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• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

Shabbat and Holiday Services (Hybrid)

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 29: Erev Sukkot Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30: Sukkot Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah), 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5: Blessing of the Animals, noon to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 6: Hoshana Rabba/Early Shabbat Service, First Friday Oneg Shabbat (sponsored by Liz and Bill Adams) 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7: Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor, 9:30 a.m.

Shul Events

Monday, Oct. 2: Ritual Committee, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Monday, Oct. 2: Pastoral Committee, 11 a.m. on Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 12: Book Circle, 3:30 p.m., community room

Sunday, Oct. 15: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, Oct. 15: Congregation meeting, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Lighting Shabbat Candles in October

Oct. 6: 6:12 Oct. 13: 6:01 Oct. 20: 5:50 Oct. 27: 5:40

Dates To Remember

Monday, Oct. 9: Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Halloween

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

From The Rabbi...



“50 at 50”

As a traveler, I have crisscrossed America many times — back and forth, up and down. I’ve climbed mountains and descended into valleys and canyons. This year, at 50 years old, my goal was to visit Alaska and Hawaii, the last two of the 50 states. I planned this trip for many months, interviewed friends who lived in the states or had visited there. I read guidebooks, and watched many YouTube videos. The itinerary had to be precise and anticipate issues, like accessibility, geography and availability. Many places are accessible only by boat, others only by air.

Alaska is big, for sure, but also like a small town because it has few roads and no highways. Traveling to a largely uncharted territory like Alaska, with all its complexity, made me pray the prayer of Jacob: “God, if you bring me back whole....” Negotiating this state is somewhat like a military operation — you must memorize the roadmap so that when you travel by night, you can tell which mountain to circle and what valley to cross, where and when. You must count steps and remember at any moment the compass points you are following.

But walking on an ancient glacier and drinking the water right from it — who does that? The taste and purity of untainted water revived my body and soul.

In **Hawaii**, you forget for a moment that it’s a tiny island in the middle of a vast ocean, thus 90 percent of native Hawaiian fauna and flora are unique to the state. The mangoes are heavenly. When you taste the real thing, you know it. Of course, Hawaii offers gorgeous weather and beaches, yet it is amazing how different each island is from another. It’s like finding out that dogs from the same litter may look similar, but have totally different personalities.

I learned on my last day at the Volcano National Park, that all of the islands were “born” at the same spot, where the lava comes through the conduit from the earth. And then they leave their place of birth and shift at the rate that it takes to grow fingernails. As they shift, they also diminish. That is why the largest island is the youngest, still with its volcanic black rock and land mass on top of the volcano.

Of course, the fires in Maui changed the whole dynamic of my visit. We prayed in Lahaina and volunteered to distribute water to affected residents. Leading a bar mitzvah there was a pinnacle.

Alaska and Hawaii are different but share connections. That idea is captured well in the logos of the national airlines — Alaska’s with its rugged man, covered in thick, hunted fur; Hawaii’s with a beautiful woman adorned with a colorful flower nested in her hair. They illustrate cold and the warm, the Arctic and the Tropic, the masculine and the feminine. Curiously, I was warm in Alaska and sometimes cold in Hawaii. In Alaska, I left nothing to chance; in Hawaii, I was spontaneous, going with the spirit.

Six months earlier, I didn’t know much about Alaska and Hawaii. Planning the trip was a trip itself, a journey of exploration. Most meaningful were the places where I met the local people — a 12-hour ride to the Arctic and back with David; the Frozen Chosen, who taught me that “in the lower 48, man is big, nature is small, but in Alaska, nature is big, man is small”; meeting Fr. Ben, who walked with me in Anchorage on Shabbat; flying with George for an hour over St. Alias Mountains; driving with Johnny on the four-hour McCarthy road; Shabbat in Maui. These were opportunities for emersion, revealing and educating conversations.

The last morning in Hawaii, I stayed up most of the night watching the super blue moon and then the sunrise in the land of the rising sun. My back was stressed, I had blisters on my feet, but I experienced a healed soul. Seeing the vastness of the land, enlarges the spirit.

I love this country — its geography, its history, and its promise of new frontiers.

May this year expand our frontiers,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

From The President...



“Inward And Outward”

Except for some technical issues that piqued some of those attending High Holiday services online this year — and we did take steps to correct those problems in the interim between Rosh Hashanah Day 2 and Kol Nidre a week later, thanks to some wizardry by our own Andrea Blaga — services were as well run and enjoyable as ever I’ve witnessed. As president, standing in the place where the buck stops, I must admit to a few pre-holiday jitters re: that all would run according to plan and that those attending would find the peace, inspiration and spiritual fulfillment they seek during the Days of Awe. Although no one actually said those words — and I certainly hope those words describe your High Holiday experience at our shul — a couple of thumbs-up from those in the seats kept my blood pressure at normal.

As the various services were rolling along, I allowed myself the luxury to look around at what we had accomplished — the operative word being “we.” The curious aspect of a job well done — running like the proverbial well-oiled machine — is how simple it looks to throw it all together.

I know, I know, I should have been looking inward, not outward. But what I observed in my surreptitious glances around the room is that it looked as though High Holiday services could be put together in an afternoon, with a long tea break somewhere in the middle. Move the Torahs from the sanctuary to the community room, arrange the chairs, put some flowers on the bimah, remind the cantor to allow time for heavier-than-usual traffic on the Long Island Expressway, and turn over the pulpit to the rabbi, who has, after all, led High Holiday services here for the last 10 years.

Done. What’s the big deal?

Yet, when I thought about the number of people it actually took to make this event happen, seemingly as easy as falling off the proverbial log, I began to wonder which number was higher — those working behind the scenes or those attending.

What I’m laying the groundwork for is a shout-out to a bunch of volunteers, people you don’t see, people out of the spotlight of the bimah and its accouterments, people who spend sleepless nights, skip meals, and generally devote their thoughts full time to making the arduous tasks of High Holiday preparation look so simple.

I had originally asked some of our volunteer leaders to provide a list of all those who had stepped forward to help. Alas, this is always dangerous. Someone could be left out. I dared not take that risk. So you’ll not find names here. (Well, there is one.) All are deserving of praise and thanks, and some are deserving of my undying gratitude. Who are they? The greeters, the Haftarah readers, the room set-up people and chair arrangers, those responsible for flowers and apples, those who worked in the kitchen and shopped and prepared the break-the fast meal, the people who installed extra lighting and arranged additional security measures, those who built the sukkah, delivered corn stalks, developed ads and publicity, collected books, put donor envelopes on chairs, and reset the room when the day’s worshippers filed out, leaving the room in disarray. To our own Andrea (yes, one name), who singlehandedly ran a computer setup that rivaled a NASA space launch, and to the many unsung heroes, I sing your praises.

Rabbi Gadi made an interesting observation in his Rosh Hashanah message to the congregation. Referring to my presidential duty to ask the congregation to respond generously to the annual appeal for funds, he acknowledged that money is, indeed, important — necessary — to keep us afloat, to maintain our Jewish presence here on the North Fork. But we are more than a building, he said, more than a rabbi, a cantor, and beautiful flowers on the bimah. What he said, and what has been demonstrated here in high relief over the past weeks, is our sense of community — people working together, volunteering together, basking in the rite of belonging. “Community,” he said, “is the heart and soul of our shul.”

When you looked inward this year, I hope you saw yourself reaching outward as a member of our community, our shul family, our continuing Jewish legacy. Want to be a part of that? Call me.

—Sara Bloom

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

The Big Red Barrel Is Back; We Filled It With Cans For CAST



Once again, our shul has responded with enthusiasm to a call for charity, this time a campaign called “Cans For CAST.” We asked all those joining us for Yom Kippur services to bring a can or other nonperishable item, and to deposit the food in the big red barrel stationed at the ramp entry door. And people did, filling the barrel and making it a back-breaker for CAST volunteers to drag it away.

The “Cans For Cast” campaign is based on a worldwide movement to feed the

hungry as part of the annual observance of Yom Kippur, often referred to as the “Fast of Isaiah,” the Biblical prophet who said, “And if you spend yourself in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

Feeling the effects of hunger on a fast day, worshippers will be reminded of those who struggle to nourish their families.

The barrel will remain in place beyond Yom Kippur and throughout the High Holidays, ending on Oct. 7 with the Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor services, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

In addition to overseeing the shul-inspired “Cans For Cast” campaign, the Tikkun Olam Group continues to maintain beds of vegetables and herbs at Common Ground and donate the harvest to CAST. The shul thanks Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman, and Cookie Slade for their volunteer efforts on behalf of our shul for the benefit of CAST clients.

CAST is currently accepting donations of gently-used fall and winter clothing, and household items. At this time, please no books, CDs, DVDs, board games or puzzles. Hours are M, W, F: 9-12 and 1-4.

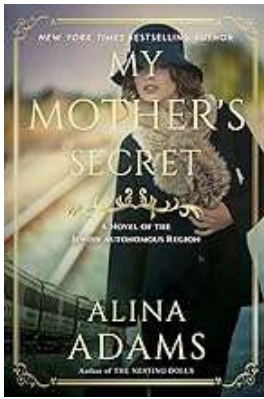
Shul Offers Membership Windfall For New Families And Individuals

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 Julie Levi and Richard Blau, also Sherry Bloom their families. We look forward to meeting everyone, and to participating with you in our spiritual, educational and social activities.

The Book Circle Selection Offers View Of History Through Fiction



The shul's Book Circle group has chosen *My Mother's Secret: A Novel of the Jewish Autonomous Region* by Alina Adams as its October selection, to be discussed on Thursday, Oct. 12, 3:30 p.m., in the shul's community room.

For this novel, the author has drawn on her own experience as a Jewish refugee from Odessa, USSR, as she provides readers a glimpse into the world's first Jewish Autonomous Region. The novel is rooted in detailed research about a little known chapter of Soviet and Jewish history.

The Book Circle meets monthly to explore works by Jewish writers and topics meaningful to Jewish readers. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

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Egyptian Synagogue, Once Home To The Famed 'Cairo Geniza,' Reopens



The Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo, famed for once housing the "Cairo Geniza," a treasure trove of Jewish communal documents, was reinaugurated last month after an extensive restoration project. The Ben Ezra is one of the oldest and most important synagogues in Egypt, believed to date to 882 CE, although the building itself has been damaged and rebuilt several times through the centuries.

The synagogue's upstairs women's section and discovered hundreds of thousands of items that have provided insight into the life and activity of the community. The material has been distributed to more than 70 institutions and collections around the world.

Times of Israel photo

Ukraine Welcomes First New Rabbi Since Onset Of The Current War



The historic city of Chernovtzy, also known as Chernovitz, located in Western Ukraine has been relatively peaceful compared to other parts of the war-ravaged nation. Here, even amid the turmoil of war, the Jewish community of about 2,000 has been experiencing a renaissance. A new Chabad husband-and-wife team is setting down roots in the city to join the already thriving Chabad-Lubavitch of Chernovtzy team.

Enter Rabbi Mendy and Mushky Halperin, the first rabbi-and-wife team to move to Ukraine

since the onset of the war. Mendy is from the Chassidic village of Kfar, Israel. Mushky grew up in Riga, Latvia, where her parents are Chabad emissaries. The couple, together with their 4-month-old son, Ari, crossed the border from Moldova into Ukraine on August 30, arriving in their new hometown the same day.

Prior to the arrival of the new team, the community was led by Rabbi Mendy Glitzenstein and his wife Pnina who, since 2003, have laid the foundation for a thriving Jewish community, establishing Shabbat and holiday services, and developing programming for Jewish women, children and seniors.

The Halperins are aiming to place even greater emphasis on youth. Rabbi Mendy is hoping to work closely with teenagers, while Mushky focuses on the younger children. Also, the rabbi hopes to strengthen ties with Jews who left during Ukraine during the war.

“I know it sounds crazy for a young couple to move to Ukraine in the middle of a war. We are not here for adventure. We are here because we want to work with the Jews of Chernovtzy, the Rabbi said.

Roman Swords More Than 1,900 Years Old Discovered Near Dead Sea



Fifty years ago, Israeli archaeologists discovered an ancient Hebrew inscription on a stalactite in a remote cave near the Dead Sea. Recently, three researchers — an archaeologist, geologist and photographer — returned to the cave, hoping to find additional inscriptions. While exploring a new level of the cave, they discovered the iron head of a Roman javelin, hidden in a narrow crevice.

The trio immediately contacted the Israel Antiquities Authority, which has been searching Judean desert caves to keep artifacts out of the hands of looters and off the black market.

Meanwhile the three researchers discovered a cache of four 1,900-year-old swords, remarkably well preserved. Even the wood and leather accessories had been preserved in the desert's arid climate.

The weapons most likely were left in the cave by Jewish rebels involved in the 132 to 136 CE Bar Kokhba Revolt to force the Romans out of the land after nearly two centuries of occupation. The revolt failed but, in the opinion of the IAA, “the swords may represent a small victory seized from the Roman army. The discovery is a major triumph, the best preserved Roman swords, manufactured by Roman armorers, ever discovered anywhere in the world.”

Authorities Seize Egon Schiele Works From Three United States Museums



New York investigators seized three pieces of art from three out-of-state museums that they said had been stolen from a Jewish art collector killed during the Holocaust and rightly belonged to the Nazi victim's heirs.

The Manhattan district attorney's office issued warrants to the Art Institute of Chicago, the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, and the Allen

Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College in Ohio for works by the 1900s Austrian Expressionist Egon Schiele. According to the warrants, “there is reasonable cause to believe” that the works constitute stolen property.

Prosecutors say the artworks rightly belong to three living heirs of Fritz Grünbaum, a prominent Jewish art collector killed at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany in 1941. Before the action on Sept. 13, the Grünbaum heirs had filed civil claims also against the Museum of Modern Art and the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art in California, and several individual defendants. In total, the plaintiffs are seeking to recover about a dozen Schiele works.

In 2018, Judge Charles V. Ramos found that “a signature at gunpoint cannot lead to a valid conveyance” of someone’s personal property.



Jewish worshippers pray ahead of Yom Kippur at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. AP photo

JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Jacob J. Lew

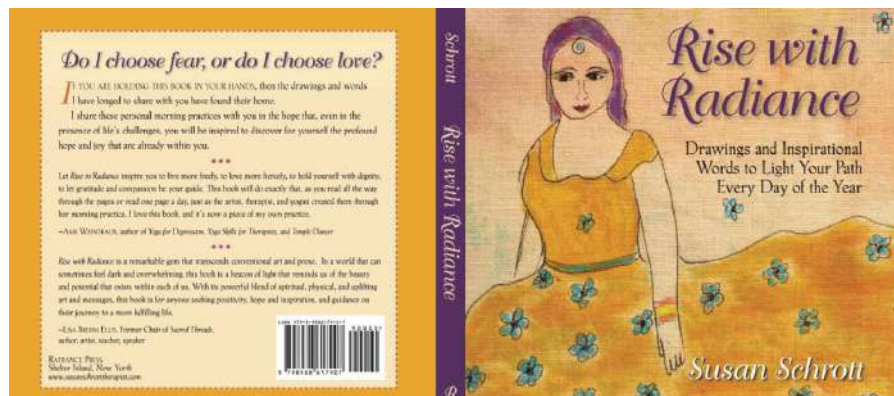
President Biden will nominate former Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew as his next ambassador to Israel. Mr. Lew has served in some of the government’s most important posts under two Democratic administrations, in the process earning him many admirers across the aisle.

He ran the Treasury Department for President Barack Obama, was also Mr. Obama’s White House chief of staff, deputy secretary of state, and director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Lew first served in the budget director post under President Bill Clinton, presiding over the last federal government surplus.

He will succeed Thomas R. Nides, another former deputy secretary of state, who stepped down over the summer to return home to his family.

Mr. Lew is an Orthodox Jew. While in public office, he observed Shabbat as much as he could, and made a point of walking to the White House whenever he had to work on a Saturday.

Susan Schrott



Shul member Susan Schrott has published a new book, *Rise With Radiance*, a collection of inspirational words illustrated with drawings originally created on fabric “to light your path every day of the year,” the writer says. A psychotherapist, artist, and certified yoga instructor, Susan Schrott invites readers to embark on a transformative

journey of self-discovery and daily inspiration.

While caring for her ailing father, she embarked on a personal journey that led to the creation of the book. Drawing from her emotions and experiences, she engaged in a yearlong daily exploration that resulted in the artwork and words from her heart.

Rise With Radiance is available on [Amazon.com/](https://www.amazon.com/).

• OBITUARIES •

Philip Goldman



It is with profound sadness that *The Shofar* announces the death of Philip Goldman, a long-time member of our shul and a stalwart supporter of the mission of our shul to be a beacon of Judaism here on the North Fork. To that end, he served in virtually every capacity necessary to maintain the ideals as well as the smooth operation of this institution. He died on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, after a long illness. He was 95.

From President, Treasurer, and member of the Board of Directors, to committee chairman, committee member, builder, chef — even a one-time co-editor of this publication with his wife Elaine — and advisor to all who sought his wisdom, Phil Goldman willingly shared his vast knowledge and experience.

His shul came second only to his family — his brothers and sisters, his wife and children, nieces and nephews, and their children. To them, he gave his deep love, and from them he enjoyed their accomplishments, their companionship, and the love and admiration they showered upon him.

We miss your presence, Phil, but you will always be with us in spirit.

Arleen Sorkin

Arleen Sorkin, the veteran actor and screenwriter, was best known for portraying Calliope Jones on the NBC daytime serial “Days of Our Lives” from 1984-1990, and for serving as the real-life inspiration and voice for DC Comics villain Harley Quinn, co-created by her friend Paul Dini on “Batman: The Animated Series,” died August 24 in Los Angeles. She was 67.

Her writing included the television series “Tiny Toon Adventures,” and the screenplay “Picture Perfect,” starring Jennifer Aniston.

She also voiced Harley Quinn in videogames and, for the series “Frazier,” she was the voice of several callers to Frazier’s radio show.

Nancy Buirski

Nancy Buirski, an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning documentary filmmaker, whose eye was honed as a still photographer and picture editor, died on August 30 at her home in Manhattan. She was 78.

Having founded the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival in 1998 at Duke University and directing it for a decade, Ms. Buirski made her own first documentary, “The Loving Story,” in 2011. The film explored the case of Mildred and Richard Loving, who faced imprisonment because their interracial marriage in 1968 was illegal in Virginia. The documentary, directed by Ms. Buirski, won an Emmy for outstanding historical programming, long form, and a Peabody Award.

She went on to write and direct other films, but it was a still photograph by Kevin Carter, chosen by her to accompany an article about war and famine in southern Sudan, that secured a first-ever award for the New York Times. The photo showed an emaciated toddler collapsing on the way to a United Nations feeding center as a vulture lurked menacingly in the background. She wanted the image to appear on the front page; she said, “This is going to win the paper’s first-ever Pulitzer Prize for photography.” The photograph ended up appearing on an inside page in the issue of March 26, 1993. It won the Pulitzer in feature photography that year.

Claire Golomb

Claire Golomb, who fled to Holland with her family to escape the Nazis and who later became a renowned child psychologist, died July 26 in Boston. She was 95.

Her work focused on children’s art, make-believe play, story construction, and the role of gender in those pursuits. “Being master of an imaginary universe empowers the child, gives expression to often vaguely understood feelings, provides compensation for feeling helpless or powerless, and joy for having invented a world on its own,” she said in an interview in connection with the publication of her book, “The Creation of Imaginary Worlds.”

Of her chosen field, she said, “The events of the Holocaust and its effect on my family and my community no doubt influenced my decision to choose a career of service, a desire to improve upon the world in some ways,” she said. She was a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts for more than 40 years.

Jerome Hauer

Jerome M. Hauer, who as the first director of the Office of Emergency Management oversaw New York City’s response to floods, manhole explosions, mold outbreaks, building collapses, water main breaks, blackouts, hurricanes, sink holes, downed trees, terrorist threats, vermin, and the uncertain digital impact on computer networks of Y2K at the turn of the millennium, died on August 11 at his home in Alexandria, VA. He was 71.

Reportedly, Mr. Hauer would visit the sites of catastrophes, sift through piles of rubble for a brick or other remnant, then bring it back to his office as a solemn reminder that his mission was to prepare for the worst in a world of what-ifs.

David Rowland

David Rowland, a lawyer who secured the recovery of hundreds of looted artworks for the heirs of Jewish collectors who had been persecuted by the Nazis, challenging some of the world's leading museums in doing so, died on August 15 at his home in Manhattan. He was 67.

Among Mr. Rowland's high profile successes was the 2006 recovery of "Berlin Street Scene," a 1913 painting by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, from the Brucke Museum in Berlin. In 2020, he secured the return of 200 prints and drawings by Henri Matisse, Edvard Munch and Marc Chagall, among other artists, from the Kunstmuseum in Basel, Switzerland. Following the return of "Berlin Street Scene," Ronald Lauder, an heir to the Estée Lauder cosmetics fortune, purchased the painting for \$38 million.

Edith Grossman

Edith Grossman, whose acclaimed translations of *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes raised the profile of the often-overlooked role of the translator, died on Sept. 4 at her home in Manhattan. She was 87.

Dr. Grossman dedicated herself to translating Latin American and Spanish authors. Her technique helped make her one of the most sought-after translators of the genre. She gave English language readers access to the works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Isabel Allende, Carlos Fuentes, Laura Esquivel and others. Her many honors and awards included the PEN/Ralph Manheim Medal for Translation; the Arts and Letters Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters; and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Civil Merit awarded by King Felipe VI of Spain.

One day, while she was immersed in translating *Don Quixote*, the phone rang. It was Mr. Garcia Marquez, sounding like a jealous husband. "I hear you're two-timing me with Cervantes," he said.

Shabtai Shavit

Shabtai Shavit, who as director in the 1990s of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, helped to broker a peace agreement with Jordan, oversaw the assassinations of Islamic terrorists, and navigated the global fallout from the collapse of the Soviet Union, died on Sept. 5 during a vacation in Italy. He was 84.

While the Mossad was credited with, and criticized for, numerous clandestine operations, Mr. Shavit and the agency were widely praised for their role in bringing Israel and Jordan to the table to sign a treaty in 1994, ending a state of war between the two countries that had existed between the two countries since 1948, when Israel was founded.

Mr. Shavit worked for the Mossad for 32 years, including seven as director under three prime ministers — Shamir, Rabin and Netanyahu.

After retiring from the Mossad in 1996, Mr. Shavit became chief executive of Maccabi Health Care Services, one of the country's largest health maintenance organizations. He also worked for gas and security companies, advised the Knesset, and chaired an organization that awarded scholarships to veterans.

Howard Safir

Howard Safir, who presided over diminishing rates of violent crime as New York City's police commissioner in the late 1990s, but who was severely criticized for not acknowledging racial sensibilities after the deaths of Black men by his officers, died on Sept. 11 in Annapolis, MD. He was 81.

Murders, the most closely watched crime category, fell impressively on Mr. Safir's watch — down from 1,177 in 1995 when he took over, to 673 when he left office in 2,000. However, the deaths of Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant, and Amadou Diallo, from Guinea, at the hands of his officers largely eclipsed his accomplishments.

Throughout his time as commissioner, Mr. Safir was unapologetic about his hard-nosed tactics and his barely concealed disdain for civil libertarian critics. "People ask me about civil rights," he said in 1998. "Well, the No 1 civil right in my book is the right to be free from crime."

Peter C. Newman

Peter C. Newman, a maverick journalist and historian who skewered the political establishment in Canada, to which he had fled as a boy from Nazi-occupied Europe, died on Sept. 7 in Belleville, Ontario. He was 94.

In a long and prolific career, Mr. Newman had stints as editor of the Toronto-based Maclean's magazine and of The Toronto Star while churning out nearly three dozen books, some delving into the inner sanctums of four Canadian prime ministers, the Canadian-based Bronfman liquor dynasty, and the Canadian media mogul Conrad Black.

He also wrote a history of the Hudson's Bay Company, a three-volume dissection of "The Canadian Establishment" (1975), and a memoir that began with his family's escape from Europe under fire from a dive bomber.

His energies hardly waned in his later years. "There's a sticker on my computer that reads: "We do not stop playing because we are old. We grow old because we stop playing."

Eva Fahidi

Eva Fahidi, a Holocaust survivor who late in life began speaking out and writing about her experiences, as well as expressing them in dance, died on Sept. 11 in Budapest. She was 97.

After the war ended in 1945, Ms. Fahidi kept her experiences at Birkenau largely to herself for more than a half-century. Then, in 2003, on the anniversary of the day when she last saw her family members, she visited the Birkenau site and was disappointed to find it more like a tourist attraction than like anything she remembered.

She committed herself to telling her story. Over the next 20 years, she spoke to schoolchildren and worked with young volunteers who collected Holocaust remembrances from survivors. Her vehicle for doing so: dance. She engaged in a 100-minute performance that mixed dance and dialogue as it brought out her Holocaust memories.

Bobby Schiffman

Bobby Schiffman, who guided the Apollo Theater in Harlem through the cultural and musical changes of the 1960s and early '70s, cementing its place as a world-renowned showcase for Black music and entertainment, died on Sept. 6 at his home in Boynton Beach, FL. He was 94.

In 1961, Mr. Schiffman inherited the storied Apollo Theater on West 125th Street in Manhattan from his father, Frank Schiffman. During the younger Mr. Schiffman's tenure, the Apollo served as a launching pad for artists like Smokey Robinson and James Brown, and a hangout for local politicians like Adam Clayton Powell and sports stars like Muhammad Ali.

By the 1970s, Harlem was buffeted by drugs and crime and economic decline, and Mr. Schiffman shuttered the theater. While the Apollo became famous for its stars and spectacle, Mr. Schiffman never forgot its unique role as a center for Harlem life.

Sarah Wunsch

Sarah Wunsch, a civil liberties lawyer who championed citizen protections on issues of race, gender and free speech, and helped persuade New York's highest court to declare that men could be prosecuted for raping their wives, died on August 17 at her home in Brookline, MA. She was 75.

As deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts for almost three decades, Ms. Wunsch brought innovative challenges before the courts, aimed at safeguarding a wide range of public behavior, including panhandling for small amounts of change, tattooing, wearing certain hairstyles in school, and videotaping on-duty police activity.

Birthdays In October

2: Marjorie San Filippi

7: Jade Clauss

10: Alice Nadel; Judith Weiner

11: Michael Kolin

27: Joshua Clauss

28: Jason Kolin

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.

A form for a Sisterhood Sunshine Card. It has a light blue background with a Star of David on the left and right. The text reads: "A donation has been made in your name to Congregation Tifereth Israel, Greenport, NY to acknowledge the" followed by a blank line. Below that is "by" followed by a blank line. At the bottom is another blank line.

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 October

- 1: Abraham Kaufman; Edna Kremsky
2: Miriam Goldman; Fannie Lipman; William (Bill) Priest; Paula Rubin Sherman
3: Abraham Ehrenreich; Adele Blanche Lustig; Diane Nadel; John M. Weiss
4: Bruce Bloom; Hilda Finkel
7: Tillie Landau Burch; Gloria Kaplan
8: Leo Goldin
9: Leopold Ehrlich; Jonathan Fenster
10: Fred Kampler; Beatrice C. Levine
11: Max Fierer; Molly R. Kaplan Ginsburg; Esther "Red" Harris; Gayle Kaplan
12: Velvel Emerson; Beverly Ruth Friedman; Max Silverstone
14: Sylvia Kelbick; Ida Levinson
15: Chaim Joseph Campeas; Abbie Levinson
16: Benjamin Ballen; Stavroula Mousakitis; Thelma Novick
17: Anna Budofsky; Allan Richter; Sol Walker
18: Bertha Kaufman
20: Fanny Levin
22: Murray Brown; Abraham Kaplan; Nettie Ruth Liburt
24: Leo Weinstein
25: Rosalind Almond-Lepawsky
26: Bessie Bush
27: Alexander Kahn; Jeremiah Levy; Esther Skurowitz
28: Myrna Kroff; Arthur Levinson
29: Joseph Skurowitz
31: Jessie Farber

Refuah Shlemah

Paul Birman
Menachem Bloom
Hedy Campeas
Martin Ehrenreich
Alan Garmise
Alice Nadel
Ellen Wiederlight
Judith K. Weiner

• MONEY MATTERS •

Donations in September

Roberta Garriss and Jack Weiskott
Carol Seigel
Francis DuBois and Paul Jeselsohn
Arthur Riegel and Roberta Conway
Ari Paul
Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
Rick and Helle Schless
Joanna Paulsen
Richard Blau and Julie Levi

Dr. Mark Melnick and Sharon Melnick
Roberta Katcher
Alan and Rochelle Garmise
Sherry Bloom
Charles Simon
William Packard, MD
Ellen Buchbinder, MD
Daniel Gabriner and Naomi Rosenthal
Miriam Gabriel
Kevin Polok/Country View Farm Stand

Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.
- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **Financial Assistance Fund:** supports those in need in Southold Town.
- **Harold Winters Fund For the Hebrew School:** supports Jewish education.
- **Paul S. Birman Technology Fund:** supports updates and new communication programs.
- **Marshall S. Hurwitz Fund for Special Programs and Projects:** supports cultural endeavors

Invest In Our Shul

• Cash

Write a check or make a credit card payment.

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

• Appreciated, Marketable Securities

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

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

• IRA Charitable Rollover

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

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

• Gift in a Will or Trust

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

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

- **Life Insurance/Name CTI as Beneficiary**

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

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

- **401(k) or IRA Retirement Plan Designation**

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

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

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

- **Charitable Gift Annuity**

This gift provides one or two individuals who are 55 and older with fixed payments for life. The gift can be established with a simple contract between the donor and CTI. The donor transfers assets of cash or marketable securities to CTI and, in exchange, CTI promises to pay one or two people for life. The payment rate depends upon the age of the beneficiary or beneficiaries at the time of the transfer; the older the beneficiary at time of gift, the greater the fixed payments. The donor may be subject to tax on the income stream. When the last beneficiary dies, the annuity’s balance becomes the donor’s legacy gift to CTI. A deferred gift annuity works the same way, but starts providing payments at a fixed date in the future (rather than immediately). Until payouts begin, the annuity may grow in value, providing a higher payment rate.

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

- **Charitable Remainder Trust**

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

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

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

Honor Loved Ones With A Plaque

- **Memorial Plaque:** mounted in the sanctuary, lighted during the anniversary month.

Cost: \$300 members; \$600 nonmembers.

- **Tree of Life Leaf:** commemorates a simcha or joyous event, mounted in social hall.

Cost: \$54 members; \$108 nonmembers.

- **Sanctuary Seat Plate:** seat nameplate in sanctuary. Cost: \$200 members; \$250 nonmembers

• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

Event	Members	Nonmembers
Lifecycle Event*	\$1,000	\$2,000
Sanctuary Only	\$500	\$1,000
<u>Commemoratives</u>		
Memorial Plaques	\$300	\$600
Tree of Life Leaf	\$54	\$108
Prayer Book Bookplate	\$54	\$54
Pentateuch Bookplate	\$72	\$72
Sanctuary Seat Plate**	\$200	\$250
Isidore Handler Hebrew School	TBD	TBD

*Fee includes use of the sanctuary, community room, kosher kitchen, and Andrew Levin Park, also cleanup fee. Renters of our facilities must sign a contract at least 30 days prior to the event, and satisfy the fee schedule accordingly. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.org with a message for Elizabeth Adams.

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

Membership Per Year (Revised June 2023)

Family: \$1,000; Individual: \$650

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

Rabbi Gadi Capela: 631-477-0232

Gabbai Paul Nadel: 631-734-8519

Board of Directors

Sara M. Bloom: President

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Adrienne Greenberg: Sisterhood President

TBD: Men's Club President

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Rabbi Gadi Capela (nonvoting)

The Sisterhood

Adrienne Greenberg: President

Joanna Paulsen: Vice President

Roberta Garris: Secretary

The Men's Club

TBD: President

Paul Jeselsohn: Vice President

Shul Committees

Andrew Levin Park/Garden
 Adrianne Greenberg, chair
 Veronica Kaliski

Advertising
 Alan Garmise, chair

Audio-Visual
 Adrianne Greenberg, chair

Beautification/Buildings and Grounds
 Adrianne Greenberg, chair
 Miriam Gabriel

Bylaws
 Joanna Paulsen, chair
 Alan Garmise, Adrianne Greenberg

Calendar
 Elaine Goldman, chair

E-Communications/Website
 Andrea Blaga

Education
 Ann Hurwitz, chair
 Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Madelyn Rothman

Finance
 Nancy Torchio, chair
 Sara Bloom, Alan Garmise, Joanna Paulsen, Susan Rosenstreich, Judith K. Weiner

Fundraising:
 Judith K. Weiner, chair
 Sara Bloom, Caren Demel, Alan Garmise, Elaine Goldman, Chuck Simon, Nancy Torchio

Gift Shop
 Sara Bloom, chair

Hebrew School (Joyously Jewish)
 Ann Hurwitz, chair
 Sara Bloom, Roberta Garris, Elaine Goldman, Carol Seigel, Judith K. Weiner

Information Technology
 Paul Birman, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Alan Garmise, Adrianne Greenberg,

Journal and Auction (2022)
 Madelyn Rothman, chair, Silent Auction; Judith K. Weiner, chair, Journal Committee
 Sara Bloom, Tom Byrne, Alan Garmise, Rochelle Garmise, Elaine Goldman, Adrianne Greenberg

Judaism and Art
 Saul Rosenstreich, chair
 Elizabeth Adams, Sara Bloom, Hedy Campeas, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Graham Diamond, Ann Hurwitz,
 Ellen Jaffe, Corrine Slade, Dan Torchio, Judith K. Weiner

Long Range Planning
 Alan Garmise, chair
 Elizabeth Adams, Miriam Gabriel, Adrianne Greenberg, Susan Rosenstreich, Judith K. Weiner

Membership
 Judith K. Weiner, chair
 Elizabeth Adams, Sara Bloom, Suri Lan-Brown, Madelyn Rothman, Chuck Simon,

Nominating

Susan Rosenstreich, chair
Miriam Gabriel, Rochelle Garmise

Pastoral

Rabbi Gadi Capela, Miriam Gabriel, Elaine Goldman, Paul Jeselsohn, Bill Packard, Carol Seigel

Plaques

Adrianne Greenberg

Public Relations

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Sara Bloom

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Alan Garmise, chair
Sara Bloom, Judith K. Weiner

Ritual

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Sara Bloom, Ellen Buchbinder, Alan Garmise, Elaine Goldman, Adrianne Greenberg, Stephen Meshover, Paul Nadel, Carol Seigel, Chuck Simon, Judith K. Weiner

Security

Stephen Meshover, chair
Sara Bloom, Rabbi Gadi Capela, Elaine Goldman, Gordon Henry, Judith K. Weiner

Telephone/Sunshine

Sisterhood

Tikkun Olam

Ann Hurwitz; Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman, Corinne Slade

Yahrzeits

Miriam Gabriel, chair

Shul president Sara M. Bloom is an ex officio member of all shul committees.

[Questions and comments to members of the Board of Directors, Sisterhood, Men's Club, committee chairs, and the editors of The Shofar can be addressed to ctigreenport@gmail.com/. In the subject line, type the name of the person you want to reach.]

