

# 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: September 25; October 7]

• Wednesday, July 26: Tisha B'Av (Book of Lamentations), 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 2: Tu B'Av (program TBA)

### *Shul Events*

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

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

Monday, July 10: Pastoral Committee meeting, 11 a.m., on Zoom

Trifecta Workout: Mondays and Thursdays, July 10 through August 31, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 16: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, July 23: Judaism and Art Studio Visit, 1-4 p.m., at Judith Weiner's studio; all invited

Wednesday, July 26: Tisha B'Av; Wednesday, August 2: Tu B'av (Program information to come )

Thursday, July 27: Book Circle, 3 p.m., in-person at the shul

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in July*

July 7: 8:11   July 14: 8:08   July 21: 8:03   July 28: 7:57

### *Dates To Remember*

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day

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

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day in the month Av, the saddest day in Jewish history, marks the destruction of Solomon's Temple by the Neo-Babylonian Empire and also the Second Temple by the Roman Empire. The Book of Lamentations will be read. By contrast, Tu B'Av, a week later, is the happiest day on the Jewish calendar. Coming soon, news of a shul program to observe the day of love.

## From The Rabbi...



### “Transitions”

As her three-year term as the president of our beloved CTI closes, I want to thank Judy Weiner, and express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for her outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication throughout the time. Her steadfast commitment to the growth and prosperity of our synagogue have helped propel it into the future, especially during the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. From the moment the pandemic struck, she swiftly pushed to implement necessary measures to ensure the continuity of our spiritual and communal life — adapting our services to virtual platforms, organizing online gatherings and programs, and providing support.

On behalf of the entire congregation, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for her exceptional service and leadership. Judy, as you transition to the next chapter, which will probably involve more free time, please know that your legacy will forever be etched in the fabric of our synagogue's history. The positive impact of your leadership will be felt for years to come.

Also transitioning are Alan Garmise, who has kept a stable hand on the treasury for a decade, and Madelyn Rothman, who for many years and in varied positions served as a dedicated member of the board. And of course, Sara Bloom, the incoming president, who for many years has obligingly supported our members, visitors, activities and events. To all who serve the shul community, I would like to offer this blessing from our Siddur:

“May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless this holy congregation, together with all others who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray, and those who give funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread for the wayfarer and charity for the poor; and all those devotedly involved themselves with the needs of this community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One reward them, remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May God bless them by making all their worthy endeavors prosper, as well as those of the entire people Israel, and let us say: Amen.”

May we all have a continued blessed journey.

Last month, our congregation bid farewell to one of our dedicated members. Pamela Panepinto-Birman, who passed away in Fort Lauderdale, established together with her husband Paul, the Paul and Pamela Birman Technology Fund, which helped our synagogue leap forward significantly. She was a warm and caring friend to many of us. We wish Paul to be comforted by God and our community. May Pamela's memory be for a blessing.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela



## On Memorial Day...

Ceremonies in observance of Memorial Day, held on Sunday, and Monday, May 28 and 29, attracted residents and visitors to our North Fork towns and villages to pay tribute to those who had made the supreme sacrifice for our country, and also to those who continue to serve and keep our country free.

Rabbi Gadi, pictured here with an honor guard, was a guest speaker at the ceremony held at the Vietnam Memorial in Orient.

Photo by Eydith Harris

## From The President...



### “Graduations Galore”

Considering the many members of various shul constituencies graduating *from* somewhere and/or *into* something else, this current publication of *The Shofar* truly could be titled the moving-on issue. Some of the young adults in the shul family, having successfully completed the required studies from various levels of schooling, are graduating and taking well-deserved pride in that milestone of achievement. And some of our elementary school-aged folks may now be moving into the summer program at our shul that, in some instances, may launch their more formal introduction to Jewish learning.

And what about the shul itself? This issue marks the graduation of Judith K. Weiner from three terms of compelling leadership as president of the shul, back into civilian life, if you will, a life she has indicated that will return her more closely to her family and to her passion to make art. By the same token, this writer is also a graduate — not from an academic institution worthy of a mention in this issue — no, those graduations are long past. In this case, graduation means into a position that speaks to the issues of the day — graduation and otherwise — the decisions consequential to the success of our shul.

As I think about graduations and their inspirational ceremonies so carefully choreographed, I am reminded of one that took place a long time ago. And yet, I remember it still and, more to the point, I remember a decision I made at that time, and why it matters now.

The speeches droned on, extolling the greatness of our class — our great strides, great achievements, great futures. I and the other tall women in the class had been relegated to the top tier of the bleachers, where we secretly enjoyed advantages over the petite seniors seated prominently in the front row. We could gossip, giggle, and generally act like the teenagers we were, even on this august occasion — our graduation from one of New Jersey’s finest high schools, we were assured.

As the ceremony inched forward, I found myself daydreaming on this sweaty June afternoon, held hostage in the late-day sun. The speechmakers were plotting the future; I was plotting ways to dump my tall, blond and blue-eyed boyfriend who, throughout my junior and senior years, had been, well, useful — a handsome escort to the prom and movie dates on Saturday nights. But I would be off to college in the fall, my sights on more far-reaching horizons.

So when my friend Carol whispered, “Let’s leave,” I was startled.

“Holy cow!” I said, glancing over my shoulder. “It’s a long way down.”

“Aw com’on. We’ll slip off the back and shinny down the brace. Are you coming or not?”

Admittedly, I was tempted. But then I thought of my mother and father and my big brother seated there in the stands, so proud of me, scanning the sea of 200 royal blue gowns and mortarboards for my grinning face.

Looking back, I’m glad I didn’t leave. I’m thankful I had the patience to sit through all the sermonizing, so filled with encouragement and promise, feeling as though maybe those words actually could be meaningful to me. And I remember standing as tall and as stately as I could when my name was called to collect my diploma.

To be sure, a lot has happened since that graduation, seemingly a lifetime ago — no doubt more than those speechifiers could have predicted, and certainly more than I could have imagined — that one then, so endowed with memories; this one here and now, so filled with expectation.

Nevertheless, I find it astounding that, given the decades that separate the two, the lessons that emerged then are just as applicable now: Sara, do your damndest to merit the title “graduate,” assume with dignity and purpose the responsibilities you have inherited, and don’t disappoint those who have helped you aspire to it.

—Sara Bloom

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

**Children Ages 5 to 10 Are Invited To Be ‘Joyfully Jewish’**

***Shul Plans New Shabbat Summer Program***

Our shul will host a new summer program called “Joyfully Jewish,” for children ages 5 to 10, to be held on four Shabbat mornings, from 9:30 to noon. The dates are July 8, July 22, August 5, and August 19.

Dawn Teyuca, an early childhood educational professional, will lead the program, 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 the Hebrew language, and an understanding of Israel as the Jewish homeland. Rabbi Gadi Capela, spiritual leader of the Greenport congregation, will encourage the children to participate in the Torah Service held in the sanctuary of the synagogue on Shabbat mornings.

Parents enrolling their children in the program will pay \$100 for the four sessions, “a small fee in return for giant rewards,” said Ann Hurwitz, coordinator of the program, who noted that discounts are offered to families enrolling more than one child.

For more information, and to enroll children in the program, please call Ann Hurwitz at 631-765-3341.

**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 can

**Participate** in the Torah service

**Learn** the meaning of Shabbat and the holidays

**Hear** the Bible stories that define our history

**Understand** how Jewish values enrich our lives

**Discover** the joys of being Jewish

**All accomplished** in a spirit of active fun and community

(Snack included)

For our program, parents can

**Pay** a small fee in return for giant rewards

**Call** Ann Hurwitz at 631-765-3341 to find out more...

## ***The Shofar Proudly Announces The 2023 Graduates In The Shul Family***

- Yona Brown, granddaughter of Carol Seigel and the late Irwin Seigel, graduated from Clark University.
- Tamar Brumberg, granddaughter of Stephan Brumberg and Carol Ingall, graduated from White Plains High School in White Plains, NY, and will attend the University of Maryland in the fall.
- Dylan Ellant, son of Drs. Jonathan and Devi Ellant, graduated from the Dalton Middle School in Manhattan, and will attend Dalton's High School in the fall.
- Savannah Graf, daughter of Nathan Graf and Marisa Ryan, graduated from the Dobbs Ferry Middle School, and will join the honors program at Dobbs Ferry High School this fall.
- Theo Henry, son of Debbie Epstein Henry and Gordon Henry, graduated summa cum laude from the Tufts University School of Engineering. He will join Snapchat in New York City as a software engineer.
- Noga Hurwitz, great-niece of Ann Hurwitz, graduated with honors from a joint program offered by List College at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University.
- Jacob Riegel, grandson of Arthur Riegel, graduated from the University of Michigan.
- Sophie Riegel, granddaughter of Arthur Riegel, graduated from Duke University.
- Micah Seigel, grandson of Carol Seigel and the late Irwin Seigel, graduated from Brandeis University.
- Sarah Stein, granddaughter of Ken and Nancy Stein graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH, and is planning to attend the University of Southern California in the fall.

### **More mitzvahs...**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in extending a big mazel tov to shul members Dennis Chalkin and Hillary Kelbick on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Daniel Chalkin, on Monday, May 22.

Mazel tov also to shul member Carol Seigel on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Shoshana Yari Seigel, on June 10, at B'Shert Congregation in Brooklyn, with Rabbi Heidi Hoover officiating. Shoshana is the daughter of Simeon Seigel and Myra Rosenbaum, and the sister of Micah Zemir Seigel.

### **Welcome new members**

*The Shofar* joins the membership in welcoming Rosa Lee Emerson, PhD, and family to our shul. We look forward to meeting you and participating with you in our shul's spiritual, educational and social activities and events.

### **Shape up...**

The new Trifecta Workout series of 15 classes will be held in the shul's community room beginning on Monday, July 10, and run through Thursday August 31. Equipment needed: two pairs of weights, one heavy and one light: e.g. 5 lbs and 3 lbs, or 6 lbs and 4 lbs, also a mat. The cost is \$150, due at the first session. Call Laurie Short at 631-566-0526 to reserve a place in the class.

## **Congregation Approves New Slate of Officers; Judith K. Weiner Honored**

The Congregation meeting of Sunday, June 11, offered a joyous beginning to the shul's new Board of Directors which, with no opposition, was elected according to the bylaws of the shul with a single vote cast by Recording Secretary Joanna Paulsen.

At the conclusion of the vote, outgoing president Judith K. Weiner turned over the agenda to the new president, Sara M. Bloom, who had been vice president for all three terms of her presidency, and instructed her to complete the remaining agenda items.

The new president thanked the congregation for its vote of confidence; offered praise to Madelyn Rothman and Alan Garmise, who are retiring from the board; acknowledged members continuing on the board, and welcomed new board members Ellen Buchbinder, Caren Demel and Gordon Henry.

The new shul president directed most of her remarks to her predecessor, Judith Weiner, noting her three years of superb leadership, observing how skillfully she had met shul issues head-on, and also the creative ways she had initiated programs and events to engage the membership. On behalf of the board and congregation, Sara Bloom thanked Judith Weiner for her leadership and, speaking personally, she acknowledged her love and appreciation for their friendship.

A gift to Judith Weiner turned out not to be a waffle iron, as Sara Bloom had fibbed prior to the Sunday meeting, when she presented Judith with a wrapped package. The Zoom meeting, the new president explained to the congregation, had precluded an in-person presentation, which called for the deception. True to her word, Judith did not open the package until Sara had concluded her remarks and had instructed the outgoing president to do so. Surprise! The gift was not a waffle iron after all; it was a richly illustrated Mark Rothko monograph, an artist favored by Judith Weiner. The book was inscribed to her, "...with grateful appreciation, from the board of directors and the membership of Congregation Tifereth Israel, June 2023."

In acknowledging the gift, a welcome selection based on her effusive thank you, Judith Weiner said, to the amusement of all, that she was not disappointed that the gift was a definitive Rothko volume and not a waffle iron.

### **The new Board of Directors**

Joining Sara Bloom on the newly-elected board of directors are: Ellen Buchbinder, Vice President; Joanna Paulsen, Treasurer; Nancy Torchio, Financial Secretary; Suri Lan Brown, Recording Secretary; Elaine Goldman, Corresponding Secretary; Elizabeth Adams, Caren Demel and Gordon Henry, Members at Large; Adrienne Greenberg, Sisterhood President; Men's Club President TBD; Immediate Past President, Judith K. Weiner (nonvoting) and Rabbi Gadi Capela (nonvoting).

## **CAST Invitation Thanks Our Shul For ParentChild+ Program Support**

Among the graduation ceremonies that took place in June is one of noteworthy interest to our shul. On Wednesday, June 14, North Fork ParentChild+ held a ceremony that paid tribute to the families that had signed on to the program that, among other benefits, introduces literacy to the families and helps to prepare children for success in school.

The invitation to the ceremony named and included the logo of Congregation Tifereth Israel as one of five sponsors of the program, offered by CAST.

The ParentChild+ program was originally brought to the attention of the shul's board of directors by the Tikkun Olam Initiative group, which supports many CAST activities, including the fall School Supplies Drive, the Personal Care Items Drive, and donations of vegetables from two Common Ground Garden beds that are maintained by the group. This year, the TOI, on behalf of the shul, donated \$1,100 to the ParentChild+ program.



## Shavuot Events Included Services, A Special Oneg, Planting A Pear Tree *Charles Bogen Remembered; Ann Hurwitz Saluted On Her 90th*



Our shul ushered in the holiday of Shavuot on Thursday, May 25, with a gathering in Andrew Levin Park, where Ann Hurwitz's grandson, Andrew, acknowledged his grandmother's 90th birthday by planting a pear tree in her honor. Nestled near the southern property line of the park, where good soil and plenty of sunshine will nourish the tree, just as "my grandmother has nourished children's thirst for knowledge," he said of the shul's chair of the Education



Committee. A plaque installed at the site reads: In honor of Ann Hurwitz's 90th birthday, this tree symbolizes a lifetime commitment to nourishing young minds. From the

many classrooms to our synagogue, her dedication to learning has impacted beyond measure.

Participants in the traditional Shavuot all-night (maybe not ALL night) learning that followed in the social hall were treated to cheese cake, ice cream and talks by Ann's grandson, shul member Chuck Simon, and Rabbi Gadi.

Services continued in the sanctuary Friday morning and also Friday evening followed by an Oneg Shabbat hosted by Nancy Torchio to observe the first yahrzeit of her father, Charles Bogen. It was the also the first Oneg held at the shul since the onset of Covid, and the social get-together was appreciated by all. Services continued Saturday morning, May 27, including Yizkor. Photos AGreenberg and SMBloom

## "Whiskey" Players Score Big Hit With Shul Audience And Guests



"We Call It Whiskey," a one-act comedy by shul member Chuck Simon, scored a big hit with the shul crowd and guests — online and in-person — when the play was performed in the community room on Sunday, June 11. From opening lines to the final "Lechayim," it was a fun and talent-filled afternoon. Cast: top row, from left, Stephen Meshover, producer-director-playwright-actor Chuck Simon, Helaine Teperman; middle row, from left, Andrea Blaga, Adrienne Greenberg, Ron Rothman; bottom row, Tom Byrne and Rosa Lee Emerson. And thanks to Chuck Simon for stepping in as actor for a cast member suddenly called away.

SMBloom screen shot

## At May 2023 Meeting, Board of Directors Approves Raise In Annual Dues

Shul president Judith K. Weiner announced to the congregation at its June 11, 2023 meeting that the Board of Directors had approved an increase in annual synagogue dues at its May meeting. She pointed out that the raise was a modest 17%, which translates to \$650 for a single membership, up from \$550, and \$1,000 for a family membership, up from \$850.

The president informed the congregation that synagogue dues had not been adjusted since August 2013. In the face of rising costs and elimination of the virtual journal and accompanying virtual silent auction in the coming year, the shul's Fundraising Committee — Sara Bloom, Caren Demel, Elaine Goldman and Chuck Simon — had recommended a 28% increase to offset a possible shortfall in revenue; however, after protracted discussion, the Board of Directors modified the committee's recommendation.

The new rates will be effective when dues notices are mailed for the year beginning January 2024.

## Oneg Shabbat Get-Togethers Are Finally Returning; Volunteers Anyone?

Ah, remember the refreshments and socializing of yore — before COVID and before security threats kept the shul closed and locked, and before Shabbat services were offered online-only? So nice, so pleasant, so agreeable. With an A for effort, the shul has tried to re-create that amiability with a plate of cookies in the sanctuary. Alas, not the same thing...

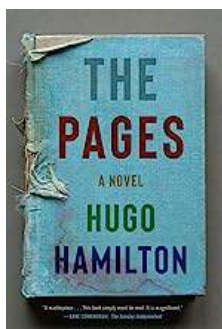
Well, that all changed on Friday, May 26, when shul member Nancy Torchio sponsored an Oneg Shabbat to honor her father, Charles Bogen, on his first *yahrzeit*. We had cake and fruit and candy and nuts, and it wasn't hard to do, Nancy told the Board of Directors at the June 11 meeting, calling for others in the shul family to sponsor onegs for "whatever reason," she said — to honor occasions or people special to the hosts, or just because... In a heartbeat, right there at the meeting, board member Suri Lan Brown stepped up and volunteered to sponsor and prepare an oneg on Friday, June 30.

### What we decided...

So, stepping ahead lightly, we've decided to celebrate the first Friday of every month with an Oneg Shabbat following the evening service. So please plan on participating in-person on Friday, June 30, with Suri as our host (yes, we know, a day ahead), and again on Friday, August 4, with an oneg sponsored by Elaine Goldman, who volunteered a few days after the board meeting. Reminders will appear on the first Friday Shabbat Shalom messages.

*Shofar* readers: Maybe it's your turn to help us return to the days of noshing and socializing after Shabbat services. To volunteer, please call the shul at 631-477-0232 or email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Adrienne Greenberg, indicating which First Friday you will host. Many thanks.

## The Book Circle Delves Into The Past To Connect With The Present



The shul's Book Circle group has chosen to delve into the pages of Hugo Hamilton's book, *The Pages*, for the July selection, to be discussed at the meeting on Thursday, July 27, at 3 p.m., in the shul's community room.

The deckle edges of the novel itself suggest the way into the past — Germany under the Nazi regime — with clues from that history leading to a present day mystery. It is a sweeping narrative of survival, chance, and the joys and struggles of love played against a backdrop of censorship, oppression and violence. It's a smashingly good story, critics rave, that brings a new audience to an acclaimed writer.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss books by Jewish writers and/or topics of Jewish interest. For more information, email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, leader of the group.



## GHS Students Pen Thank-You Letters For Sponsoring Museum Trip



A stack of thank-you letters from Greenport High School students arrived at the shul recently. The students had visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City as the culmination of their social studies unit on the Holocaust, and donations to our shul's Yellow Candle Project had largely financed the cost of the buses to transport 80 students to the museum.

Four of the students Zoomed into a Shabbat service in May and talked about the Holocaust learning unit as a "profound experience." The thank-you letters from many more of the museum visitors confirm

that the Holocaust study was for many of the students a personal journey as well as a history lesson.

Excerpts from letters to shul member Charles Simon, Rabbi Gadi, and the Congregation:

- The artifacts showcased were a grim reminder of the victims. Vinn
- It is important to remember those who suffered. Jhalia
- The trip was moving and powerful, and something I could never forget. Jayda
- This experience will be with me forever. John
- You allowed us to understand the depth of this event. Nyah
- It was an honor to meet a Holocaust survivor. Luis
- I was moved by everything in the museum. It really changed my life. Jaclyn
- I learned so much about the Jewish heritage. Aly
- Speaking to a survivor made me think that these terrible things didn't happen so long ago. John
- Thank you for information about the hardships the Nazi prisoners had experienced. Angelina
- Being able to see the artifacts, we got a better understanding of the tragedy. Jenna and Maddie
- I hope nobody has to suffer as they had to suffer. Jaquelin
- I would encourage other young people to visit because it was an amazing experience. Mildred

## Judaism And Art Group Launches Studio Tours Of Member Artists

*Visit The Studio Of Judith K. Weiner on Sunday, July 23, from 1-4 p.m.*

The Judaism and Art Group, sponsors of the Art Show currently mounted in the shul's community room, is offering the Congregation opportunities to see the studios where member artists create their work.

Coming up on Sunday afternoon, July 23, from 1 to 4, is an intimate tour of the setting that inspires the abstract concepts of shul member Judith K. Weiner. Visitors will view an historical evolution of the artist's work from the paintings and drawings of the 1960s, through ceramic sculpture constructions, to current works in progress.

Trained as a painter and sculptor at MOMA, the Art Students League, Boston University's School of Fine and Applied Arts, New York University, and the New York Institute of Technology, Judith builds her images sequentially, working in two- and three-dimensional multiples. A selection of her work can be seen on Instagram @judithkaufmanweiner and at [jkweiner.com](http://jkweiner.com)

The artist, whose oeuvre includes painting, drawing, sculpture and experimental studies in new materials, was recently featured on the Instagram account of Long Island's Heckscher Museum. She has been featured and is represented by the Ilon Art Gallery in historic Harlem, shown at VSOP, and is preparing a solo show in Locust Valley, NY.

The initial J&A Studio Tour invited members-only to view Saul Rosenstreich's work, which was displayed throughout the artist's home. Visitors found the art mounted in-place offered a progression of ideas from early studies to more complex renderings that revealed the artist's creative process.

The event at Judith K. Weiner's studio invites the congregation to enjoy the immersive experience with a wine and cheese reception.

## June 2023 At The Shul: A Photo Montage

### *The Little Engine That Could*

We're all familiar with the popular children's story about the little engine that was able to do more than expected. Over here at *Shofar* headquarters, we've heard that phrase applied to our shul — that one and also the one that says “small, but mighty.” There might be something to the perception that small means diminished expectations, but as the photos on this page illustrate (as well as those sprinkled throughout this issue), the goings-on at our shul and beyond — just in the past month — disprove those ideas.



Rabbi Gadi and Ellen Buchbinder at the 75th anniversary Israel Day Parade in New York City. Judith Weiner surrenders her key to the building to incoming president Sara Bloom.



The “Joyfully Jewish” summer program will be held in this welcoming space for young people that was arranged and accoutered by Rabbi Gadi and program teacher Dawn Teyuca and her son, Isaac.

Photos by Rabbi Gadi and SMBloom



## It Was “...A Very Jewish Tony Awards,” According To *The Forward*



Writing for *The Forward*, Benjamin Cohen declared “...It was “a very Jewish Tony Awards” on June 11, with antisemitism-themed shows big winners. “Leopoldstadt,” about a Viennese family decimated by the Holocaust won best play; and “Parade,” about the real-life lynching of Jewish businessman Leo Frank, won for best musical revival. Other Jewish winners were

Brandon Uranowitz (best actor) for his role in “Leopoldstadt”; Alfred Uhry (writer “Parade,” best musical revival); Michael Arden (best director, “Parade”); Miriam Silverman (best featured actress, “The Sign in Sidney Brustein’s Window”); Jeanine Tesori (composer, “Kimberly Akimbo”); Joel Gray and John Kander (lifetime achievement); Beowulf Boritt (set design, “New York, New York”); Charlie Rosen (orchestrations “Some Like it Hot”).

Photo/Getty: “Parade” cast/creative team

## Biden Administration Unveils First-Ever U.S. Plan To Fight Antisemitism

The Biden administration has released the country’s first-ever national strategy to combat antisemitism, calling on government, law enforcement and schools to stanch the spread of online hate.

Last year, the Anti-Defamation League reported 3,697 incidents of antisemitic assault, harassment and vandalism in the United States. The figure, a 36 percent increase over 2021, is the largest number of incidents against Jews in the United States since the organization began its assessments in 1979.

The new strategy was developed in consultation with some 1,000 federal and local officials, faith leaders and civil society groups, and contains more than 100 recommendations for the federal government to take in the next year.

The actions include workshops to counteract bias in hiring and the workplace, enhanced Holocaust education programs, and an effort to eliminate barriers to reporting potential hate crimes. The strategy sets a November deadline for the Pentagon to assess antisemitic and Islamophobic behavior in the military.

## Inspired By Holocaust Restitution, Met Will Study Provenance Of Objects

With Holocaust restitution having paved the way, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City is exploring the provenance of items in its collections in search of looted art.

The move to return art, particularly art stolen by the Nazis during WWII, acknowledges controversy in recent years over the acquisitions processes that bring valuable artifacts from across the globe into collections here in the United States. In the past few years, the Met has returned objects to Nepal, India and Egypt, most stemming from Jews fighting to reclaim art stolen from them by the Nazis.

## Auschwitz Museum To Conserve 8,000 Shoes of Children Murdered There



In a modern conservation laboratory on the grounds of the former Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, a man wearing blue rubber gloves uses a scalpel to scrape away rust from the eyelets of small brown shoes worn by children before they were murdered in gas chambers there. Colleagues at the other end of a long worktable rub away dust and grime, using soft cloths on the leather of the fragile objects. The work is part of a two-year effort launched last month to preserve 8,000 children's shoes, remnants of the deaths of 1.1 million people during WWII, most of them Jews.

Today, the camp is a memorial and museum managed by the Polish state. The Germans destroyed evidence of their

atrocities at Treblinka and other camps, but they failed to do so entirely at the enormous Auschwitz site as they fled the approaching Soviet forces toward the war's end.

Eight decades later, evidence is fading under the pressure of time. But more than 100,000 shoes of victims remain. Many are warped, their original colors fading, shoe laces disintegrated, yet they endure as testament s of lives brutally cut short.

"Children's shoes are the most moving objects for me," said Miroslaw Maciaszezyk, a conservation specialist from the museum's conservation laboratories. He said that he and the other conservation workers never lose sight of the human tragedy behind the shoes. Sometimes they are overcome by emotion and need breaks.

## Sackler Family To Pay \$6 Billion For Protections Against Opioid Liability

The Sackler family will pay out \$6 billion to fight the ongoing opioid epidemic and also give up control of their company, Purdue Pharma in exchange for protection from current and future civil lawsuits against its opioid business, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled on May 30.

Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, and its owners, the Sackler family, are facing hundreds of lawsuits across the country for the company's alleged role in the opioid epidemic that has killed more than 200,000 Americans over the past 20 years. Purdue created and sold the highly addictive painkiller beginning in the 1990s. Purdue and the family have been accused of knowingly misleading consumers about the drug's addictive properties.

As part of the current settlement, Purdue will be restructured into Knoa Pharma, which will be overseen by a public board and manufacture medications for addiction reversal and treatment, as well as continue to produce drugs, including OxyContin. The company's profits — in addition to the \$6 billion — will go toward fighting the opioid crisis.

## Gunman In Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Guilty Of All 63 Charges

Robert Bowers, the gunman who killed 11 worshippers at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue on Oct. 27, 2018, was convicted by a federal jury of all 63 charges against him. Bowers now faces the possibility of the death sentence at the hands of the same jury for the deadliest attack ever on Jewish people in the U.S.

Bowers was convicted of 11 capital counts of obstruction of free exercise of religious beliefs resulting in death, and 11 capital accounts of use of a firearm to commit murder during and in relation to a crime of violence, among other charges, including 11 counts of hate crimes resulting in death.

The penalty phase is scheduled to begin on June 26.



## Golda Meir Biopic Opens Jerusalem Film Festival; U.S. Release Aug. 25



“Golda,” a film by Israeli director Guy Nattiv, will open the Jerusalem Film Festival on July 13, and will run for 10 days. The film follows Israel’s first woman prime minister during the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

British actress Helen Mirren stars as Golda Meir. Co-starring is Jewish-American actor Lieb Shreiber as U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The film is to be released in the United States on August

25, and is scheduled to be streamed on Netflix, Amazon Prime and other platforms.

The selection of Helen Mirren, who is not Jewish, for the role drew some criticism. In February, when the film premiered at the Berlin Film Festival, Nattiv answered a question from a journalist regarding his choice to cast a non-Jewish actress for the role. “I can tell you,” he said, “when I met Helen, I felt like I was meeting a family member, an aunt...a Jewish person. For me, she had the Jewish chops to play Golda.”

Photo: Haaretz

## German Panel Recommends Return of Kandinsky Work To Jewish Heirs



The German government’s advisory panel on Nazi-looted art has recommended that a vibrant tempera painting by Wassily Kandinsky be returned to the heirs of a Jewish family who suffered persecution under the Nazis in the Netherlands during WWII.

The painting, “Colorful Life,” was part of an extensive art collection belonging to Emanuel Albert Lewenstein. It is thought to have been on loan from the family to the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam when the Germans invaded the Netherlands in 1940. Since 1972, it has been hanging in the Städtische Galerie in Lenbachhaus in Munich.

In 2021, the Lewenstein heirs recovered another Kandinsky work, “Painting With Houses,” which ended a bitter dispute between the heirs and the city of Amsterdam.

## Hampton Synagogue and AIPAC Invite CTI Members To July 14 Event

The Hampton Synagogue and AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) are inviting interested members of our shul to attend a dinner with U.S. Rep Ritchie Torres (D-NY 15th CD) in conversation with David Sterling, a member of the AIPAC National Board. The event will be held on Friday, July 14, from 8:15 to 10 p.m., at the synagogue in Westhampton Beach.

Rep. Ritchie Torres served on the New York City Council from 2014-2020, and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2020. According to biographical information provided by the sponsors, he has bipartisan support as a pro-Israel leader. He describes his commitment as pro-Israel “because of progressive values, not despite them.”

Those interested in attending the dinner at \$75 per person can RSVP in advance to [reception@thehamptonsynagogue.org](mailto:reception@thehamptonsynagogue.org) or call 631-288-0534, ext.10.

[The policies of the sponsoring organization do not necessarily represent the views of members of Congregation Tifereth Israel or this publication.]

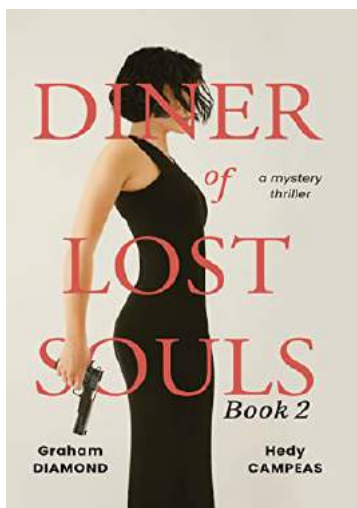
## And Just At Deadline, These Briefs...

- The National Portrait Gallery at the Smithsonian has added a picture of Rabbi Sally Priesand, who became the first female rabbi in the United States when she was ordained in 1972. Her portrait will hang alongside portraits of Beyoncé and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

- Swastika Lake to be renamed: The lake, located in a national forest in Wyoming, was named early in the 20th century, before the Nazi Party appropriated the symbol. But Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots and the philanthropist behind the StopAntisemitism campaign, noted in his appeal to change the name that “it has unfortunately become synonymous with one of the greatest atrocities in human history.” A county commissioner had wanted to keep the name as a “teaching opportunity,” but was overruled in a 2-1 vote to rename the lake in honor of Samuel Knight, a professor and dinosaur enthusiast who was known as Mr. Geology of Wyoming.

## • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

### *Graham Diamond and Hedy Campeas*



Published this month and appearing on the Amazon website is *Diner of Lost Souls*, the second book in the series penned by shul members Graham Diamond and Hedy Campeas.

The mystery thriller features sleuth Cora Drakos, who owns the renowned Athena diner, from which she initiates an investigation into a death — a murder? — where the facts are elusive and the danger escalating. Multiple suspects present a trail of deception that put Cora’s own life in danger.

The first book in the series introduced Cora Drakos and left readers eager for more from this writing duo and their dynamics-from-the-diner concept.

*Diner of Lost Souls*, books 1 and 2, are available on Amazon, Amazon Kindle, and from local bookstores.

## ***Melissa Rivers***

According to an article in *The New York Times*, Melissa Rivers, daughter of the late Joan Rivers, is donating her mother's extensive collection of jokes to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY, where the jokes will be accessible to all.

Melissa Rivers told *The Times* that the Smithsonian Institution had been interested in the collection, but said it would not be on permanent display. She said her mind instantly went to the final shot of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" in which the golden Ark of the Covenant is locked inside a crate and placed in a vast warehouse with hundreds of other crates. She said she didn't want to see that happen.

The museum is planning an interactive exhibition that will center on the comedian's catalogue of jokes from the 1950s to 2015, and will also include clothing, jewelry and photos from her life.

## ***Rabbi Tamara R. Cohen, Allison Cook, Nicole Nash***

The Covenant Foundation, a Jewish education-focused group, awarded its annual prizes this week to three educators: Rabbi Tamara R. Cohen, Allison Cook and Nicole Nash. Each of the prize recipients will receive \$50,000; the institutions where they work will receive \$10,000.

Rabbi Cohen is chief program officer at the Moving Traditions Jewish youth group, based in Philadelphia. Allison Cook is the founder and co-director of the Pedagogy of Partnership in Cambridge, MA. Nicole Nash is head of the Hannah Senesh Community Day School in Brooklyn.

The awards honor "three exemplary Jewish educators who are each meeting a complex moment in Jewish communal history with a powerful blend of courage, commitment, and compassion," according to the foundation, which is a program of the Crown Family Philanthropies. The foundation "elevates the work of Jewish educators and highlights their invaluable contributions to the community and the field," the foundation said in a statement.

## **• OBITUARIES •**

### ***Amitai Etzioni***

Amitai Etzioni, the Israeli-American sociologist who drew wide attention as well as derision by fathering the Communitarian movement, a vision of society in which people care less about their own rights than about one another and the common good, died on May 30 at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 94.

Barely a decade after landing in America, having fled Nazi Germany with his parents, he was writing books, articles and provocative commentaries on the nuclear arms race, European security, the Vietnam War, America's racial and educational problems, energy and inflation policies, and even popular worries over pornography, student unrest, and topics ranging from sex therapy to Hollywood hoopla.

But of all his pursuits, none hit home with greater force than "communitarianism," which he named, interpreted and promoted for two decades. Though the idea seemed simple, its implications spread out in all directions. Individual liberty and equality were the foundations, he said, but these depended on the good character of people who willingly embraced the responsibilities of citizenship.

Communitarian ideas have had a modest revival in recent years in some intellectual circles, but Mr. Etzioni expressed concern that the school of thought was being largely ignored. "Despite my confidence that the message I have hammered out would do the world a lot of good," he said, "no one seems to be listening."

## ***Robert Gottlieb***

Robert Gottlieb, an illustrious editor at Simon & Schuster, Alfred A. Knopf and *The New Yorker*, who shaped a library of novels, nonfiction books and magazine articles by acclaimed writers from the middle to the late 20th century, died on June 14 in Manhattan. He was 92.

Mr. Gottlieb edited novels by, among many others, John le Carré, Toni Morrison, John Cheever, Joseph Heller, Doris Lessing and Chaim Potok; science fiction by Michael Crichton and Ray Bradbury; histories by Antonia Fraser and Barbara Tuchman; memoirs by former President Bill Clinton and *Washington Post* publisher Katharine Graham; and works by Jessica Mitford and Anthony Burgess.

In addition to a memoir, Mr. Gottlieb wrote biographies of the actress Sarah Bernhardt and the choreographer George Balanchine, a book on the children of Charles Dickens, and articles for *The New York Review of Books* and many other publications.

## ***Robert J. Zimmer***

Robert J. Zimmer, a mathematician who as president of the University of Chicago championed diversity in the recruitment of students and by protecting free expression on campus, died on May 23 at his home in Chicago. He was 75.

Mr. Zimmer, who presided over the university from 2006 to 2021, was instrumental in shepherding what became known as the Chicago Principles, a set of guidelines recommended by the Committee on Free Expression. “Concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used as a justification for closing off discussion of ideas, however offensive or disagreeable those ideas may be to some members of our community,” the faculty committee concluded.

Mr. Zimmer balked at the notion that unfettered free speech would jeopardize the cause of inclusion. “Inclusion into what?” Mr. Zimmer had wondered in a speech delivered in 2017. “An inferior and less challenging education? One that fails to prepare students for the challenge of different ideas and the evaluation of their own assumptions? A world in which their feelings take precedence over other matters that need to be confronted?”

For Mr. Zimmer, “that kind of education wouldn’t count,” *The New York Times* said.

## ***Thomas Buergenthal***

Judge Thomas Buergenthal, who said his survival in a Nazi death camp when he was 10 years old had equipped him to become a human rights lawyer and venerable judge on the World Court, died on May 29 at his home in Miami. He was 89.

After the war, he settled in the United States, and was nominated by Costa Rica for a judgeship on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, from 1979 to 1991 and was its president from 1989 to 1994. He wrote foundational books on international law; was president of the American Bar Association’s Human Rights Committee from 1972 to 1974; dean of Washington College of Law of American University from 1980 to 1985; held endowed professorships at the University of Texas, SUNY Buffalo and Emory University, where he was also director of the Human Rights Program of the Carter Center.

Judge Buergenthal served on the United Nations Truth Commission on El Salvador in 1992, was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and the Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee, and was vice chairman of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts, which returned funds to Holocaust victims from bank accounts that had been seized by the Nazis.



## ***Franz Leichter***

Franz S. Leichter, a New York State legislator for three decades, whose progressive views on abortion, gay unions and the decriminalization of marijuana became law here, died on June 11 in Manhattan, at 92.

First as an assemblyman and then as a state senator representing the Upper West Side, Mr. Leichter was regarded as one of the Legislature's staunchest liberals. For him, that was a badge of honor, rooted in a deep sense of injustice imbued in him during his childhood in Nazi-controlled Vienna and as a young, motherless Jewish refugee in New York. His mother, Kathe Leichter, a leading Austrian sociologist who had pressed for equal pay and job opportunities for women, was imprisoned in Nazi Germany's Ravensbrück concentration camp and killed in 1942.

Parks were a particular passion of Mr. Leichter's. He co-wrote legislation that transformed four miles of derelict and rotting piers below West 59th Street in Manhattan into the strips of greenery and concrete piers that compose Hudson River Park. He was also a leading advocate for building a 10-block-long park atop a water treatment plant on the Hudson River, now called Riverbank State Park. Both are among his most revered achievements.

## ***Rick Wolff***

"Rick Wolff's résumé is about as long as a Major League roster, his disparate professions inked by an adoration of sports and a fascination with sports psychology," *The New York Times* said. He was a professional baseball player, a college baseball coach, an author of books about sports psychology, and an editor and publisher of books by athletes.

In the early 1990s, he became the psychological coach for the Cleveland baseball team now known as the Guardians, helping them rise from the American League basement to perennial pennant contenders. And for 25 years, he was the host of "The Sports Edge," a show on the New York sports station WFAN dedicated to helping families navigate the increasingly competitive world of youth sports.

Rick Wolff died on April 10 at his home in Armonk, NY. He was 71.

## ***Neville Sassienie***

Neville Sassienie spent his life moving between worlds, as an environmental activist, a seeker of spiritual truth, and a leader in the Jewish community. He died on June 15 in a village near London. He was 91.

An accountant by profession, his interest in personal development led him to become involved in the Landmark Forum, an organization offering training in personal and professional growth. Eventually, he became aware that "personal spirituality and collective social and environmental transformation went hand in hand," *The Guardian* said.

He was active in the Jewish Board of Deputies and fought to raise awareness in the Jewish community of the need to care for the environment, leading to the launch in 2007 of the Big Green Jewish Website, which was a major influence in addressing the issue he cared so passionately about.

## ***Sir Ben Helfgott***

Sir Ben Helfgott, one of only two Holocaust survivors to compete in the Olympics, survived Buchenwald and went on to become a sporting legend. He died on June 16 in Britain. He was 93.

He was captain of the British weightlifting team at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956 and in Rome in 1960. During the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff (1958), the survivor of the Buchenwald camp won a bronze medal and three gold medals in the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

## ***Lisl Steiner***

Lisl Steiner, an Austrian-born American photographer, photojournalist, and documentary filmmaker, died June 7 in Pound Ridge, NY. She was 95.

Steiner was born to a Jewish family in Vienna in 1927. Shortly after Adolf Hitler annexed Austria, she and her family emigrated to Buenos Aires. In her 20s, she began working in documentary film, and helped produce some 50 documentaries for the foreign ministry of Argentina. Later, she went to work for a Brazilian magazine, undertaking photo assignments around Latin America. In 1960, she moved to New York and began freelancing for *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Life* and the Associated Press. She photographed Fidel Castro during a famous visit to the United Nations. Other famous subjects included Henri Cartier-Bresson, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and the state funeral of John F. Kennedy.

In 2000, the Leica Gallery in Manhattan held a retrospective of her work.

## ***Haim Roet***

Haim Roet, who survived the Holocaust by hiding in a Dutch village, came up with the powerful idea to memorialize Jewish victims of the Nazis by intoning their names, died on May 22 at his home in Jerusalem. He was 90.

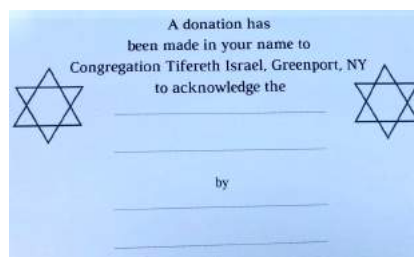
Mr. Roet worked to spread the idea, and during the early 2000's Yad Vashem and the Knesset made reading the names of victims an integral part of ceremonies on Yom HaShoah.

"It is so important to gather the names," Mr. Roet said in a video made by Yad Vashem, "so they don't remain anonymous, and that each one of them will be remembered, and have a certain place — if not in a physical grave, at least a grave within our memory and the memory of the Jewish people."

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



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Please mail your donation to the Sisterhood, P.O. Box 659, Greenport, NY, 11944, or go to the shul's website ([www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org](http://www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org)) to pay with a credit card.

## **Anniversaries in July**

3: Michael and Lorene Solomon

22: Jack Weiskott and Roberta Garris

## **Birthdays in July**

3: Vika Bloom  
4: Theo Weiskott; Joseph Brittman  
7: Bonnie Chodosh  
8: Jason Garmise; Leah Kaplan-Melone  
11: Hedy Campeas  
14: Jason Clauss; JoannaPaulsen  
21: Jared Brittman  
25: Stephen Brumberg  
30: Jake Teperman

Please share your celebrations with the shul family. Forward the month and day of your birthdays and anniversaries, and those of your immediate family, to Sara Bloom at [sbblazer@hotmail.com/](mailto:sbblazer@hotmail.com/).

## **Yahrzeits in July**

1: Pearl Shulman  
2: Nathan Bush; Theodore Garriss  
3: Miriam Finkelstein; Hugo Kessler  
4: Leah Schottland  
6: Gertrude Blaustein; Susan Millman  
7: Jacob Friedmann; Raymond G. Wells  
8: Sarah Etta Cohen; Michael Krepon; Edward C. Weinrib  
9: Rebecca Ballen; Sandra Goldberg Bernstein; Charles Laurie  
10: Frieda Greenberg; Jean Nissenfeld  
11: Emma R. Levin  
13: Ann Rachel Arm  
14: Margaret Stewart Katzenberg; Ruth Lichter  
19: Louis Diamond  
20: Roanne Frankel  
23: Lee Linnick  
24: Bella Carasso; Agnes Ehrenreich; Isidore Handler  
25: Louis Dornfield  
26: Elza Borakas  
27: Joseph Farber; David Goldstein; Solomon Wechsler  
28: Andrew Zalman Levin; David Sausmer  
30: Vera Black; Rose Elsky; Harry L. Karp  
31: Ruben Feinman; Anne Finkelstein; Edward Kaplan

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Paul Birman  
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## • MONEY MATTERS •

### Donations in June

Daniel and Nancy Torchio  
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Ann Hurwitz  
Laura Short  
Eva Minsteris  
Carol Seigel  
Philip and Elaine Goldman

### 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](mailto: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 •

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Nonmembers</u></b>
Lifecycle Event*	\$1,000	\$2,000
Sanctuary Only	\$500	\$1,000
<b><u>Commemoratives</u></b>		
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](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.org) with a message for Elizabeth Adams.

\*\* Seat plates are for current members or to honor deceased members.

### **Membership Per Year (Revised June 2023)**

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