

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 remaining in 2023: May 27; September 25; October 7]

Shul Events

Thursday-Saturday, May 25-27: Shavuot Observances/Events (See schedule on page 4 of this issue.)

Monday, June 5: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, June 5: Pastoral Committee meeting, 11 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, June 11: Board meeting 9 a.m.; Annual Congregation meeting (election), 10 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, June 11: Playreading, "We Call It Whiskey," in-person at the shul, Time: 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28: Book Circle, 3 p.m., in-person at the shul

Saturdays July 8 and 22, August 5 and 19: "Joyfully Jewish" summer program, ages 5-10, 9:30-noon

Sunday, July 9: Judaism and Art meeting, 1 p.m., at Judith Weiner's art studio

Lighting Shabbat Candles in June

June 2: 8:03 June 9: 8:08 June 16: 8:11 June 23: 8:13 June 30: 8:13

Dates To Remember

Sunday, June 18: Fathers' Day

Monday, June 19: Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 21: First day of summer

Deadline for the July 2023 issue of *The Shofar* is June 20

Graduations in the shul family will be listed in the July issue of *The Shofar*. Please email the following information to sarabloom4@gmail.com **by June 20**: name of graduate, name of institution, degree or diploma earned, name and relationship to shul member(s) (parents, grandparents, niece, uncle, etc.), additional schooling (where), work (company and position/title).

From The Rabbi...



“Extend A Hand For Peace”

Over the past few decades, a new initiative toward peace has emerged — Jewish-Christian interfaith pilgrimages to the Holy Land. These inclusive visits to sites holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims lay the groundwork for understanding and acceptance among the travelers and, in a way, serve as test cases for peace in a controlled environment. Pilgrims extending their hands to others can help to turn swords into plowshares.

The Catholic Church’s Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) acknowledged its role in spreading antisemitic rhetoric that may have fueled the resulting Holocaust. The ratification of the “Nostra Aetate” document was the church’s way of extending its hand in peace to Judaism. This resulted in a spirit of reconciliation between Jews and Catholics around the world. The message that emerged from the Catholic leadership in Rome spread to other Christian denominations in communities around the world, including the Evangelical Movement here in America.

As Vatican II was wrapping up in Rome, America was dealing with its own racial soul searching. At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who locked arms with Dr. King, was asked upon his return from Selma whether he had found much time to pray. He responded, “I prayed with my feet.” Being an active pilgrim in a common march, Heschel believed, was the most important prayer of all.

To extend a hand or to walk together — each is an expansion of the mind, from narrow to wide, opening oneself to learning from others and respecting them. To illustrate, consider the first step in a pilgrimage: agreeing on the itinerary — deciding which Christian sites to visit, which Jewish and which Muslim. In doing so, we begin to discover that we share more than we thought, and we learn from our debates.

Christians occupy an essential place in the Middle East. But it is challenging to transfer the cooperation between Christians and Jews in America into interfaith relations with Christians in the Holy Land, largely because Christians in the Holy Land are Arab Palestinian. However, I see an opening here, a way to start a conversation — to extend a hand. In the Middle East, many Christian clergy have a privileged freedom to circulate where average citizens cannot. Traveling with these clerics grants access to otherwise restricted sites — holy sites — that reveal other cultures.

The ongoing conflicts in the Middle East show that the pursuit of peace remains elusive and a most compelling issue. In fact, in an effort to change the paradigm of discussion, my own Project Genesis Interfaith group presented a peace proposal in New York and Jerusalem, in 2019 and 2020. We believed then as we do now that to attain peace in the Middle East, there must first be peace among the religions. Holy sites should remain open and accessible, serving as quiet sanctuaries and religious embassies.

In the face of continuing Middle Eastern strife, this effort may seem like grasping at straws. But it is essential to recognize that some important perspectives often are excluded from the mainstream conversation and, in some cases, are consciously ignored. By offering an alternative — extending a hand — we give peace another chance.

A happy and peaceful Shavuot to all...

—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 Editor...

An editor is known by many descriptive names, some nicer than others. Miriam Gabriel, my able colleague and proofreader, calls me “chief.” I like that one. Other names, clearly inappropriate for this family-focused publication, typically are invoked by those whose submissions I have adjusted for clarity, rejected for such shortcomings as relevance or timeliness, or found so hopelessly error-ridden that only a total rewrite could save them.

An editor is the boss, the last word, the arbiter. He or she could be in charge of a big city newspaper with circulation numbers in the tens of thousands, huge staffs to manage, and reputations to uphold as well-regarded newsgathering organizations. On the other hand, editors may be positioned at the helm of, say, an unpretentious 20-page (give or take) online newsletter that is delivered free and is read, at best, by a few hundred folks because they willingly provided their email addresses. In either case, a publication without an editor invites stylistic chaos.

So what does an editor do? The editor of this newsletter, for instance, is the singular voice responsible for what is published, including noteworthiness of the story, quality of the writing, applicable illustration, and the design and layout of each page. It may not seem so to casual readers, but there is joy in this work. And that’s what I want to address in this particular space that, for the last three years — 36 issues — has been occupied by a monthly contributor of uncommonly articulate wordsmithing.

Shul president Judith K. Weiner submitted her “Swan Song,” she titled it, for the May issue of *The Shofar*, and I, among many, will miss her monthly submissions — her themes coherent and well developed, an extensive vocabulary able to single out the precise word to convey a thought, and the concentrated focus that corrals her text; it does not wander off, trail off, or take off in all directions. When she writes about matters that require your attention — such as the High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign — you know precisely what you are asked to do.

Thank you, Judith Weiner, for bold ideas well-conceived, for an approachable, conversational style, for adding strong writing to these pages, and for the joy this editor has experienced month after month in reviewing your columns. Speaking personally and for readers of *The Shofar*, we wish you well, and hope we will hear from you soon again on matters that engage you.

—Sara Bloom

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Congregation To Vote On Proposed Slate for 2023-24 At June 11 Meeting

Susan Rosenstreich, chair of the CTI Nominating Committee, which included Miriam Gabriel and Roberta Garriss, has proposed the following slate of officers and directors for June 2023-June 2024. Voting will take place at the Congregation meeting to be held on Sunday, June 11, at 10 a.m., on Zoom. Please attend to express appreciation to the outgoing board, and support for the incoming board.

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| President: | Sara Bloom |
| Vice President: | Ellen Buchbinder |
| Treasurer: | Joanna Paulsen |
| Financial Secretary: | Nancy Torchio |
| Recording Secretary: | Suri Lan Brown |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Elaine Goldman |
| Members at Large: | Elizabeth Adams, Caren Demel, Gordon Henry |

Also serving on the Board of Directors:

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| Sisterhood President: | Adrienne Greenberg |
| Men’s Club President: | Position to be filled |
| Immediate Past President: | Judith K. Weiner (nonvoting member) |
| | Rabbi Gadi Capela (attending; nonvoting) |

Shavuot: Shul Plans Three Days of Honors, Observances And Events *What's It All About?*



Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, will be celebrated at our shul with three days of honors, observances and events, beginning on Thursday, May 25 through Saturday, May 27. Members and friends had better dust off their calendars and get out their pencils, iPhones, tablets and computers so as not to miss all that is coming up.

First, let's see what this holiday is all about. Shavuot commemorates the revelation of the Torah to the Jewish people gathered at Mt. Sinai. The holiday occurs on

the 50th day after the 49 days of counting the Omer. (And we know, of course, that you have been counting the Omer unfailingly since the second day of Passover...)

And we count the Omer because...it took Moses and the Israelites seven weeks (49 days) of trekking through the desert to reach Mt. Sinai, where they received the Torah on the 50th day.

Many Jews observe the holiday by staying up all night on Erev Shavuot to study and symbolically prepare to receive the wisdom of the Torah. This is called Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Traditionally, dairy foods are served on Shavuot, milk a symbol of the Torah, which nourishes the people as milk nourishes a baby. Popular are cheesecake, blintzes and kugels.

Shavuot at our shul

Now that we're well versed in the meaning of Shavuot, let's see what's happening at our shul:

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| Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m.: | Join us as we plant a tree in Andrew Levin Park in honor of Ann Hurwitz's 90th birthday, arranged by her grandson, Andrew Weisberg. (in-person only) |
| Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. | Tikkun Leil Shavuot Brief learning units by Rabbi Gadi, shul member Chuck Simon, and Andrew Weisberg, an ethical farmer. Cheesecake and other refreshments will be served to celebrate the holiday and Ann's birthday. (learning units in-person and on Zoom; shul refreshments in-person only) |
| Friday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. | Shavuot Morning Service (in-person and on Zoom) |
| Friday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. | Shabbat/Shavuot service (in-person and on Zoom) Immediately following the service, Nancy Torchio is arranging a special Oneg in the social hall to commemorate the first yahrzeit of her father, Charles Bogen A"H. (in-person only) |
| Saturday, May 27, at 9:30 a.m. | Shabbat/Shavuot Morning Service and Yizkor (in-person and on Zoom) |

Oculus: Eye On The Arts/A Communal Activity



With the shul opening to many more activities and events now, the Art Show mounted by the Judaism and Art group is becoming a major attraction. Members and friends who attended the official opening on Sunday afternoon, April 23, have returned for close-up views that may have been obstructed by the crowd at their initial visit.

Now that activities surrounding Shavuot are inviting members and friends into the shul for events spanning three days — Thursday, May 25, through Saturday, May 27 — a perfect opportunity to visit and/or revisit the Art Show has emerged.

On display are about 30 pieces by a dozen shul members working in acrylic, oil stick, watercolor, photography, and fiber arts that focus on themes thoughtful to lighthearted. Some of the artists have offered their work for sale, available to buyers after takedown.

Pictured, a large storyboard by Leah Friedman, one of two of her large works in the show, never fails to capture the attention of viewers, who are drawn to her composition and draftsmanship, as illustrated here with the artist, center, looking on.

The show will be on view through the summer.

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Bonfire At The Parsonage Illuminates Shul's Lag Ba'Omer Observance



To observe Lag Ba'Omer, Rabbi Gadi invited shul members to the parsonage on Monday, May 8, at nightfall, to enjoy refreshments, camaraderie, and a warm and welcoming bonfire he tended with Francis DuBois at a firepit on the rear property. And what a blaze it was!

Lag Ba'Omer is a holiday celebrated on the 33rd day of the *Omer*, a Hebrew word for a specific measurement unit. Counting the Omer spans a 49-day period, beginning on the second day of Passover and ending on



Shavuot. This ancient custom, linking the Exodus from Egypt with the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, reminds Jewish people that redemption from slavery wasn't complete until they received the Torah.

Strict observance during the counting of the Omer forbids marriage and other celebrations — also haircuts — but on Lag Ba'Omer, restrictions are lifted and, traditionally, friends and families gather for large bonfires, which many believe represent the light of the Torah.

SMBloom photos

Cast Invites All To A Playreading On Sunday, June 11, At 1 p.m.



“We Call It Whiskey,” a one-act comedy by Chuck Simon, will be presented as a reading on Sunday, June 11, at 1 p.m. — in-person at the shul and also on Zoom. (Note: the play follows shortly after the Congregation meeting and election of officers, which will take place at 10 that morning.) So, after a quickie lunch, hurry to the shul or click on Zoom for a fun theatrical afternoon. Cast: top row, from left, Stephen Meshover, producer-director-playwright Chuck Simon, Helaine Teperman; middle row, from left, Andrea Blaga, Adrienne Greenberg, Ron Rothman; bottom row, Tom Byrne and Rosa Lee Emerson. Don’t be late...
SMBloom screen shot

When Spring Comes, What Does The TOI Do? Mulch. Compost. Plant.



The Shofar heard this week from shul member Veronica Kaliski on behalf of the TOI, the Tikkun Olam Initiative. This shul-sponsored group maintains several beds at Common Ground, a shared site where community groups can garden, and where the TOI raises crops to be donated to CAST.

According to Veronica, the TOI has been hard at work in the garden: mulching, composting and planting. Planting what? From arugula to zucchini and all manner of veggies in between: peas, carrots, chard, collards and radishes for now — cool weather crops. Later, with good sun, there’ll be eggplant, squash and peppers, she said. In fact, if the warming trend continues, lettuce might be ready for harvesting at the moment this article is being read.

Those interested in planting and maintenance of the Common Ground beds, or in planting at home on behalf of the TOI and CAST, can contact the shul at ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for the TOI.

Pictured, Adrienne Greenberg spent an afternoon encouraging little plants to grow and to flourish. Other shul members working for the TOI are Tom Byrne, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman and Cookie Slade.

Veronica Kaliski photo

GHS Students Discuss Holocaust Museum Trip At Shabbat Service



Four students from Greenport High School — Allie, Bray, Daniel and Sam — their teacher, Brian Toussaint, and the principal of the high school, Gary Kalish, were guests at the shul's Shabbat service on Friday, May 5. The students, having visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City as the culmination of their social studies unit on the Holocaust, offered to share their learning in connection with that dark period in history and their personal reactions to what had occurred.

As it happened, the GHS curriculum dovetailed with the Yellow Candle Project at our shul, first introduced last year by shul member Chuck Simon and coordinated

this year, in part, by shul member Tom Byrne. Funds donated to the project by shul members and friends were used to help sponsor the bus trip to the museum's exhibit titled "The Holocaust: What Hate Can do." The students' collective aversion to the Nazi-led events during WWII and their appreciation to shul members for "punctuating the learning experience with the museum trip," the school principal said, were evident throughout the presentation. [Those who have not yet contributed to the project may still do so.]

Allie pointed out the “devastating effects” of intolerance, noting how the opportunity to hear testimony from a Holocaust survivor had resonated with her understanding of that time.

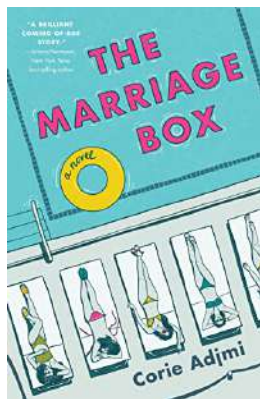
Bray appreciated the museum's focus on the prisoners' individual stories, and how those stories had provided insight into each one's personality.

To Daniel, the ability of the prisoners to “cling to hope” in the face of evil, even during a death march, he said, made a lasting impression.

Sam acknowledged a better understanding of those events, noting that “the world is a better place today,” and his hope that it will remain that way.


Following their individual commentaries, the students initiated a back-and-forth with shul members about freedom, the responsibilities of power, and antisemitism in the world today. As shul president Judith Weiner pointed out, “You are the future policymakers and parents. With your awareness of the evils of the past, you can change the future.” [Photo courtesy The Museum of Jewish Heritage]

Book Circle Considers A Novel's Heroine Caught In Opposing Worlds



The June meeting of the Book Circle will be held in-person — to the delight of all participants — at the shul on Wednesday, the 28th, at 3 p.m. The selection is title *The Marriage Box*, a novel by Corie Adjmi, that considers the situation facing a Middle Eastern Jewish teenager, who accompanies her parents from a liberated life in New Orleans to an Orthodox Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn, where the search for a suitable husband is the primary directive.

Sixteen-year-old Casey Cohen discovers that the marriage box is a real place, a pool deck designated for teenage girls to put themselves on display for potential husbands.



Michael seems the right choice for her, but she begins to question the decision when she is expected to conform to wifely duties that put her own plans aside. How she navigates opposing worlds is the focus of the book and the book group's consideration.

The Book Circle explores writing on Jewish issues by Jewish writers. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

Shalom!

Congregation Tifereth Israel announces

A new summer program

“Joyfully Jewish”

For children ages 5-10

Shabbat mornings, from 9:30-noon

July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19

In our program, children will

Participate in the Torah service

Learn the meaning of Shabbat and the holidays

Hear the Bible stories that define our history

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Discover the joys of being Jewish

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AARP Magazine's April/May Issue Offers Major Article On Antisemitism

The April/May issue of AARP's magazine included an extensive interview with Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, the U.S. State Department's special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism. The interview was conducted by Jane Eisner, director of academic affairs at the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, and included observations by the ambassador, opinions by two rabbis and a campus administrator, plus commentary about prejudice gleaned from the Anne Frank House website.

The magazine based its coverage on the premise that "Antisemitism has persisted century after century, with the murder of 6 million Jews in the Holocaust its most horrific incarnation. Some Americans may have thought this prejudice was fading away, but it has gained momentum once again..."

Much of the material contained in the story, titled "The Oldest Hatred," is known to the Jewish community, but it is hoped that this article and others that address the damages of hatred and intolerance will be instructive to the general readership.

[On a personal note, this editor was surprised at first that a magazine largely covering senior living, health issues, and celebrity interviews would undertake this content. On second thought, though, why not? If AARP's 37 million members can be persuaded that antisemitism is wrong and must be stopped, maybe that's where a halt to this disturbingly destructive trend begins.] SMB

Jewelry Tainted By Holocaust Connection Sets Sales Record at Christie's



"Criticism from historians and Jewish organizations did little to dim the sale at Christie's of jewels made of precious diamonds and colored gemstones bought with a fortune built in part with profits from the Aryanization of Jewish businesses during the Holocaust," *The New York Times* said. "In bidding online and in person in Geneva, the sale of jewelry from the estate of Heidi Horten, an Austrian philanthropist, has brought in \$202 million, making it the most successful jewelry sale in history."



Christie's has faced substantial criticism about the sale

because of Horten's husband, Helmut Horten, a German businessman and billionaire, who began to amass his fortune by purchasing at a discount the businesses of Jews forced by circumstances or edict to sell their companies during the Holocaust.

"In a time of Holocaust denial and the resurgence of antisemitism around the

world, we find it especially appalling that a world-renowned auction house would engage in such a sale," wrote Yoram Dvash, president of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses, in a recent letter to François Curiel, the auction house's chairman of Europe and Asia.

Christie's officials said they chose to move forward with the sale despite the criticism because the proceeds are going to the Heidi Horten Foundation, which supports medical research and a museum containing her art collection. The auction house also pledged to donate some of its proceeds to Holocaust research and education.

[Photos courtesy Christie's]

The Codex Sassoon Sells At Sotheby's Auction for A Record \$38.1 million



A 1,100-year-old Hebrew Bible sold for \$38.1 million at a Sotheby's auction on May 17 in Geneva, becoming the most expensive book ever sold.

Known as the Codex Sassoon, it was bought by the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv through a donation from Alfred Moses, a former U.S. ambassador to Romania.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Getty Images

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Barbra Streisand



Barbra Streisand, actor, director, entertainer, writer and activist, will receive the 10th anniversary Genesis Prize in a ceremony in Los Angeles in October. The Genesis Prize honors Jewish people who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields and for the benefit of Jewish causes and the State of Israel.

Stan Polovets, founder and chairman of the Genesis Prize Foundation, cited Ms. Streisand as “one of the world’s most beloved and admired performers.” She has delighted audiences for the past six decades with an amazing talent, and also has dedicated her time, resources and passion to important causes, speaking out wherever and whenever she saw injustice. Her sense of responsibility to heal the world grows out of her Jewish values and her Jewish identity, he said.

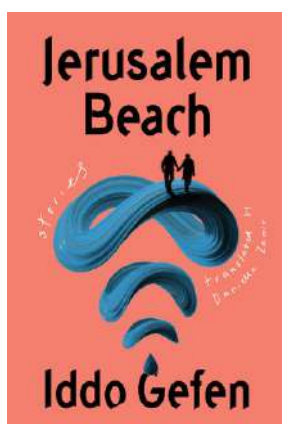
Ms. Streisand has asked the Genesis Prize Foundation to direct her \$1 million prize money to nonprofit organizations working to protect the environment, promote women’s health, combat disinformation in the media, and aid Ukraine.

Kaplan, Lafazan, Malamad

Three Jewish candidates have announced runs for the U.S. House of Representatives seat currently held by Rep. George Santos, the Republican congressman arrested on 13 federal criminal charges connected to accusations that he misled donors and misrepresented his finances to the public and to government agencies. Santos, who represents New York’s 3rd Congressional District, which covers parts of Queens and Long Island, also falsely claimed to be Jewish, and spread a series of other falsehoods about his background.

Anna Kaplan, an Iranian-American is a former Democratic state senator who has long championed Holocaust education. Josh Lafazan is a Nassau County legislator. Zak Malamed is the founder of a Democratic fundraising group. Also running for the seat are Democratic attorney Will Murphy, and Republican Kellen Curry, a former J.P. Morgan executive.

Santos appeared in court on May 10, pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$500,000 bail. His next court appearance is June 30.



The 2023 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish literature is awarded to Iddo Gefen for *Jerusalem Beach*, a book of short stories that draws on the Israeli writer's personal background as a neurocognitive researcher. Also honored is the book's English translator, Daniella Zamir, the first time the prize committee has honored a translator, a sign that the prize is expanding to include non-English-language works.

Gefen is a PhD student at Columbia University, researching how storytelling can improve understanding of the human mind.

The Sami Rohr Prize, named for the businessman and philanthropist who died in 2012, was established in 2006 by his children in honor of his 80th birthday. The award comes with a \$100,000 cash prize, of which Gefen will receive \$75,000, and Zamir \$25,000.

• OBITUARIES •

The Shofar joins the congregation is mourning the deaths of three members of the shul family: Shirley Gabriner, sister of shul member Phil Goldman, died on May 5 at the age of 97. Long-time shul member Paula Shengold died on May 9. The family of long-time shul member Paul Birman mourns the death of Paul's wife, Pamela, on May 15, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. May their families and friends be comforted by many memories of times spent together.

Jerry Springer

Jerry Springer, who went from a somewhat outlandish political career to an indescribably outlandish broadcasting career with "The Jerry Springer Show," which by the mid-1990s was setting a new standard for tawdriness on American television, turning the talk-show format into an arena for shocking confessions, adultery-fueled screaming matches, and not infrequent fistfights, died on April 27 in suburban Chicago. He was 79.

Mr. Springer began his political career by winning election to the Cincinnati City Council in 1971 and again in 1975, leading to his election as mayor of Cincinnati in 1977. He ran unsuccessfully for Governor of Ohio in 1982, made a career change and joined WLWT-TV as a news commentator.

"The Jerry Springer Show" began in 1991, but by 1993, he had turned up the shock value. His viewership peaked in 1998 at about eight million, ending in 2018 after more than 3,000 episodes.

In 2008, some students objected when Mr. Springer was invited to give the commencement address at Northwestern. "To the students who invited me — thank you," he said. "To the students who object to my presence — well, you've got a point. I, too, would have chosen someone else."

Amy Silverstein

Amy Silverstein, a celebrated writer whose two memoirs recounted her grueling yet joyous odyssey through a life that required two heart transplants, died on May 5. She was 59.

The details of her life with successive hearts that were not her own — one in 1988 and the second in 2014 — were familiar to legions of admirers through her many magazine articles and television appearances, as well as her two books.

Harold Kushner

Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, the perennial best-selling book published in 1981, died April 28 in Canton, MA. He was 88.

Shortly after arriving at Temple Israel of Natick, MA, his daughter Ariel was born and his 3-year-old son Aaron was diagnosed with a fatal premature aging condition called progeria. His book represented his attempt to make sense of Aaron's suffering and eventual death, just days after his 14th birthday. To date, more than 4 million copies of the book have been sold in at least a dozen languages.

Other books followed on equally difficult topics, including the meaning of life, talking to children about God, overcoming disappointment, resolving conflict, etc.

Among his accolades, he was honored by the Roman Catholic organization, the Christophers, as someone who made the world a better place; Religion in America named him Clergyman of the Year in 1999; and in 2004, he read from the Book of Isaiah at the state funeral of President Ronald Reagan.

Stew Leonard Sr.

Stew Leonard Sr., a folkloric retailer who expanded his namesake stores into merchandising meccas replete with petting zoos and mechanical singing farm animals, died April 26 in Manhattan. He was 93.

Mr. Leonard opened his original store in Norwalk, CT, in 1969 as a destination that promised fresh milk. "You'd have to own a cow to get it sooner," his advertisements proclaimed. More than 50 years after the first store opened, Stew Leonard's has expanded to seven locations — in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey — earning \$600 million annually, and it remains family-owned and operated with an enormously loyal customer base, despite being found guilty of tax evasion in the 1990s.

In retailing, Mr. Leonard said, the "wow factor" sells, but minding the store is what keeps the business going and growing. "A farmer's shadow is the best fertilizer," he said.

Dorothy Bohm

Dorothy Bohm, a photographer whose work fulfilled her "deep need," she said, "to stop things from disappearing," died on March 15 at a care facility in Northwest London. She was 98.

She was a teenager in Lithuania when her father gave her a Leica as she boarded a train to flee the Nazis. She studied photography in Manchester, England, and became a portrait photographer, switching later to black-and-white landscapes and street photographs that documented life in cities like London and Paris, also colorful abstract compositions and still lifes.

Her work has appeared in more than a dozen books and more than two dozen exhibitions. In 1971, she became associate director of the Photographers' Gallery, one of London's first galleries devoted solely to photography. For 15 years, she nurtured up-and-coming photographers. She produced a number of books, and was the subject of two documentaries.

Newton Minow

Newton N. Minow, who as chairman of the FCC in 1961 famously called American television "a vast wasteland," died May 6 at his home in Chicago. He was 97.

To broadcasters who for years had enjoyed a cozy relationship with the FCC, Mr. Minow's indictment opened a new era of regulatory pressures that for the first time stressed program content and public service. While the FCC had no authority to tell broadcasters what to air, Mr. Minow reminded them that it did periodically renew station licenses for the use of the public airwaves, and that it had the power to revoke them for irresponsibility.

Roy Saltman

Roy G. Saltman, the federal government's leading expert on computerized voting whose overlooked warning about the vulnerability of punch-card ballots presaged the hanging chad fiasco in Florida and the disputed recount in the 2000 presidential election, died on April 21 in Rockville, MD. He was 90.

In a 132-page federal report published in 1988 and distributed to thousands of local voting officials across the country, Mr. Saltman, an analyst working for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, cautioned that the bits of cardboard that voters were supposed to punch out from their ballots, known as chads, might remain partly attached (hence, hanging), or pressed back into the card when the votes were counted. Either event would render the voter's choice uncertain or, if the ballot appeared to be picking more than one candidate, invalid.

Mr. Saltman often said that there was no margin of error in voting. "An election is like the launch of a space rocket," he often said. "It must work the first time."

Menahem Pressler



Menahem Pressler, the celebrated pianist who fled Nazi Germany in 1939 and who, after establishing himself in postwar America, co-founded the Beaux Arts Trio, died May 6 in London. He was 99.

The Beaux Arts Trio became the world's reigning piano-violin-cello ensemble and dazzled audiences for a half-century. The group recorded nearly all the piano trio repertory — Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert, Brahms, Dvorak, Saint-Saëns and others — through the boom years of LPs and into the digital age, garnering praise for redefining the perception of the

piano trio and of chamber music itself.

In 2008, when the trio disbanded after 53 years, Mr. Pressler was 84, but he continued performing as a soloist and with ensembles. He also continued teaching at Indiana University, where he held the Charles H. Webb chair in music. That year, Mr. Pressler returned to Germany to observe the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht. And in 2013, at 90, he made his debut with the Berlin Philharmonic, at a New Year's Eve concert that was televised live throughout the world. [The New York Times photo]

Sam Zell

Sam Zell, the real estate tycoon who specialized in distressed assets and acquired The Chicago Tribune, The Los Angeles Times and other storied but troubled newspapers in a leveraged buyout of the parent Tribune Company in 2007, died on May 18. He was 81.

The son of Polish Jews who fled to America in 1939 as WWII engulfed Europe, Mr. Zell, an abrasive and eccentric Chicagoan, *The New York Times* said, reveled in testing the limits of business deals as well as motorcycles, amassed one of the nation's largest portfolios of apartments, offices and commercial real estate, mostly by snatching up properties that other investors had snubbed as too risky or even moribund. In essence, he was a high stakes speculator who found opportunities where others saw only stress.

Mr. Zell was an active philanthropist, giving millions to the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was also a major donor to causes in Israel and to the American Jewish Committee, a Jewish primary school in Chicago named for his father, and other cultural and educational institutions.

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

A template for a donation acknowledgment card. It features a blue background with a white Star of David on the left and right sides. The text reads: "A donation has been made in your name to Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY to acknowledge the" followed by a blank line. Below this is the word "by" followed by another blank line. At the bottom, there is a third blank line for a signature or date.

In times of celebration or sadness, a card to a family member or friend is a welcome expression of love. Purchase a Sunshine card (\$18 each; 3 for \$36) by calling Andrea Blaga at 631-477-0232. Relay your message, and she will send a 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) to pay with a credit card.

Birthdays in June

- 2: Arlene Ellant
- 8: Ann Hurwitz
- 11: Marian Friedmann
- 12: Joan Prager
- 19: Carol Levin
- 24: Haley Ellant
- 27: Carol Seigel

Anniversaries in June

- 9: Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
- 17: Matthew and Allison Nathel
- 24: Lewis and Helaine Teperman
- 29: Hal and Nina Neimark

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 June

- 1: Solomon Bush
- 2: Evelyn Blitz
- 3: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
- 4: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
- 5: Shirley Melnick-Staltz; Louise Oliver
- 8: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal; Myron Sausmer
- 9: Siah Schlefstein

10: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
11: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
12: Dr. Maxwell C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weinrib
13: Alvin Berman; Miller Haber; Norma Youmans
14: Hersch Julius Edelstein
15: Alexander Feigen
16: Liba Adelson
17: Michael Ballen; Nathan Bell; Sarah Bell; Seymour Brittman; Ethel Schwartz Levinson
18: Herbert Gochman; Sam Speyer
19: Kenneth Goldin; Barbara Kaplan
20: George Dolin; Lillie Ehrenreich
21: George Berson
22: Bernard Cooper; Albert J. Farber; Rosalind Mordkofsky
23: Meyers D. Goldman; Dr. Gustavo "Gus" Lara
25: Dr. Howard Bachrach; Dr. Eugene Feigelson; Shirley Kotik; Eva Levinson; Sandor Weisz
26: Mary Dalven; Philip Kaplan; Anna Silverman
27: Dr. Filia Holtzman
29: Jacob Brittman; Emmanuel Enerio; Albert J. Rubin
30: Sophia Adler; Jacob Bercun; Samuel L. Yett

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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

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 | TBD | TBD |

*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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