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## • CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

### ***Shabbat and Holiday Services (on Zoom; in-person by reservation)***

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

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor in 2022: April 23 (Passover); June 6 (Shavuot); Oct. 5 (Yom Kippur); Oct. 17 (Shemini Atzeret)

### ***Learning at our Shul***

Mondays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28: Hebrew Class, 5:30 p.m. on Zoom

### ***Shul Events***

Monday, Feb. 7: Ritual Committee, at 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, Feb. 7: Lunch and Learn; shul member Chef Deborah Pittorino, Zoom at noon

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Judaism and the Arts meeting, 7 p.m., on Zoom

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Book Circle, 3 p.m., on Zoom

Sunday, Feb. 20: Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m.; Congregation meeting at 10 a.m., on Zoom

### ***Lighting Shabbat Candles in February***

Feb. 4: 4:59 Feb. 11: 5:08 Feb. 18: 5:16 Feb. 25: 5:24

### ***Dates to Remember***

Monday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Monday, Feb. 21: Presidents' Day

Deadline for the March 2022 issue of *The Shofar* is February 20

## From The Rabbi...



### “Captives Of Hope Are Not Helpless”

Two days after the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, the congregation conducted a healing service at a nearby church. The place was full. I watched it live. One of the compelling themes offered by Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, spiritual leader of the congregation, was this: “We are not helpless! No one would be saying the Mourner’s Kaddish, thank God, thank God.” There will always be tests, he said, but the answer is always the same: “Like every journey, we will take the next step. We stand together against hatred.”

Three days later, *The Wall Street Journal* ran a story about Colleyville, reporting that an elite FBI team had flown in from Quantico, stormed the synagogue, and released the hostages. At that point, it was already widely known that it was Rabbi Cytron-Walker’s heroic act that had broken the grueling, 11-hour standoff, and that he and his two congregants had not been rescued, but had escaped on their own. They were not helpless.



The following Shabbat, we read in Parashat Yitro that Jethro hears and then comes from afar to join Moses and the Israelites. He heard what God had done for the Jewish people and he came. Rashi asks, “What did he hear?” He heard that we were not helpless, that God helped us, but that we can also help ourselves by creating a system to prepare ourselves. [Wikipedia image, *Jethro comes to Moses in the wilderness.*]

Rabbi Angela Buchdahl of Central Synagogue in Manhattan was a key figure in the gunman’s demands. He insisted that the Colleyville synagogue contact her in order to free a Pakistani terrorist. Rabbi Buchdahl gave a stirring sermon the following Shabbat, citing the theme of perseverance. “The Jewish people,” she said, “have been trained to be ‘captives of hope.’”

In an essay in *The Times of Israel*, Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum wrote that the Jewish people have been caught between two extreme narratives: total helplessness and invincibility. “Having been vulnerable and politically weak for 2,000 years, it is natural to fear any sign of weakness,” he wrote. “It’s natural to think that any sign of vulnerability means we’re back in Egypt, a state of deep helplessness...The world has bought into this mythology, too... Either we the Jewish people are Superman — invincible and invulnerable — or we are Holocaust victims...Perhaps we need to change the narrative...We can be strong without being invincible...We need to remind the world of that...No one should have to be a total victim to qualify for sympathy.”

CBI could have been CTI or the name of any other synagogue. Just as the people of Israel learned to defend themselves back in their land, the people of every synagogue need to learn to defend themselves in their own synagogues, their Jewish land. While we can hear what happened in Colleyville, we need to listen as well and to act. Sometimes we need only to throw a chair to save ourselves. Captives of hope are never helpless.

May we have a safe and blessed month,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

## From The President...



### “From These to Those to Active Shooter Training”

It is rooted in our tradition as Jews to argue with God and to argue with each other. We talk about it, and we laugh about it. We see that every page of the Talmud supports dispute and discussion, conflicting points of view that, over time, become the foundation for a greater truth. It is this tradition from which the rules of law are established when it seems apparent that two values or beliefs

have no single answer or solution.

In the first class of our Jewish Theological Seminary course, “Beyond Dispute,” led by Rabbi Gadi and underwritten by the Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs, we discussed the idea of dispute as “these” and “those,” and I embraced the concept.

And then Texas happened. A tiny synagogue in a small suburban community during a Shabbat service with the Rabbi and three congregants. The parallels to our own shul in size and demographics were chilling. So too our practice of Tikkun Olam — welcoming strangers. But in Texas, the stranger was a terrorist on the British watch list, eventually deemed no longer a threat. Until he was.

A lone actor. We’ve been told that current threats are more likely to come from people working alone to carry out less sophisticated but just as deadly attacks. And as several of us heard in a Zoom meeting with senior government officials — Attorney General Merrick Garland, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, FBI Director Christopher Wray and others — an acceleration of anti-Semitic threats and attacks on Jews is ongoing within our nation. Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal pointed out during the meeting that these individuals are not always from abroad, but can be people within our own communities.

How do we prepare for these attacks? How do we prevent them? Somehow, these and those are no longer in play; these and those now make us vulnerable and put us at risk. Do we look to terrorist strategies and responses more akin to Israel? Perhaps with two grandchildren in the IDF now, that is my reference point. And why not? After all, active shooter training saved the lives of those Jews in Colleyville, Texas. Here in Greenport, we are stepping up our own security measures. We need to find that place, if there is one, between being safe and being welcoming.

—Judith K. Weiner

## • A LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

To the editors:

In response to Rabbi Gadi’s column in the January issue of *The Shofar*, I offer a different perspective, quoted from Rabbi Joel Levinson in *Newsday*’s “On Faith” column:

“According to Jewish law, Jews have an obligation, with medical guidance, to be vaccinated against COVID-19. We have this obligation because it is a mitzvah to protect our own health and the health of others. This pandemic has taken more than 850,000 lives in the United States and more than 5,500,000 lives worldwide. After receiving my vaccine, and when my kids got theirs, I recited the Shehecheyanu blessing, thanking God for “keeping us in life.”

—Madelyn Rothman

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### Join Chef Deborah On Feb. 7 For A ‘Lunch and Learn’ Valentine Event



You are invited to Zoom at noon on Monday, Feb. 7, when Chef Deborah Pittorino once again visits Lunch and Learn to inspire your culinary creativity with tips and tricks for gifts of love on Valentine’s Day — from your own kitchen. Whether you’re cooking and baking together with spouses or grandchildren, or cooking and baking for them, you’ll have a love-ly time with Lunch and Learn’s popular restaurateur as she pays tribute to the annual celebration of love.

Chef Deborah is the head chef/owner of The Greenporter Hotel and Restaurant in the heart of downtown Greenport, and a frequent guest on Lunch and Learn. Zoom at noon on Feb. 7, and bring friends for a seat at Chef Deborah’s virtual table.

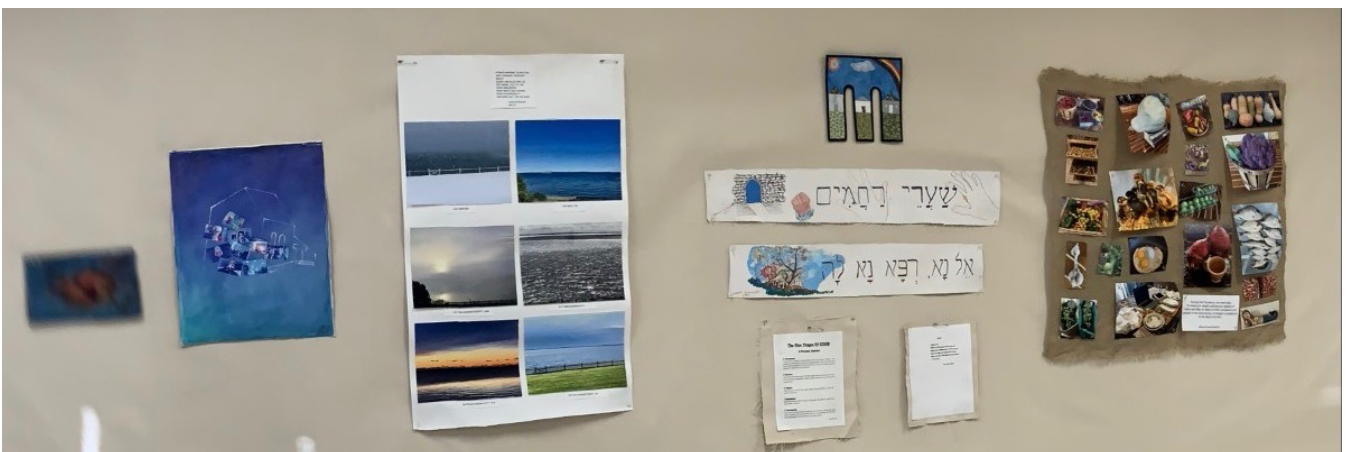
Join Lunch and Learn on the first Monday of every month for programs that inspire and amaze.

#### A Change: Due Date When Dues Are Due

Acting on a recommendation by the shul’s Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, at the Jan. 16 meeting, approved the following motion: Dues notices sent on Nov. 1, 2021 for the calendar year beginning Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022 are payable no later than Sept. 1, 2022. (This motion advances the payable-by date from Dec. 31 to Sept. 1.)

Treasurer Alan Garmise reported good responses so far from dues notices sent on Nov. 1, 2021 for the calendar year 2022.

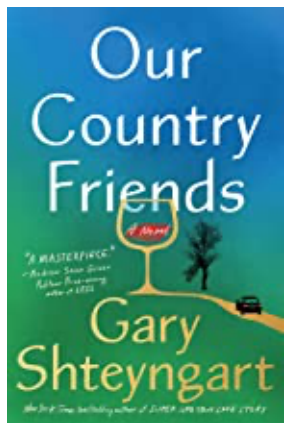
### Oculus: Eye On The Arts/A Communal Activity



The Shehecheyanu Curtain, a mural art project initiated by the shul’s Judaism and the Arts group, has posted the first group of submissions. The curtain encourages all shul folks and friends to illustrate in painting, photography, poetry, storytelling, quilting, sewing, collage, etc., personal thoughts about the effects of Covid. Creative work was submitted by, from left, Saul Rosenstreich, Susan Bloom, Roberta Garriss, Hedy Campeas, Sara Bloom, Susan Rosenstreich, and Cookie Slade. What are your thoughts about Covid? How will you illustrate them? Join the collective of Covid responses for a community picture of how we feel, what we do. For more information, email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Saul Rosenstreich, who initiated the project. Saul Rosenstreich photo



## Book Circle To Explore Comic Novel In The Wake Of The Pandemic



The Book Circle will meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m., on Zoom, to discuss *Our Country Friends* by Gary Shteyngart.

In the rolling hills of upstate New York, a group of friends gathers in a country house to wait out the pandemic. Over the next six months, new friendships and romances take hold, while old betrayals emerge, forcing each character to reevaluate whom they love and what matters most. The unlikely cast of characters includes a Russian-born novelist, his Russian-born psychiatrist wife, their precocious child obsessed with K-pop, a struggling Indian American writer, a wildly successful Korean American app developer, a global dandy with three passports, a Southern essayist, and a movie star. Described as elegiac and funny, *Our Country Friends* is an offering by the author of the popular *Super Sad True Love Story*.

The book circle meets monthly to explore works about Jews and by Jewish writers. For information, email the shul at [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

## Rabbi Gadi Conducts A Tu B'Shevat Seder Via Zoom On Jan. 17



At a Tu B'Shevat seder held via Zoom on Monday, Jan. 17, Rabbi Gadi demonstrates the ritual of mixing red and white wine four times to mark the passing of the seasons. The seder, part of the Lunch and Learn program, featured fruits and nuts, many of them native to Israel, and has been compared to an Earth Day appreciation for the environment. Rabbi Gadi also tied the observance to recognition of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday was recognized on the 17th.

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## Tikkun Olam Initiative Announces Plans For The First Quarter Of 2022

The Tikkun Olam Initiative continues its outreach throughout the year. Here are first quarter plans:

- Due to Covid, the citizenship course scheduled to be held at our shul in January was postponed. The group is hoping to provide the course in the spring.
- Those starting indoor seedlings now for spring/summer gardens are asked to plant a few extras for CAST clients. Tomatoes are particularly welcome contributions. The group provides directions for plant maintenance in English and Spanish.
- Ongoing throughout the season are donations of gently-used winter clothing
- Also ongoing are donations of requested items, including spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, personal care items and, if needed, quality masks.

The TOI is an outreach committee that supports CAST, the synagogues designated charity. Committee members are Ann Hurwitz, Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman, and Cookie Slade.

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## ‘The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’ begins Season 4 on Amazon Prime Feb. 18



It's official. Amazon Prime Video has announced the Season 4 debut of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" on Friday, Feb. 18.

The official trailer for the hit show finds Miriam "Midge Maisel (Rachel Brosnahan) sitting with her manager Susie (Alex Borstein) at their classic spot: the Stage Deli. The two are discussing Midge's future as a comic after last season's kerfuffle, which left all of us waiting to see how Midge would redeem herself.

"You know what's great about me?" Midge asks Susie.

"Your humility?" Susie responds.

"No, it's when I'm me. I will only do gigs where I can say what I want," she tells Susie.

Susie argues, "That's not how the business works," to which Midge replies, "Then let's change it." What will "changing the business" look like for Midge?

## Researchers Find Ruins Of 16th-Century Jewish Community In Morocco

Researchers from Israel, Morocco and France have discovered remnants of a small Jewish community in the mountains of Morocco, *Haaretz* has reported. The ruins of the community's synagogue in the small village of Tamanart, located on the outskirts of the Sahara desert, were found while conducting a preliminary survey of Jewish sites in the area. The researchers say Jews lived there from the 16th century until the early 19th century. They recovered scriptures, documents, and Kabbalist amulets from the synagogue's genizah.

The discovery came weeks after King Mohammed VI of Morocco ordered the restoration of Jewish sites across the kingdom, and a year after Israel and Morocco agreed to formal diplomatic relations.

It is believed that Jews first established communities in Morocco more than 2,000 years ago. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the Jewish population reached a peak of 250,000. It is estimated that only 2,000 Jews remain today.



## YIVO Institute Digitizes Its Archive Of European Jewish Life



The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research has gathered, preserved and now digitized its pre-WWII papers, the culmination of a seven-year \$7 million project. The archive is the largest remnant of Jewish life in Europe posted online for wide distribution and scholarship.

The collection of about 1.5 million pages includes working drafts by Hasidic philosopher Martin Buber; letters from Albert Einstein to Yiddish writers and actors; a diary of a young Theodor Herzl; business papers of the Rothschilds; songs; medical records; and the sermons of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Visit [yivo.org](http://yivo.org) for access.

## Yad Vashem Unveils Updated Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names

Yad Vashem and its partners have collected and recorded the names and biographical details of millions of victims of systematic anti-Jewish persecution during the Holocaust (Shoah) period. More than 4,800,000 of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices are commemorated here. The database includes information regarding victims of the Shoah: those who were murdered, many whose fate has yet to be determined, and some who survived.

"The names of more than a million of those who were murdered remain unknown — and time is running out," Yad Vashem said. "It is our collective moral imperative to persist in our efforts to recover their names and restore their identities."

Yad Vashem encourages the public to submit names of those not yet listed. Yad Vashem's staff verifies and cross-references the new information for historical accuracy before adding to the database, which is updated several times a year.

Readers with information not yet digitized regarding victims of the Holocaust are asked to access the Yad Vashem website ([www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org)) and submit what they know.

## 11-Hour Standoff At A Texas Synagogue; Hostages Released; Suspect Dead



An 11-hour standoff at a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, ended late at night on Saturday, Jan. 15, with the rabbi and other hostages safe and the suspect dead, police said. The suspect had disrupted Shabbat-morning services as they were being livestreamed on Facebook, and held the rabbi and several congregants hostage until 9:30 p.m. local time, when the shul's rabbi saw an avenue for escape and ushered everyone out safely.

The hostages included Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker and three congregants at Congregation Beth Israel, a Reform synagogue in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb. More than 200 law enforcement officials were at the scene, and one hostage was released unharmed at about 5 p.m. local time. Once all the hostages were free, law enforcement entered the building, shots were fired, and the suspect was dead. It is unclear whether the suspect took his own life or was shot by police.

According to ABC, the suspect said he was connected to Aafia Siddiqui, a relative by marriage of Khalid Sheikh Muhammad, the chief architect of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Aafia Siddiqui is serving an 86-year sentence in the Fort Worth area for attempting to kill American military personnel after she was arrested in Afghanistan in 2008 on suspicion of plotting attacks in New York. It has been suggested by the authorities that the suspect thought Jews might have connections in order to free Aafia Siddiqui.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism said that Jewish institutions take security seriously. A *New York Times* account on Monday, Jan. 17, pointed out that security instruction followed by the hostages at Congregation Beth Israel may have saved their lives. As a result of this recent security breach, Jewish organizations are encouraging synagogues to take steps to better secure their buildings and worshippers.

This is the latest in a string of attacks on synagogues in recent years. In October 2018, a shooter killed 11 people in a mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the deadliest antisemitic incident in American history. In April 2019, a gunman killed one woman and injured others during a shooting at the Chabad of Poway that took place on the final day of Passover.

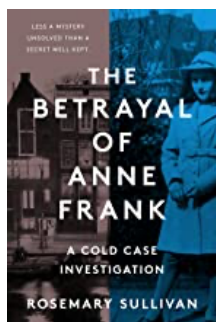
Photo caption: Imam Omar Suleiman hugs Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker after the rabbi's escape from being held hostage at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue on Jan. 15. Asra Kahn photo

## In The Wake Of Texas Hostage Situation, Tightened Security At Our Shul

In the wake of the frightening events in Texas, shul members planning to attend Shabbat services in person are asked to arrive by 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and by 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The doors will be locked when services begin. Latecomers must knock and identify themselves before the door will be opened.

Shul president Judith K. Weiner, Rabbi Gadi Capela and several board members attended a Zoom meeting on Jan. 18 to hear U.S. government officials discuss security measures to foil antisemitic activity. Speakers included Attorney General Merrick Garland, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, FBI Director Christopher Wray, White House Director of Faith Partnerships Melissa Rogers, and others. The shul will follow up on recommendations, and with local law enforcement.

## The Anne Frank Story Continues To Unfold; New Book, New Information



A cold case team that combed through evidence for five years in a bid to unravel one of WWII's mysteries has reached what it calls the "most likely scenario" of who betrayed Jewish teenage diarist Anne Frank and her family in the summer of 1944. A possible answer is outlined in a new book titled *The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation*, by Canadian academic Rosemary Sullivan.

The Franks and four other Jews hid in the annex of a warehouse at Prinsengracht 263 in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. The annex, reached by a secret staircase hidden behind a bookcase, served the family from July 1942 until they were discovered in August 1944 and deported to concentration camps. The diary Anne wrote while in hiding was published after the war and became a symbol of hope and resilience that has been translated into dozens of languages and read by millions. Only Anne's father, Otto Frank, survived the war. But the identity of the person who gave away the location of their hiding place has always remained a mystery, despite previous investigations.

Shaped like a procedural or a whodunit, the book examines possible informants, and eventually wends its way to — spoiler alert — Arnold van den Bergh, a prosperous Jewish Dutch notary who may have traded information for the safety of his own family. The theory is convincing, reviewers say, but not conclusive. However, the book does reveal how the horror of the Nazi occupation forced some members of a once close-knit Amsterdam community to turn on one another.



## National Weather Bureau Announces Atlantic-Basin Storm Names For 2022

Ever mindful of our fascination with weather (well, maybe only *The Shofar* editor, nevertheless...) and consternation when weather doesn't cooperate with outdoor plans, we bring you the official storm names for 2022, announced by the National Weather Bureau. Thanks to *The Shofar's* crack research department, you can amaze your friends with this inside information at your next swanky cocktail party (masked, of course).

By the way, the final name for the 2021 hurricane season was Wanda, which transitioned into Tropical Storm Wanda on Dec. 27 after roaming the Atlantic as a subtropical storm. Whew! Wanda was the last name on the list. In the past, after the alphabet was exhausted, the weather bureau would turn to the Greek alphabet. But that system of naming storms has been abandoned because so many of the Greek letters sound too much alike (Zeta, Beta, Theta...) Now, the World Meteorological Organization has developed a supplemental list of names to use when the standard list is exhausted in a given season.

Here now, the standard list for 2022: Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin, Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginie (not Virginia), Walter.

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### ***Bruce Blakeman***

Bruce Blakeman, a Republican, was sworn in as Nassau County executive on Jan. 3, the first Jewish person to hold that office. Blakeman had been serving as councilman of Hempstead, the county's largest town, since 2015. He defeated the incumbent Democrat, Laura Curran, by 2,150 votes in the November elections.

Prior to his official inauguration, Blakeman hosted a number of local rabbis and Jewish community leaders for a mezuzah installation at his new office. In a Zoom interview with the *Forward*, Blakeman, 66, said, "Hashem and spirituality are important parts of my life. That's where I derive my strength."

He is a member of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach, an Orthodox congregation. Despite his Orthodox affiliation, Blakeman said he feels a connection to Jews of all denominations.

### ***Jon Stewart***

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has announced that it will recognize Jon Stewart as the winner of its 23rd annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The ceremony will be held on April 24.

Stewart, who was host of "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" on Comedy Central for 16 years, stepped away in 2015 to pursue filmmaking and social activism on behalf of 9/11 first responders. Last fall, he debuted a biweekly comedy show on Apple TV+ to discuss global issues and the way forward.

Deborah F. Rutter, president of the Kennedy Center said in a statement: "For more than three decades, Jon Stewart has brightened our lives and challenged our minds as he delivers current events and social satire with his trademark wit and wisdom. For me, tuning into his television programs over the years has always been equal parts entertainment and truth."

### ***Stephen Breyer***

Justice Stephen G. Breyer, 83, the senior member of the Supreme Court's liberal wing, has announced his retirement, providing President Joseph R. Biden Jr. with an opportunity to name a new justice.

Justice Breyer, the oldest member of the court, was appointed in 1994 by President Bill Clinton. On the bench, his demeanor was often studded with colorful hypotheticals, demonstrating a lively curiosity and an open mind. His goal, he has said, was always to reinforce democracy and to supply workable solutions.

Speculation has already begun on who might succeed Justice Breyer.

## • OBITUARIES •

*The Shofar* joins the membership in extending deepest condolences to Elaine and Phil Goldman on the death of Estelle Goldman, wife of Stanley Goldman, Phil's late brother.

### ***Ellen Frank***



Ellen Frank, an artist, scholar, writer, died Dec. 16, after a life dedicated to peace building, illuminating beauty, and creating positive change through the visual arts

In 2004, she founded the Ellen Frank Illumination Arts Foundation, a global nonprofit organization headquartered in East Hampton, NY, dedicated to the “transformative power of art” to build a culture of understanding and peace. “Cities of Peace Illuminated” is its primary initiative, which includes a collection of gold-illuminated paintings honoring the history and culture of world cities that have experienced conflict and trauma. The

paintings draw upon artistic traditions unique to each city honored, including illuminated maps, manuscripts, icons, tapestries, embroidery, architectural mosaics, woodcarvings and metalwork.

During her career, Ellen Frank was honored with a Fulbright Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts award, Ford Foundation Fellowship, and a Pollock Krasner Award in painting.

### ***Lee Kaufman***

Lee Kaufman and her husband, Morty, were unlikely celebrities when they agreed in 2014 to appear in commercials for the Swiffer line of cleaning products. She was then 91 years old. They were the pioneers in an advertising strategy built on ordinary people, rather than actors. The public responded with adoration and an Internet click count that soared into the millions.

They appeared on TV shows and news outlets. The cleaning products weren't the attraction; what generated fans was that the Kaufmans had a finish-each-other's-sentences cuteness about them, and they seemed to have mastered the secret to a long and happy marriage, *The New York Times* said.

Mrs. Kaufman died on Dec. 18 at a hospice center in Port Jefferson, NY. She was 99.

In 2013, Mrs. Kaufman told *Newsday* that her late-life fame held a lesson. “The bottom line is, don't die young,” she said. “There are too many things that can happen.”

### ***Donald Weinstein***

Dr. Ronald Weinstein, who envisioned the future of telepathology, died Dec. 3 at a medical center in Tucson, AZ. He was 83.

Dr. Weinstein is perhaps the father of a technology now known as telepathology that enables specialists to render diagnoses and other medical opinion from afar using telecommunications technologies. At the time, 1986, the internet was in its early stages, fiber optics were not widely available, and the high-definition screens now common were unknown.

Dr. Weinstein saw early on the potential for telepathology to broaden medical access. “The limited availability of pathologies in some rural locations and areas serviced by federal medical centers is a bottleneck in the United States health care delivery system,” he wrote in *Human Pathology* in May 1986. By the time he died, his early vision of telemedicine's possibilities had become an integral part of the health care system, not only in pathology but also in numerous other specialties, bringing clinical services to hundreds of thousands of patients.

## ***Judith Davidoff***

Judith Davidoff, who mastered an assortment of stringed instruments not widely played for centuries, especially the cello-like viola da gamba, and became a leading proponent and player of early music, died Dec. 19 at her home in Manhattan. She was 94.

Curiosity led to a passion for early music and the instruments used to perform it. She became part of an early-music scene in the middle of the last century and became a major force in classical music, even influencing how works from various periods were performed.

The curiosity that first led Ms. Davidoff to early music stayed with her for her entire career. In 1971, for example, when she was already established as an early-music performer, she took a course in how to dance the court dances of the Baroque era. Learning the steps gave her new insights into how the accompanying music should be performed. She was also always on the lookout for new discoveries, touring the world in search of instruments to play. Although the instruments she played may have been from earlier eras, she believed new works could and should still be created for them. She was devoted to getting living composers to write for the viola da gamba.

## ***Bob Saget***

Bob Saget, the standup comic and actor known as Danny Tanner on “Full House” and the host of “America’s Funniest Home Videos,” was found dead on Sunday in a hotel room at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. The cause of death was not known. He was 65.

On “Full House,” Mr. Saget played a widowed father who shared his house with his three daughters, his brother-in-law, and his best friend. The show aired from 1987 to 1995. Later, he voiced the narrator of “How I Met Your Mother,” an older and wiser version of the show’s protagonist. In contrast to his squeaky-clean image on “Full House” and “America’s Funniest Home Videos,” Mr. Saget delighted in raunchy, profanity and scatological-laden stand-up routines.

## ***Marilyn Bergman***

Marilyn Bergman, who with her husband, Alan Bergman, gave the world memorable lyrics about “misty watercolor memories” and “the windmills of your mind” and won three Academy Awards, died on Jan. 8 at her home in Los Angeles. She was 93.

The Bergmans, working with composer Marvin Hamlisch, won the 1974 best-song Academy Award for “The Way We Were,” from the Robert Redford-Barbra Streisand romance of the same name. The album of that movie’s score also won the Bergmans their only Grammy Award. Their other best-song Oscar, “The Windmills of Your Mind,” was written with Michel Legrand for the 1968 film, “The Thomas Crown Affair.” Their third Oscar was for the score of Ms. Streisand’s 1983 film “Yentl,” also written with Mr. Legrand.

Aside from the Oscar winners, their other popular songs included the title track of Frank Sinatra’s album “Nice ‘n’ Easy,” written with the songwriter Lew Spence; the ballad “What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life,” from the 1969 movie “The Happy Ending,” with music by Mr. Legrand; and “Where Do You Start?,” written with Johnny Mandel.

The Bergmans also won three Emmy Awards: for the score of the 1976 TV movie “Sybil,” written with Leonard Rosenman; “Ordinary Miracles,” written with Mr. Hamlisch; and “A Ticket to Dream,” another Hamlisch creation. On TV, they wrote the lyrics to the theme songs for the hit sitcoms “Maude,” “Alice,” “Good Times” and “Brooklyn Bridge, and the drama series “In the Heat of the Night.”

The Bergmans were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1980, and jointly received a Trustees Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in 2013.



## ***Carl Bennett***

Carl Bennett, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and founder with his wife Dorothy of the Caldor discount department store chain, died Dec. 23 at his home in Greenwich, CT. He was 101.

The Caldor stores continued to expand from the 1950s to the mid 1980s until the Bennetts sold the company of 120 stores to Associated Dry Goods. They had opened their first store in 1951, in a walkup loft in Port Chester, NY, and soon expanded to Stamford, Norwalk and Riverside, CT. In 1961, Caldor became publicly traded on the American Stock Exchange. In 1983, Caldor reached \$1 billion in sales.

Carl Bennett received Israel's Prime Minister Award for distinguished service in 1973, and was awarded Discounter of the Year in 1982. He was inducted into the Retailer Hall of Fame in 1983.

The Bennetts gave generously to Stamford Hospital, Fairfield University, Greenwich Hospital, Jewish Senior Services, the Weitzmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel, and Yeshiva University.

## ***Robert J. Birnbaum***

Robert J. Birnbaum, who as president of the New York Stock Exchange is credited with helping to navigate a major financial crisis during the U.S. stock market's plunge on what became known as Black Monday in 1987, and who later helped design market circuit breakers to head off future panics, died on Dec. 23 at his home in Boca Raton, FL. He was 94.

Mr. Birnbaum spent his career on Wall Street as one of its most reliable stewards. After studying the mechanics of marketplaces in the mid-20th century as a member of a special team at the Securities and Exchange Commission, he helped reshape stock exchanges while presiding over the American and New York exchanges.

When U.S. stock prices fell more than 22 percent on Oct. 19, 1987, his clear public comments helped soothe investors and prevent a frenzied sell-off from continuing. In the days that followed, Mr. Birnbaum played a crucial role in bringing together the leaders of various exchanges to hash out what had happened and how such a crisis could be averted in the future.

## ***Gerald Stern***

Gerald Stern, who for three decades set the bar for courtroom ethical standards in New York State as the first administrator of its Commission on Judicial Conduct, died Jan. 6 in a hospital in the Bronx. He was 86.

Mr. Stern led the commission from its inception in 1974 through 2003, a period in which it sacked, censured or admonished some 600 judges for offenses including corruption, conflicts of interest, favoritism, improper demeanor, and proscribed political activity. Mr. Stern's scrutiny of judicial conduct set new standards of professionalism in courts across the nation.

He also criticized prosecutors for equating indictments with convictions, in particular Rudolph W. Giuliani when he was the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in the 1980s.

## ***Beatrice Mintz***

Beatrice Mintz, a cancer researcher whose many groundbreaking discoveries included the crucial finding that certain cancerous cells could be tamed by contact with normal neighboring cells, without the use of harsh treatments like chemotherapy and radiation, died on Jan. 3 at her home in Elkins Park, PA.

Dr. Mintz was an embryologist whose work spanned a number of disciplines, and her pioneering contributions have proved essential in helping researchers unravel some of the complexities of how cancer operates.

An elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Mintz won numerous prestigious prizes and awards. They included the National Medal of Honor for Basic Research by the American Cancer

Society, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association for Cancer Research, and the first March of Dimes Prize in developmental biology, which she shared with Ralph L. Brinster in 1996.

Dr. Mintz was notorious for having a demanding personality and for setting exacting standards that few others could meet. At one point, she was thinking about an endowed chair in her name that would be reserved for a female scientist, but then added that she couldn't think of anyone who would qualify.

### ***Miriam Naor***

Former Chief Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court Miriam Naor, who spent 38 years in the justice system and served 14 years on the Supreme Court, died Jan. 24. She was 74.

Naor was born in Jerusalem in 1947 and received her law degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 1980, she was appointed as a judge on the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, and in 1988 she became a judge in the Jerusalem District Court. She was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2003 and served as chief from 2015 to 2017, when she retired.

An array of politicians and government officials expressed sorrow at Naor's sudden death. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett called her "a respected jurist, careful to maintain the required balance between the variety of values in Israeli society, and to strengthen the national and Zionist character of the State of Israel."

### ***Cecile Klein and Edith Hodes Rose***

Cecile Klein and Edith Hodes Rose, two Jewish supercentenarians, died in the same week. Klein spent seven months as Canada's oldest person before passing away on Jan. 13. She was 114. New Jersey's oldest resident, Edith Hodes Rose, died on Jan. 11, at the age of 111.

### ***Sheldon Silver***

Sheldon Silver, the once-indomitable leader of the New York State Assembly, whose career and reputation were undone by a 2015 corruption conviction, died Jan. 24. He was 77.

Mr. Silver had been incarcerated at Devens Federal Medical Center in Ayer, MA. Kristie Breshears, a spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Prisons, said in a statement that Mr. Silver had died at the nearby Nashoba Valley Medical Center. The cause of death was not immediately clear, but Mr. Silver had a history of cancer and chronic kidney disease, according to statements made by his lawyers in 2020.

Mr. Silver was elected to the State Assembly in 1976, and served as speaker from 1994 to 2015. His dominance crumbled early in 2015 when he was accused of accepting nearly \$4 million in illicit payments in exchange for taking official actions for a cancer researcher at Columbia University and two real estate developers. Mr. Silver managed to avoid prison until 2020, when his legal maneuvers were finally exhausted, leaving him to serve a six-and-a-half-year sentence.

## **Birthdays in February**

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

## **Anniversaries in February**

19: Philip and Elaine Goldman

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)

## **Yahrzeits in February**

- 1: Edward Prager  
2: Daniel Bostian, Sylvia J. Golden, Maury Harris, Gertrude L. Poulson  
3: Irene Feinman; Arthur Meyer  
4: Herman Keller  
5: Nathan Goldin; Nora Levin  
6: Elaine Marcus  
8: Anna Levine  
9: Philip Cohen, Michael Adam Rosenbaum  
10: Ruth Berman Cohen; Leo Schneider  
11: Joseph Bruce Ross  
13: Annie Goldin  
15: Dr. Mark Youmans  
17: Anna Garmise; Max Kremsky  
18: Harold Michelson  
19: Daniel Harris; Natalie Wisse Wellisch  
20: Julius Schwartz  
22: Stephen E. Goldberg; Rhoda Kahn; Arlene Marvin  
23: Samuel Levine; Alice M. Ross; Jacob Schneider  
24: Gabriel Fortgang  
25: Rosemarie Birman  
27: Ida Gutterman; Samuel Katz; Joseph Liburt; Louis Revere

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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 (\$18 each; 3 for \$36) from the Sisterhood by calling Andrea Blaga 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.

Please mail your donation to the Sisterhood (P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944) or go to the shul's website ([www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org](http://www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org)), to pay with a credit card.

### Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
- **Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School:** supports Jewish education.
- **Paul S. Birman Technology Fund:** supports updates and new communication programs.
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### 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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- **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.

## • SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

### Membership Per Year

Family: \$850; Individual: \$550

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