

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

Wednesday, April 5: First Passover Seder at the shul, 6 p.m.; J&A Art Show open for viewing

Sunday, April 16: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, April 16: Congregation meeting, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, April 17: Yellow Candle Project, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 18)

Thursday, April 20: Book Circle, 4 p.m., on Zoom

Monday, April 17: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, April 17: Pastoral Committee meeting, 11 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, April 23: "Sunday Afternoon at the Art Show," 3 p.m.

April Judaism and Art meeting, date and time TBD

Lighting Shabbat Candles in April

Apr. 7: 7:08 Apr. 14: 7:16 Apr. 21: 7:23 Apr. 28: 7:30

Dates To Remember

Thursday, March 30: Opening day New York Yankees vs. San Francisco Giants, home, 1:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 30: Opening day New York Mets vs. Florida Marlins, Miami, 4:10 p.m.

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 22: Earth Day

Wednesday, April 26: Israel Independence Day

Sunday, June 11: Board meeting 9 a.m.; Annual meeting of the Congregation 10 a.m. (Elect new officers)

Sunday, June 11: Playreading: *We Call It Whiskey*, a hybrid production. Time: TBD

Deadline for the May 2023 issue of *The Shofar* is April 20



From The Rabbi...

“A Yellow Candle for Passover”

Passover is just a week away — the spring holiday of new beginnings. For Jews, a new beginning always dovetails a previous episode. We are conflicted by hope for the future, and also harsh memories. Passover is one of those memorial days that evokes both, especially due to its proximity to Yom HaShoah, a week later. On both, we stop to reflect on the afflictions of our ancestors.

The Yellow Candle Project is a special way to cherish the memories of the victims of the Holocaust. Since its inception in 1981 by the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs, the project has spread to synagogues and Jewish communities around the world. It is a reminder of the Yellow Star that Jews were forced to wear. In keeping with the 24 hours of mourning on Yom HaShoah, the candle, too, will burn for 24 hours. Please join us on Zoom on April 17, the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day, when all of us will light our candles, in our homes, at the same time, in solidarity.

We assume that people know about the Holocaust and the evil that hate and intolerance produce. In the words of Elie Wiesel, “The Holocaust was a war against the Jews, but it was also a war against humanity. That is why the Holocaust must concern us all.” Another way to honor the victims and survivors is to visit a Holocaust museum. This year, our shul will donate all proceeds from the Yellow Candle Project to Greenport High School, which will use the funds to transport 10th-grade students to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan. This is a noble cause for education.

On January 25 of this year, a few organizations came together to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove, NY. It was a sign of interfaith solidarity, bringing together clergy of all faiths across Long Island. Dr. Don Russo offered a personal reflection on the importance of education. He told us that as a Catholic educator, he still asked himself, what do I know of Jews? “It was not until the experience of one event that my eyes were opened,” he said, “that my understanding of Jews changed forever. I remember spending four hours on my first visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. The silence...and the listening within that deep silence.”

Part of the Glen Cove event was a tour of the museum. Even though I’ve visited Holocaust museums throughout my life, I always learn something new. This time, I learned one of the most gruesome details I’d ever encountered. I learned that the 1.5 million children who perished, represented 90% of the Jewish children who lived in Europe at the time. Imagine. We tend to think about the number of adults who were murdered. But the “final solution,” similar to Pharaoh’s edict in ancient Egypt, attacked the Jewish future through the children. My visit to Yad Vashem’s children’s museum last month in Jerusalem was yet more grim.

With the rise of antisemitism across our own nation and throughout the world today, we are reminded once again that not forgetting is not a choice.

I thank the Sisterhood and the Men’s Club of Congregation Tifereth Israel for organizing this important event. The key is education. The Yellow Candle Project serves as a reminder that the Holocaust was not a tragedy of just the Jewish people but, as Elie Wiesel pointed out, it was a tragedy for all of humanity. The Yellow Candle Project is a way to bring together people of all faiths and all backgrounds to remember the victims of the Holocaust, and to pledge to work toward a more peaceful, free, and tolerant world.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

For information about burial plots in the Adrien Felder section of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Cemetery in Calverton, at \$1,650, please contact Rabbi Gadi at rabbigadi@gmail.com/.



From The President...

“A Time of Contradictions”

What a time of year this is. It is a time of fear and a time of joy. It is a time for introspection and a time to revel in the power of our shul community.

We recently experienced the National Day of Hate on Feb. 25. Yes, it was a national event. We hired a security guard, and police cars guarded our shul during services on that Saturday. And we were just one of thousands of synagogues warned to be vigilant against threats of antisemitism, amid fears of violence — nationwide and right here in Suffolk County. With grandchildren in the IDF, I am acutely aware of the dangers and threats Jews face daily. Sadly, this is a bond that unites Jews worldwide.

Indeed, this is a time of urgent concerns and yet, at the same time, it is a joyous time of year. Although tax season may not be cheerful news to many, it does make this president think about our shul's financial position — about legacy gifts and to dream bigger with a capital campaign to enhance our community spaces and build on our venerated history of more than 120 years.

And it's Passover — the Jewish experience that began with the darkness of exile, the nightmare of bondage, the wandering to find a home and freedom. In many ways, the tale continues. We have the oneness of worldwide unity, for wherever we are in this world, we Jews gather to say the same prayers, follow the same rituals. and honor the same traditions.

And in this tradition, our shul moves proudly forward. Whether we gather for a hybrid Seder in the synagogue or a Seder at home, we share the joy of celebrating with family and friends. Yes, we have a kvetch or two, but we have created a display of unity at Congregation Tifereth Israel that allows us to rejoice in our history and in our mystical teachings. Let us delight in the community we have built on the North Fork, and in our spiritual connection to Jews everywhere this holiday season. It is the power of community that moves our shul forward.

—Judith K. Weiner

• Shul News and Notes •

Join Rabbi Gadi, Members And Friends For A Passover Seder On April 5



Shul members and friends are invited to join Rabbi Gadi in the community room for a Passover Seder, to be held on the first night of the eight-day holiday — Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m.

Rabbi Gadi will lead the ceremonial portion of the seder story — from slavery to freedom — and Chef Emily Kessler, who has catered many memorable dinners for our congregation, will provide a full traditional menu.

To reserve seats at the tables for you and your family, email ctigreenport@gmail.com. The cost is \$75 per person, for those attending in-person. The seder is a hybrid event — in-person for the ceremony and dinner, or online via Zoom at no charge. No charge for children under 12.

While in the community room, you will be among the first to view the current Art Show, opening on April 5. Read the full story on page 7.

Making A Seder At Home? The Gift Shop Has The Needed Accouterments



If you decide to make a Seder at home, you need to search no further than the shul's Gift Shop for the accouterments you'll need to make a beautiful Seder plate to grace your Seder table.

Pictured are two Seder plates, one with a matching serving platter. And for fun, the Gift Shop recommends the package that offers an apron, an oven mitt, and a pot holder — in a matza pattern. Always good for a chuckle, and so practical.

For a tour of the Gift Shop's array of items for holidays, gift-giving, and home décor, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Sara Bloom.

Happy Passover. May your holiday be meaningful and delicious.

Shabbat Kids' Service Delights Shul Goers And Energizes The Kids



It was only the second session of the Shabbat Kids' Service, but Ann Hurwitz, coordinator of the program, issued a glowing report to *The Shofar*.

"The children seemed to enjoy being in the synagogue on Shabbat. In fact, they clearly wanted to remain in the sanctuary much longer than I and Dawn Teyuca, the children's teacher, had expected.

"They are responsive to each other and to whatever plans Dawn makes. Currently, they are learning Moses's life story and are planning for Passover. They especially enjoy the LCD tablets, which are okay for use on Shabbat since nothing on them is permanent. The children are hopeful that the parsley seeds planted earlier in the week will sprout in time to add to their Seder plates.

"During the March 18 session, one of the children suggested adding a challah and the Hamotzi blessing in addition to the Saturday morning Kiddush. Challah crumbs in the sanctuary didn't disturb any of the adults, who appeared to be delighted by the children's presence and responsiveness," she said.

Yellow Candle Project Volunteers Will Deliver Packages In Early April



Members and friends of our shul can expect to find yellow candles delivered to their mailboxes or doorsteps in early April. Once again, our shul is planning to participate in the Yellow Candle Project, a global program to commemorate the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust. Men's Club president Tom Byrne, coordinator of the shul's participation, met with his team for a packing party on March 26 to ready the candles for delivery. Included in each package is a yellow candle and also a card with the name, age, date and place of death of a child who perished in the Holocaust, he said.

The Yellow Candle Project is a communal memorial to Jewish Holocaust victims on Yom HaShoah. For many participants, the glow of the candles "broadens understanding of the Holocaust in the safe space of our own homes,"

Tom Byrne said, noting that many participants share images of their lighted candles on social media, creating a collective memorial.

This year's observance will be held on Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., when we will gather on Zoom to light our candles together. This year, our shul has invited the North Fork Reform Synagogue to join our congregation in a shared observance.

Although the candles are distributed without charge, recipients can make a charitable contribution to the shul, designated for an educational project at Greenport High School. Contributions will finance a bus to transport students to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. It is hoped that this program will provide young people with a deeper understanding of the events that led to the Holocaust and the tragic aftermath of intolerance.

Hats, Scarves And Even Feathers Created Stylish Dressing-Up For Purim



The sounds of noisemakers could be heard throughout the building as shul members, once again, told Haman and his sons what they think of that whole bunch of momzers. Hamantaschen treats, on the other hand, received a warm welcome. In the sanctuary and on Zoom, the costumes were fun and inventive for the holiday of Purim.

Pictured, from left, Sara Bloom, Leah Friedman and Carol Seigel.

Joanna Paulsen photo

As Covid Wanes, Shul Plans To Reinstate Shabbat Oneg/Kiddish Rituals

The suggestion that the shul reinstate the Oneg Shabbat ritual following each Friday night service and the practice of providing a Kiddish lunch each Saturday was met with bravos and hurrahs at the Sunday, March 19 meeting of the shul's Board of Directors. Shul president Judith Weiner called the idea a "return to a sense of community." As president of the shul's Sisterhood group, Adrienne Greenberg was asked to meet in committee to formulate a plan and a start date.

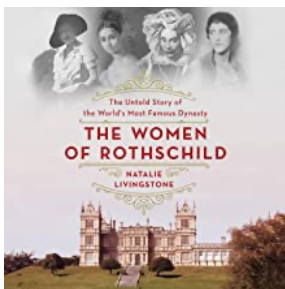
As in the past, the Sisterhood will need members to "take on" a weekend (or a month of weekends) to shop for the food, prepare simple presentations, and cleanup afterward. Maybe that sounds like a lot, but it's not. Think about a friend coming for coffee and cake, or a sandwich and salad lunch.

Volunteers can contact the Sisterhood president at ctigreenport@gmail.com.

Oculus: Eye On Art



“Grazing on High,” a 12” x 20” pastel by Saul Rosenstreich, founding member of the shul’s Judaism and Art group, is based on a photo captured by the artist last summer while visiting the Scottish Highlands. “Sheep were everywhere,” he told *The Shofar*, recalling how the light beige forms stood out against the distant and highly-colored hills and valleys. Thinking about the many references to sheep in the Bible and the ancient Jews who first herded them brought to the artist’s mind the metaphor of the shepherd caring for the needs of the sheep and rewarded by their bounty, so eloquently expressed in Psalm 23, where even G-d is likened to the ever-caring shepherd.



Book Circle Continues To Explore Rothschild Women

The Book Circle is finding the Rothschild women so fascinating — and lengthy — that discussion will continue into the April meeting, which will be held on Thursday, the 20th, at 4 p.m., on Zoom.

In this book, *The Women Of Rothschild: Untold Story of the World’s Most Famous Dynasty*, Natalie Livingstone reveals the role of women in shaping the legacy of the famous Rothschild family, synonymous with wealth and power. The writer follows the women from the 19th through the 21st centuries. As Jews in a Christian society and women in a deeply patriarchal family, they were outsiders. Excluded from the family bank, they forged their own distinct dynasty and became influential hostesses and diplomats, choreographing electoral campaigns, advising prime ministers, advocating for social reform, and trading on the stock exchange.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss books on Jewish themes and/or by Jewish writers. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Suzi Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

The Tikkun Olam Initiative Supports North Fork ParentChild+ Program



The shul's Tikkun Olam Initiative (TOI) group delivered a check to CAST to support the ParentChild+ Program, a nationally-certified literacy program site on the North Fork.

ParentChild+ serves vulnerable, low-income families through one-on-one home visits to children ages 2 to 4. Early Learning Specialists expand children's language and literacy skills, preparing them for success in school and the community. At the same time, the program strengthens parents' literacy and parenting skills, and their knowledge of English — all designed to support family well-being.

Pictured, flanking Erica Steindl, Cast's outreach coordinator, are TOI shul members Cookie Slade, left, and Veronica Kaliski. Also involved in the

program are shul members Adrienne Greenberg, Susan Rosenstreich, and Madelyn Rothman. Tom Byrne photo. In other TOI news, the group will once again maintain two plots at Common Ground to provide fresh veggies and herbs to CAST clients.

Opening April 5: Mixed-Media Art Show In The Shul's Community Room



Shul members and guests are invited to view the new Art Show, set to open on April 5, to coincide with the first night of Passover, when the community room will be filled with celebrants attending the shul's seder.

The show, sponsored by the Judaism and Art group, showcases the talent and creativity of our members in a vibrant and inventive mixed-media exhibition and sale. On view through the summer, Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art for shul and community

"Sunday Afternoon at the Art Show," a festive shul and community event, will introduce the art and artists to our community friends and neighbors. Join us in the community room for a formal opening on Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. for music, refreshments, and our remarkable gallery show. Watch for more information as the date nears.

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Antisemitic Incidents Highest Recorded, Says Anti-Defamation League

The number of antisemitic incidents in the United States in 2022 was the highest since the Anti-Defamation League began keeping track in 1979, the group announced.

The A.D.L. report documented 3,697 incidents last year, a 36% rise from 2021. A majority were characterized as harassment, including online, but the tally also included 111 assaults and more than 1,200 occasions of vandalism.

Kandinsky Painting, Returned To Heirs, Sells At Auction for \$44.9 Million



A painting by Wassily Kandinsky that spent decades in a Dutch museum after its Jewish owner was murdered in the Holocaust has sold at auction for \$44.9 million. “Murnau mit Kirche II” (Murnau with Church II) set a record price for the Russian artist in a sale at Sotheby’s in London. Completed in 1910, the brightly colored landscape of a Bavarian village foreshadows the bold abstract imagery of Kandinsky’s later work.

The Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven returned the painting last year to the descendants of German-Jewish art collectors Johanna Margarete Stern and Siegbert Samuel Stern. Siegbert Stern died in 1935, and Johanna fled Nazi Germany for Amsterdam, where she was forced to sell much of her collection. She was arrested after the Nazis occupied the Netherlands, and died in the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944.

Sotheby’s said proceeds from the sale will be shared among 13 surviving Stern heirs, and will also fund further research into the fate of the family’s collection.

In 2013, Dutch museums identified 139 artworks as Nazi loot, including paintings from masters such as Kandinsky, Henri Matisse and Paul Klee.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

‘The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’



After nearly a year of waiting, “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel,” the hit series that airs on Amazon Prime Video, will return for its fifth and final season. Three of the nine episodes will drop on April 15, with the final episode airing on May 26. Mark your calendars now.

If you’re just tuning in, the show follows Miriam “Midge” Maisel as she navigates her career as a stand-up comedian. But the comedy — and drama — don’t end there. There’s a splendid backup cast and plenty of Jewish guilt to go around.

Adam McKinney

Adam McKinney, a Black Jewish choreographer, who attended Orthodox schools in Milwaukee, is the new artistic director of the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.

“A question I often ask is this,” he said. “What can dance do other than entertainment?” Not only does dance have the capacity to heal but, for me, dance has the capacity to fill in the blanks of history.” In that vein, he will oversee the premiere of a ballet about Florence Warren, a Jewish dancer who worked with the French Resistance during WWII.

Lee Zeldin

Lee Zeldin, (R-NY), a former New York gubernatorial candidate defeated by Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) in the November 2022 election, has announced the launch of a political action committee to back candidates who will increase Republican turnout among Jews, voters of color, and younger voters, according to “The Hill,” an online political site.

‘Leadership American Needs PAC,’ chaired by Zeldin, plans outreach to groups like Millennial and Gen. Z voters, also Black, Latino and Jewish communities.

Adam D. Weinberg/Scott Rothkopf

After 20 years of leading the Whitney Museum of American Art — and overseeing its move from Madison Avenue to the meatpacking district — Adam D. Weinberg is stepping down this fall as director. In an unusual joint announcement by the Whitney’s board, the museum also said it had already selected Weinberg’s successors: Scott Rothkopf, 46, the current senior deputy director and chief curator, who will become director on Nov. 1.

Rothkopf told *The New York Times* that in a way, he had been building toward this professional milestone his whole life. “I came to the museum when I was a kid with my grandparents to look at art and went back to Dallas and made Calder circus animals out of coat hangers. Then I worked as an intern here in college. So for me, there is a lifelong sense of intimacy with this museum.”

Weinberg said he felt he was leaving the Whitney in good hands, having worked closely with Rothkopf for a dozen years. Weinberg will become director emeritus and an honorary trustee.

Adam Sandler



The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts presented the 24th Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to comedian, actor writer, producer and musician Adam Sandler at a gala event on March 19. The prize honors one of the world’s greatest humorists.

“Adam has created characters that have made us laugh, cry, and cry from laughing,” said Deborah F. Rutter, president of the Kennedy Center. “He has entertained audiences for more than three decades with his films, music, and his tenure as a fan favorite on SNL.”

Previous recipients have included Richard Pryor, Jonathan Winters, Carl Reiner, Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Newhart, Lily Tomlin, Lorne Michaels, Steve Martin, Neil Simon, Billy Crystal, George Carlin, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Ellen DeGeneres, Carol Burnett, Jay Leno, Eddie Murphy, Bill Murray, David Letterman, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Dave Chappelle.

Ellen Wiederlight

Shul member Ellen Wiederlight was featured with Jill Schroeder in an article in the March 16 issue of the *Suffolk Times*. The article pointed out that Jill Schroeder, a personal trainer, was preparing to run a half-marathon and raise \$5,000 for lung cancer research, which her client, Ellen Wiederlight, has been battling for eight years.

In addition to training with Jill Schroeder twice a week, Ellen Wiederlight will participate in an experimental antibody medical trial at Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The procedure there binds receptors on specific types of cells and is linked to a drug that attacks cancer cells without harming healthy cells, the newspaper said.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul has announced plans to honor the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Brooklyn native, with the unveiling this spring of a permanent carving of the justice's likeness in the New York State Capitol. Ginsburg's portrait along the Great Western Staircase will be only the seventh woman depicted in the staircase gallery.

Avi Mayer

Avi Mayer, a pro-Israel activist and communications professional has been named the next editor-in-chief of The Jerusalem Post. Mayer, 38, will succeed the current editor of the 90-year-old English language newspaper in mid-April, after Passover.

He most recently served as managing director of global communications and public affairs for the American Jewish Committee, and previously served as the spokesperson for the Jewish Agency for Israel. He also served in the spokesperson's unit of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the membership is mourning the death of Paul Kramer, father of shul member Meryl Kramer, on March 16. May his memory be a blessing.

Walter Mirisch

Walter Mirisch, a film producer who with his two brothers ran a pioneering independent production company that helped bring to the screen a raft of classic films, including the Oscar best-picture winners "West Side Story," "The Apartment," and "In the Heat of the Night," died Feb. 24 in Los Angeles, at 101.

The Mirisch Company, which Mr. Mirisch founded in 1957, grew to be an industry powerhouse, greenlighting films by leading directors — including John Ford, John Huston and Billy Wilder — that were nominated for a total of 87 Academy Awards and won 28. Other hits included "The Magnificent Seven," "The Great Escape," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Some Like it Hot," and "The Pink Panther."

Mr. Mirisch served four terms as president of the Motion Picture Academy, which honored him with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award and the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, recognizing a career of distinguished work.

Chaim Topol



Chaim Topol, best known for playing Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," and known by his surname throughout his acting career, died in Israel on March 9. He was 87.

He began his career as an actor after being assigned to the entertainment troop while serving in the Israeli army. In his career, he won a number of international film awards, including two Golden Globes, one for "Sallah Shabati" and one for "Fiddler." He was also nominated for an Oscar for his performance as Tevye.

Eight years ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu awarded Topol the Israeli Prize, the country's most prestigious recognition in the arts.

Amy Schwartz

Amy Schwartz, prolific author and illustrator of books for children, died Feb. 26 at her home in Brooklyn. She was 68.

Her books included several on the theme of “100 things,” written in rhyme — *100 things That Make Me Happy*, *100 Things I Love To Do With You*, *100 Things I know how To Do*. Among her most recent books was *13 Stories About Ayana*, a follow-up to her *13 Stories About Harris* from two years before. To fit 13 stories into a book for an age group with a notoriously short attention span required that some be decidedly spare. One story in the “Harris” book was just one sentence: “Harris was standing on his truck and he shouldn’t have been.” It was accompanied by two illustrations: Harris on his toy truck, and Harris in a heap beside it, crying, after it had tipped over.

“Amy was an acute observer of all the tiny details that together make up a child’s life,” said Mary Cash, vice president and editor-in-chief at Holiday House, one of her publishers.

Judith Heumann

Judith Heumann, an activist who helped secure legislation protecting the rights of disabled people, died March 4 in Washington, DC. She was 75.

Judith Heumann has been called “the mother of the disability rights movement” for her longtime advocacy on behalf of disabled people through protests and legal action, her website says. She lobbied for legislation that eventually led to the federal Americans With Disabilities Act, which was enacted in 1990, also the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, and the Rehabilitation Act.

She served as the assistant secretary of the U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, beginning in 1993 in the Clinton administration, until 2001. She also was involved in passage of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was ratified in May 2008.

She also helped found the Berkley Center for Independent Living, the Independent Living Movement, and the World Institute on Disability, and served on the boards of several related organizations.

Judith Heumann was the child of German-Jewish immigrants who fled Germany before the Holocaust with their son and their daughter, who had polio and had lost her ability to walk at age 2.

“She helped people accept who they were as disabled people and take pride in that identity,” said Maria Town, president and CEO of the American Association of People With Disabilities. “She helped so many people understand their own power as disabled people.”

Eugene Kohn

Architect A. Eugene Kohn, co-founder of the design firm behind some of the world’s tallest skyscrapers, died on March 9. He was 92.

In a statement, Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF), whose best-known projects include New York’s One Vanderbilt and the Shanghai World Financial Center, described Kohn’s architectural legacy as “enduring...projects that have changed our cities around the world for the better.”

Eugene Kohn, with William Pedersen and Sheldon Fox, established KPF in 1976 and spent the next four decades helping to mold the company into one of the giants of modern architecture. The firm designed projects from university campus buildings to airport terminals, and is best known for gravity-defying high rise buildings, including the Ping An International Finance Centre in Shenzhen, China, which soars 1,966 feet above ground.

In New York, the firm is responsible for skyscrapers on Fifth Avenue, Broadway, and Times Square.

Richard Rosenberg

Richard Rosenberg, a marketing whiz who transformed Bank of America into a national behemoth under his leadership, died on March 3 at his home in San Francisco. He was 92.

He joined Bank of America in 1987 and helped make the bank profitable again by creating new products and lines of business, like credit cards. He was named chief executive and chairman in 1990 and soon turned Bank of America into the nation's second-largest bank through a series of acquisitions.

Before joining Bank of America, he held leadership positions at Wells Fargo, Crocker-National, Seattle-First National Bank, and Seafirst Corporation.

As a wealthy philanthropist, Mr. Rosenberg and his wife have donated money to more than 150 organizations, *The New York Times* said.

Mel Zuckerman

Public health advocate and Canyon Ranch founder Mel Zuckerman died March 18 at his home in Tucson, the University of Arizona announced. He was 94.

Zuckerman turned his own health struggles into a strength for himself and others by founding Canyon Ranch on Tucson's east side. Throughout his life, he worked to build the wellness resort into an iconic worldwide brand.

Zuckerman has been described by his colleagues as "a visionary," who saw years before others recognized that good nutrition and physical activity can improve performance in all aspects of life.

Stuart Hodes

Stuart Hodes, who danced with Martha Graham in the 1940s and '50s and who for the rest of his life served the field of dance as a performer, choreographer, educator, administrator and author, died on March 15 in Manhattan. He was 98.

Mr. Hodes did not grow up as a dancer. When he took his first dance class, at the Martha Graham Studio in 1946, he was nearly 21 and fresh from flying B-17 bombers for the Army during WWII. Mr. Hodes would connect the experience of working with Graham with that as a wartime pilot. Working with Graham was "life in the eye of the storm, at the epicenter of an earthquake," he wrote in his memoir, *Onstage With Martha Graham*.

Martha Graham died in 1991, but his devotion to her never faded. During a 2007 show reuniting Graham alumni, he recited a witty rap in her honor, ending with the lines, "Now every day on celestial grass / Heaven is taking Martha's class."

Gladys Kessler

Gladys Kessler, a federal judge who issued a landmark ruling against the tobacco industry in 2006 — finding that cigarette makers had violated racketeering laws by conspiring to deceive the public about the deadly threat posed by smoking — died March 16 at a hospital in Washington, DC. She was 85.

Judge Kessler handled cases involving detainees at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act; the administration of the Medicaid program; and environmental protection legislation. She rose to greatest prominence as the judge who presided over *United States of America v. Philip Morris USA et al*, a lawsuit filed by the Justice Department in 1999 against leading U.S. cigarette makers.

The tobacco case is set to conclude later this year, nearly a quarter-century after it began, when, by court order, cigarette companies will begin displaying in retail stores signs about the dangers of cigarette smoking. One of them reads: "Smoking kills, on average, 1,200 American. Every day."

Norman Steinberg

Norman Steinberg, a screenwriter, including the films “Blazing Saddles” and “My Favorite Year,” and the TV movie “Free to be... You and Me,” died on March 15. He was 83.

A lawyer, who began practicing in Manhattan, Mr. Steinberg disliked being a lawyer, his family said. He would stop for coffee at Chock Full o’ Nuts, where he met Mel Brooks. Brooks encouraged him to try writing a script for “Get Smart.” When Brooks told him the script was funny, Steinberg quit his job at the law firm the same day.

“I’m so glad I rescued him from a dull stable legal career,” Mel Brooks wrote on Twitter. He was one of the best writers I ever worked with.”

Rivka Basman Ben-Hayim

Rivka Basman Ben-Hayim, a Lithuanian-born Israeli Yiddish poet and educator, died on March 22 in Herzliya, Israel. She was 98.

During WWII, she spent two years in the Vilna ghetto, after which she was sent to the Kaiserwald concentration camp in Riga. There, she started writing poetry to cheer up fellow inmates. She was liberated in 1945. In 1947, she made Aliyah and joined Kibbutz HaMa’apil. At her kibbutz, she taught children and also joined a Yiddish poets group and wrote and published her first volume of poetry.

She received the Itzik Manger Prize in 1984 and the Chaim Zhitlowsky Prize in 1998, among other prizes throughout her writing career. She published nine volumes of poetry.

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Birthdays in April

8: Eric Friedmann

9: Jennifer Morris

15: Mimi Bloom; Carol Ingall

20: Helen Weinstein

26: Isaac Kaplan

28: Adam Weinstein

30: Susan Meshover

Anniversaries in April

6: Paul and Pamela Birman

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.

Yahrzeits in April

- 4: Zelig Kaplan
5: Louis Kelbick; Frances Meshover; Hana Shaw
6: Mervin J. Goldin; Anna Katz
8: Herman Ballen
9: Harold Hoberman; Yafa L. Melamud
10: Bertram Feinberg; Joseph Lipman
11: Benjamin Forman; Rose Levinson Goldsmith; Irving Levin
12: Edward Moch
14: Ella Bush Lipton Milton Reece
15: Miny Bloch; William Pittorino; Getzel Shaw
16: Bess Fineberg Brown; Florence Cohen; Raphael Owen Hurwitz; Barney Kaplan
17: Bruce Grossman; Joanna Lieberthal; Harold Reisman
18: Joseph Nelson Finkelstein; Samuel Joseph Glickman
19: Carole Feinberg
20: Paula Kampler; Essie Levine
21: Caryn Foster; Minnie Schlefstein; Regina Sturmdorf
22: I. Jack Lewis; Israel Schlefstein
23: Pauline Friedman
24: Jennie Fineberg; Nathaniel Harris
25: William Brown; Louis Levinson; Tena R. Rubinsky
26: Arie L. Melamud; Joyce Vinson
27: Robert Alan Doss; Muriel Kaplan; Robert Kaplan; Howard Katzenberg;
Beatrice Lipman; Gus Mouzakitis
28: Dora Sharp
30: Miriam Mandel; Edythe S. Winters

Refuah Shlemah

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Hedy Campeas
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Paul Birman and Pamela Birman
Ellen Wiederlight
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- **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

Invest In Our Shul

• Cash

Write a check or make a credit card payment.

Donor Benefits: There is an immediate tax deduction for the full value of the gift, and taxable assets are removed from the donor's estate, delivering direct benefits to CTI.

• Appreciated, Marketable Securities

Give a gift of appreciated securities that have been held for more than one year.

Donor Benefits: This gift bypasses capital gains tax; provides a tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities; and removes taxable assets from your estate.

• IRA Charitable Rollover

Donors 70-1/2 years or older can make an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$100,000 per year) to CTI. The IRA funds must be transferred directly to CTI by December 31 of the calendar year you are making the donation. Charitable rollover amounts could count toward the donor's required minimum distribution, although these funds do not provide a charitable deduction.

Donor Benefits: This gift reduces taxes on amounts up to \$100,000 from the donor's IRA, and satisfies all or part of the required minimum distribution for the year.

• Gift in a Will or Trust

Donors can make a bequest gift of specific property, a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of the estate and/or a designated asset. The estate will receive a charitable tax deduction for the amount of the gift, which may reduce the taxable portion of the estate. If the donor already has a will, an attorney can write a codicil to include the bequest.

Donor Benefits: This gift is simple to create; the estate receives a charitable tax deduction for the bequest, and the donor retains control of assets throughout life.

• Life Insurance/Name CTI as Beneficiary

Donors can name CTI as beneficiary and specify a percentage or the entire policy as the legacy gift.

Donor Benefits: Donors can ask for a "Change in Beneficiary" form from their plan administrator, retain control of the policy; and may receive a charitable tax deduction after death. This gift is an opportunity to make a large gift at little cost.

• 401(k) or IRA Retirement Plan Designation

Upon death, retirement plans are subject to estate and income taxes, which means up to 60% of retirement assets may go to the IRS; distributions to charities incur no taxes.

Donors can name CTI as beneficiary and can specify a percentage or the entire account as the legacy gift.

Donor Benefits: Gifts of IRAs and other retirement accounts allow donors to make a gift to CTI while saving on estate and income taxes.

• Charitable Gift Annuity

This gift provides one or two individuals who are 55 and older with fixed payments for life. The gift can be established with a simple contract between the donor and CTI. The donor transfers assets of cash or marketable securities to CTI and, in exchange, CTI promises to pay

one or two people for life. The payment rate depends upon the age of the beneficiary or beneficiaries at the time of the transfer; the older the beneficiary at time of gift, the greater the fixed payments. The donor may be subject to tax on the income stream. When the last beneficiary dies, the annuity's balance becomes the donor's legacy gift to CTI. A deferred gift annuity works the same way, but starts providing payments at a fixed date in the future (rather than immediately). Until payouts begin, the annuity may grow in value, providing a higher payment rate.

Donor Benefits: This gift guarantees annual payments for life regardless of market conditions; a portion of the income may be tax-free; taxable assets are removed from the estate; some portion of capital gains may be bypassed with gifts of appreciated property, and the donor is entitled to an income tax deduction in the year the gift is made.

• Charitable Remainder Trust

Donors can transfer assets (e.g., publicly traded securities, real estate, cash) to a trust that pays either a fixed amount (annuity trust) or a fixed percentage that reflects the size of the trust (unitrust) to the donor and/or their designated beneficiaries. This enables donors to make an irrevocable gift that produces payments for life or a set term for themselves and/or their beneficiaries, with the remainder of the donated assets going to CTI. At the end of the term or upon death of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, the trust terminates, and the assets in the trust pass to CTI as a legacy.

Donor Benefits: This gift offers a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the gift, a payment stream, and removal of assets from the donor's estate, which may reduce estate taxes.

If you would like to discuss any of these Legacy Gift options, please contact Judith K. Weiner at jkweiner@icloud.com

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 •

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

Membership Per Year:

Family: \$850

Individual: \$550

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