

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

Monday, August 3: Ritual Committee at 10 a.m.; Pastoral Committee at 11 a.m., on Zoom

Sunday, August 16: Board meeting 9 a.m., on Zoom

Thursday, August 27: Book Circle, 3:30 p.m., Andrew Levin Park, weather permitting

Lighting Shabbat Candles in August

Aug. 7: 7:46 Aug. 14: 7:37 Aug. 21: 7:27 Aug. 28: 7:16

Dates To Remember

The Trifecta Workout/Summer Session: Mondays/Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., August 3-31

Friday, Sept. 11: Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday/Sunday: Sept. 12-13: Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 20: Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Monday, Sept. 21: Yom Kippur/Yizkor service

Friday, Sept. 25: Erev Sukkot

Deadline for the September 2026 issue of *The Shofar*: August 20

From The Rabbi...



As we bask in the warm beauty of summer on the North Fork, we find ourselves in the middle of one of Judaism's great annual events — an unfolding drama of alienation and reconciliation. It begins with the disastrous “Three Weeks,” culminating in Tisha B'Av — the anniversary of the destruction of the Temples and the horrifying alienation of exile. This is followed by the “Seven Weeks” of consolation, culminating in Rosh Hashanah, the Ten Days of Penitence, and Yom Kippur.

We go from ungodly devastation to moments with The Divine.

How? Or, more specifically, what is the magic in the human-divine relationship that allows the mistakes of the past to be forgiven and, if not forgiven, then forgotten?

My friend and teacher Rabbi Philip Pohl taught me the magic. He told me this painful story: A family in his congregation suffered the devastating loss of a child. The family relied heavily on the rabbi for emotional support. Initially, all went as well as it could under such tragic circumstances. But then, the rabbi came face to face with every rabbi's worst nightmare: The time for the unveiling was somehow not recorded on his calendar, and he missed it. Despite all the heartfelt apologies, his relationship with the family was shattered.

Years passed. Rabbi Pohl was teaching a class about the High Holy Days, and he mentioned the classic rabbinic image of HaShem making a record of our deeds in the Book of Life. In the audience was the bereaved mother, a professional calligrapher. She asked the question, “What kind of pen does HaShem use?” And Rabbi Pohl responded, “I'm not sure what kind of pen it is, but there's one thing I do know — the pen has an eraser.”

The effect was electric. Cathartic. Even G-d, they both understood, has an eraser. At that moment, Rabbi Pohl and his congregant were able to renew their bond, their friendship, and their sacred relationship.

So, too, with all of us. We have all experienced hurt and betrayal — sometimes intentional, sometimes not. Our trauma is not a figment of our imagination, not something to be denied or dismissed. The hurt is real. But so is the hope that we can find the erasers to rewrite the book, to forgive and to be forgiven.

Our congregation has gone through some difficult times recently and, G-d knows, the people of Israel have been going through difficult times as well. There are no magic wands to wave to make it all better.

But pens with erasers are the next best thing.

Let us hope that during the upcoming holidays, HaShem will give us the twin gifts of forgiveness and the power to forgive.

—Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

From The President...



What happens when months, even years of working and waiting for change happens all at once? From where I sit as the newly elected president of this shul, that is exactly the situation in which we find ourselves. Most of us resist change, but when it is necessary and we face it head on, it can be challenging, exciting, and a little scary — but exhilarating at the same time.

As of July 1 we have a new Board of Directors, a new Rabbi and several new projects on the drawing board, projects that have been talked about and on hold for years. We are now ready to move forward. Watch for updates as we make progress.

The Rabbi and I are working in the shul building. Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff, our new spiritual leader, intends to keep regular office hours, and we have installed a new doorbell at the office door to let him know you have arrived to see him. I too, will be in my shul office, and our schedules will be announced soon. Please stop by and share your prayers, hopes and dreams with us. This is your synagogue, and we are here for you. Tell us how you think we are doing. We are both good listeners.

Our synagogue's house, the Rabbi's residence, is also going through some changes. We have a dedicated committee and contractor working hard to make sure our new Rabbi is in his home here before the High Holidays. And speaking of the High Holidays, which are early this year, Rabbi Wolkoff will be leading the services with last year's Cantor, Ze'ev Weinstein, who will be traveling from Wisconsin to be with us again. With Rosh Hashanah starting on Sept. 1, we hope you are making plans to join us for all or part of the Days of Awe — Yamim Noraim. You are most welcome.

We just had a big party in our Andrew Levin Park, adjacent to the shul. I hope you attended. We honored two amazing women: Ann Hurwitz, our Synagogue Honoree; and Linda Kessler, our Community Honoree. Both have contributed so much to our greater North Fork area for many years. Also at the party, we launched our Virtual Journal 2026 which you can access on our website. Check it out for lots of great tributes to our honorees and information about our shul and local businesses.

In addition, Congregation Tifereth Israel is celebrating a milestone birthday. On July 4, we all celebrated the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, and this year our shul is exactly that by half. Imagine 125 years in this beautiful spot on the North Fork of Long Island. Those early founders could not have imagined what this place would be like now, but we can experience their commitment to love of G-d, country and community inside the walls of our shul. They built this gem, and we have the opportunity and obligation to appreciate it, use it, and preserve it for future generations. L'dor v'dor, come into the historic sanctuary and sit a while, say a prayer or two or enjoy the full davening experience of Shabbat. You will feel the history of this place. Any and all are welcome to visit, but membership itself creates a condition of Ha Makom — “dwelling in the land.” We must not take this place for granted. We need it, but it needs us too. I look forward to seeing you at shul soon.

Shalom u'vracha,

—Susan E. Lipson

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •



The gorgeous weather. The event so welcoming and communal with remarks by Rabbi Wolkoff and shul president Suzan Lipson. The music. The delicious buffet. The Journal display. The program with its heartfelt tributes to our honorees, Ann and Linda. All came together with excellent planning, leadership and diligence by event chairs Madelyn, Nancy and Rena, who made our third annual Garden Party and Journal launch on July 26 a rousing success. Mazel tov to all.

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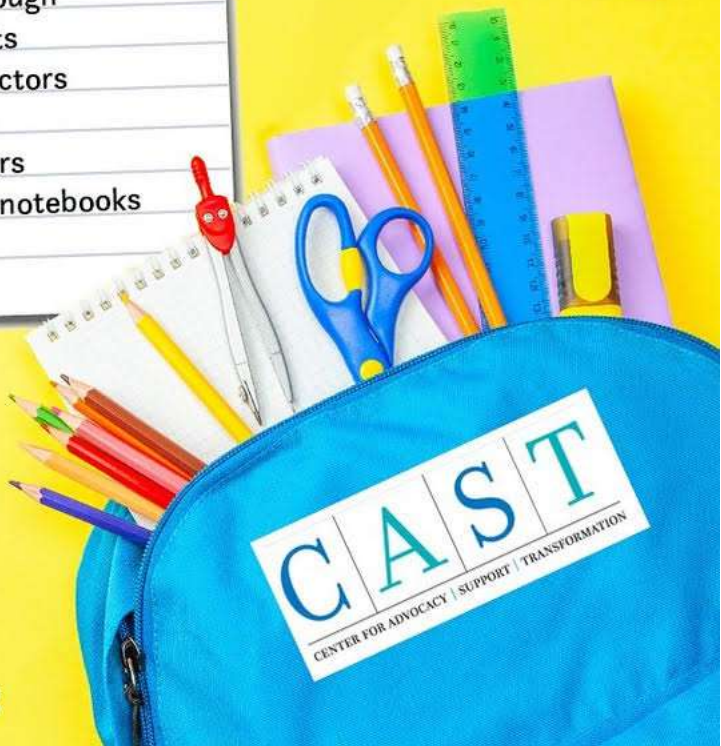
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| + dry erase markers | + pencil sharpeners |
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Once again, the Tikkun Olam Initiative (TOI) is collecting school supplies for the children of CAST clients. The big red barrel is stationed at the top of the ramp outside the shul's kitchen door, and all of us — the TOI, CAST, our members and, most of all, the kids — are hoping our members can fill the barrel to overflowing, just as we have done in past years. Let's help these kids start the new school year with the tools they need to succeed.

GHS 10th Graders Thank Shul For Funding Holocaust Museum Trip

Money collected from shul members, who contributed to the Yellow Candle Project, was contributed to Greenport High School to fund the bus that took the 10th-grade class to the Holocaust Museum in Glen Cove. The museum trip served as the culmination of the history class unit on the Holocaust.

The shul delivered a yellow candle to each member's house in preparation for the online presentation in which all participating families lit a candle in memory of The Six Million. The Yellow Candle project honors those murdered by the Nazis during the Shoah. As we lit our candles here in Greenport, so did many thousands across the globe. Contributions that ranged from \$18 to several hundred dollars covered the cost of the bus. The students also attended a Holocaust-related film at the North Fork Arts Center, and attended a Friday evening Shabbat service to talk with congregants about their experiences.

Last month, *The Shofar* received numerous thank-you notes from the students, expressing their appreciation for the shul's support of their study of the Holocaust. Some excerpts appear below:

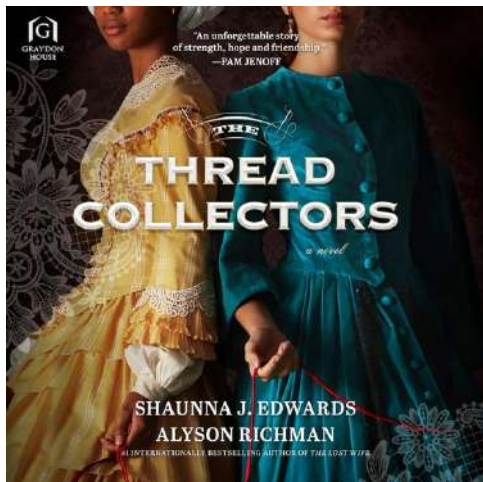
- "Thank you for your generous support in making our trip to the Holocaust Museum and the theater in Greenport possible. Your kindness gave us the opportunity to learn important lessons about history, and reflect on a memorable educational experience."

- "I am thankful to be part of this experience, and being able to hear the testimony of a survivor. It is a unique experience to learn about the suffering caused by hate, which should not take place in any part of the world."

- "Thank you for the opportunity and the learning experience. It spreads the history of discrimination against the Jews to students, making sure that people don't forget the tragedy of the Holocaust."

- "To our great friends at Congregation Tifereth Israel. Many thanks for the support of our students. Very truly yours, Gary Kalish, Principal, Greenport High School"

Book Circle Delves Into A Risk-Taking Story For Love And Freedom



The book circle will meet on Thursday, August 27, at 3:30 p.m., in Andrew Levin Park to discuss *The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman, a novel about female strength, hope and friendship. This book was reviewed by *The New York Times* as a story "that will stay with you long after the last page is turned."

One woman embroiders in New Orleans. A Jewish woman quilts in New York City. These two women risk everything for love and freedom during the Civil War. Their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us.

The Book Circle meets monthly to discuss books by Jewish authors and Jewish content. For more information, email Susan Rosenstreich at ctigreenport@gmail.com/.

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Some Hungarian Holocaust Survivors Pursue Restitution In U.S. Courts

According to an article in the July 13 *New York Times*, Hungarian Holocaust survivors are trying to sue entities in the country for losses suffered during the Holocaust, citing the following account that had occurred at the time: Iren Gitta Kellner was a teenager when her parents, eight siblings and hundreds of other Jews in their Hungarian town were ordered to the train station with suitcases and crammed into cattle cars by national railway workers who looted their bags on the platform.

She was sent to Auschwitz, among the more than 400,000 Jews in Hungary who were deported to the concentration camp in German-occupied Poland over six weeks in 1944. It was a notoriously brutal period of the Nazi campaign to eliminate European Jewry in World War II. Ultimately about two-thirds of Hungary's 800,000 Jews were killed.

Ms. Kellner survived, making her way to the United States. She spent her final years fighting, unsuccessfully, for some justice, suing Hungary's national railway for its participation in the genocide. Now a group of other survivors of the Hungarian Holocaust are hoping that American judges will hear their claims against the national railway in U. S. courts. It is not their first attempt, but it may well be one of their last, and could represent the final hope for relief for a dwindling number of living victims of the atrocities in Hungary.

Whatever happens in the U.S. courts, Ms. Kellner will not get relief. She died late in 2017. "She never lived to see a measure of justice in this case, but her courageous lifetime is a reminder that we must never forget the millions whose intentional slaughter she did survive to recount," said Richard Weisberg, one of the lawyers representing the survivors.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

Sasha Troufanov and Sapir Cohen

Sasha Troufanov and Sapir Cohen, both kidnapped from Kibbutz Nir Oa on Oct. 7 and held for months in Gaza, were married on July 5 in an emotional ceremony attended by President Herzog and fellow former hostages.

Cohen was held by Hamas terrorists for [55 days](#) before her release in November 2023, during the first hostage release deal, while Troufanov was in captivity for [498 days](#). He was released as part of phase one of a mediated ceasefire/hostage release deal in February 2025.

• OBITUARIES •

Jill Smokler

Jill Smokler, a mother of three who started the blog "Scary Mommy" as a diversion from bedtime battles and toddler tantrums, and built it into a juggernaut that drew millions of readers to its pages, died on June 29 at her home in Pikesville, MD. She was 48.

Ms. Smokler "built her life's work on a single, radical idea," her brother Matt Epstein said in a statement. "That you could love your children more than anything in the world and still say, out loud, that the job is grindingly difficult." In addition to her blog, which she started in 2008, she wrote three books.

When she started, her co-stars included her husband, Jeff Smokler, who traveled three days a week for business, three kids under 4, and Penelope, the family's golden retriever.

"Motherhood," Mrs. Smokler told Time Magazine, "was loud, chaotic, messy, and nothing like the magazine photos I stared at or the families I saw on TV."

Mark Singer

Mark Singer, a staff writer at The New Yorker from the age of 23 who extended the magazine's franchise of rich reporting and witty prose about offbeat, complicated and quintessentially American characters, died on June 26 in Manhattan. He was 75.

Mr. Singer wrote urbane "Talk of the Town" pieces for the front of the magazine, reflected on serious national matters, and did a hitch traveling the country as the correspondent for the "U.S. Journal" column. But he was best known as a profiler. His subjects included the magician Ricky Jay, a set of four doorman brothers in New York, and a braggadocious real estate developer named Donald Trump, years before he ran for office.

Judah Gribetz

Judah Gribetz, who as a top aide to Gov. Hugh L. Carey played a key role in helping New York City avoid financial collapse in the 1970s, and who decades later devised a complex plan for distributing \$1.25 billion in restitution to half a million Holocaust survivors in a class-action suit against Swiss banks, died on June 26 at his home in the Rockaway Park neighborhood of Queens. He was 97.

The hundreds of thousands of claimants included people whose money, deposited in the banks to safeguard it from the Nazis, was not returned after WWII — enslaved laborers for German companies that had put their revenues in the banks, people whose Nazi-looted property was disposed of through Swiss institutions, members of the Romani community, disabled and gay people, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. Gribetz has been given a "Solomonic role," *The Forward* said, in having "to adjudicate between the competing needs of different groups of aging Holocaust survivors, from Florida to Ukraine. By 2020, when the last distributions were made, nearly \$1.288 billion — an amount larger than the original settlement because of accumulated interest — had been distributed or allocated to more than 458,400 claimants.

Louise Lasser

Louise Lasser, the deadpan comedic actress who began her screen career in Woody Allen movies and became a star as the title character of "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," died on July 6 at her home in Manhattan. She was 87.

Articles about the series proliferated, and Ms. Lasser appeared on the covers of major magazines. She also did commercials for NyQuil and Excedrin, and was the first actress to win a Clio Award. She continued appearing in films and did guest appearances on various sitcoms. New York Times critic John J. O'Connor wrote that Ms. Lasser "had an uncanny ability to touch as well as tickle."

William D. Zabel

William D. Zabel, who played a pivotal role in voiding the criminal conviction of an interracial couple married in violation of Virginia law, and who wrested billions of dollars from Bernard L. Madoff's Ponzi scheme by engineering what was at the time the largest civil forfeiture in American history, died on July 7 at his home in Bedford, NY. He was 89.

Mr. Zabel drafted wills and negotiated prenuptial agreements and marital breakups for the rich and famous — among them George Soros, Rupert Murdoch, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Howard Stern, Doris Duke, Jack Welch, and Claus von Bülow. He often said he considered his greatest legacy to be his role in *Loving v. Virginia*, the case in which the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction of Mildred Loving, a Black woman, and Richard Loving, a white man. Mr. Zabel was the lead author of the pivotal amicus brief supporting the Lovings, which proved persuasive. The decision enshrined marriage as a fundamental right under the 14th Amendment, which provides for “equal protection of the laws.”

Mr. Zabel also played an essential role in enabling compensation for victims of the fraud scheme that Mr. Madoff ran. Of the more than \$4 billion made available to victims, approximately \$2.2 billion was collected as part of the civil-forfeiture recovery from the Picower estate that Mr. Zabel negotiated. An additional \$1.7 billion was collected as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with JPMorgan Chase. The settlements enabled victims of the Ponzi scheme to be compensated.

Stanley M. Gartler

Stanley M. Gartler, a molecular biologist and geneticist who helped provide the first convincing evidence that cancerous tumors develop from a single mutated cell involving the first collection of human cells to permanently thrive in a laboratory, died on May 25 at his home in Seattle. He was 102.

In 1965, while studying genetic markers that vary in human cells, he found that in 18 supposedly independent cultures, the genetic markers were identical. It became clear to him that the supposedly unique cells had become contaminated by the first permanent human cell line called the HeLa line, an abbreviation of the first and last names of Henrietta Lacks, a Black woman who had died of cervical cancer in 1951. Her genetic information harvested from a tissue biopsy shortly before her death had been shipped and studied in laboratories around the world without her consent or her family’s knowledge.

Dr. Gartler’s discovery has been credited as a catalyst for improved quality control in labs and enhanced authentication of cell lines. The story of the HeLa line became one of the defining lessons of 20th-century medicine, and raised important ethical questions about informed consent of patients, privacy and the rights of families to receive compensation for research on a relative’s cells.

Leonard Abramson

Leonard Abramson, a former pharmacist who built U.S. Healthcare, one of the first health Maintenance organizations, and who used some of the nearly \$1 billion he received from selling it to give generously to cancer research and other medical causes, died on July 4 at his home in Blue Bell, PA. He was 93.

During the 30 years following the sale of U.S. Healthcare, Mr. Abramson used his wealth for philanthropic causes: \$100 million to establish the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute at the University of Pennsylvania’s cancer center; later contributions to the cancer center brought the total to more than \$140 million; \$15 million to help start the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s pediatric research center; \$10 million to Temple University’s dental school; \$2.5 million to the pediatric emergency department of the children’s hospital in King of Prussia, PA, and \$10 million to the Jupiter Medical Center in Florida.

Yaacov Agam

Yaacov Agam, an Israeli artist whose brightly colored geometric sculptures and paintings delighted the eye with optical illusions and moving parts, and whose many public artworks included the world’s

largest menorah and a rainbow-hued fountain that breathed fire and played music, died on June 18 at his home in Rishon LeZion, Israel. He was 98.

Mr. Agam called his works Agamographs, and he created an eyepiece with prisms for viewing them, calling it the Agamoscope.

“Art is one of the most important things from a moral, educational and public point of view,” Mr. Agam told the *Haaretz* newspaper of Israel in 2011. “We need art in the public space, not in the museums and not in the collections of rich people.”

Rudolph Marcus

Rudolph Marcus, a Canadian-born American chemist who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing a theory that helped explain the electrochemical processes behind photosynthesis, respiration, oxidation and even how fireflies produce light, died on July 17 at his home in Pasadena, CA. He was 102.

Sarah Reisman, chair of the chemistry and chemical engineering division of the California Institute of Technology, where Dr. Marcus had taught since 1978, said that it was almost impossible to state the importance of Dr. Marcus’s work. “It provides a simple theory for one of the most fundamental processes in chemistry, and has been applied to understanding reactions ranging from small-molecule catalysts to proteins involved in photosynthesis,” she said.

Dr. Marcus received dozens of awards, among them the Wolf Prize, considered to be the most prestigious award in chemistry after the Nobel, and also the esteemed National Medal of Science.

Yahrzeits in August

- 1: Philip Packard; Florence Wells
- 3: David Lewis; Charlotte Meyer; James Sidney Slotkin
- 5: Wilson DeLynn; Rachel A. Israel; Minna Orliansky
- 8: Hannah Lesser Goldstein; Irving Meshover; Marjorie Teperman
- 9: Milton Lipsitz; Esther Winters
- 10: Safer Yomtov
- 13: Bette Jeselsohn; Meyer Levenback
- 14: Leonard Berg; Franklin Mountain; Arthur J. Sharp
- 16: Ethel Brown
- 17: Morris A. Schottland
- 18: Rabbi Myron Fenster; Rose Wander Kornfeld
- 19: Emanuel Bloch; Louis Posner
- 21: Morris W. Brown; Alan Garmise; Anna Goldin; Ethel Moch
- 22: Jack Kaplan
- 23: Herman Revere
- 24: Rose Crohan; Esther Lan; Rae B. Levy
- 25: Golda Orleans; Mort B. Shakin; Norman Bruce Weiner
- 26: Steven Goldman
- 27: Rabbi Ya’acov Berman; Max Seigel
- 28: Eva O. Rubin
- 30: Belle Baulsir; Elsie Glockner
- 31: Eve Adler

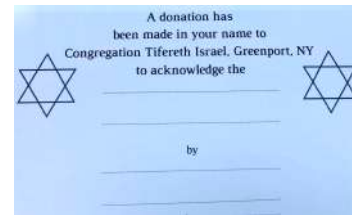
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Birthdays In August

- 1: Andrew Sausmer
- 2: Marilyn Bayer-Levine; Lili Garris Warner
- 3: James Sausmer; Simeon Seigel
- 6: Laurie Pinchuk; Susan Schrott
- 9: Rebecca Seigel
- 11: Jane Messing
- 15: Nancy C. Stein
- 20: Abby Mendillo
- 21: Ashley Solomon
- 23: Tom Byrne
- 25: Carolyn Finn; Adrienne Greenberg
- 27: Leah Friedman

Anniversaries in August

- 5: Alan and Helen Weinstein
- 14: Jonathan and Susan Schrott
- 22: Marc and Caren Demel

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in July

- Lewis Teperman, MD and Helaine Teperman
- Stephen and Susan Meshover
- Miriam Gabriel and Adrienne Greenberg
- Elizabeth Adams
- Diane Graeb
- Hal and Nina Neimark
- Sara Bloom
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 Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff
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Dedicated Funds

- **Capital Improvement:** covers major additions and repairs to our building and grounds.
- **Archive/Library:** supports new books for our library, plus archival materials.

- **Education:** provides supplies/materials for the Hebrew School and adult education classes.
- **Ritual Materials:** replaces prayer books, tallit, kippah, Torah mantles, etc.
- **CTI Discretionary Fund:** allows the rabbi to provide help when he is asked.
- **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**

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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.

To discuss any of these Legacy Gift options, please contact Judith K. Weiner at jkweiner@icloud.com or Caren Demel at carengail@gmail.com/.

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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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Shul president Rabbi Suzan Lipson is an ex officio member of all shul committees.

