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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

### *Learning at our Shul*

Mondays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hebrew class, 4 p.m., via Zoom

[Please register to attend this class. Call 631-477-0232.]

### *Shul Events*

Monday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. Congregation meeting; vote needed to approve the appointment of a Rabbi contract negotiating committee, via Zoom

Mondays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28; Thurs., Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Lunch and Learn, noon, via Zoom (Rabbi Gadi's Thursday Lunch and Learn series on Jewish history continues)

Thursday, Dec. 10: Lighting of the first Hanukkah candle, in the sanctuary, via Zoom.

Sunday, Dec. 13: Judaism & Art meeting, at noon, via Zoom

Monday, Dec. 14: Welcome New Members Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Book Circle, at 2 p.m., via Zoom

Sunday, Dec. 20: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., via Zoom

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in December*

Dec. 4: 4:10 Dec. 11: 4:11 Dec. 18: 4:12 Dec. 25: 4:16

### *Dates to Remember*

Thursday, Dec. 10: First Hanukkah candle

Monday, Dec. 21: Winter solstice

(Winter solstice is shortest day of the year; one more minute of daylight each day to June 21)

Friday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

**(Submission deadline for the January 2021 issue of *The Shofar*: December 20)**

## From The Rabbi...



### “After Nine Years...”

Nine years ago, we started a journey together. When I consider that time, a few important thoughts come to mind. Relationships are a motivating force for me. I was privileged to know many in the previous generation — the Levin brothers, Stanley Rubin, Aaron Novick, Sy Britman, and so many more — and now the next generation of shul leaders.

I also learned that there is no such thing as “a starter shul.” Just as there is no “starter family.” Some rabbis simply fit better in small settings, where the congregation is like family. To me, Congregation Tifereth Israel is family.

Over the years, our congregation has grown in many ways — in membership and relationship, in technology and learning. Our international High Holidays services showed us that our positive atmosphere and growth could reverberate beyond our small historic building. Zoom has allowed us to share our successful Lunch and Learn programs and our Jewish history series without geographical borders.

We have also expanded our partnership with the larger community, through the Greenport Ecumenical Ministries (GEM), the East End Jewish Community Council (EEJCC), and with Project Genesis Interfaith. Our president, Judith Weiner, and her new board, with the help of Andrea Blaga in the office, have been doing a wonderful job to move us ahead by envisioning new initiatives.

Before I became a rabbi, I believed in the power of the individual; now I see the power of the congregation. Can we be a haven for the diverse nations here in Greenport? Can the Torah be our guide as believers? We are a unique microcosm here, so small yet so diverse. Let us be a model for the nations.

The secret is to find the right balance between the particular and the universal. At one of his lectures a few years ago at the 92nd Street Y, the late Rabbi Jonathan Saks z”l mentioned a conversation he’d had with Paul Johnson, a Catholic historian, who wrote the important book: *A History of the Jews*. Rabbi Saks said to Paul Johnson, “You are Catholic. You must have spent years researching Jews and Judaism. What most impressed you?”

Mr. Johnson replied that throughout history, there have been famous individualistic cultures, such as Athens, Renaissance Italy, contemporary West. And there have been collectivist cultures like Chinese Communism. None were able to embrace both at the same time. But Jews have had that gift, an incredible sense of the importance of the individual but, at the same time, an equally powerful sense of collective responsibility. In the words of Hillel, the Talmudic sage: “If I’m not for myself, who will be for me? But if I’m only for myself, what am I?” (M. Avot 1:14)

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

### Jewish Burial Ground

Rabbi Gadi Capela, president of the East End Jewish Community Council, has negotiated the sale of discounted burial plots in the designated Adrien Felder section of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Cemetery in Calverton. Plots are available for purchase at \$1,650.

For more information, call 631-353-0803 or 631-477-0232, or email [eejcli@gmail.com/](mailto:eejcli@gmail.com/).

## From The President...



“Gam zu l’tovah”  
...and this, too, is for the good....

What a wonderful phrase. And so appropriate for our time. As we face increased restrictions in our shul and frightening infection rates in the wider world we inhabit, we embrace the protocols that keep us safe, and we carve out a path to innovation and success. Covid-19 gave us an opportunity to see who we are and what we could accomplish. And Wow! We did a great job.

Our programming initiatives have increased dramatically, and attendance is up at events and services, which we hope will lead to a Saturday minyan on Zoom. Gam zu l’tovah. Fundraising, too, has been a smashing success, particularly our High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign, which has already surpassed by four times the revenue of the previous year. And it’s not over yet.

You still have time to make a High Holiday Matching Gift donation that will be matched dollar for dollar.

Coming up, we will light up our sanctuary on Hanukkah. Let’s celebrate the festival of lights together on Zoom on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., when Rabbi Gadi will light the first candle in a joyous ceremony from our own sanctuary. At the Friday evening Shabbat service at 7:30, we will light the second candle. And on December 14 at 5:30 p.m., be sure to attend our New Member Happy Hour, which will begin with the lighting of the fifth Hanukkah candle, followed by a meet and greet to introduce ourselves to new members and old friends.

We are unleashing the power of Tifereth Israel to transform, to reinvent...  
gam zu l’tovah.

—Judith Weiner

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### All About Hanukkah...

#### First Hanukkah Candle, Thursday, Dec. 10; Zoom Event At 7:30

The first of the eight nights of Hanukkah (Kislev 24; the first full day is Kislev 25) falls this year on Thursday, Dec. 10. Unfortunately, the Village of Greenport is denying any large gatherings in public spaces this year, so our candle-lighting ceremony will not take place in Mitchell Park as usual, but maybe we’ve come up with something even better.

Join us on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, when we will light the Hanukkah candles from our own shul sanctuary, with Rabbi Gadi leading us in prayers and songs. After the ceremony, we can socialize at a BYOL (Bring Your Own Latkes) party. [By the way, the candle-lighting event from our own sanctuary will inaugurate Saturday Shabbat services from the sanctuary as well.]

Keep in mind that the shul’s Gift Shop is at your service. Need a menorah? Need those cute bags of chocolate coins (parve, of course)? We’ve got them. Want majestically tall candles that add a touch of elegance to the holiday festivities? Or does your taste run more to the traditional, opting for a box of those little multicolored candles that drip festive rainbows of color, well, everywhere? Yes, we have those too, plus dreidels for fun, gifts for remembering

friends and family, menorahs for families, special child-themed menorahs, and a new item for young children that *The Shofar* is pleased to recommend.

Hand delivered to *Shofar* headquarters was a charming new picture book that weaves the Hanukkah story into an imaginative tale called *The Littlest Candle*, the story of Little Flicker whose small size doesn't keep him from standing tall as the shamash and the big job of lighting all the other Hanukkah candles. The lively text is from Rabbis Kerry and Jesse Olitzky, and the illustrations by Jen Kostman are bold, bright and sweetly engaging.

*The Littlest Candle: A Hanukkah Story* is from Kalaniot Books, an imprint of Endless Mountains Publishing, headed by Lili Rosenstreich, daughter of shul members Suzi and Saul Rosenstreich. The book, roughly 8-3/4 x 11, in vivid color, is available in the Gift Shop for the publisher's price of \$17.99, ready as Flicker says, "to bring more light to Hanukkah" this year.

## **Sisterhood Fundraiser Features Colorful Hanukkah Cards**

Wait until you see the beautiful Hanukkah cards Adrienne Greenberg has created as a Sisterhood fundraiser this year. Thanks to Adrienne's initiative and the photographic skills of Andrea Blaga, two charming images shot within our synagogue — a lighted hanukkiyah, and a children's menorah — can extend your Hanukkah wishes to family and friends.

For a look-see, check the shul's website, and order a bunch. The cards come in packages of 6, for \$18. You can choose 6 cards of the same image, or a combo pack of 3 cards of each image. No limit on the number of packs you can order. Your recipients will be delighted, and the Sisterhood will benefit from your generosity.

## **Recipe Re-Revealed: Joan Prager's 'Luscious Latkes'**

Ever responsive to the whims of its readership, *The Shofar* consulted with Joan Prager, the dean of latke-making at our shul, and gained permission once again to reveal the semi-secret recipe for the luscious latkes that — pre-Covid — were the stars of the shul's annual Hanukkah party. Oh, how we gobbled them up. First one helping, then another and, when no one in particular was watching, maybe a third, with just a small dollop of sour cream or applesauce.

Alas, latke central is quiet, no gathering of the usual crew in the shul's kitchen to peel, slice, pulverize, mix and fry. But take heart, with Joan's famous recipe printed below, adapted she hastens to add from *Deliciously Healthy Jewish Cooking* by Harriet Roth, latke-making in home kitchens throughout *The Shofar's* coverage area is at hand. Fry, fry away...

### **Joan Prager's 'Luscious Latkes'**

4 extra-large egg whites  
4 large russet potatoes, peeled, cut into one-inch cubes, and placed in cold water (with ice cubes)  
2 large onions, or to taste (Joan likes it oniony)  
1/3 cup flavored breadcrumbs (or more, to taste)  
white pepper, to taste  
salt, to taste  
canola oil or olive oil

1. Put the egg whites, onion and 2 cups of drained potato cubes in a food processor with blade in place, and process 3 or 4 seconds, or until chopped to look like potato flakes. (Work quickly so the potatoes won't turn pink.)
2. Add remaining potatoes. Process, pulsing until finely minced. Do not puree or over-blend.

3. Drain liquid from the potatoes. Pour into a mixing bowl, and add breadcrumbs, salt and pepper. (You may need more breadcrumbs if you use lots of onion.) Stir to blend.
4. Put oil in a 10-12-inch skillet over medium heat. When hot, add heaping tablespoons of latke batter into the oil, using the back of a spoon to flatten.
5. Place browned latkes on paper towels to drain. If you are serving the latkes right away, place them in a 250-degree oven to keep warm. Otherwise, you can freeze them and reheat to serve.
6. Serve with nonfat sour cream, nonfat yogurt, or sugar-free applesauce.
7. To freeze, place drained latkes on a cookie sheet, and place in the freezer until frozen. Stack in plastic bags and seal. To reheat, place frozen latkes on a nonstick, foil-lined baking sheet, and bake at 450 degrees in upper third of oven for 5 to 7 minutes, or until crispy and hot.
8. Enjoy!

## **How Much Do You Know About Hanukkah? Nine Fun Facts**

1. There are at least 44 candles in each box of traditional Hanukkah candles, enough for one person to light the hanukkiyah for eight nights. Some boxes include extra candles as they tend to break easily. Candles come in a variety of colors, wax types, and even scents. You can also fulfill the mitzvah of lighting the hanukkiyah with oil.
2. The average 100-gram sufganiyah packs 400-600 calories. One potato latke has about 150 calories, and one chocolate coin has about 85 calories, depending on the size of the coin.
3. Hanukkah is known as the Festival of lights and also the Feast of Dedication. And if that weren't enough, the holiday also has a variety of transliterated English spellings: Hanukkah, Chanukah, Hannuka. (*The Shofar* chooses Hanukkah; end of discussion.)
4. Israeli author/politician Avram Burg is said to have the largest dreidel collection in the world, counting more than 3,500. Each dreidel features four Hebrew letters: nun, gimel, hay and shin. The letters stand for the Hebrew phrase "A great miracle happened there."
5. Although Hanukkah is one of the best known and celebrated Jewish festivals, it is actually a minor holiday, according to religious tradition. Some say Hanukkah gained popularity in the late 1800s among American Jews because of the season in which it falls — usually around Christmas. Hanukkah always begins on the 25th day of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. The corresponding Gregorian date varies.
6. The menorah is a seven-branched candelabra used in synagogues. The hanukkiyah is a nine-branched candelabra used during Hanukkah. Confusion sets in because the hanukkiyah can also be called a Hanukkah menorah. Whatever you call it, the "device" should have all candles or wicks at the same level, with only the shamash — the 9th, used for lighting the other eight — a bit higher.
7. GPS navigation could help when organizing the hanukkiyah. Generally accepted is that you place the candles right to left, corresponding to the direction you read the Hebrew language. Confusion arises when lighting the candles; some prefer right to left, others left to right. You're on your own here. [*The Shofar* editor chooses left to right; end of discussion.]
8. Hanukkah made its first appearance at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in 1951, when Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion gave President Truman a menorah as a gift. In 1979, Jimmy Carter

became the first American president to recognize the holiday publicly by speaking at a candle-lighting event hosted by Chabad Lubavitch. President George H.W. Bush attended a Hanukkah party for staff in the Executive Office Building in 1991. Two years later, President Clinton hosted a candle-lighting ceremony in the White House with his staff. The first official White House Hanukkah party was held on Dec. 10, 2001. President George W. Bush borrowed a 100-year-old hanukkiyah from the Jewish Museum in New York for the event. Since then, the White House Hanukkah party has been an annual event.

9. The story of Hanukkah is the story of the Maccabees, a small band of Jewish fighters who liberated the Land of Israel from the Syrian Greeks who occupied it. Under the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Syrian Greeks sought to impose their Hellenistic culture on the land and its people. By 167 BCE, Antiochus had intensified his campaign by defiling the Temple in Jerusalem and banning Jewish practice. The Maccabees — led by the five sons of the priest Mattathias — waged a three-year campaign that culminated in the cleaning and rededication of the Temple in the village of Modi'in. It was here that the miracle of the single day's supply of sacred oil burned for eight days.

## **Join Zoom Happy Hour On Dec. 14 To Welcome New Members**



The Hanukkah story that we retell year after year — the one-day cruse of oil that burned miraculously for eight days — is not the only miracle we will celebrate this year. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, our shul with its doors locked tight and all of our usual services, observances and activities transferred to virtual on Zoom — still attracted a dozen or more new members. And that is a miracle to celebrate.

Join us on Zoom on Monday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m. for a Happy Hour to recognize and celebrate new and prospective members of our shul. There'll be presentations about shul activities, a get-to-know-us game and, yes, an opportunity to light the candles together on the 5th night of the eight-night holiday of Hanukkah.

Bring snacks, libations, and your menorah, and come celebrate our membership miracle.

## ***The Shofar Sends Happy Hanukkah Ha-Ha's For A Latke Fun***

Sadie goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukkah cards. She says to the clerk, "I'd like 50 Hanukkah stamps."

The clerk asks, "What denomination?"

"Oy vey, has it come to this?" Sadie asks. "Ok, give me three Orthodox, 10 Conservative, and 20 Reform."

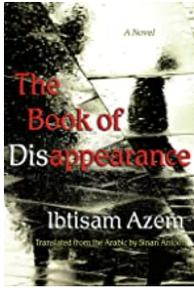
A son asks his father, "Dad, can we get a Hanukkah tree?"

"Absolutely not," his father says.

"But why not?"

"The last time we had dealings with a lighted bush, we had to spend 40 years in the desert."

## Book Circle Considers Plight Of Palestinians Living In Israel



The next meeting of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, Dec.16, at 2 p.m., on Zoom. The selection for the month is *The Book of Disappearance* by Ibtisam Azem, translated from Arabic by Sinan Antoon.

This book, a translation of the critically acclaimed Arabic novel, invites English language readers into the complex lives of Palestinians living in Israel.

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 a painting by Hedvah Campeas-Cohen, a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group, titled "God's Light," a 16x20 acrylic on canvas. The artist told *The Shofar*, "One of the unexpected benefits of living on the North Fork is walking our dog, Sundance, at night. I have become aware of the warmth or chill of the wind, the rustle of leaves, the buzzing of insects, the sudden movement of animals, large and small. Most of all, I love the glorious white moonlight and the magnificence of stars.

"The words of B'reishit (Genesis 1:16) echo in my ears. 'God

made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day, and the lesser light to dominate the night and the stars.' This painting is the result of that inspiration."

Photo by Graham Diamond

## An Update On The High Holidays Matching Gift Campaign

As promised, *the Shofar* has been monitoring the flow of funds in response to the High Holidays Matching Gift Campaign, which kicked off with a challenge to members and friends to meet the match. This is the first time that our shul has appealed for funds in this way, and families have been contributing generously in order to take advantage of the dollar-for-dollar match.

Keep in mind that each day's mail brings additions to the match. However, the most recent tabulation by shul treasurer Alan Garmise is that, so far, an impressive 70 individuals and/or families of members and friends have responded to the challenge.

As we look to the future of a Jewish presence here in Greenport, to our historic building, and to the spiritual, educational and social programs that keep us connected to our past as well as our future, we must act in the present. If you have not yet contributed, we hope you will participate with a gift to our shul at P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944.

## Jerusalem Convention Center To Be Named For Shimon Peres

Jerusalem's International Convention Center (Binyenei Hauma) at the entrance to the city will be redeveloped and renamed in memory of Israeli statesman Shimon Peres, who died in 2016 at the age of 93. His last political position was as the 9th president of the Jewish state, serving from 2007 to 2014. Peres also served as a Knesset member and prime minister.

The center, which was inaugurated in 1956 near the government building complex in Givat Ram, is expected to become the largest and most advanced conference center in the Middle East, covering an area of 55,000 square meters.

The redeveloped site will include a business center with nine skyscrapers and another 15 10-story buildings. Construction of the entire project is expected to take place over the next decade at an estimated cost of \$530 million.

## Four 1,000-Year-Old Pure Gold Coins Discovered In A Juglet



A small pottery jar containing four pure gold coins dating back to the early Islamic period, more than 1,000 years ago, was unearthed during archaeological excavations in Jerusalem, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said. The work was performed as part of the Jewish quarter development corporation's plan to build an elevator to make the Western Wall Plaza more accessible to visitors.

The juglet was found by IAA inspector Yevgenia Kapil during preliminary digging at the site last month. Some weeks later, as excavation director David Gellman was examining the finds, he emptied the contents of the juglet. "To my great surprise, along with the soil, four shiny gold coins fell into my hand," Gellman said.

According to IAA coin expert Dr. Robert Kool, the coins were beautifully preserved and immediately identifiable. The coins date from the late 940s to the 990s C.E., and include two gold dinars minted during the rule of Caliph Al-Muti (946-974 C.E.), and two minted in Cairo by the Fatimid rulers Al-Mu'izz (953-975 C.E.) and his successor, Al-'Aziz (975-996 C.E.)

## Vienna Jews Attacked Near Synagogue; 4 Dead, 15 Injured

A shooting spree on Nov. 2 in Vienna near the Austrian capital's main synagogue, Stadttempel, killed four people and injured 15. Authorities said the gunman was an Islamic sympathizer.

The first shots were fired at about 8 p.m. in Seitenstettengasse, where Vienna's main synagogue is located. Witnesses said they heard between 100 and 200 shots. Rabbi Schlomo Hofmeister, Vienna's chief rabbi, who was in the area, said in an interview with the state broadcaster, that he first assumed the gunfire was fireworks, but then saw an armed man shooting at people in pubs and bars near the synagogue.

The attack began near the synagogue, but eventually shots were fired at six locations throughout the First District. Two women, two men and the gunman were killed in the spree.

About 8,000 Jews live in Vienna. Austrian police confirmed that the assailant was armed with an automatic weapon. He was killed in an exchange of fire with the police.

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Ron Klain*

President-elect Joe Biden has named Ron Klain, a Jewish attorney and longtime Democratic operative, to be chief of staff in his new administration. Klain was chief of staff for Biden when he was vice president, and also managed the Obama White House's response to the Ebola outbreak.

[Other Jewish contenders being discussed for roles in the Biden administration include **Sen. Bernie Sanders** of Vermont; **Randi Weingarten**, president of the American Federation of Teachers; **Antony Blinken**, a longtime diplomat and Biden confidant, (recently named to be Secretary of State); **Wendy Sherman**, lead negotiator on the Iran Nuclear Deal; and **Dan Shapiro**, Obama's Ambassador to Israel.]

### *Steve Cohen*

On Nov. 6, after protracted negotiations, Steve Cohen became the new owner of the New York Mets of Major League Baseball. Cohen became a minority owner in 2012 with an 8% stake in the team. In August 2020, Cohen entered into exclusive negotiations with Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz to buy a controlling interest in the Mets. On Sept. 14, there was agreement to give Cohen majority control, pending approval from MLB owners, which okayed the deal on Oct. 30, making Cohen the new majority owner of the Mets and the richest owner in baseball.

Cohen is an American billionaire hedge fund manager, founder of Point72 Asset Management, based in Stamford, CT. He owns one of the world's most valuable private art collections, worth more than \$1 billion. He has an estimated net worth of \$14.1 billion.

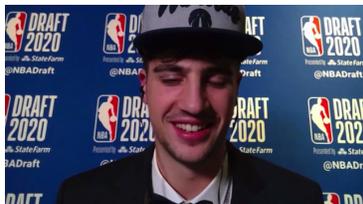
In 2013, Cohen founded S.A.C. Capital Advisors (now closed), pleaded guilty to insider trading and agreed to pay \$900 million in forfeiture and \$900 million in fines in one of the biggest criminal cases against a hedge fund.

### *Joe Biden's Jewish family*

President-elect Joe Biden's children are married to Jewish spouses: Beau Biden's wife is Hallie Olivere, the first Jewish daughter-in-law. Hunter Biden is married to Melissa Cohen, a Jewish South African filmmaker. Ashley Biden is married to Howard Krein, an ENT specialist at a Philadelphia hospital.

In addition, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is married to Doug Emhoff, a Jewish entertainment lawyer.

### *Deni Avdija*



Deni Avdija became the highest drafted player from Israel in NBA history by going No. 9 overall to the Washington Wizards at the meeting on Nov. 18. At age 19, the 6'9" Avdija is considered a versatile, playmaking forward with a still-developing game. He helped Israel win the FIBA U-20 European Championships in 2018 and 2019, and is ranked as a good ballhandler and passer with a successful career ahead with Washington. [JNS News photo]

## ***Rabbi Mendy and Mazal Sternbach***

The largest city in Africa will get its first full-time rabbi when Rabbi Mendy Sternbach and his wife, Mazal, arrive in the coastal city of Lagos, Nigeria, a city of 17.5 million and the continent's fourth largest economy. The Sternbachs will open their own Chabad House to serve about 450 Jewish residents.

## ***Jonathan Pollard***



Jonathan Pollard, a former intelligence analyst, who served three decades in prison for spying for and giving classified information to Israel, has been freed. Pollard, a Jewish American, had been convicted for violations of the Espionage Act.

The U.S. Parole Commission issued a certificate terminating parole and lifting all parole restrictions, according to a statement by Pollard's lawyers, Eliot Lauer and Jacques Semmelman.

Pollard's conditions under the Parole Commission since being released in 2015, included remaining in New York City for at least five years unless granted permission to travel outside, having his computer use monitored by the U.S. government, and wearing a wrist monitor.

With his newfound freedom, Pollard will now be able to achieve his lifelong dream of moving to Israel, where he has citizenship.

## **• OBITUARIES •**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in extending condolences to shul member Larry Kotik on the death of his father, Paul, on Nov. 20, 2020. May he be remembered for his loving kindness to his family and for his service to our country. Our sympathies to Larry, Tim, Larry's sister Harriet and her husband Martin, and their children.

## ***Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks***

Lord Jonathan Sacks, formerly Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom, died Nov. 7 in London. He was 72.

Lord Sacks, a prolific author of books and articles on Jewish thought and religious tolerance, served as chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991 to 2013.

Israeli president Reuven Rivlin called Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks "a man of thought and a man of words, a man of creativity and a man of truth, whose generosity and compassion built bridges between people."

## ***Sheldon Solow***

Sheldon Solow, a Manhattan real estate developer who built a commercial and residential empire over a half-century, died Nov. 17 in Manhattan. He was 92.

The son of a Brooklyn bricklayer, Mr. Solow built scores of high-end rental structures, including his signature Solow Building at 9 West 57th Street, a 50-story office tower whose

front-and-back glass facades are steep concave slopes. Since the early 1970s, it has been one of the city's most distinctive edifices.

Mr. Solow, who was self-taught in fine art appreciation, according to the *New York Times*, amassed one of the city's notable private collections of Renaissance and modern art, with works by van Gogh, Joan Miró, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Balthus, Picasso, Matisse, Botticelli, Giacometti, Morris Louis and Mark Rothko, as well as Egyptian antiquities and African art.

### ***Seymour Topping***

Seymour Topping, who chronicled the rise of China and the Cold War in Europe and Asia as a correspondent, shaped the crowning years of print journalism as an editor of *The New York Times*, and led the charge into the internet age in the classrooms of Columbia University, died Nov. 8 at White Plains (NY) Hospital. He was 98.

Mr. Topping enjoyed a career as a correspondent for wire services and *The Times*, as a foreign news editor and managing editor of the newspaper, subordinate only to the powerful executive editor A.M. Rosenthal, as a teacher and author of four books, and as one of America's most respected journalists. "For Mr. Topping, known to colleagues as Top, the story was always about more than the day's news developments, intriguing as they might be. It was about their historical significance, too," *The Times* said.

Mr. Topping prized high standards of reporting and editing, which demanded fairness, objectivity and good taste in news columns free of editorial comment, political agendas, innuendo and unattributed pejorative quotations.

### ***Israel Horovitz***

Israel Horovitz, an influential and often-produced playwright, died Nov. 9 at his home in Manhattan. He was 81.

Mr. Horovitz enjoyed his biggest successes Off Broadway and in regional and European theaters, including at the Gloucester Stage Company in Massachusetts, which he helped found in 1979. His plays gave opportunities to a number of young actors who went on to become successful, including Al Pacino, Marsha Mason, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Klein, among others. Two of his plays made Broadway, and he occasionally tried Hollywood, most notably with the screenplay for the 1982 film "Author! Author!"

Throughout his career, he wrote scores of plays. In 2009, the Barefoot Theater Company in New York organized a celebration of his 70th birthday that involved performances and staged readings of 70 Horovitz plays by theater companies around the world. Nevertheless, his accomplishments were tainted by multiple allegations of sexual misconduct.

## **• COMMEMORATIONS •**

### **Yahrzeits In December**

1: A. Harry Brown, Abram Philip Kaplan; Harry Levin; Charles Millman

2: Abraham Abba Levine; Helen S. Rose

3: Max Rosenstreich

5: Miriam Lipman Gluckman; Brigitte Jarvi

6: Philip Ballen; Henry Kessler; Herbert Michael Krasnow; Bracha Rothman; Robert Rothman

7: Annie Wandt

8: Sylvia Brittman; Anne Lengyel

9: Lt. Earl M. Silverstone; Mollie Kaplan Singer  
10: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren  
11: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein  
12: Joseph Teperman  
13: David Robert Levinson; Sidney A. Schneider  
16: Donna Levin  
17: Michael Lepawsky  
18: Goldie S. Friedman  
19: Joseph Adelson; Morris Levin; Helen Newman  
21: Chuck Kahn  
23: Joseph Baulsir; Leo Levine  
24: Michael Murphy  
25: Kate Finkelstein; Sally Silberger; Dr. Nathaniel M. Sperling  
26: Peggy Keller; Robert Strimban  
27: Dr. Stanley S. Frankel; Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panepinto; Sarah Weiskott  
28: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs; Peri Sausmer  
29: Max Katz  
30: Max Birman; George Grossman

### **Birthdays in December**

21: Elizabeth Berg; Elyse Kirschner  
22: Barbara Glassner  
24: Lori Melvin  
26: Matthew Nathel  
31: Pamela Birman

### **Anniversaries in December**

2: Robert and Suri Lan-Brown  
14: Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg

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 <a href="mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com">sbblazer@hotmail.com</a>
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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, 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.
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### **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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Nonmembers</b>
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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