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# The Shofar

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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.

Yiskor in 2023: April 13; May 27; September 25; October 7

#### *Learning at our Shul*

Sundays, Jan 8, 15, 22 and 29: Beginner Hebrew Class w/Rabbi Gadi and a team of Israelis, 3 p.m., on Project Genesis Zoom

Mondays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30: Hebrew class w/Rabbi Gadi, 5:30 p.m., on Zoom

#### *Shul Events*

Monday, Jan. 9: Ritual Committee meeting: 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, Jan. 9: Pastoral Committee meeting: 11 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, Jan. 15: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., on Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 19: Book Circle, 4 p.m., on Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 19: Judaism and Art meeting, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

Friday, Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

[The United Nations General Assembly has designated January 27—the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau—as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.]

#### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in January*

Jan. 6: 4:25 Jan. 13: 4:32 Jan. 20: 4:40 Jan. 27: 4:49

#### *Dates To Remember*

Sunday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 6: Tu B'Shevat Seder, noon, (on Zoom, from Israel)

Deadline for the February 2023 issue of *The Shofar* is January 20



## From The Rabbi...

### “Rebel Rabbi”

This month, we lost an amazing man — Rabbi Elliott Spar. Elliott was a colleague, a friend, and a mentor. One of his children, Ari Spar, is a member of our shul. For almost four decades, he was the rabbi of the Temple Beth Shalom congregation in Smithtown, the same pulpit for his entire rabbinate. He retired here in Mattituck.

I first met Elliott as my student, when Dr. Don Russo and I began our Project Genesis interfaith lecture series at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Southold. I had heard his name, but I didn't know that the balding, yarmulka-less man sitting in one of the back rows was Rabbi Spar.

For several years, I resisted recording our lectures, an inadvertent inaccuracy on record forever. Finally, I agreed to do it, but I was extremely nervous. Somehow, this man knew to come over to me a minute before the “cameras were rolling.” He introduced himself, and complimented me on my work and the interfaith initiative. In one second, my anxiety dissipated.

We became instant friends, and I came to understand that I was not dealing with an ordinary rabbi. As described by other friends and colleges, Rabbi Spar was a maverick, anything but conventional and predictable. He was involved in interfaith before it was popular, inviting church groups to his services. At his grandson's bar mitzvah at our shul three years ago, he surprised everybody by inviting a gospel singer with whom he had secretly practiced for months. He was also ahead of his time regarding women's participation in services, and also at officiating at same-sex marriages.

One of the stories told at the shiva for Rabbi Spar shocked me, but didn't surprise me. The story concerned a bat mitzvah girl with whom he had traveled to Jerusalem. The morning of the event at the Kotel, he told her to dress up in pants, gather hair under a baseball cap, and put on a tallit. And there you have it — Spar's version of Yentl celebrating her bat mitzvah in the men's section.

Sometimes you need a rebel with a cause to move the wheels of progress forward. When the needs of the people are knocking at the gates of tradition, someone has to open the door. As the Talmud tells us in some famous halachik turning points, “See what the people are doing.” Sometimes you need to love tradition enough to change it.

Is it worth it to be rebellious? In many ways, you pay high prices for that. But being a rebel is an essence, not a choice. In fact, before his death, Elliott had just finished an autobiographical account titled *Rebel Rabbi*, which will be published soon. As readers will learn, he was able to be a rebel with respect to all. To be a rebel that brings about change is a talent. One of his assistants wrote that Rabbi Spar epitomized Rabbi Israel Salanter's aphorism, “A rabbi whose community does not disagree with him is not a rabbi. A rabbi who fears his community is no mensch.”

As a testimony to that, hundreds of people attended his funeral, and many more wrote letters and made calls to his family to express their gratitude. May his memory and courage inspire us for many years to come.

And may we all enjoy a peaceful 2023.

Rabbi Gadi Capela

## From The President...



### “From the Glow of the Lights of Hanukkah”

As the lights of Hanukkah 2022 flicker and fade, and we close down a raucous game of dreidel with more Hanukkah gelt than any of us have seen, I delight in my family celebration. What a treasure that it follows on the heels of our Congregation Tifereth Israel family festivities: Menorah lighting in Mitchell Park, then back to the shul for latkes, donuts, and hot cider shared with a crowd of synagogue and community members, accompanied by our own “three-piece house band.”

And almost at the same moment, in the midst of the festivities, we celebrated the life of my friend Irma Strimban — a life close to my heart and fueled by mutual love of the arts and the evolution of the creative process. Somehow this confluence of events captures the very essence of who we are. It defines a pathway through this life.

This is all part of the Congregation Tifereth Israel story. It speaks to us as a community, our initiative and determination to respond creatively to the pandemic with great success in programming and growth in membership. And, as we close 2022, we applaud our High Holiday Leadership Donors who made it possible for us to raise almost \$90,000, a high-water mark in Tifereth Israel fundraising. I would say that enhances the after-glow of the Lights of Hanukkah.

Judith K. Weiner

## • LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

To the editors...

The December issue of *The Shofar* offered a theme grounded in the world-wide presence of Jews. Starting with Rabbi Gadi’s beginnings in Israel and concluding with his citizenship ceremony in New York, *The Shofar* then offered the story of an Afghan synagogue, the Jews of Laramie, Wyoming, and a convocation of Chabad Rabbis living in 100 countries. Jews seem to know and main connections with Jews everywhere. Our history tells us there are traces of synagogues in Western China, Surinam, South America, and in the Pampas of Argentina; we know there are active synagogues in Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong, also throughout Europe, the Near East, the United States, and even in Greenport, Long Island. Perhaps the real news should be citing a place without Jews, now or in the past. So much the poorer such places must be.

As Mordechai Kaplan so correctly observed, we are people who live in two worlds (and sometimes even more than two) and, I would add, in the whole world.

—Stephan Brumberg

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### **Hanukkah Arrived On Dec. 18, 2022, in Greenport, NY. It Was Perfect.**



Jews throughout the world celebrated Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, at various hours on December 18, 2022, depending on the time zone. Monitoring from Greenport, New York, this reporter can document the arrival of Hanukkah precisely at 5 p.m. Eastern, in Mitchell Park, here in our quiet little maritime outpost on the east end of the North Fork of Long Island.

It was here that the Village had set up the official menorah, adjacent to the official Christmas tree, both to remain lighted throughout the holidays in the spirit of ecumenism. It was here that shul members and a crowd of local residents had gathered to usher in the holiday with Rabbi Gadi, who led the prayers, conducted the

singing, and kindled the light that beamed across the park and touched the hearts of all who were witness to the event.

Jews celebrate the miracle of Judah Maccabee and his small army of rebels, who triumphed against the overwhelming might of the Greek-Syrian oppressors, and also the miracle of the single cruse of oil, enough for a single day that miraculously burned for eight days and eight nights. Those events occurred more than 2,200 years ago, in the 2nd century AD, and yet we recall them today with reverence and joyous merrymaking, just as we did this December 18, beginning in Mitchell Park, precisely at 5 p.m.

It was a glorious, starry night, with a bit of a nip in the air which, in a way, brought us closer together physically and spiritually. After the brief ceremony, with remarks by Rabbi Gadi, shul president Judith Weiner, and Southold Town officials, everyone walked a few blocks west to Fourth Street, where at Congregation Tifereth Israel, all were invited to join the members for jelly-filled donuts, hot apple cider, and — Surprise! — latkes, fried up by shul member Deborah Pittorino, proprietor of The Greenporter Motel and Restaurant, who served up about 200 of the crunchy treats, topped with applesauce and/or sour cream.



All the while, there was music. Charlotte Day at the piano, shul member Dave Berson and his trio offering Hanukkah songs and folk tunes that had toes tapping to the rhythm. Everyone played with the dreidels and munched on the chocolate gelt they found on the festively decorated tables in the community room. The children took home gifts purchased by the Sisterhood.

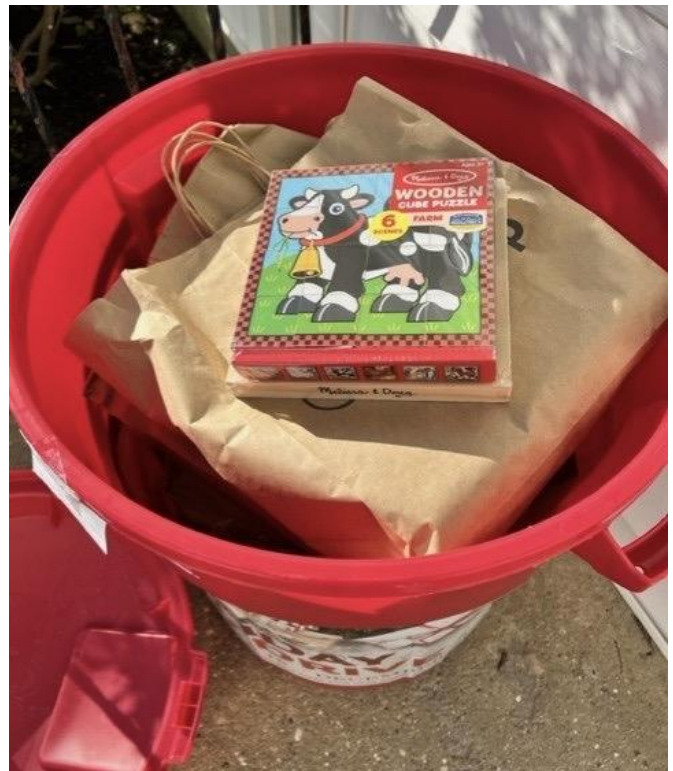
It was delicious. It was festive. It was loud. It was fun being together and schmoozing with friends and neighbors. And when it was over, in keeping with the good will of the holiday, folks pitched in and worked together to clean up the room, store the tables and chairs and, except for the room decorations, artfully managed by Rabbi Gadi, all was put right, allowing the Monday exercise class to proceed as usual in the space. Thank you Adrienne Greenberg for spearheading a wonderful family and community event.

One might ask, can anyone describe perfection? Indeed. Hanukkah in Greenport, New York, on December 18, 2022.

Photos by Josh Rakhman and Judith Weiner

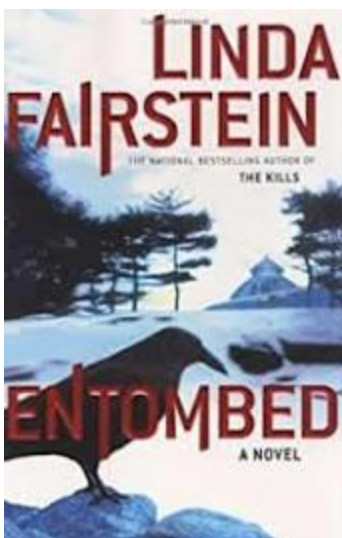


## Lookie-Lookie: A Toy Drive Barrel On The Outside. Inside? All Filled Up



Maybe it was the fun of rhyming “Now is the time we should act, and put toys in a barrel unwrapped.” Ouch. Or maybe it was the cute photo with a reminder to support the Toy Drive. Whichever appealed to the sense of holiday giving, shul members responded in a big way. When the Tikkun Olam Initiative members opened the big red barrel placed near the office door (and sometimes by the ramp door), they found it filled to the top with contributions. The TOI thanks all who participated in making the holidays brighter for the children of CAST clients. And about the chicken-in-a-basket project, with the help of the TOI and other community partners, CAST was able to provide 385 families with Thanksgiving meals. Cookie Slade photos

## Book Circle Reads Crime-Solving Whodunit As January Selection



In a crime scene that could have been conjured by Edgar Allen Poe himself, Manhattan Assistant D.A. Alexandra Cooper discovers it was, in fact, real — in this trail of clues conjured by real-life prosecutor Linda Fairstein, whose former life prepared her well as a writer of mystery novels. In *Entombed*, the writer challenges her readers to solve the gruesome case of the skeleton of a woman standing upright behind a brick wall. It’s a modern day murder of gothic proportions, entrusted to the writing skills of the former New York City prosecutor, who headed the sex crimes unit of the Manhattan D.A.’s office from 1976 to 2002.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss works with Jewish content or by Jewish writers. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m. on Zoom. For more information about the group, email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

# Oculus: Eye On Art



This month's Oculus column presents new drawings by Judith Kaufman Weiner, and the *raison d'être* that guides the artist's hand in a series she calls "From the Particular to the Universal." The artist is a founding member of the shul's Judaism and Art group.

"Drawings are often a window into the thinking process of an artist," Judith Weiner said. "It can be the space for new discoveries, new ideas and, perhaps, unfettered adventure. Within a drawing lies a spontaneous response to new ideas and new discoveries, but also the solution to unresolved problems. Sometimes pictorial problems will surface within a new drawing,

yet they may take on new forms that have been influenced by interim drawing and painting experiences.

"My work tends to develop as a series, a continuum. I find that more images and ideas emerge in the mark-making process than can be contained within a single 'picture.' In this way, the series becomes a long work — one that can be subdivided, each part offering a clear relationship to its predecessor as well as to its successor. But those relationships may or may not matter, because each image can and should stand alone. Each 'picture' becomes a component of the exploration that is contained within the edges of the paper or canvas or the three-dimensional construct. But there are contradictions. Sometimes the influence of a drawing or painting extends beyond its own physical boundaries.

"The group of drawings you see here represents nuanced spaces that move from the particular to the universal. All the formal elements are there: color, shape, balance, depth, composition and scale. Each work is a process of discovery, one building upon the other, moving into a new space or drawing to continue the adventure.

"You see the elements that describe and define light, space, speed and spatial tensions. The abstract images represent perceptions of the human drama and a response to an ever-evolving and unfolding environment. Several of these drawings conform to a geometric structure that is the holding grid for the markings articulated there. I employ this concept frequently with varying outcomes.

"So there you have it — a bit of discourse that speaks to the images shown here, as well as insight into my own working process."

—Judith Kaufman Weiner





## U.S. First Gentleman Leads White House Roundtable On Antisemitism



Doug Emhoff, the husband of Vice President Kamala Harris and the first Jewish spouse of a president or vice president, led a White House roundtable of government officials, rabbis, and leaders of advocacy groups on Dec. 7 to discuss the rise of antisemitism here and abroad. He was joined at the event by Susan Rice, President Biden's domestic policy adviser; Deborah Lipstadt, a special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism; Shelley Greenspan, the White House Jewish liaison; Keisha Lance Bottoms, the director of public engagement; Josh Geltzer, the deputy homeland security adviser; and members

of the Anti-Defamation League. "As long as I have this microphone, I'm going to speak out against hate, bigotry, lies," Mr. Emhoff said. "I'm going to speak out against those who praise fascist murderers and idolize extremists."

## Israeli Archaeologists Find Cache Of Silver Coins From Hasmonean Era



Roughly 2,200 years ago, somebody hid a wooden box in a cave in the Judean Desert. The box, which contained 15 silver coins, moldered there until this year, when it was found by archaeologists with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The find was made in Muraba'at Cave, now part of the Nahal Darga Nature Reserve by the Dead Sea (also known as the Wadi Daregah). The cave famously had sheltered Jews fleeing the Romans at the end of the ill-fated Bar Kochba Revolt that began in 132 C.E. But the newly unearthed coins are evidence of people using the

cave centuries earlier, at the end of the Hasmonean period, the IAA said.

"Often, ancient coins bear inscriptions and symbols that help to date them," according to Eiten Klein of the IAA. "These did — and, lo, they predated Bar Kochba by centuries." All were silver tetradrachma minted by Ptolemy VI, King of Egypt, and dated from 176-170 B.C.E.

## Season 4 Of 'Fauda,' The Hit Israeli Series, Will Debut Jan. 20 On Netflix

Netflix has announced that Season 4 of "Fauda," the hit Israeli thriller, will debut on the platform on Jan. 20. "Fauda," which means chaos, is an Israeli television series developed by Lior Raz and Avi Issacharoff, drawing on their experiences in the Israel Defense Forces.

The series premiered on Feb. 15, 2015. It tells the story of Doron, a commander in the Mista'arvim unit, and his team.



The President and first lady host a Hanukkah holiday reception in the Grand Foyer of the White House. At right is Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, survivor of the hostage standoff at a Colleyville, Texas, synagogue. AP Photo/Walsh

## Just When You Thought It Was Safe Outside...News From The WMO

The WMO? What's that? The WMO is the World Meteorological Organization, and it is this venerable group that assigns names to all the storms that occur in the Atlantic Basin in the coming year. As the 2022 storm season officially closed on Nov. 30, the WMO has lost not a second in stepping up to announce the names of the 2023 storms. As it is now officially 2023, *The Shofar* also is responding quickly and responsibly, keeping its readership informed and prepared for possible chaos ahead.

To that end, find here the names of the 2023 storms, arrival time and intensity not known at this time, but anyone expecting the arrival of a baby in 2023 might want to avoid the following names for fear of much teasing. Those named Sandy continue to suffer the consequences of the destructive 2012 storm.

Here goes: Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, Whitney. Should more names be needed, you can be sure the WMO will be up to the job.



About 100 Ukrainian refugees made Aliyah in Israel during Hanukkah.

"Even while these newest Israelis have had lives defined by pain and suffering for almost the entire past year, it is inspiring to see how they are so filled with hope," said Yael Eksteen, president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, one of the groups that helped organize the flight.

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## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •



### *Volodymyr Zelensky*

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was named Time's Person of the Year, the magazine announced. Zelensky, 44, shot to international recognition when Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. Almost 10 months later, he remains a symbol of the nation's stoicism and spirit in the face of the incursion.

The Time honor, first awarded to aviator Charles Lindbergh in 1927, annually selects the person who has had a particular impact on events of the past year.

Illustration by Neil Jamieson

### *Adam Sandler*

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts will present the 24th Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to Adam Sandler at a gala performance at the Kennedy Center on March 19. The prize recognizes individuals who have had an impact on American society in ways similar to the 19th-century novelist and essayist Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain.

"Adam Sandler has entertained audiences for more than three decades with his films, music, and his tenure as a fan favorite cast member on 'SNL,'" said Kennedy Center president Deborah F. Rutter. Sandler's films have grossed more than \$3 billion worldwide.

Previous recipients include Richard Pryor, Carl Reiner, Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Newhart, Lily Tomlin, Steve Martin, Neil Simon, Billy Crystal, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Eddie Murphy, Bill Murray, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Dave Chappelle and Jon Stewart.

## • OBITUARIES •

*The Shofar* joins the membership in mourning two deaths in the Congregation family: Rabbi Elliot T. Spar, father of shul member Ari Spar, died on Nov. 30. Long-time shul member Irma Strimban died on December 15. May their memories be a blessing.

### *Pablo Eisenberg*

Pablo Eisenberg was only 7 years old in 1939 when he boarded an American-bound liner with his parents and younger sister in Bordeaux as the Nazis were poised to invade France. But as young as he was, their nail-biting escape nevertheless instilled in him a lifelong commitment to powerless people left behind.

In 1973, he wrote an article published in Grantsmanship Center News, a philanthropic journal, in which he called on major foundations, individual donors, corporate charities and philanthropies in general to be more socially responsible, transparent, accountable and equitable in determining who received their largesse. He had a passion for improving the lives of everyday people.

Mr. Eisenberg died on Oct. 18 in a nursing home in Rockville, MD. He was 90.

While many charities remained insular, others responded to Mr. Eisenberg's goading by directing more donations to community organizations and diversifying their boards.

## ***Ed Rudy***

On Feb. 7, 1964, when the Beatles were greeted by thousands of screaming fans at John F. Kennedy International Airport, a radio reporter named Ed Rudy was there. When they performed in Washington, Mr. Rudy was there. And when they headed to Miami Beach, he was there.

Mr. Rudy filed reports to a syndicate of radio stations throughout the Beatles' two-week tour of the United States, their first performances in the country. Soon after, he packaged his material into a 35-minute album, "The American Tour With Ed Rudy," which rose to No. 20 on Billboard's Top LPs chart.

Fifty-eight years after the Beatles arrived in America, Mr. Rudy was still selling his albums. "It was exciting and fab all the way," he wrote in 1964. "I contracted Beatlemania and this disease will be with me for a long, long time. Mr. Rudy died on Nov. 7 at his home in Aventura, FL. He was 93.

## ***Harriet Bograd***

In the summer of 2001, Harriet Bograd visited her daughter Margie, who had taken a summer job in a remote village in Ghana. When Ms. Bograd and her husband, Ken Klein, arrived in the village, Sefwi Wiawso, they learned about its community of two dozen families who considered themselves Jewish. In the week she was there, Ms. Bograd turned her enchantment with the villagers into a practical project that has become a major source of income for the community. She guided artisans in fashioning the colorful kente cloth sold in the local market into challah covers. A trained lawyer, she set up the community as an incorporated business that sold the challah covers across the United States for \$36 each. Thousands have been purchased.

In the years after that trip, Ms. Bograd worked with the nonprofit organization Kulanu, which supports "isolated, emerging or returning" Jewish communities in places where even most American Jews don't realize there are Jews: Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Cameroon, Madagascar, Indonesia, Pakistan, Guatemala, the Philippines and more — 33 countries in total.

"It gave her joy that these people felt they were connected to the greater Jewish world and felt they belonged," said Mollie Levine, deputy director of Kulanu, whose Hebrew name means "all of us."

Harriet Bograd died Sept. 17 in a Manhattan hospital, following complications of heart surgery.

## ***Charles Koppelman***

Charles Koppelman, a longtime music executive who worked with Barbra Streisand, Dolly Parton, the Lovin' Spoonful, Tracy Chapman, Wilson Phillips and Vanilla Ice, among many other artists, and later steered the companies of Martha Stewart and the fashion designer Steve Madden through periods of turbulence, died Nov. 25 at his home in Roslyn Harbor, NY. He was 82.

For decades, Mr. Koppelman was a player in the upper ranks of the music industry, acting variously as dealmaker and superstar matchmaker. Seldom pictured without a Cuban cigar and a jovial grin, he relished the excitement of striking big deals and the lifestyle that went along with being a top executive in music's high-flying 1980s and '90s.

## ***Michael Feingold***

Michael Feingold, whose learned writing about the theater was a fixture of *The Village Voice* for decades, and who was also a dramaturge, a translator, and a Tony Award-nominated lyricist and adapter, died on Nov. 21 in Manhattan. He was 77.

Mr. Feingold had an encyclopedic knowledge of plays and musicals, which he drew upon as he sized up productions, beginning in the early 1970s and continuing until recently. He did not pull punches, even if his target was a venerable veteran.

He once dismissed Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose music is often said to be derivative, with this line: “Webber’s music isn’t so painful to hear, if you don’t mind its being so soiled from previous use.”

He translated numerous European works for the American stage, especially those of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill. He was at one time literary manager for the Yale Repertory Theater, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, MA, roles in which he would read scripts and often help shape ones that were accepted for production. He wrote for *The Voice* from 1971 to 2013. “He was, above all, a champion of theater that is bold and challenging,” *The New York Times* said.

### ***Michael Pertschuk***

Probably more than any other individual, Michael Pertschuk was responsible for the government’s placing warning labels on cigarettes, banning tobacco advertising from television and radio, requiring seatbelts in cars, and putting in place other consumer protections — all by helping to draft those measures into law as the chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Commerce Committee and later as the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission under President Jimmy Carter.

Michael Pertschuk died on Nov. 16 at his home in Santa Fe, NM. He was 89.

“I spent a good part of my life making life miserable for the tobacco companies,” Mr. Pertschuk once said, “and I’m not sorry about that.”

### ***Freddie Roman***

Freddie Roman, a stand-up comedian who told jokes to mostly Jewish audiences in the Catskills, then brought borscht-belt humor to Manhattan when he conceived and performed in the hit show “Catskills on Broadway,” died on Nov. 26 in Boynton Beach FL. He was 85.

Mr. Roman began his comedy career in the Catskills in the early 1960s, when that resort area in upstate New York was thriving. At one hotel after another, he told one-liners and stories that delighted audiences spending their weekends and summer vacations there.

He spread his Catskills-bred shtick around the country for five decades, working often in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Florida as he followed his older audiences south.

### ***Lord David Young***

Lord David Young, a British-Jewish member of the House of Lords who advised Conservative governments in the United Kingdom from Margaret Thatcher to David Cameron died Dec. 8. He was 90.

Margaret Thatcher, who appointed Young to his first political post as an advisor in charge of privatization, famously said of him, “Other people bring me problems. David brings me solutions.”

During his many years in politics, Young used his position to advance the needs of British Jewry and push for stronger British-Israeli relations. “Lord Young was always proud of his Jewish heritage,” said Lord Leigh of Hurley, a longtime senior treasurer of the British Conservative party.

### ***Jay Goldberg***

Jay Goldberg, a former boxer, who became a comedian and a colorful lawyer who defended celebrity clients and a bevy of mobsters, died on Dec. 5 at his home in Bridgehampton. He was 89.

Mr. Goldberg relished his role as a gladiator, first as a 6-foot-2, 140-pound welterweight who retired when a knockout in the third round ended his 10-0 winning streak, then as a “killer” in the courtroom, who also occasionally filled in at the Copacabana nightclub in Manhattan (his aunt knew the owner), sharing Mark Twain’s faith that a laughing jury seldom convicts.



Once a mobster whom he represented and who had pleaded guilty was about to be sentenced by a federal judge. As Mr. Goldberg stood beside his client in a packed courtroom, the judge asked whether the defendant “should suffer economic loss for his criminal activity.”

Judge, “I have taken care of that already,” Mr. Goldberg said.

As a private defense lawyer, Mr. Goldberg attracted a long list of high-profile clients, including Miles Davis, Bono, Johnny Cash, the Hells Angels, Carl Icahn, Charles Rangel, Meyer Lansky, Sean Combs, Willie Nelson, The Rolling Stones, and Donald J. Trump. He was the author of five books, notably a memoir, *The Courtroom Is My Theater*. In a New York Times interview in 1997, Mr. Goldberg said, “It’s the only place where you get to emote and try to convince juries that black is white.”

## ***Philip Pearlstein***

Philip Pearlstein, an artist whose nudes reclaimed the naked human body for painting, and who found a persuasive modern idiom for the portrait genre, died on Dec. 17 in Manhattan. He was 98.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Pearlstein turned from landscapes executed in a brushy Abstract Expressionist style and began painting nude models from life. His icily lit nudes represented a shocking departure in American painting then dominated by color fields.

His early paintings, from what he later called his symbolist period, were brightly colored abstractions. On vacation trips, he became fascinated by rock formations and began seeking out what he thought of as ready-made Abstract Expressionist compositions in nature. In the late 1950s, he began drawing the figure, and remained faithful to the nude throughout his career.

## **Albert Madansky**

Albert Madansky, a virtuoso statistician who sought to quantify the risks of accidental nuclear war, died on Dec. 8 in Chicago. He was 88.

In 1959, in the thick of the Cold War, Dr. Madansky was a mathematician for the RAND Corporation, the research institute in Santa Monica, CA, where with colleagues he studied the risk of unauthorized nuclear explosion.

Noting that any risk could have serious consequences, his report recommended what became known as Permissive Action Links, which required the installation of coded safety locks on nuclear weapons and missiles and the approval of a minimum of two individuals to launch a nuclear attack. Upgraded versions of the Permissive Action Links system are still in use by the American military.

In 1976, in collaboration with Martin Shubik, an American economist, Dr. Madansky released what may have been his most controversial statistical conclusion: The results of a blind taste-test of pastrami and corned beef sandwiches. Perhaps inspired by his earlier research into nuclear weapons, Dr. Madansky pointed out that Dr. Brown’s Cel-Ray soda was a vital ingredient for gastronomical implosion.

“It’s catalytic action when combined with pastrami in the stomach is that of an atomic bomb,” Dr. Madansky wrote. “Varoom, and the pastrami disintegrates, is digested, and its heart-burning power is released in full.”

## **Birthdays in January**

2: Molly Byrne

3: Seth Greenfield

4: Stanley Kaplan

8: Alan Weinstein

15: Rob Brown

20: Sara Bloom; Carly Teperman

22: Jo Ann Blumberg

24: Veronica Kaliski

## **Anniversaries in January**

5: Stephan Brumberg and Carol Ingall

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 January**

- 1: Joseph Baulsir, Leo Levine
- 2: Michael Murphy
- 3: Kate Finkelstein, Sally Silberger, Dr. Nathaniel M. Sperling
- 4: Peggy Keller, Robert Strimban
- 5: Dr. Stanley S. Frankel, Olive Spence Friedmann, Paul Panepinto, Sarah Weiskott
- 6: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs, Peri Sausmer
- 7: Max Katz
- 8: Max Birman, George Grossman
- 10: Lillian Silberberg
- 11: Arnold Jaffe, Dr. Melvin Shengold
- 13: Jean Birman, Dr. Arthur Goldin, Jennie Levinson
- 14: Rose Wasserman
- 16: Phil Rosenstein
- 17: Ida Sausmer
- 18: Toivo Jarvi
- 19: Marcia B. Block, Martha Levin
- 20: Herman Millman, Gerald Nathel, Stanley Sydney
- 21: Norma Good, Nedjat Lazar, Steven Newman, Alvin Robins, William Sausmer
- 23: Nathan Forman, Rose Katz Grossman, Julius Levine, Mel Morrell
- 24: Jed Clauss, Monir Lazar, Benjamin Lipman, Ralph J. Michelson and brothers, Morris, Lewis, Conrad, Herbert & Morton; Ralph Michelson
- 25: Annie Bush, Rebeca Edelstein, Louis Felder, Anna Neimark
- 26: Helen Newman
- 27: Clara Nissenfeld
- 28: Adrien Felder, Herbert R. Mandel
- 29: Bella Schwartz
- 31: Morris Budofsky, Evelyn Rosenbaum

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Menachem Bloom  
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## Share Your Thoughtfulness With A Sisterhood Sunshine Card



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

A blank form for a "Sunshine Card". It features a Star of David on the left and right sides. The text in the center reads: "A donation has been made in your name to Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY to acknowledge the". Below this, there are lines for a name and address, followed by a line for "by" and another 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.

### • MONEY MATTERS •

#### Donations in December

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### **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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