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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, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22: Hebrew class, 4 p.m., via Zoom

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

Mondays and Thursdays at noon: Lunch and Learn, via Zoom

Shul Events

Thursday, Jan. 28: Tu B'Shevat seder on Lunch and Learn, Zoom at noon

Mondays, Feb. 1 and Feb. 15: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., via Zoom

Sunday, Feb. 14: Judaism and Art meeting, noon, via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 18: Book Circle, noon, via Zoom

Sunday, Feb. 21: Board of Directors and Congregation meetings 9 and 10 a.m., via Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 25: Purimshpiel, Rabbi Gadi and his cast of "characters," 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Lighting Shabbat Candles in February

Feb. 5: 5:01 Feb. 12: 5:09 Feb. 19: 5:18 Feb. 26: 5:26.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Jan. 27, Francis Dubois at the National Arts Club, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11: EEJCC slide-lecture, Rabbi Jack Shlacter, 7 p.m., via Zoom

Saturday, Feb. 13: NFRS, Shabbat Schmooze and Havdallah, Karen Gervitz, 4 p.m., via Zoom

Sunday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Monday, Feb. 15: Presidents' Day

Friday, Feb. 26: Purim

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From The Rabbi...



“A Journey Toward Reconciliation”

There are times in life when we need to make a decision. Do we want to move forward or not? Do we seek revenge or do we seek forgiveness. Do we let our anger hold us back or do we turn it into fuel for building. Every January, the Greenport Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) holds a service to pray for religious unity and mutual understanding and dialogue. This year, in the face of national turmoil and division in our country, it was clear that this service needed to be about reconciliation, a grand ambition, even for a large group of religious ministers.

When we were first thinking of reconciliation, the story of Joseph and his brothers came to mind. When they finally meet after 22 years, Joseph says to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still well?” His brothers were dumbfounded. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come forward to me.” And when they came forward, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. Now, do not be distressed or reproach yourselves because you sold me hither; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you.” (Gen. 45:1-5)

The story of Joseph and his brothers is a story of hope, of course, but nowhere does the Torah tell us that Joseph forgave his brothers. Instead, he pardons them, choosing to move forward, assuring them he is not looking for revenge. The story is about getting closer again through a process — a journey *toward* reconciliation.

After the death of their father, Jacob, the brothers are fearful that Joseph still bears a grudge and will pay them back for the wrong they did to him. But as the story continues, Joseph was in tears when they spoke to him. They flung themselves before him, and said, “We are prepared to be your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Have no fear! Am I a substitute for God? Besides, although you intended me harm, God intended it for good, so as to bring about the present result — the survival of many people. (Gen. 50:18-20) Joseph called for rebuilding, not revenge, for turning bad into good.

Growing up, I thought that one could never reach reconciliation without a resolution. People who forgave their Nazi persecutors were often met with resentment. But like Joseph, they did not exonerate their adversaries, but instead decided to pardon them so they could concentrate on building a better future. Even though our actions harm others, God can convert those actions into good, if we recognize it.

To do this, we need to understand and to see the bigger picture, to believe in a cause greater than all of us. The greater idea is where we all meet and can continue to meet — our sanctuary, our Tent of Meeting. Perhaps we don’t need to seek unity, but diversity. The way to reach unity passes through diversity.

In her speech at the inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Sen. Amy Klobuchar referred to the Capitol Building as a “Temple of our democracy.” For the American project to continue to strive, we need to guard it. President Joseph Biden in his inaugural speech called us to “End the uncivil war.”

The Biblical Joseph took the first step toward reconciliation. We, too, understand it as a goal to achieve, one that marks an ongoing process, a life-long journey.

With hope,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

Be sure to Zoom at noon for Lunch and Learn on Thursday, Jan. 28, when Rabbi Gadi will lead a Tu B'Shevat seder, a celebration of our relationship with nature, trees and their fruits. To participate in the rituals, you may want to bring your own platter of fresh and dried fruits.

From The President...



“Why don’t you Jews go back to Jew-land,” shrieked my friend’s mother, standing on the hill in front of her house while my 6-year-old self stood below her on the sidewalk. Looking up at her red face contorted with anger, I just waited there, confused. I played with Joan all the time. Why did her mom say that?

That was an early lesson in antisemitism, the first of other such events through the years. But prejudice was on full and frightening display on January 6. As I watched the riot unfold in Washington, DC, in my own country’s Capitol building, I thought about that early experience and now this: a deliberately staged chaotic production, complete with live video feeds in real time and strategically placed individuals in full costume, preening in the midst of evil and terrifying violence.

Camp Auschwitz. 6MWE. The Confederate flag. Antisemitism was on full display, front and center before the world. It resonated in the moment, and for the hours and the days that followed. It is insidious. It proliferates among the shadows of the dark web, and in the light of neighborhoods where 6-year-olds play with their friends.

We need to keep it out there, front and center, a reminder to our Congressional representatives that antisemitism is growing with frightening ferocity. We need to spotlight it, and take aggressive action to stem the growing tide. It is easy to sit back and watch, overwhelmed by the frightening world we live in — faced with Covid isolation, the pursuit of an elusive vaccine, and the endless fear of contracting the disease. But all that is temporary. If we are indifferent, the other scourge will fester and grow ever more wild. As Maya Angelou said, “If you don’t like something, change it.”

—Judith K. Weiner

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Amazon Smile: Hey, It Really Works! We Got A Check.

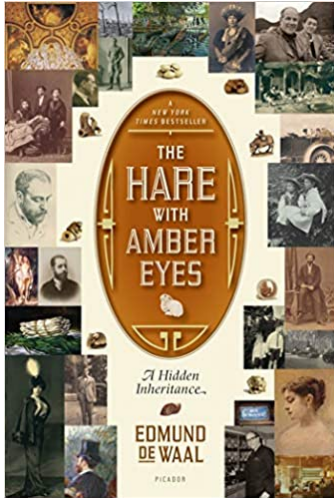
We’ve all heard of Amazon.com, and probably most of us, at one time or another, have shopped its thousands of products and connected with the conglomerate’s many hundreds of affiliate members. But buried inside all those big numbers is a small idea that can make a difference — yes, a little difference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

Here’s how it works: Congregation Tifereth Israel is 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. It really works. Shul treasurer Alan Garmise said we received our first check.

All you have to do is log on to AmazonSmile.com instead of plain old Amazon.com and shop as usual. Every few months, our shul will receive a check for a half-a-percent of every purchase made by every member who chose our shul as the receiving charity. Shop, shop away.

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.

Book Circle To Discuss Award-Winning Memoir/Detective Story



The next meeting of the Book Circle will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at noon, on Zoom. The selection for the month is *The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance*, by Edmund de Waal.

When the writer, a world-famous ceramicist, inherited a collection of 264 tiny Japanese wood and ivory carvings, called Netsuke, he wanted to know who had touched and held them, and how the collection had managed to survive. And so begins this moving memoir and detective story as de Waal discovers the story of the netsuke and also his family. Winner of the Costa Book Award for biography, and a Galaxy National Book Award.

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 feature is a 15x14-inch conceptual abstract, constructed on six wooden cradle panels painted with oil stick. The work is by Judith K. Weiner, one of the founding members of the shul's Judaism and Art group. The panels are multiple concepts of space exploring the spaces between and within the spaces — how they interact, how they influence each other. "Here, in the push and pull of competing forces, is where I find the light and movement and suspension of time," she said.

(Photo by the artist)

From Greenport To The Great White Way...Maybe...

Cast Call! Get out the grease paint. CTI's Purimshpiel is coming to your Zoom screens on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Next stop: Broadway. Hey, ya never know...

Rabbi Gadi promises a wild shpiel. But he needs help. Starring roles in his dramatic tale of heroism and sweet revenge await all actors and over-actors. No screen test required. Here's how to snag a part in this Purim playlet: Call the synagogue at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for the Rabbi, letting him know you're ready for your closeup, and are willing to be one of the chosen. (We are the chosen people, right?)

And remember, it is Purim, so be sure to lay in a supply of hamantaschen for the holiday. For the best of the best, you'll need Phil Goldman's Secret (no longer) Recipe, which *The Shofar* has wrested from the Kitchen King of Christopher Street on the promise that you will shred the sacred document immediately after use.

Phil Goldman's Hamantaschen

1 cup butter (2 sticks) at room temperature

1 cup sugar or sugar substitute, like Xylitol

4 eggs

½ cup orange juice

1 teaspoon vanilla

Zest of an orange (2 if small)

2 tsp. baking powder

5 cups unbleached flour

Fillings: choice of almond, apricot, poppy, prune, raspberry, cherry, strawberry

1. Cream butter and sugar, and add eggs, one at a time, while mixing
2. Add orange juice and vanilla, and continue mixing
3. Add flour and baking powder; mix until dough releases from sides of bowl and forms a ball
4. Refrigerate dough for an hour; roll out on pastry board or pastry cloth, about 1/8-inch thick
5. Cut circles (an upside-down glass works well), about 3 inches in diameter.
6. Fill each circle of dough with about a teaspoon of filling.
7. Fold two sides together, and bring up the third side to form a triangle; pinch to prevent leaks
8. Optional, brush with a beaten egg to obtain shine
9. Bake 16 minutes (or until light golden brown) at 350 degrees on a parchment paper-lined or lightly oiled sheet pan
10. Remove from pan. Cool, and enjoy. Happy Purim.



Make A Minyan. You'll Feel The Glorious Effect All Week Long

The synagogue is still closed. We're sure you've noticed. And yet, thanks to the miracle of technology and the wonder of Zoom (currently \$384.53 per share, up from \$70.26 one year ago), lots of us attend services every week. While relaxing at home, snacks at the ready, we sing the songs, recite the prayers, and thoroughly enjoy the informal nature of prayer every Friday at 7:30 p.m. And we return on Saturday mornings at 9:30, when with a minyan each week these days, we participate in the Torah service — streamed from our beloved sanctuary — leave the weekdays behind, and explore the lessons taught by the ancients.

The operative phrase, of course, is “with a minyan each week.” And that's where you come in. Make a minyan to recite the kaddish. Make a minyan to read the par'sha of the week. Make a minyan to feel like a Jew. Make a minyan to experience communal prayer. Make a minyan to feel the glorious effect all week long.

Please let us know when you will help us make a minyan. Visit the shul's website (www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org). At the banner at the top of the page, click on “Calendars.” Click on “Minyan.” Fill in your name and the dates you will attend, and submit. It's so easy, and it will mean so much to our members et al to know that a minyan awaits. Enjoy the great feeling.

Shul Women Launch Tikkun Olam Initiative For February/March



Fresh on the heels of December's highly successful personal care items collection for CAST, the four shul women behind the project have organized as the Tikkun Olam Initiative, and are about to launch the next chapter of giving on behalf of our shul.

“Put a Chicken in Every Pot” is the initiative for February and March. CAST has identified chickens as a major need during winter's cold months, and the women have responded,

purchasing 64 whole chickens so far, thanks to a generous donation from a shul member, who applauded what the women had done with the personal care collection.

Throughout the two months, the foursome will be accepting donations to purchase chickens. Each donation of \$18 will purchase three chickens and, for your generosity, your name will be entered into a monthly raffle for a dozen organic eggs delivered to your door.

Here's how you can help: Write a check for \$18 (or whatever amount you care to donate) to Congregation Tifereth Israel, with Tikkun Olam written on the memo line. Send your check to CTI, P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944. Or, to pay by credit card, visit the shul's website (www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org), click on the “Donate” tab at the top of the home page, scroll down to Tikkun Olam, fill out the form, and submit.

You may remember that in 1928, Herbert Hoover used “a chicken in every pot” as a campaign slogan, and he was elected President of the United States, defeating New York Governor Al Smith. If Hoover could accomplish that with his “chicken in the pot” slogan, imagine what the Tikkun Olam Initiative could do for needy families in our neighborhood with your donation.

CAST (Community Action Southold Town) is a local charity supported by our shul. The four women behind the new Tikkun Olam Initiative are Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman and Cookie Slade.



More than 20,000 Jews from 70 countries made Aliyah over the course of 2020, The Jewish Agency reported. Most of the immigrants arrived from Russia, Ukraine, France and the United States. Pictured, Jewish Agency chairman Isaac Herzog with immigrant children. David Salem photo

DC Street May Be Renamed To Honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Washington DC Councilmember Brooke Pinto, a Democrat, has introduced legislation to rename a street in the district in memory of Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. If enacted, a portion of Virginia Avenue — between the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue in the northwest part of Washington, DC — will become Ruth Bader Ginsburg Way.

That portion of Virginia Avenue was chosen because of its proximity to the Watergate complex, where the late justice lived.

Ginsburg was the second woman and the first Jewish woman to serve on the nation's highest court. She died in September 2019 from “complications of metastatic pancreas cancer,” according to a statement from the Supreme Court shortly after her death.

Israel Gives Hero's Welcome To Convicted Spy Jonathan Pollard

Jonathan J. Pollard, the American who served 30 years in prison for spying for Israel in a Cold War-era espionage case, arrived in Israel on Dec. 30 to a hero's welcome from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who met Mr. Pollard and his wife, Esther, at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The couple descended from a private jet provided by casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson, kissed the tarmac and recited a Jewish prayer of thanks reserved for new experiences. The prime minister then handed Mr. Pollard, who was granted Israeli citizenship in 1995 while in prison, an Israeli identification card. "You're home," Mr. Netanyahu said.

A U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, Mr. Pollard gave a range of classified documents to Israel starting in 1984. CIA and Defense Department officials said that his disclosures exposed the abilities of American spy agencies, potentially damaged intelligence collection efforts, and risked exposing sensitive intelligence secrets.

The United States Parole Commission opted in November not to extend the travel restrictions on Mr. Pollard when he was released from a federal prison five years ago.

Danish Court Rules Against Jewish Heirs For Kandinsky Work



In a decision watched closely by restitution experts, a court in Amsterdam has ruled that the Stedelijk Museum can retain a Wassily Kandinsky painting that it acquired during WWII from a Jewish collection.

The 1909 work, "Painting With Houses," has been the focus of a restitution battle that has been viewed as a litmus test for Dutch restitutions policy. Critics of the Netherlands' approach say the case represents an attempt by the Dutch to weigh the interests of its museums over justice for the victims of Nazi looting and their heirs.

The pre-war owners of the Kandinsky were

a Jewish couple, Robert Lowenstein and Irma Klein. Alex Hagedorn, the Dutch lawyer representing the claimants, said he would appeal the decision.

Come Schmooze With Us

After nine months, we can say without a scintilla of modesty that we have birthed a success. Folks tell us all the time how much they enjoy The Schmooze that arrives weekly in each reader's inbox. The videos — from the ridiculous to the sublime — and the contributions of members and friends make our schmooze your schmooze, our success your success.

We invite all members and friends to keep up the good work. Let us hear from you — your thoughts, your poems, your photos, whatever you would like to share with other Schmoozers. What have you got to say? Schmoozers want to know...

Please send your contributions to jkweiner@icloud.com or sbblazer@hotmail.com.



With this issue, *The Shofar* introduces a community bulletin board column to highlight the outreach activities of our members and also local events of interest to Jewish audiences. This month, our column calls your attention to three noteworthy Zoom events.

Shul Member Francis Dubois In National Arts Club Program

To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, National Arts Club member Elizabeth Bellak and her daughter, Alexandra, will talk about the journal written by Alexandra's sister, Renia Spiegel. Renia was a Jewish teenager in southeastern Poland when she began writing her diary. By the time she was executed by Nazi soldiers, she had chronicled life under a totalitarian regime.

Her journal, hidden in a safe deposit box in New York City for decades, is a valuable historical document and a poignant coming-of-age story, akin to Anne Frank's diary.

Shul member Francis Dubois will interview Elizabeth and Alexandra on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. To register, free of charge, visit nationalartsclub.org and click on the event.

EEJCC Announces Slide-Lecture On 'Jewish Presence In China'

The East End Jewish Community Council (EEJCC), headed by our own Rabbi Gadi, is inviting shul members and friends to a program titled "Jews in China," a slide-lecture by Rabbi Jack Shlacter, who will provide an overview of the Jewish presence in China. The program will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., on Zoom.

Rabbi Shlacter served as a High Holidays visiting rabbi-in-residence for Kehillat Beijing, a lay-led congregation there, for five years, starting in 2014. He also led the community in lifecycle events over the course of his tenure.

Rabbi Shlacter, who holds a doctorate in physics, spent the bulk of his scientific career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Currently, he is assigned to the Brookhaven National Laboratory and serves as spiritual leader of the Jewish Center of the Moriches. To attend the lecture, please register at <http://bit.ly/RabbiJackChina/>.

Pandemic Redux

Karen Bloom Gervitz, a professor of English at Seton Hall University, is the featured speaker at the North Fork Reform Synagogue's Shabbat Schmooze and Learn program on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m., followed by Havdallah, on Zoom. Professor Gervitz, the daughter of NFRS member Susan Bloom, will address the topic "Echoes of the Past in the Current Pandemic."

For the Zoom link, RSVP to Susan Bloom at susanilenebloom@gmail.com/.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Rabbi Gadi Capela

Our own Rabbi Gadi makes *The Shofar's* “Jews in the News” column this month for his answer to *Newsday's* question, “How does your faith view nonviolent protest?” Rabbi Gadi submitted this reply to the “Asking the Clergy” column, published on Jan. 14:

“Justice, justice shall you pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20) is a cardinal precept in Scripture, highlighting the imperative to protest any injustice or transgression. Abraham, the first Jew, protests against what he perceives as God’s injustice in wiping out Sodom, the righteous along with the wicked, and says “Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?” (Genesis 18:25)

The Talmud teaches us that whoever can protest to his household if they see any transgression, and does not, is accountable for the sins of his household. The Talmud passage concludes, “...if he could protest to the whole world and does not, he is accountable for the whole world. (Babylonian Talmud Shabbat 54b)

While it is clear that Jewish sources support protest, it is equally clear that any civil disobedience must be nonviolent. When Moses sees one Jew striking another in Egypt, he refers to him as “Evil one, why do you hit your fellow!” (Exodus 1:13) According to the rabbinical scholar Maimonides, whoever hits his fellow Jew commits a grave sin (Chovel uMazik 5:1) The wisdom of our forebears encourages us to argue and debate when attempting to resolve disagreements, yet draws clear lines that we must not transgress.

Four New Jewish Legislators Join The 117th Congress



Three new members of the Jewish Congressional Caucus were sworn in as the 117th Congress commenced on Sunday, Jan. 3. From left, Reps. Jake Auchincloss (D-Mass), Sara Jacobs (D-Calif) and Kathy Manning (D-N.Carolina) joined hundreds of other members of Congress. Currently, 35 members of Congress are Jewish. In the runoff election in Georgia, Jon Ossoff defeated incumbent Republican David Perdue, becoming the first Jewish senator from Georgia and, at age 33, the youngest senator.

Jews Named To Serve In The Biden-Harris Administration



U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. has named Merrick Garland, left, as U.S. Attorney General. In 2016, President Obama had nominated Garland to serve as an associate justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the death of Antonin Scalia, but the Senate majority refused to hold a hearing or vote on this nomination made during the last year of Obama’s presidency.

Also significant in the wake of the 2020 election cycle, Charles (Chuck) Schumer, right,

Senate minority leader since 2017, will become the majority leader, succeeding Mitch McConnell, who lost his position when two seats flipped to Democrats in the Senatorial runoff contest in Georgia. The addition of the two Democrats — Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock — gives each party 50 votes, with Vice President Kamala Harris, who is President of the Senate, able to cast the deciding vote for the Democrats.

Other prominent Jews named to the Biden-Harris administration include Antony Blinken, secretary of state; Ron Klain, White House chief of staff; Janet L. Yellen, treasury secretary; Alejandro N. Mayorkas, secretary of homeland security; and Avril Danica Haines, director of national intelligence. Recently added, David Cohen, deputy director CIA; Rachel Levine, assistant secretary for health; and Dana Stroul, Mideast desk at the Pentagon.

An American Story...

In the spring of 1945, in a Nazi slave labor camp 50 miles from Dachau, convict No. B-1713 heard powerful explosions pierce the night air. The guards said “the enemy” was advancing, and they herded the prisoners together to be marched back to Dachau.

They marched for most of three days. At dawn on the third day, a squadron of Allied fighter planes, coming upon what they thought was a column of Nazi troops, swooped low to strafe them. As the SS-troops hit the dirt and began firing their machine guns, one of the prisoners shouted, “Run for it!” A group of them ran toward the forest. The explosions killed most of them, but six, including convict No. B-1713, made it into the woods alive.

He hid in the hayloft of an abandoned Bavarian barn. Days passed. And then one afternoon, he peaked through a crack in the wooded slats and saw a huge tank leading an armored convoy heading toward him. He looked for the swastika on its side. Instead, he saw a five-pointed white star. He ran from the barn, charging toward the tank, screaming and waving his arms.

From the tank’s hatch emerged Cpl. Bill Ellington of the all-Black 761st, son of a slave. B-1713, who had lost his family and survived four years in the camps, fell to his knees before Ellington and repeated the few English words he knew: God Bless America! God Bless America! Ellington lifted him into the hatch — and into freedom.

Convict No. B-1713 was named Samuel Pizar. He became an American citizen and a successful lawyer. On Jan. 20, his stepson, Tony Blinken, will become America’s next Secretary of State.

— Story by Andrei Cherny
— Submitted to *The Shofar* by Ken Stein

• OBITUARIES •

Larry King

TV host Larry King died Jan. 23 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was 87. In a career spanning six decades, King interviewed a staggering number of celebrities, political leaders, and public figures. He rose to national fame with the launch in 1978 of “The Larry King Show” before moving over to CNN for “Larry King Live,” which ran from 1985 to 2010, when he was famously replaced by Piers Morgan. The chat show was cancelled in 2014.

In a statement, Ora Media said that King “viewed his interview subjects as the true stars of his programs, and himself as merely an unbiased conduit between guest and audience.”

Ezra F. Vogel

Ezra F. Vogel, an eminent scholar of East Asia at Harvard University whose writings about modern politics and society in China and Japan helped shape how the world understood the rise of those two Asian powers, died Dec. 20 in Cambridge, MA. He was 90.

In 1979, as Japan was ascending as an economic power, Professor Vogel published the book *Japan as Number One: Lessons for America*. It was as provocative title for a book in which he outlined in no-nonsense prose how and why Japan had caught up with, and in some cases had surpassed, the United States. Among the reasons he cited were Japan's ability to govern and educate its citizens efficiently, and to control crime.

Two decades and several books later, Professor Vogel embarked on a comprehensive transformation of yet another ascendant Asian superpower: China. His lengthy book about Deng Xiaoping is one of the most in-depth biographies to date of the leader who had shepherded China out of the chaos of the Mao years, said *The New York Times*. The book won the 2012 Lionel Gelber Prize and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for biography, among other honors.

H. Jack Geiger

Dr. H. Jack Geiger, who ran away to Harlem as a teenager and emerged a lifelong civil rights activist, helping to bring medical care and services to impoverished regions and to start two antiwar doctors' groups that shared Nobel Peace Prizes, died Dec. 28 at his home in Brooklyn. He was 95.

Dr. Geiger was a co-founder, with Dr. Count Gibson, of community health centers in South Boston and in Mound Bayou, in the Mississippi Delta. They provided desperately needed health care, food, sanitation, education, jobs and social services — what Dr. Geiger called “a road out of poverty.” The centers inspired a national network of clinics that now number more than 1,300 and serve almost 28 million low-income patients at more than 9,000 sites.

Fanny Waterman

Fanny Waterman, the British pianist and teacher who cofounded the prestigious Leeds International Piano Competition with Marion Harewood died Dec. 20 at a care home in Ilkley, Yorkshire. She was 100.

The idea of presenting an international music competition in 1960s Leeds, a gritty industrial city in northern England, seemed risky. But Ms. Waterman, a Leeds native, believed in the vitality of her hometown, and was certain she could draw support for the venture. The first Leeds competition took place in 1963, with the composer and conductor Arthur Bliss as chairman of an eminent jury. It was an immediate success, with 94 entrants from 23 countries.

She was appointed dame commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2005. In 2015, at 95, she retired from the Leeds Competition. “I do hope and pray,” she said at the time, “that in another 100 years, our competition will have the reputation it has now.”

Sheldon Adelson

Sheldon Adelson, who built the world's largest empire of casinos and resort hotels in Las Vegas, Macau, Singapore and other gambling meccas, died Jan. 11 at his home in Malibu, CA. He was 87. He had built a fortune estimated by Forbes in 2019 at \$35.1 billion, and used his wealth to promote right-wing political agendas in America and Israel.

In Israel, where he had a home and owned major conservative media outlets, Mr. Adelson supported Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud party. He opposed statehood for Palestinians, favored Israeli settlement in occupied territories, and underwrote junkets to Israel by congressional Republicans. Reportedly, he spent \$67.7 million to buy the former U.S. ambassador's residence in Tel Aviv. It was the largest amount paid for a home in Israeli history and appeared aimed at making it more difficult for future presidents to reverse the Trump administration's move of the U.S. Embassy in Israeli to Jerusalem in 2018.

Mr. Adelson and his wife contributed hundreds of millions to medical research, education and other philanthropies in America and Israel. According to the New York Times, Mr. Adelson first visited Israel in 1988, wearing the shoes of his father, a Lithuanian-born Jew who had never made the trip.

Howard Rubenstein

Public relations veteran Howard Rubenstein, who for decades polished and protected the images of New York celebrities and power brokers, from George Steinbrenner to Donald Trump, has died. He was 88.

Rubenstein founded Rubenstein Associates in 1954 after dropping out of Harvard Law School. He eventually earned his law degree from St. John's University in 1959, and took a six-month break from the PR industry to serve as assistant counsel to Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Agency clients have included Rudolph Giuliani, Ed Koch, David Dinkins, Marv Alpert, Kathy Lee Gifford, the New York Yankees, News Corporation, Columbia University, New York Philharmonic, Sarah, Duchess of York, Rupert Murdoch, Fred Trump, and the Metropolitan Opera Co.

Rubenstein was also instrumental in making the New York City Marathon one of the World Marathon Majors.

Isaac Shoshan

Isaac Shoshan, a Syrian-born Israeli undercover operative who had posed as an Arab early in his career, participating in bombings and an assassination attempt before making major contributions to the country's espionage methods, died Dec. 28 in Tel Aviv. He was 96.

In a tribute on Twitter, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who once served in an Israeli intelligence unit that Mr. Shoshan helped conceive, said Mr. Shoshan had "risked his life again and again" on behalf of Israel.

Mr. Shoshan began taking part in intelligence-gathering operations after the United Nations voted in 1947 to partition Palestine into Separate Jewish and Arab states, setting off clashes that would turn into war.

Mr. Shoshan retired in 1982 but was mobilized from time to time by the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad to train agents and sometimes participate in operations himself.

Barbara Weisberger

Barbara Weisberger, who founded the Pennsylvania Ballet in Philadelphia and transformed the troupe into a nationally acclaimed company, died Dec. 23 at home in Kingston, PA. She was 94.

Originally trained in ballet in New York and Philadelphia, she never had a career as a dancer in a professional company. Instead, she became an influential ballet teacher who played an important role in the development of regional ballet in America.

Asked over the years about her lasting allegiance to Balanchine in the Pennsylvania Ballet, she would reply, "He is the best."

Harold N. Bornstein

Dr. Harold Bornstein, who for time was President Donald J. Trump's personal physician and who had attested that Mr. Trump would be "the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency," died Dec. 15. He was 73.

Dr. Bornstein a gastroenterologist, was Mr. Trump's personal physician from 1980 to 2017. When Mr. Trump was elected president in 2016, Dr. Bornstein had hoped to be named White House physician. But he was expelled from the Trump orbit after he disclosed to the New York Times that the president was taking medication to make his hair grow.

In 2018, Dr. Bornstein finally said publicly what many had suspected all along: that Mr. Trump himself had written the letter saying he would be the healthiest president ever. "He dictated that whole letter," he told CNN. "I didn't write that letter."

Phil Spector

Phil Spector, an American record producer, musician and songwriter known for his innovative recording practices and entrepreneurship in the 1960s, followed decades later by his trial and conviction for murder in the 2000s.

Spector developed the "wall of sound," a music production formula he described as a Wagnerian approach to rock and roll. He is regarded as one of the most influential figures in pop music history.

In 2009, after spending three decades in semi-retirement, he was convicted for the 2003 murder of Hollywood actress Lana Clarkson and sentenced to 19 years to life in prison. He died in prison on Jan. 16 at the age of 81, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

• COMMEMORATIONS •

Yahrzeits In February

- 1: Abraham Slotkin
- 3: Sophia P. Ballen; Samuel Neimark
- 4: Bessie Goldin
- 5: Kate Kalter; Nettie Rosenstein; Bernyce "Bunny" Simon
- 7: Gertrude Ogur Moskowitz; Bernard Solomon
- 8: Audrey Rothman; Lore Seligson
- 9: Harris Wilitzkin
- 10: Sophie Berson; Ida Kaplan; Michael Payne
- 11: Jerome Lipman; Leah Gertrude Sachs
- 12: Edward Prager
- 13: Daniel "Danny" Bostian; Sylvia J. Golden; Maury Harris; Gertrude L. Poulson
- 14: Irene Feinman; Albert M. Israel; Arthur Meyer; Sarah Slotkin
- 15: Harry Katz; Herman Keller; Minnie B. Revere
- 16: Celia Feigen; Nathan Goldin; Nora Levin
- 17: Elaine Marcus
- 18: Jennie Kessler
- 19: Anna Levine; Abraham J. Nissenfeld; Irma Beverly Ribka
- 20: Philip Cohen; Emanuel Garmise; Michael Adam Rosenbaum; Kurt Seligson

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23: Samuel L. Schwartz
24: Norman Blaustein; Annie Goldin
25: Laura Merson; Emery I. Wells
26: Egon Adler; Morris Kaplan; Dr. Mark Youmans
27: Mortimer Lahm
28: Anna Garmise; Max Kremsky

Anniversaries in February

19: Philip and Elaine Goldman

Birthdays in February

3: Suri Lan-Brown
11: Justin Solomon
18: Allison Nathel
24: Georgia Eve Downey
27: David Weinstein

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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- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
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- **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.
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- **Bequest:** Make a gift to the shul with an inclusion in your will.
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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.
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• 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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