

The Shofar

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Shabbat and Holiday Services (Hybrid)

Fridays: Erev Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays: Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 23: Shabbat service and Yizkor observance, 11 a.m.

Shul Events

Friday, May 1: Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Robert Wolkoff, 6 p.m.
Monday, May 4: Ritual Committee at 10 a.m.; Pastoral Committee at 11 a.m., on Zoom
Tuesday, May 5: Lag B'Omer
Tuesday, May 5: Last day dues for 2026 can be recorded before June election
Sunday, May 17: Board meeting, 9 a.m., on Zoom
Sunday, May 17: Special Meeting of the Congregation, propose slate, accept nominations, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 21: Shavuot, hybrid w/guest speakers, cheesecake in community room, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 23: Shabbat service and Yizkor.
Monday, June 1-June 4: Electronic voting for Board of Directors via Election Buddy
Sunday, June 14: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom
Sunday, June 14: Congregation meeting 10:30 a.m., on Zoom, election results announced
Thursday, June 18: Book Circle, 3:30 p.m., in the garden, weather permitting

Guest Rabbis in May

- May 1-2: Rabbi Robert Wolcuff
- May 8-9: TBA
- May 15-16: Rabbi Jaymee Alpert
- May 22-23: TBA
- May 29-30: Rabbi Jaymee Alpert

Lighting Shabbat Candles in May

May 1: 7:34 May 8: 7:41 May 15: 7:48 May 22: 7:54 May 29: 8:00

Dates To Remember

Sunday, May 10: Mothers' Day;
Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

Deadline for the June 2026 issue of *The Shofar*: May 20

From The President...



“Spring: Looking Ahead, Looking Back.”

Dear members and friends,

Spring weather at last. The calendar kept telling me it was spring, so why was I feeling so chilled, still dragging out the corduroys and sweaters every morning? And then, I looked away, only for a moment, and Shazam! Spring.

More than any other season of the year, spring holds promise — the promise of renewal, rebirth and the certainty that goodness will follow even the most difficult of times. Spring is a reminder that darkness, the winter of life, is temporary and that new life and growth are on the horizon.

At our shul, we are preparing for new leadership to guide us spiritually and administratively. We are interviewing rabbis and inviting them here to meet you and to invite you to assess the skills and talents of each applicant as a good fit for our shul. We are planning to refresh the parsonage for the comfort of a new rabbi and his or her family.

And, too, we are preparing for new administrative leadership. A new slate of officers and directors is being prepared, and you will have the opportunity to nominate others you feel have leadership qualities, who will choose advantageous and insightful pathways for the continuing growth of our shul and its membership.

At the same time, I’m looking back — looking back on happy events that take place in our shul — the friends we make, the Shabbat observances and Passover Seders we share, the joy of our mitzvahs, the prayers and blessings we recite as a shul family, the songs we sing. And, too, the compassion we feel for each other in the darkest moments. Togetherness. This is what our shul is about. No matter the slings and arrows, as has been said, we must never lose sight of our past and our Jewishness. And we must never abandon our shul. Now, in spring, let us come together and move forward in harmony.

With your indulgence, before the details of it fade into memory, I want to look back just a little bit, to a recent event, and share with you another spring ritual I experienced this year.

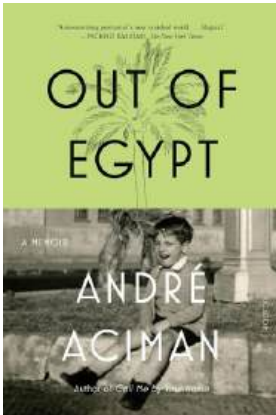
Passover is, for me, a harbinger of spring, a ritual based on freedom, yes, but also new beginnings that, in time, will blossom into maturity. With those themes in mind, I attended a Second Seder here on the North Fork, a most welcome invitation to join with a family dear to me. The home was filled to overflowing with family, friends and many young children. When it came time in the service for the youngest among us to recite the Four Questions, the leader deviated a bit from ritual and invited each child — maybe a dozen or more — to recite that portion. Some had memorized it, some read in English, others in Hebrew. And we listened to each child, the 40 of us quiet and respectful, and we applauded each child in turn for the effort. Their voices were strong, confident, each of them proud of his or her accomplishment and, I have to believe, his or her part in a memorable Jewish event.

I suspect that as those children grow and mature, they will keep with them memories of the Seders of their childhood, all the years they practiced and participated. And, perhaps even more than their performance, they will take with them always the Jewish learning that stems from that holiday ritual — the importance of family, the joy of togetherness and, overall, the annual spring observance of Passover with its reawakening of the natural world and its reminders that each of us — from the youngest to the family matriarchs and patriarchs — each of us is essential to the 5,000-year continuum that is Judaism.

—Sara Bloom

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

Book Circle Delves Into Three Generations Of A Flamboyant Family (This is the June selection. No Book Circle meeting in May)



The Book Circle will meet on Thursday, June 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Andrew Levin Park garden at the synagogue, weather permitting. The June selection is *Out of Egypt*, a memoir by Andre Aciman.

Here, the author introduces us to the eccentrics who shaped his life — Uncle Vili, the strutting daredevil, soldier, statesman and spy; the two grandmothers, the Princess and the Saint, who gossip in six languages; and Aunt Flora, the German refugee. And through it all, we come to know a boy who, even as he longs for a wider world, does not want to be led, forever, out of Egypt.

For more information about the Book Circle, contact Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group, at ctigreenport@gmail.com/.

Members, Relatives, Friends Gather For The First-Night Passover Seder



The shopping and chopping, the slicing and dicing were done. The table was set and re-set three times to accommodate last-minute guests. When everyone was seated, the president welcomed everyone to our shul and turned over the evening's observance of Passover to shul member Rabbi Suzan Lipson, who led the gathering through the story of the exodus from Egypt and the journey from slavery to freedom. We dined on traditional Seder foods, read the dramatic narrative, sang the songs, drank the wine, and thoroughly enjoyed the rituals we performed together. Thanks to all who made it happen. SMBloom photo

Plan To Join Us For Shavuot — The Third Festival Of ‘The Big Three’

Dear members and friends,

Shavuot begins Thursday evening, May 21. This festival is one of the so-called Big Three: Sukkot is the Harvest; Pesach is the festival of freedom, and Shavuot is the time of the giving of the Ten Commandments, or to say it another way, the time when we receive Divine Law. It is customary for people to gather together on that evening to study and to eat dairy. Cheesecake is usually on the table.

To fully appreciate and fulfill the meaning of the holiday, we are seeking volunteers to help us plan the refreshments, and also members — or someone you might know who would be willing to teach a brief lesson on something of Jewish content. The lesson could be about food, art, music, literature, Bible or your particular interest, talent or skill.

Please mark your calendars now for this special observance...and please contact me with your willingness to help with refreshments and volunteer to offer a lesson.

NOTE: Yizkor will be observed on Saturday, May 23, at 11 a.m.

Thank you.

The Ritual Committee,
Chuck Simon, chair
cedwardsimon@gmail.com

What Is Our Tikkun Olam Group All About? The Shofar Asked...

The Tikkun Olam Initiative is celebrating its 5th anniversary. We are dedicated to the concept to heal the world by creating and nurturing relationships with not-for-profits that improve the lives of individuals and families in Southold Town and its environs.

Over the years, we have supported CAST by collecting school supplies each August, Cans For CAST during the High Holidays, toys in December, and donating bilingual books to preschool graduates of the Parent-Child+ program. We have collected and donated personal care items to John's Place, a homeless shelter in Greenport.

Three seasons of the year, we work at the Common Ground gardens in Southold to grow, harvest and deliver fresh vegetables to the food banks at CAST and the North Fork Parish Outreach.

New this year is our support of The Butterfly Effect Program, a nonprofit that empowers young people through safe spaces, and leadership and educational opportunities.

What is our group all about? We help the vulnerable, and we increase the visibility of our shul as an important charity in our community. Those interested in helping us accomplish our goals with these and other projects, please contact Veronica at 516-313-0605.

If I am only for myself, what am I; if we are only for ourselves, what are we?

—Veronica Kaliski and Madelyn Rothman

Another Tikkun Olam Project By The Tikkun Olam Initiative Group

Question: What do you do with all those freebies you find in motels, hotels, airports, restrooms, doctors' offices, and package deliveries that include a little something extra? You know, little sample bottles and tubes of toothpaste, soap, hand lotion, shampoo, deodorants, sanitizers and other products too nice to toss, so they end up unopened and stuffed in a dresser drawer.

The TOI has an idea to help you declutter and help out folks who could use those items. In the vestibule of the shul, the TOI will place a box marked “Little Stuff With Big Benefits,” and whenever you travel or find yourself with a swag bag of little bottles of stuff, you can stuff them in the box.

The TOI will take care of the rest — delivering them to shelters, food pantries and the like. It's a new idea with year-round value. Let's make it work.

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Unlikely Group Tended The Cemetery Of America's Oldest Synagogue Jewish Cemetery Preserved by Christians and Jews



Newport, Rhode Island, had once been home to a thriving Colonial Jewish community — also the home of Touro Synagogue, the nation's oldest surviving Jewish house of worship. But after the Revolutionary War and the city's economic decline, that community largely faded. Yet the cemetery and the synagogue building remained.

The Jewish burial ground dated to 1677. In 1822, Abraham Touro left money for the upkeep of the cemetery, the synagogue (built in 1763), and the street on which they stood. Newport's Town Council was

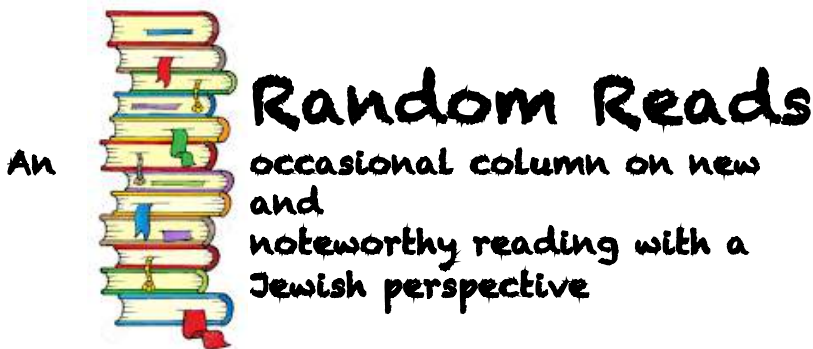
authorized to use the interest for repairs.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow visited Newport's Jewish cemetery in 1854, he wrote of the graves as "silent beside the never-silent waves." He noticed, too, what endured there: "Gone are the living, but the dead remain," he observed, "and they are not neglected."

Newport's preservation of Jewish sacred space was shared. Jews endowed these places and returned to bury their dead there. Christian officials repaired, protected, and publicly honored them. In this way, a Jewish inheritance was carried forward until communal life returned.

In 1883, Touro Synagogue was rededicated, and a new Jewish community was established in Newport. Yet, even in the years when the congregation was gone, the dead were not abandoned.

—Austin Albanese/*The Forward*



The Sisterhood of Ravensbrück, Lynne Olson

The true story of how an intrepid band of Frenchwomen resisted the Nazis in Hitler's all-female concentration camp. They risked death for any infraction, but that did not stop them from defying the SS at every turn.

A Fool's Kabbalah, Steve Stern

In the ruins of postwar Europe, the world's leading expert on the Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism goes on a hair-raising journey to recover sacred books stolen by the Nazis or hidden by the Jews themselves in secret places throughout the ravaged continent.

Sons and Daughters, Chaim Grade

This novel provides a glimpse of a way of life that is no longer — the rich Yiddish culture of Poland and Lithuania that the Holocaust would eradicate — by one of the 20th century’s pre-eminent writers of Yiddish fiction. It illuminates the clash between the secular world and the life bound by religious duty.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Jack Schlossberg

Jack Schlossberg, grandson of former President John F. Kennedy, is a leading Democratic contender for an open US. House seat, representing part of New York City.

Eli Savit

Eli Savit, a progressive county prosecutor, won the Michigan Democratic Party’s nomination for attorney general at a recent convention.

• OBITUARIES •

Judith L. Rapoport

Dr. Judith L. Rapoport, a child psychiatrist who brought public awareness to obsessive-compulsive disorder, died on March 7 in Washington D.C. She was 92.

The disorder had long remained in the shadows because of the shame that surrounded its symptoms, which could include habits like checking and rechecking that appliances were off, performing counting rituals before doing something as simple as walking through a doorway, or scrubbing hands with soap and water until the skin was raw. Dr. Rapoport showed a neurological basis for repetitive thoughts, and also for their linked compulsions or pointless rituals of behavior.

In addition to research on obsessive-compulsive disorder, Dr. Rapoport oversaw influential studies that shed light on attention deficit hyper activity disorder and childhood-onset schizophrenia.

Pedro Friedeberg

Pedro Friedeberg, a Mexican Jewish artist who was often called “The last Surrealist,” known for his hallucinatory paintings of imaginary cities and for his absurdist furniture designs died on March 5 in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. He was 90. Born in Italy to German Jewish parents, Mr. Friedeberg moved to Mexico with his family as a child and was later hailed as an artistic force in his adopted country. He worked in various mediums, including sculpture and printmaking, but found fame with paintings and drawings that transcended the boundaries of his university architecture studies. His paintings and lithographs were intricately geometric and dreamlike, conjuring otherworldly skylines, town centers, buildings and temple-like interiors.



For all his other accomplishments, Mr. Friedeberg is best remembered for his hand chairs. More than 5,000 have been produced in a variety of materials, some fetching tens of thousands of dollars at auction.

Nathan Farb

Nathan Farb, a photographer whose career took him from downtown Manhattan to a city in Siberia and then to the Adirondack Mountains of New York, died on March 26 at his home in Jay, a town in Adirondack Park. He was 85.

Mr. Farb did not pick up a camera in a serious way until he was 25, but when he did, he felt an immediate desire to be a photographer.

“The camera satisfied so many needs for me: The need to be with people, the need to connect to people, the need to express myself, the need to be able to comment on society,” he said.

Sid Krofft

Sid Krofft, who with his brother Marty made zany children’s programming, gaining a following among both the young and adult members of the counterculture, died on April 10 in Los Angeles. He was 96.

According to *The New York Times*, Mr. Krofft was “an eccentric visionary, a kids’ show P.T. Barnum who created improbable programming with a combination of creativity and chutzpah.” What tied the shows together was a madcap feel of fantastical creatures, elaborate costumes and puppets, psychedelic sets and slapstick humor — “a mélange of the Three Stooges and “Alice in Wonderland,” *The Times* said.

He was proud of many of his shows, Mr. Krofft had said, especially “Pufnstuf,” but watching reruns of the worst Krofft programs could make him cringe. “I have to turn away once in a while,” he said, “because I think, ‘Oh, my God, how did I ever allow that?’”

Mark Mobius

Mark Mobius, a money manager who made billions as one of the first investors focused on finding financial opportunities in emerging markets, died on April 15 in Singapore. He was 89.

In 1987, Mr. Mobius joined the investment banking firm Franklin Templeton, where he soon started one of the first investment funds anywhere dedicated to emerging markets — countries in Asia Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Gaining a reputation as the brilliant, swashbuckling “Indiana Jones” of his field, he helped change the perception of emerging markets. Over time, more investors began including them in their portfolios.

Franklin Templeton’s emerging markets group handled \$100 million when Mr. Mobius started. By the time he retired from the firm in 2018, his fund held over \$40 billion in investments spread across some 70 countries. “The world belongs to optimists” Mr. Mobius said.

Adriano Goldschmied

Adriano Goldschmied, the Italian businessman known as “the godfather of denim” for his role in developing versions of the world’s most popular fabric, died on April 5 in Castelfranco Veneto, a town near his home in Asolo, Italy. He was 82.

On any given day, marketers say, nearly half the world’s population is wearing jeans. Last year, more than \$98 billion worth of jeans were sold worldwide, and if you wear jeans, you own a pair that is influenced in some way by Mr. Goldschmied’s presence in the industry.

By his count, Mr. Goldschmied collaborated on or started more than 50 brands, including Gap 1969, a retro label named for the year Gap was founded, as well as Goldsign and AG Adriano Goldschmied, now known as AG Jeans.

Yahrzeits in May

- 1: Harold Friedberg; Shirley Gabriner; Hannah Weisz
- 2: Jenny Bush; Abe Cohen; Zelma Grandell Krasnow
- 3: Samuel Gutterman
- 5: Paula Shengold; Minnie Silberbogen
- 6: Adelaide "Addy" Brittman; Nanie Lewis
- 7: Richard Jaffe
- 8: Fannie Ballen; Louis I. Blumenson; Ernestine Brickner; Elchanan Edelman
- 9: Sarah Lipman; Esther Schlefstein; Sarah Shukotoff
- 10: Sidney Goldman; Aaron Lieb Rosenstreich
- 11: Pamela Panepinto; Ruth Rothman
- 12: Sadie Kaplan; Arthur A. Levin; Sheldon Pitkin; Ruth Samuel
- 13: Malka Levi; Maurice Nezin; Geraldine Sheinkopf; Esther Simpson
- 14: Pauline Walker
- 15: William Kaplan, MD
- 16: Bernard Sharp
- 17: Albert Lepawsky; Sheldon Seigel
- 18: Rose Bercun; Joseph Pushkin; Evelyn Reece; Eugene Schrott
- 19: Herman L. Brickner; Lowell Packard; William Wells
- 20: Jerome Finkelstein
- 21: Louis J. Levinson; Samuel Nissenfeld; Ivy Graber Schiff
- 22: Harold Weiskott; Freda Wiederlight
- 23: Gizela Friedman; Irving Richter
- 24: Lena Harris; Martin R. D Sharp
- 26: Charles Bogen; Peter Friedmann
- 28: Solomon Bush
- 29: Evelyn Blitz
- 30: Dorothy Finkelstein; Harry Greenberg; Jennie Levin
- 31: Robert W. Strong; Rebecca Scheanblum Wechsler

Refuah Shlemah

Marc Demel
Martin Ehrenreich
Ann Hurwitz
Paul Jesselsohn
Claude Duvernoy Paulsen
Robyne Ryan
Bri Lints

Birthdays In May

- 3: Michael Solomon
- 10: Arnold Gans; Elaine Goldman
- 13: Lewis Teperman, MD
- 18: Roberta Kaplan
- 23: Rochelle Garmise
- 25: Paul Nadel; Dylan Rafa Stein
- 27: Sherry Bloom
- 28: Aidan Carter



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On the front, our historic sanctuary; an acknowledgment of your generosity appears inside. Send a Sunshine card (\$18 each; 3 for \$36) by calling Andrea Blaga at 631-477-0232.

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in April

Rachel Levin Murphy
 Mary James
 Jordan and Wendy Handler
 Marc and Caren Demel
 Bruce Rider
 Sara Bloom
 Syma Gerard
 Laura Short
 Cathy Haft and Lawrence Heit
 Tom Byrne and Veronica Kaliski
 Elaine Goldman
 Ann Heller
 Stephen and Susan Meshover
 Mark Wiesenfeld and Patricia Bogen
 Harold and Peninah Neimark
 Rabbi Suzan Lipson
 Liz Adams

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.
- **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 Gift**

Donors 70-1/2 years or older can make an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$108,000 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 \$108,000 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 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/.

• SCHEDULE OF SYNAGOGUE FEES •

Membership Per Year (Revised June 2023)

Family: \$1,200

Individual: \$800

<u>Event</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
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 For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.org with a message for Elizabeth Adams.

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

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