

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

Shul Events

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

Thursday, Feb. 16: Book Circle, 4 p.m., on Zoom

Sunday, Feb. 19: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m.; Congregation meeting 10 a.m. on Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 23: Judaism and Art meeting, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

Friday, Feb. 27: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Lighting Shabbat Candles in February

Feb. 3: 4:57 Feb. 10: 5:06 Feb. 17: 5:15 Feb. 24: 5:23

Dates To Remember

Monday, Feb. 20: Presidents' Day

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



From The Rabbi...

“Back to School”

It had been raining all day last Thursday, but nothing could wash away my excitement. It was my first day back on campus after nearly a decade. The precipitation made me feel like a fish returned to the water. When I started at CTI, I was about to finish a second master’s degree at the Jewish Theological Seminary, this time in Modern Jewish Studies. But things got busy, and I was unable to complete the last two courses.

A perpetual student, I have been in and out of school most of my life. My August 31 birthday in Israel, where school always starts on September 1, provided my direction from the get-go. In second grade, I was already helping first graders. In college, it was a dual curriculum. A few years later, while working, I was back in school to get a master’s in Mediaeval Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University. And then rabbinical school. And another master’s. The past ten years have been the longest I’ve been away from an academic institution.

It was like a reunion — a few professors, the librarians, a couple of guards — I never forget a face. I saw an “Aviva” and an “Adam” that reminded me of my long-ago classmates. The campus was the same in some ways, different in others. JTS has gone through a major renovation and architectural changes; it is gorgeous. Déjà vu, but not quite. As Mark Twain famously said, “History doesn’t repeat itself, but it rhymes.”

From my early days in New York City, I loved traveling uptown to walk around Columbia’s campus. The five years at JTS’s beautifully cloistered campus on the edge of Columbia University were a pleasure. As JTS students, we could use Columbia’s libraries and other facilities, and I used every opportunity to walk among the stately old buildings patterned after those of the Italian Renaissance, to stroll the tree-lined walkways that connect the many libraries, including the centerpiece — Low Memorial Library. The combination of a campus steeped in history yet imbued with young energy creates an academic electricity. It pushes one to want to be immersed in education.

Education is light. In the beginning, God said, “Let there be light...And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.” Education means to be brought out of darkness into the light. The Latin word “educare” means to bring out, to lead out. Out of darkness. It’s the theme of JTS — the Burning Bush that never fades — and it is the motto of Columbia in Psalm 36:10: “For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.”

The course I’m taking this semester is about the history of Jewish migration. Even though many times it was a forced migration, migration of humans is a natural phenomenon, like the migration of birds. The soul is like a bird that needs constantly to move, otherwise it dies in its cage. The wandering Jew is a metaphor for the learning spirit we possess.

The spirit of learning is the humility of the soul. Going back to school is a mindset, a way of life, a gym for the mind. Going back seems to say, “I am thirsty, I need to drink, please give me water.” I feel certain I’m going to do well. I’m hungry for knowledge and thirsty for wisdom. Keeping the mind wet and ready to be reformed, you always want to go back to school.

Happy month of Shevat, the month of growth.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

You are invited to join Rabbi Gadi for a special Lunch and Learn to celebrate Tu B’Shevat with a seder, direct from Israel. The holiday event will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m., on Zoom.

Rabbi Gadi’s Tu B’Shevat seders are always a gorgeous sight to behold, a table laden with all manner of fruits and nuts including those native to Israel, such as olives, dates, grapes, figs and pomegranates. Enjoy cups of wine as we recite the blessings for fruits and the fruit of the vine in a joyous tribute to trees and the gifts they provide. Come for the holiday. Come to toast our earth and the fruits of its trees. Come for the fun.



From The President...

“Our Future Is You”

Are you an armchair pundit? Do you have ideas about ways to grow Congregation Tifereth Israel, expand our programs, increase our membership, and refresh our buildings and grounds?

Do you have ideas for new initiatives? Would you like to lead or manage a new program or project? Or facilitate an expansion or renovation?

Are you a new member with a fresh perspective, but reluctant to make your voice heard because you do not want to disturb the status quo?

If you answered “yes” to any of those questions, we want to hear from you. Consider stepping up and stepping out...into a leadership position.

Our shul depends on the good will, the good intentions, and the commitment of our members and friends. CTI needs robust leadership with a bit of chutzpah.

We have built a stable and steady history for more than 120 years, and the growth in our synagogue is visible. The stage is set. The players are in the wings. The infrastructure is in place. Our medley of voices can be heard. Our future is you.

So, if you are one of those armchair pundits, you represent the future of Congregation Tifereth Israel. If you have thoughts or ideas you want to share, please email me at jkweiner@icloud.com.

Remember, TOGETHER we are our future.

—Judith K. Weiner

• A LETTER TO THE EDITORS •

To the editors...

The Tikkun Olam Initiative (TOI) would like to thank everyone who participated in our successful 2022 year. We have provided CAST with chickens, personal care items, children’s toys, school supplies, diapers, fresh vegetables and vegetable plants. CAST has repeatedly thanked us in their newsletters as well as in personal letters to say what a positive difference our contributions have made to their clients. The Tikkun Olam Initiative has also served to familiarize the community with our congregation and how we observe our obligation to give back.

Tikkun Olam Initiative is hoping to add to our contributions this year by helping to support the ParentChild+ program. This program helps to prepare toddlers for entrance into the school system by offering them and their parents enrichment and literacy skills.

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Members of the TOI

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Shofar joins the congregation in welcoming Arthur Riegel and Roberta Conway, and Marc and Caren Demel to our shul. We look forward to participating with you in our spiritual, learning and social events.

An Author In Search Of Six Characters; A Playreading Opportunity

Who could blame *The Shofar* for pirating the title of Luigi Pirandello's play, "Six Characters in Search of an Author," when the shul is planning a playreading performance for early spring, and the author of the play is looking for — yes — six characters? The play chosen is "We Call It Whiskey," a one-act comedy by shul member Chuck Simon, who will cast and direct the work for a hybrid presentation — live at the shul and also on Zoom so that friends and family from afar can enjoy the show.

Note: this is a playREADING, a script-in-hand presentation, meaning no memorization of lines. (Wha-hoo!) No experience required, either, Chuck says — just the fun of voicing the characters and regaling the audience with fun and laughs.

Here's the cast of characters:

- Rabbi Miller, a meek, somewhat withdrawn middle-aged man
- Julie, an aggressive, 20-something woman of Scottish descent, with visions of grandeur
- Israeli and American ambassadors, parts can be read by men or women
- A Scottish ambassador, to be read by a man
- The U.S. ambassador's aide.

Interested? Here's how you can release your inner thespian and participate: Contact Chuck Simon at cedwardsimon@gmail.com to discuss your availability for probably two rehearsals and to schedule an audition. Once the cast is chosen, rehearsal and performance dates will be set. So — this time appropriating from none other than The Bard himself — the play's the thing wherein we'll kvetch the conscience of the king, should one happen by and, for sure, zing the funny bones of all assembled.

Saturday Morning Hebrew School Set To Open At Our Shul This Month



Plans are well underway to launch a Saturday morning Hebrew School at the shul, tentatively set for February 25. "The restart of a Hebrew School has long been one of Rabbi Gadi's goals," said Ann Hurwitz, chair of the shul's Education Committee and one of the driving forces behind the project.

"We've not had a Hebrew School here for at least the last 12 years," Ann Hurwitz pointed out, "but over his tenure, Rabbi Gadi has attracted a group of young congregants to our shul, who have expressed interest in having their children learn together and participate in services."

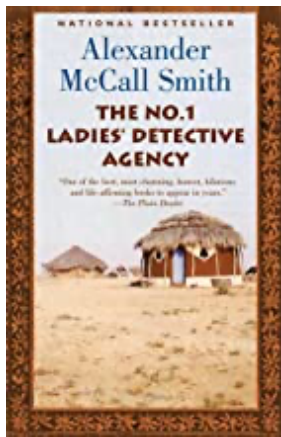
The new Hebrew School program will meet on Saturday mornings, from 9:30 to 10:30, in the classroom adjacent to the community room at the shul. Students will then join the Shabbat service in the sanctuary, where they will observe and experience Judaic practice and participate when appropriate.

Shul member Dawn Teyuca, an early childhood education professional, will lead the Hebrew School class, which will focus on experiences that prepare children to become active participants in Jewish life. Over time, the curriculum may include blessings and prayers, the celebration of Jewish holidays and observances, stories from the Torah, an introduction to Hebrew, and an understanding of Israel as the Jewish homeland. Projects may include preparation of holiday foods, planting etrog seeds, art projects, songs and dances — all designed to provide a positive and enriching Jewish education.

Fees for the program, to be based on materials required and the number of children attending, will be set in the coming months. In the meantime, families participating may contribute at will.

Parents and grandparents interested in enrolling the youngsters in their families are invited to speak with Rabbi Gadi. Email him at ctigreenport@gmail.com to request an interview.

Book Circle Embarks On Charming Botswana Detective Agency Series



It's a joyous happening within the Book Circle, which has selected the first novel in Alexander McCall Smith's widely acclaimed and delightful *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series as its selection for the Thursday, Feb. 16 meeting, on Zoom, at 4 p.m.

Fans around the world adore this best-selling series, set in Botswana, where Precious Ramotswe and her loyal associate, Grace Makutsi, navigate their cases and their personal lives with wisdom, good humor, and frequent cups of Red Bush tea. No sooner has Precious set up shop in a storefront in Gaborone, she encounters opportunities to help people solve problems in their lives.

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency received two Booker judges' Special Recommendations, and was voted one of the International Books of the Year and the Millennium by the *Times Literary Supplement*.

Oculus: Eye On Art



This month's Oculus feature was created by Saul Rosenstreich, founding member and leader of the shul's Judaism and Art group.

Artist's statement: This poster is about antisemitism, but it began as a purely creative exercise to rework one of my unfinished paintings. The shapes and colors that spontaneously emerged suggested a horrific monster, which I later tweaked into an image that resembled the Greek mythical Cerberus, the dog/snake animal that guarded the Underworld. It was a frightful image that seemed to embody wanton, vicious cruelty — like that associated with antisemitism, the history I recently had been reviewing.

The connection triggered a flood of emotions — anger, dismay, helplessness, and a desire to do something, anything. Fortuitously, I was working at my easel. My first thought was to do a poster because I could use words as well as images. In a pique of anger, I added images and graphics dictated by feelings, not reasoning or planning.

As the piece took shape, my anger dissipated, and I could reflect on what this poster had accomplished. On a personal level, it provided me with a new experience of artmaking. As for antisemitism, it is probably only another scream into the wind. But it just might be the first of many screams, some of which might be heard.

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The 2023 Genesis Prize Is Awarded To Jewish Activists In Ukraine

The Genesis Prize Selection Committee is departing from its usual custom of awarding the prize to a single Jewish individual. Instead, the committee has announced a collective award to Jewish activists and non-government organizations that were inspired by the citizens of Ukraine and their president,

Volodymyr Zelensky, and “chose to act on their Jewish values by standing up for freedom, human dignity and justice,” the committee said.

The Genesis Prize is a \$1 million annual prize awarded to Jewish people who have achieved significant professional success, in recognition of their accomplishments, contributions to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values.

In announcing its selection, the committee said, “The past 11 months have been unlike any previous period in the 10-year history of the Genesis Prize. We have witnessed war, destruction, and human suffering on a scale unseen since WWII. Tens of thousands of people have lost their lives; millions have abandoned their homes, jobs, schools and families. As countries neighboring Ukraine became inundated with refugees and faced disruptions to their energy supply, the economic fallout from the war has been felt throughout the world.

“But we have also witnessed human kindness, compassion, and activism on an unprecedented scale. Across the world, thousands of individuals and organizations were moved to action — making a moral choice to volunteer, donate money, shelter refugees, and engage in political advocacy.”

In making its 2023 selection, the committee calls Jews and non-Jews “to get involved in the effort to aid Ukraine’s struggle for independence and help overcome the humanitarian crisis that has resulted from the war.”



U.S. convenience store 7-Eleven opened its first location in Israel, at Dizengoff Center in Tel Aviv, on Jan. 11, with dozens lined up for their first taste of the chain’s iconic Slurpees. An additional eight stores are expected to open in Tel Aviv by the end of 2023, with 30 more slated to operate across the country by 2024. Twitter video screen shot

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Veronica Kaliski and Cookie Slade

The Shofar is proud to report that two shul members, Veronica Kaliski and Cookie Slade, have joined with two other women, Helen Finnigan and Ann Sande, to lead a course designed to help those immigrating to our country study for the Citizenship Test. They’ll review the 100 civics questions and

practice reading, writing and speaking English, all of which are included on the test. The eight-session program will meet weekly for 90 minutes at the Cutchogue Library, from Feb. 8 through March 29.

“When one of the students passes the difficult test and becomes a citizen, it is a rewarding experience,” said Veronica Kaliski. “I was moved to teach this class because people from desperate means want to become part of our American dream; I want to help them do that.”

[Editor’s note: About 25 years ago, I was privileged to have been invited to Naturalization Court in White Plains, NY, to witness the swearing-in of about 100 people from nations around the globe, many of them dressed in native costumes, pledging allegiance to the United States of America. It was one of the most moving events I have ever experienced and, still today, I can recall every detail of it. SMB]

George Santos

George Santos, the 34-year-old New York Republican who has confessed to lying about part of his background, was sworn into the House of Representatives on Jan. 7 amid several investigations into his campaign and calls for him to resign. Santos was elected in November to represent New York’s 3rd Congressional District covering a part of Queens and Long Island’s North Shore.

Santos has faced intense scrutiny after *The New York Times* published a report indicating that much of his résumé appeared to have been manufactured, including claims that he owned numerous properties, was previously employed by Goldman Sachs and Citigroup, and had graduated from Baruch College. The report also raised questions about how Santos was able to lend his 2022 campaign \$700,000 after having claimed on a campaign finance form in 2020 that he was making \$55,000 a year.

And despite presenting himself as Jewish during his congressional campaign, Santos told the *New York Post* that he never claimed to be Jewish. “I am Catholic,” he said. “Because I learned my maternal family had a Jewish background, I said I was ‘Jew-ish,’” he added. During the campaign, Santos claimed his grandparents were Holocaust survivors, that his mother was in the World Trade Center on 9/11, and that he had employees at the Pulse nightclub when it was attacked.

Santos is now under investigation by the Nassau County district attorney, the New York State district attorney, and federal prosecutors in New York.

Jeffrey Zients



President Biden is expected to name Jeffrey D. Zients, his former coronavirus response coordinator, as the next White House chief of staff, replacing Ron Klain, who has run Mr. Biden’s White House since the president took office two years ago. Klain has announced that he will step down sometime after the State of the Union address on Feb. 7.

An entrepreneur and management consultant, who organized the largest vaccination campaign in American history, Mr. Zients is widely respected in Biden circles as a strong and capable leader. He has been entrusted with

some of the trickiest management tasks of the past two Democratic administrations — to fix the botched website of Mr. Obama’s new healthcare program, and to run Mr. Biden’s Covid-19 pandemic through successive variant waves.

Over the past two decades, he made *Fortune* magazine’s list of the 40 richest Americans under 40 (just two slots below a young Elon Musk). He reported assets between \$76 million and \$419 million on 2022 financial forms.

The president is likely to continue keeping Mr. Klain close, according to an unnamed source, *The New York Times* reported.

11 Inducted Into 2023 International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

• Award-winning broadcaster Chris Berman, an anchor for ESPN's "SportsCenter" since 1979 and the face of the network's football coverage, is a member of the 2023 class inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Other inductees are:

• Rudi Ball, ice hockey: Represented Germany in the 1936 Winter Olympics. During his career, he won eight German championships and a bronze medal in the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

• David Blatt, basketball: Career included playing at Princeton University and professional basketball leagues in Israel, Italy, Russia, Turkey and Greece, and a stint as head coach of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

• Ilona Elek-Schacherer, fencing: Competed in three Olympics for Hungary, winning two gold medals and a silver medal. She also won 10 gold medals, five silver medals, and two bronze medals in World Championships.

• John Frank, football: Is a two-time Super Bowl champion tight end with the San Francisco 49ers. Played football at Ohio State University, and co-founded the Israeli bobsled team.

• Deena Kastor, track & field: An eight-time national champion in cross-country, who won a bronze medal at the 2004 Olympics and holds U.S. records for the 10-mile, 15-kilometer, and 8-kilometer women's road races.

• Merrill Moses, water polo: A three-time Olympic water polo goalkeeper, earned a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and won the 1997 NCAA championship with Pepperdine University.

• Moran Samuel, rowing: An Israeli world champion paralympic rower and basketball player. Paralyzed in her lower body, she played for Israel in the 2013 European Wheelchair Basketball Championship in Frankfurt, and represented Israel at the Paralympic Games in 2012, 2016 and 2020, winning bronze and silver medals. In 2015, she won a gold medal at the World Rowing Championships.

• Mordechai Spiegler, soccer: Considered among the best Israeli soccer players ever. Was captain of the Israeli Olympic team in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. He has scored 32 national team goals.

• Dwight Stones, track and field: A two-time Olympic bronze medalist in high jump. He won 19 national championships in his 16-year career.

• Ariel Ze'evi, judo: Won a bronze medal at the 2004 Olympics, four European championships, and a silver medal at the 2001 World Championship.

Dmitry Salita

Jewish boxer Dmitry Salita will be inducted into the New York Boxing Hall of Fame. He fought professionally from 2001 to 2013 with a record of 35-2-1 and 18 knockouts. An Orthodox Jew, he said that refusing to fight on Shabbos helped give him balance.

In 2010, he became a boxing promoter, and in September was named Promoter of the Year.

Steven Spielberg

Steven Spielberg won his third Golden Globe at the ceremony held Tuesday, Jan. 10, this time for directing *The Fabelmans*, a semiautobiographical film about his own upbringing. *The Fabelmans* also won for best drama, Spielberg's fourth in that category.

Justin Hurwitz

Composer Justin Hurwitz won his fourth Golden Globe, this time for the score of *Babylon*, about the final days of the silent era of film. In his acceptance speech at the Jan. 10 ceremony, he thanks his parents, Gail Halabe Hurwitz and Ken Hurwitz, and the public schools he attended for offering music classes.



When Josh Shapiro was sworn in as Pennsylvania's governor on Jan. 17, he took the oath of office on a stack of three Hebrew Bibles, including one that was on the bimah at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue during the 2018 mass shooting that killed 11 worshippers.

"The Bible survived without damage, and Tree of Life is honored by its presence at the inauguration," said Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, spiritual leader of the synagogue.

Shapiro, Pennsylvania's outgoing attorney general, also used the same family Bible present at each swearing-in since he was first elected to the Statehouse in 2004. The third Bible — a copy of *Readings From the Holy Scriptures for Jewish Soldiers and Sailors*, belonged to Herman Hershman, a WWII veteran who earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star on D-Day. The Bible was on loan from the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.

A group of four interfaith leaders — Community Leader Shamshul Huda of Lansdale's North Penn Mosque, Rabbi Greg Marx of Maple Glen's Congregation Beth Or, Monsignor Stephen P. McHenry of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Ambler, and the Rev. Charles W. Quann of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Spring House — delivered the invocation.

Sam Bankman-Fried

The biggest scandal to shake the crypto-currency world became a criminal matter on Dec. 12 when Sam Bankman-Fried, founder of the crypto exchange FTX, was arrested in the Bahamas and charged by the Department of Justice with eight criminal counts, including lying to investors, wire fraud on lenders and customers, and conspiring to violate campaign finance laws.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also filed civil charges alleging that he misled investors while defrauding customers from the company's inception, transferring customer deposits to his trading firm, Alameda. When a rush on withdrawals revealed an \$8 billion shortfall, FTX declared bankruptcy. A hearing to extradite Bankman-Fried from the Bahamas is scheduled for February.

Benjamin Ferencz

U.S. Representatives Lois Frankel (D-FL), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Jim McGovern (D-MA), and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) were joined by U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) in announcing their bipartisan bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Ferencz, the last living Nuremberg Trials prosecutor.

The bill was supported by 296 House co-sponsors and 81 Senate co-sponsors. It was endorsed by the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee.

The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. The first award was given to George Washington, and it has been awarded 184 times to America's national heroes.

According to information released by the Jewish National Syndicate, over the course of his life, Benjamin Ferencz has advocated for the rule of law and international justice. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army and helped to collect evidence of Nazi war crimes. Following the war, he was awarded five battle stars for his service. Later, he was appointed chief prosecutor in the proceedings that convicted 22 former Nazi Schutzstaffel (SS) officials.

"I am so honored to have secured the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Ferencz, a champion for human rights," said Senator Gillibrand. "Mr. Ferencz's life exemplifies what it means to dedicate oneself to compassion, empathy and righteousness. Few people have been more deserving of this tremendous honor."

Rabbi Gadi Capela



Our own Rabbi Gadi served as guest speaker at the Greenport Ecumenical Ministries (G.E.M.) interfaith service to celebrate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church, also the home of the North Fork Reform Synagogue.

Rabbi Gadi was the go-to speaker when, at the last moment, the Rev. Natalie Wimberly, pastor of the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church, was unable to participate. Rabbi Gadi embraced the theme “Envisioning the Beloved Community.”

G.E.M. photo

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership in mourning the death of Roslyn Zimmerman, sister of shul member Arthur Riegel, and of Scott Demel, son of new shul members Marc and Caren Demel. May the families be comforted by memories of joyous times spent together with their loved ones.

Barbara Walters

Barbara Walters, the pioneering TV journalist, whose interviewing skills made her one of the most prominent figures in broadcasting, died Friday, Dec. 30, at her home in New York. She was 93.

Barbara Walters began her national broadcast career in 1961 as a reporter, writer and panel member for NBC’s “Today” show before being promoted to co-host in 1974. In 1976, she joined ABC News as the first female anchor on an evening news program.

At ABC, Walters launched “The Barbara Walters Specials” and “10 Most Fascinating People” before becoming a co-host and correspondent for ABC News’ “20/20” in 1984. For more than five decades, Walters was a name to reckon with, whether speaking with world leaders on news programs in celebrities’ homes for her regular “Barbara Walters Specials” or on “The View,” a daytime talk show in which a diverse panel of women discuss the latest headlines. Her shows, some of which she produced, were some of the highest-rated of their type.

Notoriously competitive, Walters was dogged in her pursuit of big “get” interviews, including presidents, world leaders, and celebrities, and earned a reputation for bringing her subjects to tears. She was mercilessly parodied — by Gilda Radner on “Saturday Night Live” as “BabaWawa” — and richly honored — with multiple Emmys, a Peabody, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Sometimes seen as brash, usually by men questioning her forthright demeanor, she shrugged at the criticism: “If it’s a woman, it’s caustic; if it’s a man, it’s authoritative,” she once observed.

Menahem Schmelzer

Menahem Schmelzer, a Hungarian refugee who for more than two decades was the custodian of one of the world’s greatest collections of ancient Hebrew and other Jewish manuscripts and books as the librarian of the Jewish Theological Seminary, died on Dec. 10 at his home in Manhattan. He was 88.

During Professor Schmelzer’s tenure as chief librarian, from 1964 to 1987, the seminary’s collection of almost 245,000 volumes was a primary destination for scholarly inquiry into the history and literature of the Jewish people.

It houses a rare-book room with irreplaceable contents: volumes of Talmud and Passover Haggadahs from the Middle Ages; richly decorated marriage documents from the 17th century; a 15th-

century prayer book illuminated with gold leaf that had belonged to the Rothschild banking family; handwritten works by Maimonides; a Torah scroll rescued from the Spanish Inquisition.

Scholars from around the world consulted with Professor Schmelzer, often about arcane factual details, because of his familiarity with so many books and his near photographic memory.

“He could tell you what book it was in, where the book was on the shelf, and where in the book it was,” said his daughter Nomi Stillman.

Edith Pearlman

Edith Pearlman, whose acclaimed 2011 collection of short stories, *Binocular Vision*, lifted her out of relative publishing obscurity to make her an instant if belated literary star at the age of 74, died on Jan. 1 at her home in Brookline, MA. She was 86.

“Why in the world had I never heard of Edith Pearlman?” the novelist Roxana Robinson asked in a rave review of the collection on the front page of *The New York Times Book Review*. “Each story was chosen to show Ms. Pearlman’s range as she brought the reader into the private worlds of characters as disparate as suburban mothers and Holocaust survivors. The characters tend to have dark secrets, and their lives are transformed from the ordinary to the unexpected in a moment,” *The New York Times* said.

Ms. Pearlman was nominated in 2011 for a National Book Award, and prizes followed, including the National Book Critics Circle Award and the PEN Malamud Award for excellence in the short story.

Cara De Silva

Cara De Silva, a journalist and historian of food and culinary culture who in 1996 edited a groundbreaking collection of recipes amassed by prisoners in a Nazi concentration camp, which became a surprise hit, died on Dec. 7 in Manhattan. She was 83.

Ms. De Silva was less interested in hot trends and buzzy restaurants than in the culinary byways and subcultures that defined a community that could be understood through its food. She was the perfect choice to edit *In Memory’s Kitchen: A Legacy From the Women of Terezin*, a slim volume of recipes that had been compiled by a Jewish prisoner in the concentration camp known as Terezin — Theresienstadt — during WWII. These were the memories of what the women of the camp had made before the war, foods richly evocative of Jewish family life.

Published in 1996 by Jason Aronson, a small company specializing in Judaica, the book became an expected hit, selling more than 100,000 copies to date. When it was published, Ms. De Silva and some friends recreated a few of the recipes for a small party in honor of the women behind them.

Ruth Adler Schnee

Ruth Adler Schnee, whose ebullient fabric designs and avant-garde home furnishings store in the heart of Detroit introduced midcentury modernism to baffled yet delighted Midwesterners, died on Jan. 5 at her home in Colorado Springs. She was 99.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1923, the family’s comfortable, cultured life ended in the fall of 1935 when the Nuremberg Laws deprived Jewish citizens of their rights. Ultimately, the family escaped Germany, sponsored by a family in New York City, who promised her father a job in Detroit.

Later, she married Edward Schnee and together they opened a store to showcase Ruth’s textiles as well as furniture by their friends Florence Knoll, Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen and George Nelson, and later Scandinavian designs from Marimekko, Dansk and Orrefors — familiar and much sought-after names today, but “a mystery to a public used to French provincial furniture and flowery chintzes,” *The New York Times* said. The couple didn’t just sell these odd objects, like Japanese hibachis, they taught people how to live with them and use them. In 2015, the Kresge Foundation honored her with its annual Eminent Artist Award.

Albert Reichmann

Albert Reichmann, the billionaire patriarch of a real estate dynasty that built the World Financial Center, became the largest private owner of commercial property in New York City. He also began the transformation of London's derelict Docklands into the Canary Wharf cluster of skyscrapers. He died on Dec. 17 in Toronto, the family's hometown, at age 93.

Mr. Reichmann and his brothers, the ultra-Orthodox Jewish sons of a rabbi, fled Vienna in 1938 as the Nazis were poised to plunge Europe into war. Albert's mother had helped concentration camp inmates and refugees during WWII, and he followed in her philanthropic footsteps by supporting Jewish schools and religious institutions, primarily in Israel, Hungary, and the former Soviet Union.

Rabbi Haim Druckman

Rabbi Haim Druckman, a prominent spiritual leader of Israel's Religious Zionist movement, lifelong educator, founder of the Jewish settlement project, and politician, died here in Jerusalem on Dec. 25. He was 90.

In awarding him the Israel Prize in 2012, the country's most prestigious civilian honor, the judges cited the significant contribution he had made in bringing together disparate factions of the Jewish people.

He recounted that his life had been saved three times: Once when Nazis entered the family's house but failed to find them in their underground hideout; when they safely crossed a swelling river while escaping to Romania; and when one of three boats carrying refugees to Palestine was sunk by the Germans. He was in one of the two that made the journey across the Black Sea to Turkey. Having received his life as a gift three times, he said he was determined to fill it with meaning and purpose.

Ronald Feldman

Ronald Feldman, who for nearly 50 years oversaw one of New York's most consistently political, forward-looking art galleries, died on Dec. 20 at his home in Chappaqua, NY. He was 84.

Trained as a lawyer and deeply interested in politics, Mr. Feldman, at his Ronald Feldman Gallery in SoHo, exhibited artists who pushed boundaries with work that almost always had a political slant, including themes focused on women's rights, the environment, totalitarianism, identity and war.

Warhol was a frequent visitor, often asking Mr. Feldman a question: "Do you have an idea for me?" Mr. Feldman eventually came up with an idea that appealed to Warhol, resulting in "Ten Jews of the 20th Century," silk-screen portraits published in 1980 and first exhibited at Manhattan's Jewish Museum.

Henry Grossman

Henry Grossman, a photographer who was best known for his formal portraits of celebrities and public figures, and who also immortalized the Beatles in thousands of unscripted antics, died on Nov. 27 in Englewood, NY. He was 86.

Mr. Grossman produced portraits of Eleanor Roosevelt, Richard M. Nixon, Elizabeth Taylor, Martha Graham, Leontyne Price, Leonard Bernstein and Nelson Mandela. His archive of Beatles photos, includes intimate moments at home, at private parties, and during overnight recording sessions — more images of the band taken over a longer period than any other photographer. *Kaleidoscope Eyes*, released by Curvebender Publishing, documents the archive.

"I think I got the pictures I got because I wasn't asking or expecting anything from them. And I wasn't posing them." Mr. Grossman said. "I wasn't injecting myself into the scene as a participant. I was just watching. I got what was there."

Dick Savitt

Dick Savitt, the tennis Hall of Famer, who won the men's singles championships at the 1951 Australian and Wimbledon Grand Slam tournaments, died on Jan. 6 at his home in Manhattan. He was 93.

Savitt became the second American to win both the Australian and Wimbledon's men's major titles in a calendar year. Don Budge had accomplished the feat in 1938. Only Jimmy Connors (1974) and Pete Sampras (1994 and 1997) have matched them.

Savitt was ranked among the top 10 American players six times in the 1950s and among the world's top 10 four times. He was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1976.

Owen Roizman

Owen Roizman, a cinematographer who shot many of the premier films of a generation, has died. He was 86. [No further details of his death are available at this time.]

He was nominated for an Oscar five times — for “The French Connection,” “The Exorcist,” “Network,” “Tootsie,” and “Wyatt Earp.”

In 2017, he was honored with an honorary Academy Award for his contributions to the medium. In addition to his Oscar nominations, Roizman was nominated for an Emmy for cinematography (using film, not videotape) of the 1972 Liza Minnelli variety special “Liza With a Z,” directed by Bob Fosse. He received the American Society of Cinematographers' lifetime achievement award in 1997. In 2001, Roizman won a lifetime achievement award from the International Film Festival of the Art of Cinematography Camerimage, held in Poland.



Orthodox Jews attend the funeral of Rabbi Shimon Baadani at a cemetery in Bnei Brak, Israel, on Jan. 11. Rabbi Baadani, who was 94, was the president of the Shas party's “Council of Torah Sages,” a group of rabbis that provides spiritual guidance and sets policies for the ultra-Orthodox party's political leadership. AP/Oded Baliity

Naomi Replansky

Naomi Replansky, a self-taught American poet, whose work portrayed a world of labor, oppression and struggle, died on Jan. 7 at her home in Manhattan. She was 104.

She wrote of subjects seemingly unfit for poetry, in plainspoken language and songlike cadences. “Poetry for me,” she told the Jewish feminist journal *Bridges* in 2002, “is a way of mastering the world.”

Adolfo Kaminsky

Adolfo Kaminsky’s talent for forging realistic documents helped children, their parents and others escape deportation to concentration camps during WWII. His expertise enabled him to erase Jewish-sounding names like Abraham or Isaac from ID and food ration cards, and substitute gentile-sounding names. He died Jan. 9 at his home in Paris. He was 97.

He continued to forge documents for three decades after the war, aiding insurgents in British-mandate Palestine, French Algeria, South Africa and Latin America. He finally gave up the forger’s life in the early 1970s, and went on to earn a living as a photographer, shooting evocative scenes like rain-slicked cobblestones and nighttime lovers on a bench far removed from the tumult of war.

Bernard Kalb

Bernard Kalb, a veteran correspondent for CBS, NBC and *The New York Times*, died on Jan. 8 at his home in North Bethesda, MD. He was 100.

He reported for *The Times* from 1946 to 1962, for CBS during the next 18 years, and as NBC’s State Department correspondent from 1980 to 1985. Then, for nearly two years, he served in the Reagan administration’s State Department.

Mr. Kalb accompanied President Richard M. Nixon on the trip to China that proved to be a major step in the normalization of relations between the two nations. He also made virtually every overseas trip with Henry A. Kissinger, Cyrus R. Vance, Edmund S. Muskie, Alexander M. Haig Jr., and George P. Shultz during their tenures as secretary of state.

For six years starting in 1992, Mr. Kalb was the moderator of the weekly CNN program “Reliable Sources,” which analyzed the news media’s objectivity and interviewed print and broadcast journalists. He continued lecturing on journalism and foreign affairs into his 90s, including as an occasional panelist on “The Kalb Report,” a televised series of live talks hosted by his brother, Marvin Kalb, at the Washington National Press Club.

Norm Fruchter

Norm Fruchter, a civil rights activist, documentarian and novelist who devoted his career to seeing that all students receive a sound basic education regardless of their race, ethnicity, class or income, died on Jan. 4 in Brooklyn. He was 85.

Mr. Fruchter, as lifelong educator, helped secure approval to start Independence High School in Newark in 1970.. The school, intended for struggling students, became a prototype for alternative secondary schools across the country.

Victor Navasky

Victor W. Navasky, a journalist who for 276 years as either editor or publisher commanded the long-running left-leaning magazine *The Nation*, and who also wrote the book, *Naming Names*, a breakthrough chronicle of the Hollywood blacklisting era, died Jan. 23 in Manhattan. He was 90.

The Nation, an influential voice for civil rights, free expression, progressive labor legislation, and anti-war opinion, also provided a forum for feminist voices.

Mr. Navasky also published two widely praised works of history — a study of the Justice Department under Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and his account of those who testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee and chose to inform on colleagues.

Anniversaries in February

19: Philip and Elaine Goldman

Birthdays in February

3: Suri Lan-Brown

13: Jack Weiskott

17: Bram Ellant

18: Allison Nathel

24: Georgia Downey; Devi Ellant

27: David Weinstein

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2: David J. Brown; Jeffrey Doss; Gladys Feinberg; Yehuda L. Levinson; Joan Slade

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 5: Tillie Chrobersky; Dorothy Kaplan
 6: Roselyn Campeas; Jack Dalven
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 9: Adele Blanche Lustig; Samuel Joseph Pelovitz
 10: Stanley Rubin; Abraham Slotkin
 11: Evelyn Reece
 12: Sophia P. Ballen; Samuel Neimark
 13: Bessie Goldin
 14: Kate Kalter; Nettie Rosenstein; Bernyce "Bunny" Simon
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 17: Audrey Rothman; Lore Seligsons
 18: Harris Wilitzkin
 19: Sophie Berson; Ida Kaplan; Michael Payne
 20: Jerome Lipman; Leah Gertrude Sachs
 21: Edward Prager
 22: Daniel Bostian; Sylvia J. Golden; Maury Harris; Gertrude L. Poulson
 23: Irene Feinman; Albert M. Israel; Arthur Meyer; Sarah Slotkin
 24: Harry Katz; Herman Keller; Minnie B. Revere
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Cost: \$300 members; \$600 nonmembers.
- **Tree of Life Leaf:** commemorates a simcha or joyous event, mounted in social hall.
Cost: \$54 members; \$108 nonmembers.
- **Sanctuary Seat Plate:** seat nameplate in sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers

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[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

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Lifecycle Event*	\$1,000	\$2,000
Sanctuary Only	\$500	\$1,000
Commemoratives	Members	Nonmembers
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate	\$200	\$250**
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	No charge	No charge

*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park, 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 with a message for Elizabeth Adams. ** Seat plates are for current members or to honor deceased members.

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