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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, March 1, 8; May 3: Hebrew class, 4 p.m., via Zoom

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

Lunch and Learn, Mondays March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, via Zoom at noon

Lunch and Learn, Thursdays March 4 and 11; May 6, via zoom at noon

### *Shul Events*

Thursday, Feb. 25: Purimshpiel, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Mondays, March 1, 15 and 29: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., via Zoom

Thursday, March. 18: Book Circle, 3 p.m., via Zoom

Sunday, March 21: Board of Directors meeting 9 a.m., via Zoom

Sunday, March 21: Judaism and Art meeting, noon, via Zoom

Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28: Passover Seders, via Zoom, time TBD

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in March*

March 5: 5:34   March 12: 5:42   March 19: 6:49   March 26: 6:56

### *Dates to Remember*

Friday, Feb. 26: Purim

Sunday, March 14: Daylight Saving Time begins, 2 a.m.

Thursday, April 8: Holocaust Remembrance Day

Friday, April 30: Lag Ba-Omer

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# HAPPY PURIM

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We dressed up. We enjoyed libations. We cheered for Esther and Mordechai. We booed Haman. We had a great time.

## From The Rabbi...



“The Journey Continues...”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of CTI, for your continued support of the successful contract extension process. As we begin another chapter on our journey, it is nice to look back at the achievements of the past year, as we traversed the rough waters of Covid.

Normally, at this time of the year, I would be on my way to the Holy Land on my annual pilgrimage. But this is not a normal year. Since nanoparticles and microbes have changed all of our travel plans, I am planning, instead, to go on a pilgrimage around the holy lands of America — a trip to the heart of the country.

Geographically, Lebanon, Kansas, is designated as the middle of the contiguous United States. It's the heart, in one sense, that I am planning to visit on the trip, but my journey to the heart of America will be to touch its pained spirit — a spiritual expedition to see how this year has affected our country, and how people have endured.

Many years ago, I learned a good definition of a valuable friend — one who reminds you who you are when you forget. I believe that at its core, America carries a beautiful spirit and holiness in the hearts of its people. As in the song of Naomi Shemer, “Anashim Tovim” — Good People in the Middle of the Road:

“Open your eyes, look around you,  
Here and there, winter has gone, and spring is here.  
In the field along the road, cornflowers are already out,  
don't tell me that it can't be so!  
*Chorus:* Good people in the middle of the journey, very good people.  
Good people who know the way, with whom it's possible to march away.”

One of the most precious lessons we can learn from Jewish history is that we can find holiness wherever we are. Starting with the Israelites' journey in the desert and continuing through ancient and modern history, Jews have sanctified every place along the way. Whatever the circumstances that contributed to leaving one place, we were always eager to find holiness in the next one.

I will pray wherever I go and find God in a different location. During much of this time, we will count the Omer, which signifies the voyage to the holy land through the desert of faith, learning to find holiness on the road, around our beautiful country and the holy lands of America.

May God continue to bless our journey together,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

### Jewish Burial Ground

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

## From The President...



### Faith in the Faith

Historical references attributed to contemporary times seem to appear almost magical when I reflect on their relevance. Suddenly there is a new way to interpret an old story. So it was with the tale of the myth of Masada at Rabbi Gadi's Lunch and Learn history class.

Who could forget a visit to Masada? Or that hike up Snake Trail? Located on the eastern edge of the Judaeen Desert overlooking the Dead Sea, in what appears to be a hostile, arid environment, is a network of cisterns that sustained life with water from the nearby wadis — brilliant construction embracing what the natural environment offers. Therein lies the power of a unified people with a common cause, working for the common good, and not diverted by aberrant ideas and seditious plans.

A people with “faith in the faith,” said Rabbi Gadi. That faith sometimes creates a tension, but ultimately it is the power, the conscience, and the moral sensibilities that prevail, protect and nurture the community. We see evidence of that all around us. In Washington. In our neighborhoods during the pandemic. And at Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Never quarantine your conscience.

—Judith K. Weiner

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### ***The Shofar Goes Interactive: Tell Us What's On Your Mind?***

One of the most avidly read areas of any newspaper is the “Letters to the Editor” page. This is where people discover what readers are thinking, what's important to them, and how they feel about the world around them.

*The Shofar*, your monthly link to shul news, regional developments, and reports on the global Jewish community, wants to know what *you* think about Jewish issues today, shul operations, Zoom activities and events, and whatever else you care to share with *Shofar* readers. We're planning a lively Letters to the Editor section with *you* as our star reporters. What's on your mind?

Email your letters to [info@tifereth-israel.com](mailto:info@tifereth-israel.com), with To The Editor in the subject line. Letters generally should be no more than 100 words, although the editors recognize that some may need to run longer. Please provide your name and contact information in case of questions. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. So, what are your thoughts? What do you think about this idea?

### **Shul Members Approve Contract Extension For Rabbi Gadi**

At a special Congregation meeting held Sunday, Feb. 21, on Zoom, those attending overwhelmingly approved a contract extension for Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of the synagogue. The new terms extend the current contract, due to expire on August 30, 2021, by 16 months, moving the renegotiated contract expiration date to Dec. 31, 2022.

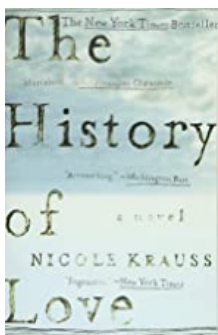
Treasurer Alan Garmise, chair of the Contract Negotiating Committee, explained the extension of 16 months. Previous contracts have expired just prior to the High Holy Days, a problematic time for both a rabbi and any congregation, he said.



According to the extension, all terms of the current contract will remain in place, including no changes in the rabbi's annual salary or his retirement plan. The synagogue will continue to fund the rabbi's medical insurance policy.

Congregants unable to attend the meeting were invited to cast their votes by email. The final numbers were not available at press time, but the acceptance rate of more than 85% of congregants voting favorably at the meeting was not expected to change significantly.

## Book Circle To Discuss Award-Winning Memoir/Detective Story



The next meeting of the Book Circle will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 3 p.m., on Zoom. The selection for the month is *History of Love* by Nicole Krauss.

In this much-loved novel, a long-lost book reappears after 60 years, half a world away, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a teenage girl seeking a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness.

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



"Path to Freedom," a 20x16-inch mixed media collage and acrylic concept by Saul Rosenstreich, coordinator of the shul's Judaism and Art group, "takes elements from three photographs and rearranges portions of them to generate a new meaning," the artist says. The figures of the family are from the 2012 Holocaust memorial in San Juan, PR, by Michael Berkowitz and Bonnie Srolovitz. The birds are from wall decorations in a nearby art museum in San Juan. These elements are arranged over a simple abstract design found on Pinterest. Additional painting with acrylics was used to coach the fragments into a coherent image. The work suggests that the arduous path to freedom — freedom to exist as Jews — is in fact, attainable. Photo by the artist

*The Shofar* joins the membership in welcoming new members William and Elizabeth Adams of Southold and Silver Spring, MD. We hope you will find our shul spiritually, educationally and socially fulfilling. We look forward to participating in shul activities and events with you.



Rabbi Gadi reveals the bounty of his Tu B'Shevat table in preparation for the Zoom seder he conducted as part of Lunch and Learn on Thursday, Jan. 28. With wine, fruits, nuts, bread and song, Lunch and Learners participated in the joyous rituals of the holiday. Fr. Roy Tvrdek photo

### **Come Schmooze With Us**

After nine months, we can say, modestly, 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 by 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 and videos, whatever you would like to share with other Schmoozers. Send contributions to [info@tifereth-israel.com](mailto:info@tifereth-israel.com) with Schmooze in the subject line.

## **Tikkun Olam Initiative Details New Projects On ‘Lunch And Learn’**

The four women behind the shul’s Tikkun Olam Initiative — Veronica Kaliski, Suzi Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman, and Cookie Slade — appeared on Lunch and Learn recently to update shul members on the “Chicken in the Pot” project and also to introduce two new initiatives to debut this spring.

The highly successful program to distribute whole chickens ready for roasting to needy families brought relief to dozens of CAST recipients struggling with job loss and isolation during the pandemic. During the second phase of the project, continuing this month, chickens will be distributed to another 60 CAST families, the group said.

### **New initiatives**

With spring about to spring forth, the Tikkun Olam initiative is looking to the planters and gardeners in our shul for participation in two new projects: “Grow A Row” asks vegetable gardeners to do just that — grow an extra row of vegetables that can be donated to the CAST food bank.

In a related project, Tikkun Olam will provide large containers, potting soil, and seedlings to CAST families who want to “Grow Their Own” vegetables and herbs.

### **How to help**

To help with “Chicken in the Pot,” write a check 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](http://www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org)), click on the “Donate” tab on the home page, scroll down to Tikkun Olam, fill out the form, and submit.

Each donation of \$18 will purchase four chickens and, for your generosity, your name will be entered into a monthly raffle for a dozen locally-farmed organic eggs. The group congratulates Ellen Jaffe, the first month’s raffle winner.

To help with the “Grow A Row” or “Grow Their Own” projects, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and request a volunteer to pick up your contributions of veggies and/or containers and soil.

The foursome behind the Tikkun Olam Initiative told Lunch and Learners that the positive responses they have received from the community reflect positively on the shul, and have inspired the new initiatives.

## **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 \$417.26 per share, up from \$385.29 one month 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 and communal 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 — leaving the more stressful weekdays behind as we 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 your Jewishness. Make a minyan to feel the glorious effect all week long.

Zoom at 7:30 p.m. each Friday, and at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday. You’ll feel great.



## Iconic Maxwell House Passover Haggadah Originally Used 1695 Art



Generations of American Jews received their first visual impressions of the Exodus from the iconic Maxwell House Haggadah, introduced as a marketing device in 1932 to convince consumers that the coffee was kosher for Passover. The Haggadah has been updated and reprinted more than 55 million times.

The first set of illustrations was taken from the classic Amsterdam Haggadah of 1695, the work of a convert to Judaism, who took the name Abraham bar Jacob. His illustrations captured so much emotion that they were

reprinted in dozens of editions of the Haggadah over the next four centuries.

## Researchers Find ID Tags Of 4 Jewish Children Sent To Sobibor



Personal identification tags bearing the names of four Jewish children deported to the Sobibor extermination camp in Poland were retrieved in an archaeological excavation at the site. The metal tags worn around the neck, carry the names of young Dutch Jews Lea Judith de la Penha, Deddie Zak, Annie Kapper, and David Juda van der Velde — all from Amsterdam — who ranged in age from 5 to 12 years.

According to Jewish News Service (JNS), Annie Kapper was 12. She was sent on a train with a total of 1,255 Jews. The moment the train arrived, all of the passengers were immediately sent to gas chambers; Kapper's tag was found in a mass grave.

Israel Antiquities Authority archaeologist Yoram Haimi, who ran the dig in conjunction with colleagues from Poland and the Netherlands, said that ID tags bearing the names of children had been found only at Sobibor. "The hardest thing is to hear that one of the kids whose tag you're holding in your hand arrived...on a train full of children...sent to die alone," Haimi said. "I've been digging at Sobibor for 10 years. This was the most difficult day."

## Israeli Soldier Discovers Rare 1,800-Year-Old Coin

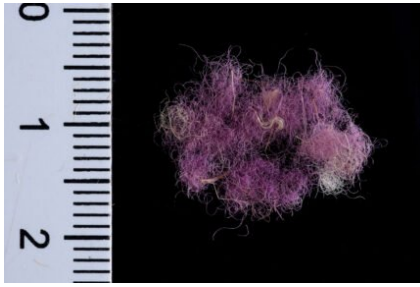


A rare coin bearing the head of the Roman emperor Antonius Pius and dating from 158-159 C.E. was found during a training exercise by an Israel Defense Forces soldier on the southern end of Mount Carmel, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said. The coin, found by Ido Gardi, is one of very few such objects that have been discovered in Israel, according to the IAA.

The coin is one of the municipal coins minted in the city of Geva Philippi, also known as Geva Parashim. In the Roman period, cities were granted the right to mint their own coins.



## Unearthed Purple Fabric Dates To Days Of David And Solomon



The color purple appears several times in the Bible, usually in a robe draping one of the kings of ancient Israel. But the search for an authentic artifact dyed the royal color from the time of King David has always proved elusive. No longer. Researchers from the Israel Antiquities Authority, Bar Ilan University, and Tel Aviv University said they had identified pieces of fabric dyed “true purple,” dating to the 10th century BCE, when David and Solomon ruled in Jerusalem. The

scraps were discovered by archaeologists working in the Timna Valley.

The majority of ancient textiles excavated around the world were dyed with colors derived from plants. But the purple dyes in the Timna Valley find were made from the secretions of mollusks, regarded as more prestigious, equal to the wearer’s high economic and social status.

To determine which mollusk species produced the dyes found on the Timna textiles and how the various hues were created, researchers identified dry molecules belonging to specific sea mollusk species, and extracted tiny amounts of dyestuff from thousands of mollusks.

## Auction House Suspends Sale of Jewish Burial Records



In 1944, the Nazis deported 18,000 or so Jews from the city of Cluj-Napoca in what is now Romania to the death camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Nearly all perished, books and records disappeared, and scant trace of a once-vibrant community remained.

But in February, a rare relic of Cluj’s Jewish past surfaced. Kestenbaum & Company, a Brooklyn auction house that specializes in Judaica offered for sale a bound memorial register of Jewish burials in the city between 1836 and 1899.

At the request of the Jewish Community in Cluj and the World Jewish Restitution Organization, the auction house withdrew the register. The register is handwritten in Hebrew and Yiddish. It was spotted online by a genealogy researcher who alerted Robert Schwartz, president of the Jewish Community of Cluj. “Very little belonging to the community

survived WWII,” Schwartz told *The New York Times*. “It’s surprising that the book surfaced at auction, because no one knew anything about its existence.”

The community is attempting to rebuild. The Neolog Synagogue, the only one of the three synagogues there that is still used as a Jewish place of worship, is undergoing renovation and will house a small museum, Schwartz said. “This document could be valuable as a key exhibit,” he said, noting its importance for the history of the community.

Daniel Kestenbaum, founding chairman of the auction house, said that the consignor is “a scholarly businessman,” who has agreed to discuss the matter with the restitution organization.

## United Arab Emirates Swears In The First Ambassador To Israel

In an official ceremony in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 15, in the presence of Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai, Mohammad Mahmoud Al Khajah was installed as the first ambassador to Israel.

Al Maktoum wished Al Khajah “much success,” and urged him “to work to achieve friendly and cooperative relations with Israel.” Al Khajah pledged to carry out his job “with integrity and sincerity

On Sept. 15, Israel and the UAE signed the normalization agreement known as the Abraham Accords. Normalization agreements were signed also between Israel and Sudan and Israel and Morocco.

On Jan. 24, Israel’s foreign ministry announced the opening of an official diplomatic mission in Abu Dhabi. Israel’s ambassador to Turkey, Eitan Na’eh, was appointed to head the temporary mission until a permanent ambassador is appointed.

## One Of The World’s Oldest Esther Scrolls Comes Home



Just in time for Purim, one of the world’s oldest known Esther scrolls has been gifted to the National Library of Israel in Jerusalem, home to the world’s largest collection of textual Judaica.

Scholars have determined that the newly received Esther scroll was written by a scribe on the Iberian Peninsula around 1465, prior to the Spanish and Portuguese Expulsions at the end of the 15th century.

The megillah is written in brown ink on leather, in an elegant Sephardic script, which resembles that of a Torah scroll. The first panel, before the text of the Book of Esther, includes the traditional blessings recited before and after the reading of the megillah, and attests to the ritual use of this scroll in a pre-Expulsion Iberian Jewish community.

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Makua Rothman*



Makua Rothman, the Hawaiian-Jewish surfing star, rode the largest recorded wave on Jan. 16, a swell reportedly more than 100 feet tall. The surfing world and major media outlets were stunned by this phenomenal achievement.

Of his record-riding wave, Rothman said, “I didn’t actually know it at the time, but I could tell it was a special wave. It felt different. Those waves, they create their own wind.”

Rothman is considered one of the best surfers in the world.

## ***Jared Kushner and Avi Berkowitz***

Former White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of former president Donald Trump, and Kushner's deputy, Avi Berkowitz, have been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for their roles in negotiating four normalization deals between Israel and Arab nations, known as the "Abraham Accords."

Kushner and Berkowitz hammered out the details between Israel and the United Emirates and Bahrain, and later negotiated the deals with Sudan and Morocco. Kushner also laid the foundations for future agreements with other Arab countries.

The two were nominated by American attorney Alan Dershowitz, a professor emeritus at Harvard Law School. Dershowitz defended former president Trump during his first impeachment trial.

The nomination does not imply an endorsement by the Nobel committee, which has received numerous other nominations for the prize, including Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and climate campaigner Greta Thunberg.

## ***Judea Pearl***

The family of slain journalist Daniel Pearl said the Pakistani Supreme Court judges who last month ruled to free his killers harbor anti-American bias associated with conspiracy theories around Pearl's death.

Judea Pearl, Daniel Pearl's father, told *The Forward* that the family believes two members of the three-judge panel that voted to free Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh are "anti-U.S.," a sentiment that Pearl said was associated with a belief that the United States fabricated his son's murder.

Daniel Pearl was a Jewish *Wall Street Journal* reporter who was kidnapped by terrorists and beheaded while on assignment in Karachi in 2002. Pearl's Jewish faith is widely believed to have played a role in his murder. Three accomplices were acquitted by a lower court last April.

## ***David M. Friedman***

Israel's Ariel University in Samaria has announced that it will award its first honorary doctorate to outgoing U.S. Ambassador to Israel David M. Friedman "in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the diplomatic international relations between the USA and Israel."

Friedman said in response that he was "deeply honored to be the first recipient of an honorary doctorate from Ariel University, an academic institution that serves students of all faiths and nationalities. Ariel brings a future of peaceful coexistence right to the here and now."

Friedman served as ambassador to Israel from May 15, 2017 to Jan. 20, 2021. He was appointed to the post by President Donald Trump, who had been represented by David Friedman in connections with bankruptcy negotiations.

## ***Janice Weinman***

Janice Weinman, chief executive officer/executive director of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization for the past nine years, will step down as the organization's leader on July 1. During her tenure at Hadassah, Weinman helped the organization realize its missions to support Israel, facilitate the work of its two hospitals in Jerusalem; fight antisemitism, and advance the cause of women's health.

Before joining Hadassah, Weinman served as president of K.I.D.S., an organization supporting children in need around the world; also corporate vice president for external affairs of



the Mount Sinai Hospital/NYU Medical Center and Health System in New York City; also executive director and CEO of the American Association of University Women; and executive vice president of the College Board. She also served as the assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Education in the Carter and Clinton administrations.

### ***David Schoen vs. Jamie Raskin***

Two Jews played prominent roles in the second impeachment trial of former president Donald J. Trump. David Schoen, a modern Orthodox Jew from Atlanta, represented Trump at the Senate trial, which began on Feb. 9. Schoen has represented reputed mobster figures; the alleged head of the Russian mafia in this country; Israeli mafia and two Italian bosses.

Most recently, he represented Roger Stone, a longtime Republican operative and an ally of Trump. Stone was convicted of obstructing a congressional investigation into the allegations of Russian collusion during the 2016 presidential election. Days before Stone, who is Trump's longtime friend and political confidant, was to report to prison in July, the president commuted the 40-month prison sentence.

Leading the House impeachment managers in the trial was Jamie Raskin, who made the case with eight other members of the House of Representatives that the former president had incited insurrection when his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC on Jan. 6.

Raskin, an American lawyer, has served as the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 8th congressional district since 2017. He also played a role in Trump's first impeachment trial.

### ***Andy Jassy***



Andy Jassy has spent the past 15 years converting Amazon from an e-commerce giant into a highly profitable technology company, creating and then dominating the cloud infrastructure market. Now, he's about to become CEO of the third-most valuable U.S. company after Apple and Microsoft. Amazon has announced that Jassy will succeed Jeff Bezos at the helm in the third quarter, becoming only the second CEO in the company's 27-year history. Bezos will become executive chairman.

Jassy, 53, is a member of Bezos' elite group of executives called the S-team. Jassy has been CEO of AWS (Amazon Web Services). As of mid-2020, Amazon controlled 33% of the global cloud infrastructure services market, followed by Microsoft at 18% and Google at 9%, according to Synergy Research. Amazon said that AWS revenue in the fourth quarter jumped 28% to \$12.7 billion. Operating income increased 37% to \$3.56 billion, accounting for 52% of Amazon's total operating profit.

### ***Steven Spielberg***



Steven Spielberg has been named winner of the 2021 Genesis Prize, known as the Jewish Nobel, which is awarded annually to "extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity and commitment to Jewish values." This year, for the first time, Jews around the world were invited to vote on who would win the prize. Reportedly, 200,000 people on six continents cast their votes, choosing Spielberg over other nominees, including Barbra Streisand, Sacha Baron Cohen, and the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

Spielberg is the director behind such films as *Jaws* and *Schindler's List*. In addition to his film work, Spielberg is the founder of the USC Shoah Foundation, which strives to preserve the memory of the Holocaust through filmed testimony.

The award carries a prize of \$1 million.

### ***Dr. Rochelle Walensky***

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. has appointed Dr. Rochelle Walensky as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, succeeding Dr. Robert Redfield, who served from March 26, 2018 to Jan. 20, 2021. Dr. Walensky will lead the CDC's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Before her appointment to the CDC, Dr. Walensky was chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

She told *The Forward*, "I'm motivated by the Jewish teachings of tikkun olam. Tikkun olam for me has been giving at the individual patient level — not to judge, not to react, but to give, to heal and to repair."

## **• OBITUARIES •**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in expressing condolences to long-time shul member Jesse Reece on the death of his mother, Evelyn Reece, who died on Feb. 2, in Virginia. She was 95.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 10 at the Beth Moses Cemetery in North Babylon, NY. May the family be comforted by memories of times spent together, and the support of many friends in the shul family.

### ***Walter Bernstein***

Walter Bernstein, whose career as a top film and television screenwriter was derailed by the McCarthy-era blacklist, and who decades later turned that experience into one of his best-known films, "The Front," died Jan. 23 at his home in Manhattan. He was 101.

"I was still in Hollywood in 1947 during the Hollywood Ten," Mr. Bernstein said, referring to the prosecution of writers, producers and directors who had appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee and refused to answer questions about their Communist affiliations. No one took the hearings seriously at first, but they soon would. Mr. Bernstein was considered untouchable both in Hollywood and in New York.

Mr. Bernstein and other blacklisted writers were forced to work under assumed names for sympathetic filmmakers. It was during this period that Mr. Bernstein and his colleagues began the ruse of protecting their anonymity by sending stand-ins to represent them at meetings with producers, a ploy later dramatized in "The Front."

Six decades after the fact, Mr. Bernstein voiced a warmly nostalgic view of the Red Scare period. "I look back on that period with some fondness in a way, in terms of the relationships and support and friendships," he told *The New York Times*. "We helped each other during that period. And in a dog-eat-dog business, it was quite rare."

### ***Jamie Tarses***

Jamie Tarses, who became president of ABC Entertainment at age 32, the first woman to become a network's top programmer, died Feb. 1 in Los Angeles. She was 56.

According to *The New York Times*, she “fizzled in epic fashion, brought down by corporate dysfunction, unvarnished sexism, self-sabotage, weaponized industry gossip, and scalding news media scrutiny.”

Ms. Tarses, who had worked at NBC, had a reputation for spotting hit shows, and shepherded “Mad About You,” “Frasier,” and “Friends.” Following various indiscretions and corporate squabbling, she resigned in 1999, leaving ABC with several hit shows, including “Dharma & Greg,” Aaron Sorkin’s “Sports Night,” and “The Practice,” a popular legal drama from David E. Kelley.

## ***Sonny Fox***

Sonny Fox, who as the host of the children’s television show “Wonderama” presided over a four-hour combination of fun and learning on Sunday mornings from 1959 to 1967, died on Jan. 24 in Encino, CA. He was 95.

The show, which was taped before an audience of about 50 youngsters, became a dazzling mixture of cartoons, spelling bees, games, contests, dramatizations and magic. Reportedly, kids waited years for tickets to attend the show.

Later, he hosted “Let’s Take a Trip,” and briefly “The \$64,000 Challenge,” which was his undoing. He inadvertently uttered either all or part of the name Michelangelo to a contestant on a critical question about art. He was ousted, but was never found guilty of any wrongdoing. *The Times* said.

The impact of Mr. Fox’s time at “Wonderama” resonated for decades, in letters, emails and social media reminiscences from the grown-up children who had watched the show on TV.

## ***Naomi Levine***

Naomi Levine, who as executive director of the American Jewish Congress in the 1970s was the first woman to lead a major Jewish advocacy organization, and who later became instrumental in New York University’s expansion into a top-tier institution, died Jan. 14 at her home in West Palm Beach, FL. She was 97.

Ms. Levine joined the American Jewish Congress in the 1950s as a lawyer on its Commission on Law and Social Action. Often in partnership with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, she wrote briefs in decisive Supreme Court cases, including *Brown v. Board of Education*, which dismantled segregation in public schools, and *Sweatt v. Painter*, which successfully challenged the “separate but equal” doctrine established by *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

She served as executive director of the American Jewish Congress from 1972 to 1978, when she accepted a position at NYU. A decade-long \$1 billion fundraising campaign begun in 1985 was hailed as one of the most ambitious ever in higher education. Over two decades, she raised more than \$2 billion for the university and as much as \$300 million a year toward the end of her tenure in 2001.

## ***Ruth Dayan***

Ruth Dayan, the founder of Maskit, a fashion house that expressed her social justice ideals by employing the artistic traditions of Jewish immigrants and Arabs, died Feb. 5 at her home in Tel Aviv. The ex-wife of the Israeli soldier-statesman Moshe Dayan, she was 103.

Maskit had stores in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and sold Jewelry, housewares and textiles as well as modish clothing. You could find Maskit at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue. There were collaborations with Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Dior.



“Maskit was an aesthetic melting pot,” said Tal Amit, director and curator of the Rose Archive at the Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art in Ramat Gan, Israel. “It incorporated what Israel stood for, this mix of traditions and societies, and it all came together in one modern aesthetic.” The company closed in 1994.

### ***Shlomo Hillel***

Shlomo Hillel, a Baghdad-born Israeli operative who in the late 1940s and early ‘50s used bribes, fake visas, and a network of smugglers to move more than 120,000 Jews from Iraq to Israel, died Feb. 8 at his home in Ra’anana, Israel. He was 97.

Mr. Hillel was just 23 when the Haganah, a paramilitary organization sent him undercover to Iraq. There, disguised as an Arab, he helped smuggle small number of Jews to Israel in trucks. Later he devised a ways to smuggle thousands in an operation called Michaelberg. Using various other disguises and with the help of an Iraqi travel agency, he arranged 950 flights, called Operation Ezra and Nehemiah, with 124,000 Jews migrating to Israel.

In 1988, Mr. Hillel received the Israel Prize, the country’s highest civilian award. He served in the Knesset from 1952 to 1959, and then in diplomatic posts. He returned to the Knesset in 1969, was elected speaker in 1984, and stayed until he was defeated in 1992.

## **• COMMEMORATIONS •**

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- 1: Harold Michelson
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- 28: Mervin J. Goldin; Anna Katz

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31: Yafa L. Melamud; Sasha Victory

### **Anniversaries in March**

15: Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski  
16: Mitchell and Jennifer Berg

### **Birthdays in March**

1: Joseph Nadel  
5: Debra Riva  
10: Lawrence Rubin  
13: Noam Spar  
24: Mitchell Berg  
25: Elizabeth Friedmann

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](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com)

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On the front, our historic sanctuary; an acknowledgment of your generosity appears inside.



In times of celebration as well as those of sadness, a card to a family member or friend is a welcome expression of love. Purchase a Sunshine Card from the Sisterhood by calling Andrea Blaga, the shul's office assistant, at 631-477-0232. Relay your message to Andrea, and she will send a Sunshine Card, indicating that a donation has been made to the Sisterhood.

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](http://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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### Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, 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

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

<b><u>Commemoratives</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
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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