

The Shofar

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The Month of Tishrei

Tishrei, the first month of the Jewish year, is filled with meaningful days of observance and celebration. In this month, we recognize Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Hoshana Rabba. Each one is filled with its own customs and rituals. Some days are serious, times set aside for reflection and soul-searching. Some days are joyous, full of happy and cheerful celebration. But all the days throughout the month of Tishrei are opportunities to connect, to be inspired, and to become more fulfilled and in-tune with our true inner selves. Tishrei is considered the head of the year, the reservoir from which we draw our strength and inspiration throughout the year ahead.

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9: Selichot Service, 7:30-9 p.m.

(Complete High Holiday calendar on p. 4)

Shul Events

Friday, September 1: First Friday Oneg Shabbat, hosted by Francis DuBois and Paul Jeselsohn

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Ritual Committee, 10 a.m.; Pastoral at 11 a.m.; on Zoom (Note: new day)

Sunday, Sept. 10: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom (Note: 2nd Sunday in September, not 3rd)

Thursday, Sept. 21: Book Circle, 3:30 p.m., community room

Lighting Shabbat Candles in September

Sept. 1: 7:10. Sept. 8: 6:59 Sept. 15: 6:47. Sept. 22: 6:35. Sept. 29: 6:23

Dates To Remember

Monday, Sept 4: Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 11: Patriot Day (National Day of Service and Remembrance)

Saturday, Sept. 23: The autumnal equinox (day and night of equal length; arrives at 2:49 a.m.)

Deadline for the October 2023 issue of *The Shofar*: September 20

From The Rabbi...



“The Yarmulke of the World”

On the third day of my trip to Alaska, I was on my way to the Arctic Circle with a Jewish Alaskan, one of the so-called “Frozen Chosen.” Looking at earth as a human head, the Arctic Circle would be its Yarmulke (kippa). The land within the Arctic Circle includes eight countries: United States, Russia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark (Greenland), and Iceland — countries that may disagree yet, like the human head, opposing ideas coexist under that yarmulke. I prayed for world peace.

As we enter our kippah period — Yom Kippur stems from the word kippa, a shield that covers us and protects us — how should we look at the kippah, physically and metaphorically? This discussion has been going on since Biblical times, through Hellenism, and to our days. Should we look at a kippah as a custom that developed in the last few hundred years, an external sign not considered central to our identity? We are commanded in the Bible to wear the fringes of the Tzitzit outwardly. The midrash tells us that God saved us from Egypt because we kept our external signs, such as our names, clothing and language.

Modern Zionism, with its many positive and remarkable achievements, has taught us and the world, as was Herzl’s philosophy, that Jews no longer need any external signs. Fifty years after the Yom Kippur War, we are still debating the place of the Yarmulke in our lives, struggling to put it on. The six-day war was when we took the yarmulke off — thinking and attributing all our victories to our own doing.

It may sound surprising to many people, but the bottom line in Israel’s current judicial reform disagreement is about the Yarmulke. Between religious and secular — secular Kaplan Street in Tel Aviv vs. religious Kaplan Street in Jerusalem. No doubt, many overlapping issues are in play — clashes of the classes, Ashkenazim vs. Sefaradim, yes Bibi vs. no Bibi, basic laws vs. a constitution. We can keep debating until the sun sets over/in/on Alaska... But in the end, it’s about the Yarmulke. Who is our ultimate authority? (You can listen on YouTube to a lecture I gave about the Judicial reform controversy in Israel.)

When Israel’s President, Isaac Herzog, gave his speech in front of a joint session of the U.S. Congress, I was happy and proud. I had a few misgivings but ultimately, it’s always a good thing when an Israeli figure is invited to do so by both sides of the aisle. Herzog spoke about the Jewish legacy of millennia and its inseparable connection to its holy land. He also spoke about his father, who was a previous president of Israel and who spoke in front of Congress 35 years ago. And he mentioned his grandfather, who was the first Chief Rabbi of Israel, and his relationship with President Truman. But at the end, when he was acknowledging the last standing ovation as the non-political representative of the Jewish people, he turned to shake the hands of U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy. His head was uncovered, missing something — a yarmulke — an external sign that keeps the link.

A related and amusing occurrence in our own congregation was revealed when Leah Friedman’s actor son, Paul Ben-Victor, was cast in an episode of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” as a High Holidays ticket scalper outside a big synagogue. On the day of the shooting, Leah suggested to Paul that he wear a Yarmulke in the scene. Paul replied that Larry David hadn’t asked him to wear one. But Leah, in her role as a playwright and as a Jewish mother, insisted. After the filming, Larry David approached Paul and said, “Nice touch.”

I wish everyone a Shana Tova U’mtika, a sweet new year of 5784.

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“A Yom Kippur Favorite”

The other day, my daughter Jenny was looking at a photograph framed and mounted on a wall in my house. “Of all the art you have here, Mom, this is my favorite,” she said. That surprised me. Although I, too, am drawn to the photo, it seems such a trifle when compared to some of the larger pieces placed elsewhere.

I purchased the photograph about 15 years ago, having seen the image published in *The New York Times*. I called the paper and was connected to the photographer, David Gonzalez, who sold me a 7x10 b/w image of “Mott Haven Dancers.” I floated the picture in a simple 16x20 frame, which presents the piece spaciouly. But why is it her favorite? So small. So seemingly dismissible.

People often are asked about favorites. “What’s your favorite song?” “Who’s your favorite writer?” We ask artists to name a favorite painting, memoirists a favorite experience. Some years ago, James Lipton hosted a television show titled “Inside the Actors Studio” — interviews with Broadway’s A-list, always ending with the question: “What’s your favorite word?” Most of them were bleeped, but my favorite response to the favorite-word question came from Paul Newman, who answered, “Lunch.”

So here we are on the cusp of Rosh Hashanah — Tishrei 5784 — and the remaining observances that comprise what we call the High Holidays or High Holy Days. And so I ask readers, “What’s your favorite High Holiday service?” If my hunch is correct, you never saw that coming...

In fact, I have a favorite High Holiday service — a gut response like my daughter’s to a certain photo — and I think about it every year at this time. Indeed, many of the High Holiday services are beautiful and meaningful — the blowing of the shofar a startling reminder of ancient times, the cantor’s chanting of the Kol Nidre prayer a stirring moment. But my favorite — the absolute, unlimited, unconditional, pure moment for me is Ne’ilah. Yes, of course, you say, the last service on the long slog through Yom Kippur with a break-the-fast meal at hand. Plausible explanations to be sure. But not mine.

The Ne’ilah service returns me emotionally to a time long, long ago — to a young Sara, clothed in a party dress and shiny black patent-leather Mary Jane shoes, accompanying her father to the Ne’ilah service at our family’s shul. Year after year, I would look forward to this ritual, from childhood party shoes until I left home for college in a trench coat and penny loafers with no socks. Just the two of us, I and my father, holding hands, mounting the stairs to the sanctuary located on the second floor of Temple B’Nai Israel in the small New Jersey town where I grew up. Unlike the earlier services, when I sat with my mother on the women’s side, this time I sat next to my father, the only girl in a sea of men, to complete the final Yom Kippur ritual. At the time, I didn’t know what the Ne’ilah service was about. What I knew then was that this was a special time set aside for my father and me.

I’ve heard Rabbi Gadi use the expression “shul-ed out” when observances fall one after the other in close progression. I guess that was the case for my mother and brother. But not for me. Not a chance that at my father’s invitation to join him for Ne’ilah would I refuse. There were other times that my father took his daughter when mostly males were invited — a lunch at the Kiwanis Club with all the businessmen, and my father and me; a busload of fans off to Shibe Park in Philadelphia to watch an A’s game, all the fathers and sons, and my father and me.

I hope all of you will come to this year’s Ne’ilah service at our shul. Yes, it’s one more service in a long string of them. It means spiffing up once again, getting to the shul yet another time. It also signifies completion, the close of another Yom Kippur ritual and, spiritually, the close of the Book of Life. I will be there, sadly not with my father at my side. But he will be in my thoughts and in my heart.

—Sara Bloom

Sisterhood president Adrienne Greenberg is planning a break-the-fast supper immediately following the service. It will be the first such Yom Kippur gathering since the Covid risk — a way to observe the holiday and partake joyously in a meal together. Volunteers welcome. Email ctigreenport@gmail.com.

A Message To Each Of Us From Judith...



“The 2023 High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign”

As the High Holidays approach and we come together as a vibrant community in our spiritual home of 125 years, we set aside worldly distractions in repentance and in prayer. We come together to celebrate with our community.

YOU are that community. YOU make our community thrive. YOU are responsible for our success and our vitality.

We need YOU to join our 2023 High Holiday Leadership Donors, who are making this a banner year, surpassing last year's record-breaking donations. The Leadership Donors who are contributing \$10,000 or \$5,000 or \$2,500 or \$1,250 are making it possible for us to match your gift 2:1.

That makes your contribution even more significant this year. So don't rest on assumptions. Every dollar matters. Every contribution makes a difference.

Our shul is our community responsibility. And our success rests with all of us. Your personal investment is an investment in the community and the longevity of our spiritual home for generations to come.

Click here to make your online donation NOW: <https://tiferethisraelgreenport.org/donate/>

YOU can really make a difference. L'Shanah Tovah.

— Judith K. Weiner

Here Is The 5783-84 High Holiday Calendar. A Clip And Save Document

Saturday, Sept. 9	Selichot Service	7:30-9 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15,	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:30-9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16	Rosh Hashanah - Day 1	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Tashlich	1-1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17	Rosh Hashanah - Day 2	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 24,	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	6:30-8 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25	Yom Kippur	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Yizkor	1-1:30 p.m.
	Mincha Service	5:30-6:30 p.m.
	Ne'ilah Service	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Build the Sukkah	10 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 29	Erev Sukkot Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)	7:30- 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 30	Sukkot Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5	Blessing of the Animals	12-1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6,	Hoshana Rabba (with early Shabbat service)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	Shabbat/Shemini Atz/Simchat Tor/Yizkor	9:30-11:30 a.m.
	Rabbi Gadi Capela Cantor Phillip L. Billet	

Cans For CAST

This year, our shul will observe The Fast of Isaiah. As the prophet says in 58:10, “And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noonday.”

When you come to shul on Yom Kippur, perhaps feeling the effects of hunger, think of those who struggle to nourish their families. Bring cans of food and, before you enter the Yom Kippur service, drop them in barrel at the door of the community room, to be donated to CAST to feed the hungry. Let's fill the barrel and fill tummies.

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Happy Holiday of Tu B'Av Inspires Love-ly Lunch and Love Stories



A red and white theme for the holiday of Tu B'Av was reflected in roses, room décor, and apparel as shul members gathered for a "Lunch and Love" event in the community room on Wednesday, August 2. Rabbi Gadi provided a history of the holiday and the occurrences that make it among the happiest on the Jewish calendar.

The kitchen crew, led by Chef Joanna Paulsen, turned out fabulous salads, served with tasty breads, and a platter

of baked goods for dessert. Everyone relayed a love story with photos, tokens and even music.



All agreed that Tu B'Av, a love-ly new concept for our shul, is an idea worth repeating next year. Mark your calendars.

Thanks to all the helpers: Liz Adams, Sara Bloom, Caren and Marc Demel, Miriam Gabriel, Roberta Garris, Veronica Kaliski, Susan Meshover, Joanna Paulsen and Sisterhood president/crew chief Adrianne Greenberg.

Francis DuBois and SMBloom photos

Friendships And Fun Abound In 'Joyfully Jewish' Summer Program

The "Joyfully Jewish" summer program for children ages 5 to 10 wrapped up on Saturday, August 19, the conclusion of a four-session Shabbat morning initiative by Ann Hurwitz, chair of the shul's Education Committee. In addition to learning about Jewishness, the youngsters made new friends and looked forward to being together on the four Saturday mornings.

Dawn Teyuca, an early childhood educational professional, led the program, which focused on experiences that prepared the children to become active participants in Jewish life — holidays and observances, blessings and prayers, stories, the Hebrew language, and togetherness with other Jewish children here on the North Fork.

Clearly one of the highlights for the children was an invitation to participate in the morning's Torah Service. When Rabbi Gadi invited the children to the bimah for an Aliyah, it was a race to see who could get there first. Members and guests in the sanctuary enjoyed sharing the children's enthusiasm. On the bimah, the children clustered around Rabbi Gadi and, with him, recited the blessings before and after the Torah reading.

"Rabbi Gadi, Dawn Teyuca and myself were pleased with the way the program developed and the children's response to it. We were delighted with the children's active engagement both in their special space and in the sanctuary," said Ann Hurwitz.

Parents interested in enrolling their children for next summer's "Joyfully Jewish" program can email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Ann Hurwitz.

Shul's Tikkun Olam Group's 'School Supply Drive' An Enormous Success



This year's "School Supply Drive" for the children of CAST clients was a success beyond anyone's wildest expectation. According to Veronica Kaliski, speaking for the shul's Tikkun Olam group, she had to ask CAST to empty the big red barrel by the kitchen door twice during the campaign, and still school supplies kept coming — pencils, glue sticks, paperclips, notebooks, dividers, rulers, scissors, index cards, markers, pens and backpacks to hold all that stuff. The campaign ended on August 21.

Tikkun Olam had asked shul members to fill the bin to overflowing, not thinking the bin would be filled to overflowing three times. Tikkun Olam thanks all contributors for helping kids get a head

start on a successful school year with all the new supplies to inspire them.

Also overflowing are the veggie beds at Common Ground, harvested by Madelyn Rothman, and contributed to CAST.

Shul Offers Membership Windfall For New Families And Individuals

Many people choose to join our shul midway through the year, or even after the High Holidays, which leaves only a few months until dues are due again. Not fair, we said. So here's the deal: Any individual or family joining between now and the end of the year will pay the new rate — \$1,000 for families; \$650 for individuals — for the remainder of this year, but will be paid-up members through 2024. In other words, pay dues for 12 months and get up to 17.

Interested? Know people interested? Email Sara Bloom at citigreenport@gmail.com.

The Shofar joins the congregation in welcoming new members Ronald Rose and family of New York City and Greenport, and Lisa Bardack and Gary Levine of White Plains, NY, and Orient. We look forward to meeting you, and to participating with you in our spiritual, educational and social activities.

'First Friday' Oneg Idea: A Popular Event For Noshing and Schmoozing

Be sure to join us for September's First Friday Oneg Shabbat on Sept. 1. Francis DuBois and Paul Jeselsohn have volunteered to host the noshing and schmoozing after the service.

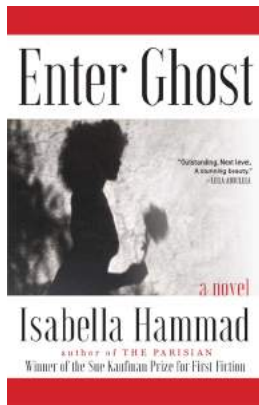
Shul member Nancy Torchio started it all when she offered to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat to honor her father, Charles Bogen, on his first yahrzeit. The promise of socializing in the community room over coffee and cake and other goodies drew an eyepopping turnout to the sanctuary on Friday, May 26, and later in the community room for socializing over refreshments. "We should do this again" was the tone of the evening. So we did...

On June 30, Suri Lan and Rob Brown stepped up to sponsor what was billed as the first of a "First Friday" Oneg Shabbat idea, to be held on the first Friday of every month. Sure enough, another big crowd turned out.

Elaine Goldman sponsored the Oneg Shabbat on Friday, August 4. Members and visitors congregated in the community room after the service, and enjoyed conversation over coffee and tea with platters of pastries and a fruit bowl overflowing with seasonal favorites.

And on Sept. 1, come see and enjoy what Francis and Paul will "cook up."

The Book Circle Selection Renders A View Of Present-Day Palestine



The shul's Book Circle group has chosen a novel focused on Palestine and the competing lives of sisters brought together after many years. Can they relate to each other, to the Palestine both knew as children, and to what is before them as they navigate the history, culture and politics of their homeland?

The Books Circle meets monthly to explore works by Jewish writers and the topics meaningful to Jewish readers.

The current selection, "Enter Ghost" by Isabella Hammad, will be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the group, to be held on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m., in the community room at the shul. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Suzy Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

Wanna Help Our Shul? Busy Weeks Ahead: Volunteers Appreciated

As you browse through the articles in this month's issue of *The Shofar*, you will notice not one but several opportunities to demonstrate your volunteer spirit, to freely give time and labor to a community endeavor, as the official definition is stated. Will you step forward?

- First Friday: Host an Oneg Shabbat on the First Friday of October, November or December.
- Break-the-fast: Help us shop, slice, roll, plate, arrange foods for the break-the-fast meal.
- Greeters: Distribute prayer books and welcome members/guests to our High Holiday services.

Interested? Email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Sara or Adrienne in the subject line.

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The Only Jew In Greenland Says It's Like Living In The 'Garden of Eden'



A picturesque village on the southwestern coast of Greenland, where Erik the Red first arrived more than 1,000 years ago, and where sheep outnumber the town's population 20:1, is the home of Paul Cohen, an American Jew, and his wife Monika, who have lived here for 22 years — and love it. "It's the Garden of Eden in many ways," he

says — “a little spot of civilization surrounded by pristine wilderness, and I have the unique privilege to be able to live and work here.”

He and Monika first visited Greenland as tourists in 1993 and, in spite of skepticism from family and friends who thought their idea of moving there was just “a phase,” they were serious and moved full-time in 2001.

Fluent in four languages — English, French, German and Danish — Cohen, a professional translator, has decoded hundreds of articles from German to English for the English website of *Der Spiegel*, also numerous academic books, and more translation work from Danish to English. He also rents properties to travelers.

There has never been an organized Jewish community in Greenland, other than the U.S. military base at Thule in far northwestern Greenland, where in the 1950s, more than 50 Jewish servicemen were stationed, celebrating Passover seders and Shabbat “at the northernmost minyan in the world,” according to the Danish Center for Holocaust Studies. There have been Jewish scientists, journalists, nurses and other professionals working there, a semi-autonomous territory of the kingdom of Denmark, but most were on short-term assignments.

Cohen says that he and Monika plan to live the rest of their lives there, health permitting. “Sometimes the ice recedes a bit and you find yourself walking on land that hasn’t been exposed for thousands of years,” he said. “There are days when I feel not only like I’m the only Jew in Greenland, but maybe the last person on Earth.”

—Dan Fellner/JTA

Excerpted from the *Jerusalem Post*

[On a personal note, Herbert Michelson, a late uncle of *Shofar* editor Sara Bloom, was a military officer stationed in Thule for several years during the 1950s. He returned home with stories of the region’s great beauty, friendly people, and how much he enjoyed his assignment there. As a young teenager, I couldn’t imagine living there, but now, having read Paul Cohen’s story...]

The Synagogue Trial Is Over, But A New Arrest Has Been Reported



As the trial of the mass killer at the Tree of Life progressed over the summer, another man was blanketing Pittsburgh with hate and threats. He placed Nazi-themed stickers on street signs and playground equipment around the city, and his haste-filled screeds arrived in the email inboxes of local reporters and Jewish organizations. Photos of people who had testified at the trial, including those who had been wounded in the synagogue attack, showed up on an “enemies list” on his website.

On social media, he pledged to track down the jurors at the trial, sought guidance on making ghost guns and pipe bombs, and urged anyone reading his website to follow the example of Robert Bowers, the man who had carried out the synagogue massacre.

A week after Bowers was sentenced to death, federal agents arrested Hardy Carroll Lloyd in Follansbee, WV, a city about 40 miles from the federal courthouse in Pittsburgh. He is charged with three federal criminal counts, including witness tampering and obstruction of justice in connection with a campaign of threats against people involved in the trial.

For much of the last 15 years, Mr. Lloyd was in and out of prison, serving a sentence on gun convictions, authorities said. Multiple times, he was let out, only to be sent back for violating the terms of his release, including urging violence against Jews.

He is to remain in custody pending a hearing and further legal action.

Getty Images

Synagogues In 12 States Are Targeted In Hoax Phone Calls To Police

Hoax phone calls to police departments or suicide hotlines say that a man is considering killing himself and others or that a bomb has been placed in a building. The address given belongs to a synagogue that is livestreaming its services so that the callers can watch in real time as the police interrupt the services and deal with frightened worshippers.

The practice is called swatting, referring to police SWAT teams that generally are dispatched in true life-threatening situations. Dozens of these calls are occurring in states across the country, according to the Anti-Defamation League, including at least five in New York City in a single week in August.

Oren Segal, director of the ADA's Center on Extremism, told *The New York Times* that swatting calls pose a different type of threat than more typical antisemitic acts, such as graffiti or slurs. "It's the thousands of people who are anonymous, that are watching, that are getting excited by what they're seeing and that may be animated to take it to the next level," he said.

Language Project Addresses Endangered Jewish Languages In Iran

Many Jewish languages are endangered, including several from Iran. While most Iranian Jews today speak Persian/Farsi, a small cohort of elderly Jews still speak Judeo-Hamadani, Judeo-Isfahani, Judeo-Kashani, Judeo-Shirzai, Judeo-Yazdi, Jewish Neo-Aramaic. Some of these languages have little or no documentation, and are in danger of disappearing.

The Jewish Language Project is addressing this issue in collaboration with the Endangered Language Alliance, Wikitongues, the Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages, and the Y&S Nazarian Iranian Young Leadership Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.

For more information about the project, visit jewishlanguages.org/.

Yes, Sorry, We're Still Talking About Bradley Cooper's Nose. (Sigh...)

Leonard Bernstein's three children defended actor/director Bradley Cooper after he drew fresh criticism for wearing a large prosthetic nose in his portrayal of the American composer and conductor, who was Jewish, in the coming movie "Maestro." When the makeup was first revealed last year, some questioned the decision by Cooper, who is not Jewish, to play Bernstein, who died in 1990. The debut of a teaser trailer prompted further discussion on social media about both the prosthesis, which critics said played into an antisemitic trope, and about whether an actor who is Jewish would have been a better choice to play Bernstein, the "West Side Story" composer and music director of the New York Philharmonic.

In a series of posts, the Bernstein children said that Cooper had consulted with them, pointing out that their father had a big nose and that the makeup amplified the resemblance.

"Maestro" premieres in September at the Venice Film Festival and in October at the New York Film Festival. A theatrical release in the United States will follow in November before a December debut on Netflix.

JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Fabien Levy

New York City mayor Eric Adams has announced the appointment of Fabien Levy as deputy mayor for communications. As the city's first Persian Jewish deputy mayor, Levy will coordinate communications across all of city government, assuring that city agencies will speak with a unified message to New Yorkers.

"Since I was a kid, I knew it was my responsibility to give back, to help others, and — like the Jewish tenet "tikkun olam" translates — to repair the world," Levy said.

Sarah Bernstein

The writer Sarah Bernstein has been longlisted for the 2023 Booker Prize for her second novel, *Study For Obedience*. The bold and unsettling novel, published in July, explores themes of prejudice, guilt and criminality from the perspective of the unnamed Jewish narrator.

Bernstein, who is Jewish and whose grandparents came from Eastern Europe and who lost family members in the Holocaust, explores the complicated question of where she comes from through the book's narrator.

Born in Montreal, 36-year-old Bernstein lives in the Scottish Highlands, and is a lecturer in modern and contemporary literature at Strathclyde University.

The prestigious Booker Prize recognizes pieces of fiction from around the world. The selection was made from 163 books published between Oct. 1, 2022, and Sept. 30, 2023, which were submitted to the Booker Prize Foundation by publishers.

Brad Mahlof



Brad Mahlof, a kosher chef, showcases his Libyan-Jewish heritage on the PBS show, “The Great American Recipe.” He always thought of cooking as a hobby, but when asked by the producers of the show to be a contestant, he accepted the challenge. “There is basically zero representation of Libyan Jews in the United States, so to have my recipes featured is a great way to show the world how

beautiful our culture and food are,” he said.

While an undergraduate at Brandeis University, he would make Shabbat dinners for his friends. “Just being Jewish makes so many of us home cooks, because we do Shabbat dinner every week. It’s less about the process,” he said. “I like the end result of everyone coming together and enjoying food.”

PBS photo

Robert Bowers

Robert Bowers, the gunman who stormed a synagogue in the heart of Pittsburgh’s Jewish community and killed 11 worshippers will be sentenced to death for perpetrating the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, as jury decided on August 2.

Bowers spewed hatred of Jews and espoused white supremacist beliefs online before methodically planning and carrying out the 2018 massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue, where members of three congregations had gathered for Shabbat services and study. Bowers also wounded two worshippers and five responding police officers.

The same federal jury that convicted Bowers on 63 criminal counts recommended that he be put to death for an attack whose impacts continue to reverberate nearly five years later. Reportedly, he showed little reaction as the sentence was announced, briefly acknowledging his legal team and family as he was led from the courtroom.

David Eldar

David Eldar, a 27-year-old Scrabble player from Melbourne, Australia, last month beat players from 26 countries in a competition held in Nottingham, England, to take the title World Scrabble Champion. He won the title from Sri-Lankan-born Harshan Lamabadusurilya 3-0 in the best of five finals.

The winning game featured such words as asinicos, obvs and troelies, but the winning word was “carrels,” which gave Eldar 74 points, based on placement and honors, and about \$10,000 in prize money. He told *The Australian Jewish News* that the most memorable word he ever laid down, not from that match, was badminton, a nine-letter word and a rare feat in the game.

James Snyder

James Snyder, executive chairman of the Jerusalem Foundation and the former director of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, has been named director of New York’s Jewish Museum, effective this November.

“In addition to its deep and far-ranging collections, dynamic exhibition programming, and professional expertise, what drew me to the museum is the opportunity it offers to anchor Jewish world culture in the context of the times and places where it has flourished globally,” Snyder said

• OBITUARIES •

<p><i>The Shofar</i> joins the membership in mourning the death of shul member Myra Gans. We extend condolences to her husband, Arnold, and the family.</p>

Richard Barancik

Richard Barancik, the last surviving member of the Allied unit known as the Monuments Men and Women, which during and after WWII preserved a vast amount of European artwork and cultural treasures that had been looted and hidden by Nazi Germany, died on July 14 in Chicago. He was 98.

The Monuments Men and Women were composed of about 350 people — among them museum directors, curators, scholars, historians and artists — whose missions included steering Allied bombers away from cultural targets in Europe, overseeing repairs when damages occurred, and tracking down millions of objects plundered by Nazis and returning them to their institutions and countries of origin.

He and others received the Congressional Gold Medal from U.S. House Speaker John Boehner on Oct. 22, 2015 in Washington for “heroic roles in the preservation, protection, restitution of monuments, works of art and artifacts of cultural importance.”

Louise Levy

Louise Levy, along with hundreds of others ages 95 and older, was part of a study by the Institute for Aging Research at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine to understand how their genetic makeup led to their good physical and cognitive health during extremely long lives. She died on July 17 in Greenwich, CT. She was 112.

She had been the oldest known living person in New York State, according to LongeviQuest, which maintains a database of super-centenarians, people who have lived into a 12th decade. She did not have heart disease, diabetes or Alzheimer’s disease, but was treated for breast cancer and smoked cigarettes for decades, until 1965. Even as her hearing, eyesight and mobility diminished in recent years, she stayed active with tai chi and stretching classes, playing bridge, and knitting sweaters for hospitalized babies. She began losing her short-term memory only in the last six months.

James B. Zagel

James B. Zagel, who as a federal judge sentenced former Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich to 14 years in prison for corruption and who earlier helped prosecute Richard Speck for the grisly killings of eight Chicago student nurses, died on July 15 at his home in Chicago. He was 82.

The case against Rod Blagojevich centered on allegations that he had tried to sell the U.S. Senate seat from Illinois that had been vacated by Barack Obama upon Mr. Obama's election to president in 2008. Mr. Blagojevich was released from prison in 2020 after President Donald J. Trump commuted his sentence.

Stephen M. Silverman

Stephen M. Silverman, a long-time entertainment reporter and author who wrote a critically admired biography of British director David Lean and also a forthcoming book about the Broadway titan Stephen Sondheim, died on July 6 in Manhattan. He was 71.

As a journalist, he wrote about Broadway and Hollywood for *The New York Post*, *People Magazine* and its website, *People Daily*, and was its news editor for 20 years.

Some of Mr. Silverman's books were detours from his entertainment specialty. In 2015, he and Raphael D. Silver, a film producer, published *The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America*. Mr. Silverman also wrote *The Amusement Park: 900 Years of Thrills and Spills, and the Dreamers and Schemers Who Built Them* (2019). He described the appeal of a quintessential amusement park ride: "When you're at the top of the roller coaster, you're not thinking of paying the mortgage."

Bo Goldman

Bo Goldman, a Hollywood screenwriter who took home Oscars for his work on "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) and "Melvin and Howard" (1980), died on July 25 in Helendale, CA. He was 90.

Film director Martin Brest, for whom Mr. Goldman worked on two films, "Scent of a Woman" (1992) and "Meet Joe Black" (1998), recalled that Mr. Goldman was known as "the screenwriter's screenwriter," but that he called him "the man with the X-ray ears, because he had a pitch-perfect recall of the nuances of a comment that someone made to someone 50 years prior." He could reproduce the tone of the comment, Mr. Brest said, "because the tone told the whole story."

Mr. Brest said Mr. Goldman was able to create memorable characters through small details. "His remembrance of nuances, things that people don't know they're revealing but that reveal volumes — that was his art form," he said.

Paul Reubens



Paul Reubens, the comic actor whose bow-tied, childlike alter-ego Pee-wee Herman became an unlikely movie and television sensation in the 1980s, died on July 2 in Los Angeles. He was 70.

Mr. Reubens had scores of acting credits in a career that began in the 1960s, but Pee-wee, a character he created in the late 1970s as a 10-minute bit when he was a member of the Los Angeles comedy troupe the Groundlings, overshadowed all else, morphing into a bizarre and savvy cultural phenomenon.

In a recent interview with *The New York Times*, he reflected on the adjustments that were made to keep the character fresh, and on how the creative landscape had changed since Pee-wee first appeared some 40 years ago. "Today, it seems to me, it's a lot more difficult to stand out," he said.

Dorothy Tapper Goldman

Dorothy Tapper Goldman, a philanthropist and major collector of American historical documents who in 2021 sold her original printed copy of the U.S. Constitution, which her husband had bought in 1988 for \$165,000, for a record-setting \$43.2 million, died on July 23 at her home in Manhattan. She was 78.

She used the proceeds from the sale to establish the Dorothy Tapper Goldman Foundation, which has made substantial contributions to the New York Historical Society, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, where she advocated for the inclusion of Native American art.

She also supported the Grolier Society of the City of New York, the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, and the Tongabezi Trust School in Zambia.

Alan Sherman

Alan Sherman, a pioneer in strengthening connections between U.S. and Israeli sports for five decades, died on July 29 at his home in Potomac, MD. He was 87.

He was instrumental in creating the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, a world resource for the contributions of Jews in sports. He was also the long-time vice president of the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, and introduced the U.S. to participation in the World Maccabiah Games. He also created the North American Maccabi Youth Games for athletes 16 years and under. He and his family also supported the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled.

Lois Libien

Lois Libien, who provided household hints in books and in a nationally syndicated newspaper column, died on July 25 in River Vale, NJ. She was 87.

Ms. Libien was best known for a practical, often witty, hand book first published in 1976 as “Super Economy Housecleaning.” Reviewing the handbook, *The San Antonio Express* said it provided “breezy advice on how to maintain appliances, make your own inexpensive cleaning solutions, and what to do if your toaster smokes, your iron drags, and your coffee tastes lousy.”

“One of the most distinct memories I have from the late 1970s was of having a TV crew come to the house to interview my mother about housecleaning, and we had a housekeeper come over the day before to give the house a good clean,” her daughter Jenny Libien recalled. “She knew how to do everything, but I think would rather spend her time doing other things than cleaning.”

Myron Goldfinger

Myron Goldfinger, whose monumental modernist houses around New York made him a favorite architect of the city’s rich and powerful during the 1980s, died on July 20, in Westchester County, NY. He was 90.

Mr. Goldfinger designed his houses by amassing basic shapes — half-circles, blocks, triangles — into dramatic sculptural statements. His interiors were likewise unusual, including bridges, conversation pits, and intimate hallways that led to living rooms with double-height ceilings.

“He was a complete original,” said Timothy Godbold, an interior designer working in Long Island’s fashionable Hamptons, where Mr. Goldfinger’s houses dot the wealthy enclaves. Mr. Godbold pointed out that Mr. Goldfinger’s work went out of fashion when clients returned to more traditional styles in the postmodern era, adding that younger architects today often can be seen fawning over a Goldfinger house. “We’re all going to be loving it in a few years,” he told *The New York Times*.

Julia Silverman Scully

Julia Silverman Scully, editor of *Modern Photography* magazine for 20 years, died on July 18 at her home in Manhattan. She was 94.

She began working at photography magazines in the 1950s and was hired to be editor of *Modern Photography* in 1966. During her tenure, the magazine was instrumental in the emerging recognition of photography as art.

Ms. Scully was the project director of “The Family of Woman,” a 1979 book of pictures of women from around the world, for which she sifted through 300,000 photographs. It was a response to Edward Steichen’s popular book “The Family of Man,” which arose from a successful exhibition at the MOMA in 1955. She also wrote an acclaimed memoir about her Depression-era, hardscrabble childhood in Alaska.

Mark Margolis

Mark Margolis, the prolific actor with a simmering air of menace as the fearsome former drug lord Hector Salamanca in “Breaking Bad,” died August 3 in Manhattan. He was 83.

Mr. Margolis notched more than 160 credits in movies and on television, but no role made him as instantly recognizable as Hector in the critically-acclaimed series, which ran for five seasons on AMC, starting in 2008, and in its prequel, “Better Call Saul,” which ran for six seasons starting in 2015.

In “Breaking Bad,” he spoke no words, but communicated by means of a wheelchair bell. “I tell people I’m the most famous bell ringer since Quasimodo,” he said.

Florence Berger

Florence Berger, a Cornell University professor who found a second calling as a pro bono matchmaker, leading her to successfully arrange some two dozen marriages, died on July 13 at her home in Charlottesville, VA. She was 83.

Ms. Berger was a popular presence on the Cornell campus, where she became an expert in the hospitality industry, teaching courses in organizational behavior, human relations and creativity, writing three academic books, and gaining distinction as the first woman to be elevated to full professor at the hotel administration school. But she was perhaps best known for matchmaking. She arranged marriages over more than four decades, almost all of which endured, according to her son, Larry. The only couple that divorced was the one that didn’t invite her to the wedding, he said.

William Friedkin

William Friedkin, a filmmaker whose gritty style and fascination with characters on the edge helped make “The French Connection” and “The Exorcist” two of the biggest box-office hits of the 1970s, died August 7 at his home in the Bel Air neighborhood of Los Angeles. He was 87. His death came just weeks before the release of his most recent directorial effort, “The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial,” a movie based on the Herman Wouk play.

In 2013, Mr. Friedkin received a Golden Lion award for lifetime achievement at the Venice Film Festival. That same year, Harper published his book *The Friedkin Connection: A Memoir*.

Joan Kaplan Davidson

Joan Kaplan Davidson, a preservationist and philanthropist who set projects in motion that upgraded the quality of life in New York City, died on August 11 in Hudson, NY. She was 96.

Ms. Davidson served as chair of the New York State Council on the Arts in the 1970s, as New York State parks commissioner in the 1990s, and president of the J.M. Kaplan Fund from 1977 to 1993.

The fund often has been the first stop for those seeking grants to save buildings, support cultural institutions or restore landmarks in New York, including Carnegie Hall and Gracie Mansion.

Ms. Davidson often could be seen picketing to save an endangered landmark building. “I’ve always thought we were different because we did not just write checks, we stepped in and got involved,” she told *The New York Times* in 1997, when the fund celebrated its 50th year of providing grants.

Chai Yitzchak Twerski



Thousands of Hasidic men converged for the funeral of the Rachmastrivka Rebbe in Borough Park, Brooklyn, on August 16. He was 92. Getty Images

Philip L. Sherman

Philip L. Sherman, a mohel for 45 years, who claimed to have performed more than 26,000 ritual circumcisions, 11 in a single day including two sets of twins, died on August 9 at his home in Englewood, NJ. He was 67.

He also served as a cantor at several synagogues in New York, and occasionally worked as an actor. He played a judge on the Netflix series “Orange Is the New Black” and appeared in an episode of the Amazon Prime show “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.”

He said that sometimes even just by imagining the removal of the baby’s foreskin, one of the parents or a guest might pass out. When the actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg told him that she hated attending a bris, Mr. Sherman offered her a suggestion. “The next time you go to one,” he advised, “do what I do. Close your eyes.” Just kidding, he added.

Nechama Tec

Nechama Tec, a Holocaust survivor whose book about the Bielski partisans inspired the Daniel Craig film “Defiance,” died on August 3 in New York City. She was 92.

Prior to the film adaptation of her 1993 book, Tec was best known within the academic world and the community of American Holocaust survivors. In her book and the film, Tuvia and Zus Bielski led Jewish partisans to fight the German occupiers in what is now western Belarus, rescuing Jews from extermination. The story of the Bielski brothers filled in omissions and distortions in connection with the Holocaust, she said. “Jews were not silent, were not victims going passively to their deaths; they were saving others while threatened by death themselves.”

Jerry Moss

Jerry Moss, who with the trumpeter Herb Alpert founded A&M Records, which at its peak from the 1960s to the '80s was an independent powerhouse behind hits by the Carpenters, the Police, Janet Jackson, Peter Frampton, and Mr. Alpert’s group, the Tijuana Brass, among many others. He died at his home in the Bel Air neighborhood of Los Angeles at age 88.

Built from humble beginnings in Mr. Alpert’s garage, A&M became a major force in pop music. In 1989, they sold A&M’s recorded music business to PolyGram for a reported \$500 million. In 2000, they sold Rondor, their music publishing catalog, to Universal Music for an estimated \$400 million.

In his later years, Mr. Moss had notable success owning racehorses. Giacomo won the Kentucky Derby in 2005, at extraordinary odds.

David Jacobs

David Jacobs, the writer and producer who created the primetime soap operas “Dallas” and “Knots Landing” died on August 23 at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, CA. He was 84.

“Dallas aired for 14 seasons and 3576 episodes, starting out as a five-part miniseries in April 1978 before wrapping in May 1991. It was the No. 1 show in the Nielsen ratings after its 4th, 5th and 7th seasons. Meanwhile, the spinoff, “Knots Landing,” debuted in December 1979 and also ran for 14 seasons and 344 episodes, a solid Thursday night staple through May 1993.

Anniversaries in September

3: Jon and Devi Ellant

4: Alan and Rochelle Garmise

Birthdays In September

5: Zev Carter

8: John Clauss; Meryl Fishbine

9: Dylan Ellant

10: Scott Kolin

11: Stephen Meshover

13: Alan Garmise

15: Diane Levin

18: Miriam Gabriel

20: Alexander Nadel

27: Z. Micah Kaplan, MD

29: William Berg

30: Andrea Blaga



The Shofar announces with great joy the birth day of Amaya Liuba Rakhman on July 24, 2023, to Joshua and Antonia Rakhman.

Amaya joins her sister Ava, who received her Hebrew name, Chava, in our shul on Oct. 16, 2022.

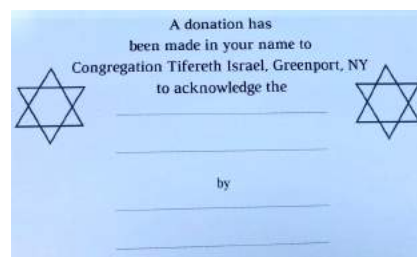
Josh is our shul's High Holidays guard, who greets all of us on our way to services. Mazel tov to the Rakhman family.

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/.

Share Your Thoughtfulness With A Sisterhood Sunshine Card



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



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.

Yahrzeits in September

- 1: Eva O. Rubin
- 3: Belle Baulsir; Elsie Glockner
- 4: Eve Adler
- 5: Esther Dolin; Aaron Novick; David Rothman
- 6: Hubert Bloom; Stanley Greenberg; Lena Rosenstreich; Hattie Weinstein
- 7: Aaron Jacob Levin
- 8: Harry Kornberg
- 9: Abraham Klausner; Benjamin Stock
- 10: Abraham Cohen
- 12: Emmet Katsh-Williams; Arthur Levine; Abraham Melnick
- 13: Dorothy Kaliski
- 14: Rose Labar

15: Laura Klein; Libby Orliansky
 16: H. Lee Blumberg; Beatrice Farber; Lucille Jaffe; Edith Kapell
 18: Frank Hollis Bryant Jr.; Fannie Ballen Goldstein
 20: Stephen F. Schwartz
 21: William Bernard Sachs
 22: Donald Simon
 23: Ann Malaspina Holton; Hannah Kaplan; Roza Spokoini
 24: Hannah R. Levinson
 25: Sam Winters
 26: Ethel Ballen
 28: Stan Finkelstein; Lena Fortgang; Jacob “Jack” Levin
 29: Samuel Lipman; Joseph Wiederlight
 30: Norma Panepinto

Refuah Shlemah

Paul Birman
 Menachem Bloom
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 Martin Ehrenreich
 Alan Garmise
 Alice Nadel
 Ellen Wiederlight
 Philip Goldman
 Michael Slade

• MONEY MATTERS •

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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.

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