The Shofar

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Shabbat and Holiday Services (Hybrid)

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

Shul Events

• Friday, Jan. 2: Playreading following Shabbat service, "I've Got This" by Chuck Simon, **7 p.m.**
• Monday, Jan. 5: Ritual Committee at 10 a.m.; Pastoral Committee at 11 a.m., on Zoom
• Thursday, Jan. 15: Book Circle at 3:30 p.m., on Zoom
• Sunday, Jan. 18: Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., on Zoom
• Sunday, Feb. 1: Tu B'Shevat Seder, led by Rabbi Suzan Lipson, 2 p.m., in person, community room

Guest Rabbis and Special Shabbat Events (Bring friends)

• On Friday, Jan. 2, the Shabbat service, led by Chuck Simon, will begin at 7 p.m., a half-hour earlier than usual. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy an Oneg Shabbat in the community room and the reading of Chuck's one-act comedy titled "I've Got This." In the starring roles — our own shul members and guest actors. Enjoy the play, the Oneg Shabbat, fun for all, many laughs, good food, and good company.

• Jan. 2-3: Chuck Simon
• Jan. 9-10: Rabbi Eytan Hammerman
• Jan. 16-17: Arthur Riegel
• Jan. 23-24: Rabbi Jaymee Alpert
• Jan. 30-31: TBD
• Feb. 6-7: Rabbi Debra Cantor
• Feb. 13-14: Arthur Riegel
• Feb. 20-21: TBD
• Feb. 27-28: Rabbi Jaymee Alpert

Deadline for the February 2026 issue of *The Shofar*: January 20

A Letter To The Congregation From CAST

Thank you for supporting our Toy Drive. Your generosity brings so much joy and peace to families in our community this Christmas. Because of you, children will have beautiful gifts to unwrap this holiday season. We are so grateful.

From The President...

Recently, I received a number of phone calls and email messages wanting to know the status of our shul, given the challenges to our leadership and disruptions within the shul family. All inquiries that were presented with thoughtfulness and insight were considered carefully, others dismissed.

As president, I brought congregant concerns to the Board of Directors and to the Ritual Committee. Following protracted discussions, a letter was prepared and emailed on December 11 to all members, conveying that our shul, I am happy to report, is strong and healthy. For those who may have overlooked the letter, or did not receive it as a member in good standing, I am reprinting it here. I hope this letter will reassure you that our shul is moving forward with energy and enthusiasm, and that all who love this shul will join us as together we embrace new and positive directions.

May you continue to bask in the many joys and blessings of Hanukkah throughout the weeks and months ahead

—Sara Bloom

(December 11 letter reprinted)

Dear members,

Our shul is emerging from a distressing time. But like Jews throughout history, we are strong. We are rooted in spiritual traditions that respect our history, our role in the larger community, and the beliefs and rituals of Conservative Judaism.

Although issues are still to be resolved and anger dispelled, we are reaching for Shalom Bayit. Recognizing the importance of the full participation of our members, we will mend the fractures in our shul community with effective communication. The Board of Directors has empowered an expanded Ritual Committee, comprised of Board and non-Board members, to take decisive steps to meet the spiritual needs of our community. The Committee is also developing new programming and activities to engage our members and enhance the religious components of our shul services and observances.

Of critical importance is to offer a meaningful Shabbat service — a place of peace and spirituality. And we have made good on that promise: **Rabbi Debra Cantor**, who presided over the largest turnout for High Holiday services in recent memory, has returned several times for Shabbat weekends filled with devotions and learning; **Rabbi Kaya Stern-Kaufman** showed us the power of calm; **Cantor Roseanne Benjamin** brought her stirring soprano voice to a Shabbat weekend, and **Rabbi Jaymee Alpert** showed us that movement can enrich prayer. In addition, we have scheduled **Rabbi Howard Diamond,** a dear friend of our shul, an**d Rabbi Eytan Hammerman**, a new voice, to join the others throughout December, January and February as a Rabbi Search Committee begins its important work to chart our course for the years ahead.

Activities in our shul abound:

• The Art Talk and Brunch on Nov. 9 filled our community room with 70-some members and guests, an extraordinary turnout.

• Our Menorah lighting on Dec. 14, led by Rabbi Howard Diamond, will be followed by a Latke-Vodka Party in our community room.

• Following the Shabbat service on Jan. 2, we will enjoy a reading of Chuck Simon's one-act comedy, "I've Got This."

• Once again, Rabbi Suzan Lipson will lead a Women's Tu B'Shevat Seder on Feb. 1.

• Our Purim Party in March is already being planned.

We hope all members and friends, who love this shul as we do, will join us for our spiritual, educational and social events and observances. We seek the participation of all our members to maintain an active Conservative Jewish presence here on the North Fork of Long Island, where we are continuing the vision of our founders for this generation of Jews and those that will follow.

—The Ritual Committee

We Lit The Menorah In Mitchell Park; Then, Partied At The Shul

It was snowing all day, and then it wasn't. But it was cold. We didn't care. We gathered in Mitchell Park at 5 p.m., on Dec. 14, and Rabbi Howard Diamond led the prayers before we welcomed Hanukkah by lighting the "candle" on the first of the eight nights of the holiday. An ecumenical spirit filled the park as Christmas lights glowed in the background.

Back at the shul, latkes were heating in the kitchen, vodka was plentiful on the refreshments table, and the band was tuning up. There were dreidels and chocolate coins, decorations around the community room, and friends and neighbors joining shul members in the spirit of good will. It was a grand night of celebration. SMBloom photos

Book Circle Chooses An Oldie And A Goodie: 'Marjorie Morningstar'

Of course, those of us of a certain age read it, and saw ourselves in it, and the Book Circle is entering those days once again. In Herman Wouk's powerful coming-of-age novel, a starry-eyed, 19-year-old beauty named Marjorie Morgenstern leaves home to accept the job of her dreams — working in a summer stock company for Noel Airman, its talented and charismatic director. Released from the social constraints of her traditional Jewish family, and thrown into the glorious and colorful world of theater, Marjorie, now Morningstar, finds herself entangled in an affair with the man destined to become the greatest — and the most destructive — love of her life.

The members of the Book Circle will meet on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 3:30 p.m., on Zoom, to revisit that time in their lives and the love story they all shared with Marjorie. The Book Circle meets monthly to explore the work of Jewish authors writing on Jewish themes. For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.com with a message for Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group.

CTI Joins Anti-Defamation League Program To Combat Antisemitism

Last fall, our shul became aware of a program offered by the Anti-Defamation League to help synagogues combat antisemitism. We applied and were accepted into the 5786/2026 Cohort.

This program, called Kulanu (meaning "all of us"), is a new congregational engagement program from ADL that empowers congregations to address antisemitism and hate in their communities. By taking advantage of webinars and the resources of the Kulanu network, congregations are encouraged to implement initiatives appropriate to their communities.

At this time, Congregation Tifereth Israel is the only synagogue from the North Fork participating in the program. Those interested in learning more about Kulanu or who would like to be part of our working group, please contact Rabbi Suzan Lipson at 254-734-5228, or womanscoach@yahoo.com.

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Is Beer Kosher? It Used To Be. Times And Ingredients Have Changed

In November 2025, three of America's largest kosher-certifying organizations came together to release new guidance regarding the status of beer, which has long been considered kosher by default. But due to the proliferation of flavorings brought on by craft brewing and other industry changes, the rabbis who declare food products to be in line with Jewish dietary laws now say to check the label before drinking.

"We've discovered that companies use many flavors to enhance even the simple beers that they manufacture. Those flavors need to be kosherly supervised," said Rabbi Moshe Elefant, the head of kosher operations at the Orthodox Union, which released the guidance along with Star-K and OK Kosher. "Some beers have dairy in them. They add lactose, they add milk, so a beer could be dairy, which has serious kosher ramifications."

"Modern factory production involves long supply chains stretching around the world. Before a product hits the shelves, its ingredients may be the work of a dozen factories that result in a final product, and every step of that process needs to be certified to earn the OU stamp," Rabbi Elefant said. Today. The Orthodox Union employs 55 rabbis in the New York office, and hundreds more in the field.

A Hanukkah Attack, Mass Shooting: Deadly Antisemitism In Australia

Mourners gathered on Dec. 15 at Sydney's Bondi Beach to light the menorah for the second night of Hanukkah, one day after the mass shooting at a Hanukkah celebration. Officials say a father and son killed 15 people and wounded more than three dozen others at the beachfront gathering, making it one of the deadliest attacks on Jews outside Israel in years. The father, Sajid Akram, 50, was killed, and police said they plan to charge his son, Naveed Akram, 24, as the investigation continues. Saeed Khan/AFP via Getty Images

New York To Establish First State-Sponsored Holocaust Memorial

New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation on Dec. 1 that will establish New York's first state-sponsored Holocaust memorial. The memorial will be built at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, a centerpiece in the state's capital. New York has a number of Holocaust memorials, but none funded and supported by the state government.

The legislation says the monument will be called the New York State Holocaust Memorial, and will aim to commemorate the victims of the genocide and to "educate the public about the history of the Holocaust and the dangers of antisemitism, racism, and all manifestations of intolerance." The legislation passed through the state Senate and Assembly unopposed.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Shari Redstone

Shari Redstone sold her controlling stake in Paramount Global to Skydance Media in an $8 billion deal that closed in August 2025, then quickly reentered the media world as chair of the Israeli entertainment company Sipur. She said Sipur's projects, such as a documentary about the Nova Music Festival massacre, align with her family's foundation to combat antisemitism.

Shalom Baranes

President Donald Trump has tapped Shalom Baranes, a prominent Jewish architect, to redesign the White House's East Wing ballroom. Baranes came to the U.S. as a child when his parents fled antisemitism in Libya with help from the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). His projects have included work on the Pentagon and the historic Sixth & I synagogue, among other undertakings.

The original architect for Trump's White House ballroom project was James McCrery II of McCrery Architects. However, he was replaced by Shalom Baranes, following disagreements with Trump over the ballroom's massive size and aggressive deadlines for the project.

Jared Isaacman

Billionaire entrepreneur Jared Isaacman has been confirmed by the Senate as the new head of NASA. Isaacman, 42, is founder and CEO of the payment processing company Shiftd4, but has never worked at NASA or in the federal government. He will take control of the space agency from Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, who has served as NASA's interim administrator since July. During his hearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Isaacman said he is focused on returning to the moon and winning the new space race with China.

• OBITUARIES •

Dorothy Vogel

Dorothy Vogel a librarian who, with her postal-clerk husband, Herbert, bought thousands of works from future art stars, stashing them in their cramped one-bedroom New Yor apartment and eventually handling over the entire collection to the National Gallery of Art, died on Nov. 10 in Manhattan. She was 90.

Throughout their decades as collectors, Ms. Vogel worked at the Brooklyn Public Library as a reference librarian, and Mr. Vogel, a high school dropout from Harlem, did the night shift at a post office sorting mail. Their formal training in art consisted of the art classes Mr. Vogel took at New York University as a young man and a few painting lessons the couple took together.

Their rent-controlled apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side functioned as a fine-art storage locker and an exhibition space. Stacked on the floor and crammed into closets were some 4,000 works by Roy Lichtenstein and other luminaries. Nevertheless, the Vogels lived frugally, did not own a car and often ate TV dinners. They bought what they could afford from underground artists.

By the early 1970s, the Vogels had become a known quantity on New York's avant-garde scene. In 1971, the couple agreed to spend three months cat-sitting for Christo who, with his wife and collaborator Jeanne-Claude, was becoming famous for his monumental works of environmental art. Early on, Christo and Jeanne-Claude had assumed the Vogels were wealthy collectors. "Christo," Jeanne-Claude said, "it's the Vogels. We're going to pay the rent."

"They didn't know" Mrs. Vogel said, "that we could barely pay the rent ourselves."

Tom Stoppard

British playwright Tom Stoppard, a towering figure in theater and film, died on Nov. 29, 2025, at his home in Dorset, England. He was 88.

Born Tomas Straussler on July 3, 1937, in Zlin, then part of Czechoslovakia, into a Jewish family, he and his family fled Nazi persecution — first to Singapore, then to India, before finally settling in Britain in 1946. He attended school in Yorkshire, and at age 17 began working as a journalist, later becoming a theater and film critic. He got his start with several minor stage plays, and achieved a breakthrough with the 1966 premiere of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," an

absurdist reinterpretation of two minor figures from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The play was first staged at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe before transferring to London's West End, and then to Broadway, where it earned him his first Tony Award.

Over the next six decades, Stoppard wrote a string of celebrated works. He was honored with five Tony Awards for Best Play. In recognition of his contributions to literature and theater, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

He was in his 50s before he discovered the truth about his Jewish origins, and into his 80s by the time the knowledge metabolized into "Leopoldstadt," which followed a once-prosperous Viennese family from 1899 to 1955.

Mel Leipzig

Mel Leipzig, an acclaimed figurative painter whose passion for detail transformed depictions of fellow New Jerseyans in mundane settings into mesmerizing enigmas, died on Nov. 1 in Princeton, NJ. He was 90.

The New Yorker art critic Peter Schjeldahl wrote in 1979 that Mr. Leipzig's "sense of mysterious emotional tensions in strongly characterized ordinary people makes him, perhaps, the Chekhov of Trenton, referring to the Russian dramatist who revealed the melancholy interior lives of his subjects.

"Painting has saved my life," he said in the *Painting Perception* interview in 2018. "There's so much in this life that you cannot control. I lost my wife — it was very hard for me, but because I paint, I could get through it. Painting is unbelievable in how it can help.

"Creativity is very life-giving. Van Gogh would have shot himself a lot earlier had he not been an artist."

Frank Gehry

Frank Gehry, one of the most influential and acclaimed American architects, died on Dec. 5 at his home in Santa Monica, CA. He was 96, and still working on an 82,000-square-foot flagship store for Louis Vuitton on Rodeo Drive, and finalizing a 1,000-seat concert hall for the Colburn School of Music in downtown Los Angeles.

Gehry is best known for his work building the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, which opened in 1997; the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, which he completed in 2003; and the Foundation Louis Vuitton, which opened in 2014. He won the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1989, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

While working on the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Gehry was also completing his project in Bilbao, with its titanium panels and flowing movement imbued in the structure that became characteristic of Gehry's work. The design for both buildings pioneered new ways of using technology in architecture to build more fluid shapes.

His later buildings included a 76-story residential tower at 8 Spruce Street in Lower Manhattan in 2011, the Pierre Boulez Hall in Berlin in 2017, a memorial to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington in 20020, and the Luma Foundation building in Arles, France in 2021.

Rabbi Eliezer Diamond

Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, who taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary for more than three decades and left an indelible mark on generations of rabbis and Jewish scholars, died on Dec. 11. He was 73.

Beyond the numerous eulogies that have been written for him, the rabbi's reflections on life and faith endure. "What draws me back to Hashem, if not to my life as a whole, is Psalm 23: 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil for you are with me,'" he wrote in his last Facebook post. "Wherever I am, God is there, too."

Cora Weiss

Cora Weiss, active for more than half a century in support of gender equality, international peace, the anti-Vietnam War movement, civil rights and nuclear disarmament, and who helped organize some of the important mass demonstrations of the 1960s, died on Dec. 8 in Manhattan. She was 91.

In 196`1, when she was raising her children in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx, she heard about Women Strike for Peace, a new group organizing demonstrations against nuclear weapons testing. She joined.

"In my experience with Women Strike for Peace, we got things done," she said. Within a few years, Ms. Weiss had become co-chairwoman of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and had helped organize one of the largest antiwar protests in the United States.

A lifelong supporter of the United Nations, Ms. Weiss was particularly proud of her work in helping to draft United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, which affirmed the importance of the role of women in the peace process and protecting their security, unanimously adopted in 2000.

Later in life, as president of the Hague Appeal for Peace, she became involved in global peace education. "I've decided that it's the only sustainable thing," Ms. Weiss said. "You can march, you can protest, you can make phone calls, you can write letters. But education is the closest thing, I think, to a sustainable form of social change."

Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner

Rob Reiner, who rose from an early career as a sitcom star to direct a run of film classics that included "When Harry Met Sally..." and "The Princess Bride," died at age 78 along with his wife, Michele Singer. 70, the daughter of Holocaust survivors. Los Angeles authorities say the two were found dead in their home on Dec. 13 in what they are investigating as a homicide.

Describing his Jewish childhood to *The Forward*, Rob Reiner recalled his Yiddish-speaking grandmother and his own Yiddish instruction. He described the experience as "home shuling."

Beginning in the 2000s, Reiner's work and public life were largely concerned with activism and civics. He cofounded the marriage equality group American Foundation for Equal Rights, and made several documentaries, one about Christian nationalism. The Reiners formed a partnership at home, on movie and television sets, and in their activism.

"As a Jew, you see what nationalism can do. You see the results of it," he said, referring to a trip he and his wife had made to Auschwitz, where her mother was an inmate and the rest of the family was murdered. "And so for us who are Jewish by birth, we know what the dangers are, and hopefully this film can at least be a little bit of a teaching tool to everybody."

Robert J. Samuelson

Robert J. Samuelson, an economics columnist for *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post* who explored, in reader-friendly vernacular the perils of inflation, the fiscal consequences of entitlement spending, and the slow-motion crisis of the bulging national debt, died on Dec. 13 in Bethesda, MD. He was 79.

Upon retiring in 2020, Mr. Samuelson wrote a final column assessing his career: "So far as I can tell," he wrote, "nothing that I have written has ever had the slightest effect on what actually happened. I'm resigned to this. No one elected me to anything. In our system, the people rule, not the pundits; and that's how it should be."

Norman Podhoretz

Norman Podhoretz, the long-time editor of *Commentary* magazine and a lion of neoconservatism, died on Dec.16 in Manhattan. He was 95.

His intellectual odyssey took him from an ardent embrace of the left to a condemnation of a world order that in his eyes had become spineless in the face of Soviet expansionism and, later, Islamist militancy.

In his 35 years at the helm of *Commenta*ry, published by the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Podhoretz transformed the magazine from as distinguished journal of social and political criticism into a more controversial and influential voice. "Norman laid the groundwork for the muscular democratizing version of neoconservatism," said Jacob Heilbrunn, a scholar of the movement.

The Podhoretz doctrine reached its influential peak in the administration of President George W. Bush, who awarded Mr. Podhoretz the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He was also a foreign policy adviser to Rudolph W. Giuliani's aborted campaign for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination.

Rabbi Emily Faust Korzenik

Emily Faust Korzenik, who in midlife became part of the first generation of women ordained as rabbis in the United States and who in 1985 presided over the first bar mitzvah in Krakow in decades, died on Dec. 15 at her home in Scarsdale, NY. She was 96.

Ordained in 1981, for 25 years, she presided over the Fellowship for Jewish Learning, a congregation in Stamford, CT. Four years after her ordination, she led a bar mitzvah ceremony at the Tempel Synagogue in Krakow, Poland. Krakow's Jewish community had been devastated by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Only a few hundred Jews, mostly older adults, remained in the city out of a prewar population of nearly 60,000. The bar mitzvah was the first in Krakow in more than 20 years, and it brought a renewed sense of life and hope to a moribund Jewish community.

Rabbi Korzenik had been recruited for the task by a Connecticut woman, who had just returned from Poland bearing an unusual request. The woman had asked an older woman in Krakow what American Jews could do for the impoverished Jewish community there. The older woman answered: "Bring us a bar mitzvah." It would be a symbol of renewal in a country whose rabbinate had been decimated, and in a city in which only two synagogues remained, out of 300 before the war.

Rabbi Korzenik had been working to prepare a 13-year-old boy for his bar mitzvah. His great-grandparents had come from Poland, and he and his parents agreed to travel to Krakow. The decision was not without controversy, in this country and in Poland. Orthodox Jews objected on grounds that women could not be rabbis and, in Poland, rabbis there tried to disrupt the service by forcibly removing Rabbi Korzenik's tallit. Rabbi Korzenik persisted, and the congregants were on her side. With a nod from Rabbi Korzenik, the young lad began to read his Torah portion. All was quiet.

[A personal note: "I was the feature editor of a group of Westchester County community newspapers when Rabbi Korzenik returned from her groundbreaking trip to Poland. She graciously granted me an interview, telling me that in spite of the strife, she never wavered in her determination to fulfill what was asked of her for the family and for the Jews of Krakow. The full story, which appeared in *The Scarsdale Inquirer* in October 1985, was awarded first place for feature writing that year by the New York Press Association."]

Yahrzeits in January

1: Dr. Stanley S. Frankel; Olive Spence Friedmann; Paul Panapinto; Sarah Weiskott
2: Louis S. "Bill" Sachs; Peri Sausmer
3: Max Katz
4: Max Birman; George Grossman

6: Norma Oestreich; Lillian Silberberg
7: Arnold Jaffe; Dr. Melvin Shengold
9: Jean Birman; Alex David; Dr. Arthur Goldin; Jennie Levinson
10: Rose Wasserman
12: Phil Rosenstein
13: Ida Sausmer
14: Jeffrey Doss; Toivo Jarvi
15: Martha Levin
16: Herman Millman; Gerald Nathel; Stanley Sydney
17: Norma Good; Nedjat Lazar; Steven Newman; Alvin Robins; William Sausmer
19: Nathan Forman; Rose Katz Grossman; Julius Levine; Mel Morrell
20: Jed Clauss; Monir Lazar; Benjamin Lipman
20: Ralph Michelson and his 5 brothers: Morris, Lewis, Conrad, Herbert and Morton
21: Annie Bush; Rebecca Edelstein; Louis Felder; Anna Neimark
22: Helen Newman
23: Clara Nissenfeld
24: Adrien Felder; Herbert R. Mandel
25: Bella Schwartz
26: Selma Lerner
27: Morris Budofsky; Evelyn Rosenbaum
28: Lucille Bogen; Earl Victor Friedman; Avraham ben Mordechai
29: David J. Brown; Gladys Feinberg; Yehuda L. Levinson; Joan Slade
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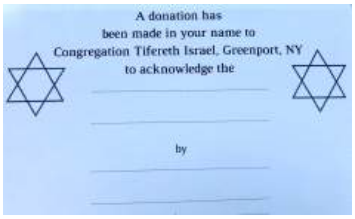

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Birthdays In January

2: Molly Byrne
3: Seth Greenseid
4: Stanley Kaplan
8: Alan Weinstein
11: Chuck Simon
15: Rob Brown
16: Arthur Riegel
20: Sara Bloom; Carly Teperman
24: Veronica Kaliski

Anniversaries In January

5: Carol Ingall and Stephan Brumberg
14: Miriam Gabriel and Adrianne Greenberg

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in December

David Judlowitz
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- **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.
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• 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

To order a plaque, please contact Adrianne Greenberg at agreenberg825@optonline.net

• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

Membership Per Year (Revised June 2023)

Family: $1,200
Individual: $800

Event	Members	Nonmembers
Lifecycle Event*	$1,000	$2,000
Sanctuary Only	$500	$1,000

Commemoratives

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.

• WHO'S WHO AT OUR SHUL •

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