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## NCFS MISSION STATEMENT

**The mission of New Cracow Friendship Society is to fight for the rights of those who are subject to injustice, based on religion, nationality, race, or gender. We support the principle that the State of Israel has a right to exist. We emphatically denounce any movement or individual that contradicts that aspect of our mission that was started by our parents and grandparents. Fundamental to our goal is to work in communities to educate young people and adults; teaching tolerance and raising awareness of the truth of the Shoah and its horrors. Our mission also includes social events to bring our members and members of like-minded organizations together to ensure we remain strong in our commitment to stand against anti-Semitism and bigotry in the USA and globally.**

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org](http://www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org)

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LONG LIVE THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

**NEW CRACOW FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER**

**President Simone Hilfstein Scheumann**  
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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

It's rewarding for me to be part of a board that is making major strides to invigorate our society. Your generous charitable donation made by check or on our secure website make it possible for the society to help individuals in need and support our current projects in Israel, the USA and Poland. The newly formed Social Action Committee is off to a wonderful start. Our new mission statement, which you can read in this newsletter and on our website, clearly gives us a direction to focus our energy. Our mission statement states clearly **our commitment to stand against anti-Semitism and bigotry in the USA and globally**, and add our voice with like minded groups.

We need your expertise. Consider joining one of our standing committees by contacting a chairperson or email us at [ncfs.org@gmail.com](mailto:ncfs.org@gmail.com). Anyone with IT expertise to maintain our website and/or Facebook page is needed.

My husband Lee and I wish you and your family a sweet, and joyful Chanukah. Hope to see you at our December 8<sup>th</sup> pre Chanukah luncheon.

Mark your calendar for a meaningful commemoration program on March 8, 2020.

Check out our updated website for future programs and initiatives at :

[www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org](http://www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org)

Sincerely,  
Simone

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**SOCIETY CALENDAR**

December 8 2019	Pre Chanukah Party at Bens
<b>2020</b>	
February 9	Board Meeting
March 8	Commemoration
April 19	Board & General Membership Meeting
June 14	Board Meeting

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

. Dearest Members,

Another cycle goes 'round as we approach the end of 2019. Chanukah is once again nearing, engaging us to light up the long night's darkness, and reminding us of hope and miracles.

Unfortunately, we've experienced a continuous natural diminishing of activity and presence of our elderly membership in recent past months. To those members who have difficulty attending our meetings or social functions due to health issues, we bless you to get well and enjoy a complete healing. To our members who have lost family, we offer our deepest most heartfelt condolences. Your loss is our loss. May your family members' memories be for blessings. To members who can't attend meetings or events any longer due to transportation difficulties, please let us know.

We've also been witnessing 2Gs and 3Gs step forward in claiming their offspring relationships to survivor parents and grandparents, respectively. In

the past couple of years, several new 2G and 3G groups and organizations have emerged. In these groups, a need or desire to explore and share our special connection with other 2Gs and 3Gs is being expressed, whether for social, cultural, psychological, or other reasons. The recent exhibit "Auschwitz... Not long ago. Not far away" at NYC's downtown Museum of Jewish Heritage has been so widely attended that its limited engagement's final date has been extended to August 30, 2020. Most unfortunately, more incidents of anti-Semitism are occurring world-wide. In this generation and time, they are at least being reported in the media. Now, we 2Gs and 3Gs are looking to learn from others and grow from sharing how the impact of last century's Holocaust reverberates in our lives. As we navigate the shift from one vibrant generation to another, I certainly hope that this budding recognition of a very important aspect of our existence can also be shared within the construct of the New Cracow Friendship Society. This indeed will help us grow to new heights. We hope to see more 2G and 3G involvement in our development.

As of this writing, 2020 Membership Dues renewal cards will soon be sent to you. Please remit them with "all" requested information filled out and send along with your dues in the enclosed envelope. Payment can also be made online by looking at our website... [www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org](http://www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org) Any unpaid dues from the former year(s) should certainly be included. Yearly dues are \$40 couple / \$25 for singles. (Any 2G or 3G offspring over 21 who lives with the member family and would like to become a member her/ himself must apply for single membership. There is a one time only \$50 initiation fee "in addition" to our still modest yearly dues. However, no one will be refused for lack of funds. We sincerely hope and would appreciate if you will be willing to make an additional voluntary contribution as our Society's funding is now more limited. Please support the New Cracow Friendship Society with your generous contribution of any amount.

To complete our mailing and phone tree list, please send your mobile phone number and email address to [ncfs.org@gmail.com](mailto:ncfs.org@gmail.com). If you live out of the greater New York City area and do not wish to receive telephone messages, please contact Leon Hilfstein @845-434-7075. Otherwise, please stay in the loop for future developing events and exciting functions.

Please attend our pre- Chanukah party on Dec. 8th at Ben's Best in Bayside. Come share your self with others. We welcome you, wish to meet and greet you. We sincerely hope to build new meaningful connections and of course, re-new former ones. Chanukah Sameach!!! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Sincerely,  
Regina Lewis & Ida Lewis  
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#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The seasons fly by. Rosh Hashanah has come and gone...a new Jewish year. It was a time for reflection and looking forward. For the past several years as social committee chair I have sadly noted the passing of many of our survivors, some of whom were active members of our society. It is truly up to us, the second (and third) generation to take their place. We all are part of the same history. Most of our board is comprised of second generation. Our reasons for involvement in the society are diverse, but we all share a deep bond. We need YOU, our members to join us. Please help us on the board. You may have an idea going into the new secular year. Share it! Come to our next meeting and join in! I extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to help out on the social committee to plan future parties and celebrations. And there are other committees that are ongoing and could use your input.

Susan Krul Caren  
Chairperson

#### **A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, AND THE AUSCHWITZ EXHIBITION.**

By Jeffrey Krul

Trekking into lower Manhattan on a Sunday afternoon from the suburbs is not a pleasant thought: it's such a schlep!! However, when the NCFS invited the entire membership to experience a guided tour of "Not Long Ago, Not Far Away" at the Museum of Jewish Heritage on September 15<sup>th</sup>, I set aside those negative thoughts. I had heard from others who have been to the Auschwitz exhibit, that this is a must see. As a member of the society, I also thought that seeing the exhibit with a group of people, most of

whom shared the same growing-up experience as I, would yet be another fantastic reason to attend. In addition, the cost of admission, including a private tour, was extremely low, yet more comprehensive, than other survivor groups could offer.

My first vision of the Museum was overwhelming. Outside, in front of the museum, on display, before even walking in, was an authentic actual railroad car used to transport Jews to the concentration camps; the type our parents and grandparents were squeezed into that we've all heard about. I refer to is a "cattle car". I can hear my mother saying to me in her Polish accent "my father was shot jumping from the train". I didn't cry at the sight of it, I was just in awe of being able to witness that real car, and not a photo.

We were introduced to our tour guide, given instructions, and things became very interesting. I presumed museum personnel were to give us the tour. Instead, as NCFCS members, we were treated to a far better experience. Beata Schulman, Managing Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation Committee was the individual guiding us. Beata is one of those responsible for creating this travelling exhibit, which I learned premiered in Madrid. I was impressed that Beata was our host, and she turned out to be most welcoming and friendly in addition to being 'more than knowledgeable'. Beata shared with us her family story, which led her to immerse her life into the world of the Shoah.

The tour lasted approximately 2 hours. I honestly expected this experience to be a lot like going to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, but on a smaller scale. I also expected it to be extremely emotional. In many ways it was what I expected. However, I was moved in a different way than I expected. This exhibition contained a lot of information about history leading up to the holocaust. Not that other exhibits didn't have that, but this exhibit specialized in history. In trying to learn as much as I could, I didn't spend as much time crying and getting choked up. Instead, the exhibit focused on how anti-Semitism and terror kept ratcheting up between the end of World War 1 and climaxing with the horrors that we all know about between the years 1942-1945. There was a lot of information about how the Nazis thought, and how they were able to get the masses to go along with their hate. Much of the information I had heard about, but it all was dissected in more detail for this exhibit.

There was a lot of background information about the population of the countries involved: the percent of total Jews and other nationalities in each country, and the specific geography. For instance, I learned that the reason Auschwitz was chosen where it was is due to the amount of train lines merging into that town. We were shown a map of train lines in Europe. Perhaps this is a minor fact. There would have been an 'Auschwitz' somewhere else if not in that location. Growing up, these types of technical facts weren't included in my parents telling of the holocaust. So, I found myself captivated and learning in a new way. Just how many Jewish Poles were there compared to the total population? What about the Jews in Germany? In Russia? What were the German people trying to achieve? What were those in the Nazi party trying to achieve and why? This doesn't at all change the horrors of what happened to our ancestors, but it does help to understand the history from another perspective. That in turn helped me to better see and understand correlations to what's going on today in terms of anti-Semitism, hatred, prejudice, and politics of all kinds between all factions around the world.

Besides the history, there were exhibits and photos that were astonishing!! There were real concentration camp barracks, artifacts (such as real shoes and socks worn by Jews as they arrived at Auschwitz), and numerous life-like photos of what occurred. There also were organized step-by-step explanations of what transpired during the war, explanations of how people survived, what people traded with each other in the camps, how Nazis decided who would be killed, and so much more. This all gave me a more complete picture of what our families endured to survive.

In conclusion, the visit to this museum will help me point out to my children and grandchildren what to be on the lookout for moving forward, so that "Never Again" has more in-depth meaning. Of course, I already knew what "Never Again" meant, but after this tour I learned more about the symptoms that can lead to it and how important it is for all people to make sure it never happens again, to anyone.

Moreover, what I learned that Sunday in September was captivating to me, not only because it was more examination of our history that I hadn't heard before; but because I found Beata Schulman's explanations of the facts to be riveting. Her knowledge transcends what I would have learned had I visited the Museum on my own. The ride into the

city was well worth the trip!

I'm very thankful to the NCFS for organizing this trip for us. Anyone that has not been to see this exhibit GO SEE IT! There is still time. The exhibit has been extended until August 30, 2020, and then it will move to another city in the world. It's a smart idea that this is a traveling exhibition so others can learn from this exhibit too.

## RECOMMENDATION

In an effort to make things easier for our members we would like to inform you that we have reached an agreement with Star of David Chapels in that members of the Society will receive a substantial discount with them.

## JEWISH CEMETERY IN TARNÓW REDEDICATED, RESTORED, AND VANDALIZED

*Editor's Note: This text was excerpted and modified from*

*a Jewish Heritage in Poland press release announcing the event and dated June 17. That which follows is from a later date.*

The rededication of the Tarnów Jewish cemetery took place on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Speakers included Chief Rabbi of Poland Michael Schudrich; Chief Bishop of Poland for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Rafał Markowski; Israeli Ambassador to Poland Anna Azari; Committee for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów Chairman Adam Bartosz; Mayor of Tarnów Roman Ciepela; Tarnów descendant Elizabeth Szancer; and Friends of Jewish Heritage in Poland President Dr. Dan Oren. Cemetery restorations reinforce historical memory by perpetuating the tangible record, not only of deaths, but of the lives of those interred in the cemetery over hundreds of years. Further, they provide existing Jewish communities in those places in Europe with a physical anchor (along with others, especially synagogues) marking their rootedness in the place in which they still live. Jews had lived in Tarnów for about 500 years prior to World War II, and, numbering about 25,000, comprised about half of the town's total population. Today there are fewer than a handful of known Jews living in the town of over 100,000 inhabitants. Its major Jewish cemetery was severely devastated by German actions

during the war, followed by vandalism and neglect after the war. Yet thousands of tombstones survived to this day.

Adam Bartosz, a Catholic Pole and retired director of the Regional Museum in Tarnów, took it upon himself to preserve the history of the Jews of Tarnów and to care for and build interest in restoring this once great cemetery. He formed an all-volunteer Committee for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów in 1988 and has led this project for the past thirty years. Bartosz is a 2019 Irena Sendler awardee and was honored by the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture on the evening following the rededication ceremony.

In 2017, Bartosz's committee received a substantial 3:1 matching grant from the European Union to support

major restoration work at the Tarnów Jewish cemetery. That grant is providing 2.4 million złoty (over \$600,000) to match the committee's raising 800,000 złoty (about \$200,000). The seed funds were provided by individual and organizational donors including the Małopolska Polish regional government, the Polish Ministry of Culture, and the Tarnów mayor's office. A US public charity, the Friends of Jewish Heritage in Poland, actively partnered with a Tarnów Jewish descendants' group led by Dr. Jill Leibman and Elizabeth Szancer, among others, to help the local Tarnów committee raise the needed funds to qualify for the EU-sponsored

matching grant. These include significant support from Ronald Lauder, along with the kindness of Bruce and

Lori Gendelman of the Sidney Kohl Family Foundation. Donations of all sizes came in from supporters worldwide. Stated Szancer: "The successful renovation of Tarnów's historic Jewish cemetery is a testament to the cooperation and collaboration of Jew and non-Jew, just as Jews and Poles lived there side by side in the past. As a descendant of Tarnów, I was very proud to work with Adam Bartosz, his committee, and many others to support this initiative. The memorial park, which Adam Bartosz envisioned, must be a living project, one to be continued and supported, not just for us, but for future generations. It should serve as a leading example of what can be accomplished."

Restoration work on the Tarnów cemetery, done under the supervision of the Chief Rabbinate of Poland, has included rebuilding the walls of the

cemetery, installing sidewalks, cleaning away decades of brush and vegetation, restoring many toppled and eroded tombstones and a Holocaust monument, converting the former Bet Taharah (funeral preparation room) into a mini-museum, and indexing thousands of tombstones in the cemetery to preserve those records online for access in posterity. The indexing project has already led to many descendants finding physical connections to their ancestors in the cemetery.

On July 21, just weeks after the Jewish cemetery in Tarnów was rededicated, vandals spray-painted anti-Semitic graffiti on the newly repaired wall next to the entrance gate. It read: "Jews eat children. Jadowniki eats Jews." (Jadowniki is a nearby village.)

Adam Bartosz and the Committee for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów immediately organized a clean-up on Monday morning, July 22, in order to paint over the slogans. They released a statement: "We believe that the majority of Tarnów residents, like us ... oppose all forms of hooliganism, boorishness, anti-Semitism, or any discrimination and humiliation of other people, their origin, appearance, sex, age, etc. Let us show that in our city, there is no place for this type of acts of hooliganism."

That same day, Bartosz wrote on Facebook: "It has not been a month since the official commitment to the renovation... I'm not counting on catching the perpetrator. I'm crying with shame. This act is what some people from my city did. From my homeland. This shameful act will be known around the whole world, entered from smartphones, Facebook, from the internet these images show the mentality of people of Tarnów, Poland. God, what a shame. And helplessness. I'm so tired. I think we should buy some paint and get to work. Wash away the shame that is not ours." Donations to help support the future maintenance of the Tarnów cemetery are welcomed at : [www.jewishheritagepoland.org/tarnoacutew](http://www.jewishheritagepoland.org/tarnoacutew).

## OF INTEREST

I am very pleased to send the following Link to you. It is an article in "Times of Israel", written by Rabbi Avi Baumol of Krakow & Israel.

We have come a long way in the last 18 months with great plans for expansion in 2020. We look forward to being of continued service & hope

to see you and/or your Groups in Tarnow in the near future. If you are responsible for organizing Tours, we can now accommodate up to 35 Guests in The Nosh in Tarnow. Working with local Hotels, we can accommodate up to 120 & more. In The Old Synagogue in Dabrowa Tarnowska (40 minutes from Tarnow on the road to Warsaw), we can Cater to up to 200 Guests!

I would appreciate you forwarding this Link to friends & associates & if you are involved in the Tourism Industry, please contact us to explore co-operation.

Shalom.....Very best...

Gerry  
Gerald Vineberg

## NOSHING IN TARNOW

If you build a kosher cafe in Poland, they will come out of the woodwork, acknowledging 'some Jewish roots'. Please note that the posts on The Blogs are contributed by third parties. The opinions, facts and any media content in them are presented solely by the authors, and neither The Times of Israel nor its partners assume any responsibility for them.

I met Gerald Vineberg a couple of years ago in Krakow at a Shabbat dinner. I asked him what brought him here and he responded that he is opening a kosher café in Tarnow. Tarnow? But there are no Jews in Tarnow, I responded. He smiled and said, there are, we will just have to find them. I couldn't believe my ears. It was hard enough trying to have a kosher café in Krakow where there are at least a thousand Jews living and hundreds of thousands of Jewish tourists. How was he going to create a restaurant in Tarnow where no Jews live? To answer that question, you have to know Gerald Vineberg.

A native of Montreal, though living for some years in the Far East as well as the US, Gerald spent the main part of his career taking businesses which seemed doomed to failure and resurrecting them, turning them into successful enterprises. He was always up to the challenge, especially when the odds were against him. With his cheerful and calming demeanor, and always ready with a quip or anecdote, Gerald, though in his 70s, does not stop, keeps working and keeps an

optimistic attitude to get the job done!

It is in this context that I met Gerald in his café, “The Nosh Kosher Café,” at Lwowska 2 in Tarnow. We started with a coffee, (his house coffee from Costa Rica is freshly roasted for him in Tarnow each week) and he offered me a taste of his delicious carrot cake to accompany — I couldn’t turn him down. And when he told me cinnamon buns just came out of the oven, well, it would be rude of me to say no...

While sipping my beverage, Gerry showed me around the restaurant and the “one stop shop” of all things Jewish. Prominently displayed was my book, which I wrote about my experiences as a rabbi in modern day Poland. He sells kosher wines, coffees, special teas, yahrtzeit candles, mugs, magnets, art, mezuzas from MiPolin, Judaica — all around the café walls. He also has a big freezer of Ben and Jerry’s ice cream for sale!

Gerry told me the genesis of this crazy journey; it all began with his wife Marcia (“the brains and the beauty of the operation!”). Marcia’s family goes back to Tarnow and Dąbrowa Tarnowska for generations and she always has a special place in her heart for these towns. Gerry and Marcia came to find a way to connect with Tarnow and perhaps memorialize her aunt Mina who was an artist and had a long remarkable life. Gerry thought to open a gallery and feature her art, thereby memorializing her and adding a Jewish presence once again to Tarnow.

While he was working on it and trying to figure out the details, he kept hearing that tourists would come to Tarnow more if they had an opportunity to eat kosher. At that moment, Gerry switched gears and pursued the unimaginable task of creating a successful kosher (hechsher by the chief rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich) café in Tarnow, which would also feature and sell Mina Nath’s art.

Eighteen months later the café is up and running, and he takes pride in telling me that 50 percent of the clientele are local non-Jewish Poles. When the coffee is good and the cake divine (not to mention the Moroccan soup, delicious French fries, and an array of other delicacies), then locals will support the establishment and it will thrive.

But another byproduct of Gerry’s success emerged. Tarnovian Poles who come to the café

mention in passing that they have “some Jewish roots.” Slowly, Jewish Tarnovians are reappearing and are expressing interest in activities, classes, and of course yummy dinners at “The Nosh.” There is even talk of establishing a revived Jewish community in Tarnow, made up of local Tarnovians, as well as Gerry and other expats living in Tarnow and the surrounding area.

As if that wasn’t enough, Gerry, in his first year (!) expanded to a second location. A sister city, Dąbrowa Tarnowska was 80% Jewish before the war with a magnificent synagogue (built in 1863) right next to the city square. Almost completely destroyed during the Shoah, it was renovated by the city in 2008 and has returned to its former glory. In the basement of the synagogue sits Gerry at “The Nosh 2,” with soups, drinks, sandwiches, and, of course, more Ben and Jerry’s! Groups are starting to branch out to incredible sites all over Lower Poland, and Tarnow and Dąbrowa Tarnowska are two valuable additions to the itinerary. And if you can also get a kosher bagel and tuna, why not!

Gerry, at 71, has a 15-year plan (and perhaps a second one after that!). He intends on working together with Adam Bartosz and the Committee for the Protection of Jewish Heritage, supporting the cemetery project as well as continuing to build Jewish life in Tarnow. He wants to host Shabbat dinners and bring Tarnow Jews to Krakow’s JCC to experience Jewish life there. He invited me to come and give some classes to the community and I will. When Gerry calls, I will respond because I know that he means it and that he will get it done.

If you are organizing a tiyul to Poland, and are interested in expanding your horizons, make sure to give Gerry a call and book a meal or a meeting.

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW CRACOW FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

Dear Members,

We are all aware of the rise of anti-Semitism in the United States, as well as worldwide. As members of the New Cracow Friendship Society we cannot ignore this rise in hate which goes hand in hand with the declining support for Israel's existence and an increase in racism and bigotry against all minorities.

The Founders of our Society, as survivors of the Holocaust put into our By-Laws the Missions to:

- 1. Take action to combat anti-Semitism**
- 2. Strengthen our ties with our brethren throughout the world and particularly Israel**

We, the present-day members, have not been diligent in following the intent of these two missions. We cannot sit idly by while white supremacy is on the rise. In the United States there have been shootings in our places of worship, open attacks of Jews in the streets, and a rise in hate crimes in general. In Germany we have seen neo-Nazi's demonstrate in the streets wearing illegal Swastikas and in France the rise in violent anti-Semitic hate crimes has resulted in more than 50,000 Jews moving to Israel.

At our September Board Meeting a **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** was created to organize our voices in the war against anti-Semitism, bigotry, and injustice. We will affiliate ourselves with like-minded groups. We will do everything in our power to have our voices heard and bring about much needed change. We will protest, write our elected officials, submit editorials to various publications and use social media and any other means at our disposal to make our voices heard.

If any member of the Society feels as strongly as we do, please join our committee. You do not have to be a Board Member. We welcome any suggestions to help this committee raise its voice in this urgent fight.

If you would like to join us or have an issue you want to address, write something about it and submit it to [sterad22@aol.com](mailto:sterad22@aol.com) or [annav.h.scheumann@gmail.com](mailto:annav.h.scheumann@gmail.com)

**Never Again is now.**

Thank you,  
The NCFS Social Action Committee

## THE SEARCH GOES ON.....

Martin Ferst is seeking formation about anyone who grew up at the *Bursa Rzemieslnicza* from Krakow ul. Krakowska 53 in the years 1936-1039 and also *Opieka Sierut Zydowskich* in school Nr. 10 Krakow ul. Miodowa 10 from before 1936.

These were the places where he grew up. If you have any information please contact the Society at [www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org](http://www.newcracowfriendshipsoc.org) and we will forward the information.

.Thank you.

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Members,

Please send us your good news, i.e. engagements, marriages, births, bar & bat mitzvah, graduations, anniversaries, milestone birthdays, etc. We love to share good news with our membership.

On your 2020 membership renewal card, please be sure to include anniversary and birth dates. Also, please make note of any recent changes for phone #s, address, e-mail address, or marital status.

### HAPPY EVENTS

#### Anniversaries:

#### July

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Blumenfrucht 34

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hilfstein 45

#### August

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Berkowsky 39

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Kantor

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hilfstein 23

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Meyers 37

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Jungerwirth 70

Shelly Hilfstein & Howard Schapiro 43

#### September

Mrs. & Mrs. Kenneth Helfman

#### November

Mrs. & Mrs. Howard Cagan

Mr. & Mrs. Al Lewis 43

Mr. & Mrs. Fishman

Dr. Annette Insdorf & Mr. Mark Toporek 20

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Horowitz 34

#### December

Jean Kasmer & Charles Jacobs 37

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Moldower 50

Mr. & Mrs. Marian Keren

**MILESTONE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY:** We wish to extend a hearty Mazal Tov to Regina Lewis, who with her husband Victor, zlv, has been our Society's lifelong Membership Committee Chairwoman. Regina celebrated her 100th birthday on September 2nd. May you stay healthy and strong, and enjoy all of long-life's blessings.

#### DONATIONS:

We thank Yona & Jerry Gonen for their generous contribution to the Society in honor of the birth of a great-grand daughter to Regina Lewis, and grand daughter born to Al & Meryl Lewis, last January.

A donation of \$108 was given to the Society on the occasion of the 10th yahrzeit for Victor Lewis, (zlv), a

Founding Member, life-long Board Member and Membership Committee Chairman.

#### Donations

Ms. Fay Novotny in honor of her grandson Adam's engagement to Kate \$100  
Annette Insdorf, on the occasion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of her beloved father Michael Insdorf and the 9<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of her adored mother, Dr. Cecile Insdorf. \$200  
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#### **Yizkor Appeal**

Yona and Jerry Gonen in memory of Ida and Emauel Beitscher, Joseph and Lola Schowald and Hanna Schonwald

Cindy Patrych-Brotman and David Brotman in memory of Fela Teitelbau Patrich and Rafael Patrych  
Genia Sommer in memory of Jack Sommer

Oskar and Rosalind Matzner in memory of the Matzner and Farkash Families

Joe Schanzer in memory of Pola and Samuel Schanzer

Rena Finder in memory of Mark Finder and Rozia Ferber

Dena and Leon Hilfstein in memory of Max and Erna Hilfstein, Bob Forman, Dorothy Forman and Terry Forman

At this time during membership renewals, we do not mention each member's name who makes an additional contribution along with yearly dues... only the names of members who contribute for a specific simcha, yahrzeit, get well blessing, memorial of a recent passing, etc. However, we are grateful for all your generous contributions and we thank you wholeheartedly. Please keep your tzedaka flowing in our direction.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome our newest 3G member, Felicia Heiney, daughter of Cindy Patrych Brotman and granddaughter of Fela Patrych (zlv).

#### **REFUAH SHELAYMAH:**

To our members who are ill and in need of healing, we wish you a speedy recovery and a return to optimal health as soon as possible. Please inform us of any members who would appreciate their names being mentioned for thoughts and prayers for healing.

We're hoping to celebrate with you at our pre-Chanukah party on Dec 8th, at Ben's in Bayside. HAPPY CHANUKAH to all!

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We regret to inform you  
Of the passing of our

Dear Member and Friend

**MELVIN REICH**

To the Reich and Mindel Families

Our Sincerest Condolences

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN EVERLASTING PEACE**



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