



Tiferes Israel Synagogue

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Nomination & Election of Officers

In accordance with Article VIII Section 1 of our Constitution, the Board of Directors is in the process of appointing a **Nominating Committee**.

We invite all members to show an interest in serving on the board.

We need you!

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors can submit his/her name to the Committee. Nominations will cease fifteen (15) days before the Annual Meeting.

All members in good standing (*i.e. dues 2021-2022 paid in full or arrangements made with the treasurer*) will be able to vote at congregational meetings.

**General Annual Meeting: February 5
1:30 p.m.**

A thought to the memory of all past members
who are not with us anymore.
They will always be remembered.

A special thought for
Sharon Rubin, z"l



Timetable for religious services. Shabbat morning 9:00 am. Friday's Mincha service (see <http://tiferesisrael.com/davening.html>):

Dec. 9: 4:15	Jan. 13: 4:40	Feb. 17: 5:30	Mar 24: 7:00
Dec. 16: 4:20	Jan. 20: 4:50	Feb. 24: 5:40	Mar 31: 7:00
Dec. 23: 4:20	Jan. 27: 5:00	Mar 3: 5:50	April 7: 7:00
Dec. 30: 4:25	Feb. 3: 5:10	Mar 10: 6:00	April 14: 7:00
Jan. 6: 4:35	Feb. 10: 5:20	Mar 17: 7:00	April 21: 7:00

•**Time for Havdalah:** look at <http://tiferesisrael.com/davening.html> in the column "Shabbat ends".

Yahrzeit, (begin the evening preceding the date below). Call 854-9053, if someone in your family is missing from the list.

Joyce Attis	Kislev	18	Dec 12	BessieSelick JulietteTaya	16	Fev 7	Rose Cohen	29-II	Ma 22
Esther Gorber		24	18	Rhoda Gaum	17	8	Nissan		
Minnie Attis		25	19	Ann Gorber	28	19	Annie Jochelman	3	25
Harry Lampert		29	23	Max Rinzler	29	20	Golda Lampert	5	27
Anna Selick	Tevet	2	26	Adar I			Heidi Cohen	6	28
Irving Schelew		7	31	Morris Selick	1	22	Isaac Selick	8	30
Ruth Sichel-Lena Hans		10	Ja 3	Hene Coleman	1	22	Noah Fuller	9	31
Kay Cohen		15	8	Lois Maklin	5	26	Saddie Rich	10	Ap 1
Robert Jacobson		17	10	Zev Wolf Lampert	7	28	Reggie Lackman	10	1
Arkie Coleman		21	14	Vita Leah Attis	9	Ma 2	Samuel Selick	11	2
Fruma Rinzler		23	16	Reuben Maklin	10	3	Jake Rubin	11	2
Kendra Fay Rinzler		23	16	Helen Savage	12	5	Bella Jake	12	3
Manley Sichel		24	17	Eli Ilson	13-I	6	Fruma Rubin	12	3
Joan Mayer		24	17	Benjamin Selick	14-I	7	Max Eli Rinzler	14	5
Shevat				Morris Smith	14	7	David Singer	14	5
Maurice Jake		1	Jan 23	AaronColeman-SophieAttis	15	8	Evelyn Block	15	6
Joshua Heschel Gorber		1	23	Chaye Coleman	16-I	9	Abie Block	17	8
Dolores Dianne Rubin		3	25	Luba Lampert	21	14	Hyman Jochelman	18	9
Chaim Leizer Coleman		9	31	Louie Klimitz	23	16	Helen Jochelman	18	9
Gilbert Weil		9	31	Leah Attis	29	22	Channa Sheina Pfe	19	10
Darcy Dillon		11	Fev 2	Adar II			Hyman Brumer	20	11
BessyColeman SamLiptor		13	4	Nathan Cohen	2-II	Fe 23	Bessie Greenblatt	21	12
Gordon Birbaum		14	5	Poli Brumer Meltzer	7-II	28	Bill Davidson	25	16
Molly Cohen		15	6	Max Savage	11-II	Ma 4	Gerald Birbaum	25	16
Joel Coppel		16	7	Steve Gergely	23-II	16	Louis Berelovitch	26	17

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NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2023

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023. All members in good standing as of that date are entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact the Nominating Committee (see page 1) before January 20. The names of the candidates will be posted shortly after.

Word from the president

I have recently written the community report to Shalom Magazine. It contains most of the thoughts I had about the community, so I will not repeat them in this word from the president. I simply encourage you to read the Shalom report that was sent recently. If you want to receive it again, let Carole know (858-0258). Please let me emphasize two points here.

The first one is that a community is only as strong as its members make it. We are lucky to have some good persons who are helping us keep the community alive. I mention most names in the Shalom report, but want to stress the input of **Carole Savage, Betty Rubin-Druckman, Victoria Volkanova, David Rinzler, Shayna Izichkis and David Fishman.**

A group of names was left out in the Shalom report, the ones who helped build the community Sukkah. Toda raba to **Jack Haller, Raphaël Maïcas, Jordan-Eli-Zev Davidson, R. Pinchas Yagod.**

In the past issue, the idea to create a **Cultural Center** that would use the facilities of our building was brought. I hope the idea can be developed and that we will get input from many of you. Be it for sport competitions, Yiddish classes, cultural events etc ...

Do not hesitate to get in touch and tell us of your ideas.

Thank you.

Francis W.



Below is a text sent by Leigh Lampert. Thank you so much, Leigh; we do appreciate your contribution.

“The Stairs of Death are closed, but we have free Wi-Fi”. So, said the lady at the reception area on our recent visit to the Mauthausen death camp in Austria.

The camp is approximately 15 minutes from the city of Linz, in Upper Austria. Terrible atrocities happened at **Mauthausen** during the Holocaust, to Jews and non-Jews alike. More than 90,000 people were killed there.

Having visited some of the Nazi death camps in Poland in the 1990s, I had a sense of what to expect, but until you see it yourself, it is difficult to comprehend or appreciate, if the latter is an appropriate term in this context.

So, it struck me as odd that the lady was so nonchalant about the Stairs of Death being “closed” and her mild excitement about the fact that there was Wi-Fi and, better yet, that it was completely free!

The camp was built around a quarry so that inmates could be used as forced labourers - slaves. They were forced to climb the infamous Stairs of Death - 186 stairs in total - often with large blocks of granite on their backs. Not surprisingly, the blocks often fell as did the prisoners themselves, causing a “domino effect”, whereby dozens of others would be severely injured or would die on these stairs, all while being beaten, tortured and tormented by their Nazi captors.

Today, the camp is empty and very quiet, surrounded by a residential area, green grass and trees. During the Holocaust, it was a living hell. I do not know if it is proper to label one death camp is being “worse” than others - I do not know how to quantify what occurred at Mauthausen or at other death camps. But Mauthausen is said by some to have been among the worst.

Leaving the visitors centre with the newly-downloaded Mauthausen app on our phones, Darcie and I were set for an audio tour, which was very comprehensive and informative, but lacked any emotion - informative, but perfunctory.

There is a bistro there now, and at two locations, we saw vending machines. I suppose

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these are all necessary, for people do work there and visitors do need to eat and drink. But I struggled to reconcile the idea of starving, weak prisoners who would literally give anything for a breadcrumb back then with today's abundance of food, drink, and Wi-Fi - especially free Wi-Fi - that some of us are fortunate to enjoy.

The place is fascinating to see, in a troubling sort of way. As you walk through the death camp, you can enter barracks built to house 300 prisoners that at times held as many as 2,000. One room is the former camp brothel - "staffed" by women from other concentration camps, brought to Mauthausen for the sole purpose of further abuse, mistreatment, humiliation, and degradation, and to serve the needs of SS officers and, on rare occasions, certain "privileged" inmates.

Standing in the roll call area - where prisoners were forced to stand in perfect formation, often for hours at a time, at all hours of the day and night, in bitter cold winter weather, naked or barely clothed and on the hottest of summer days - it is eerily silent. I compare this to the way I envision this must have been during the Holocaust, extremely hot or extremely cold, poor, suffering, dying prisoners being forced to endure further torture by yelling SS officers, kapos and barking dogs. It is hard to believe we were standing on the very spot where such terrible things happened to so many.

The tour only gets worse. We get to the area and see today's version of the Stairs of Death, "renovated" to be more "walker-friendly" and "safe" when they are in fact open for visitors. One looks out and imagines long lines of suffering prisoners being forced to march up and down those stairs carrying unbearable weight on their backs, both physical and psychological. For those who did "successfully" make it to the top, they were often offered a choice by the SS officers waiting for them: push someone else off the cliff, or elect to be shot on the spot.

Today, there are dozens of memorials that have been erected by various governments and groups to commemorate what happened here. One is a very large Chanukiah, a common Jewish symbol. While there is some satisfaction in seeing these commemorative monuments on this hallowed ground, these of course do nothing to

"undo" what happened here or to soften one's feelings in any way.

We continued through the death camp, visiting a former SS quarters, more barracks where prisoners were kept under very poor, inhumane conditions, and a museum with all sorts of artifacts and photo exhibition. From there, we went downstairs in what is now the museum area. We saw the gas chambers - into which prisoners were forced, doors were sealed, and gas began to flow. Just outside of the gas chambers, of course, are the crematoria, where, as a final act of humiliation, prisoners who had been killed were cremated, instead of being buried as is required by Jewish law.

We saw actual gallows, where some were hung. We saw an execution wall, against which prisoners were forced to stand to be shot on the spot. And we saw the autopsy table on which all sorts of unimaginable experiments were performed on people, both dead and alive.

After 2 hours here, we had had enough. It was time to leave this vile, disgusting place. On the way out, I stopped for one last moment and looked down into the quarry and stared at the Stairs of Death, trying to imagine - just for a second - how terrible things were, but doing so was, of course (and thankfully) impossible. Quietly, I said one final Kaddish (my fifth of the day) for those who were never properly mourned, and who had no one to say Kaddish for them. Then back to the rental car, to drive away to the comforts of the world in which some of us live today.

The tens of thousands of people who died there - Jews and others - and the millions who died at the hands of the Nazi regime during WWII - must not be forgotten, nor must we forget the acts that occurred during the Holocaust.

It is often said that if history is forgotten, it is bound to be repeated. Let us not forget what happened at **Mauthausen** and at **Auschwitz**. At **Bergen-Belsen** and at **Dachau**. At **Flossen-burg** and at **Majdanek**. At **Ravensbruck** and at **Stutthof**. At **Treblinka** and at **Sobibor** and at so many others.

The millions who died did not get to speak for themselves, so it is important that we continue to learn about what happened, to tell their stories, to speak for them, and to never, ever forget.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Leigh Lampert