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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services (Zoom and in-person)

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Learning at our Shul

Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Hebrew Class, 4 p.m.

Shul Events

Monday, Nov. 1: Ritual Committee, at 10 a.m. (changed to first Monday of each month only)

Wednesday, Nov. 17: Book Circle, 2 p.m., via Zoom

Sunday, Nov. 21: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28: First night of Hanukkah/menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m. — and then...

Back to the shul to welcome new members at our joyous Hanukkah party, 5:30 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in November

Nov. 5: 5:29 Nov. 12: 4:22 Nov. 19: 4:16. Nov. 26: 4:13

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Election Day

Sunday, Nov. 7: Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m. (set clocks back 1 hour)

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Kristallnacht

Thursday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day

Monday, Dec. 6: last night of Hanukkah, eighth candle

Deadline for the December issue of *The Shofar* is November 20

From The Rabbi...



“Open Ark, Close Ark”

It was a week before Rosh Hashanah, and we were still assigning aliyot to the Torah and other honors. It is a big honor to open the Ark on Rosh Hashanah, like opening the gate of heaven. We pack all our prayers in and then send them off throughout the High Holidays, all the way through Simchat Torah. And then we close the Ark for the season.

Wanting to avoid crowding the Bima and also keeping services as non-cumbersome as possible during Covid, we decided to avoid this honor this year. Nevertheless, the nature of the hybrid service means that the whole world is open to us. The doors to our synagogue can be like the doors of the Ark, open to all.

A week before Rosh Hashanah, I received a message that my cousin's husband had passed away unexpectedly on a trip to Florida. When I first moved to New York, Dalia and Gary's apartment, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, was my first address. They were hospitable and welcoming. Gary was smart and accomplished, and was endowed with a calm and assuring demeanor. He was a good role model for me. A few years and a few kids later, they moved to the West Coast.

Since Gary had passed away in Florida, it took a week to bring him to final rest. He was finally buried a few hours before Rosh Hashanah had set in. It was just a few hours before we were to open the Ark. It was as though Gary had received the honor to open the Ark. He went to heaven and, as a welcoming and hospitable mensch, he left the doors open behind him to make way for our prayers.

Three weeks later, right after sundown on Simchat Torah, I standing in front of the Ark, putting away the Torah covers and other accouterments associated with our observances. I was ready to close the Ark for the last time for the season when I received another message. This time it was about the passing of a dear friend, John. John and Dolores were there from the beginning of my rabbinic chapter. They were the first to take the tour to Israel with us; they were there at my ordination, my installation, and on many a vacation. John, like Gary, was a calm and assuring presence, always with a helpful tip and advice.

It seemed to me that, just as Gary had opened the Ark, John had the honor to close the Ark. He entered the gate just before it closed. Like a responsible police officer, he was there to guard the gate. As though God had arranged a way to bypass the social distancing for the opening and closing of the Ark.

Where they have gone, time and space are not measured in days or distance. One way or another, the Ark needs to close before it can be opened again.

A personal message

I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the families of Gayle Kaplan and Thelma Novick, two pillars in our community, who passed away shortly after the holidays. Gayle was a wonderful soul. I enjoyed her presence in Hebrew class for many years. Gayle was joined by her good friend Thelma Novick just a few days later. I had spoken with Thelma only a few days prior to her passing. At 97, she still sounded positive and motivated.

I also extend condolences also to the Rothman family on the passing of Madelyn's aunt, Myrna Kroff, and to the Goldman family on the passing of Phil's brother Stanley.

May their memories be for a blessing for many years to come.

Blessings for a peaceful year,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“Catalysts for growth and change”

The prayers we sing every Shabbat can become catalysts for change....for new understanding or vision of what is or what can be. We can recall the power of musicians and artists to lead social change. The songs that empowered a movement. The dance that embodied and reflected a culture. The paintings that explored new visions. These are the seeds that emerge from the unity of prayer. When a song or a prayer learned “by heart” is repeated over and over again, “by heart” becomes “in heart.” These anthems, joyful in their repetition, become powerful catalysts for change.

Words conjure images that are seen in the mind’s eye. As an example, I love “...rolling light away from darkness and darkness away from light,” from the b’rakhah recited in the Ma’ariv service. For me, it resonates with catalytic images and relationships. The prayer becomes a source of inspiration for living and for art making. And for growth. For strength. For pride.

I believe that growth and strength and pride reflect who we are as a global Jewish community today. Ready to move along and consider our future. Here at home, where do we want to be in five or ten or twenty years? How will we get there? What do we need to consider in order to continue to grow our shul membership, to keep pace with and support the ever-changing needs of our community, our house? And how do we institutionalize the appropriate leadership succession to support our plans for growth and change?

That is a big question to leave hanging. However, it is only one of many that can be addressed with a thoughtful and dedicated planning process to harness the power of change.

—Judith K. Weiner

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

It is with profound sadness that *The Shofar* reports the deaths of two long-time, highly revered shul members. Gayle Kaplan died on Oct. 2, 2021. Thelma Novick died on Oct. 7, 2021. *The Shofar* joins the membership in expressing deepest condolences to the families. May they be comforted by an outpouring of love and respect from all those whose lives they touched.

The Shofar has learned also of deaths in the families of two shul members. Stanley Goldman, brother of Phil Goldman, died Oct. 18 in Massachusetts. Myrna Kroff, beloved aunt of Madelyn Rothman, died Oct. 19 at San Simeon. May their memories be a blessing.

Shul Reinstates Menorah Lighting Ceremony In Mitchell Park, Nov. 28

Meet Our New Members At A Hanukkah Party To Follow

A Hanukkah alert: Fair warning, shul members and friends. Hanukkah comes this year only three days after Thanksgiving Day. Are you processing that? Here are the particulars: Thanksgiving is on Thursday, Nov. 25, and the first Hanukkah candle will be lighted on Sunday evening, Nov. 28.

But here’s some nice news to accompany the shock. Greenport has given us the green light this year to plan a menorah lighting in Mitchell Park. Last year’s traditional Mitchell Park event was cancelled to avoid the risk of Covid. This being an outdoor event on what is likely to be a chilly evening, those fully vaccinated with masks and social distancing observed will be safe to welcome the Festival of Lights in the

park, at 5 p.m. Rabbi Gadi will lead us in lighting the public menorah and the ritual prayers and songs. Shul president Judith Weiner and local officials will welcome us.

Greet our honored guests, the shul's new members

As always, following the menorah lighting, we will head west on Front Street to the shul on Fourth Street, where Sisterhood will host a Hanukkah party — again, for those having filed proof of vaccination to ctigreenport@gmail.com — where we will greet and get to know our honored guests, the shul's new members, enjoy an array of refreshments, and participate in a group menorah-lighting event. All of that will start sat 5:30 p.m., in the social hall.

Sisterhood is inviting us to bring our own menorahs to the shul and share stories associated with how those menorahs came into our possession. [For instance, this writer's official menorah was purchased following the birth of the first daughter, 56 years ago.] Or, the shul will provide menorahs and candles aplenty, plus dreidels and chocolate coins for the holiday.

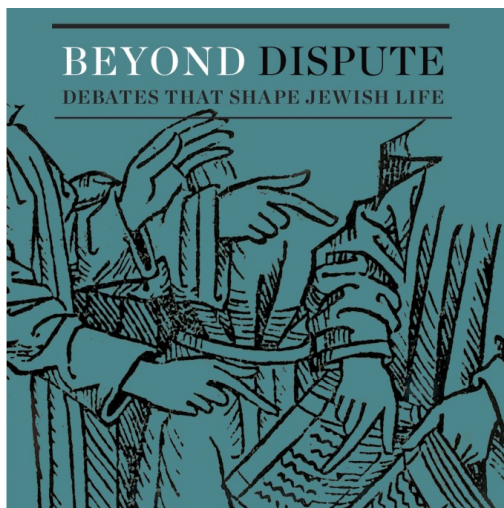
It promises to be two joyous, fun events, made even more celebratory with your attendance.

The Gift Shop Is Open For Business

The shul's Gift Shop is open for business — Hanukkah business. Get your candles (tall and stately or short and colorful), your dreidels and chocolate coins, and maybe a new menorah to welcome the Festival of Lights to your home this year.

To take a tour of the Gift Shop offerings, call the shul and leave a message for Sara Bloom. Remember, Hanukkah starts on Nov. 28 — yes, November. Are you prepared?

New JTS Course Coming in January; Rabbi Gadi To Lead The Discussion



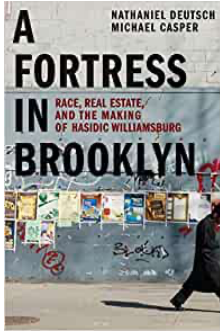
Coming in January, the shul will offer a provocative new course, "Beyond Dispute: Debates That Shape Jewish Life." The course, developed by the Jewish Theological Seminary and facilitated by Rabbi Gadi, probes philosophical, spiritual, ethical and cultural questions at the heart of Jewish life. Some of the topics to be discussed are: Do we need to mean what we pray? When can we legitimately modify tradition? Are religion and reason compatible?

JTS has programmed 11 sessions, but some topics may require more than one, Rabbi Gadi said. The first unit of five sessions will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, followed by a short break before the remaining units are scheduled. Each session will begin with a short video by a JTS faculty member whose experience mirrors the topic. Relevant source materials distributed by JTS to each registered participant (or downloaded) prior to the start of the course will suggest areas for study and discussion.

The course will be offered as a hybrid — in person and on Zoom. "Face-to-face discussion during a previously-offered JTS course titled 'The Ethical Life' added greatly to everyone's experience," said Ann Hurwitz, administrator of the Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund For Special Programs and Projects, the sponsor of both JTS courses for our shul. Tax deductible fees are \$18 per member household and \$36 for nonmembers. Signup information will be provided as the start of the course nears.

For questions, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Ann Hurwitz.

Book Circle Selection Reveals Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Neighborhood



The Book Circle will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m., on Zoom, to discuss the selection of the month, *A Fortress in Brooklyn: Race, Real Estate and the Making of Hasidic Williamsburg* by Nathaniel Deutsch and Michael Casper.

The Hasidic community in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn is famously one of the most separatist and intensely religious groups of people in our country. By showing how Williamsburg's Hasidim rejected assimilation while still undergoing distinctive forms of Americanization, Deutsch and Casper present a provocative history of a sect of American Jewry and a look at how race, real estate and religion intersected in the creation of a quintessential and deeply misunderstood New York neighborhood.

The book circle meets monthly to explore works about Jews and by Jewish writers. For information, call the shul at 631-477-0232 and leave a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator.

Oculus: Eye On The Arts



This month's Oculus column features a photograph by Ellen Jaffe, a member of the shul's Judaism and Art group. The timing is early, she said, just before the sun breaks the horizon, and the opportunity is fleeting. In fact, is it truly possible to capture these October dawns within the strict box of a camera frame? They are too big, she said, "a surrounding dome of gradation and saturated color. Glorious." She captured the image with her iPhone 10, but it might have been taken with the 12 or 13 because, according to Jaffe, the resolution on all later iPhone cameras is identical. "But it is never about the camera anyway," she pointed out. "The quality of an image has much more to do with thoughtful 'seeing' of the subject. After all, anyone can spend a lot of money and press a button."

‘Nosh On Squash’ Says Shul’s Tikkun Olam Group; CAST To Benefit



Cookie Slade, one of four women leading the shul’s Tikkun Olam group, has been delivering squash from her garden to CAST (Community Action Southold Town) for the organization’s pantry. Depending on how it’s prepared, squash can feed a whole family. Also donated from Cookie’s garden are tomatoes, squash, peppers, and herbs (sage, rosemary, oregano, chives, basil and thyme).

The women have planted cool-weather veggies at Common Ground, ready for harvest and delivery in November, including turnips, lettuce, spinach, cilantro and collards. Also planned is delivery of chickens and turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Members of the shul’s Tikkun Olam group are Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman and Cookie Slade. Their contributions are donated to CAST in the name of our shul.

By the way, the TOI group needs a wheelbarrow. Can you donate one?

Cookie Slade photo

Still Available: A Grand Old Baby Grand Piano With Bench. Yours For The Taking



Here’s an irresistible offer from the shul’s Buildings and Grounds chair, and Wow! What a deal.

It’s a baby-grand piano with padded bench, free for the taking — yes, free. It’s been in the social hall for years, just waiting for someone to love it. Maybe you...

True, it’s not new and, yes, it needs to be tuned. But consider this unsolicited testimonial from your editor: “I’ve played it from time to time when alone in the shul and, well, it has great potential.”

To give it a home, call Adrienne Greenberg at 631-252-0612.

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Germany Sets Aside Additional \$767 Million for Holocaust Survivors

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, better known as the Claims Conference, announced on Oct. 6 that it had secured an additional \$767 million in benefits for Holocaust survivors. During the past 70 years, the German government has set aside more than \$90 billion for survivors.

As part of the most recent negotiations, the Claims Conference said that Germany had agreed to recognize the extreme suffering of Russian Jews who had endured the more than two-year Nazi siege of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg.

An additional 2,000 Holocaust survivors who hid in France and Romania will also qualify for the pensions. Another 1,700 survivors who were children during the Holocaust and had previously received one-time payments will now be eligible for supplemental hardship payments.

Ancient Czech Torah Scroll Is Returned To Its Country Of Origin



Rabbi David Maxa first read from a Torah scroll eight years ago during a summer he spent at a camp for Reform Jewish leaders. Maxa, who was visiting from Prague, had traveled to Kutz Camp in the U.S. He didn't know it then, but the Torah he read from had originated in his home country, in the Czech city of Brno, about 40 years earlier.

On Sept. 28 (Simchat Torah), that same scroll returned to the Czech Republic when Maxa and his nascent Prague congregation, Ec

Chajim, welcomed it into their ark.

The return of the Czech scroll to Prague also marks a return of another kind. In the 75 years following WWII and the near collapse of Jewish life in Europe, many of its treasures, including 1,564 Czech Torah scrolls, made their way to Jewish institutions across the world, the majority in the U.S. and Canada. Now, some of them are returning home, including the Brno Torah scroll, which had been used most recently at Camp Kutz.

Some 117,500 Jews lived in the area of Bohemia and Moravia before the Holocaust. Only about 10,000 survived the war. Jewish life in what is now the Czech Republic was nearly extinguished by the Nazis and the Communists that followed. But Jewish congregational life is finally reemerging.

Thanks to an historical quirk, Czech Jewish liturgical objects, such as Torah scrolls, never disappeared during the Nazi and Communist eras, but were ordered to be packed and shipped to the Jewish Museum in Prague. The Communists tried unsuccessfully to sell them to Israel, but a British lawyer and philanthropist, Ralph Yablon, agreed to buy 1,564 scrolls from the Communists, and turn them over in 1964 to the Westminster Synagogue in London. The synagogue loans out scrolls to Jewish congregations that need them. About 1,000 came to North America. The Kutz camp received one of the Czech scrolls in 1974. The scroll remains the property of the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London, but it will be on permanent loan to the Czech congregation for as long as it needs it.

California Governor Launches Program To Teach Holocaust Lessons

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has launched the Governor's Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education as a way to help students and teachers "recognize and respond to on-campus instances of anti-Semitism and bigotry." The council will develop a volunteer speaker's bureau, which could involve Holocaust survivors, to guide lessons about genocide, as well as to host seminars for educators and students.

In a 50-state study of millennials and Generation Z in the U.S. last year, researchers found that 63% of respondents did not know that six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, and 48% could not name a single concentration camp.

The state's budget has also allocated \$10 million for the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles to create a new exhibit of antisemitism, \$2.5 million to expand the Holocaust Museum LA, and \$2 million to contract with nonprofits that teach about the Holocaust.



On Oct. 16, 2021, three years after 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, a man jogs along the fencing outside the dormant building, decorated with artwork submitted by Pittsburgh area school students. Renowned architect Daniel Libeskind is among those working to transform the site to share space with the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. AP Photo/Keith Srakocic

Holocaust Museums Update Content In View Of Aging Survivors

With an urgency to preserve memory and modernize as the remaining Holocaust survivors enter their 80s and 90s, at least half a dozen Holocaust museums are being built or plan to break ground, according to an article in *The New York Times*.

Steven Spielberg's U.S.C. Shoah Foundation, founded in 1994 to record survivors' stories, is teaming with the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida to build a museum in Orlando that will showcase the foundation's library of 55,000 survivor video testimonies and also have high-tech virtual installations to appeal to younger people. Seventy six years after Auschwitz was liberated, there are an estimated 350,000 living Holocaust survivors, and the Shoah Foundation is scrambling to record their stories.

Of the 16 Holocaust museums in the United States, some are teaming with the Shoah Foundation and also looking to delve into related topics like injustice and bigotry in order to reach wider non-Jewish audiences by tackling topics beyond the Holocaust.

Other museums partnering with the Shoah Foundation include the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and the Holocaust Museum LA. Those expanding their mission include the Holocaust Museum Houston and the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. The City of Miami Beach and Greater Miami Jewish Federation aim to add to a Holocaust memorial, incorporating Shoah Foundation videos and an educational space.



People pray at the 80th anniversary memorial for victims of the 1941 Nazi massacre of Jews at Babi Yar Kyiv, Ukraine. Babi Yar is the site of Massacres carried out by Nazi Germany's forces during its campaign against the Soviet Union in WWII. The first and best documented of the massacres took place on Sept. 29 and 30, 1941, killing approximately 33,771 Jews.
AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

David Julius



The 2021 Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded jointly to David Julius, pictured left, and Ardem Patapoutian for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch. "Our ability to sense heat, cold and touch is essential for survival and underpins our interaction with the world around us," the Nobel Committee said. "In our daily lives, we take these sensations for granted, but how are nerve impulses initiated so that temperature and pressure can be perceived? This question has been solved by this year's Nobel Prize laureates.

Julius, a professor at the University of California/San Francisco, and Patapoutian, a professor at Scripps Research in California, will share the Nobel Prize of 10 million Swedish kronor (\$1.1 million).

In an autobiographical piece published online last year in honor of his winning the prestigious 2020 Kavli Prize in Neuroscience, Julius described his family's Jewish roots, saying he "grew up in a seaside Brooklyn neighborhood...that's been a landing pad for Eastern European immigrants like my grandparents, who fled Czarist Russia and antisemitism in pursuit of a better life."

Joshua Angrist



Dr. Joshua Angrist is one of a trio of economists to share the 2021 Nobel Prize in economics for pioneering research that transformed widely held ideas about the labor force, showing how an increase in the minimum wage doesn't hinder hiring, and for creating a framework to study this type of societal issue that can't rely on traditional scientific methods. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the three have "completely reshaped empirical work in the economic sciences."

Sharing the prize with Dr. Angrist, a professor at MIT, are David Card of the University of California, Berkeley, and Guido Imbens from Stanford University.

William Shatner



William Shatner, the actor who portrayed Captain James T. Kirk on the original "Star Trek" TV series and its film adaptations, launched into space at 10 a.m. EDT on Oct. 13, 2021, aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard suborbital spacecraft. Liftoff was from Blue Origin's launch site in West Texas with Shatner and three others aboard. Mr. Shatner's trip on the rocket, developed by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos, lasted about 10 minutes.

Those aboard got to experience a short period of weightlessness as they climbed to a

maximum altitude just above 60 miles. From there they were able to see the curvature of the Earth through the capsule's big windows.

Mr. Shatner was joined on the flight by Audrey Powers, a Blue Origin vice president; Chris Boshuizen, who co-founded the Earth-imaging satellite company Planet; and Glen de Vries, an executive with the French healthcare software corporation Dassault Systèmes.

When the capsule touched down in the Texas desert, it was quickly surrounded by ground teams. Mr. Bezos himself opened the hatch to check that everyone inside was OK. After the immediate celebrations with family and friends, the crew lined up to receive their Blue Origin astronaut pins.

"What you have given me is the most profound experience. I'm so filled with emotion about what just happened," Mr. Shatner said through tears.

Blue Origin photo

Jews who have 'boldly gone' into space

- Boris Volynov: aboard Soyuz 5 in 1969, one of the original Russian cosmonauts
- Judith Resnik: first Jewish American person and second American woman, 1984 aboard Space Shuttle Discovery, tragically killed aboard her second flight on the Challenger in 1986 when the shuttle combusted seconds after takeoff.
- Jeffrey A. Hoffman: during his mission on Discovery in 1985, first American astronaut to make a contingency spacewalk, when he tried to repair a satellite. In December 1993, he celebrated Hanukkah on board the Endeavor with a dreidel and a small traveling menorah he had brought with him.
- Ellen S. Baker: her first mission in 1989, her team deployed the Galileo probe to study Jupiter. On her last

mission in 1995, the Atlantis became the first American space shuttle to dock at Mir, the Russian station.

- David Wolf: participated in 4 space flights, including a 128-day mission to Mir. He carried with him a mezuzah, a yad, a small menorah and a dreidel, which sparked a debate with Jeffrey Hoffman about whose dreidel spun the longest. Wolf said his went for 1-1/2 hours, until it got sucked into an air intake.
- Mark L. Polansky: participated in three space missions. On his second mission in 2006, he took a replica of an artifact from the U.S. Holocaust Museum that had been donated by a survivor, and later donated it back to the museum.
- Ilan Ramon: the only Israeli astronaut, died tragically in 2003 with six other crew members when the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated upon re-entry into the atmosphere.
- Jessica Meir: spent 200 days in space in 2019 as part of Expedition 61/62. She took with her an Israeli flag, a postcard from Yad Vashem, and a pair of novelty Hanukkah socks.
- Jared Isaacman: commander of SpaceX's Inspiration4, the first space flight comprised of private citizens to orbit Earth.

• OBITUARIES •

Jay Sandrich

Jay Sandrich, 89, a prolific sitcom director who won Emmy Awards for the two series he worked on most often, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Cosby Show," died Sept. 29 at his home in Los Angeles.

Mr. Sandrich did not think of himself as funny, but he knew how to guide a cast of comic actors through half-hour episodes. He understood the mechanics of directing (move the cameras, not the actors), and he knew how to make scenes work, *The New York Times* said.

Mr. Sandrich also directed "Rhoda," "The Bob Newhart Show," "Phyllis" and "Lou Grant" — all under the banner of Ms. Moore's company, MTM Enterprises. Mr. Sandrich worked with Michael Douglas, Dustin Hoffman, Sophia Loren, Jack Nicholson, Diana Ross, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone.

He was one of a number of people who claimed credit for originating the slogan, "I Love New York." He also promoted his own birthplace, transforming John Behrendt's true-crime book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (1994) into a tourism magnet for Savannah.

Marcia Freedman

Marcia Freedman, who was the first American-born woman to serve in the Israeli Parliament (Knesset), and who helped lead the feminist movement in Israel in the 1970s, died Sept. 21 at her home in South Berkeley, CA. She was 83.

Ms. Freedman had been pursuing her doctorate in philosophy at Stanford when, in 1967, she received an offer to spend a year in Israel teaching at Haifa University. She became part of Israel's nascent feminist movement and ended up staying 14 years.

As an active feminist, Ms. Freedman caught the attention of Shulait Aloni, a left-wing champion of civil liberties, and her Ratz party, known as the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Aloni asked Ms. Freedman to join her party's slate and, in 1973, the party won three seats, one of which went to Ms. Freedman. She served through 1977. Ms. Freedman made her name by raising issues like domestic violence, breast cancer, rape, incest and teenage prostitution.

Starting in the early 1980s, Ms. Freedman divided her time between Israel and the San Francisco Bay area. In the U.S., she was the founding president of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, established in 2002. It organized American Jews on behalf of a two-state negotiated Israeli-Palestinian peace and, in 2010, merged with the advocacy group J Street, which has carried on that mission.

Marilyn Golden

Marilyn Golden was a college student on a summer backpacking trip in Switzerland when she fell from a tree after a rotting limb snapped. Her back was broken. She spent two years of rehabilitation at Houston Medical Center and had used a wheelchair ever since.

Ms. Golden would devote the rest of her life to championing civil rights for people with disabilities, all the while rejecting as “ridiculousity” the notion that people like her with disabilities deserved pity.

As policy analyst for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, a leading national organization in the field, Ms. Golden played an important role in the drafting, passage and implementation of the landmark Americans With Disabilities Act in 1990.

Ms. Golden died at age 67 on Sept. 21 at her home in Berkeley, CA.

David H. Komansky

David H. Komansky, the former chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch, who helped build the company into a global financial behemoth, died Sept. 27 at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. He was 82.

A postal worker’s son who grew up in the Bronx and later dropped out of college, Mr. Komansky brought worldwide ambitions to his tenure as chief executive of the firm from 1996 to 2003. He bought businesses in the United Kingdom and invested in operations in Europe, Asia and Australia. In 1995, as Merrill’s president, he negotiated the \$810 million acquisition of Britain’s largest independent stockbroker, Smith New Court. In 1997, Mr. Komansky oversaw Merrill Lynch’s acquisition of Mercury Asset Management of Britain, one of Europe’s largest investment firms, for about \$5.3 billion. He also struck a deal with HSBC to provide online banking and investment services, which have since become an everyday offering from banks.

“When I would visit him in the office, I always loved coming down to the lobby with him,” Mr. Komansky’s daughter Elyssa Williams wrote to *The New York Times* in an email. “He knew who every single person in the building was, and would call them by name.”

Neal Sher

Neal Sher, 74, a lawyer who for 11 years ran the federal office that rooted out WWII-era Nazis in the United States and moved to revoke their citizenship and deport them died Oct. 3 at his home in Manhattan.

Mr. Sher joined the newly-formed Office of Special Investigations, the Justice Department’s Nazi-hunting department, as a litigator in 1979 and became its director four years later. Its targets were often individuals who had lied to enter the United States after WWII to conceal their Nazi past.

The cases Mr. Sher prosecuted or oversaw included those of John Demjanjuk, who was accused of having been a death camp guard and deported to Germany; Archbishop Valerian Trifa, who, as part of the antisemitic Iron Guard of Romania, was reported to have instigated a pogrom in 1941 against Jews in Bucharest; and Arthur Rudolph, who was accused of “working slave laborers to death” in the V-2 rocket factory in Germany before becoming the project manager of NASA’s Saturn 5 rocket program, which was critical to the Apollo spaceflights. Mr. Trifa was deported to Portugal, and Mr. Rudolph surrendered his citizenship and agreed to go to West Germany rather than fight deportation.

In 1986, Mr. Sher recommended that Kurt Waldheim, a former secretary-general of the United Nations, be denied entry to the United States because of his service as a German Army lieutenant in the Balkans during brutal campaigns against Yugoslav partisans and mass deportations of Greek Jews to death camps. Attorney General Edwin Meese III put Mr. Waldheim — who had been elected president of Austria by then — on a list of people who were barred from entering the United States.

Moshe Tendler

Rabbi Moshe Tendler, a singular authority on medical ethics in the Jewish world, died Sept. 28 at a hospital in Rochelle Park, NJ. He was 95.

Rabbi Tendler was both a master of the Torah and a trained microbiologist. In articles, three books, speeches, and frequent legislative testimony, Rabbi Tendler made influential statements on a number of controversial issues — the clinical definition of death, organ transplantation, permissible circumcision techniques, stem cell research and more — that shaped how the larger Jewish community addressed these questions.

Rabbi Tendler's more than 80-year association with Yeshiva University began when he entered its Talmudical Academy, a high school. He later took up rabbinical studies at the university's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Drawn to biology from childhood, Rabbi Tendler, while studying at Yeshiva, simultaneously took evening courses at New York University. There he received a bachelor's degree in biology and then a master's degree before eventually earning a doctorate at Columbia.

Yeshiva hired him as a biology instructor in 1952, and within a few years, he was appointed assistant dean in charge of student affairs. He was later named a rosh yeshiva at the seminary, a title given to the school's leading teachers and one he held at his death. He lectured from his hospital bed by Zoom until five months ago, his son Mordecai said.

Anni Bergman

Anni Bergman, an Austrian-born psychoanalyst, who worked with autistic children and contributed to a landmark study of early childhood development, died on Oct. 2 at home in Manhattan. She was 102.

One of Dr. Bergman's innovations in the treatment of autistic children was to add a helper to the mix: a therapeutic companion, who could help the child navigate his or her world. One example involved a child who wanted to take down all the items from the shelves of a grocery store. She knew that behind the child's impulse was a need to establish her own sort of order on the world.

Myriam Sarachik

Myriam Sarachik, a scientist whose groundbreaking experiments illuminated subtle but fundamental physics in the electronic and magnetic behavior of materials, died Oct. 7 in Manhattan. She was 88.

In the 1980s, she began performing her leading-edge work on superconductivity and molecules that acted like magnets. Last year, the American Physical Society awarded her the Medal for Exceptional Achievement in Research for "fundamental contributions to the physics of electronic transport in solids and molecular magnetism." She later taught at City College of New York until her retirement in 2018.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1933, her family fled the Nazi threat in 1940. Their flight included false papers, bribes, running through open fields, being seized and placed in a prison camp in German-occupied France, and then an escape to Vichy, France. They made their way to Cuba, then New York City, where Myriam was among the first girls to attend the Bronx High School of Science. She graduated from Barnard College and earned master's and doctorate degrees in physics from Columbia University.

Birthdays in November

- 1: Harris Levine; Michael Sausmer
- 3: Jenny Beth Bloom; Helaine Teperman
- 11: Jessica Friedmann; Philip Goldman
- 24: Jacob Spar

The Shofar is delighted to announce the birth of Ava Rakhman, daughter of Joshua and Antonia Rakhman of Great Neck, on Oct. 14, at Stonybrook Southampton Hospital. Josh was our shul's guard, checking proof of Covid vaccination when the shul opened in August through the High Holidays. Mazel tov, Rakhman family.

Anniversaries in November

11: Adam and Sonia Spar
22: Stephen and Susan Meshover

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

Yahrzeits in November

1: Norman Mordkofsky
2: Ethel L. Komar
4: Rose Ehrlich; Rabbi Isaac Kiev
5: Maurice E. Bloom; Nat Dolin; Gussie Levin; Wayne Scott Mountain
6: Mollie Friedman; Goldie Pushkin
7: Sidney Waxler
8: Moe Harris; Jeanette Lipsitz; Max Posner; Rachel Stollar
9: Libbie Esther Brown; Paul Kotik
11: Solomon S. Carasso; Samuel Shemaiah Kaplan; Esther Sperling
12: Beverly Rose Seigel; Mortimer Silberger
13: Sidney Holtzman; Beulah "Billy" Raphael Sher
14: Norman Elsky; Marshall Hurwitz; Betty Millman; Henry Newman; Mildred Pushkin Pelovitz
15: Murray Buchbinder; Rose Katcher
16: Sylvia Dornfield; Susan Felder; Samuel Novick
17: Eva Suskind Bloom
18: Sanford Firestone; Morris Kaplan; Sylvia Kar;
19: A. Harry Brown; Abram Philip Kaplan; Harry Levin; Charles Millman
20: Abraham Abba Levine; Helen S. Rose
21: Max Rosenstreich
23: Miriam Lipman Gluckman; Brigitte Jarvi
24: Philip Ballen; Henry Kessler; Herbert Michael Krasnow; Bracha Rothman; Robert Rothman
25: Annie Wandt
26: Sylvia Brittman; Anne Lengyel
27: Rosanne Silberger Lieberman; Lt. Earl M. Silverstone; Mollie Kaplan Singer
28: Julius Lieberthal; Dr. Monte M. Warren
29: Jack Feinberg; Samuel Weisbein
30: Joseph Teperman

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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.

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- **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.

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• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

Membership Per Year

Family: \$850; Individual: \$550

<u>Event</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
Wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Baby Naming*	\$450	\$900
Sanctuary Only	No charge	\$300
Community Room Only	\$25 per hour	\$50 per hour
Community Room, Kitchen and Park	\$300	\$600
Rabbi's classes	No charge	No charge

Commemoratives	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.

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