

# The Shofar

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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, Nov. 10: Shabbat service in observance of Kristallnacht •

### *Dates To Remember*

Sunday, Nov. 5: Daylight Savings Time ends at 1:59 a.m. (set clocks back one hour)

Tuesday, Nov. 7: Election Day

Thursday, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day

### *Shul Events*

Friday, Nov. 3: First Friday Oneg Shabbat, hosted by Sultan family in honor of William's Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, Nov. 4: William Sultan Bar Mitzvah, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 6: Ritual Committee, 10 a.m., Pastoral Committee, 11 a.m., on Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 16: Book Circle, 3 p.m. (note new time), on Zoom

Sunday, Nov. 19: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom

### *Coming Up:*

Sunday, Dec. 3: Bagels and lox brunch, followed by Art Show of Israeli works,  
opening reception and talk by curator Michelle Schwartz,

Thursday, Dec. 7: First Hanukkah candle

Sunday, Dec. 10: Light the menorah in Mitchell Park, 5 p.m., party and silent auction at the shul

### *Lighting Shabbat Candles in November*

Nov. 3: 5:32    Nov. 10: 4:24    Nov. 17: 4:18    Nov. 24: 4:14

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

## Special Report: October 7. 2023: Hamas Fighters Breach Israel's Borders *Netanyahu Declares 'We are at war.'*

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Hamas fighters breached Israel's borders by sea, land and air, occupied more than 20 Israeli communities, murdered hundreds, killing children in their homes and young people at a music festival, and wounded thousands of Israeli citizens. Militants also kidnapped some 150 Israeli men, women and children as hostages and dragged them into Gaza. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared to the world, "Israel is at war."

On Sunday, Oct. 8, Rabbi Gadi was one of the first Jewish leaders to step forward and lead a special service to mourn the victims and pray for peace, an inspiring response appreciated by our shul.

From a choice of many early photos, *The Shofar* has chosen these two photos to tell the story.



An Israeli soldier prays in front of an IDF (Israeli Defense Force) tank on the outskirts of Kiryat Shmona, a northern town near the border with Lebanon.

Jalaa Marey/AFP via Getty Images



Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepts rockets launched from the Gaza Strip, as seen from Ashkelon in southern Israel.

Photo provided by CNN

## From The Rabbi...



### “The War of Torah”

What a difference a Shabbat makes... It's been three weeks since Israel was attacked and brought into war once again. We gathered at our shul for a special time of prayers, and another time on Shelter Island with 80 people coming to show support. We said the Blessing for Israel and Mi Sheberach for IDF soldiers.

It was just on Yom Kippur that we prayed together — who will live and who will die — On Yom Kippur, the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, Jews were battling themselves in the center of Tel Aviv, interrupting the most sacred prayers. Our enemies recognized our vulnerability. Our Teshuvah, Tzdaka, and Tefillah were blemished and did not avert the harsh decree. We read the story of Jonah, how a whole city was saved. Not in our case. My cousin, who is blind, said to me: “Good thing I can't see, just hearing about it makes me cry.”

While we celebrated the Torah on Simchat Torah, suicide terrorists perpetrated a sadistic civilian massacre. Hate against humanity. In their attempt to dominate and create a culture of submission, they demoted themselves from human to subhuman. Not freedom fighters, but of darkness. As Rabbi Akiva asked, as he was being tortured to death by the Romans, “Zot Torah veZe sechara?” Is this the reward for keeping the Torah?

We don't know G-d's calculations, but we do know that G-d destroyed the world with the flood of Noah because of *chamas* — the Hebrew word in the Parasha of Noah that translates as violence. After the flood, G-d established the Seven Noachite Laws, setting a minimum bar for human conduct on this earth. No matter where the political border lies, we now know the line that separates us: We don't act like this.

It feels like the prophecy in the Torah of a future circumcision of the heart, as though part of our heart has been cut off. However, the bloody cut will heal into a covenantal scar, which will say: “We are not like them.” These barbaric acts are the difference between us. Then, seeing the two rows of burnt cars on the road to the nature party, where more than 300 people were hunted, reminded me of Brit bein habaitarim — the Covenant between the parts that G-d set before Abraham.

This is a mandatory war. First, because they attacked border cities. Second, because they attacked the weak, as Amalek did when the Israelites had just left Egypt. In the time of King David, they kidnapped the people of Tziklag. King David went into Amalek's camp and brought back the captives. Thus, the Torah commands us to erase the memory of Amalek, the head of the serpent. In a mandatory war, even a bride amid the wedding ceremony, needs to leave everything and join the military effort.

In Psalm 81, G-d tells us: At war, I test you. The Torah tells us that the bottom line is where we draw the line of ethics, especially at war. To set ethical boundaries so we don't lose the image of G-d. Our enemy, on the other hand, sent bounty hunters, who received \$10,000 per kidnapped head. Rambam says you can't pay more than a person's worth, meaning exchange one for one. Otherwise, people would be hunted all day. In the case of Gilad Shalit, the exchange rate was inflated to 1 to 1000.

But Amalek also comes at times of redemption. It wants to cool down our passionate excitement, to distract us. This time the attack was supposed to keep away peace in the Middle East. Every Jew, every human being is at war with this force of Amalek. Each one in his or her own role. I don't derive any pleasure seeing buildings come down in Gaza or anywhere, and I hope and pray there is another way that God may give our enemies into our hands. Yiten Elohainu et oivenu hakamim aleynu.

The Torah has already won this war. It created a people that hold the torch of Torah to stand against evil darkness. We pray, as Isaiah for the kidnapped, “Yet it is a people plundered and despoiled: All of them are trapped in holes, imprisoned in dungeons. They are given over to plunder, with none to rescue them; to despoilment, with none to say, ‘Give back!’” Like Rachel, our matriarch, whose birthday we just commemorated, who cries for her children when they go into captivity, but is there to welcome them ultimately as they return home

Am Israel Chai,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela



## From The President...



### “Invite Delight”

Hard to believe that for the past three-plus years, I have only rarely missed a Shabbat service. Like a modern take on mailmen of yore ...neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night stays this shul officer from the swift completion of the Zoom setup in the sanctuary.

By this time, the Shabbat service rituals and prayers in our sanctuary are etched in my consciousness. So it caught me by surprise on Rosh Hashanah this year to hear the now-familiar phrase, “God robed the day of rest in beauty, calling Shabbat a delight...” But, of course, Sara, the first day of Rosh Hashanah fell on Shabbat, meaning that thanks to a calendar quirk, my attendance record remained intact, and the familiar phrase from the *Siddur Sim Shalom* actually registered with me when it turned up unexpectedly in our High Holiday Chumash. Clever editors had anticipated the confluence of observances, neatly slipping in Shabbat prayers.

Having now united the Greek historian Herodotus, who first intoned the postal motto, and the ancient poet quoted in our siddur, I’m going to factor in yet another ancient — a first-century Italian architect and engineer named Marcus Vitruvius, who also had a lot to say about the notion of “delight.” I once talked about this Vitruvius fellow at a Friday night service, but dredging up his name again seems totally appropriate here, among the other ancients.

Vitruvius authored a treatise titled “De Architectura” — On Architecture — which contains his theories meant to preserve classical traditions in the design of buildings. He embraced the idea that every building — every house, school, hospital, supermarket, church and, no doubt, synagogue — should possess three qualities: firmitas, utilitas, and venustas. What does all that mean?

- Firmitas points to structural stability. Will the building endure? Our shul is a simple prayer sanctuary, virtually original, true to the vision of the founders and, a century later, we continue to worship in this same space. That certainly attests to the building’s tenacity.

- Utilitas refers to the idea that a building should serve the purpose for which it was designed and constructed. Our membership continues to grow, and this building continues to accommodate.

- Venustas. Here, Vitruvius asks, does the building delight? Can we say that our building is a grand structure? Awe inspiring? In fact, this unadorned wooden structure, absent its stained-glass windows, could be no more than another of the houses on Fourth Street. The architect? An I.M. Pei? A Frank Gehry? No, a local carpenter named Sterling Corwin. And yet, in simplicity lies distinctive grace.

Why am I telling you this? Because the idea of Shabbat as a delight, celebrated in our sanctuary that so delights, presents a compelling invitation to come to shul — in person — to truly experience delight, to surrender to it. Zoom has its benefits, to be sure. And at the height of the Covid pandemic, and for those home-bound, it continues to be a godsend. But on Zoom, you cannot bask in the rich history of our sanctuary, or in its welcoming ambiance.

In my three-plus years of Shabbat services, sometimes I’ve been in the sanctuary alone with the rabbi, other times with a mere handful of congregants — often Roberta, usually Francis and Paul, and some visitors. Few though we are, we occupy a space in which I experience a shiver of privilege. At times the pews are full — a constellation of togetherness to elevate the experience. Let’s get back to that.

Come. Sing if you want. Recite the prayers if you are moved to do so. Or not. Maybe just sit quietly and savor the holiday and the space in which we observe it — together.

You may not think about our ancient friend Vitruvius, as I sometimes do. But our shul is open. Our sanctuary beckons. Come to shul on Shabbat, and for other observances as well. Come and worship in a building that has been an integral part of the neighborhood streetscape for 120 years. Come and worship in a building that has served Jewish families for more than a century. Come for the delight.

—Sara Bloom

## • SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

### To Build a Sukkah Takes Many Hands And Handfuls Of Moral Support



The prayer books hardly had been collected and stored away for next year's High Holiday services when Adrienne Greenberg called together the volunteer builders. On a spring-like afternoon, the crew hauled the components up the stairs from the basement and spread them out on the lawn in Andrew Levin Park. It was time for the annual building of the Sukkah. Mark Solomon drew the plan, the boys figured out which pieces went where, and some of the crew provided moral support — and treats from the kitchen. Thanks to Madelyn and Ron Rothman, Nancy and Dan Torchio, Liz and Bill Adams, Rabbi Gadi, Sara Bloom, Mark, Adrienne, and Dawn Teyuca who decorated — for a job well done.

And then came the rain. And more rain. Until finally on Sunday, Oct. 1, there was sun, and the Sukkah had dried out sufficiently so that folks arriving could shake the lulav and etrog, and enjoy a delightful lunch in the Sukkah. Perfect.

And on Oct. 11, they took it all down, and stored it carefully, ready for Sukkot 5785.

Photos by Liz Adams, Sara Bloom, and Mark Solomon



## High Holiday Matching Gift Campaign 2023 Seeks 100% Participation

### *A Message From The Fundraising Chairperson*



“Have you given?”

Your donation to our 2023 High Holiday Gift Campaign suddenly takes on an urgency amid global implications that we could not have imagined in past years. Strengthening the infrastructure of Jewish institutions and the hallmarks of Jewish life, means securing our own Jewish community on the east end of Long Island.

We need you to make that happen. If you have not yet given, remember that our Leadership Donors have already given almost 20% more than last year, making it possible for us to match your gift 2:1.

Please reach deeper. Consider the possibilities...and donate now.

## Plans Underway For Annual Shul Hanukkah Party On Sunday, Dec. 10

### *It Ain't Just Latkes...*



The annual shul Hanukkah party is jam-packed with fun stuff to see, to do and, of course, to eat. Let's get to the major question right here at the get-go: Will there be latkes? You bet. Chef Deborah Pittorino has promised 300-400 latkes for the party. And that ain't all. Also on the menu: jelly-filled doughnuts (sufganiot), hot cider, coffee, tea and cold drinks, plus applesauce and sour cream for the latkes.

What else? Thanks to the hard work of Madelyn Rothman, Roberta Garriss and Nina

Neimark, we will have a Silent Auction — a hybrid event for the first time (if we can get the technology right) with a whole roster of new offerings that include some “life experiences” that you can share with friends. No hints. Everybody will get the news at the same time to keep the bidding fair. More information to come — when the Silent Auction will launch and how it will work.

And there's more... You may have heard rumors about a film — a short presentation about the history and current activities at our shul, presented by members of the congregation. Alley Leinwebber of Brightwood Productions has interviewed our people, and is in the process of editing the material before the final cut is made. The big news is that Alley is planning to have the short film ready for viewing at the Hanukkah event. We'll lower the screen in the community room, and cheer on our film stars as they talk about the shul. No hints. Come and see.

Of course, it all starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, in Mitchell Park, when we will light the public menorah, recite the traditional prayers and sing the traditional songs before heading back to the shul and the hundreds of hot latkes — plus schmoozing, holiday music, and all of the above — awaiting our arrival.

Wow! How's that for a fun-filled night? Told ya. It ain't just latkes.

### **And by the way...**

Get your Hanukkah goodies at the shul's Gift Shop — menorah, candles, choco coins, dreidels — plus, of course, items for home and for giving. Email [ctigreenport@gmail.com](mailto:ctigreenport@gmail.com) with a message for Sara Bloom.

## Edible East End Magazine Gets Wind Of 300-400 Latkes. It's A Story.



It didn't take long for *Edible East End Magazine* to jump on the story as soon as the editors heard that our own Deborah Pittorino was going to provide 300-400 latkes for the shul's Hanukkah party on Dec. 10. Before you could say "eggs and potatoes, please," the magazine had set up a photo session at our shul, where the rabbi, the president, the writer and the photographer all pitched in to help Deborah turn out a sample batch of latkes so the feature story, fully illustrated, could appear in December's holiday issue.

Turns out Rabbi Gadi is a champ potato grater, and the prez knows her way around cracking eggs without dropping bits of shell into the batter. As for

the writer and photographer, they too were pressed into service between interviewing and snapping shots of the action. Chef Deborah was the chief fryer.

The result? Well, once the photos were taken, the workers got to dine on the products of their labors, topped with sour cream, thoughtfully purchased for the occasion by the chef, and applesauce cooked up by the chef the night before. In fact, what might have turned out to be a Bud vs. Bud Light-type of contest was actually won by combining the two toppings — a dab of sour cream crowned with applesauce.

How you choose to sauce your latkes at the Dec. 10 Hanukkah event is up to you, of course, but you can take it from this writer, the combo is mighty good.

Question: How will Deborah will turn out 300-400 latkes? Answer: Lots of help — from CAST clients, who are learning how to use veggies and ingredients unfamiliar to them, like celeriac and sweet potatoes and some other secret ingredients Deborah slips into her latke batter. So a few days before our Hanukkah event, the shul kitchen will be humming with activity, and all of us can indulge in the tasty results — and all the fun plans — to come at the event.

See you there.

SMBloom photos



## Shul's Membership Windfall For New Families/Individuals Continues

Many people choose to join our shul after the High Holidays. As an incentive to join now, the shul is making the following offer: 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, and 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](mailto:citigreenport@gmail.com).

*The Shofar* joins the congregation in welcoming new member Cara Sultan and her children, Elizabeth and William, of Westhampton. William will celebrate his bar mitzvah at our shul on Saturday, Nov. 4.

## The Big Red Barrel Returned; 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.

In addition to overseeing the “Cans For Cast” campaign, the Tikkun Olam Group continues to maintain beds of vegetables and herbs at Common Ground and donates 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.

In the upcoming year, the Tikkun Olam group will expand its initiatives to include help for the homeless population in Greenport. To that end, the group will begin collecting socks, gloves, hats, undergarments and tee-shirts, to be donated to John’s Place in Greenport. Once again, a big red bin will be placed at our shul for donations. The group is hoping CTI members and friends will respond generously to this collection, as they did recently for Cans For CAST.

Coming up, the Tikkun Olam Group has established a calendar for giving through the year:

September/Yom Kippur: Cans For CAST

Early November: John’s Place

Late November: Chickens for CAST

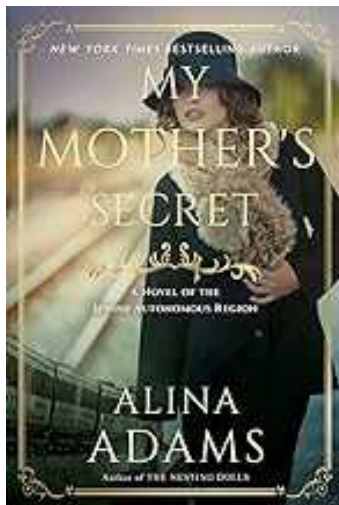
December: Children’s toys

March: ParentChild+ Program

May to October: Common Ground veggies and herbs/planting and harvesting

August: School supplies

## The Book Circle To Host Author Alina Adams At The November Meeting



The shul’s Book Circle group will continue to explore Alina Adams’ novel, *My Mother’s Secret: A Novel of the Jewish Autonomous Region*, as its November selection, to be discussed on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. (note new time) on the shul’s Zoom. The author will join the group at the meeting.

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.

Alina Adams is a prolific and innovative writer who has authored more than a dozen books, both fiction and nonfiction. Her previous release, *The Nesting Dolls*, is a Soviet-Jewish historical novel published by HarperCollins in July 2020. Her newest novel, *My Mother’s Secret: A Novel of the Jewish Autonomous Region*, was published by History Through Fiction in November 2022.



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Jewish worshippers in the Old City of Jerusalem pray during Hoshana Rabba and the weeklong festival of Sukkot. The holiday commemorates the Israelites 40 years of wandering in the desert. AP Photo

## The Codex Sassoon, The World's Oldest Bible, Arrives Safely In Israel



The Codex Sassoon, the millennium-old manuscript received a warm welcome when it arrived at Ben Gurion Airport. It is expected to make its permanent residence at the ANU Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv.

Yehonastan Bnay photo

## Jewish Voice For Peace Calls For Cease Fire In Gaza



Hundreds of demonstrators calling for a cease-fire in Gaza gathered in the U.S. Capitol's Cannon House Office Building rotunda on Oct. 18. The group was primarily organized by Jewish Voice for Peace. Jack Jenkins photo

### • JEWS IN THE NEWS •

#### *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*



The U.S. Postal Service has unveiled a new forever stamp featuring the image of U.S. Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The stamps cost 66 cents each or \$13.20 for a sheet of 20.

The stamp's oil-painting portrait is based on a photograph captured by Philip Bermingham, a well-known portrait photographer. Bermingham had long anticipated the session, but in the early going of the shoot, things didn't seem to be working out. Finally, he decided the angles were wrong — and the 6'4" photographer realized he should get on the ground, to let his lens peer up at Ginsburg, who stood around 5 feet tall.

The new stamp shows Ginsburg in her judicial robes, wearing her famous white beaded collar with an intricate geometric pattern. The Postal Service commissioned New Orleans artist Michael Deas for the stamp, asking him to create an oil painting that would deliver the timeless gravitas of a Supreme Court justice, and also capture Ginsburg's intellect and character.

Ginsburg, who died in September 2020, is the first Supreme Court justice to get a solo U.S. stamp issue since 2003, when Thurgood Marshall was honored.



## ***Drew Weissman***

The Nobel Assembly has awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for their discoveries concerning nucleoside base modifications that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19.

The discoveries by the two Nobel Laureates were critical for developing effective mRNA vaccines during the pandemic that began in early 2020. “Through their groundbreaking findings, the laureates contributed to the unprecedented rate of vaccine development during of the greatest threats to human health in modern times,” the Nobel Assembly said.

## ***Francis DuBois***

Shul member Francis DuBois was the guest speaker at the North Fork Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the historic Jamesport Meeting House. His topic was “Varian Fry: A Forgotten Hero.” Varian Fry was an American journalist who ran a rescue network that helped thousands of Jewish refugees escape Nazi Germany.

Francis DuBois enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the United Nations, serving in the Middle East with the rank of Ambassador.

## ***Claudia Sheinbaum***



Claudia Sheinbaum, the former mayor of Mexico City, is in line to become Mexico’s dominant ruling party’s presidential candidate in the June 2024 election. If elected, Sheinbaum, who is Jewish, would be the country’s first female president.

Sheinbaum is a close ally of the popular López Obrador, the country’s current president, who is barred by Mexico’s constitution from running for a second six-year term. As the Morena party’s candidate, she will enjoy a distinct advantage in June.

## **• OBITUARIES •**

## ***Marvin Newman***

Marvin Newman, a renowned photographer who brought an artistic eye to capturing shadows on a Chicago main street; people in front of shuttered storefronts on Coney Island; and athletes in competition, including Bill Mazeroski of the Pittsburgh Pirates smashing the 1960 World Series-winning home run, died on Sept. 13 at his home in Jersey City, NJ. He was 95.

One of Mr. Newman’s most famous pictures is one he took for *Sports Illustrated* in the Texas Christian University locker room before the 1957 Cotton Bowl against Syracuse University. There is no action, barely a hint of movement, just players and staff members sitting on chairs or the floor, anticipating the start of the game.

In an appraisal of the photograph in *Sports Illustrated* in 1999, Gary Smith wrote that it represented what sports are most about — “the moments before, the times when a person takes a flashlight to his soul and inspects himself for will and courage and spirit.”

Mr. Newman said he knew the picture was special. “When photography works well, you can go inside the psyche of the people in the picture,” he said. “You can see beyond the moment.”



## ***Dianne Feinstein***



Dianne Feinstein, the long-serving Jewish senator from California who rose to national prominence when she appeared before cameras with her hands stained with the blood of a murdered colleague, died Sept. 28. She was 90 and in failing health. Feinstein served in the Senate for more than three decades as its longest-serving woman.

Feinstein became a national figure in 1978 when she was the president of the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco and found the body of fellow supervisor Harvey Milk. Milk, who was Jewish and the first openly gay elected official in the city's history, was assassinated by a former colleague, Dan White. White also killed San Francisco Mayor George Moscone.

Feinstein announced the murders while her hands were still stained with Milk's blood. She soon stepped in to replace Moscone, serving two terms as major. The trauma of the double murder propelled her to become an outspoken advocate for gun control, a cause she took with her into the Senate, when she won a special election in 1992 to replace Sen. Pete Wilson, a Republican.

Feinstein was the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee from 2009 to 2017, and later served as the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, stepping down when her health began to fail. Early in 2023, she announced she would not run again for election in 2024.

## ***Victor R. Fuchs***

Victor R. Fuchs, the so-called dean of American health care economists, died on Sept. 16 at his home on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. He was 99.

Dr. Fuchs was best known for a slim book published in 1975 with the attention-grabbing title, *Who Shall Live? Health Economics and Social Choice*. He was among the first to articulate why the United States was in the midst of rapidly rising health care costs, while costs in other countries stayed manageable. The book has become required reading among physicians, health economists, and anyone interested in the issue of American health care, and it has never been out of print.

Dr. Fuchs showed that the real problem facing the country was not health care coverage but health care costs; America, he wrote, was spending more and more without achieving better health outcomes.

He wrote more than 200 research papers and 16 more books. He retired in 1995 but continued to write. He finished his latest not long before his death. It is scheduled for publication next month.

## ***Stephen Rubin***

Stephen Rubin, a publisher who helped make John Grisham and Dan Brown famous writers, and who published Michael Wolff's 2018 chronicle of the Trump White House, *Fire and Fury*, died on Oct. 13 in Manhattan. He was 81.

"Trying to publish big-ticket best sellers is the riskiest game you can play," Mr. Rubin wrote in his memoir, *Words and Music: Confessions of an Optimist*. "But it has been my *modus operandi*." Among his successes are John Grisham's first novel, *A Time To Kill*; Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code*, *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard; Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*; and Lauren Weisberger's *The Devil Wears Prada*.

In his memoir, he said, "In an era when social media and cable television dominate the conversation, it is thrilling that one lone book could cut through all the static and have a profound effect on an entire nation."

## ***Evelyn Fox Keller***

Evelyn Fox Keller, a theoretical physicist, a mathematical biologist and, beginning in the late 1970s, a feminist theorist who explored the way gender pervades and distorts scientific inquiry, died on Sept. 22 at an assisted living home in Cambridge, MA. She was 87,

Like many women in the sciences, she had faced years of disparagement and discrimination, and one of her first efforts was to quantify the effect such a hostile environment had on women — how it held them back, and how it drove many to leave science completely.

She pressed her argument in books, essays and speeches, often to packed auditoriums.

## ***Florence Fisher***

Florence Fisher, an adoptee who spend decades searching for her birth parents and then spent another half century fighting to open adoption records for millions of others, died on Oct. 1 in Brooklyn. She was 95.

Although she ultimately found her birth parents, the difficulties she dealt with — sealed records, silent families — made her think about what millions of other adoptees had faced.

“The impact that Florence had on the adoptee-rights movement cannot be overestimated,” said Lorraine Dusky, another advocate. “Florence came along at the right moment. With diligence, she achieved success state by state.”

## ***Piper Laurie***

Piper Laurie, a respected actress with three Oscar nominations, an Emmy Award, and eight other Emmy nominations, died on Oct. 14 at a nursing facility in Los Angeles. She was 91.

Moviegoers will recall her performances in “The Hustler,” “Carrie,” and “Children of a Lesser God.” She won an Emmy for “Promise,” a CBS movie about schizophrenia.

When asked in a 2011 interview with the Archive of American Television what acting advice she would offer, Ms. Laurie said that her childhood shyness may have helped her “learn to listen, really, deeply, fully.”

## ***Alice Shalvi***

Alice Shalvi, an educator and social activist, died on Oct. 2 at her home in Jerusalem. She was 96.

Dr. Shalvi was best known for her leadership of Pelech, an experimental school in Jerusalem that provides an egalitarian secular and religious education for Orthodox girls, and for her work as the founding director of the Israel Women’s Network. The network lobbies the government to reform Israeli laws treating women differently in the military, marriage, employment and for health care.

In her memoir, Dr. Shalvi wrote with pride about her Pelech students — “my girls,” she called them — who had gone on to become judges, doctors, university lecturers, curators and business executives. “They are bearing out my contention,” she wrote, “that no area in life should be closed to you just because you are female.”

## ***Russell Sherman***

Russell Sherman, a music educator and a pianist admired for his poetic interpretations of Schoenberg, Beethoven, Debussy, Liszt and others, died on Sept. 30 at his home in Lexington, MA. He was 93.

Mr. Sherman began giving public concerts in the 1970s, performing with the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra as well as major European orchestras. His concerts drew devoted fans who admired his dramatic interpretations.

## ***Eva Kollisch***

Eva Kollisch, who escaped Nazi-occupied Austria when she was a teenager to become a professor and memoirist who broke new ground in feminist studies, died on Oct. 10 in Manhattan. She was 98.

The author of two memoirs, Ms. Kollisch taught for 30 years at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, where with Gerda Lerner, Joan Kelly and Sherry Ortner, she helped introduce a foundational women's studies curriculum.

Raised in a prosperous, secular Jewish family outside Vienna, she recalled facing antisemitism from the age of 6. At times, she said, she was beaten up and called a "dirty Jew."

When she was 13 and the Nazis annexed Austria, she could no longer continue her education with other Austrian girls and was sent to a boarding school in Vienna for Jewish girls.

In 1939, her parents placed her and her brothers on a Kindertransport train, part of the rescue operation that took about 10,000 Jewish children out of occupied Europe to safety in the Netherlands and England in the months before WWII erupted that September. She was one of the lucky ones who reunited with her parents in New York in 1940.

In an oral history interview in 2004, Ms. Kollisch said that while she remained committed to her fundamental progressive principles, she had to confront additional challenges. "I am a feminist, I am a Marxist, but I am also very worried about the whole world and humanity, and where humanity is."

### **Birthdays In November**

1: Harris Levine; Michael Sausmer

2: John Carter

3: Jenny Beth Bloom; Helaine Teperman

11: Jessica Friedmann

14: Susan Rosenstreich

24: Jacob Spar

27: Jonathan Ellant, MD

### **Anniversaries in November**

11: Adam and Sonia Spar

22: Stephen and Susan Meshover

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

### **Yahrzeits in November**

1: Mordechai Julius Kahn; Tippins Brown Serbin; Harold Winters

3: Vivian Haber Richman

4: Louis Britvan; Irving Elsky; William Kapell; Anna Novick; Frank Prager

5: Abe Feldman; Edythe Packard; Rose O. Silverstone

6: Martin Demel; Murray J. Farber; Muriel Richman; David Rothman

7: Morris Sausmer

8: Mary Glickman; Jacob Rubinsky

9: Herman P. Farber

10: Norman Mordkofsky

11: Ethel L. Komar

13: Rose Ehrlich; Rabbi Isaac Kiev

14: Maurice Bloom; Nat Dolin; Gussie Levin; Wayne Scott Mountain



- 15: Mollie Friedman; Goldie Pushkin  
 16: Stanley Epstein; Sidney Waxler  
 17: Moe Harris; Jeanette Lipsitz; Max Posner; Rachel Stollar  
 18: Libbie Esther Brown; Paul Kotik  
 19: Rabbi Elliot Spar  
 20: Solomon S. Carasso; Samuel Shemaiah Kaplan; Esther Sperling  
 21: Beverly Rose Seigel; Mortimer Silberger  
 22: Sidney Holtzman; Beulah "Billy" Raphael Sher  
 23: Norman Elsky; Marshall Hurwitz; Betty Millman; Henry Newman; Mildred Pushkin Pelovitz  
 24: Murray Buchbinder; Rose Katcher  
 25: Sylvia Dornfield; Susan Felder; Doris Ann Levine; Samuel Novick  
 26: Eva Bloom  
 27: Sanford Firestone; Morris Kaplan; Sylvia Karp  
 28: A. Harry Brown; Abram Philip Kaplan; Charles Millman  
 29: Abraham Abba Levine; Helen S. Rose  
 30: Maisie Diamond; Max Rosenstreich

## Refuah Shlemah

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### Donations in October

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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](mailto:jkweiner@icloud.com)

### Honor Loved Ones With A Plaque

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

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

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

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

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

## • SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

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

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

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

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

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

## **• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •**

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