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• 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

Friday/Saturday: Oct. 2 and 3, Sukkot, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Saturday, Oct. 10: Shemini Atzeret, with Yiskor, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Saturday, Oct. 10: Simchat Torah, 7:30-9:30 p.m., via Zoom from the sanctuary

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, Oct. 19 and 26: Hebrew class, 4 p.m., via Zoom

Shul Events

Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m., Gideon Browne (Seigel) bar mitzvah, via Zoom

Mondays, Oct. 19 and 26: Thurs., Oct. 22 and 29: Lunch and Learn, at noon, via Zoom
(Beginning on Thursday, Oct. 22, Rabbi Gadi's Lunch and Learn sessions will focus on Jewish history, one of the most requested topics for discussion on the recent survey conducted by the shul's Long-Range Planning Committee.)

Sunday, Oct. 18: Board of Directors and Congregation meetings, 9 and 10 a.m., via Zoom

Sunday, Oct. 18: Judaism & Art meeting, at noon, via Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Book Circle, at noon, via Zoom

Lighting Shabbat Candles in October

Oct. 2: 6:17 Oct. 9: 6:06 Oct. 16: 5:55 Oct. 23: 5:45 Oct. 31: 5:36

Dates to Remember

Monday, Oct. 12: Columbus Day

Saturday, Oct. 31: Halloween

Sunday, Nov. 1, Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. [set clocks back one hour]

(Submission deadline for the November 2020 issue of *The Shofar*: October 20)

From The Rabbi...



“It Takes Three Days”

The two days of Rosh Hashanah and the single day of Yom Kippur are three days in our lives filled with awe. More than any others, those days awaken a sense that a biological clock is ticking; it’s time to reexamine. Would one day be enough, or perhaps two? The Bible is replete with three-day allusions, nearly all a transition from one state to another — a completion. According to Jewish law, what is done three times is considered permanent. This is called a *chazakah* — stronghold.

The idea of three days plays an important role within the liturgy of these days of awe. On Rosh Hashanah, we begin with Abraham going to the Akeda, intending to offer his son Isaac to God. “On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar.” (Gen. 22:5) We conclude the season of repentance with Jonah, who tries his best to escape the divine calling and ends up in the belly of a fish for three days. To complete his mission, it takes him three days to cross Ninveh until the whole city repents.

Standing in front of God for three days is a “long-standing” tradition. The theophany at Mount Sinai was on the third day. Moses adds that before the revelation, men and women should separate for three days. (Ex. 19:19) Then, on the third day, God descends in fire and to the sound of the shofar. Somehow on the third day, God reexamines the connection between heaven and earth. Going back to creation, even back then God separated the earth from the waters under the heaven. It is the only day God says twice, “It is good.”

Some of the most notable references to the three-days theme can be found in the stories leading to the redemption in Egypt. To start with, in Joseph’s interpretation of Pharaoh’s ministers’ dreams in jail, he explains that in three days the verdict would be given to both ministers. As we say in the liturgy of the days of awe, “who will live and who will die.” Indeed, on the third day, Pharaoh releases his chief cup bearer from death row, and executes his baker. (Gen. 40:21) Similarly, Joseph releases his brothers from prison on the third day. (Gen. 42:18) Later, Moses requests of Pharaoh that to let his people go on a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifice to their God. (Ex 3:18) And just before the Israelites leave Egypt, Moses stretches forth his hand toward heaven, and a thick darkness shrouds all the land of Egypt for three days. (Ex.10:22)

So we see that it often takes three days. The biological clock we feel has deep roots in our Biblical DNA. A spiritual regeneration is not a moment, but a three-part process — a short time of intense experience followed by divine restoration. God gives us three days to decide which way we will be going, which world to connect, which world to create next. God reveals to the prophet Hosea that a time will come when His covenant people will return to Him and cry out, “Come, and let us return to the Lord, for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days, He will revive us, and on the third day, He will raise us up that we may live in His presence.” (Hosea 6:1-2)

May we have a Shana Tova of restoration,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

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From The President...



Chag Sameach. Here we are in the year 5781, filled with prayers and messages of faith, renewal and hope for a sweet and healthy New Year. We are at that auspicious time of the year when we have heard the Biblical wake-up call of the shofar, and have symbolically cast our sins upon the waters.

The traditions are familiar, yet it is all very different. The hugs are not there. The touch of the hand is missing. Though family and friends may be far away, we embrace them in new ways. So, too, during this great pandemic, we hold our shul family close.

Could we have imagined our accomplishments in these uncharted waters? Services and new educational and entertaining programs. Meetings and zoom celebrations. Virtual fundraisers that have exceeded the successes of past years. And even our High Holiday services are on Zoom, from our sanctuary.

Those new and daring initiatives can be topped now only with our newest endeavor. It is one with a touch of chutzpah. The 2020 High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign. I like to describe our new venture as one of the pleasures of the pandemic. Why, you might ask? Because it is working. We successfully called upon a group of 13 dedicated and generous shul members, who have contributed to a funding “pot” that will be used to match the donations we receive from you for these High Holidays.

Please be as generous as you can. Remember, every gift matters. Every gift counts. Whatever you contribute will be matched. Dollar for Dollar. 1:1. Think about it. You have a unique opportunity this year to double your contribution. A pretty good investment, I would say. Just go to our website, tiferethisraelgreenport.org, and click on the “Donate” button. You will have the option of paying by credit card or mailing a check.

I extend my personal thanks to each of you for your good will in this special year, which calls for empathy and compassion to sustain our community, our country, and our synagogue.

We are on our way to a remarkable finish this year. But remember, we need you to get there. I thank you, and I wish you all L’Shanah Tovah.

—Judith K. Weiner

On Sept. 18, at erev Rosh Hashanah services, shul president Judith Weiner announced the opening of the High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign. Jews worldwide traditionally make High Holiday contributions to support their synagogues. This is our synagogue’s first matching gift opportunity, which doubles every dollar contributed. To contribute, send a check to the shul at Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944, or visit www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org and click on the “Donate” tab to pay by credit card. *The Shofar* will provide updates on the campaign’s progress.

• A LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

To The Editors:

I wish to thank the congregation for the privilege of being named the 2020 synagogue honoree. I deeply appreciate the honor, and look forward to years of reciprocating it.

—Susan Rosenstreich

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Shul Members Celebrate Journal And Our Own Suzi On Zoom



A rhyming invitation brought shul members to the launch of the 2020 Virtual Journal, a stunningly colorful and elegantly designed publication by shul member Joanna Paulsen and office assistant Andrea Blaga. It was a labor of love for the designers as well as the many other hands that contributed to the first *virtual* journal in the 30-year history of the Journal Dinner-Dance event.

The annual Journal Dinner-Dance, popularly known as the JDD, was not to be this year, owing to the continuing

dangers of community spread associated with Covid-19, the coronavirus disease that has escalated into a worldwide pandemic. Nevertheless, our shul was not to be bested by this virus. Instead, thanks to the ingenuity and drive of shul president Judith Weiner, the annual JDD event went virtual. And what a success it was — financially, socially, aesthetically and communally.

On Thursday, Sept. 3, the journal went live online to raves from those who attended the launch party on Zoom. Glasses were raised to the journal and to the 2020 honoree, Susan Rosenstreich — our Suzi, who had led the shul for two years as president. Tributes from friends of long standing and local admirers attested to our good fortune in enjoying the richness of Susan Rosenstreich in our ranks.

The 2020 Virtual Journal Is Just A Click Away



119th Anniversary

VIRTUAL JOURNAL
2020/5780

Susan Rosenstreich, Ph.D.
Congregation Honoree



Here is your link to the 2020 Virtual Journal. Wait until you see the vivid colors. Wait until you see the artistic layout. Wait until you read what everyone has to say. One click, and the wait is over.

Visit: www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org/journal

The 2020 Virtual Journal will remain posted online for an entire year, its messages of congratulations on our synagogue's 119th birthday and its notes of love and good will to Suzi Rosenstreich circling the globe.

Contributors to the journal are listed on the shul's website, in *The Shofar*, and also on social media sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Want to add your ad? Call Andrea @ 631-477-0232.

Enthusiastic Audiences Zoom In For ‘Lunch and Learn’

The idea for a Lunch and Learn program was an initiative inspired by the shuttering of our synagogue in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The organizers of the program were concerned about helping members maintain a connection to the shul and each other while the doors were locked and everyone was sheltering in place at home. Enter Lunch and Learn.

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. Recent offerings included a discussion on changes in the Middle East brought about by the Israel-UAE pact, the making of a golf champion, and the joys and pitfalls of running a B&B.

Each Thursday, Rabbi Gadi fills the noontime slot with probing questions about Judaism, often a follow-up to the theme of the Monday program.

Lunch and Learn will be on hiatus during the High Holiday season — no sessions on Mondays, Sept. 21 through Oct. 12 — and will resume on Monday, Oct. 19.

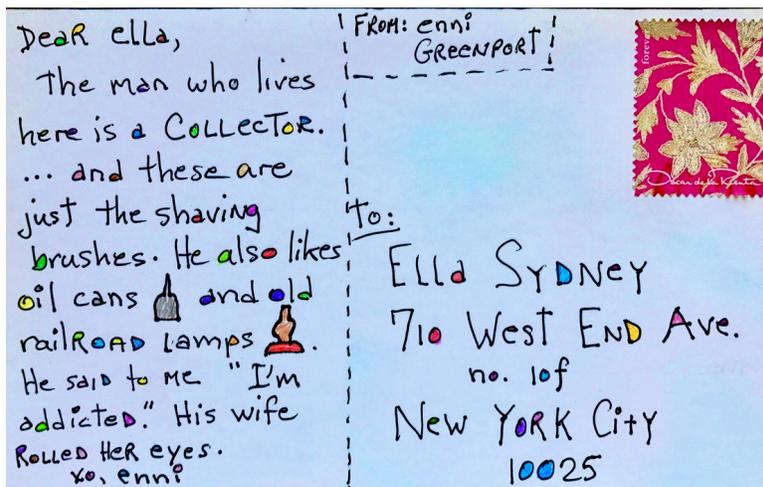
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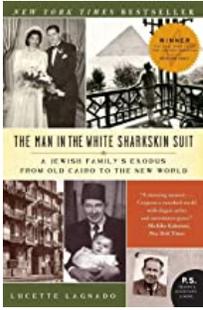
This month's Oculus column features a postcard that photographer Ellen Jaffe sent to "a little girl very important to me, living in the city two years ago while I lived in Greenport. To share my world out here with Ella, I sent her a postcard every day that year."

The daily postcard could picture a chicken on a local farm, or the carousel in Greenport, or maybe an egret at a pond. Ellen happened upon the shaving brushes, pictured here, at a yard sale, and she quickly shot the collection on her iPhone. "No settings to worry about with that handy device," Ellen said. Ordinarily, her camera of choice is a Leica Q professional digital camera. The iPhone is her diary, always in hand and right for this project.

With images safely tucked into her camera, she transfers them via iCloud to her MacBook. From Photoshop, she prints 5x7 inkjet images onto heavy photo paper, and then the fun begins, Ellen said. With pen, colored pencils, pastels, crayons and watercolors — little touches to delight a little girl wondering what her Enni is doing — plus a stamp and a little help from the U.S. P.S., Ella and Enni were united every day.



Book Circle: The Jews Of Egypt And One Family's Journey



The October meeting of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at noon, on Zoom. The selection for the month is *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado.

The Jews of Egypt are portrayed here against the cosmopolitan glamour of Cairo, and what happens when the man who wears the white sharkskin suit loses everything. It is a story of faith, tradition, tragedy and triumph.

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.

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Teens Unearth Ancient Stash of Gold Coins in Israeli Sands

The treasure needed to be secured. So the hoard of 425 gold coins was stowed in a clay jar, its lid secured with a nail, and stashed in the sands of what is now central Israel.

And there it sat, undisturbed, for more than 1,100 years, until mid-August 2020, when two 18-year-olds taking part in an archaeological excavation by a hillside in Yavneh noticed something unusual that turned out to be an ancient treasure.

The teenagers were volunteers in a vast project linked to the construction of a community in Yavneh, south of Tel Aviv. The program offers the promise of connecting young people with history and, while it is meant to be culturally rewarding, it is not often that someone strikes gold — literally.

The coins, which weigh less than two pounds and are made of pure gold, date to the 9th century, when the Abbasid Caliphate ruled a vast empire stretching from Persia in the east to North Africa in the west.

Liat Nadav-Ziv and Elie Haddad, archaeologists at the Israel Antiquities Authority, which is in charge of the sprawling excavation site, said in a statement that the finding “might indicate that international trade took place between the area’s residents and remote areas.” They also said it was clear that the money had been hidden on purpose. We can only guess what prevented the owner from returning to collect this treasure, they said.

Historic Flight From Tel Aviv Arrives In Abu Dhabi On August 31

The first commercial flight from Israel to the United Arab Emirates touched down in Abu Dhabi on Monday, August 31, carrying a delegation of U.S. and Israeli officials.

El Al Flight 971 — numbered to represent the UAE’s international dialing code — made the trip in just three hours, having been granted permission to traverse Saudi Arabia’s airspace, usually off-limits to Israeli air traffic. Leading the delegation were Jared Kushner, advisor to U.S. President Donald Trump, U.S. National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien, and head of the Israeli National Security Council Meir Ben-Shabbat.

In a joint statement with O’Brien and Kushner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was pleased by the speed with which Israeli-UAE normalization was progressing. The Emirates’ abolishing the official boycott against Israel “opens the door for what

I can only call unbridled trade, tourism, investments, and exchanges between the Middle East’s two most advanced economies,” Netanyahu said.

Speaking on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion International Airport just before takeoff, Kushner expressed his hope that the flight would inspire Muslims and Arabs worldwide.

Bahrain peace agreement

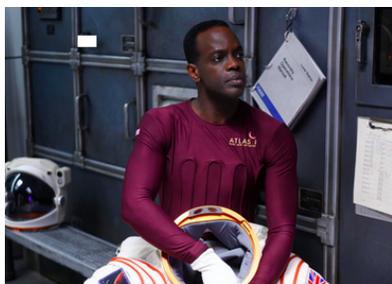
Bahrain, another Persian Gulf nation has agreed to normalize relations with Israel. Israel and Bahrain will exchange ambassadors, have direct flights, and launch economic initiatives.

Jewish groups from both sides of the political aisle applauded the development. “Bahrain’s decision to normalize relations with Israel is yet another positive indicator that change in the region is moving in a welcome, positive direction” B’Nai Brith CEO Daniel Mariaschin told Jewish News Service, “The UAE and now Bahrain are sending a strong and unmistakable message that peace and stability in the region are indeed reachable.”



Signing the Abraham Accords on Tuesday, Sept. 15, on the south lawn of the White House are, from left, Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, minister of foreign affairs of Bahrain; Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, U.S. President Donald J. Trump, and Abdullah bin Zayed All Nashran, minister of foreign affairs for the United Arab Emirates. White House Photo/Andrea Hank

Netflix’s New Space Soap Opera Has Jewish Subplot



America is launching its first mission to Mars — and there’s a chumash on the spaceship. This is not a treasure hunt. It’s part of a Jewish subplot in the first season of Netflix’s space soap opera “Away.” The chumash is the prized possession of one of the main characters, black Jewish botanist Kwesi Weisberg-Annan, played by American-born actor Ato Essandoh.

According to Irene Connelly, reviewing for *The Forward*, the series is an astronaut drama with more emotional baggage and crises per episode than “Grey’s Anatomy.” The plot revolves around a multi-national crew of astronauts led by American commander Emma Green, played by Hilary Swank, whose major

job seems to be solving the astonishing number of mechanical problems that plague the supposedly state-of-the-art space craft, Connelly says.

Kwesi's Jewish journey began in Ghana, where he was born and orphaned, and continues when he was adopted by a British couple: Miriam, a Jewish woman, and Sisi, a Ghanaian immigrant who came to Judaism through his wife. Through Kwesi, Judaism is central to the show's exploration of faith.

"Away" is one of several recent shows with Jewish characters and themes, including "Unorthodox," "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," and "Shtisel."



Yad Vashem and Notre Dame University

Expand Holocaust Studies Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the University of Notre Dame and its global network are teaming up to increase and encourage advanced Holocaust education and research across the world. Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research and its International School for Holocaust Studies will work together with members of the faculty, staff and students at the university.

"For our students who study abroad in Jerusalem, the collaboration will allow for greater access to Yad Vashem's resources...to pursue their research...on Holocaust studies, said Michael Pippenger, the university's vice president.

"Yad Vashem is committed to ensuring that the history of the Holocaust continues to be relevant today and in the future," said director-general Dorit Novak. Photo: Hall of Names/DShank

Genesis Prize Nominees Announced; Winner To Get \$1 Million

The winner of the \$1 million Genesis Prize, known as the Jewish Nobel, will be announced early next year. The seven individuals on the short list have been selected from more than 4,000 names nominated by some 45,000 people worldwide, including the following:

- Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Elena Kagan
- Actor, producer, director Sasha Baron Cohen
- Singer and actress Barbra Streisand
- Theologian, author and former Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom Lord Jonathan Sacks
- Actress, producer and activist for the empowerment of young women Gal Gadot
- Mega-philanthropist Marc Benioff
- Film director, producer and screenwriter Steven Spielberg

Past recipients have included Natan Sharansky, Michael Bloomberg, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Itzhak Perlman.

Marcus Foundation Gives \$20M To USY For Teen Travel To Israel

The Marcus Foundation has pledged \$20 million to USY (United Synagogue Youth) to subsidize teen travel to Israel each summer. The project, called RootOne, is part of the Jewish Education Project, which also sponsors EpicIsrael, for shorter trips to Israel.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Adrienne Greenberg

Careful readers of *The Shofar* might think that the editors have erred by running an announcement of shul member Adrienne Greenberg's golf championship a second time. Not so. Indeed Adrienne did win the Women's Flight A Golf Championship in a nail-biting finish at Island's End Golf Club, as reported in the September issue of *The Shofar*. But Adrienne makes the top of the Jews in the News leader board again this month by winning the Women's Flight B Championship at the Pine hills Golf Course, barely a breath from her first win.

This time, the format was stroke play, where the winner is determined by the fewest number of strokes after two 18-hole rounds. It was another nail-biter for Adrienne, who "squeaked out a victory," she said, by a single stroke. Not only did she win it, she won it on her birthday. Nice present, and a fantastic finish to an extraordinary year in golf.

Guy Niv

Israeli cyclist Guy Niv made history on Sept. 20 by becoming the first Israeli cyclist to complete the Tour de France. He was riding as part of Team Israel, which was competing in the tour for the first time. Completing the biggest professional cycling race represents a remarkable accomplishment for the 26-year-old who, until three years ago, was primarily a mountain biker and had little experience in road racing.

"I have done it for the next generation of young Israeli cyclists," Niv said. "They can now dream of achieving this and more."

Niv's accomplishment has been covered widely in the Israeli medias, making him one of the country's most celebrated athletes in a sport usually eclipsed by football and basketball.

• OBITUARIES •

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whose legal career in the fight for women's rights, equal rights, and human dignity, culminated with her ascent to the U.S. Supreme Court, and who — as an octogenarian — became a cultural hero and arguably the most beloved justice in American history, died from complications of cancer, on Sept. 18, in Washington, D.C., at the onset of Rosh Hashanah. She was 87.

Working at the American Civil Liberties Union in 1972, she founded the Women's Rights Project. She researched and argued six gender discrimination cases before the Supreme Court in the 1970s, winning five.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed Ginsburg to the U.S. Court of Appeals Columbia Circuit. President Bill Clinton nominated her to the Supreme Court to succeed retiring Justice Byron White in 1993.

For most of her 27 years on the nation’s highest court, Ginsburg, the second woman to ascend the court — after Sandra Day O’Connor — often led from behind the scenes. But in her last decade, she became a favored figure of pop culture known as “Notorious R.B.G.” She was loved for her insight, biting wit, and trademark lace collars.

She was diagnosed with colon cancer in 1999, and pancreatic cancer in 2009. She spent nearly a decade in remission. A new struggle began in 2018 when cancerous cells were found in her lungs and, the following summer, a tumor in her pancreas. Earlier this year, she was declared cancer free, but the relief was short lived. In July, her cancer returned. Throughout her illness, the justice remained hopeful and determined.

[May her memory be for a blessing.]

When we say “may her memory be for a blessing,” what exactly does that mean? The blessing is not “may we remember her fondly” or “may her memory be a blessing to us.” The blessing implied is this: May we be like Ruth. Jewish thought teaches us that when a person dies, it is up to those who bear her memory to keep her goodness alive. We do this by remembering her, we do this by speaking her name, we do this by carrying on her legacy. We do this by continuing to pursue justice, righteousness, sustainability.

—*The Forward/Molly Conway*



Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the first woman and the first Jewish person to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, shown here on Sep. 25, 2020. NYTimes photo

Commentary On The Death Of R.B.G.

Most often, commentaries on events as profound as the death of someone like Ruth Bader Ginsburg are well-chosen words of praise for the departed — compelling, insightful. But sometimes, the words cut so deeply to the heart that a simple expression of admiration rises to high art. Such is the case of an op-ed by contributing opinion writer Jennifer Weiner in the Wednesday, Sept. 30, issue of *The New York Times*. Below are excerpts from that writing:

The Very Jewish R.B.G.

Referring to a characterization in *The Guardian* that Justice Ginsburg had “abandoned her religion,” it was reported that American Jews were quick to push back against the newspaper. Jennifer Weiner wrote: “The controversy, however, left me with a question: What does it mean to be Jewish in America?”

“I can’t answer for R.B.G. But most Jews will tell you that a Jewish identity has little to do with whether you keep kosher or attend services every Friday, and everything to do with your culture, your ethnicity; with the way you see the world and the way the world sees you. It is an identity we can’t slip, even if we want to.

“From what I can tell, Ruth Bader Ginsburg didn’t want to. She might not have been a regular at synagogue or at Sisterhood meetings, but she lived a Jewish life.

“Jewish values run through her writings like a shining thread. If you’ve been excluded, you fight for inclusion. If you’ve been made to feel less-than, because of your gender or your sexual orientation or your race or your religion, you stand up for others who’ve been denied a seat at the table. The notion of tikkun olam, that the world is broken and that each of us has a role in its repair, is a value that would lead someone to a life like hers. It is a value that overlaps with the highest American ideals.

“I haven’t become significantly more observant in the last four years. But I have never felt more Jewish. The rise in anti-Semitism, the torrents of toxic online abuse directed toward Jewish women, the idea that Jews are not ‘really’ Americans — all of it has only rooted me more deeply in my faith and my identity, and made me more committed to Jewish values.

“In this terrible year of so much sorrow, losing Ruth Bader Ginsburg — and losing her on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, at the start of the High Holy Days, at the end of an old year and on the cusp of a new one — felt especially painful. But I remember the words from the Torah exhortation framed on Justice Ginsburg’s wall and woven into one of her lace jabots: ‘Justice, justice, shall you pursue.’ And another Jewish teaching that she must have known, which says, ‘You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.’

“Giving up is a luxury that none of us can permit ourselves. It is the last thing the Notorious R.B.G. would want — and the least Jewish thing we could do.”

Stephen F. Cohen

Stephen F. Cohen, an eminent historian whose books and commentaries on Russia examined the rise and fall of Communism, Kremlin dictatorships, and the emergence of a post-Soviet nation in the 21st century, died Sept. 18 at his home in Manhattan. He was 81.

A professor emeritus of Russian studies at Princeton University and New York University, Cohen chronicled a Russia of sweeping social upheavals and the passions and poetry of a people who had endured a century of wars, political repression, and economic hardship.

Joe Ruby



“Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!” the goofy animated mystery series featuring a ragtag quartet of teenage sleuths and a cowardly Great Dane with a gruff bark, who leads the gang in and out of trouble, was a hit from its first episode in 1969.

It would become a Saturday morning staple. And it would grow into one of the most lucrative franchises in the history of animation, making the reputations of its creators, Ken Spears and Joe Ruby.

Mr. Ruby, a long-time writer and producer of animated television shows, died on August 26 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 87.

A half century after that first episode, “Scooby-Doo” is still being broadcast, and it is considered the most spun-off series in the history of television, having spawned other series as well as feature films, video games, comic books and other merchandise, Newish News Service reported. In 2004, the show beat “The Simpsons” to set a Guinness record for “most prolific cartoon” at 350 episodes.

Carole Ruby, Joe Ruby’s wife, recalled that when she and Mr. Ruby had been married for a year, Mr. Ruby’s father gave them \$50 as an anniversary present. He gave them cash, he said, because he was certain his son was never going to make it as an artist.

Angela Buxton

They were both outsiders in the starched white world of elite 1950s tennis, superb players but excluded from tournaments and clubs and shunned on the circuit because of their heritage. Angela Buxton, a white, Jewish English woman, was a granddaughter of Russian Jews who had fled the pogroms in the early 1900s; Althea Gibson, a Black American, was born in a sharecropper’s shack in South Carolina and grew up in Harlem.

Eventually, they found each other and forged a powerful doubles partnership. In 1956, they won the French Championship and Wimbledon, the jewel in the crown of a sport that had hardly welcomed them.

But for all Ms. Buxton’s prowess on the court — she was ranked in the women’s top 10 in the mid-1950s — she is best remembered for the long-lasting support and encouragement she gave Ms. Gibson, the first great Black player in women’s tennis, the first Black to win Wimbledon and, for a time, the No. 1 ranked female player in the world.

Ms. Buxton died at 85 on August 14 at her home in Fort Lauderdale.

Moses Rischin

Professor Moses Rischin, emeritus professor at San Francisco State University and a pioneering scholar in the field of American Jewish history, died on August 21.

Born in Brooklyn, the son of two Russian immigrant parents who loved Hebrew, young Moses was sent to study in the then recently-opened Yeshiva of Flatbush, providing him with a foundation in Hebrew and Judaica that later served him well. In 1947, he entered the graduate program at Harvard, where he encountered pioneering historian Oscar Handlin. Rischin was one of Handlin’s most influential disciples, following him into the field of American Jewish history.

Rischin worked on the first analytic bibliography of American Jewish history, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and published as a pamphlet by Harvard University Press under the title *An Inventory of American Jewish History*. The volume defined the contours of the emerging field and alerted students to the breadth and depth of its literature, with insights that helped shape future scholarly directions.

Rischin received his doctorate from Harvard, with the publication of *The Promised City: New York’s Jews 1870-1914*. It defined the highest standards of scholarship in the field, and it remained in print for decades.

Arnold Meyer Spielberg

Arnold Meyer Spielberg died August 25 at age 103. The father of celebrated film director Steven Spielberg, the senior Spielberg was an electrical engineer of uncommon invention and

productivity. Having developed research that would make the personal computer possible, the elder Spielberg's contributions to modern life worldwide are almost impossible to avoid.

He helped design and build the first business computer, patented the first electronic library system, and designed the first electronic cash register. Before that, as a communications chief in the Army Signal Corps in 1942, he joined the Burma Bridge Busters, a B-25 bomber squadron based outside present-day Kolkata that targeted Japanese railroad lines, shipping and communications in Burma.

When Steven Spielberg founded the USC Shoah Foundation — The Institute for Visual History and Education, he recruited his father to lead the development team of the digital Shoah Institute archives, organizing more than 100,000 hours of visual history in 52,000 video testimonies in 32 languages of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses from 56 countries.

Gerald Shur

Gerald Shur, a lawyer who created the federal witness protection program, died August 25 at his home in Warminster, Pa. He was 86.

In 1961, Mr. Shur became an early recruit in the crusade by Robert F. Kennedy, then the attorney general, to break the grip of organized crime in the United States. Joining the Justice Department that year as a lawyer assigned to New York, he was tasked with investigating the mob.

“In the course of that,” he told The Associated Press in 2007, “I began to hear people say, ‘I can’t testify; I’ll be murdered before or after I testify.’”

During Mr. Shur’s 34 years at the Justice Department, 6,416 witnesses and thousands of their dependents, including wives, children and mistresses were given new identities and relocated, according to Pete Earley, who with Mr. Shur wrote the 2002 book *WITSEC: Inside the Federal Witness Protection Program*.

Chayele Porus Palevsky

Chayele Porus Palevsky, a longtime stalwart of New York’s Yiddish cultural scene, who worked tirelessly to preserve the memory of Jewish Vilna, died Sept. 20, the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Palevsky, one of the last surviving Jews to have fought among the partisans of Vilna, died at the River Garden Hebrew Home in Jacksonville, FL, surrounded by her family.

Chayele and her family were imprisoned in the Svintsyian ghetto, where she joined a partisan group and helped steal guns from the Germans. After the ghetto’s liquidation, she continued fighting in the surrounding forests in a partisan group that called itself “nekome” (revenge). She served as a nurse and an ad hoc psychotherapist for her fellow fighters.

After the war, she married fellow partisan Simon Palevsky. They were active in a variety of Yiddish cultural organizations.

Arthur Ashkin

Arthur Ashkin, a physicist who was awarded a 2018 Nobel Prize for figuring out how to harness the power of light to trap microscopic objects for closer study, calling his invention optical tweezers, died Sept. 21, at his home in Rumson, NJ. He was 98.

The Nobel Committee wrote, Dr. Ashkin “has invented optical tweezers that grab particles, atoms, molecules, and living cells with their laser beam fingers.” Trapping biological material proved to have groundbreaking practical applications in research and in understanding the behavior of the basic building blocks of life, like DNA and other biological systems. Today, optical tweezers are widely manufactured and sold to researchers.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In October

- 1: Stan Finkelstein; Lena Fortgang; Jack Levin; Lia Bitumai-Shalom
2: Samuel Lipman; Joseph Wiederlight
3: Norma Panepinto
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7: Bruce Bloom; Hilda Finkel
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27: Leo Weinstein
28: Rosalind Almond-Lepawsky
29: Bessie Bush
30: Alexander Kahn; Jeremiah Levy; Esther Skurowitz
31: Eve Bloom; Arthur Levinson

Birthdays in October

- 2: Marjorie San Filippi
11: Michael Kolin
10: Alice Nadel; Judith Weiner
27: Joshua Clauss
28: Jason Kolin

Please share your celebrations with the shul family. Forward the month and day of your birthdays and anniversaries and those of your immediate family to Sara Bloom at sbblazer@hotmail.com

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You can mail your donation to the Sisterhood (P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944) or go to the shul's "donate tab" on our website (www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org), where you can use a credit card for payment. Your loved one and the Sisterhood appreciate your thoughtfulness.

As a fundraiser, Sisterhood is selling the cards at \$18 each (chai) or three for \$36 (double chai). Get yours by calling Andrea, and paying by mail or online by credit card.



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- **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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