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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.

Tuesday, June 11: Tikkun Erev Shavuot, with present day insights from visiting professor from Columbia University and other guests, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

Wednesday, June 12: First Day Shavuot/Yiskor, 9:30 a.m.

Remaining Yiskor dates in 2024: Oct. 12 (Yom Kippur); Oct. 24 (Shemini Atzeret)

Shul Events

Sunday, June 2: Israel Day Parade/New York City

Monday, June 3: Ritual Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Pastoral at 11 a.m., on Zoom

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27: Hebrew Class at 4 p.m.; Trope Training at 5 p.m., at the parsonage and on Zoom

Friday, June 7: Oneg Shabbat, sponsored by Elaine Goldman, immediately following Shabbat service

Sunday, June 9: Board of Directors meeting at 9 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, June 9: Congregation meeting/election of officers, 10 a.m., on Zoom

Thursday, June 20: Book Circle, 3 p.m., Andrew Levin Park or Zoom, depending on member availability

Dates To Remember

Friday, June 14: Last day before the deadline to submit your Journal ad. Don't miss out.

Sunday, June 16: Fathers' Day

Wednesday, June 19: Juneteenth

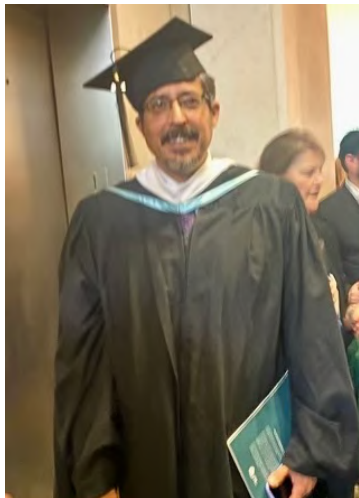
Thursday, June 20: First Day of Summer/Longest Day of the Year

Lighting Shabbat Candles in June

June 7: 8:07 June 14: 8:10 June 21: 8:12 June 28: 8:13

Deadline for the July 2024 issue of *The Shofar*: June 20

From The Rabbi...



“Graduation”

Last Thursday, I was privileged to stand with more than 70 fellow graduates on the campus of the Jewish Theological Seminary, which this year celebrated its 130th commencement ceremony. Wolf Blitzer, the CNN anchor, delivered the commencement address, which offered inspiring personal stories about his Jewish upbringing. He also shared his observation regarding the surge in antisemitism, but was still hopeful about the Jewish future in America.

Reflecting on that experience, I was reminded of a message I wrote for the January 2023 issue of *The Shofar*, titled “Back to School.” I wrote about heading back to school and my first day back on JTS/Columbia campus after a decade, noting that I felt like a fish returning to water. In that message, I observed that “...the spirit of learning is the humility of the soul. Going back to school is a mindset, a way of life. It is also the way of light, a hunger for knowledge and a thirst for wisdom.” I quoted Mark Twain, who said “I never let my schooling stand in the way of my education.” That statement could not have been more true during the past year.

Since Oct. 7, education has shifted from inside the classroom to the outside. All of it was taking place in the “public square.” The whole campus and beyond becoming one big educational lab. The separate buildings and facilities did not separate us any longer. Students studying nuclear physics joined students focused on journalism and architecture to demonstrate, to protest, and to make an encampment.

Nobody expected the next developments. Seeing Hamilton Hall, where my classes took place, being taken over by students in the name of a political agenda means that the campus is no longer defined by its boundaries, even when the gates are locked. The real education, perhaps, was to realize how quickly things can escalate or deteriorate — like a sunny afternoon disrupted by heavy rain clouds, thunder, and lightning. On the beautiful campus of Columbia University, the stately old buildings steeped in history were giving birth to new realities.

In a year fraught with pain and anxiety, we need the light of education to see a way through the unforeseen challenges. As we approach Lag B’Omer, the holiday of great light and bonfires on the 33rd day of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot, we can experience that light. On that day in ancient history, according to the Talmud, the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva stopped dying in a plague. But why did they die in the first place? The Talmud answers, because they lacked respect for each other. The light of education illuminates the main message, that respect for each other and fellow students is the first lesson.

Perhaps that is the meaning of graduation — to be given the principles to seek truth, to discern what is true and what is false but knowing that the ultimate truth hides in the method, in the process, in the attitude, in showing respect to everybody and everything that contributes to one’s education, on campus and beyond it.

As we witnessed on campuses across the nation, the Jewish world is under attack. The first step in repelling darkness is by coming together in an illuminating respect. May it be so.

May God bless us with a bright summer,

—Rabbi Gadi Capela

[Photo credit: Havi Miller]

From The President...



The phrase “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch” jumps to mind as I venture here that nominated routinely means elected. Might not happen. A dark horse candidate could emerge, wresting the presidency from my hands and leaving me with egg all over my face for daring to write presumptively. Not until Congregation Tifereth Israel’s Annual Meeting in June will the election of officers for the coming year take place. Although past experience indicates no record of risk-taking on my part, I’m going to chance it. Here goes...

Reflecting on this past year as president, I have found that elevation to this experience can change a person, at least it certainly has been so for me. This risk-taking aside — I can say with certainty that never will I be included regularly as one of the gambler sorts — yet I am different today than I was one year ago and, in fact, different even from maybe 20-some years ago, when as a wide-eyed and unsuspecting new member, I was hornswoggled into becoming president. It was a tumultuous year, and I and my board got us through it — with blood everywhere. But I digress...

One of my daughters once proclaimed, “Mom, you’re just not an early adopter.” As evidence of this flaw, consider my reluctance to purchase a Cuisinart when the rest of the civilized world was ga-ga over the speed and ease of meal preparation; meanwhile, I wondered why anyone would want processed food. Of course, I found the thing so useful that over the years, I burned through several of them. Similarly, when personal computers entered the mainstream, and the newspaper group for which I worked welcomed the technology, I announced at the dinner table one evening that if I have to give up my office standard typewriter, my career as a reporter and editor is over. And, of course, multiple computers later, plus a couple of iPads, smart phones, and now an Apple watch, I am device-central.

Yet, one year ago, I still harbored some of that no-early-adopter sentiment, a hesitancy to jump on board with the idea of the moment: “Sara, we should...” “Sara, why don’t we...” “Sara, Let’s...”

True, some of those big ideas weren’t worth the words to suggest them, but now and again, there’s an idea for, say, the Yellow Candle Project, which has grown exponentially since it was initiated several years ago by Chuck Simon; First Friday Oneg Shabbats that have encouraged our members to come to shul rather than choosing to attend Shabbat services on Zoom; and our first-ever Tu B’Av lunch party last year that was truly successful in getting our members to open up about warm and fuzzy topics like love and romance and the people they care about. Moments of introspection and revealingly good fun.

In most instances, the decision to say yay or nay lands at the desk where the buck stops. And where in the past, this president might have intoned a wishy-washy “Maybe,” she was more open than ever to consider, assess, and judge the value of the suggestion to CTI and its members, and frequently conclude with a “Yay.” Noteworthy among those decisions, the Israel program post Oct. 7, with guest speakers, some directly from Jerusalem, initiated by Judith Weiner. Yay or nay is more than a simple word adjustment; it’s a new mindset, yes, a change, brought about by the magnitude of the position.

And in that vein, should the June election conclude as expected, I will carry that mindset into my next term and, with the help of HaShem and the strength of my board, we will move our shul forward with vigor and embrace the best of whatever may come.

I salute Ellen Buchbinder and Suri Lan-Brown, who last year served our shul with distinction. For the coming year, I am proud to accept the nomination to serve our shul with my fellow nominees:

Vice President: Joanna Paulsen

Treasurer: Caren Demel

Financial Secretary: Nancy Torchio

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Adams

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Goldman

At-Large: Gordon Henry, Madelyn Rothman,

Lewis Teperman, and Rena Wiseman

Sisterhood President: Adrienne Greenberg

Immediate Past President: Judith K. Weiner

I invite you to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9, at 10 a.m., on Zoom, to show your support.

—Sara Bloom

Deadline Nears For Inclusion In The 2024 Virtual Journal Do You Have A Message For Judith K. Weiner? The Time Is Now.



Journal 2024 chair Madelyn Rothman, has reported that the publication is logging tribute after tribute to this year's Journal honoree Judith K. Weiner.

The annual journal recognizes the growth and accomplishments that have distinguished our shul in the past year, and honors those behind the achievements in the spiritual, educational and social programs that propel us forward. The journal also invites shul and community members to join the ever-expanding list of supporters who value the efforts of those volunteers who work creatively to maintain our Jewish presence on the North Fork.

A highly respected and popular past-president, Judith K. Weiner embodies that essence — a spirit of commitment to Judaism, to Israel, to our shul, and to what she once called “the Jewish dream of community.” An artist by profession, and a strong leader, she served our shul as president for three terms, from June 2020 through June 2023, a tenure that exceeded all presidents who came before her. During her time in office, membership grew significantly, volunteers stepped forward to be part of her mission, and attendance at services and events virtually doubled. While other institutions struggled during the Covid epidemic, ours thrived. She embraced technology and the advances that allowed members to participate via Zoom, keeping us together and involved. Where other shuls faltered for lack of funds, contributions to our shul increased. As chair of the shul's fundraising, Judith's efforts have provided the finances that support strong programming and the smooth operation of our institution.

Prior to accepting the presidency, the honoree served two terms as vice president, four years as an active member of the Board of Directors, and was co-founder with Saul Rosenstreich of the shul's Judaism and Art group.

In those moments when her obligations to the shul and the pleasure she takes in her large and loving family allow her cherished alone-time, she paints. Noteworthy among acknowledgments of her work is recognition by Long Island's Heckscher Museum of Art that named her one of 20 artists in an international competition to participate in the museum's Instagram Takeover Series. Decades of her work making ceramic sculpture and paintings, including new digital images, are on view at Ilon Art Gallery in New York City and in her home and studio gallery in Mattituck.

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A Celebration For The Journal And The 2024 Honoree Will Take Place At A Garden Party On Sunday, July 14, From 4 to 6 p.m. All Are Invited

The Journal Committee is inviting family and friends of the honoree, and shul and community members to place tributes in the 2024 Journal to Judith K. Weiner, to the synagogue, and to others who contribute to the success of our shul.

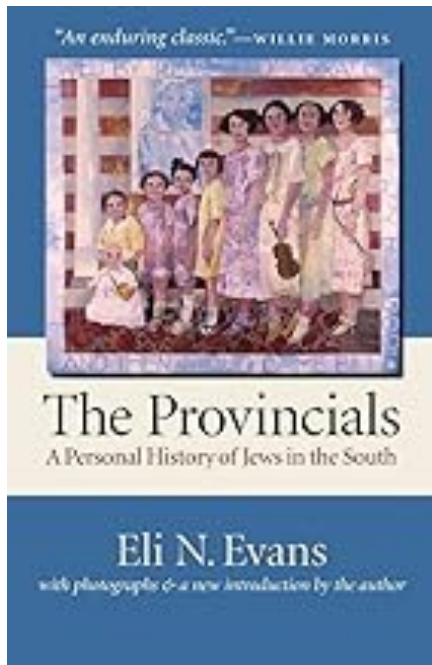
To celebrate the honoree and the launch of the 2024 journal, the shul will host a catered Garden Party in Andrew Levin Park on **Sunday, July 14, from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Yellow Candle Program Draws Record Number Of Participants To Event *Our Shul Hosts Four Synagogues In Moving Ceremony To The Six Million*



An estimated 60 people attended the shul's Yellow Candle event on Sunday, May 5, a memorial to Yom Ha Shoah and The Six Million. The event has been growing steadily since Chuck Simon introduced our shul to the project several years ago. Each shul family received a yellow candle with the name of a child affixed to the container. In past years, the event was held on Zoom, each family lighting the candle at home. This year, the program was hybrid, with two special events held live at the shul, and visible at home on Zoom. We met in Andrew Levin Park at 7 for a ceremony to bury names provided by the Yellow Candle Project but unassigned to a candle. Burial provided a resting place for those children lost in the Holocaust. Prayers and a mournful solo by Susan Schrott accompanied the burial, led by Veronica Kaliski, who commented that working with the names of the children was an emotional experience for her. She is head of the Tikkun Olam group that had added a name to each candle and saw that the candles were distributed to every shul family. Veronica Kaliski and Tom Byrne donated a plaque to mark the burial area. At 7:30, the program continued in the sanctuary. Following prayers and remarks by Rabbi Gadi and representatives from three other synagogues — Temple Adas Israel of Sag Harbor, the Jewish Center of the Moriches, and North Fork Reform Synagogue — those gathered in the sanctuary lit candles. In the quiet that followed, Leah Friedman, presented a dramatic reading of a play she had written about a Holocaust experience in her family.

Photos by Tom Byrne and Sara Bloom



Is Jewish Life In The South Different? The Book Circle Wants To Know.

In its examination of Jewish Life in the South, the Book Circle’s selection for June evokes the rhythms and heartbeat of Jewish life in the Bible Belt. In the re-release of his book, *The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South*, Eli Evan weaves together personal recollections while taking readers inside the nexus of southern and Jewish histories, from the earliest immigrants to present day. He offers stories of communities, individuals, and events in this landscape that reveals the intertwined strands of what he calls a unique “Southern Jewish consciousness.”

The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, at 3 p.m., either on Zoom or in Andrew Levin Park, depending on the availability of the group’s members. The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss books on Jewish topics and/or by Jewish writers.

For more information, email Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator, at ctigreenport@gmail.com/.

Rabbi Gadi Hosts Lag B’Omer Observance/Celebration At The Parsonage



As a group of shul members and friends gathered on the patio at the parsonage, Julian Graf, son of shul members Nathan Graf and Marisa Ryan lit up the sky with a grand blaze to celebrate the light of the Torah and the holiday of Lag B’Omer, observed on the 33rd day after the second day of Passover. Israeli music and foods and good fellowship and conversation contributed to a splendid evening...even Chaya enjoyed all the festivities.

Rabbi Gadi photo

Two Quickie Announcements

- Andrea is looking for photos of our shul, shul members, and shul events to illustrate our weekly Shabbat Shalom messages. Please email your submissions to ctigreenport@gmail.com/.
- A short film about our shul, starring some of our members, is ready for viewing. You’ll find the link on the home page of our website: www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org/. Share with friends and family

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Holocaust Remembrance Day 2024



Left photo, people attend the annual Holocaust remembrance event, the “March of the Living” in memory of the six million Holocaust victims at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Oswiecim, Poland on May 6, 2024. On the right, President Joe Biden and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson stand to honor the memory of the six million during the annual Days of Remembrance ceremony at the Capitol in Washington on May 7.

AP Photos Czarek Skolowski, left, Scott Applewhite, right.



Imagine a Jewish resort in the mountains where graduate students are playing board games and children are splashing in the swimming pool. Senior citizens are listening to lectures under a larger maple tree. And all of this is going on in Yiddish. The Yiddish Vokh (Yiddish week), sponsored by the Yiddishist organization Yugntruf, has been hosting retreats like this for 48 years. Guests spend a week together steeped in Yiddish, on the grounds of the Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camps in Copake, NY. This year’s event will be held from Aug. 16-22. Yugntruf photo

NASA Wants A Time Zone On The Moon. What About Jews In Space?

When does Shabbat start on the moon? NASA has decided that the moon needs its own timekeeping system, so how will the moon's now-nonexistent Jewish residents pray, light Shabbat candles, and observe the festivals?

The question is interesting because the Jewish calendar is beholden to the sun, and the sun appears and disappears at unusual times when you're not on Earth. An astronaut on the International Space Station will see the sun rise and set 16 times every day, while a moon resident will go two weeks before seeing either one.

Will an observant astronaut on the ISS need to pray three times every 90 minutes, keeping Shabbat once every 10 hours? Perhaps the lunar Shabbat lasts for an entire month. Tell a prospective astronaut that he or she must pray 48 times a day and, likely, no one will listen, or will elect not to become an astronaut.

However maintaining some links to Earth times holds the door open for some form of interstellar Judaism; after all, diaspora Jews use a liturgy that is deferential to Israel's agricultural cycles, although most of them have never been there.

Space Judaism may be a weird slurry of adapted ideas, forged by the brave human beings preparing our faith for its next journey.

Adapted from an essay in *The Forward*
by David Zvi Kalman

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Rabbi Gadi Capela

Rabbi Gadi tops the Jews In The News column this month. Our rabbi has successfully completed his final project, "Jews From Arab Countries," and has earned a master's degree in Modern Jewish Studies from a joint program sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University. A graduation ceremony was held on May 16 at JTS. In addition to his rabbinical ordination, Rabbi Gadi now holds two master's degrees and two undergraduate degrees.

Rebecca Rothman and John Divoll



The Shofar joyfully shares the news that Rebecca Rothman, daughter of shul members Ron and Madelyn Rothman of Peconic, and John Divoll, son Richard and Barbara Divoll of Key West, were married on May 4, 2024, at the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden. The couple will live in Key West. Mazel tov to all.

Jesse Eisenberg

The actor Jesse Eisenberg has applied for Polish citizenship. In a recent interview with the Polish publication *Glos Wielkopolski*, he said his family and his wife's family are from Poland, and that he was looking for a way to create better relations between Jews and Polish people.

He applied for citizenship nine months ago and is now "waiting for the final signature."

Nathan Thrall

This year's Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction went to Jewish author Nathan Thrall for his book *A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy*. Published days before Oct. 7, the book focuses on a Palestinian father's efforts to uncover news about his son following a bus crash. The Pulitzer jury called it "...a finely reported and intimate account of life under Israeli occupation of the West Bank."

While Thrall's book predates the Oct. 7 attack in Israel by Hamas, his book tour has been conducted in its shadow and has been a frequent magnet for controversy. Some tour stops canceled planned talks by Thrall, saying they would be "insensitive" in the midst of Israel's war against Hamas. After the book's publication, a local Jewish federation protested Thrall's plan to teach a Bard College course on whether Israel's treatment of Palestinians could be considered apartheid.

Thrall is a Bard College professor based in Jerusalem; his work often is highly critical of Israel.

Graham Diamond

Shul member Graham Diamond was one of the invited speakers at the Riverhead Free Library on Monday, May 6, to mark the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. The writer had collaborated with Holocaust survivor Aron Goldfarb on a memoir, *Maybe You Will Survive*, first published in 1991, in which Goldfarb tells the story of his experiences as a 12-year-old in Nazi-occupied Poland, his escape from a labor camp, his life in hiding, and his survival.

Following those boyhood years, Goldfarb immigrated to the United States, founded a leather outerwear company that grew into a publicly-traded organization with a portfolio of name brands.

"If someone like Aron could build a \$3 billion business, think what six million of us could have done," Graham Diamond said to the gathering.

Shul members will recall the dramatic story as the writer related it in a Lunch and Learn program held at our shul a few years ago.

Ted Comet

Ted Comet, creator of New York City's Israel parade, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 23. This year's parade will take place on June 2, and Comet will be an honorary grand marshal.

He has played leading roles in Jewish organizations for more than 75 years, including the Joint Distribution Committee, American Zionist Youth Foundation, Council of Jewish Federations, Israel Folk Dance Festival, and the first large demonstration in support of Soviet Jewry.

• OBITUARIES •

Carrie Robbins

Carrie Robbins, a meticulous and resourceful costume designer who worked on more than 30 Broadway shows from the 1960s to the 2000s, died on April 12, in Manhattan. She was 81.

Critics hailed Ms. Robbins' costumes over the years for transporting audiences to the Spain of Don Quixote, the underworld of early-18th-century London, and the ruined South during the Civil War. For "Grease," she studied high school yearbooks from the 1950s. For a 1992 musical version of "Anna Karenina," she found ball gowns from the turn of the 20th century. Describing Ms. Robbins' work on a 1985 Broadway production of "The Octette Bridge Club," a play by P.J. Barry set in the 1930s, *The Reporter Dispatch* of White Plains said she seemed "to have raided every thrift shop in town." She said her biggest thrill in designing costumes was watching actors transform. "The guys in 'Grease' were reluctant to have their hair cut," she said. "But when we cut it, put them in tapered pants and a jacket with the collar turned up, there they were — swaggering around the stage and flipping grease off their combs."

Howie Schwab

Howie Schwab, a sports nerd who parlayed his love of statistics into a long stint at ESPN that was most notable for his starring role as the ultimate trivia expert on the game show, “Stump the Schwab,” died on April 27 in Aventura, FL. He was 63.

On “Stump the Schwab,” three challengers vied to outdo Mr. Schwab in answering questions posed by the host, Stuart Scott. Mr. Schwab almost always won. The show ran from 2004-2006.

ESPN hired him in 1997 as a freelance researcher, promoted him to staff researcher the next year, and put him in charge of the growing research department in 1991. Four years later, he was named coordinating producer of *espn.com*/. He moved up to coordinating producer of studio production in 1998.

Lesley Hazleton

Lesley Hazleton, a British-born Jewish psychologist, journalist and author, whose curiosity about faith and religion led her to write biographies of Muhammad, Mary and Jezebel, died on April 29 at her home, a houseboat in Seattle. She was 78.

She moved to Jerusalem in 1966, at age 20, and lived there through two wars and one peace treaty, working as a journalist for *The Jerusalem Post* and as a stringer for *Time* magazine. She left Israel for New York in 1979, wrote the column “Hers” for *The New York Times*, and embarked on a career as a car columnist for *Lear’s* magazine and later for *The Detroit Free Press*. She also had a pilot’s license, and wrote a blog, “Accidental Theologist,” about faith and religion.

Life is a journey, she believed. “It’s not how long I live that matters,” should would say. “It’s how I live. And I intend to do it well, to the end.” And she did.

Jerome Rothenberg

Jerome Rothenberg, a poet, translator and anthologist whose efforts to bring English-language readers into contact with creative traditions far outside the Western establishment — a field he called ethnopoetics — had an enormous impact on world literature, died on April 21 at his home in Encinitas, CA. He was 92.

By ethnopoetics, Mr. Rothenberg meant poetry from indigenous and other non-Western cultures, including Jewish mysticism, American Indian, Dada, and a range of poetries from Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania, introducing readers to ancient Egyptian coronation events, Comanche peyote songs, and Gabonese death rites.

He taught at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and SUNY Binghamton, but spent most of his career at the University of California, San Diego. He published several books of his own poems, translated others, and presented staged readings. At his death, two titles had been accepted for publication, one of them “In the Shadow of a Mad King,” a recording of Mr. Rothenberg’s poems about Donald Trump.

Sheppie Abramowitz

Sheppie Abramowitz, a political insider who became a powerful ally for refugees around the world, died on April 7 in Washington. She was 88.

For more than five decades, Ms. Abramowitz was active in movements to solve refugee crises — in Vietnam, Thailand, Turkey and Kosovo. She used her deep knowledge of government officials, logistics and the struggles of those fleeing war and oppressive governments to secure real relief. Her husband, Morton I. Abramowitz, was a U.S. ambassador, and she became his humanitarian adjunct, bringing her knowledge to bear when they returned to Washington from abroad.

Ms. Abramowitz established a Washington office for the International Rescue Committee, and became its vice president. She retired from the IRC in 2009.

She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and brother, Philip Glass, the composer.

Werner Spitz

Dr. Werner Spitz, a pathologist whose accounts of the traumatic last moments in some of the most sensational American deaths of the past 60 years figured in cases involving President John F. Kennedy, that carried a message of feminist empowerment, died on April 20 in Barrington, R.I. She was 81.

In 1973, Ms. Specht was a copywriter at the McCann-Erickson agency in Manhattan. Preference was created to challenge Clairol's Nice 'n Easy. Her copy empowered women, and the tag line has endured all the years since: "Because I'm worth it."

Herbert Pardes

Dr. Herbert Pardes, a psychiatrist and former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, who brought order to the merger of two major medical centers that became New York-Presbyterian Hospital Martin Luther King, Jr., O.J. Simpson, Jon Benet Ramsey, Mary Jo Kopechne and many others, died on April 14, in St. Clair Shores, MI, a suburb of Detroit. He was 97.

Dr. Spitz's career of more than 60 years traced to the early days of modern forensic pathology, and his textbook on the topic remains a gold standard in the field.

Ilon Specht

Ilon Specht, who wrote a successful television commercial for L'Oréal's Preference hair color product and ran it for 11 years, died on April 30 at his home in Manhattan. He was 89.

Dr. Pardes aspired to make New York-Presbyterian a model for medical care, with focus on patients, efficient management, and rigid financial controls.

Richard M. Sherman

Disney legend Richard M. Sherman, half of the Academy Award-winning songwriting team of the Sherman Brothers (with his late brother Robert B. Sherman), died May 25, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills. He was 95.

One of the most prolific composer-lyricists in the history of family entertainment, and a key member of Walt Disney's inner circle of creative talents, Mr. Sherman garnered nine Academy Award nominations (winning two Oscars for his work on the 1964 classic "Mary Poppins"), won three Grammy Awards, and received 24 gold and platinum albums over the course of his 65-year career.

Adele Faber

Adele Faber, a former high school teacher who, with her Long Island neighbor Elaine Mazlish, wrote child-rearing blockbusters like *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* and *Siblings Without Rivalry*, which became bibles for generations of parents, died on April 24 in White Plains, NY. She was 96.

The parenting guides have sold more than four million copies in North America alone, and have been published in 40 countries. The impetus for the books was a lecture series by the child psychologist Haim Ginott. "I tried a few of his ideas with my own three kids and saw stunning results," Ms. Faber said. The two women decided to write their own book based on their experiences applying the techniques. In all, the writing team wrote seven books.

“I remember once telling Haim Ginott that living according to his principles is a beautiful way to live,” Ms. Faber said, “but that it was hard. I find myself starting, stopping, tripping over my own tongue. He replied: ‘To learn a new language is not easy. For one thing, you will always speak with an accent. But for your children, it will be their native tongue.’”

Refuah Shlemah

Paul Birman
Menachem Bloom
Martin Ehrenreich
Alan Garmise

Birthdays In June

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

Anniversaries in June

9: Stanley and Roberta Kaplan
17: Matthew and Allison Nathel
19: Nathan Graf and Marisa Ryan
24: Lewis and Helaine Teperman
29: Hal and Nina Neimark

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

Yahrzeits in June

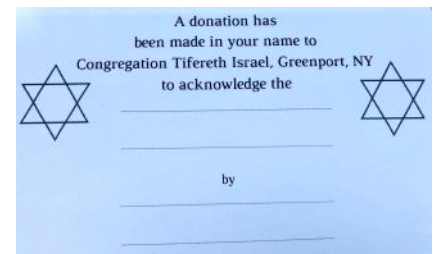
1: Pamela Panepinto; Ruth Rothman
2: Sadie Kaplan; Arthur A. Levin; Sheldon Pitkin; Ruth Samuel
3: Malka Levi; Maurice Nezin; Geraldine Sheinkopf; Esther Simpson
4: Pauline Walker
5: Dr. William Kaplan
6: Bernard Sharp
7: Albert Lepawsky; Sheldon Seigel
8: Rose Bercun; Joseph Pushkin; Evelyn Reece; Eugene Schrott
9: Herman L. Brickner; Lowell Packard; William Wells
10: Jerome Finkelstein
11: Louis J. Levinson; Samuel Nissenfeld; Ivy Graber Schiff
12: Harold Weiskott; Freda Wiederlight
13: Gizela Friedman; Irving Richter
14: Lena Harris; Martin R. D. Sharp
16: Charles Bogen; Peter Friedmann
18: Solomon Bush

- 19: Evelyn Blitz
 20: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
 21: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler
 22: Louise Oliver; Shirley Melnick Staltz
 25: Rebecca Kaplan Blumenthal; Myron Sausmer
 26: Siah Schlefstein
 27: Yitzchak ben Pesach Katcher
 28: Rosa Klausner; Hattie Weinstein
 29: Dr. Maxwell C. Ballen; Miriam Lipman; Bertha Mandell; Stella Weinrib
 30: Alvin Berman; Miller Haber; Norma Youmans

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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.

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in May

Peter Krasnow and Christine Cerny
 Nancy and Dan Torchio
 Adrienne Greenberg
 Judith K. Weiner
 Maury Harris
 Liz Adams
 Diane Graeb
 Elaine Goldman
 Jonathan and Susan Schrott
 Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski

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 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.

• **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.

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

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Veronica Kaliski, Susan Rosenstreich, Madelyn Rothman, Corinne Slade

Yahrzeits

Miriam Gabriel

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

Address comments and questions to the president, members of the board of directors, or committee chairs to ctigreenport@gmail.com/. In the subject line, include the name of the person you want to reach.

