oudkerk was allowed to care for the jailed children. With help from the director of the Hollandsche Schouwburg, Walter Süskind, she helped transfer hundreds of children to Johan van Hulst, who ran the seminary. Hulst’s team spirited the children away.

In 2022, a \$27 million Holocaust museum is scheduled to open in the building that housed the seminary.

• **COMMEMORATIONS** •

Yahrzeits In July

- 2: Jacob Brittman; Albert J. Rubin
- 3: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Samuel L. Yett
- 4: Pearl Shulman
- 5: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garris
- 6: Miriam Finkelstein; Hugo Kessler
- 7: Leah Schottland
- 9: Gertrude Blaustein; Susan Millman
- 10: Jacob Friedmann; Raymond G. Wells
- 11: Sarah Etta Cohen; Marcel Shalom; Edward C. Weinrib
- 12: Rebecca Ballen; Sandra Goldberg Bernstein; Charles Laurie
- 13: Frieda Greenberg; Jean Nissenfeld
- 14: Emma R. Levin
- 16: Ann Rachel Arm
- 17: Ruth Lichter
- 23: Roanne Frankel
- 26: Lee Linnick
- 27: Bella Carasso; Agnes Ehrenreich; Isidore Handler
- 28: Louis Dornfield
- 29j: Elza Barokas
- 30: Joseph Farber; David Goldstein; Solomon Wechsler

31: Andrew Zalman Levin; David Sausmer

Birthdays in July

3: Vika Bloom
6: Joseph Britzman
7: Bonnie Chodosh
8: Jason Garmise; Leah Kaplan-Melone
14: Jason Clauss; Joanna Paulsen
21: Jared Britzman
25: Stephen Brumberg
30: Jake Teperman

Anniversaries in July

3: Michael and Lorene Solomon

Refuah Shlemah

Jane Sachs
Jody Levin
Philip Goldman
Paul Birman
Thelma Novick
Harold (Hal) Neimark

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.

You can purchase a Hallmark card. Or you can purchase a Sunshine Card from the Sisterhood by calling Andrea Blaga, the shul's office assistant, at 631-477-0232. Relate your message to Andrea, and she will send a personalized Sunshine Card, indicating your feelings, and also that a donation has been made to the Sisterhood in the recipient's honor.

You can mail your donation to the Sisterhood (P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944) or take advantage of the shul's donate tab on our website (www.tifereth-israel.com), where you can use a credit card for payment. Your loved one and the Sisterhood appreciate your thoughtfulness.

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in June

Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
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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.

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