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### • CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

#### *Shabbat and Holiday Services*

*(On Zoom; in-person with Covid vaccination/booster; masks optional but recommended)*

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26: Savannah Graf's Bat Mitzvah, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

#### *Learning at our Shul*

Hebrew class will resume Monday, Nov. 21, following Rabbi's Israel trip, 5:30 p.m.

Beginner Hebrew Class w/Rabbi Gadi and a team of Israelis: Sundays, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27,  
at 3 p.m., on Project Genesis Zoom

#### *Shul Events*

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Kristallnacht Program, from ancient synagogue in Magdala, Israel, at noon

Book Circle: Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting: Sunday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m.

Ritual Committee meeting: Monday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Savannah Graf's Bat Mitzvah: Saturday, Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m.

#### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in November*

Nov. 4: 5:30   Nov. 11: 4:23   Nov. 18: 4:17   Nov. 25: 4:13

#### *Dates To Remember*

Sunday, Nov. 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m. (Set clocks back one hour)

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day

Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Dec. 8: J&A meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for the December 2022 issue of *The Shofar* is November 20

## From The Rabbi...



### “May You Fast Forward!”

Have you noticed that everything is moving faster these days...? A year feels like a month, a month like a week, and a week is a day. It was wonderful seeing everybody on the High Holidays. It was my 11th year celebrating with Congregation Tifereth Israel, but it felt as though we were there just a month ago.

On Yom Kippur this year, I was bestowing a blessing I called “May you Fast Forward!” — to be spiritually propelled forward through the short interval of self-denial. The common greetings are “May you have an easy fast,” or “May you have a meaningful fast.” I’m not a big fan of the former because the point is not to have an easy fast, but one that is meaningful. But besides being propelled forward spiritually, it also feels appropriate to be moving faster in time.

Isaiah 60 opens with “Arise, shine, for your light has dawned; the presence of the Lord has shone upon you!” It closes with “The smallest shall become a clan; the least, a mighty nation. I the Lord will speed it in due time.”

The Internet definitely helps in the process of the speed of light; the words flying through semiconductors. A recent story from Israel demonstrates this idea. Forty-nine years ago, during the Yom Kippur War, a shofar and a tallit were found on the battlefield, identified only with initials. Search efforts were made all this time by a fellow soldier, but to no avail. Just before this year’s High Holidays, the fellow soldier’s grandchildren suggested posting it on social networks. Through multiple sharing of the post, 49 years of search came to an end in less than an hour and a half. The owner, whose survival status was unclear until that moment, was found and was reunited with his religious artifacts.

It is evident that humanity can neither predict nor fathom the future; we can’t even imagine it. And it comes to us faster and faster. When it’s time, God says, it’ll happen like a light, like something appearing out of nothing. Last Shabbat, we started once again to read Genesis — the word of God that created something out of nothing, the way we connect heaven and earth.

There are two different opinions regarding the final redemption. One predicts that we will build the Sanctuary of God with our own hands; the other predicts that it will come prepared from heaven. Surely, we can’t really know. Until recently, I was on the earthly side, perhaps the one more rational. But this year, reality made me expand my imagination. A few weeks ago, I officiated at a wedding in the synagogue’s garden. The young couple had made their own beautiful huppah out of simple birch wood. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the couple offered to leave it for me.

Overnight, the huppah became a Sukkah in my backyard. On the earthly side, it simply saved me the time and effort to build one. But on the heavenly side, a Sukkah, which is a sanctuary, came to me prepared. It felt like my own gift from heaven, a wedding gift in the marriage of heaven and earth, like a word, a light, appearing suddenly in one instance and creating a new reality. The Lord had speeded it in due time.

In the new year of 5783, may we all fast forward.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

Rabbi Gadi will be in Israel from Nov. 6 through 18. In his absence, various shul members will be conducting Shabbat services on Nov. 11 and 12 and on Nov. 18 and 19. Please make an effort to attend these services in person or on Zoom to support those on the bimah.

## From The President...



### “The Faith That Binds Us...”

As the High Holidays end and the experiences of davening in shul on the holiest of days remain with us, I think we are all more acutely aware of who we are as Jews, of our relationship with God, and the very essence of our souls.

During the holidays, when we looked around our community room and at the video screen, we witnessed the power of community within our spiritual home. We were praying in a hybrid service in a home we created with our faith in what we can accomplish working together.

For it is that faith that binds us as a community. It is the intangible treasure of the soul and spirit. I am proud of who we are. I am proud to be a part of what we are accomplishing spiritually and educationally through our great programs: the award-winning *Shofar*, Lunch and Learn, history classes, Hebrew classes, Judaism and Art, Shul Schmooze, Tikkun Olam Initiative, Yellow Candle Project...and our newest plan to begin a kids Hebrew School.

But we all know that it is funding that makes that world go ‘round. So if you have not already contributed, I am asking you to please donate to the High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign.

This year the shul will match your High Holiday gift 2:1. And we can do it because we have the funds to do it. In 2022, our Leadership Donors set the pace and led the way with gifts of \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500.

Now the shul needs YOUR support. Please mail your check to P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY 11944, or donate online by clicking here. <https://tiferethisraelgreenport.org/donate/>

It is faith that binds us when we are united as one people, as one community. Your gift today will shape the future of the shul tomorrow.

Please be as generous as you can.

—Judith K. Weiner

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### Tikkun Olam Initiative Pledges \$600 For Chickens In The Baskets

The Tikkun Olam Initiative, a shul organization that provides charitable donations throughout the year for CAST clients, recently pledged \$600 to purchase chickens and to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for CAST, which has changed its name from Community Action Southold Town to Center for Advocacy, Support and Transformation.

In response to the pledge, Veronica Kaliski, one of the women who spearheads the TOI group, received the following thank-you letter from Karina Hayes, CAST’s food relief program manager:

Hi Veronica,

That is wonderful news, thank you so much! We have seen such an increase in families needing assistance that I have been concerned about providing them all with Thanksgiving baskets this year. We are signing on an average of 28 new families a month, and have served over 274,000 meals so far this year. Your pledge for chickens, and knowing that I can count on organizations such as yours makes me feel much better. We honestly can’t thank you enough.

I will be in touch when the date draws closer.

Warmly, Karina



## Congregation Tifereth Israel Celebrates The High Holidays 2022



As part of the Rosh Hashanah observance, many individuals and synagogue groups participate in the tashlich ritual. Here, shul members gathered at bodies of flowing water and, with bread in hand as symbols of misdeeds over the past year, tossed their sins into the water, beginning the new year afresh. Whether it's two friends at an inlet or a group at Southold Bay, the ceremony is fun and uplifting. Photos by SMBloom, right, and JRakhman.

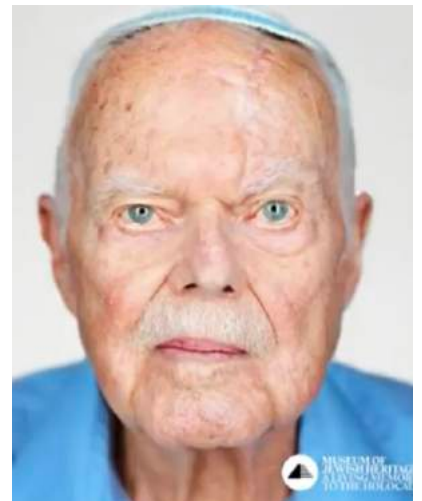


The seating was arranged, the flowers were in place, the Torahs were safely in the Ark. Rabbi Gadi and Cantor Phil provided the spirituality to a full house of worshippers. We built a Sukkah and decorated it, and thanks to Dave Berson and his glorious "Glory," we motored out on the bay and enjoyed the sunshine. Photos by the participants



# Oculus: Eye On Art

*Images of 75 Holocaust Survivors Mark the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz*



"Survivors: Faces of Life After the Holocaust" by renowned portrait photographer Martin Schoeller is on view at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York through June 2023. The exhibit, a compelling and evocative installation of large images in a hexagonal configuration, presents a powerful message of shared human experience.

The exhibit, organized by Schoeller and Yad Vashem, capitalizes on the impact of Schoeller's distinctive style of portraiture, characterized by extreme close-ups to the exclusion of all external markers — no visible background, no makeup, no posed expressions. The viewer considers an unadorned individual, each image exposing the trauma of a life, etched in demeanor and facial expression. The power of the 75 survivors is a haunting legacy.

Photos: Museum of Jewish Heritage  
Text: Saul Rosenstreich and Judith K. Weiner



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Ahead of Rosh Hashanah, workers remove prayer notes left by visitors in the gaps between the stones at the Western Wall, the holiest site where Jews can pray in Jerusalem's Old City.

The notes are buried in a nearby cemetery according to Jewish tradition.

The operation is carried out twice a year, before Rosh Hashanah in the fall, and before Passover in the spring.

AP photo/Illean

## Sukkot at The Western Wall In the Old City of Jerusalem



Jews attend a blessing ceremony for Sukkot at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

AP Photo/Tsafir Abayov



## Two Items: The Hot News About (Mostly) Cold Food



- Russ & Daughters, the legendary appetizing café, is moving to 50 Hudson Yards in New York City. Grand opening is set for spring 2023. The new 4,500-square-foot space will feature 30 counter seats that will become a Champagne and caviar bar in the evening, an area for baking bagels on view to the public, an event space and, of course, the famous appetizing counter. Also in the works is a scripted TV series and a new Russ & Daughters cookbook that will debut in 2025.  
Foster + Partners rendering

- Sprinkled throughout the laughs and hijinks of the “Seinfeld” TV show is food — central to many of Seinfeld’s memorable moments in the show’s nine-season run. And now, with the recent release of *Seinfeld: The Official Cookbook*, fans of “Seinfeld” will be able to bring the comfort food of the show into their own kitchens. Penned by Julie Tremaine and Brendan Kirby, the book features more than 60 recipes from the “Seinfeld” kitchen to the eats at Monk’s café, including George’s tuna on toast, a chocolate-peppermint milkshake, the black and white cookie, the Big Salad, and chocolate babka.

## The United States Postal Service Unveils New Hanukkah Forever Stamp



The United States Postal Service has issued a new forever stamp that celebrates Hanukkah. The first day of issue was Oct. 20, at Temple Emanu El in Orange Village, Ohio, at 11 a.m. The issue date was scheduled to allow purchase and use of the stamp in time for Hanukkah 2022, which begins on Dec. 18.

The stamp features an original fiber arts wall hanging — hand-dyed, appliquéd and quilted to form an abstract image of a hanukkiah. Stamp artists/designers were Ethel Kessler and Jeannette Kuvin Oren.

The Hanukkah stamp is being issued in panes of 20 for first-class mail, first ounce.

## A New Holocaust Museum In Phoenix To Feature Survivors’ ‘Life Masks’



The Center for Hope, Humanity, and Holocaust Education, inspired by the work of artist Robert Sutz, is slated to open in Phoenix, AZ, in 2025. To date, Sutz has created more than 145 sculptural busts called “life masks” and pastel portraits of survivors, liberators, and righteous gentiles.

“I want future generations to know that these people are beautiful,” Sutz says. “I feel as though I am still in a race against time; the survivors are leaving us and with them their beautiful faces and unbelievable stories and memories.”

When the 17,000-square-foot facility opens, it will include a gallery filled with Sutz’s artwork, also galleries for permanent and temporary exhibitions.

## Israel To Spend \$18 Million On Einstein Museum At Hebrew University

The Israeli government has allocated approximately \$6 million, to be combined with another \$12 million to be raised by Hebrew University, for a museum to house the world's largest collection of Albert Einstein documents. The museum will be built on the university's Givat Ram campus in Jerusalem.

Einstein, one of the founding fathers of Hebrew University, was a nonresident governor of the institution. Einstein, arguably one of the greatest theoretical physicists of all time, died in 1955, at the age of 76. He had bequeathed his archives to the university. Curator Roni Grosz said its 85,000 items make it the world's most extensive collection of Einstein documents.

Albert Einstein's theories of relativity revolutionized the field by introducing new ways of looking at the movement of objects in space and time. He also made major contributions to quantum mechanics theory. Einstein won the Nobel physics prize in 1921.

### • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

#### *Sally A. Kornbluth*



Sally A. Kornbluth, a cell biologist whose eight-year tenure as Duke University's provost has earned her a reputation as a brilliant administrator, as creative problem-solver, and a leading advocate of academic excellence, has been selected as MIT's 18th president. She will assume the post on Jan. 1, 2023, succeeding L. Rafael Reif, who had announced his intention to step down after 10 years leading the institute.

As Duke's provost since 2014, Kornbluth has served as the chief academic officer of one of the nation's leading research universities. She oversees Duke's 10 schools and six institutes, and holds ultimate responsibility for admissions, financial aid, libraries among other facets of education.

Kornbluth's election as MIT's president is the culmination of an eight-month process in which a 20-member presidential search committee generated a list of approximately 250 possible candidates.

She earned her BA in political science from Williams College in 1982, followed by two years at Cambridge University as a Hershel Smith Scholar, where she earned a BA in genetics. She returned to the U.S. to pursue a PhD in molecular oncology at Rockefeller University, awarded in 1989, and took postdoctoral training at the University of California at San Diego. She joined the Duke faculty in 1994.

She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, the National Academy of Inventors, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

#### *Rabbi Gadi and Irma Strimban*



Our own Rabbi Gadi and shul member Irma Strimban make the "Jews in the News" column in this month's *Shofar*. Prior to the Rosh Hashanah observances at our shul, Rabbi Gadi visited San Simeon by the Sound rehabilitation facility in Greenport and talked to the patients there about the holiday and the significance of the shofar, the ram's horn that for many Jews is the most visible symbol of the Rosh Hashanah rituals. In ancient times, a blast from the shofar was a call to attention — an announcement of some importance. In the synagogue, the sound of the shofar reaches deep into one's soul and recalls the greater than 5700-year history of the Jewish people. Our shul's newsletter, aptly titled *The Shofar*, calls readers' attention to newsworthy notes about our shul as well as items of global interest. San Simeon photo



## ***Charles Simon***

A short play by our own shul member Chuck Simon has been selected among hundreds of submissions for inclusion in the third annual Soop to Nuts “Short Play Festival,” a series of 10-minute plays, to be presented over two weekends by the Soop Theatre Company, from Nov. 4 through 19, at The 530 Studios, 530 5th Ave., Pelham, NY.

Chuck Simon’s play, “A Very Important Roll,” will debut on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m., with a repeat performance on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m.

Six of the plays will be chosen by audience vote for performances on the final round, Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m., when the contenders will be judged by a panel of professional writers, directors, actors and producers for a chance to win one of three cash prizes.

Chuck Simon is the author of *Talmud Night*, a novel, and also *Building a Successful Volunteer Culture*, a step-by-step guide to cultivating volunteers who thrive within the Jewish community, among other writings.

To reserve tickets to The Soop (Seat of our Pants) Theater Company’s “Short Play Festival,” at \$15 each, call 914-738-0514 or visit [sooptheatre.org/](http://sooptheatre.org/).

## ***The Rakhman Family***



*The Shofar* joins the shul membership in extending a wholehearted mazel tov to the Joshua Rakhman family — especially baby Ava Rakhman, whose Hebrew name, Chava, was bestowed by Rabbi Gadi at the Hoshana Rabba service in the sanctuary of our shul on Sunday, Oct. 16. The Rakhman family and friends filled the sanctuary for the occasion, which was attended by many shul members as well.

Shul members will recognize Josh, who for the last two years has served the shul as security guard during High Holiday services. He honored us by celebrating this mitzvah at our shul.

Pictured, back row, from left, Antonia Rakhman, Ava’s mother; Rabbi Gadi; and Ava held by her dad, Josh. In front, Stella Arlette, a niece, joined the group for a family photo.

Adrienne Greenberg photo

## ***Ben Shalom Bernanke***

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2022 to Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, and Philip Dybvig for significantly improving our understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises.

Bernanke is a American economist who served as the 14th chairman of the Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014. After leaving the Fed, he was appointed a distinguished fellow at the Brookings Institution. During his tenure as chairman, Bernanke oversaw the Federal Reserve's response to the late-2000s financial crisis, for which he was named the 2009 *Time* Person of the Year.

Before becoming Federal Reserve chairman, Bernanke was a tenured professor at Princeton University and chaired the department of economics there from 1996 to September 2002, when he went on public service leave.

## ***Harrison Bader***

Harrison Bader, centerfielder for the New York Yankees had a large part in the defeat the New York Yankees handed to the Cleveland Guardians in the American League Division Series.

On August 2, 2022, the St. Louis Cardinals traded Bader and a player to be named later to the Yankees for pitcher Jordan Montgomery. On Sept. 20, Bader had his first New York Yankees hit, driving in a run. But then, in Game 1 of the division series, Bader hit his first New York Yankees homer, and also hit three home runs in the first four games of the series, joining Bernie Williams and Mickey Mantle as the only Yankee centerfielders with three homers in a single postseason. In July, Bader is committed to play for Team Israel in the 2023 World Baseball Classic in Miami.

Harrison Bader is Jewish on his father's side.

[Sadly, the New York Yankees lost the American Championship Series to the Houston Astros.]

## ***Nir Bar Dea***

Nir Bar Dea has been tapped as Bridgewater's new co-CEO, one of two leaders of the world's largest hedge fund, which manages \$150 billion in assets. He entered finance in 2015, starting at Bridgewater as a management associate, where he made his mark merging the research, portfolio construction, and trading departments into a single investment engine, which he ran beginning in 2019.

In February 2021, he was promoted to deputy CEO. In 2020, he was named in Fortune's "40 Under 40 in Finance," owing to his quick response to the coronavirus pandemic, when he relocated the firm's investment engine office outdoors so that employees could work safely without losing the proximity of an in-person office.

## **• OBITUARIES •**

## ***Sonia Handelman Meyer***

Sonia Handelman Meyer, whose memorable black and white street photography around New York City in the 1940s and '50's reflected her training at the Photo League, a left-leaning collective of photographers who believed their work could change poor social conditions, died on Sept. 11 at her home in Charlotte, NC. She was 102.

She joined the progressive New York-based Photo League in 1943, learning about socially-engaged photography in workshops from one of its founders, Sid Grossman, and other teachers. She soon began making her way around the city, capturing the humanity of ordinary people doing ordinary things.

When the Photo League closed, Ms. Handelman Meyer found work as a morgue librarian at Dell Publishing, a clinical photographer at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, a photographer for the public relations firm Ruder and Finn, a substitute teacher, and a college textbook editor at Prentice Hall.

Her photos have since been exhibited in the United States, Germany and Poland, and are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Jewish Museum of New York the Columbus Museum of Art in Ohio and the Mint Museum in Charlotte.

## ***Rita Gardner***

Rita Gardner, who in a long cabaret theater career earned a place in stage history in 1960, when she originated the role of Luisa in the musical "The Fantasticks," died on Sept. 24 in Manhattan. She was 87.

Ms. Gardner was in her mid-20s and not particularly well known when she responded to an audition notice for "The Fantasticks." She sang the song she had once used to win an "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts" contest, "Over the Rainbow." She got the part. The show ran for 42 years, eight of them with Rita Gardner.



## ***Donald Blinken***

Donald Blinken, a financier, patron of the arts and Democratic party donor who became an ambassador to Hungary, helping to inspire the career in politics and diplomacy of his son, Antony, the current U.S. Secretary of State, died on Sept. 22 at his home in East Hampton. He was 96.

Donald Blinken was appointed ambassador to Hungary by President Bill Clinton in 1994. It was not long after the fall of the Soviet Union, and Mr. Blinken promoted democracy, integration with the West, and the construction of a market economy.

Before Mr. Blinken became ambassador, his government postings included membership in a judicial nominating panel named by President Jimmy Carter, and appointments to the State University of New York's Board of Governors by Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Gov. Mario M. Cuomo.

## ***Ilse Nathan and Ruth Siegler***

Ilse Nathan and Ruth Siegler, sisters and Holocaust survivors, died 11 days apart — Ilse Scheuer Nathan at her home in Birmingham, on August 23, at age 98, and Ruth Scheuer Siegler in a hospital on Sept. 3, at age 95.

The family's odyssey through the Nazi killing machine began in August 1939, when the sisters traveled with their mother to the Netherlands, where Mr. Scheuer had escaped a year earlier after Kristallnacht. The war started in September and Dutch borders were closed to those seeking passage to England. Their journey began in Westerbork, a transit camp, where they stayed for two years before being transferred to the Theresienstadt labor camp in German-occupied Czechoslovakia. In early 1944, they were transferred to Birkenau, and then again to camps in Stutthof and Praust, Poland.

In February 1945, with Soviet forces approaching, the few surviving prisoners were abandoned and freed. They returned to the Netherlands and arrived in the United States in 1946, married fellow survivors, and lived near each other for the rest of their lives. Both sisters became active in Holocaust education, speaking to school and community groups.

## ***David Gottesman***

David Gottesman, a protégé of Warren Buffett who built a powerful Wall Street investment house, First Manhattan, which manages more than \$20 billion for its clients, and who presided over it for a half-century, died on Sept. 28 at his home in Rye, NY. He was 96.

Mr. Gottesman began First Manhattan in 1964 with the profits from a venture in which he bought Computer Systems Inc., a bankrupt maker of computers used on missile ranges. Unrealistic projections led to a three-year blood bath of red ink, but the company succeeded in designing a computer to regulate the output of oil refineries. Schlumberger Ltd., a major oil field company, sought to buy Computer Systems, but Mr. Gottesman and his investors retained 20 percent. The company soared in value when shares were later offered to the public.

But it was his investment in Mr. Buffett's company, Berkshire Hathaway, of which he was a board member, that constituted the bulk of Mr. Gottesman's fortune. "There probably has never been a better return on any stock held for 44 years in the history of Wall Street," Mr. Gottesman wrote a decade ago, calculating at the time that his shares had grown to 6,000 times their initial value.

Mr. Gottesman's charitable donations included a bicycle path circling Jerusalem, and the Gottesman Hall of the Planet Earth at the American Museum of Natural History.

## ***Leonard Cole***

Leonard A. Cole, a dentist who became an expert on biological weapons and who chronicled in troubling detail a secret U.S. Army program that turned millions of Americans into unwitting germ-warfare guinea pigs in the 1950s and '60s, died on Sept. 18 in Ridgewood, NJ. He was 89.

Dr. Cole's dental practice was firmly established when he began a second career as a political scientist, looking into the clandestine military tests. The program, which ran from 1949 until President Richard M. Nixon halted it in 1969, involved releasing ostensibly harmless bacterial and chemical agents in the New York City subway, over the skies of San Francisco, and in dozens of other places to test the country's vulnerability to biological and chemical attacks. His book, *Clouds of Secrecy: The Army's Germ Warfare Tests Over Populated Areas*, published in 1988, offers an in-depth examination of the Army program.

Dr. Cole retired from dentistry in 2000 but continued to write books. To balance his various endeavors, Dr. Cole said in an interview with the online publication *Authority Magazine* last year that he gave his "undivided attention" to whatever he was doing at the moment. He said that a friend had once told him he was the best dentist among political scientists, and the best political scientist among dentists.

## ***Judah Samet***

Judah Samet, who survived the Holocaust and decades later avoided the deadliest antisemitic attack in United States history by mere minutes, died Sept. 27, in Oakland, CA. He was 84.

Mr. Samet survived the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp as a child during WWII, and was in the parking lot of the Tree of Life synagogue in 2018 when a gunman entered the building and killed 11 people.

He had, indeed, lived a remarkable life, his nephew Larry Barasch, told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. "He grew up in Hungary, survived the Holocaust, became orphaned upon leaving the camps, moved to Israel and found his mother. He joined the Israeli Defense Forces as a paratrooper and radio man, fought side-by-side with General Moshe Dayan for Israeli independence. He immigrated to Canada, married Barbara Schiffman and became a well-known jeweler in Pittsburgh, working for my grandfather, Irving Schiffman."

He was a long-time member of the Tree of Life congregation and was an active participant in services for some 40 years. On Oct. 27, 2018, he arrived late to the Shabbat service at Tree of Life, and was still in the parking lot when the gunman entered the synagogue.

Mr. Samet did not speak about his experience during the Holocaust for nearly 60 years. But over the past two decades, he spoke to tens of thousands of students about his experiences. He told people it was important to him, as a survivor, to give direct testimony because soon there would be no one to tell the story of the Holocaust.

## ***Laurence Silberman***

Laurence H. Silberman, a conservative federal appeals court judge and advocate of judicial restraint whose opinions on gun rights, press freedom, the Affordable Care Act, and other crucial issues resonated widely and sometimes presaged Supreme Court decisions, died on Oct. 4 at his home in Washington, DC. He was 86.

Judge Silberman was unanimously confirmed by the Senate for six federal posts; was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President George W. Bush in 2008; and three times was shortlisted by Republican presidents for the Supreme Court.



## ***Theo Richmond***

Theo Richmond, a British documentary filmmaker who depended on words rather than images to create what he called “the most worthwhile thing I’ve ever done” — an acclaimed book, *Konin: A Quest*, that captured the quotidian life and precipitous death of the Jewish population of his parents’ hometown in Poland after the Nazi invasion — died on August 25 in London. He was 93.

Over the course of seven years, Mr. Richmond conducted some 400 interviews in Poland, Israel, Florida, Nebraska, Texas, Montreal and Brooklyn, racing against time to collect memories from former residents of Konin, a village 140 miles west of Warsaw, near the German border.

In 1939, about 3,000 of its 13,000 residents were Jewish. By 1940, according to the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, “the town was Judenrein,” or “cleansed” of Jews.

“This book is about my return journey to a place I had never been to,” Mr. Richmond wrote, “a place of which I knew nothing except that it was a part of my past and in a curiously powerful way a part of my present.”

## ***Grace Glueck***

Grace Glueck, a journalist who broke new ground by making the art world a distinct beat at *The New York Times*, and who then helped bring an important sex-discrimination lawsuit against the paper, her employer of more than 60 years, died on Oct. 8 at her home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. She was 96.

In more than 3,000 articles for *The Times*, Ms. Glueck approached art as a reporter more than as a critic, effectively inventing the art beat at the newspaper and inspiring other newsrooms across the country to make it a journalistic standard, *The Times* said.

Her news articles, interviews and profiles, filled with revelatory fact and often laced with wit, became a staple of the paper’s coverage of the visual arts in New York during the 1960s and 1970s, simultaneously during the rise of the feminist movement. She helped initiate a 1974 lawsuit that accused the paper of underpayment and under-promotion of women, based on her experience when she began there as a recent English-major graduate. Her tasks were clerical, and only because Lester Markel, the paper’s Sunday editor, took notice of her work was she able to train as a reporter. The lawsuit was settled in 1978 with *The Times* agreeing to consider more women for top management.

## ***Robert Kalfin***

Robert Kalfin, the driving force behind the Chelsea Theater Center, which for two decades beginning in 1965 presented adventurous plays not always to the liking of general theatergoing audiences, died on Sept. 20 at a hospice center in Quogue, NY. He was 89.

Mr. Kalfin thought the commercial theaters of the day were limited and unimaginative, and he strove to broaden the theatrical landscape. His mission statement: “We will do whatever nobody else is doing, and what we think people ought to see.”

After the Chelsea closed, Mr. Kalfin continued to direct in New York and in regional houses. He was still working until recently. One of his post-Chelsea projects in New York was directing a Yiddish version of “Yentl,” produced by the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater in 2002.

## ***Leonard Kriegel***

Leonard Kriegel, an American memoirist and essayist whose work blazed with rage at the loss of the use of his legs to polio, died on Sept. 25 in Manhattan. He was 89.

An academic and literary critic who taught for many years at the City College of New York, Mr. Kriegel was known for scholarly and popular writings that examined large historical phenomena (the

struggles of the labor movement, the social construction of masculinity, the treatment of disabled people) at the level of the individual life — often his own.

Throughout his life, Mr. Kriegel's rage provided ballast against despair. Even the onset of his illness, he recalled in an essay in "Flying Solo," was not entirely devoid of hope. As he recounted it, his father, on learning that Leonard had contracted polio, raced upstate from his delicatessen job without stopping to change his clothes.

"He sat alongside my bed in the small hospital in Cold Spring, imploring me to live and feeding me vanilla ice cream," Mr. Kriegel wrote. "What remains as vivid in memory today as it was more than 50 years ago is the odor that clung to my father's hand as he fed me that ice cream. I could smell the dry-sweat prospect of my death on that hand. Yet beyond that was the smell of pickle brine and smoked salmon and chopped herring that mixed with the rich creamy taste of the vanilla ice cream. For whatever incomprehensible reason, the mixing of smells was a father's promise to a son that he would live."

### **Birthdays in November**

1: Harris Levine; Michael Sausmer  
3: Jenny Beth Bloom; Helaine Teperman  
11: Jessica Friedmann; Philip Goldman  
14: Susan Rosenstreich  
24: Jacob Spar  
27: Jonathan Ellant, MD

### **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/](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com/).

### **Share Your Thoughtfulness With A Sisterhood Sunshine Card**



On the front, our historic sanctuary; an acknowledgment of your generosity appears inside.

A form for a "Sunshine Card" with a light blue background. It features two Star of David symbols on either side of the text. The text reads: "A donation has been made in your name to Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY to acknowledge the" followed by a blank line. Below this is the word "by" followed by another blank line. At the bottom, there is a third blank line for a signature or date.

In times of celebration or 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.



## **Yahrzeits in November**

- 1: Murray Brown; Abraham Kaplan; Nettie Ruth Liburt  
3: Leo Weinstein  
4: Rosalind Almond-Lepawsky  
5: Bessie Bush  
6: Alexander Kahn; Jeremiah Levy; Esther Skurowitz  
7: Eva Bloom; Myrna Kroff; Arthur Levinson  
8: Joseph Skurowitz  
10: Jessie Farber  
11: Mordechai Julius Kahn; Tippins Brown Serbin; Harold Winters  
14: Louis Britvan; Irving Elsky; William Kapell; Anna Novick; Frank Prager  
15: Abe Feldman; Edythe Packard; Rose O. Silverstone  
16: Murray J. Farber; David Rothman  
17: Morris Sausmer  
18: Mary Glickman; Jacob Rubinsky  
19: Herman P. Farber  
20: Norman Mordkofsky  
21: Ether L. Komar  
23: Rose Ehrlich; Rabbi Isaac Kiev  
25: Maurice E. Bloom; Nat Dolin; Gussie Levin; Wayne Scott Mountain  
26: Molly Friedman; Goldie Pushkin  
27: Stanley Epstein; Sidney Waxler  
28: Moe Harris; Jeannette Lipsitz; Max Posner; Rachel Stollar  
29: Libbie Esther Brown; Paul Kotik

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Menachem Bloom  
Hedy Campeas  
Martin Ehrenreich  
Paul Birman and Pamela Birman  
Ellen Wiederlight  
Alice Nadel  
Joshua Clauss  
Irma Strimban

## **• MONEY MATTERS •**

### **Donations in October**

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Stand)

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 David Levine  
 Nina and Hal Neimark

## **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.
- **Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and Projects:** supports cultural endeavors for the shul and community.

## **Invest In Our Shul**

- **Bequest:** Make a gift to the shul with an inclusion in your will.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** A cash or appreciated stock gift provides fixed income for life.
- **Life Insurance Policy:** Contribute a fully-paid or new policy with the shul as owner.
- **Life Estate:** Donate real estate through a grant deed, and use the property for life.
- **Charitable Remainder Unitrust:** This investment allows the contributor a tax deduction and an income for life. Upon death, the balance in the trust goes to the charity.

## **Honor Loved Ones With A Plaque**

- **Memorial Plaque:** mounted in the sanctuary, lighted during the anniversary month.  
Cost: \$300 members; \$600 nonmembers.
- **Tree of Life Leaf:** commemorates a simcha or joyous event, mounted in social hall.  
Cost: \$54 members; \$108 nonmembers.
- **Sanctuary Seat Plate:** seat nameplate in sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers

## **• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •**

[Fees revised by Board of Directors 10/23/2022; effective for all events planned after 11/1/2022]

### **Membership Per Year:**

Family: \$850

Individual: \$550

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
Lifecycle Event*	\$1,000	\$2,000
Sanctuary Only	\$500	\$1,000

<b><u>Commemoratives</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate	\$200	\$250**
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	No charge	No charge

\*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park, also cleanup fee. Renters of our facilities must sign a contract at least 30 days prior to the event, and satisfy the fee schedule accordingly. For more information, email [ctigreenport@gmail.org](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.org) with a message for Elizabeth Adams. \*\* Seat plates are for current members or to honor deceased members.



## • WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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Gabbai Paul Nadel: 631-734-8519

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