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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 from the sanctuary Saturday at sundown to Sunday at sunset, July 17-18: Tisha B'Av Yiskor: Sept. 16 Yom Kippur; Sept. 28 Shemini Atzeret

## Learning at our Shul

Lunch and Learn: Suspended through the summer and the High Holidays Hebrew class: Mondays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 4 p.m., via Zoom

## Shul Events

Sunday, June 27: Journal meeting, 10 a.m., via Zoom Monday, June 28: Judaism and the Arts meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom [Wednesday, June 30: EEJCC Zoom open meeting on anti-Semitism, 7 p.m., ID 945 492 769; Code 496419] Mondays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26: Ritual Committee, at 10 a.m., via Zoom Sunday, July 18, Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., via Zoom Wednesday, July 21: Book Circle, 1 p.m., via Zoom Monday, July 26: Judaism and the Arts meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom

## Lighting Shabbat Candles in July

July 2: 8:13 July 9: 8:11 July 16: 8:07 July 23: 8:02 July 30: 7:55

## Dates to Remember

Sunday, July 4: Independence Day Thursday, July 15: Launch the Virtual Journal Friday, August 6: Restricted opening of the shul; more information to come Saturday, August 21: Bar Mitzvah Dylan Ellant

## (Submission deadline for the August 2021 issue of *The Shofar*: July 20) From The Rabbi...



"Walking While Jewish"

On May 25, many Black communities and their supporters commemorated the oneyear anniversary of the death of George Floyd. I participated in the local candlelight vigil at the Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Greenport. It was a wellorganized and respectful gathering, presided over by Pastor Natalie R. Wimberly. It included several local clergy, a mufti, and Christian and Muslim lay leaders. The

charge by Pastor Natalie was "The time is now for uncommon courage." She added that we should never stand idly by, that we should mention the victims' names, not forget them. "Say my name, say her name, say his name, say our name," she called out.

The vigil took place just a couple of weeks after I had returned from my trip, driving almost 13,000 miles across America. Seeing police all over the country, I often thought about the expression, "Driving while Black." How awful it is for someone to have this feeling of constant exposure and vulnerability. I thought of my relationship with God. As a faithful man, I don't want to be afraid of God; I am in awe of God. Similarly, I don't want to be afraid of the police; I want to respect them. We need the police, of course, and we need them to be confident. The police should see themselves in us and we should see ourselves in them. They shouldn't see anyone as "the other," and we shouldn't see them as "others." It is a vast and beautiful country. One of the reasons it is beautiful is because of its godly diversity.

The vigil happened to coincide also with the conflict in Israel and the Guardian of the Walls Operation. I suspected that a connection would be made between the two, just as I had heard had happened in similar gatherings. At the end, as it was starting to get dark, windy, and chilly, Habeed Ahmed, chair of the Islamic Center of Long Island's Board of Trustees, spoke. Quickly, he drew a parallel between what he perceived as the oppression of Blacks in America and the Palestinians in Israel. This, of course, is an ignorant, offensive, and dangerous comparison. It is *ignorant* because it is a different conflict, impossible to judge from afar, as impossible as making a judgment based on a person's external look or skin color. It is *offensive* because educated Jews, who largely support Israel and the historic and current struggle of Jews to live peacefully in their land, also support the Black outcry of injustice in this country. And it is *dangerous* because this false parallel has provoked acts of anti-Semitism in streets across America—from NY to LA.

I spoke last, to chant Psalm 23 and make a few comments. Pastor Natalie's call for *"uncommon courage"* resonated with me. Something had to be said. I began by sharing my thoughts about what it would be like to "drive while Black," also our journey through Birmingham, our visit to the site where four girls were killed in the 16th Street bombing of the Baptist Church in 1963, our drive from Selma to Montgomery, and our walk with my friend, the Rev. Jerria Martin, across the same bridge where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel locked arms in 1965 during the Civil Rights protests. We visited those sites to show our support, even six decades later. Seventy percent of non-Black supporters of the Civil Rights Movements were Jews, among them, the current Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet's own parents.

It is a welcome development, finally, to make Juneteenth a national holiday, to commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S., and the 700,000 who lost their lives in this battle. We should denounce prejudice in any form — anti-Jewish, anti-Black, anti-any particular group. In the words of Dr. King, "Injustice somewhere is injustice everywhere." It was important for me to reiterate that Jews identify with this discrimination out of their own struggles, that there are always reasons to hate Jews and Blacks if one is looking to hate. All of us need to understand that we are in this together.

I concluded my remarks at the vigil by saying that I am visibly Jewish because of the yarmulke I wear. Many Jews now are afraid to be visibly Jewish, that all of us should be outraged at the surging anti-Semitic violence. Let us not allow this country to become a place where it would be dangerous to be "walking while Jewish."

May the light of this summer shine upon all of us, **From The President...** 



Yoo Hoo...this is the last call for your 2021 Virtual Journal ad to celebrate our extraordinary honoree — the inimitable, indomitable Sara Bloom. Past President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, current Vice President and Lunch and Learn Queen. And lest you forget our shul gem, just monitor your inbox at the end of each month for Sara's award-winning monthly newsletter, *The Shofar*. This year marks the confluence of two unique opportunities to celebrate in one

electronic journal moment — Sara Bloom and the 120th birthday of Tifereth

Israel. So click this link www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org/journal and join the celebration. Remember that revenue from our journal supports more than a third of our annual budget. Your ad matters!

Your support of the journal and your commitment to our shul make it possible to grow our membership with innovative services and programs. Are we pragmatists or opportunists? Perhaps both. In this changed world, we are opening new territory for our venerable institution.

Yoo-hoo...make our last call your first call today.

-Judith K. Weiner

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

## Slate of Officers For 2021-2022 Sworn In At June 13 Congregation Meeting



At the June 13 Congregation meeting, Recording Secretary Joanna Paulsen cast one vote for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Rochelle Garmise, assisted by Paul Nadel and Dede Whitsit. Serving for a oneyear term are, top row, from left, Judith K. Weiner, President; Sara Bloom, Vice President; Joanna Paulsen, Recording Secretary; Elaine Goldman, Corresponding Secretary. Middle row, from left, Adrianne Greenberg, Sisterhood representative; Miriam Gabriel, Member at Large; Hedvah Campeas Cohen, outgoing Member at Large; Tom Byrne, Men's Club representative; Madelyn Rothman, Member at Large. Bottom row, from left, Susan Rosenstreich, Financial Secretary; Alan Garmise, Treasurer; Rabbi Gadi, attending by invitation; Ann Hurwitz, Member at Large.

Screen shot by Sara Bloom

# Is Your Ad Included In The Virtual Journal? Time Is Running Out...

The 2021 Virtual Journal will launch this month. Is your ad included? Please keep in mind that the Virtual Journal is a major fundraising undertaking for our shul, representing more than a third of our operating budget. The Virtual Journal invites members, friends and local vendors to celebrate our synagogue's now 120th year, recognize one among us who has contributed to the betterment of the shul, and produce an all-in-one directory of the businesses and services that enliven commerce here on the North Fork.

The Virtual Journal is a full color publication that is live online 24 hours a day for an entire year, providing enormous reach and visibility for our shul and for each individual message.

Act now to be represented in the Virtual Journal. Our members are key to the success of this fundraiser that supports our shul and the programs that keep us connected, especially during the Covid crisis.

If you have not already done so, please complete the ad insertion form emailed with this issue of *The Shofar*. Send your check as indicated on the form, or pay by credit card: <u>www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org</u>, and click on the "Journal" tab.

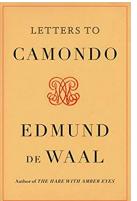
Maybe this bit of doggerel will inspire you...

There once was a Greenport shul That members thought was a jewel. But it needed some money To keep its books sunny A journal would be just the tool.

So they sent out a message to all "Get your ads in before the last call." Don't be late or you'll miss it For then you will wish it Was not all but over this fall.

So chop-chop good members and friends Write your copy, your checks, and please send To the shul we all love On time, please. Mazel tov. And bring our requests to an end.

## Book Circle To Discuss Imaginative Work About Art, History and Family



The Book Circle will meet Wednesday, July 21, at 1 p.m., to talk about a collection of imaginary letters from Edmund de Waal to Moïses de Comondo, a Jewish financier and philanthropist from a prominent European family of art collectors. The House of Camondo in Paris, now the Musée Nissim de Camondo is filled with the country's greatest private collection of French 18th-century art. The series of 50 letters, titled *Letters to Camondo*, addresses a tragic family history containing personal reflections on family history and the value of memory.

The Book Circle meets monthly (currently on Zoom) to discuss literature about Jewish topics, often by Jewish writers. For more information about the current selection or to join the group, please call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

# Oculus: Eye On The Arts

This month's Oculus column features a poem by Ann Hurwitz, a member of the shul's newly organized group devoted to a broader spectrum of the arts. The next meeting of the group is Monday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Judith Weiner or Saul Rosenstreich with your interest in exploring the arts through presentations and discussions.

The poet conveyed to *The Shofar* her thoughts on the creation of *The Doorway*. "Our synagogue has always had a magical quality for me — the dramatic chandelier in the middle of our tiny sanctuary; the carved woodwork of the bima; the fact that in our early history, there was a mikveh beneath the sanctuary, which is also the place where treasured prayer books we no longer use are kept. Also, our closeness, always, to water on the North Fork. The poem arises from imagining how some of these might come together. The last line, which connects to me personally, also connects to the holiest day of our calendar and to our history."

The Doorway

A door in the water opened, in the water under the sanctuary and I entered, eyes closed. Within this dream I had a second dream. The stashed boxes beneath the water. the ones that held the sacred books, expanded and burst and the books floated up, their pages untied from loosening bindings. And the words separated, the individual letters inflating like life preservers. There were warm spots and cold spots and the taste of salt as if it were the sea. The water lifted me and as I swam, sidestroke and crawl. breaststroke and backstroke, in an endless circle in this small space, the letters rejoined and pasted themselves to my hips and shoulders, my drenched chest, nested in my hair. Gasping for air I breathed the saved words until my time was up.

Forgive. Forgive. Forgive.



Rabbi Gadi Capela poses with Orient Memorial Day Parade organizers following his remarks at the WWII monument. Significantly, Rabbi Capela is wearing the late Stanley Rubin's military cap for the occasion. Stanley Rubin was a longtime shul member and close friend of Rabbi Capela.

# Mazel Tov To This Year's Shul-Family Graduates And Their Families

• Acadia Biener, granddaughter of shul members Cookie and Michael Slade, graduated from Fairview High School in Boulder, CO, and will attend the University of California, San Diego.

• Viktoria (Vika) Bloom, granddaughter of shul member Sara Bloom, graduated from The Bay School of San Francisco, and will attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Gideon Seigel Browne, grandson of shul member Carol Seigel, graduated from Middle School 51 in Brooklyn, and will attend either Brooklyn Tech High School in Brooklyn or Bard High School for Early College in Queens.

• Anton Riehle, son of shul members Margot Perman and Jurgen Riehle, graduated from Greenport High School, and will attend New York University's Tisch School of the Arts as a film major.

• Leo Schaffner, grandson of shul members Philip and Elaine Goldman, graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, earning a BS degree in cybersecurity and a graduate certificate in cybersecurity risk management.

• Shoshana Seigel, granddaughter of shul member Carol Seigel, graduated from P.S. 130 in Brooklyn, earning a 5th grade valedictory certificate, and will attend Middle School 442 in Brooklyn.

• Julie Stein, granddaughter of shul members Ken and Nancy Stein graduated from the Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto, CA. She will attend the Menlo School in Menlo Park, CA.

# The Tikkun Olam Initiative Focuses On Veggies and Herbs This Month



Veronica Kaliski, left, and Cookie Slade, members of the Tikkun Olam Initiative, gather the first harvest of veggies and herbs from Common Ground, to be delivered to CAST. Bok choy and kale are plentiful this year. For more information about the group, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Veronica Kaliski. Tom Byrne and Madelyn Rothman photos

# Lunch and Learn Extends Thanks To Participants Before Summer Hiatus

With the combination of Covid restrictions lifting and outdoor activities ramping up with the onset of summer weather, Lunch and Learn, is taking a summer break. The twice weekly Zoom program was initiated at the height of the Covid pandemic to help shul members maintain connections during the health crisis that closed our shul building. L&L will resume after the High Holidays in the fall. Enjoy the summer.

Lunch and Learn highlighted the many interests and talents of our shul members and invited guests, and we extend a mega-thank you to participants and loyal attendees. During the first year, beginning on April

20, 2020, with Ron Rothman talking about his grandfather's friendship with Albert Einstein, L&L also welcomed Adrianne Greenberg, Marian Friedmann, Susan Rosenstreich, Deborah Pittorino, Melissa Berman, Ladan Shalom-Murray, Elizabeth Holtzman, Saul Rosenstreich, Dan and Nancy Torchio, Dr. Lewis Teperman, Ellen Jaffe, Francis DuBois, Roberta Garris, Dede Whitsit, Bill Packard, Michael and Cookie Slade, Miriam Gabriel, Sylvia Daly, Rachel Levin Murphy, Ellen Wiederlight, Jody Levin, Stephen Brumberg, Jack Weiskott, Kasa Bayisin, Josh Clauss, Rabbi Gadi, and Sara Bloom.

Starting in 2021, L&L welcomed Mike Slade, Meryl Kramer, Paul Connor, Carol Ingall, Simeon Seigel, Susan Rosenstreich and the chairs of all the shul committees, Lili Rosenstreich, Sara Bloom, Loni Efron, Gail Kriegel, Jody Levin and Peggy Lauber, Deborah Pittorino, Dede Whitsit, Francis DuBois, Graham Diamond, Didi Goldenhar, Andrea Blaga, Judith Weiner, Andrea Strongwater, Rabbi Gadi, Rabbi Oded Peles, Ayelet Capela, Efrat Derry, Saura Weiner Naim, Matan Naim, and Bill Packard.

## • FYI • FYI • FYI •

## **Tel Aviv Skyscraper Wins International Design Award**



The Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat has chosen Tel Aviv's two-year-old ToHa skyscraper as the overall winner in the office building category of its 18th annual awards program.

ToHa is located at the intersection of Derech Hashalom, Yigal Allon and Totzeret Haaretz streets.

Tower 1 of two planned towers, completed early in 2019, has 28 floors. It was designed by Israeli artist/architect Ron Arad of London, who worked with local architect Avner Yashar, in the shape of an

iceberg, the architect said. The atrium of the building is configured as a large, seven-story-high main lobby space that continues upward, culminating in a generous skylight on the public roof.

In May 2019, ToHa Tower 1 obtained LEED Platinum certification.

# Tisha B'Av: From Sundown to Sundown, July 17-18. What's It About?

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning for a series of events that all, eerily, occurred on the 9th of Av. Next to Yom Kippur, Tisha B'Av is the most important fast day in the Jewish calendar. It marks the final day of a three-week period of intense mourning for the events that led to the loss of Jewish independence with the destruction of the holy shrines of Jewish life.

- 1313 BCE: Moses' spies return with bad reports about the Land of Israel. (Numbers 13-14)
- 423 BCE: First Temple, built by King Solomon, is destroyed by the legions of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar.
- 69 CE: Second Temple, built by Ezra and Nehemiah, is destroyed by the Roman Emperor Titus.
- 135 CE: The Bar Kochba revolt is crushed by Roman Emperor Hadrian.
- 1290: Jews are expelled from England by King Edward I.
- 1492: King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sign the edict of the Spanish expulsion.
- 1914 Germany declares war on Russia, sparking WWI.

# • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

## Benjamin Netanyahu

According to a report in *The New York Times* (and every major newspaper in the world), the long reign of Benjamin Netanyahu, the dominant Israeli politician of the past generation, officially ended on June 13, when the country's Parliament gave its vote of confidence to a "precarious coalition government stitched together by widely disparate anti-Netanyahu forces," the *Times* said.

Naftali Bennett, a 49-year-old former aide to Mr. Netanyahu replaced him as prime minister after winning by just a single vote. Yair Lapid, a centrist leader and the new foreign minister, is set to take Mr. Bennett's place after two years.

They lead a "fragile eight-party alliance," the *Times* said, ranging from far left to hard right, from secular to religious that many consider both the "embodiment of the rich diversity of Israeli society but also the essence of its political disarray."

*From Moment Magazine*, "In Israel, the era of Benjamin Netanyahu, the nation's longest-serving prime minister, ended with an unruly Knesset session. Israel's transition from 12 years of Netanyahu dominating the political scene to a never-before-tested coalition cobbled together from differing, and at times diametrically opposed, ideological backgrounds, was accompanied by a soundtrack of constant interruption, heckling and boos.

"Naftali Bennett, Israel's new prime minister, barely had a chance to deliver the most important speech of his life. In between the shouts from Likud and right-wing parties' benches accusing him of being a liar and a traitor, Bennett tried to convey a message of polite pragmatism, coupled with a call for national unity — the very thing that was so lacking at that moment in the Israeli parliament.

"The unpleasant tone did not obscure the dramatic effect of the moment: For the first time in more than a decade, a person whose name is not Benjamin Netanyahu has taken the oath of office."

## Tom Nides

President Joe Biden has named Tom Nides, a deputy secretary of state in the Obama administration, to be his ambassador to Israel.

Nides, a banker, whose responsibilities focused on management and resources, served in the State Department from 2011 to 2013, and developed a reputation of good relations with Israeli diplomats. Michael Oren, a former Israeli ambassador to the United States, in his book *Ally*, which chronicles his ambassadorship, described Nides as "irreverent, hard-working, highly intelligent and warm." Oren said Nides quickly earned his "affection and trust."

## Jon Scheyer

Following the announcement that longtime Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski will retire at the end of next season, Jon Scheyer, the team's associate head coach and a former Maccabi Tel Aviv shooting guard, was named the next head coach of the Blue Devils. Scheyer has coached for the Blue Devils since 2014, and served as head coach earlier this year in the absence of Krzyzewski, leading Duke to a suspenseful 83-82 victory over Boston College.

Scheyer grew up in a heavily Jewish suburb of Chicago and celebrated a basketball-themed bar mitzvah. As a teenager playing for Glenbrook North High School's basketball team, Scheyer earned the nickname "Jewish Jordan." He has been honored twice by the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. From 2006-2010, Scheyer played for Duke University, twice serving as captain and leading the team to its 2010 national championship.

## Zev Eleff

After a nationwide search, the Board of Governors of Gratz College has selected Dr. Zev Eleff as the college's new president. He will succeed Dr. Paul Finkelman, who served as president for four years.

Dr. Eleff is currently chief academic officer of Hebrew Theological College and vice provost of Touro College Illinois. He is a professor of Jewish history at Touro College's Graduate School of Jewish Studies and a member of the academic council of the American Jewish Historical Society. He is the author or editor of nine books and more than 50 scholarly articles in the field of American Jewish history.

Gratz College is a private Jewish college in Melrose Park, PA.



Library of Congress specialist Ann Brener, left, shows incoming White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director Eric Lander and his family a 500-year-old copy of the Pirkei Avot shortly before he used it during his swearingin ceremony on June 2. The 13-page volume, a subset of the Mishnah that focuses on ethics, contains an expression important to Lander, "It's not required that you compete the work, but neither may you refrain from it." Lander and Brener said that using a 500-year-old Pirkei Avot to take the oath of office may serve as a reminder of an early collaboration between religion, technology and science: using a printing press to reproduce sacred texts. Photo courtesy of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

# • OBITUARIES •

## **Richard Rubenstein**

Richard L. Rubenstein, the leading Jewish voice in the theological groundswell of the 1960s known as the "Death of God" movement, who argued that the idea of an omnipotent, benevolent deity who safeguards Jews as the chosen people, died on May 16 in Bridgeport, CT. He was 97.

Dr. Rubenstein was a Conservative campus rabbi and academic, who had studied at Harvard Divinity School as well as at Reform and Conservative Jewish seminaries. In 1966, in the seminal book, *After Auschwitz: Radical Theology and Contemporary Judaism*, he challenged the notion of a cosmos-controlling God, principally by raising the specter of the six million Jews, one million of them children, killed by the Germans and their collaborators.

"How can Jews believe in an omnipotent, beneficent God after Auschwitz?" he wrote. "Traditional Jewish theology maintains that God is the ultimate, omnipotent actor in the historical drama. I fail to see how this position can be maintained without regarding Hitler and the SS as instruments of God's will."

While he contended that the God of traditional beliefs did not exist, Dr. Rubenstein never renounced a belief in a God and attended synagogue every Sabbath, his daughter said.

## Aaron Stern

Dr. Aaron Stern, a psychiatrist who as head of Hollywood's movie rating board in the early 1970s established himself as a kind of filmgoers' sentry against carnal imagery and violence, died April 13 in Manhattan. He was 96.

From 1971 to 1974, Dr. Stern directed the Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture Association of America. The rating board graded films by letter to let moviegoers know in advance how much violence, sexuality and foul language to expect on the screen. The board's decision that a film merited a rating of R, or restricted, might lure more adults, but would immediately eliminate the pool of unchaperoned moviegoers under 17; an X rating would bar anyone under 17.

"You can only rate the explicit elements on the screen — never the morality or the thought issues behind it," Dr. Stern said in 1972. "That is the province of religion, leaders, critics and each individual."

## Jack B. Weinstein

Jack B. Weinstein, a legal scholar and famously independent federal judge in Brooklyn who led the legal system into an era of mass tort litigation, changing the way huge classes of people claim injuries from toxins, pollutants and faulty products could get redress in the courts, died on June 15 at his home in Great Neck, NY. He was 99.

Judge Weinstein was on the bench for 53 years and spend nearly a decade as the chief judge of the Eastern District of New York. Throughout his tenure, until he announced his retirement last year at the age of 98, he kept protesting the strictures of the criminal justice system.

Judge Weinstein's view of his profession was complicated. "One of the great resources of our nation is the legal profession," he said at a symposium in his honor in 2001, 53 years after he joined the bar. "It is entrepreneurial. It is selfish. It is sometimes stupid. It has all kinds of conflicts of interest. And yet it is independent, fighting for individuals against institutions."

## Roman Kent

Roman Kent, who as an orphaned teenager endured the horrors of Auschwitz and other hellish camps, and later channeled his sorrow and rage into helping to lead an American movement to memorialize the Holocaust and provide reparations for aging Jewish survivors, died May 21 at his home in Manhattan. He was 92.

While many Holocaust survivors have chosen to stay quiet about their experiences or share them only with close friends and other survivors, Mr. Kent believed that the world needed to be reminded of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Germans and their collaborators, and that Germany needed to repay the remnants of European Jewry for what they suffered and whom they lost. He and a handful of others did the painstaking work of galvanizing and organizing survivors into a movement.

Mr. Kent was chairman of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants. In 1988, he joined the board of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which has negotiated most of the \$80 billion that Germany has paid in assistance to survivors and for educational and memorial programs. At various times, Mr. Kent was president of the International Auschwitz Committee, also the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, which provides aid to non-Jews who hid Jews or helped them escape.

Mr. Kent was a vigorous supporter of Holocaust education. In a speech he gave in 2015, on the 71st anniversary of the Lodz ghetto's liquidation, he explained why. It was the obligation of adults, he said, to get children to understand "what happens when hatred and prejudice are allowed to flourish."

## Stuart Silver

Stuart Silver, an inventive design director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the 1960s and '70s, who introduced style and spirit into museum exhibitions, died May 6 in Manhattan. He was 84.

Mr. Silver's self-described "theatrical techniques" and the philosophy they suggested — "that a museum was a place of pleasure, that a spectacle could also be enrichment," as he put it — were characteristic of a whole era at the Met.

The driving force and chief evangelist behind the new approach was Thomas Hoving, who in 1967 became the seventh director of the museum in its history. "I brought the 'blockbuster' exhibition to the Met," Mr. Hoving wrote in *Making the Mummies Dance*, his 1993 book about running the museum, "but designer Stuart Silver brought them to life."

Memorable exhibitions included "In the Presence of Kings," "Tutankamun," "The Great Age of Fresco," which drew more than 180,000 visitors in its first month, "The Year 1200," which featured about 300 objects lent by 16 countries.

Later, he joined the Knoll furniture designer firm, and also formed his own design firm, serving, among other museums and fairs, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in California

[On a personal note, some years ago, *The Shofar* editor interviewed Stuart Silver for a profile in *The Scarsdale Inquirer*, at which time he talked about his idea to make museum design "less stuffy," he said, and to involve museum goers in a discovery experience. Exhibition is more than factual accuracy, he said.]

## Janet Malcolm

Janet Malcolm, a longtime writer for *The New Yorker*, who was known for her piercing judgments, her novel-like nonfiction and a provocative moral certainty that cast a cold eye on journalism and its practitioners, died June 16 in a hospital in Manhattan. She was 86.

Over a 55-year career, Ms. Malcolm produced deeply reported, exquisitely crafted articles, essays and books, most devoted to her interests in literature, biography, photography, psychoanalysis and true crime. Her writing was precise and analytical; her gaze missed nothing, *The New York Times* said.

## Harvey Schlossberg

Harvey Schlossberg, a former New York City traffic cop with a doctorate in psychology who choreographed what became a model law enforcement strategy for safely ending standoffs with hostage takers, died May 21 in Brooklyn. He was 85.

In a pioneering training film he made for the New York Police Department in 1973, Mr. Schlossberg said that in a hostage situation, police officers "all believed 'If you give me the right gun with the right bullet, I can put everybody out." Instead, he counseled patience and "crisis intervention therapy." Delaying tactics, he said, allowed more time for the criminals to make mistakes and, just as crucially, to develop a rapport with their victims, leaving the hostage takers less likely to harm them.

## Robert Katzmann

Robert A. Katzmann, who as chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York helped guarantee legal representation to immigrants, championed civic education and demystified judicial proceedings for the public, died June 9 in a Manhattan hospital. He was 68.

As the son and grandson of Jewish refugees who had fled Germany and Russia, Judge Katzmann was instrumental in the establishment of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, the first government-funded program of legal assistance for noncitizens being held by the authorities under a federal law.

Widely credited as the first federal judge to hold a doctoral degree in government, he believed that while justice ought to be blind, the process of meting it out should be transparent.

To that end, in 2014, he and U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero started the Committee on Civic Education, which culminated in Justice for All: Courts and the Community, an educational initiative to make the judicial system more accessible. During the pandemic, audio of courtroom sessions was live-streamed for the first time.

"What I really wanted to do was bring our courts and our communities closer together," Judge Katzmann told The New York Law Journal last year. "If I had to say what is my signature initiative, if one can ever talk that way, it would be that."

## Saul B. Cohen

Saul B. Cohen, who helped restore higher academic standards at the City University of New York as president of Queens College and as a member of the state Board of Regents and who revitalized his own field of political geography, died June 9 at his home in Larchmont, NY. He was 95.

Before Queens College, Dr. Cohen was a professor and dean of the Graduate School of Geography at Clark University in Worcester, MA, where he earned a reputation for upgrading the school's academic standards and increasing minority enrollment. Previously he taught at Boston University. He wrote or edited 16 books.

After leaving Queens College in 1985, he served as director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an international relief organization.

## Fritzie Fritzshall

Fritzie Fritzshall, president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center since 2010 and a Holocaust survivor — imprisoned at Auschwitz at age 13 but later escaped into the forest while on a death march from Auschwitz to Germany — died June 19, according to a statement by the museum. She was 91.

She spoke extensively about her experiences in the Holocaust and advocated for social justice issues, including immigration and the refugee crisis.

In 2015, she was awarded the Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership from the Chicago History Museum, and in 2020, the Global Citizenship Hero award from the Chicago Red Cross. Recently, she was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Community Leader Award from the Chicago Cultural Alliance.

"The world lost a clarion voice against bigotry and hatred, and I lost a good friend," Cardinal Blasé Cupich of the Archdiocese of Chicago said in a statement. Fritzshall and Cupich had traveled to Auschwitz in July 2019 for a four-part TV series, "Return to Auschwitz."

# COMMEMORATIONS •



Mazel tov to the Stein family on the birth of Dylan Rafa Stein. Proud parents Allison and Peter Stein and baby sister Annabel Pia Stein, 3, of East Marion, welcomed Dylan on May 25.

Grandparents are Nancy and Kenneth Stein of East Marion and New York City, Dania and Richard Schwartz of East Marion and West Palm Beach, FL, and Gene Kronick of Highland Beach, FL.

## **Birthdays in July**

3: Vika Bloom 6: Joseph Brittman 7: Bonnie Chodosh 8: Jason Garmise; Leah Kaplan-Melone 14: Jason Clauss; Joanna Paulsen 21: Jared Brittman 25: Stephen Brumberg 30: Jake Teperman

## **Anniversaries in July**

3: Michael and Lorene Solomon

# **Yahrzeits in July**

1: Frieda Greenberg Jean Nissenfeld 2: Emma R. Levin 4: Ann Rachel Arm 5: Ruth Lichter 11: Roanne Fankel 14: Lee Linnick 15: Bella Carasso; Agnes Ehrenreich; Isadore Handler 16: Louis Dornfield 17: Elza Barokas 18: Joseph Farber; David Goldstein; Solomon Wechsler 19: David Sausmer: Andrew Zalman Levin 21: Vera Black; Rose Elsky; Harry L. Karp 22: Ruben Feinman; Anne Finkelstein; Edward Kaplan; Rose Malaspina Labar 23: Meyer Katzenberg 25: Alan Alford: Ruth Buchbinder 26: Ann Handler 27: Philip Packard; Florence Wells 29: David Lewis; Charlotte Meyer; James Sidney Slotkin 31: Wilson DeLynn; Rachel A. Israel; Minna Orliansky

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

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Jane Sachs Jody Levin Paul Birman Thelma Novick Harold (Hal) Neimark Hedvah Campeas-Cohen Graham Diamond Menachem Bloom Dan Torchio Gayle Kaplan

## • MONEY MATTERS •

## **Donations in June**

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- Capital Improvement: covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- Archive/Library: supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- Education: provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- Ritual Materials: replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- Financial Assistance Fund: supports those in need in Southold Town.
- Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School: supports Jewish education.
- 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: seat nameplate in sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers.

# Share Your Thoughtfulness With A Sisterhood Sunshine Card

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), 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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# • SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

## **Membership Per Year**

Family: \$850; Individual: \$550

Event	Members	Nonmembers
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>Commemoratives</b>	Members	Nonmembers
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.

## • WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

Rabbi Gadi Capela: 631-477-6940 Gabbai Paul Nadel: 631-734-8519

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