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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

(On Zoom; in-person by reservation, with Covid vaccination and booster required)

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m. [Zoom-only on Feb. 25, March 4 and 11]

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. [Hybrid service]

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

Learning at our Shul

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

Sunday, March 27: Beyond Dispute continues, 11:30 a.m. on Zoom

Shul Events

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

Monday, March 7: Lunch and Learn, shul member Debbie Epstein Henry, Zoom at noon

Friday, March 18, 6 p.m.: Shushan Purim observance, followed by Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, Book Circle, 3 p.m., on Zoom

Sunday, March 20: Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, March 20, Packing Party for Yellow Candle Project, 11 a.m., in the community room

Monday, March 21: Judaism and Art, 7 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in March

March 4: 5:32 March 11: 5:40 March 18: 6:48 March 25: 6:55

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 13, 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins: Set clocks ahead one hour

Sunday, March 20, 11:33 a.m.: Spring begins

(The Spring Equinox is the first day of the spring season and occurs when the sun passes the equator, moving from the southern to the northern hemisphere.)

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

From The Rabbi...



“The Third Race”

During Black History Month, America remembers the beauty of the African cultures and, at the same time, remembers what was done in the name of race. Just as Jews are sensitive to injustice, so too are Blacks. The racial narrative that often holds superficial external truths, manifested in different skin colors or other physical features, is deeply rooted.

A couple of weeks ago, America was in upheaval over Whoopi Goldberg’s comments regarding the Holocaust: “This is white people doing to white people, so y’all gonna fight amongst yourselves.” Then she added, “It’s about man’s inhumanity to man, however it exposes itself.” There is no argument about the second part. This is man’s inhumanity sinking to the lowest possible level, said Jonathan Greenblatt, national director of the “Anti-Defamation League (ADL), who pointed out that “the Holocaust was about the Nazi’s systematic annihilation of the Jewish people they deemed an inferior race.” In the first chapter of his manifesto, *Mein Kampf*, Hitler wrote, “People of the same blood should be in the same REICH.”

Whoopi Goldberg apologized for her remarks. “I stand corrected,” she said. I’m not sure she truly understands her mistake, but I must admit, it’s not all her fault. The issue of race and Jews is more complex and is not “Black or White.” It’s about the spark. The spark of light. The light of Torah, living it for a long time, and living in Jewish societies. It’s hard to explain, just as it’s hard to explain the reaction of anti-Jews or antisemitism. The biggest anti-Semites, from Pharaoh to Haman and Hitler, looked at the Jewish people and determined that they are spread throughout different countries, and yet they are one people. One family.

Let me offer a Jewish perspective on this. Antisemitism comes from the name Semite — as in Shem, the first son of Noah. According to Genesis 10, the known 70 nations are the descendants of the three sons of Noah: the Hamitic, the Semitic, and the Japhetic. The midrash claims that they spread to three continents: Africa, Europe and Asia. The sons of Ham (which means hot) are Kush and Mitzrayim — Nigeria and Egypt, both in Africa. The son of Japheth (which means beauty) is Yavan — Greece, the cradle of European culture, beauty and architecture. The son of Shem (which means name) is Ever — Hebrews with their origin in Asia. The Jews are an ethnicity within the Semitic race, and will carry the name of the one God.

On my trip and the preparations for it, I needed several times to designate my racial identity. I would like to select “Jew,” not Black or White. Being Jewish for me was never about color. I grew up in Israel with first- or second-generation kids from 25 countries in my homeroom alone. All colors and shades. A family of common descent. To say that Jews are not of an ethnic background is to ignore a significant part of the Jewish identity. Most of the Jews in the world would not deny they come from an original ethnic background that belongs to a race — the Semite race. The third race in the middle that is often ignored.

When we fill in our information on any application, we are asked to indicate our race. Usually, the options are Black/African, White, Native Hawaiian, Alaska Native, Asian, American Indian, American, and even Other Pacific Islander. Where is the Semite? So, it’s not all Whoopi Goldberg’s fault. When race becomes Black or White, then Jews have to be assigned a side. It was convenient for Jews coming to America from Europe to fall into that rubric, even though they were not white enough in Europe, and it took them a while to become white enough in America. But the Semites are not about the color of their skin. The mission of its people is to carry God’s name wherever they are.

In the end, we are all descendants of Homo sapien that overcame the Neanderthal. In Hebrew, the word race is geza, which refers to a tree trunk. Adam, as a reference to humanity, is one. So really, there is only one race, one tree trunk from which all branches stem. Let us be one and believe in One.

— Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“Sanitizing Antisemitism”

Last month, I mused about how we should draw the line between welcoming strangers into our midst and the need to be safe and secure. But now, as I look around and consider the threatening signs and symbols that appear almost daily, the picture beyond our shul doors appears more ominous. The signs are blatant and unmistakable, although at times they seem so subtle they might be overlooked, ignored. That is, until the news splashes across all media platforms.

Then we see the terrible consequences of complacency — what happened in Texas and in Pennsylvania, swastikas and Nazi flags cropping up everywhere with increasing frequency — along the Canadian border in the so-called “Freedom Convoy” to protest vaccination mandates, the same flags spilling over into other cities across the U.S. and Europe. We see them on a bridge over a highway in Florida. We see them during a protest by vaccine mandate opponents in Geneseo. A swastika crafted from syringes flew at an anti-vax protest at the Governor’s mansion in Utah. And close to home, in the Bronx, protesters displayed swastikas and a yellow star outside the office of a Jewish Assemblyman. And the list goes on.

These are the signs and the symbols that foretell unprovoked acts of violence against individuals, the taking of hostages, murders.

Phone calls offering help and support come to us from Suffolk County Homeland Security. Warnings from government agencies. Technical support is offered by Jewish agencies for the daunting tasks that lie ahead.

We are responding. We have formed a Security Committee, chaired by shul member Stephen Meshover, to consider our immediate needs for the shul and the parsonage, and to explore funding support for facility hardening and other security enhancements to promote emergency preparedness and coordination.

We are not complacent. We are on it.

— Judith K. Weiner

• A LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

The following letter was sent to the Tikkun Olam Initiative, and is reprinted here with permission.

Dear Congregation Tifereth Israel:

Thank you so much for your continued support of CAST. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity. I cannot express how grateful we are to have community members so dedicated to our common goal of supporting the underserved population on the North Fork.

Best wishes,
Karina Hayes, Food Relief Program Manager

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Announcements From The Feb. 20 Board/Congregation Meetings

- In Rabbi Gadi's absence, members of the congregation have stepped up to lead Shabbat services. On Friday's, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11, members of the rabbi's Hebrew class will lead services. Special note: these Erev Shabbat services will be on Zoom only. On Saturdays, Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12, Gabbai Paul Nadel will lead services with readings from the Torah by shul member Ari Paul. These services will be hybrid — Zoom and in person.
- Rabbi Gadi will return to the pulpit on Friday, March 18, at 6 p.m. to lead a Shushan Purim service prior to the regular Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m.
- All members and guests planning to attend services in the sanctuary and/or activities in the shul building must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19, including a booster shot, by March 22. (We will also continue to offer services on Zoom.) Please email proof of your vaccination and booster to ctigreenport@gmail.com. In establishing the new booster mandate, the shul has been guided by the recommendations of Dr. Lewis Teperman, our medical consultant.
- Volunteers are needed for a Packing Party to help assemble packages of yellow candles for mailing to each shul family. We will light these candles together in our homes in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day on April 27. Sisterhood and the Men's Club are organizing the Packing Party, complete with refreshments for the helpers, to be held on Sunday, March 20, at 11 a.m. To volunteer, request additional candles for other family members or children away at school, or to get more information, email the shul at ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Adrienne Greenberg or Tom Byrne.

At Lunch and Learn on March 7: Public Speaking. Fear Not...



Why is public speaking so difficult? Dry mouth, sweaty palms, shaky voice, trembling hands, butterflies in the tummy — sometimes all at once — can affect the simple act of standing up at a meeting of acquaintances or colleagues to present a program or just voice an opinion.

Lunch and Learn to the rescue. With fun exercises, valuable feedback, and concrete strategies, shul member Debbie Epstein Henry will offer tips on how you can become an effective communicator. “Public speaking is the number one fear of up to 75% of the population,” she says. “It can interfere with the ability to project confidence, communicate, run a meeting, win someone's trust, command a room or make a meaningful contribution.”

Debbie Epstein Henry heads DEH Consulting, Speaking, Writing, a firm known here and abroad for expertise on careers, workplace dynamics, women and law. She is the author of two best-selling books and has been featured by hundreds of news outlets, including The New York Times, NBC Nightly News, and The Wall Street Journal. She hosts the podcast “Inspiration Loves Company,” is president of The Forum of Executive Women, and is chair of Brooklyn Law School's Women's Leadership Network.

Zoom at noon on Monday, March 7. Fear not...and join Lunch and Learn on the first Monday of every month for programs that inspire and amaze.

Oculus: Eye On The Arts/A Communal Activity

This month's Oculus column features a poem by Ann Hurwitz, a member of the shul's Judaism and the Arts group. Ann's work is a submission to the Shehecheyanu Curtain, currently mounted on the north wall in the shul's community room. The curtain beckons contributions of painting, collage, fiber arts, poetry, narrative and other creative efforts from our members and their families to memorialize our experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. Email the shul at ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Saul Rosenstreich requesting information on how you can contribute to the curtain.

"We were really tired. In fact, we are still tired. I wanted to stuff my masks into the back of the sock drawer and forget about them. But then, I began to see them discarded in so many places, and I began to think about later on — perhaps years from now — when they will show up in a museum or are made into quilts. We need to be thankful for what they have offered, for they truly have saved us.

As for me, I probably will continue to wear a mask for the unforeseeable future.

—Ann Hurwitz

Masks: An Ode

We were tired.
We thought it was over.
We tossed off the masks
and they drifted, unmoored,
by the side of the road
under the leaves,
on the highway patterned
by tires, in the spokes
of a bike, dropped in a
crosswalk, drowned
in a parking lot puddle
splattered with mud,
crushed under a chair leg
caught in a turnstile,
half-covered with sand
on the beach, on top
of a snowbank,
at the hospital exit,
left in a grocery store
cart, ditched on the tarmac,
floating on waves, hung
on the branch of a birch
or the spar of a boat,
almost wherever you
looked they were there,
including the ones, still
festooned on our doorknobs

or swinging from the car's
rearview mirror,
all ignored and unworn.

Gather them up,
these versions of us;
flowers and stripes,
polka dots and plaids,
many were black or
hospital blue, photos
of mothers and dads,
children and pets,
one even said VOTE,
paper or cloth, cowboy
bandanas in red,
N95's, made in Korea,
China or Texas, Chipotle's
The Best, layered and folded
they covered our mouths,
went over our noses
and under our chins,
elastic taut behind ears,
home-made and crafted
from YouTube instructions,
these millions that saved us,
remember, recover
and treasure each one.

Tikkun Olam Initiative Is Thinking Spring Planting; Looking For Seedlings

The Tikkun Olam Initiative continues its outreach throughout the year. There may be residual mounds of snow still on the ground, but members of the TOI are looking ahead to the Common Ground garden and seedlings to be planted there. As we know from past seasons, the TOI mission to provide fresh veggies and herbs to CAST clients begins with winter seeds for spring planting. Those of us who start seeds inside can provide for our own families and, at the same time, help the TOI help CAST by starting some extra seeds.

Favorite seedlings include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers and eggplant but, as the TOI told *The Shofar*, “We will plant what we get.”

During February, the group provided spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and cooking oil to CAST for hearty meals on cold winter nights.

For more information about the TOI and how you can help, email ctigreenport@gmail.com/.

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‘Beyond Dispute’ Course To Begin Next Series on Sunday, March 27

The spring semester of the JTS “Beyond Dispute” course will debut on Sunday, March 27. All classes are held on Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Zoom. Congregants and friends not previously registered are invited to audit any session.

Part III: Disputing the Essence of Judaism

“This series fits nicely with the spring holiday of Passover,” says Rabbi Gadi Capela, facilitator of the “Beyond Dispute” course. “Each class relates to topics we should contemplate before the holiday that celebrates the birth of the Jewish people.”

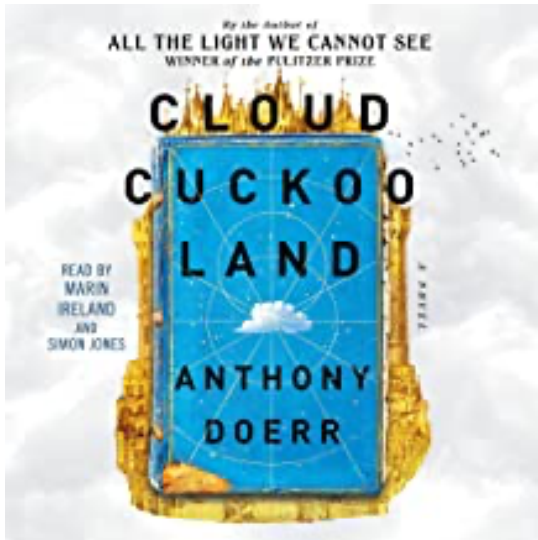
- March 27: What Defines Our Relationship with God? A Tale of two Covenants
- April 3: Does the Torah Contain Everything We Need to Know? The Maimonidean Controversy
- April 10: Is Judaism a Religion of the Heart or the Mind? Hasidism and its Opponents

Part IV: Disputing the Jewish Future

This session will begin on the Sunday following the second Passover seder.

- April 24: How Much Should Tragedy Define Us? The Holocaust in Contemporary Jewish Life. (Five days before Yom HaShoah)
- May 1: Can Commitment and Critique Coexist? Teaching Israel in the 21st Century. Israel Internal Relations/Part 1 (Four days before Yom Hazikaron and five days before Yom Ha'atzmaut)
- May 8: Can Commitment and Critique Coexist? Teaching Israel in the 21st Century. Israel External Relations/Part 2 (Four days after Yom Ha'atzmaut)
- May 15: What Do We Mean by Jewish Continuity? The Legacy of ‘Be Fruitful and Multiply.’ (Five days before Lag Ba'omer, which commemorates the end of a plague and the return to life.)

Book Circle To Delve Into Anthony Doerr's Much-Anticipated Fantasy



The Book Circle will meet again on Wednesday, March 16, at 3 p.m. on Zoom, to uncover the inventiveness of Anthony Doerr's much-anticipated novel, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, a followup to his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *All the Light We Cannot See*.

Cloud Cuckoo Land is a book about a book as told through sets of characters in past, present and future time periods. Doerr's cast includes an orphan girl and farmer's boy in Constantinople in the 1400s, an environmental activist setting off a bomb in a library in 2020, and a girl on a mission to a distant planet in the not-so-distant future. An ancient Greek tale and an old shepherd on a search for utopia intertwines them.

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

In The Wake Of Texas Hostage Situation, New Efforts To Tighten Security

In the wake of the frightening hostage-taking situation that occurred last month in Colleyville, TX, 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 on the ramp door and identify themselves before the door will be opened. [Please note, in Rabbi Gadi's absence, Erev Shabbat services on Fridays, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11 will be on Zoom only.]

Among other security initiatives, shul president Judith K. Weiner has convened a Security Committee, headed by Stephen Meshover and including Sara Bloom, Rabbi Capela, Gordon Henry, and herself. The committee is reaching out to law enforcement and other civic agencies for support, and will explore various approaches to secure the shul and the parsonage.

The committee is planning to apply for federal grant money to fund new security initiatives.

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Scholarship Opportunities In The Arts

North Fork Reform Synagogue has announced the awarding of the second annual Linda Rie Cohen Scholarships, a \$10,000 endowment from Fred Cohen to honor the memory of his late wife, who died in June 2013. The scholarships are awarded to candidates seeking pursue education in the arts and sciences, in keeping with Linda Rie Cohen's lifelong passion for music, the arts, and education.

Applications are posted on the synagogue's website: northforkreformsynagogue.org, and must be received by May 15, 2022.

Latvian Jewish Community To Receive \$46 Million For Holocaust Losses



The 19th-century synagogue in the southern Latvian town of Akniste has become a firefighting depot. An older synagogue, with wooden vaulted ceilings, is now a community center, and another synagogue has been turned into a church.

After the Latvian Jews who owned, managed and frequented the buildings were killed during the Holocaust, the state took them over. But now, 80 years later, the Latvian Jewish community will be reimbursed for hundreds of buildings that were appropriated during the war and never returned.

The Latvian Parliament has given final approval to an award of 40 million euros (about \$46 million) to the Latvian Jewish community to “eliminate the historical unjust consequences” resulting from Holocaust activities, according to a news release that was reported in *The New York Times*.

In 1940, the Soviets invaded Latvia and nationalized Latvians’ properties. Shortly after, Nazi Germany occupied the country and killed 90% of its 93,000 Jews — 25,000 of them in a two-day mass shooting in the Rumbula forest.

“This award cannot bring back a destroyed community or a destroyed synagogue,” said Gideon Taylor, a chairman of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, one of the main promoters of the bill. “But what it can do is recognize what happened, and this is why it is important.”

[Pictured, synagogue is now a firefighting depot. Museum Jews in Latvia/The New York Times]

Yiddish Book Center Salutes Yiddish Women Writers



Yiddish women wrote poetry, short stories, novels, essays, memoirs, literary and cultural criticism, and autobiography, among other genres, exploring a wide range of topics — domesticity, desire, politics, the environment, and the ravages of war, and more. This March, in honor of Women's History Month and of the vital contributions made by women writers to the field of Yiddish literature, the Yiddish Book Center has curated a diverse selection of items by and about Yiddish women writers.

These writers were brilliant and daring, complicated and compassionate, exuberant and quiet, and endlessly fascinating, the center says. Their work has much to tell us about the conditions and possibilities for women in the times in which they lived, and also modern Jewish culture, writing and publishing, immigration, and other topics. [Pictured, a Yiddish literary sisterhood, top row, from left: Malka Lee, Esther Shumiatscher, and Berta Kling. Bottom row, from left, Celia Dropkin, Sara Reyzen, and Ida Glazer.

To explore and listen to their stories, visit yiddishbookcenter.org/.



A Rare Treat: Making Snow Angels In Jerusalem

In most years, snowfall here in the Northeast is business as usual, but it is a rarity in Israel. Yet, on Jan. 27 this year, a rare snowfall hit parts of Israel and the West Bank, dropping 6 to 10 inches of snow on Jerusalem, and closing schools and businesses. This provided no disappointment to Rabbi Gadi's nephew, Amit Buhbut, who provided proof of the phenomenon and his first experience making snow angels.

Historically, a snow event occurred in early January 1950 with a hailstorm in Tel Aviv and light snow in the mountains of the Upper Galilee and Jerusalem. A cold front spread throughout the country, and snow began falling in the mountains of Samaria and the West. On the 28th, it snowed in Haifa and piled up to a height of 8 to 12 inches, the largest snowfall registered since the beginning of meteorological measurements in 1870. No accumulation of snow has occurred in the Israeli Mediterranean coastal plain and the Dead Sea since the 1950 event. Snow is unknown in the vicinity of Eilat in the southernmost Negev.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Jeff Zucker

Jeff Zucker's nine-year tenure as president of CNN ended in an abrupt fashion on Feb. 2, days after he acknowledged to company lawyers what had long been rumored in television news circles: He was in a romantic relationship with Allison Gollust, CNN's executive vice president and chief marketing officer.

Ms. Gollust had worked alongside Mr. Zucker for more than 20 years, starting as a senior publicist at NBC's "Today" show in 1997, when Mr. Zucker, then in his early 30s, was executive producer. Their relationship is central to Mr. Zucker's resignation, which was forced by WarnerMedia, CNN's parent company. WarnerMedia's standards policy states that personal workplace relationships must be disclosed immediately to "avoid a conflict of interest."

Lee Zeldin, Jared Kushner and Avi Berkowitz

Long Island GOP Rep. Lee Zeldin has nominated Jared Kushner and Avi Berkowitz for the Nobel Peace Prize for their work as negotiators of the Abraham Accords, a series of normalization agreements between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Morocco and Bahrain.

Kushner is former President Donald Trump's son-in-law and was a White House advisor during Trump's term; Berkowitz was Kushner's deputy.

Kushner and Berkowitz were nominated for the prize last year by former Trump attorney Alan Dershowitz.

Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker



In testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security, Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker credited security training with helping him and several congregants from Congregation Beth Israel, his synagogue in Colleyville, TX, engineer their escape. They had been held hostage for 11 hours. Rabbi Cytron-Walker joined other Jewish leaders in calling for a doubling of federal security funding for nonprofits. “Increasing funding for and making appropriate adjustments to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program would be an incredibly positive step in the right direction,” he said.

[In a Feb. 24 New York Times op-ed, Rabbi Cytron-Walker addressed the “sacred obligation to love the stranger.” He wrote: “I opened the doors of my synagogue and unknowingly welcomed the individual who would later attack me and my fellow congregants. That I opened the door will always weigh heavily on me. Still, I remain committed to the idea of welcoming and caring for the stranger and living that value.”]

• OBITUARIES •

Esther Pollard

Esther Pollard, the wife of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard died Jan. 31 at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Israel. She was 68.

Born in Toronto as Elaine Zeitz, she devoted her life to bringing about the freedom of her husband. She met Jonathan Pollard on an Israel trip when they were teenagers. When she heard he had been arrested, she started writing him letters. They were married in 1993.

They moved to Israel a year ago, following the removal of his parole restrictions that prevented him from leaving New York. Jonathan Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst was sentenced to life imprisonment and served a 30-year term for passing classified information to Israel.

Harvey G. Stack

Harvey G. Stack, the patriarch of the family firm that calls itself the nation’s largest rare coin business, died on Jan. 3 in New York. He was 93.

Mr. Stack joined Stack’s Rare Coins as a teenager in 1947, 14 years after his father and uncle had transformed what his great-grandfather had founded in 1858 as a foreign exchange house in Lower Manhattan into a dealership devoted exclusively to collectible currency.

Before retiring in 2009, he developed a standardized grading system for appraising coins, and he expanded demand among hobbyists by urging Congress to approve the U.S. Mint’s enormously popular 50 State Quarters Program which, beginning in 1999, honored each state with a commemorative coin in the order in which they had ratified the Constitution or were admitted to the union.

“History shows that rare coins of good quality have outperformed the Dow Jones industrials, real estate, and almost every other form of investment,” he said. But he counseled patience and pointed out that returns depended on two major factors: quality and rarity. What he looks for, he said, are coins that are “a little away from what a fellow can ordinarily find in his pocket or in mama’s shoe box.”

Dan Einstein

Dan Einstein, a Grammy-winning independent record producer who championed the careers of John Prine and Steve Goodman, died Jan. 15 in Nashville. He was 61.

He made his mark in the record business in the 1980s and '90s with two labels: Oh Boy Records and Red Pajamas Records, both Grammy winners. The labels were not the only independents, but the marketing was unique, relying on mail-order sales, grass-roots publicity, and innovative consumer engagement.

In a second-career move, most people in Nashville knew Mr. Einstein as the proprietor, with his wife, of Sweet 16th, the award-winning bakery they opened in 2004. Referring to themselves as “your East Nashville sugar dealer,” the Einstein’s earned accolades for their baked goods as well as their generosity to hungry neighbors and to those who had lost homes when tornadoes ravaged Nashville in 2020.

Laurel Cutler

Laurel Cutler, a female advertising executive in the testosterone-driven “Mad Men” era of 1960s New York, died Nov. 28 at her home in Manhattan. She was 94.

During her five-decade career on Madison Avenue, Ms. Cutler was the only woman on *Fortune* magazine’s list of 11 “seminal thinkers” of the 1980s. *Ladies’ Home Journal* called her one of the 50 most powerful women in America in 1990, noting that she could get her phone calls returned. The Advertising Federation of America named her “Woman of the Year” in 1985 and “Man of the Year” 10 years later. She was inducted into the Advertising Hall of Fame in 2011.

Laurel Cutler’s brother, Lloyd Cutler, became a highly successful lawyer in Washington and counselor to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. In her memoir, she recalled a reception in Washington where she was introduced to Katharine Graham, publisher of *The Washington Post*, as “Lloyd’s sister.” At that, Edward N. Ney, chairman of Young & Rubicam, stepped in to tell Mrs. Graham, “In our world, he’s Laurel’s brother.”

Steve Schapiro

Steve Schapiro, a photojournalist and social documentarian who bore witness to some of the most significant political and cultural moments and movements in modern American history, starting in the 1960s with the struggle for racial equality across the Jim Crow South, died on Jan. 15 at his home in Chicago. He was 87.

Over a six-decade career, Mr. Schapiro trained his camera’s eye on an astonishing array of people across the American landscape as he sought to capture the emotional heart of his subjects, whether they were narcotics users in Harlem, migrant workers in Arkansas, or movie luminaries in Hollywood.

Mr. Schapiro’s photographs have been exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, the Getty Museum in Los Angeles and elsewhere. They have also been collected in books about Hollywood movie sets, including those for “The Godfather,” “Taxi Driver,” and “The Way We Were.”

“I think we are on the way to a day when cameras as we have known them will be obsolete,” he told *The Chicago Tribune* in 2016. “We will be using just cellphones to take photos.” But he added, “I will ever believe it is the photographer who counts, not the camera.”

Rabbi Israel Dresner

Israel S. Dresner, a New Jersey rabbi who ventured into the Deep South in the 1960s to champion civil rights, befriended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and was jailed multiple times for demonstrating against racial segregation, died on Jan. 13 in Wayne, NJ. He was 92.

By the time Rabbi Dresner joined the civil rights movement, he was already a veteran of political protests, having been arrested at 18 in 1947 outside the British Empire Building at Rockefeller Center in Manhattan in a protest against Britain’s refusal to let the Exodus, a ship loaded with Holocaust survivors, land

in British-controlled Palestine, an incident that inspired the novel of the same name by Leon Uris in 1958 and a subsequent film.

Rabbi Dresner was in his mid-20s when, in 1954, he enrolled at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform rabbinical seminary in Manhattan. He was ordained in 1961.

Rabbi Dresner was an early supporter of Soviet Jewry, opposed the war in Vietnam, and supported the rights of the poor, women, immigrants, religious and ethnic minorities, disabled people, and gay men and lesbians.

Last month, in an interviews with WCBS-TV in New York, Rabbi Dresner said, “I want to be remembered as somebody who not only tried to keep the Jewish faith but also invoked the Jewish doctrine from the Talmud, which is called ‘tikkun olam’ — repairing the world — and I hope that I made a little bit of a contribution to making the world a little better place.”

Jeremiah Stamler

Jeremiah Stamler, a cardiovascular researcher who was at the forefront of studies that identified risk factors for heart diseases and ways to prevent it, died Jan. 25 at his home in Sag Harbor. He was 102.

Dr. Stamler’s long career also had a distinction unrelated to medicine: In 1965, he was accused of having been part of a Communist Party underground in the 1950s. He faced down the notorious House Committee on Un-American Activities by refusing to testify or to take the Fifth Amendment. Instead, he gave a statement saying he was a loyal American. Moreover, he filed a lawsuit on the grounds that the committee was unconstitutional and had no legislative function.

In his studies, Dr. Stamler demonstrated that eating a healthier diet, exercising, not smoking and reducing salt intake would reduce the likelihood of heart disease and strokes — advice that is commonplace now but was not widely accepted decades ago.

Dr. Stamler published nearly 700 peer-reviewed papers and wrote 22 books and monographs.

Alan A. Stone

Alan A. Stone, who used his tenures at Harvard’s law and medical schools to influence the evolution of psychiatric ethics over the last half-century, died on Jan. 23 at his home in Cambridge, MA. He was 92.

Dr. Stone trained as a psychiatrist and as a psychoanalyst and began teaching in the late 1960s, just as the foundations of both fields were coming under scrutiny. He was at the forefront of questions about how psychiatry is used as a tool of public policy; for example, he criticized the role psychiatrists played in laws that banned abortion based on claims about a woman’s mental health, and in the involuntary commitment of millions of Americans to public mental institutions.

As psychiatrists began to build careers as expert witnesses in criminal trials, he made enemies by opposing the practice. That didn’t stop him from becoming the president of the American Psychiatric Association in 1979, the *New York Times* pointed out, a post where, among other things, he guided the decision to remove homosexuality from the profession’s list of mental disorders.

Mel Mermelstein

Mel Mermelstein, an Auschwitz survivor who won a formal apology, \$90,000 and a judge’s affirmation that the Holocaust indisputably happened, died Jan. 4 at his home in Long Beach, CA. He was 95.

Mr. Mermelstein was 17 when his family was deported to Auschwitz. His parents and two sisters died in the gas chamber there several months later, and his brother was killed apparently trying to escape.

He published a memoir in 1979 titled *By Bread Alone: The Story of A-4685*, his prison number. That same year, the Institute for Historical Review, a newly formed group of Holocaust deniers, offered a \$50,000 reward to anyone who could prove categorically that Jews were mass-murdered by the Nazis. Mr. Mermelstein refused to let the world forget. He submitted a notarized account of watching Nazi guards

herding his mother and sisters into as gas chamber. In his last conversation with his father, Mr. Mermelstein was told that one of them had to stay alive to tell.

In a pretrial determination, Judge Thomas T. Johnson declared: “This court does take judicial notice of the fact that Jews were gassed to death at Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944. It is not reasonably subject to dispute...It is simply a fact.”

With his collection of artifacts, his book, the court judgment, and a 1991 TNT film, “Never Forget,” starring Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Mermelstein, he fulfilled his father’s hope that “one of us will live to tell.”

Yale Kamisar

Yale Kamisar, a legal scholar whose work on civil liberties and criminal procedure had a profound influence on landmark Supreme Court decisions, died on Jan. 30 at his home in Ann Arbor MI. He was 92.

Professor Kamisar began to wrestle with the issues of criminal procedure in the late 1950s. Within a decade, he had established himself as the leading figure in an area of the law that, thanks in large part to his work, seemed not just important but intellectually vibrant.

His work was first cited by the Supreme Court in its 1963 decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, which established the right to legal counsel in criminal cases. It was the first of more than 30 decisions over the next half century to cite Professor Kamisar’s work.

His greatest impact on the court came in 1966 in its decision in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal defendants had to be informed of their rights before being questioned, especially their rights to remain silent and to legal counsel. That year, *Time* magazine called him “...the most overpowering criminal-law scholar in the U.S.” Others called him the “Father of Miranda.”

Arnie Kantrowitz

Arnie Kantrowitz, a literature professor and author who was an early champion of gay rights and a campaigner for fairer treatment of gay people by the media, died Jan. 21 at a rehabilitation center in Manhattan. He was 81.

In 1970, Mr. Kantrowitz became vice president of the Gay Activist’s Alliance. In 1985, he was a founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD).

When he was teaching, gay students would share questions with him about their sexuality — cautiously, he said, but with a candor he had never felt comfortable with when he was a college student.

Jon Zazula

Jon Zazula, who with his wife, Marsha, founded Megaforce Records and was an important figure in the emergence of heavy metal music, giving Metallica, Anthrax and other bands their start, died on Feb. 1 at his home in Clermont, FL. He was 69.

Metallica memorialized Mr. Zazula on its Twitter feed. “In 1982, when no one wanted to take a chance on four kids from California playing a crazy brand of metal, Jonny and Marsha did,” the band said. At some point, someone brought them a demo tape by an unknown West Coast band, Metallica. The Zazulas liked what they heard.

Heavy metal was just beginning to take hold in the U.S. when the Zazulas became involved, and it was sometimes dismissed as mere noise. But in a 1983 interview with *The Courier-News* of Bridgewater, NJ, Mr. Zazula explained the attraction. “It’s music that’s pure emotion,” he said. “Heavy metal is super-talent at breakneck speed.”

Sigal Barsade

Sigal Barsade, whose studies of organizational culture charted the internal dynamics of the American workplace, and who advised countless companies on how to embrace and nurture their employees' emotional well-being, died on Feb. 6 at her home in Wynnwood, PA. She was 56.

Dr. Barsade, a professor of management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, was a pioneer in what organizational psychologists call the affective revolution: the study of how emotions, not just behavior and decision-making, shape a workplace culture and, in turn, how they affect an organization's performance.

"One thing we now know...is that emotions are not noise — rather they are data. They reveal not just how people feel, but also what they think and how they will behave," she told MIT Sloan Management Review in 2020."

Rabbi Simcha Krauss

Rabbi Simcha Krauss, who in the face of harsh attacks from colleagues headed a New York-based rabbinical court that has helped scores of Orthodox women obtain Jewish divorces from recalcitrant husbands, died on Jan. 20 in Jerusalem. He was 84.

As a pulpit rabbi in Queens in the late 1990s, he was among the first rabbis to permit women to have separate Sabbath services so that they could read from the Torah, a privilege that strict Orthodox practice reserves for men during public worship. Then he caused a stir in 2014 when he agreed to lead a newly formed rabbinical court, the International Beit Din, in Riverdale. The court became known for searching out technical flaws, loopholes and acts of deception in order to void marriages when the husband refused to grant a bill of religious divorce, known as a get.

"When you're older, you're less afraid, so you do what you believe in," his son, Rabbi Binyamin Krauss, recalled him saying. "So that's what he did. He let them talk, and he did his work."

Ivan Reitman

Ivan Reitman, who as producer, director or both was a force behind some of the most successful and beloved film comedies of the last 45 years, including "National Lampoon's Animal House," "Stripes," "Ghostbusters," and "Twins, died on Feb. 12 at his home in Montecito, CA. He was 75.

Mr. Reitman made his mark with movies that often featured memorably outrageous scenes and unexpected casting. Critics sometimes complained that his films could seem too loosely structured and acted, something often attributed to his casting of comedy improv actors. But those who worked with him said there was method behind the onscreen madness he orchestrated.

Kathryn Kates

Kathryn Kates, who appeared as a counterwoman in two memorable scenes from "Seinfeld" involving baked goods in short supply — chocolate babkas and marble rye bread — and racked up numerous screen credits over nearly 50 years in the business, died on Jan. 22, in her brother's home in Lake Worth, FL. She was 73.

The actress, who grew up in Great Neck on Long Island, appeared in "Shades of Blue," "Friends From College," "The Good Fight," "Law and Order," "Orange is the New Black," and "The Many Saints of Newark." But it was in the two episodes of "Seinfeld" that she made her mark, offering a New York attitude for which she was recognized on Manhattan's streets for decades.

Martin Tolchin

Martin Tolchin, a former reporter for *The New York Times*, who covered Congress and who later was the founding publisher and editor of *The Hill*, a successful newspaper devoted to events on Capitol Hill, died on Feb. 17 at his home in Alexandria, VA. He was 93.

Mr. Tolchin received the 1982 Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for Distinguished Reporting of Congress, named for the Republican Senate minority leader of the 1960s. In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Tolchin co-authored with his wife, Susan Tolchin, several books about Washington politics. He published a memoir in 2019.

Herbert Benson

Herbert Benson, a Harvard-trained cardiologist, whose research showing the power of mind over body helped move meditation into the mainstream, died on Feb. 2 at a hospital in Boston. He was 86.

Dr. Benson was open to the possibility that state of mind could affect a person's health — common sense today, but a radical even heretical idea when he began researching it in the mid-1960s. He wrote 11 books, several of which delved further into the physiological effects of spirituality and faith. He was the first Western doctor allowed to interview Tibetan monks about their practices, and he became friends with the Dalai Lama during that Buddhist spiritual leader's visit to Boston in 1979.

Dr. Benson believed that praying could help a sick person, although meditation and prayer could never replace drugs and surgery completely, he said. Both medical treatment and spiritual care were necessary, he said — a fact that Western medicine had long tried to ignore, and one that he spent his career trying to correct.

Greta Weinfeld Fericic

Greta Fericic was 19 when she and her family were taken from their home in Novi Sad, in northern Serbia, to Auschwitz-Birkenau, along with thousands of other Serbian Jews. She was the only member of her family to survive the death camps. Nearly 50 years later, after a distinguished career as an architect and a professor, she refused to leave her home in Sarajevo when the siege of that city began.

"Once in my life, I had already been forced to leave my home," she said in *Greta*, a 1997 documentary film about her life during two wars. "I will never again leave my home willingly."

She died on Jan. 23 at her home in Sarajevo. She was 97. On Jan. 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, four days after her death, Bosnian National Television broadcast *Greta* in her honor.

Trude Feldman

Trude Feldman, a second-string member of the White House press corps whose insistent approach to seeking access and asking softball questions won her exclusive interviews with American presidents and other world leaders, died on Jan. 23 in Washington. She was 97.

Ms. Feldman interviewed every president from Lyndon B. Johnson to George W. Bush. For *McCall's* magazine, she wrangled the first interview with Richard M. Nixon and his wife, Pat, after the president resigned in 1974. She went on to be granted the final presidential interviews with Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and George Bush. She had the first interview with Bill Clinton after he publicly apologized in 1998 for covering up what he admitted was an inappropriate relationship with the White House intern Monica Lewinsky. In their talk, Ms. Lewinsky's name never came up. Instead, Ms. Feldman and Mr. Clinton discussed the implications of repentance on the coming Jewish Day of Atonement.

Ms. Feldman wrote for an array of newspapers, wire services, women's magazines and local Jewish journals; many of her articles were syndicated. Her opinion pieces appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Washington Post*, *The Associated Press*, and *The New York Times*.

She insisted that her interviews be one-on-one without aides present. When in the 1980s, she showed up to question Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, she was escorted to the office by a young brigadier general, who proceeded to sit down with his own pad and paper to take notes. But this would not do. So Brigadier General Colin Powell had to take his notebook and leave.

Birthdays in March

1: Joseph Nadel
13: Noam Spar
24: Mitchell Berg
25: Elizabeth Friedmann

Anniversaries in March

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

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

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2: Mazaltov Safer
5: Albert M. Israel; Sarah Slotkin
6: Harry Katz; Minnie B. Revere
7: Celia Feigen
9: Jennie Kessler
10: Abraham J. Nissenfeld; Irma Beverly Ribka
11: Emanuel Garmise; Kurt Seligson
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13: Dora Ann Helderman; Lottie Sherrin Schultz
14: Samuel L. Schwartz
15: Norman Blaustein
16: Laura Merson; Emery I. Wells
17: Egon Adler; Morris Kaplan
18: Mortimer Lahm
21: Nathan Burch
22: Fannie Kaplan Dlugas; Jack Eskell; Eva Goldin; Ella Ruth Schlefstein
23: Rose Fierer; Bernard Glick
25: Sam Merson; Gertrude Michelson
27: Sylvia B. Levine; Hymie Shulman
28: David Bloch; Edward Hyman
29: Herman Zausel; Leibel Zausel; Mahtel Wander Zausel; Ruchel Leah Zausel
30: Helen Klavans Rubin; Ralph Silverman
31: Irving Briller

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