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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

Yiskor, 9:30 a.m.: April 4 Passover; May 17 Shavuot; Sept. 16 Yom Kippur; Sept. 28 Shemini Atzeret

### *Learning at our Shul*

Lunch and Learn: Mondays and Thursdays: May 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31, at noon, via Zoom

Hebrew class: Mondays, May 17, 24 and 31, at 4 p.m., via Zoom

### *Shul Events*

Ritual Committee: Mondays, May 10 and 24, at 10 a.m., via Zoom

Board of Directors meeting, Sunday, May 16, at 9 a.m., (presentation of the slate). via Zoom

Virtual Silent Auction, opening party, Sunday, May 16, 5 p.m.

Book Circle, Wednesday, May 19, at 1 p.m., via Zoom

Virtual Silent Auction, closing party, Sunday, May 23, 5 p.m.

Judaism and Art meeting, Monday, May 24, 7 p.m., via Zoom (note: new day and time)

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in May*

May 7: 7:40   May 14: 7:47   May 21: 7:54   May 28: 8:00

### *Dates to Remember*

Mothers' Day: Sunday, May 9

Shavuot: Monday, May 17

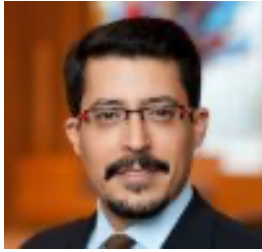
Lunar eclipse, "super blood moon," Wednesday, May 26

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31

Sunday, June 13, 9 and 10 a.m., Board/Congregation mtgs. (vote for officers), via Zoom

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## From The Rabbi...



### “The Grand Canyon of Angels”

For a long time, one of the top items on my bucket list was to climb down into the Grand Canyon. It was love of first sight 12 years ago, when I first visited, and again three years ago. On those visits, I was able to see the Canyon from the South Rim and then from the North Rim. But looking down, I wanted to deepen my relationship with the Canyon. There is something spiritual about this place. It could be the verse

Mimaamakim kra’aticha — one of the Penitential Psalms — “Out of the depth I called unto you Adonai. (Psalm 130)

There is nothing deeper in America than the Grand Canyon. Different nations or faiths satisfy the need for a pilgrimage in different ways and in different places. Americans use the Grand Canyon as a pilgrimage site. In Hebrew, the term pilgrimage is Aliya La’regel — ascent for the occasion — but regel also means foot. Something is incomplete in a spiritual ascent if it doesn’t involve a physical journey, as Abram and Sarai did before God awarded their names the letter H, thus becoming Abraham and Sarah. In fact, after the march with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1965 from Selma to Montgomery, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, said, “I felt like my feet were praying.”

What I knew for certain was that I couldn’t make the round trip in one day. I was hoping I could do it in two days, one climbing down and one climbing up. But to accomplish that required me to secure a place to spend the night at the bottom of the Canyon. This required booking at least two years in advance. The other option is to call the same morning and hope for a cancellation. And there was one.

I had a couple of hours to get ready and drive to the park. By the time I started the climb down the South Kaibab trail, it was already 2 p.m. I knew at that point I had only six hours to make it before dark. When it gets dark “in the depth,” it gets really dark. Since my days in the Israeli Army, I was used to long excursions up and down mountains, usually in the dark. Moreover, leading the pilgrimages to the Holy Land every year put me in the mindset of a walking expedition. But this was different. I was alone, and the territory was unfamiliar to me. I recited Psalm 23 — “...even if I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm because you are with me.” I was not afraid. It was not the first time I was alone with God.

Just after pitch dark, when no human or animal can be seen, I saw three glittering lights, like lightning bugs, coming down the mountain, followed by giggling voices. As they approached, I turned on my flashlight to signal my presence. I was leaning against a rock, letting my feet and my being rest. The lights and voices were three young women from New York City, of all places. At the time I was talking to God, he was already sending me his angels. Ki Malachaiv yetzave lach lishmorcha bechol derachecha — He [God] will charge His angels for you, to protect you in all your ways. The three “Charlie’s Angels” insisted on walking with me for the last hour, until I got to my room.

The next day, I started up a different trail — The Bright Angel. There I met other angels. I wasn’t sure I’d be able to make it all the way up in one day. When I arrived at the midpoint, Indian Garden, I knew I would have to spend the night there. The park provided me with a tent and a mattress. But because I didn’t have a reservation, I would have to camp by myself in an outside section. A family I’d met earlier on the trail happened to camp there as well. When they saw me, they invited me to pitch my tent among them, and they offering me a warm-cooked dinner.

On the third day, I tried to be someone else’s angel. It was to be an eight-hour climb in intense heat. I was not in a hurry. I had learned my lessons — drink, snack, and rest intermittently. But I noticed a man who was struggling. I decided to accompany him the rest of the way, and we became a team. We would do it together, and together we finally made it. It was a victory — a victory of the body, the spirit, and the camaraderie. The Grand Canyon of angels.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

## From The President...



“Hey Google...”

From the isolation of the pandemic, new patterns of behavior have emerged in my life. There is still the vitality of relationships, even though occurring electronically, also Shabbat services with fellow congregants Zooming into the sanctuary to make a minyan. And then there are the Zoom family gatherings for celebrations and games and, yes, sometimes just to exchange ideas. Peppered through all of it are endless emails, texts, phone calls and meetings — powered by the mobile device with the red cover that never leaves my side.

There is also a new sound in my life. It is the voice that emanates from any of four Google nests in my house — appropriately respectful, unfailingly responsive, and even humorous at times. “Hey, Google...what time is it?” That’s a silly, easy question. It is the complicated ones that illicit the best and most unexpected and sometimes hilarious responses. “Hey, Google...why?”

Will these changes in our pandemic lifestyle become the new normal? Do we go back to pre-pandemic patterns — no longer worried about getting too close, too many people, too many masks or too few? Or do we move on, taking with us our changed lifestyle patterns? Do we forget “Hey, Google?” I think not. I think we are more likely to integrate those patterns of the pandemic into a clever new normal.

We are already doing just that at CTI. We have expended considerable creative energy to evolve our pandemic-minted virtual programs — Lunch and Learn, Shul Schmooze, services, meetings, and a new community art program soon to launch called “Echoes of the Pandemic” — into future hybrid experiences. We sought creative solutions for our shul, meshing the in-person/virtual engagement dilemma for the time when our shul doors will reopen.

And what about us? Our new normal? Will there still be a place for “Hey Google” in a hybrid existence? I think so.

—Judith K. Weiner

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### ‘Lunch and Learn’ Wants You



Lunch and Learn is breathlessly trying to keep up with the talents, services, interests, hobbies, ideas, exploits, adventures and passions of our members — and even our members’ children. Our shul’s Lunch and Learn program debuted on Zoom, at noon, on Monday, April 20, 2020, when Ron Rothman talked to us about his grandfather’s friendship with Albert Einstein. We haven’t missed a Monday since. Whew!

But we may have missed some of the talents, services, interests, hobbies, ideas, exploits, adventures and passions of our members. So, we’re asking all of you with talents, services, interests, ideas, exploits, adventures and passions to please get in touch with Sara Bloom, the Sol Hurok of our shul’s Lunch and Learn program so that your talents, services, interests, ideas, exploits, adventures and passions can be shared with our Lunch and Learn audience.

Also, it has been suggested that we do a Lunch and Learn on this topic: second careers, second acts. Have you retired from your “day job” and moved on to something new? Maybe a new job, a new hobby, back to school, something that brings you joy. Lunch and Learn would like to hear from you.

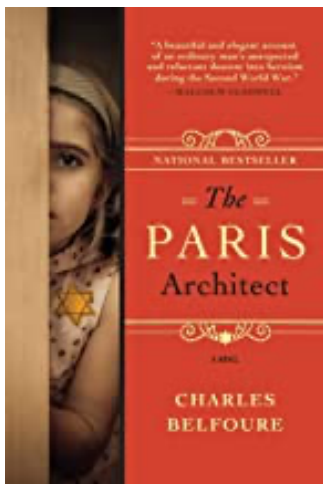
Please respond to Sara Bloom: [sbblazer@hotmail.com/](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com/).

## Oculus: Eye On Art



This month's Oculus column features two acrylics on paper, each 9.5 x 13.75, by Hedy Campeas, a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group. As the artist explained, "Last autumn, Graham and I drove through a mighty nor'easter for his doctor appointment. Due to the pandemic, I waited alone in the car, and watched in awe as gale winds washed twisted streams of water over the windshield. Figures of people fragmented as they struggled from car to office. Trees split into blobs of green and gray. The words of the brief seasonal prayer from the Amidah floated into my mind. 'He makes the winds blow and the rains descend.' From time immemorial, the people of Israel have depended on winter rains and summer dew for survival. The power of these words inspired these two paintings."

## In Book Circle Selection, Architect Foils Nazis With Ingenious Shelters



The next meeting of the Book Circle will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 1 p.m., on the synagogue's Zoom. The May selection is *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure.

In this book, a gifted architect begins a secret life of resistance by devising ingenious hiding places for Jews in WWII Paris — spaces so invisible that even the most determined German officers won't find them.

What started as a place for one Jewish man escalated into hiding more souls and saving more lives as WWII rages on. He does it first for the money, but then for the opportunity to outwit the Nazis, who have occupied his beloved city. Alas, all does not go smoothly.

For more information about the selection and the Book Circle group, call the shul at 631-477-0232, and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.



## Shul's Gift Shop Restocks Wine Cups, Mezuzahs For Gift-Giving



A sure sign of readying our shul for an eventual reopening is the recent restocking of the Gift Shop. A quick look by the “proprietor” revealed a few insufficiencies in the merchandise offerings, most noticeably among the Kiddish/wine cups. Only one left. Yikes! Five new designs will appeal to all likes and table décor. Purchased at the same time, a few new mezuzahs — always popular items for gift giving.

As you can see from the photo, the wine cups are elegantly rendered, mostly in easy-care pewter (smooth or hammered) in various heights and weights, plus one beauty in silverplate. All are affordably priced. Two of the mezuzas are brass, and two are enameled with gemstone insets.

The Gift Shop carries useful items for all Jewish holidays, plus a variety of gifts, including jewelry, books, picture frames, hamsas, serving platters, yarmulkas, Torah pointers (yads), mezuzahs in various sizes and designs, including for baby and children’s rooms, mezuzah scrolls, holiday and Havdallah candles, candlesticks and memorial candle holders. Special orders accepted.

For information and purchases, call the shul and leave a message for Sara Bloom. Prompt replies promised.

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## Plans Underway For Our Virtual Silent Auction. What Can You Donate?



Remember the fun we had last year at the opening party of the Virtual Silent Auction? What a blast! Bids were swarming faster than our busy bee coordinators could monitor and, in the end, every single item sold. Donors and bidders alike were happy, and the shul reaped the rewards of a successful fundraiser. And guess what: We’re doing it again!

### Opening party is Sunday, May 16, at 5 p.m.

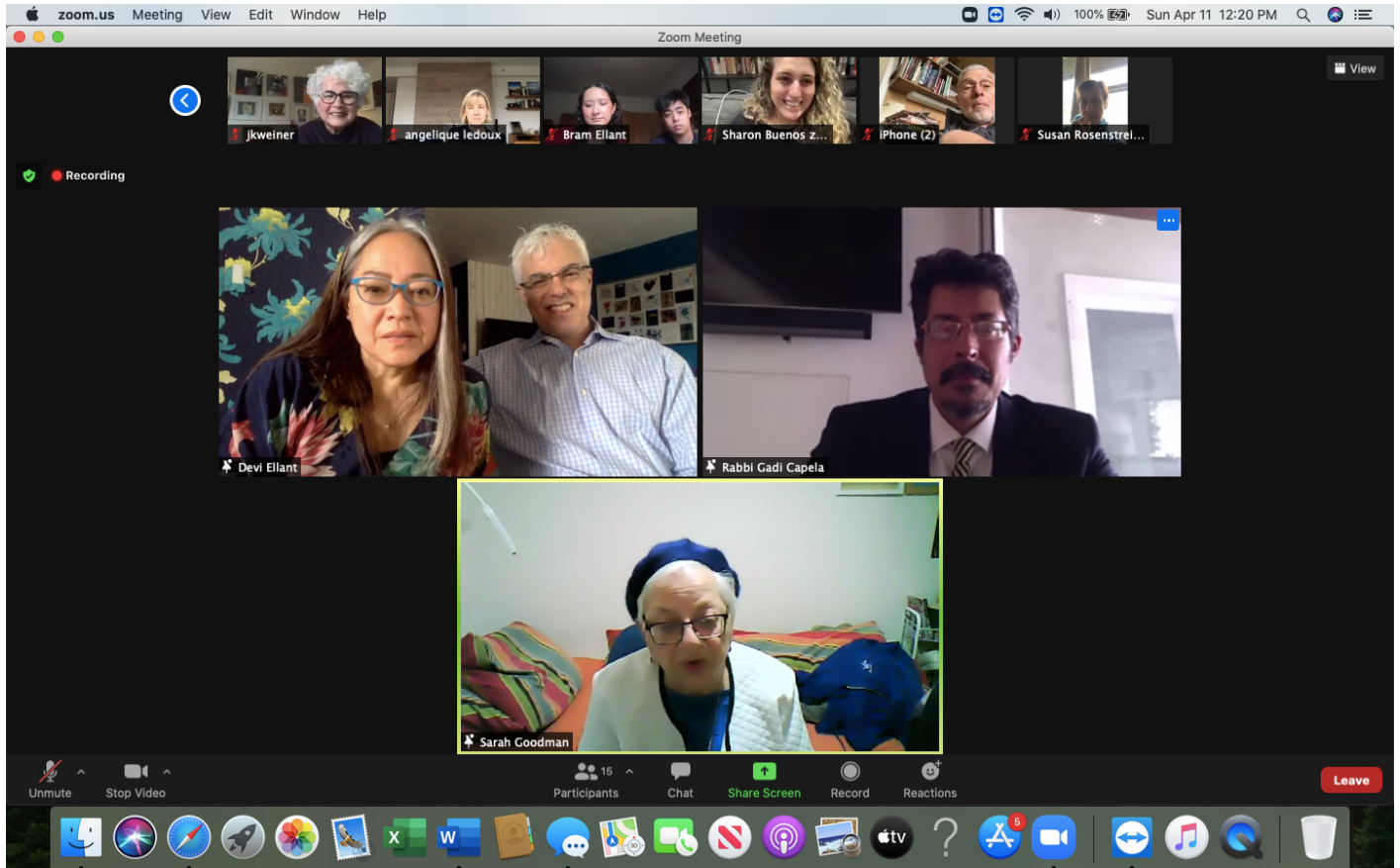
What items or services can you donate? How about Zoom lessons for music, arts and crafts, exercise classes? Maybe a sail on your boat, dinner at your home, works of art, wine, hotel points, airline miles. Here’s how to donate:

- Take a photo of the items and write brief descriptions of items and/or services.
- Email the photos, descriptions, value of each, and your contact information to the auctions chairs: Madelyn Rothman ([madelyn765@aol.com](mailto:madelyn765@aol.com)) or Tom Byrne ([drtombyrne@me.com](mailto:drtombyrne@me.com))

### Email Donations no later than Sunday, May 9.

- Information on how to bid is coming soon. Watch your email inbox.
- Need help? Call Madelyn at 631-559-2816 or email [madelyn765@aol.com/](mailto:madelyn765@aol.com/).

## Shul Officers Invited To Attend Zikaron BaSalon Zoom Event



The Zikaron BaSalon organization (memories in the living room) encourages families to host events to commemorate the Holocaust. This year, shul friends Devi and Jonathan Ellant and their children hosted a Zoom event on Sunday, April 11, and invited Rabbi Gadi and officers of the shul to hear Holocaust survivor Sarah Goodman recount her riveting story of escape at the outset of WWII and the Holocaust. Following the testimony, poems, songs, discussion, candlelighting, and a meditation by Rabbi Gadi were offered. Screen shot by Sara Bloom

## Shul's 'Judaism and the Arts' Group Opens To New Members

Join Us!

Are you interested in the arts? Do you enjoy lively conversation that explores the creative process? Are you inspired to discover new relationships and connections between the arts and Judaic teachings and culture?

The shul's Judaism and Art group is widening its scope to include practitioners of all the visual and performing arts as well as those who enjoy and appreciate the arts. The group

has a new name — Judaism and the Arts — but the themes to explore the arts and relate to their content are consistent with J&A's original mission.

Maybe you draw or paint. Maybe you play or compose music. Maybe you dance, or act or write, attend the theater or take in a good movie on a Sunday afternoon. Whatever your talent, whatever your interest, Judaism and the Arts invites you to join Rabbi Gadi and the like minds you will find within the J&A group for presentations of individual work and a spirited exchange of ideas.

The next meeting is Monday evening, May 24, at 7, on Zoom. Call Saul Rosenstreich (516-987-3391) or Judy Weiner (631-553-7132) to attend the meeting and join the conversation. (Note new day and time.)

Submitted by Saul Rosenstreich

## Tikkun Olam Group Continues Efforts To Repair Our World

The shul's Tikkun Olam group has been working with CAST (Community Action Southold Town) on projects to help the organization's clients during this difficult time, when Covid has made day-to-day living much more difficult. Here's what's been happening in the last month:

- The second batch of 60 chickens has been delivered and distributed;
- 36 boxes of much-needed diapers are now available at CAST;
- The seedlings planted last month are developing, and will be transplanted to Common Ground, where they will be nurtured for donations to CAST. Will you grow a row of veggies for CAST?

As always, Tikkun Olam welcomes any donations to augment the efforts of the group. Members are Veronica Kaliski, Suzi Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman and Cookie Slade. For information, call the shul at 631-477-0232, and leave a message for any of the women. And thanks for helping...

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## Various Jewish Languages Attest To Itinerant Jewish Communities



When the ancient Israelites were slaves in Egypt, they assimilated into Egyptian society — with three key exceptions: They never lost their distinctive Jewish mode of dress, they maintained their Jewish names, and they kept their Jewish language. These three features enabled them to hold on to their Jewish identity.

Scattered far and wide, Jewish communities have carved out distinctive languages, often keeping them apart from the larger non-Jewish communities surrounding them. Dr. Mary Connertey, a teaching professor

emeritus at Penn State Behrend, explained to Aish.com, an online resource for Jewish content, that “Anywhere Jews have lived, they have created their own language.”

Here are six Jewish languages that helped to preserve their communities through the years:

### Yiddish

Yiddish evolved among Jewish communities in Slavic and Germanic-speaking lands in the Middle Ages, incorporating German, Hebrew, Aramaic, Slavic and other language elements. It was widely spoken in central and eastern European communities from the early Middle Ages and continues to be spoken today in Jewish communities in Europe, Israel, and in North and South America.

### Ladino [pictured]

Ladino, variously called Judeo-Spanish, Judezmo, Judio, Jidio, or Spanyolit, is a language that has been spoken by Sephardi Jews around the world for generations. It has its origins in Medieval Spain, where the country's large, vibrant Jewish community developed a unique way of speaking, blending Hebrew and some Arabic words with Medieval Spanish. Today, Ladino is still spoken by thousands of mostly elderly Jews.

### Yevanic

Jews living in the northern regions of Greece developed their own language called Yevanic, also known as Judeo-Greek. The area was home to Romaniote Jews, who traced their origin to Jews from the ancient Byzantine empire.



The name Yevanic derives from the Hebrew word for Greece: Yavan. Yevanic contained many Greek words and also incorporated Hebrew, Arabic and Italian. A pocket of Yevanic speakers exists in Turkey, and some in Iran, perhaps only a few hundred worldwide. Today, the language is kept alive by a few families in Jerusalem and New York — and by scholars who continue to research Yevanic and other still-existing Jewish languages.

### **Bukharian**

For generations, Bukharian Jews lived in scattered communities across Central Asia, primarily in present day Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. They trace their history back to Biblical times, when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia conquered ancient Israel, destroying the first Jewish Temple in Jerusalem in 587 BCE, and exiled many Jews north into Babylonia.

Although many Jews returned to Jerusalem and other Jewish lands, some Jews remained in exile, migrating even farther north into Central Asia. These Jews were sometimes known as Bukharian Jews because many lived under the reign of the Emir of Bukhara. Today, more than 200,000 Bukharian Jews live in Israel and also in the United States. While Bukharian is no longer widely spoken, many older Bukharian Jews continue to remember and speak this distinctive Jewish language.

### **Judeo-Arabic**

Distinct forms of Arabic spoken by Jewish communities in the Middle East began to evolve as early as the 8th century. Judeo-Arabic is considered a “language variety” rather than a fully distinct language, heard today in parts of Yemen, the Maghreb, Iraq, and Egypt. Judeo-Arabic dialects incorporate Hebrew and Aramaic words, and sometimes older Arabic words that have fallen out of use.

Some of the most notable works of Jewish literature were written in Judeo-Arabic. Judah Halevi (1075-1141), for instance “composed his 12th-century classic work, *The Kuzari* (*Kitab al-Xazari*), in Judeo-Arabic, the language of the educated Jewish classes. Maimonides wrote his classic Jewish work, *Guide for the Perplexed*, in Judeo-Arabic

### **Judeo-Italian**

In the Middle Ages, Italian Jews developed a unique mode of speaking known today by scholars as Judeo-Italian. Written in Hebrew letters, Judeo-Italian flourished after Jews were confined to small ghettos.

Since Italian Jews were so restricted in the Middle Ages, the language traditions they developed were intensely local. What the Jews spoke and wrote was mainly the dialect spoken in their places of residence, so we speak of Judeo-Roman, Judeo-Piedmontese, Judeo-Venetian, etc.

Beginning in the Renaissance, Judaic languages in Italian became more Italianized; soon they were simply dialects of local forms of Italian. Although no speakers of Judeo-Italian remain in Italy, a movement among some younger Jews in Rome wants to revive Judeo-Italian and its traditions.

### **Languages reflect history**

Today, most of these Jewish languages — and other yet smaller and lesser known Jewish languages — are considered endangered, their native speakers aging and dwindling. In part, this abandonment of traditional Jewish languages reflects the robust state of Israel as the homeland of the world’s Jewish communities.

As Jews have moved to Israel from across the globe, their children grow up conversing in Hebrew. In some cases, Jews have abandoned their traditional languages, owing to a decrease in anti-Semitic activity with Jews allowed to socialize and educate their children in the dominant language of their native country.

But these various Jewish languages reflect the history of our ancestors around the world. The poetry, songs, sayings and writings in Jewish languages are a crucial record of how our ancestors lived; they are a tribute to the rich Jewish lives our forebears led.

—Excerpted from an article published in *Aish.com*/February 2021  
Submitted to *The Shofar* by Ken Stein



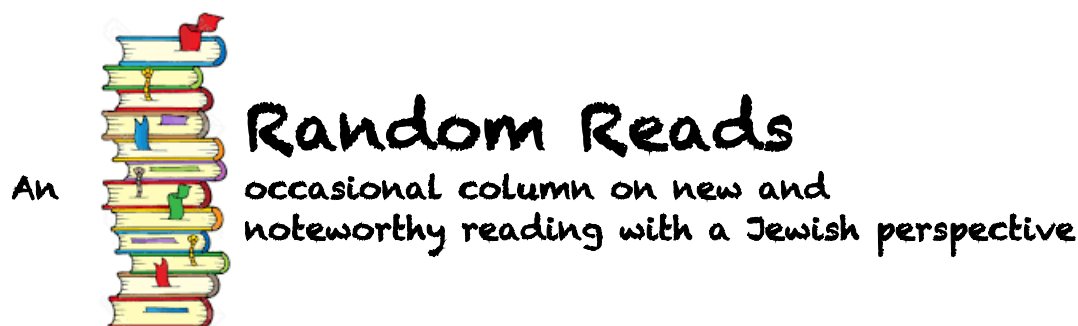
## Spielberg Launches Foundation To Fund Jewish-Themed Documentaries

Steven Spielberg has launched a film foundation called Jewish Story Partners to fund documentaries that “tell stories about a diverse spectrum of Jewish experiences, histories and cultures.”

The new entity is funded by the Righteous Persons Foundation, which Spielberg and his actress wife Kate Capshaw founded after Spielberg’s experience making “Schindler’s List” in 1993. Two Jewish philanthropies, the Maimonides Fund and the Jim Joseph Foundation, have also contributed funds.

The organization, which starts with \$2 million, will soon announce its first round of grantees, who will receive \$500,000 in total this year. It is already taking applications for a second round of grants, and says it hopes to ramp up its funding over time.

Spielberg’s Righteous Persons Foundation has funded a range of Jewish initiatives beyond the film world, including the USC Shoah Foundation, which has created an archive of recorded Holocaust survivor testimonies. Spielberg is also a recent recipient of the Genesis Prize, which is given to “extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values.” Spielberg intends to donate his \$1 million prize earnings along with \$1 million of his own to 10 different organizations fighting for racial and economic justice.



- **Antiquities**, Cynthia Ozick

From one of our most preeminent writers, a tale that captures the shifting meanings of the past, and how our experiences color those meanings. Antisemitism, family heritage, and an exotic encounter add up to one of Ozick’s most wondrous tales.

- **In Sight: My Life in Science and Biotech**, Julia Levy

Love of science and discovery are the driving forces behind this memoir by a celebrated scholar and biotech CEO, who tolerated gender bias in order to achieve academic and professional recognition. Relive the hurdles faced by women in the scientific community.

- **Justice, Justice Thou Shalt Pursue**, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Amanda L. Tyler

Learn the details of Justice Ginsburg’s family life and long career, including briefs and oral arguments, speeches, and opinions she wrote (many in dissent). Each document was chosen by Ginsburg and Tyler to tell the story of the litigation strategy and optimistic vision that were at the heart of Ginsburg’s unwavering commitment to the achievement of “a more perfect union.”

- **Never Alone**, Natan Sharansky

Arrested by the KGB for political activism, Sharansky reveals how his years in prison, many spent in harsh solitary confinement, prepared him for a public life after his release. His story is suffused with reflections from his time as a political prisoner to his insights regarding Israel and the Middle East, and his passionate efforts to unite the Jewish people.

• **Philip Roth: The Biography**, Blake Bailey

Appointed by Roth and granted independence and complete access, Blake Bailey spent years poring over Roth's personal archive, interviewing his friends, lovers, and colleagues, and engaging Roth himself in candid conversations. The result is an indelible portrait of an American master and the postwar literary scene. Front page choice in the April 11 "Book Review" section of *The New York Times*.

## Nu? Vos Iz Dos? Yiddish Language Ups Its Credibility

Suddenly, Yiddish is everywhere. The language of mostly European Jews has migrated to all corners of the globe, yet has been largely contained within urban communities of elderly Jews. Until now.

It seems appropriate that *The Forward*, that venerable vestige of early Jewish immigration, would join the 21st century with a Yiddish column, hosted by Rukhl Schaechter ([Forward.com/Yiddish](http://Forward.com/Yiddish)) in its new online version. Talk about mixing the old and the new. And now Duolingo, a popular language-learning platform, has launched a Yiddish course, and reportedly about 10,000 have already signed up to learn not only the words and expressions, but even the grammar. Who knew Yiddish had grammar? And then there's the Yiddish Book Center, which has just released a new multimedia Yiddish textbook. Yes, indeed, Yiddish has upped its cred.

But get this — Oy, ikh ken nisht gloybn es — none other than Yale University, that bastion of Ivy League learning, is planning to launch beginner Yiddish classes this fall, allowing students to fulfill their language requirements with Yiddish, including readings of love songs, poetry, folktales and, ver veyst?, maybe even tweets. To put an academic spin on the news, Maurice Samuels, chair of Yale's Judaic Studies program, explained that "Yale is a center for the study of Jewish history and the Holocaust, and Yiddish is central to those disciplines."

## The Yiddish Are Coming. The Yiddish are Coming...



A few seasons ago on a Sunday afternoon, shul member Adrienne Greenberg organized a Yiddish workshop that our members raved about. "What fun." "Let's do this again." "I want to learn more."

And then Covid...

Nevertheless, according to Adrienne, "There's been a resurgence of interest in the Yiddish language, partly based on a fear that the "mama loshen" (mother tongue) of many Eastern European Jews may disappear." Not if

Adrienne can help it, it won't. Adrienne submitted the following for your enjoyment.

"Did you, like me, watch 'Shtisel' on Netflix, and kvel (proudly smile) if you were able to understand any of the Yiddish without reading the English subtitles? Maybe you know the translations of these common Yiddish words: bubbe (grandmother); zeyde (grandfather); mamele/tatele/bubele (affectionate references); ziskayt (sweet); zoftik (chubby); punim (face, often squeezed by your aunt when seeing you); chutzpah (nerve); bissel (a little); faklemp (mixed up). People often confuse schlemial with schlimozzel; here's the difference: a schlemiel stupidly causes an accident; a schlimozzel is the victim. (A schlemiel spills soup all over a schlimozzel.)

What fun Yiddish words and phrases do you know? Submit to [info@tiferethisrael.com](mailto:info@tiferethisrael.com), and watch next month's issue of *The Shofar* for more Yiddishisms.

## Greece Assumes Rotating Presidency Of A Global Holocaust Alliance

Greece has assumed the rotating presidency of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for one year, taking over the position from Germany. The Greek foreign ministry said in a statement that the country “is deeply committed to promoting the IHRA’s work, which is key to keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive.” A number of events will be held to educate younger generations and society as a whole so that the meaning of the Holocaust is upheld, and that a Holocaust is never repeated, the statement said.

## Mark Your Calendars For The Red Moon Eclipse On May 26



Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, May 26, for a total lunar eclipse or “blood moon.” This incredible phenomenon occurs when the sun, Earth and the full moon are perfectly aligned so that the moon enters Earth’s umbral shadow in space. It will occur close to the moon’s perigee — the closest it gets to Earth in its monthly orbit. View it in our area just before sunrise. The moon turns reddish during the event because the only light on the lunar surface is filtered by Earth’s atmosphere, which can scatter blue light, but not red light. [Getty Images]



Israel's 73rd Independence Day at Mount Herzl, April 14. Yonatan Sindel/Flash 90

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### ***Elie Kligman***

Elie Kligman is a switch-hitter with power. He has pitched no-hitters and immaculate innings, and he can snatch the ball with cool precision from any spot in the infield. He is a star in every way at Cimarron-Memorial High School in Las Vegas, with dreams of reaching even greater heights. He is also shomer Shabbas and will not play ball on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons before the sun goes down, *The New York Times* said.

Based on talent and desire, Kligman is good enough to realistically entertain his dream of playing Major League Baseball, or at least top level college ball. But he knows his devotion to his faith could shatter that dream before it starts, and he is ready to accept that.

Even if a big league team were to offer him a \$10 million signing bonus, with the promise that he would be playing in front of 40,000 people later this summer — provided he agrees to play on the sabbath — he insists he would stand firm in his conviction.

“No,” Kligman said, when asked if he could be enticed to break his religious obligations. “That day of Shabbas is for God. I’m not going to change that.”

### ***Lee Zeldin***

Lee Zeldin, a Republican from Long Island, has announced that he plans to run for Governor of New York in 2022, opposing Democrat Andrew Cuomo, who is serving his third term as Governor. Cuomo has come under fire in recent weeks for questions alleging mismanagement of nursing-home residents in connection with Covid-19 infections and numbers of deaths and also inappropriate behavior toward several women.

Zeldin was sworn in for his fourth term as a member of the House of Representatives in January. He represents New York’s 1st Congressional District encompassing central and eastern Suffolk County, including the North and South Forks of Long Island.

## • OBITUARIES •

### ***Robert Hershon***

Robert Hershon, a poet who as a founder of Hanging Loose Press, furthered the careers of countless other poets, died on March 20 at a hospital in Brooklyn. He was 84.

Mr. Hershon published more than a dozen collections of his own poems, works that could be amusing, touching or both. He was also godfather of sorts to many younger poets through Hanging Loose Press, a publication so informal that its editorial meetings were held in McSorley’s, an East Village bar, *The New York Times* said.

Hershon felt it should be the mission of small literary presses to discover and champion new voices...otherwise “What’s the point of their existence,” he said. “His preference was for poetry that didn’t take itself too seriously, but was energetic and inventive in both form and language; nothing pompous or stuffy or smelling of the library,” said the poet Mark Pawlak.

### ***Lois Kirschenbaum***

For more than a half century, nearly every prominent singer to perform at the Metropolitan Opera could expect to be approached backstage afterward by a wispy woman wearing thick eyeglasses, who held piles of memorabilia to be autographed while she praised the performance in a raspy Brooklyn accent.



This was Lois Kirschenbaum, one of New York's biggest and longest-standing opera buffs and a nightly staple at the opera since the late 1950s.

Few operatic performances took place at the Met without being observed by Ms. Kirschenbaum, usually from a seat in the uppermost balcony. And few prominent singers went home without signing numerous items for Ms. Kirschenbaum, who had befriended some of the world's most famous opera singers, from Beverly Sills to Plácido Domingo.

Ms. Kirschenbaum died March 27 at a hospital in Manhattan. She was 88.

### ***Phyllis Marchand***

Phyllis L. Marchand, the former mayor of Princeton, NJ, died March 25, at 81, at her home in Princeton. Mrs. Marchand was a public official in Princeton Township for 22 years and was appointed mayor for 13 nonconsecutive one-year terms. That made her the township's longest-serving chief executive, according to records dating to 1900, and earned her the unofficial title "mayor for life" until she retired in 2008.

She was widely known throughout central New Jersey for her energetic involvement in issues like affordable housing, the arts, social services, women's rights, Jewish education and land preservation. She was severely criticized, however, for instituting a program to reduce the deer population that was running rampant and causing accidents. Critics said shooting was cruel, and that other methods to cull the birth rate were more humane. In the end, the program reduced collisions between deer and vehicles by 40 percent and, two decades later, the town is still using the services of the original contractor.

### ***Yehuda Ben-Yishay***

Yehuda Ben-Yishay, a psychologist whose experience working with wounded Israeli soldiers led him to make pioneering advances in treating traumatic brain injuries, died March 14 at the NYU Langone Health hospital in Manhattan. He was 88. His discoveries helped countless patients return to some semblance of the life they led before they were injured.

Before Dr. Ben-Yishay developed what he called holistic cognitive therapy in the 1970s, most scientists thought the adult brain was immutable, and that serious injuries — and the behavioral changes that resulted — were permanent.

Working at Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Health, Dr. Ben Yishay proved that functions like attention, memory and behavior could be strengthened or compensated for in recovering patients. His program has become the gold standard for treating brain injuries, inspiring similar programs worldwide.

### ***Bernard Madoff***



Bernard Madoff, whose name became synonymous with financial fraud, died while serving a 150-year sentence in Federal prison. He was 82. His death on April 14 at the Federal Medical Center in the prison in Butner, NC, was confirmed by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

In February 2020, Madoff petitioned the courts for an early release from prison, stating that he had terminal kidney failure and a life expectancy of less than 18 months. But the U.S. Attorney's office for the southern district of New York said Madoff's crime was "unprecedented in scope and magnitude" and is "sufficient reason" to deny Madoff's request. Madoff was the mastermind behind a \$20 billion Ponzi scheme — the largest financial fraud in history.

Irving Picard, the court-appointed trustee charged with recovering assets stolen by Madoff from his investors, had recovered \$14.4 billion as of March of this year, distributing most of it to Madoff's victims.

## ***Howard Weitzman***

Howard Weitzman, an entertainment lawyer whose client list bristled with the names of some of the nation's most famous and infamous celebrities, died April 7 at his home in the Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles. He was 81.

In a career spanning five decades, Mr. Weitzman was the lead attorney in more than 300 civil and criminal jury trials, representing more than 1,000 people, including Marlon Brando, Magic Johnson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Justin Bieber, Ozzy Osbourne, Morgan Freeman and Britney Spears. He also represented major motion picture studios as well as the powerhouse talent agencies William Morris, ICM and CAA. He had a reputation as a fixer, and was often ranked as one of the most influential lawyers in the country.

For all his showmanship in the courtroom, Mr. Weitzman opted out of what the media called the trial of the century: the case against O.J. Simson. Mr. Weitzman had accompanied Mr. Simpson to a police interview after the murders, but in less than 48 hours, he dropped out, saying he was too busy. After the trial and the not guilty verdict, Mr. Weitzman took the unusual step of saying that the jury had reached the wrong conclusion. He said he had no regrets about not participating in the spectacle.

## ***Frank Jacobs***



Frank Jacobs, an inventive satirist who in his 57 years at *Mad* magazine mocked popular culture and politics, often in pitch-perfect verse and lyrics, died April 5 in Tarzana, CA. he was 91.

Mr. Jacobs brought a quick wit, a deep well of ideas, and a love of rhyming to *Mad* in 1957, becoming one of that smart-alecky humor magazine's most prolific contributors, especially during the 1960s and '70s, when it was at the peak of its irreverence and its cultural influence. He wrote nearly 600 pieces for the magazine; numerous *Mad* paperbacks, and a biography of the magazine's founding publisher, whom he described as "the last of the great fat eccentrics." [Jack Davis illustration]

## **• COMMEMORATIONS •**

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 10: Elaine Goldman  
 13: Lewis Teperman, M.D.  
 18: Roberta Kaplan  
 23: Rochelle Garmise  
 25: Paul Nadel; Alexander Novick  
 28: Aidan Carter

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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- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
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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.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
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- **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.
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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.  
Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers.

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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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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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