

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

Be sure to join us this Shabbat as Rabbi Wolkoff and our congregation will welcome Cantor Shiya Ribowsky to our pulpit. Cantor Ribowsky has served the Jewish community as a chazzan for more than 37 years, continuing a proud multi-generational family tradition of cantors dedicated to preserving and transmitting the beauty of Jewish liturgical music.

Friday, Oct. 2: Shabbat/Hoshana Rabba, 7:30 p.m. w/Cantor Ribowsky

Saturday, Oct. 3: Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/ Yizkor, 9:30 a.m., w/Cantor Ribowsky

Monday, Oct. 5: Ritual Committee, 10 a.m.; Pastoral Committee at 11 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18: Board meeting, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22, Book Circle, on CTI Zoom, at 3 p.m.

Lighting Shabbat Candles in October

Oct. 2: 6:18 Oct. 9: 6:06 Oct. 16: 5:56 Oct. 30: 5:36

Dates To Remember

Monday, Oct. 12: Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Sunday, Nov. 1: Daylight Saving Time Ends/set clocks back one hour

Deadline for the November 2026 issue of *The Shofar*: October 20

From The Rabbi..



The Baal Shem Tov, the 18th-century spiritual master who founded the Chasidic movement, once recited the following parable: Two men went to the royal palace to see the king. At the entrance, they were informed that the king was not holding court that day. One left immediately, but the other asked permission to visit the palace, and view its beautiful paintings and works of art.

This, explained the Baal Shem Tov, is very similar to our relationship with G-d and the Torah. Within each of us is a seeker, someone who longs for contact with the Divine. We seek to enter the palace. But we experience that the Divine King is not holding court today. We don't seem to have the facility to march right into the Divine King's chambers. Indeed, the fact that the Baal Shem Tov felt it necessary to tell this story to his followers seems to indicate that even back then, our ancestors had the same problems that we do. Or, as the saying goes, "We're not as spiritual as we used to be, but then again, we never were!"

In any case, those who have immediate access to the Divine are few and far between. The crucial issue is, what do we do when we find our way to the Divine King blocked? Do we just walk away? All too often, the answer is yes. I know a camera buff who once showed me one of his new cameras that loads the film for you, adjusts the light, focuses the lens, adjusts the F-stop, and on and on. It wouldn't have surprised me if the thing could cook dinner for you. And my camera buff friend said, "If they can make cameras this easy, they could make Judaism this easy." And since they didn't (whoever "they" are), he had basically turned his back on our tradition.

But, of course, there's a difference. The camera with all the bells and whistles can do just about everything — except make you a great photographer. For that, you need inspiration. And inspiration comes from G-d. In other words, what Judaism offers begins where the camera's contribution ends.

But we'll never get to experience that inspiration if we just walk away from the palace. We need to take advantage of those Divine wonders and masterpieces that grace the palace, even if we don't get to see the King himself. And in Judaism, one place where those Divine wonders and masterpieces are found is in study, in the enrichment of our mind, and with it the possibility of enriching the entire environment in which we live.

Now that all the major fall holidays are behind us, we can focus on a wider range of study and explore those wonders and masterpieces. Here's a sample of what we hope to experience:

A series of Friday night/Erev Shabbat speakers, including discussions of the deer overpopulation and attendant problems (ticks, environmental damage); and fishing and the state of the waters around us; as well as readings from various dramatic works in progress.

Readings from the spiritual autobiography I have been working on.

Informal "Ask the Rabbi" discussions, hopefully in people's homes (if you would like to host, let me know). We can also do "Judaism A-Z" sessions on a particular topic, chosen by the hosts.

A "Parsha and Poetry" class where we look at biblical passages through the lens of poetic expression. Here's a favorite example, a take on the *E-l maley rachamim* prayer for the dead, from the great Israeli poet Yehudah Amichai: "G-d Who is full of mercy — if You weren't so full of mercy, maybe there would be some mercy here on earth."

And finally, as of yet only on my wish list, a course on Art and the Bible, looking at the Bible through the lens of visual artists, from Michelangelo and Rembrandt to Barnett Newman, George Segal, and Judy Chicago, and perhaps even some insights from our many wonderful in-house artists.

All of the above lead us on a tour of the Divine palace, and it's such a delight to take it together!

B'shalom, —Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

To make an appointment with Rabbi Wolkoff, call 732-570-7634

From The President...



Dear CTI members and friends,

We have just completed the first High Holiday season with our new spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Wolkoff, and our returning Cantor, Ze'ev Weinstein, leading services and related activities. Many of you joined us in person and online for this special time, and the enrichment goes both ways — us to you, and you to us. Todah, todah, todah!

Also, I am especially grateful to the many people who worked so hard to make it all happen. Thanks to this year's new Board of Directors, all the committee chairs and members, tech wizards Andrea Blaga and Steve Benthall, the Break-the-fast slice-and-dice crew led by Adrienne Greenberg, Madelyn Rothman and Joanna Paulson, plus Wayne Sailor on our front door, providing an umbrella, greetings and security, all at the same time. Thanks to our Security Committee chair Stephen Meshover for staying on top of all that, even from afar, and the Southold Police Department for the patrol car parked in front of our shul during the Yom Kippur services. There are many more to thank, I'm sure, so if I've left anyone out, please forgive me in this time of forgiveness. As has been said, "It takes a village," and our shul community is surely a village within a village.

I know I speak for Rabbi Wolkoff and all the members at CTI when I say that we are looking forward to new and exciting things that this new year will bring us in our gem of a synagogue on the beautiful North Fork of Long Island.

Shanah Tovah.

Suzan E. Lipson

The following message was delivered by our shul president on Rosh Hashanah morning, and is reprinted here, with permission.

Good morning and Baruch Haba. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Suzan Lipson. It is my privilege to stand before you this morning as the newly elected president of Congregation Tifereth Israel. Welcome members and guests alike to our High Holiday services.

And welcome to the year 5787 — the number of years counted as Jewish history. Klal Israel Am Chai! We live. This morning I am honored to share the bimah with our new spiritual leader, Rabbi Robert Wolkoff, and returning Cantor, Ze'ev Weinstein. Thank you for leading these special services.

If you had asked me a year ago if I would be standing here today, I would not have said impossible, but improbable for sure. As you look around, you will see members who have been here many more years than I have, members who have served in this role and other leadership positions many times during those many years. I am fairly new to the community. I did not come up through the ranks, so to speak; even my journey to Judaism an unlikely one, but "Hineni" — here I am and so proud to be counted among you.

This could apply to the shul as well. From humble beginnings in this particular spot, and to still be here after 125 years must be a miracle of sorts. A year ago at this time our beloved shul's future was uncertain but with the strong leadership of past president Sara Bloom and her Board of Directors, we have not only survived but thrived. Who could have known then that this historic synagogue on the far East End of Long Island would be in the middle of a great transformation of rebirth and renewal? The same way we came out of COVID — Mitzraim, a narrow place — we have surfaced from a long year of trial and uncertainty. Your presence here today is surely an indication of the great Teshuvah — turn and return that is taking place within these walls and our greater community. We have faced, answered and overcome many challenges this year, and we have accomplished so much.

Our search committee, led by Chuck Simon, did an incredible job working within the system set up by the Conservative Movement's Rabbinical Assembly to choose and hire our amazing new full-time rabbi to lead us into a bright future. Our Renovation Committee, led by Debra Riva acting as

project manager, has just completed long-awaited and necessary renovations to the shul's house where Rabbi Wolkoff will reside. Also in the works is a long-anticipated refresh of the sanctuary, including lowering the bimah to make it safe and accessible to all. On the drawing board is an upgrade to this room, where the community gathers for Oneg Shabbats, Kiddush lunches, and special programs for Pesach, Tu B'shvat, and these High Holidays. We are also exploring a technology upgrade to bring our pre-COVID audio/video system consistent with today's technology standards.

This year, our Ritual and Programming Committees have instituted Friday night programs that have ranged from a one-act playreading to a talk on local beekeeping. Our board is committed to developing programs of interest and fun for the shul family and the community at large. It is our mission to service not only North Fork Jewry and their families, but also to provide needed information and aid in our midst. The Tikkun Olam Initiative, with Veronica Kaliski as chair, has added much value to the most vulnerable in our community. Initiatives have included a food drive titled "Cans For CAST" during the High Holidays, (notice the red collection barrel at our front door), a toy drive in December, a schools supplies drive in August, bilingual books, and chickens for CAST families in December and April.

Also this year, with the annual Journal and Garden Party, organized by Madelyn Rothman, Nancy Torchio and Rena Wiseman, we re-instituted the Citizen of the Year award, choosing Linda Kessler, a well-known Greenport business owner as our community honoree, joining Ann Hurwitz, our synagogue honoree as a to reach out and take an active role in the greater Greenport, Southold Town and North Fork community life.

Now that I've bragged about our accomplishments a bit, let's talk about why we are all here today. What does it mean to be a part of this historic shul? What does it mean that we have all made the pilgrimage here today? Why were we drawn here? Why do we join a synagogue, become members or donate during the High Holidays? This year, we are 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. Think about it, 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 little gem, and we have the opportunity and obligation to appreciate it, use it, and preserve it for future generations. L'dor v'dor — before you leave today, step into the building's historic sanctuary and pause, sit, take a quiet moment to notice the Yahrzeit Memorial Boards lit up for these Days of Awe. You will feel the history of this place. Some of the names are descendants of the original families with the vision to create Congregation Tifereth Israel. In 1892, they came together for the first time as a congregation on Rosh Hashanah, the same holidays we are observing today. HaMako — this is the place, the place where we are called, but called for what and why? Why did those early families have to build this place, anyhow?

Again, I would say, l'dor v'dor. There once was a Temple in Jerusalem. It lives in our collective memory, and many of its functions live on in our traditions and observances today. In this Temple, our Temple here, we duplicate the ancient ritual of "going up" to the Torah for an aliyot, first the Kohen, then the Levi, then Yisrael. We embody that ritual here today and at every Torah service.

Several weeks ago, Rabbi Wolkoff shared with us an explanation of the tithes and offerings (ma'aser and terumah) that formed a structured system of agricultural and monetary giving to support the Temple, the priesthood, and the vulnerable. Since the destruction of the Temple and the dispersion of the Jewish people, the agricultural tithes no longer apply; however the tradition of tithing financial earnings — known as ma'aser kesafim — survives as a widely practiced custom of giving 10% to charity (tzedakah), Torah education, or synagogue needs.

If you will indulge me for just another moment... One of the things I discovered on my long journey to here is that as many Jews as there are on the planet is the number of ways there are to be Jewish. And yes, all are valid — Ha Shem made us all — individual, unique, one of a kind and, in each one of us, a pintele yid. The pintele yid? "What is that?" you might ask. Literally translated from Yiddish, it

means “the little point of a Jew” or “the Jewish spark.” It's our Jewish soul. We've talked about Kohens, Levites and Israelites, the Biblical tithes and support for the Temple. But I want to talk about something else. Something much more personal to me.

I love this place. It is my pintele yid that drew me here and to Judaism. This is haMakom — the place, the place we are called to be even if it's just one day a year — this day.

So let me say, you are all welcome here, wanted here, needed parts of the fabric of this piece of cloth that is unique to THIS place. We are Kohen, Levi, Yisrael together going up, waiting to hear the blast of the shofar, the collective call to awaken

Be a part, help us do the things we've always done, support the Temple, the Kohen, Levi, Yisrael, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. It's all us. Help with upkeep, renovations, new programs and project. Put cans in the CAST barrel, help our Tikkun Olam group give more books, chickens, fresh produce to the needy in our greater community.

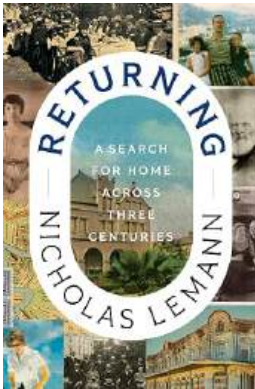
Most of all, though, what we desire in this New Year is your presence. Please continue to join us anytime and in any way you are able.

Thank you for listening. Shanah Tovah.

• SHUL NEWS AND NOTES •

With great pleasure, *The Shofar* joins the membership in welcoming to our shul the following new members: Eric Dorf and Ellen Krakow, Allan and Ellen Wexler, and Salem Katsh and Robin Phillips. We look forward to participating with you in our spiritual, educational and social programs.

Book Circle Follows Journey To Home In A Nicholas Lemann Story



The Book Circle will meet on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. on CTI Zoom to follow a three-century journey to home, as depicted in a Nicholas Lemann book, *Returning: A Search For Home Across Three Centuries*.

The story delves deeply into the family, from their arrival in the 1830s as peddlers from Germany to plantation owners and department store owners in the aristocratic world of New Orleans where, despite wealth, they could never fit in. The writer uses his own family saga as a springboard to address antisemitism and how it continues to flourish after two thousand years.

The Book Circle meets monthly to explore writings by Jewish authors and Jewish subject matter. For more information, email Susan Rosenstreich, coordinator of the group, at ctigreenport@gmail.com

For First Time Since 1968, Isaiah Scroll Is On View At Israel Museum



The original, handwritten non-facsimile version of the 23-foot-long Isaiah Scroll that survived for 2,000 years in jars hidden in a cave is now on view at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The scroll was discovered in 1947 by Bedouin shepherds in Qumran Cave 1, near the Dead Sea. It is made of 17 leather sheets stitched together. “There is something spiritual and moving about seeing this gigantic scroll,” said Professor Noam Mizrahi of Hebrew University. In 1968, the real scroll was replaced with a facsimile for the scroll's safety. Now, in honor of the museum's 60th anniversary, the real thing is on view. The scroll is housed in a temperature-controlled room.

Uh oh, Mattel, and tsk tsk. Did you think we wouldn't notice? Hanukkah Barbie is wrinkling a few noses as online audiences note that her schnoz is a little more prominent than the typical button nose on most Barbie dolls.

• JEWS IN THE NEWS •

David Rubenstein



David Rubenstein, the billionaire philanthropist, has purchased the abstract sculpture “Blue” that was removed from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts grounds last month. Eventually, the Joel Shapiro sculpture will be displayed in the Sculpture Garden of the National Gallery of Art.

Rubenstein, a major arts donor was chair of the Kennedy Center’s board until he was ousted in early 2025 during President Trump’s takeover. He is chair of the board of trustees of the National Gallery.

Since 2019, the aluminum, 24-foot tall stick-figure-like sculpture stood on the grounds of the Reach, an addition to the Kennedy Center that was partly funded by Rubenstein. The sculpture, painted a vivid electric blue, was designed to look like a person mid-kick while dancing on the grass. “In Joel’s mind, it celebrated joy, freedom and creativity,” his daughter Ivy Shapiro said. Mr. Shapiro died in 2025.

• OBITUARIES •

Gloria Steinem



Gloria Steinem, the journalist and organizer who became the most recognizable face of America’s modern women’s movement, died Sept. 2 at her New York City home. She was 92.

Steinem was the daughter of a Jewish father and a Protestant mother. She was raised without much religion and generally described herself as secular, but she was unequivocal about where she stood when Jews were targeted: “Never in my life have I identified as a Christian,” she said, “but wherever there is antisemitism, I identify as a Jew.”

Steinem continued writing and advocating for equality into her 90s. Her final book, *An Unexpected Life*, is scheduled to publish later this month.

Benjamin Rosen

Benjamin M. Rosen a Wall Street analyst and venture capitalist, whose early efforts to rally investors behind companies like Apple, Lotus and Compaq, made the promises of personal computing a reality, died on August 23 in Manhattan. He was 93.

There are many gods in the pantheon of the personal computer: Bill Gates for software, Andy Grove for processors, and Steve Jobs for design, and Mr. Rosen for marshaling the financial resources necessary to help the industry take off.

During the early 1990s, Mr. Rosen and his brother Harold founded Rosen Motors to bring a new type of car engine to market. The engine, based on a hybrid-electric powertrain, showed promise, but was ahead of its time. The company closed in 1997.

Today, many electric/hybrid cars use engines similar to the one the Rosen brothers developed.

Peter Max

Peter Max, whose posters of Day-Glo flowers, butterflies, rainbows, and stars sold by the millions to express the exuberance of the countercultural 1960s, died on Sept. 14 in Manhattan. He was 88.

His graphic images, incorporating Art Nouveau, Op Art, and psychedelic motifs, lent themselves to a long list of licensed commercial products, from sheets, glassware and shower curtains to airplanes and a stamp for the U.S. Postal Service.

For his legions of fans, Mr. Max would always remain an avatar of the 1960s happy, innocent phase. “The Beatles had the music; I had the images,” he told *Crain’s New York Business* in 2007. “Kids would buy the posters and look at them as they listened to the music. It was like their MTV.”

Jay Maisel

Jay Maisel a masterly photographer whose dark and moody portrait of the jazz great Miles Davis performing at the Apollo Theater appeared on the cover of his landmark 1959 album, “Kind of Blue” — Mr. Maisel’s best-known work in a long and varied career — died on August 20 at his home in Brooklyn. He was 95.

Mr. Maisel’s honors include the 1987 Infinity Award from the International Center of Photography, and induction into the Art Directors Club Hall of Fame (now the Creative Hall of Fame) in 1995. In a 2018 documentary, directed by the photographer Stephen Wilkes, Mr. Maisel said: “There’s a quiz I give people. Do you like photographing or do you like photographs? Choose one. And you learn a lot about yourself by choosing one or the other. Some people like photographs. I like photographing. The act of photographing is what it’s all about.”

Ada Yonath

Ada Yonath, the boundary-pushing Israeli chemist whose ingenuity and tenacity helped unlock the inner workings of the ribosome — the microscopic factory inside every living cell that builds the proteins necessary for life — died on August 31. She was 87. The Weizmann Institute of Science, near Tel Aviv, where Dr. Yonath worked for decades, announced her death.

Dr. Yonath’s career was defined by a question that had long bedeviled scientists: What does the ribosome actually look like? Determining its three-dimensional structure at the molecular level was considered one of biology’s most elusive challenges.

Although progress was slow, by the 1980s and ‘90s, her laboratory began producing increasingly detailed images of the ribosome. Around the same time, two other researchers entered the field. All three of their efforts culminated in the first high-resolution images of the ribosome’s structure. For this achievement, they shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. In announcing the award, the Nobel committee highlighted their roles in clarifying “fundamental and medically important aspects of ribosome function” that led to “the development of novel antibiotic drugs in the ongoing medical struggle against the ever-emerging drug resistance among bacterial pathogens.”

Chosen to deliver the Nobel acceptance speech because of her resolve and pioneering methodology, Dr. Yonath said that the earliest inspiration for her research came from the polar bear. “Polar bears pack their ribosomes in an orderly way in their cells just before hibernation,” she said, “and these stay intact and functional for months. I said: ‘If polar bears know how to do it, we can do it, too.’”

Yahrzeits in October

- 3: Tillie Landau Burch; Gloria Kaplan
4: Leo Goldin
5: Leopold Ehrlich; Jonathan Fenster
6: Beatrice C. Levine
7: Max Fierer; Molly R. Kaplan Ginsburg; Esther "Red" Harris; Gayle Kaplan
8: Velvel Emerson; Beverly Ruth Friedman; Max Silverstone
10: Sylvia Kelbick; Ida Levinson; Henry Mandel
11: Chaim Joseph Campeas; Abbie Levinson
12: Benjamin Ballen; Stavroula Mousakitis; Thelma Novick
13: Anna Budofsky; Allan Richter; Sol Walker
14: Paul Birman; Bertha Kaufman
16: Fanny Levin
18: Murray Brown; Abraham Kaplan; Nettie Ruth Liburt; Nathan Pober
20: Leo Weinstein
21: Rosalind Almond-Lepawsky
22: Bessie Bush
23: Alexander Kahn; Jeremiah Levy; Esther Skurowitz
24: Myrna Kroff; Arthur Levinson
25: Joseph Skurowitz
27: Jessie Farber
28: Mordechai Julius Kahn; Tippins Brown Serbin
30: Vivian Haber Richman
31: Louis Britvan; Irving Elsky; William Kapell; Anna Novick; Frank Prager

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Birthdays In October

- 1: Andrea Blaga
2: Marjorie San Filippi

7: Jade Clauss
10: Judith K. Weiner
11: Michael Kolin
27: Joshua Clauss
28: Jason Kolin

• MONEY MATTERS •

Contributions in September

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Bruce Rider and Lisa Boughton Rider
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Alan and Ellen Wexler
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Wickham Fruit Farm
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Matthew Wing
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Sara Bloom
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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

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.

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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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 For more information, email ctigreenport@gmail.org with a message for Elizabeth Adams.

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Gift Shop

Sara Bloom

Information Technology

Steve Benthall, Andrea Blaga, Adrienne Greenberg

Journal

Madelyn Rothman, chair

Elizabeth Adams, Andrea Blaga, Sara Bloom, Roberta

Garris, Debbie Henry, Cookie Slade, Nancy Torchio,

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Summer Garden Party
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Library
 Miriam Gabriel, chair

Long Range Planning
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Plaques
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 Rabbi Residence
 Project manager: Debra Riva
 Adrienne Greenberg, Madelyn Rothman,
 Lewis Teperman, MD, Nancy Torchio

Sanctuary
 Suzan Lipson, Stephen Meshover, Debra Riva,
 Lewis Teperman, MD

Ritual
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 Suzan Lipson, Joanna Paulsen, Madelyn Rothman,
 Carol Seigel, Judith K. Weiner

Security
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Silent Auction

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Telephone/Sunshine

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