For God and Country

A Record of the Patriotic Service of Shearith Israel

Congregational Honor Roll and Tribute Listing
This booklet has been prepared in memory of:

Cpl. Arnold C. Franco (1923-2016)

and

Lt. Commander Dennis B. Freilich (1934-2017)

This is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations.
(Exodus 3:15)

Gird your sword upon your thigh, O hero, in your splendor and glory.
I commemorate your name for all generations, so nations will praise you forever and ever.
(Psalm 45: 4, 18)
For Americans, Memorial Day obligates us once a year to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. For Jews, memory, bridging the gap between past and present, is a constant duty; it defines what it means to be a Jew. Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik once wrote that Jews experience what he called a “unitive time consciousness” whereby through the retelling of our story, “bygones turn into facts, pale memories into living experiences and archaeological history into a vibrant reality.”

As I wrote once in the Wall Street Journal, one of the great privileges of serving as rabbi and minister in Shearith Israel was becoming part of a “unitive time consciousness” that we share in the synagogue. We retell, we relive, and we re-experience our extraordinary stories. We see Gershom Mendes Seixas fleeing the British to join the Patriot cause—and we see him as well sneaking back into the city to perform Samuel Lazarus’ wedding. We feel that we stand next to Jonas Phillips when he makes the case for liberty—and when he advocates for religious freedom in a new nation. And as we re-experience these stories, we realize our obligation to show gratitude to all our members, throughout our history, who so selflessly served this country. This is why I myself feel overwhelmed with gratitude every spring, when, in a small cemetery in downtown Manhattan, patriotic Jews, buried for centuries, are given the chance to live again.
May 19, 2019

Congregation Shearith Israel
2 West 70th Street
New York, NY 10023

Dear Friends:

I write to offer warm greetings on the occasion of Congregation Shearith Israel’s annual Chatham Square Cemetery Memorial Event, honoring its esteemed members for their service in and contributions to the United States Armed Forces.

The American Jewish community has heeded the call of patriotism since the Revolutionary War and continues to sacrifice in service to this country today. I am honored to join in paying tribute to Shearith Israel’s military veterans of past and present.

As the first synagogue established in North America, Shearith Israel remains an emblem of the history and the longevity of the American Jewish experience and I am incredibly proud to have this congregation located in my congressional district.

As the Year of Years Celebration marking the synagogue’s 365 years of service comes to a close, I would like to thank the synagogue and its members for their continued contributions to New York City and the American Jewish community.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER
Member of Congress

May 8, 2019

Mr. Zachary Edinger
Sexton/Ritual Director
Congregation of Shearith Israel
2 West 70th Street
New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Edinger:

The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) is an American Veterans organization created in 1896 by Jewish veterans of the Spanish-American and Civil Wars. It was founded to counter claims that Jews did not serve when their country needed them and to advocate for the rights of Jewish Veterans of the US Armed Forces. Today, the JWV has about 15,000 members and continues to be a strong advocate for religious freedom and other matters of interest for Jews in the military.

Among the goals of JWV is to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of our faith. Therefore, events such as the memorial service held annually by Congregation Shearith Israel at its historic Chatham Square Cemetery are of importance to us. Jews have given patriotic service in all wars of the United States from the Revolution to today. This is a fact that is well known by Shearith Israel which has a long and proud history of patriotic service. Shearith Israel’s commitment to the memory of those who have served is exceptional. We commend Shearith Israel for honoring the memory of its members patriotic service.

The Department of New York JWV is proud to extend salutations and warm greetings to our friends at Shearith Israel. The updating of its Honor Roll for the first time since the end of World War II, is also important. It reminds us all that Jews are proud to serve the cause of freedom and that those who serve will continue to be remembered by future generations.

May Shearith Israel continue to take pride in its patriotic history for many years to come!

Sincerely,

JON ZAK
Commander
Department of New York JWV
Shearith Israel has long taken pride in the patriotic service rendered by its congregants. Members of our community have served in the defense of our city, state, and country from the earliest history of Jewish life in North America. Already in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, Jews including Asser Levy and Jacob bar Simson served on the City Watch. To quote Dr. David de Sola Pool: "The story of the participation of American Jews in defense of their country commenced with the very beginning of their settlement in the land."

Growing up in Shearith Israel I was proud of this history of patriotism, of our Hazan Gershom Mendes Seixas and the members of Shearith Israel who fled New York during the Revolution. Every year, our congregation observes two unique ceremonies that attest to this patriotic history. Our Thanksgiving Day service, with the recitation of part of the Psalms of Hallel, was a service first created in 1789 by Gershom Mendes Seixas in compliance of George Washington's declaration of a National Day of Thanksgiving. The form of service he created then has provided the model for our Thanksgiving Day liturgy until this very day. Then, in the early 20th century, David de Sola Pool, together with H. Pereira Mendes, created a Memorial Day ceremony to be held at the Chatham Square Cemetery at which the graves of veterans and patriots of the Revolution are decorated. Among these is the grave of Gershom Mendes

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the United States military which peaked in 1969 at just over 3.5 million active duty soldiers has declined steadily since that time to less than half that size, with about 1.3 million active duty members of the Armed Forces today. It is far less common than it once was to serve in the US military and this is true in our congregation as well.

The creation of the State of Israel in 1948, is an event of unparalleled significance in the history of the Jewish People. At 71 years old the State of Israel is still a young country, but the history, connection and indeed love of the Jewish People for the land of Israel dates back more than three millennia. Unfortunately, the survival of the Jewish State has required a strong military to defend Israel from its neighbors. Many of our members today have served in the IDF and it is important to recognize their service and sacrifice. Military or civil service is compulsory in Israel, and in preparation of this booklet I have found that many of our congregants who grew up in Israel are uncomfortable being honored or listed for their service. Therefore, the section listing our members who have or are serving in the IDF toward the end of this volume can only be called preliminary, despite my efforts (and cajoling) to assemble as many names as possible, this work is not yet complete.

A word about the sources and methodologies used in the creation of this booklet: the main source of information for the service of our congregants from the Revolutionary war through World War Two, comes from David de Sola Pool’s An Old Faith in the New World. In addition, I have also utilized some of the works of Leon Huhner and Simon Wolf, published in the early 20th century to find additional names and information about the military service of early New York Jews. Joseph Rosenbloom’s A Biographical Dictionary of Early American Jews has been helpful as well. In 2018, I benefited greatly from the assistance of Adrienne Usher and the Shapell Manuscript Foundation to help identify Civil War veterans buried in our cemetery (Beth Olam) in Queens. Much of that work has been incorporated into this booklet as well. I am quite sure that there are additional veterans buried in our cemetery who have yet to be identified. So there is work still to be done in researching the military service of our congregants.

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Finally, we wish to recognize the presence of two organizations that perform important work in support of Jewish members in the United States Armed Forces. The JWV (Jewish War Veterans of the USA) and KosherTroops.com. The JWV was founded in 1896 and is a strong advocate for Religious Freedom and other matters of import to Jewish members of the US Military. KosherTroops.com is an organization that provides kosher food and care packages to Jewish service members throughout the globe. Please take some time to learn more about and support these extraordinary organizations.

It has been a pleasure putting this very special booklet together. The publication of this booklet is part of Shearith Israel's Year of Years campaign, celebrating the extraordinary diversity and history of our congregation. It is my hope that this booklet and our annual Memorial Event will continue to inspire pride in the patriotic contributions Jews have made to our country since the founding of our country through today.

Most of all this booklet has been prepared to honor the service of the veterans of our congregation, and to them we say Thank you!

A special section has been included to honor the memory of those members of our community who have given their lives while in service. This section benefited from the invaluable assistance of Maud and Neal Kozodoy, who also helped edit other parts of this booklet as well. Despite their skillful editing and best efforts to keep me from tinkering with the text, the inevitable errors that are still manifest are entirely my own.

Information found in the newly updated Honor Roll listing came from veterans of our congregation themselves or from their family members. A conscious decision was made to be as inclusive as possible. Therefore the listings include all of the uniformed services, such as the National Health Service, in addition to the Armed Services; and also include the Reserves, National Guard or other authorized militias. Similarly, we have included both members and former members, and make no distinction whether their service was performed before, during, or after their association with our congregation.

To honor the service of friends and family members who have never been members of Shearith Israel, we have also included a special tribute section. This has been done in order that our current members can take pride both in the patriotic history of our congregation together with the contributions given by their loved ones regardless of congregational affiliation.

This booklet is being distributed at our 2019 Memorial Service at the Chatham Square cemetery. This year, we are honored to have Colonel Jonathan de Sola Mendes and Lieutenant Arthur Goldberg present as guest speakers. We thank them for doing so and hope they will continue to be able to attend this ceremony in good health for many more years. We also express our thanks to the color guard and field music provided by Col. Ernest Grunebaum and Master Sergeant Stephen Hefler and the members of the Veteran Corps of the Artillery of the State of New York. They are joined by members of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, and this year for the first time by members of Oliver Tilden Camp (#26) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thank you all for adding greatly to the atmosphere of this special memorial ceremony.
GUEST SPEAKERS
Chatham Square Cemetery Memorial Event, May 19, 2019

LIEUTENANT ARTHUR AARON GOLDBERG: During the Korean War, Lt. Goldberg served in the Navy as a Naval Supply Officer. He grew up on the West Side of Manhattan and is married to Carol Kaufman Goldberg. A graduate of the Wharton School of Business, and Columbia University, Mr. Goldberg was a prominent figure in the world of finance having been a partner at E.F. Hutton and Neuberger Berman. He is a long-time member and former Trustee of Congregation Shearith Israel, and was for many years the head of its Finance Committee. After his retirement Mr. Goldberg has become a significant collector in the world of art and photography, and contributes greatly to many philanthropic causes.

COLONEL JONATHAN DE SOLA MENDES: During World War II and the Korean War, Col. Mendes flew 180 missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and 10 Air Medals. He taught John Glenn and Ted Williams to transition to Jet planes and flew in combat with them both. Col. Mendes is the great grandson of Rabbi Abraham Pereira Mendes (of Jamaica and Newport.) He is a lifelong member of Shearith Israel and a former Trustee, he continues to attend almost every Shabbat, and has served as a segan on the eve of Kal Nidre for many years. At age 96, he completed the New York City Marathon! Now at age 98, Col. Mendes’ goal is to share with others the importance of achieving and maintaining good health and always having goals.
DAVID NUNES CARDOZO (1753, New York–1835, Charleston): Sgt. Major in the Charleston Grenadiers. Fought valiantly in the first siege of Charleston and was wounded in the siege of Savannah. Taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston.


DANIEL GOMEZ (1769–1784): Private in Captain John Corrush’s Company in the 4th Battalion of the Philadelphia Militia. Interred in the Chatham Sq. Cemetery; in 1856, the grave was transferred to the 21st Street Cemetery.

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Eleazar Levy (d. 1811, New York): Son of Hayman Levy (see below). Wealthy merchant in Quebec; supplied the British during the French and Indian War. Joined the American cause during the Revolution and moved to Philadelphia where he served as a private in Captain Samuel McLean's Company, 1st Battalion PA Militia. Presented a claim against the Continental Army to Congress in 1789 for seizing land at West Point on which he owned a mortgage; he was never compensated. Interred in the Chatham Sq. Cemetery.


For the full text, please refer to the original source.
SAMUEL MYERS (1755–1836): Served in the Virginia line during the revolution. Son of Myer Myers (see above).


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BERNARD HART (1763–1855): Quartermaster in the New York State Militia in 1787 and Major during the War of 1812. Merchant. Father of Congressman Emanuel B. Hart. In 1799, briefly married to Catherine Brett (not Jewish), who bore him one son, Henry. Henry’s son in turn was the literary figure Bret Harte. Married for the second time in 1806 to Rebecca Seixas, niece of Hazzan Gershom Mendes Seixas. Parnas of Shearith Israel for three years. Active in the affairs of the congregation for many years, especially in the burial society. Member of the committees that established the first New York Exchange office in 1792, and the New York Stock and Exchange Board in 1817. Served as secretary of the latter from 1831 to 1853. A cousin of Ephraim Hart (see Revolutionary War).

HARMON HENDRICKS: (1771-1838) Metallurgist, businessman, and inventor who helped to transform the United States from an importer to a manufacturer of copper. In 1812, the Hendricks firm produced the copper used to sheathe three Navy vessels in New York harbor at the same time that Paul Revere, a good friend of the Hendricks family, was cladding a fourth, the Constitution, with copper probably supplied by Hendricks. Subscribed $40,000 to government-issued war bonds. Parnas of Shearith Israel from 1824 to 1827.

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NAPHTALI H. JUDAH (1774-1855) Private, New York Militia, (Laight's) First Regiment (Stevenson's Company). He was Parnas of Shearith Israel in 1803. Contributed to the building of the Second Mill Street Synagogue — for which a memorial prayer is recited on Shabbat HaGadol annually. He was the son of Samuel Judah (see Revolutionary War).


URIAH P. LEVY: (1792-1862) Commodore of the United States Navy, Investor and Philanthropist. He was instrumental in helping to end the Navy’s practice of flogging, and during his long service prevailed against the antisemitism he faced frequently. At age 10, he ran away from home to serve as a cabin boy on the trading ship New Jerusalem, but returned to Philadelphia for his Bar Mitzvah. He enlisted in the Navy on October 21 1812. While fighting the British, Levy’s ship was captured. He and his crew were taken captive, and sent to England’s notorious Dartmoor Prison. Levy was not released until the end of the war. After his release, Levy returned to the U.S. and continued to serve in the Navy, rising to the ranks of lieutenant (1817), master commandant (1837), and captain (1844). In 1857, the Navy dismissed forty-nine officers, including Levy, Levy believing anti-semitism was behind his release fought the decision and was reinstated. After his reinstatement, he rose to command the Mediterranean fleet and received the rank of Commodore, then the highest ranking in the Navy. At the start of the Civil War, Levy offered his military services as well as his entire fortune to save the Union. Instead, Lincoln installed him on the Court-Martial Board in Washington D.C. An admirer of Thomas Jefferson, Levy purchased and began the restoration of Monticello in the 1830s; he also commissioned and donated a statue of Jefferson that is now located in the Capitol Rotunda; it is the only privately commissioned artwork in the Capitol. (He was a grandson of Jonas Phillips, see Revolutionary War).

ABRAHAM A. MASSIAS (1772–1848): Served in the NY Militia from 1802 to 1809.


SAMUEL NOAH: Graduated West Point in 1807, 1st Lieutenant. Resigned his commission in 1811. Volunteered at the outbreak of war in 1812 as Private in Captain Dunning’s company in defense of Brooklyn. Received numerous commendations “His services were most zealous and untiring, his military education, practical knowledge, and quick intelligence proving powerful auxiliaries to his patriotic devotion of duty.” Cousin of Mordecai Manuel Noah.

JOSEPH B. NONES: (1797-1887) Entered the Navy as a midshipman in 1812. He served as private secretary to Henry Clay at the negotiations of the Treaty of Ghent. He later served on the USS Guerriere during the second Barbary War in Algeria. He was wounded while on duty and retired in 1822. He later became a pioneer in processing concentrated foods, and in 1829 he proposed a program to combat scurvy in the Navy.

HAYM M. SALOMON: (1785-1858) Son of Haym Salomon (see Revolutionary War). Captain, 115th Regiment N.Y.S.M.

DR. MANUEL PHILLIPS: Son of Jonas Phillips (see Revolutionary War). Assistant Surgeon.


ABRAHAM B. SEIXAS (1786 –1834) Captain, 10th Brigade, 4th Regiment, NYS Infantry. Son of Benjamin Mendes Seixas (see Revolutionary War).

HAYMAN L. SEIXAS: (1792 – 1865) Pvt. 9th Artillery, NY. Son of Benjamin M. Seixas (see Revolutionary War.)

SOLOMON B. SEIXAS (1787 – 1840): Capt. 2nd NY Militia (Van Hook’s). Son of Benjamin Mendes Seixas (see Revolutionary War.)

ISAAC B. SEIXAS: (1781 – 1839) Corporal in the Virginia 19 Militia Amblers. Sgt. in Corps d’Elite, Randolphins. Son of Benjamin Mendes Seixas (see Revolutionary War.)

DAVID G. SEIXAS (1788 – 1864) Served in Philadelphia during the War of 1812. Son of Rev. Gershom Mendes Seixas. He is most famous for his efforts to educate the deaf. He was the founder and headmaster of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb as well as the Philadelphia Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

JOSEPH SEIXAS: (1794 - ?) 1st Regiment, NY Militia (Dodge). Son of Gershom Mendes Seixas.

SAMPSON SIMSON: (1780 – 1857) Deputy Quartermaster of NY Militia in 1812. Graduate of Columbia University; gave address in Hebrew. Founder of Jews’ Hospital, later known as Mount Sinai Hospital.
Mexican-American War

JONAS P. LEVY: Captain USN. Commander of the USS America. Served at Vera Cruz. Brother of Uriah P. Levy (see Civil War).

ISRAEL MOSES: See Civil War.

ADOLPHUS SOLOMONS (1826–1910): Communal leader. At age fourteen, enlisted as a “Color Guard” with the 3rd Regiment, Washington Greys, NYS National Guard. Promoted to Sergeant in 1845. Discharged in 1847. In 1851, appointed “Special Bearer of Despatches to Berlin” by the Sec. of State, Daniel Webster. Helped to found Jews’ Hospital (now Mount Sinai Hospital). In 1859, established the publishing house of Philp & Solomons in Washington, DC, which held government contracts for printing. In 1871, elected member of the House of Representatives for the District of Columbia, serving as chairman of the committee on ways and means. Trustee and later president of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association. One of the founders of the American Red Cross. Influential in gaining permission for the appointment of Jewish chaplains in the US Military during the Civil War.

Civil War


MARK BLUMENTHAL (1831–1921): Surgeon, 3rd Cavalry (“Hussars”) NY Militia. 1st Resident and attending physician of Jews’ Hospital, New York City, later known as Mount Sinai Hospital.

JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL (1834–1901): Quartermaster, 3rd Regiment NY Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Division. Member of the New York State Assembly (NYC 15th District 1873–1874, NYC 22nd District 1888–1891). President of Shearith Israel. President of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association.

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BENJAMIN E. HAYS (1838–1906): Private, Company H, 10th Regiment NY Infantry (“National Zouaves”). After the Civil War, became a successful physician known for treating the indigent free of charge. Freemason. Member of the GAR.

EDMUND HENDRICKS (1834–1909): Private, Company F, 7th Regiment NY Infantry (“Uniformed Battalion”). Later a member of the Lafayette Post 140 of the GAR.


PHILLIP JOACHIMSEN (1817–1890): Lt. Col. 59th NY Volunteer Infantry. Staunch abolitionist. US Attorney. Prosecuted the first capital conviction for slave trading in the US. Resigned his duties to protest the Kansas-Nebraska Act. At the outbreak of the Civil War, organized the “Union Guard” which became the 59th NY Volunteer Regiment and was appointed Colonel. The regiment was ordered to the front and stationed at Fort Monroe. Appointed United States Paymaster. Subsequently ordered to New Orleans under the command of General B. F. Butler. Honorably discharged after falling from his horse and sustaining severe injuries. New York Governor Reuben Fenton, in acknowledging his eminent services, appointed him Brevet Brigadier General. Later became a judge of the Marine Court of New York City. Prominent member of Shearith Israel, involved in many charitable organizations including the Hebrew Benevolent Society, the Home for Infirm and Indigent Hebrews (now the New Jewish Home), and the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. In 1879, founded the Hebrew Sheltering/Guardian Society for Children (now the Jewish Child Care Association).

DAVID MENDES COHEN (1826–1891): Entered the service as a 2d Lt, USMC, August 19, 1855. 1st Lt. in 1861. Captain, July 26, 1861. Major, Dec. 5, 1867. Served on the Ariel (captured by CSS Alabama) and the USS Lancaster where he foiled a Confederate plot to commandeering the Salvador.


EMANUEL DREYFOUS (1834–1902): Private, then 1st Sergeant in the 9th Regiment NYSM, 83rd NY Infantry, Co. C, from May 1861 to September 1862. Engaged in battles at Harper’s Ferry, Cedar Mountain, and Thoroughfare Gap. After the war, served as Clerk, NYC Police Dept. Member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and NYC Old Guard Veterans Battalion. A great-grandson of Haym Salomon (see Revolutionary War).

MAX FRIEDMAN (1826–1900): Major of a regiment in Pennsylvania Militia prior to the Civil War. Colonel of 65th Regiment (5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, the mostly Jewish regiment “Cameron’s Dragoons”) in 1861. Wounded at the Battle of Vienna, March 1862. Later re-commissioned to organize other Cavalry Regiments in Pennsylvania. Special Inspector of the Revenue Department from 1867 to 1868. President of the Veteran Corps of Cameron Dragoons.

DAVID D. HART (1819–1888): Commander of the NY City Light Guard, Captain, Company A of the 71st NY State Militia in 1861. Severely wounded at the first battle of Bull Run. Member of the Knickerbocker Club before the war.


FREDERICK NATHAN (1844–1918): Enlisted February 19, 1862, Company F, 7th Regiment, NY Volunteer Infantry. Served during the New York City Draft Riots in 1863 and in Maryland. After the war, a member of Lafayette Post 140 of the GAR. Prominent member of the NY Stock Exchange and generous philanthropist. Husband of the social worker and suffragist, Maud Nathan.


DAVID HAIM NIETO (1843–1891): Enlisted as “David Smith” April 26, 1861. Private, Co. G, 10th NY Volunteer Infantry. Mustered out May 6, 1863. Reenlisted as “Daniel Sanderson,” Pvt., Co. E, 28th MA Infantry, machinist. Mustered in August 11, 1863. Wounded May 5, 1864 at Wilderness, VA. (He used an alias because he was a minor under guardianship and did not want his mother in England to know and be alarmed.) Served as Assistant Hazzan of Shearith Israel from 1878 to 1886. He was a member of GAR Post 152.


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MOSES L. M. PEIXOTTO (1830–1890): Enlisted in Company B, 7th Regiment, NY Militia Infantry as a private, April 17, 1861. Discharged June 3, 1861. Reenlisted in the 7th Regiment on May 25, 1862 and was discharged June 17, 1862 to accept a commission in the Ohio Volunteers. Commissioned as Captain of Company G, 103rd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry on July 19, 1862. Helped recruit Company B. The 103rd left Cleveland on September 1, 1862, for Kentucky. While the regiment garrisoned in the state capital of Frankfort, Peixotto became ill and resigned his commission, December 9, 1862.


Chaplains:

MICHAEL MITCHELL ALLEN (1830–1907): Chaplain for Cameron’s Dragoons. Taught at the Philadelphia Hebrew Education Society. After the Civil War, served as principal of Shearith Israel’s Polnies Talmud Torah School.

ARNOLD FISCHEL (1830–1894): Lecturer of Shearith Israel from 1856 to 1861. In 1861, became chaplain of Cameron’s Dragoons, replacing Michael M. Allen (see above). Advocated the recognition of Jewish chaplains in the Union Army; he met with and successfully petitioned Abraham Lincoln.

LAFAYETTE A. GOLDSTONE: (1876-1956) Volunteered for the Naval Reserve and was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the Naval Militia of the State of New York during the Spanish American War. Later served as Chief Quartermaster of the NY Naval Reserve, 1st Battalion.


HORACE M. GRAFF: (1874-1949) Captain, Co. E, NY 9th Infantry. Also served as Quartermaster during World War I. Descendant of Jonas Phillips (see Revolutionary War).

Honor Roll Listings
Compiled By Dr. David De Sola Pool

First World War

Joseph Alexander Arbib
Reuben Arbib
Albert Bach, Jr.
Ely M. Behar
Manoel F. Behar
Harold Bernard
Morris Besso
Theodore G. Bloomberg
Gerald Brandon
Dr. Walter Brickner
Danforth C. Cardozo
Michael H. Cardozo, Jr.
Sidney Cardozo
David A. Cohen
Edward Cooper
William Cosel
Jacob Delbourgo
Ernest de Lima
Arthur Diamond

Albert G. Dreyfous
Howard E. Dreyfous
*Frank J. Felbel
*James Hendricks Florance
Ferdinand J. Friedman
Horace M. Graff
Robert Grant
Mortimer Harris
Phillip Harris
William McKinley Harris
Arthur Hart
Walter Hart
Alwyn M. Hartogensis
Arthur Hendricks
Clifford Hendricks
Henry S. Hendricks
Montague N. Hendricks
Abraham Hirsch
Gordon B. Hirsch

*Indicates those who have died in service

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Second World War

HONOR ROLL LISTINGS
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Monroe Adlman
Henry A. Alexander, Jr.
Jack Alson
M. Amateau
*Edmond Joseph Arbib
Salvador Assael
Archie Azerrad
Max Azoulay
Morris Azoulay
Theodore Baumgold
Arthur Baumoebl
Leon Benasaraf
Edwin Benveniste
David Biberman
Ira Bieler
Marcus Bieler
George R. Bises
Joseph Black
Peter B. Black

David Edward Bloom
Seymour Bress
David Brodie
James M. Bullowa
Benjamin J. Buttenwieser
Clarence Buttenwieser
Enzo Calabi
Eugenio Calabi
Joseph Camhi
Fernand S. Canter
Harry Caraco
George H. Cardozo
Myron Charlap
David A. Cohen
John Cohen
Joseph Cohen
Jack Conway
Joseph Corcos

*Indicates those who have died in service

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Memorializing
Shearith Israel Members
Who Died While in Service

Civil War

Moses H. Seixas (1841–1861)

Enlisted May 6, 1861, Private Company H 62nd NY Infantry (“Anderson’s Zouaves”). Died of dysentery at Camp Cameron, Georgetown, Washington, DC August 30, 1861. Buried on the second day of Hol haMoed Sukkot, 1861. Son of Hayman Seixas (see War of 1812) and grandson of Benjamin Mendes Seixas (see Revolutionary War).

(Sources: Report of the Adjutant General: 62nd Infantry Civil War Roster; Shearith Israel Burial Register)
Spanish-American War

DANIEL LEVY MADURO PEIXOTTO (1854–1898)

Daniel L. M. Peixotto was born in New York. At the age of twenty-six, he married Ida Solomons, daughter of Adolphus S. Solomons (see above, Civil War); their daughter, Irma, was born the following year, in 1881. Daniel’s father Moses had served in the Civil War (see above) as a member of the 7th Regiment of the State of New York. Daniel served in the same regiment as corporal and received a service medal. In 1886, he moved to Washington DC, becoming a Captain in the 1st DC Regiment. When the Spanish-American War broke out, he volunteered with the Third United States Volunteer Infantry, serving as first lieutenant and later as captain of Company D. He became military governor and provost marshal of Guantanamo, Cuba, where he died of yellow fever at the age of forty-four. (Jewish Encyclopedia)

First World War

ADOLPH R. JUNGMAN (d. 1918)

Adolph R. Jungman was the son of Charles and Natalie (Talie) Jungman and lived at 43 West 70th Street in New York. He served as a private in the 36th Service Company of the Signal Corps in the U.S. Army. He died in St. Nazaire, France at the age of 26 and was buried at in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in Fère-en-Tardenois, France.

JAMES HENDRICKS FLORANCE (d. 1919)

A descendant of Harmon Hendricks (see above, Civil War), James Hendricks Florance was the son of Sara Hendricks and Florian Hart Florance. He served as Corporal in Company 12, 125th Transportation Corps., US Army, and died at Fontainebleau, France on March 2, 1919 at the age of 37. He is buried at in the American Cemetery in Suresnes, France.
Julien M. Strassburger was born in Alabama to Leo Strassburger, son of the former mayor of Montgomery. His mother was the daughter of Col. Max Friedman (see above, Civil War); her marriage to Leo was performed at Shearith Israel. Their son Julien graduated from the University of Alabama at the age of nineteen, and the following year received a law degree from the same university. He began practicing in Montgomery, but in 1915 joined the old 4th Regiment of Alabama and organized the Machine Gun Company, serving as a first lieutenant on the Mexican border until the declaration of war against Germany. He was made Acting Judge Advocate of the “Rainbow Division” and then Judge Advocate of the 167th Infantry and served as adjutant to General Robert A. Brown.

In a 1917 letter to his parents, he wrote the words that appear on the opposite page. At the age of twenty-five he was killed in the Battle of the Marne, dying on July 26, 1918 while attacking the German-held Croix Rouge Farm. He was buried in France, but his body was later returned to the US and interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama.

FRANK JULIUS FELBEL (1889–1918)
Frank Julius Felbel was born in New York to Adah (Benjamin) and Jacob Felbel. He was a great-great-grandson of Benjamin Mendes Seixas (see above, Revolutionary War). He attended Columbia College (class of 1911), where he was on the board and then editor-in-chief of the Jester. He graduated Columbia Law School in 1913. He was Second Lieutenant in the 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, U.S. Army. As Acting Captain, he was killed in Argonne Forest at daybreak on October 4, 1918, while leading his company in an attack on the German line. He is buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne, France.

Sources: Columbia University Roll of Honor (warmemorial.columbia.edu); A History of the Class of 1911 (Columbia College, 1911); Maury Maverick Jr., A Maverick American (New York, 1937)

Second World War

EDMOND J. ARBIB (1918–1945)
Edmond J. Arbib was born in New York. His father, Rene S. Arbib, was from Cairo, Egypt; his mother, Sylvia Phillips, was a descendant of Jonas N. Phillips (see above, Revolutionary War) and of Henry Marchant, a signer of the Articles of Confederation. Edmond married Harriet Brodie. In 1941, he enlisted as a private in the Army Air Forces and in 1942 began flying as a member of the 5th Ferry Group of the Air Transport Command, serving for nine months in the China-Burma-India theater. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with three bronze stars, the Air Medal with two oakleaf clusters, and a Presidential Wing Citation. On June 12, 1945, he was killed in a crash while flying an A-26C Invader aircraft during a demonstration training flight from Love Field in Dallas, Texas.

ISRAEL RAND  
(d. 1944)

Israel Rand, member of Shearith Israel, was a corporal in the US Army and died in the Bagley, Utah Train Wreck of December 31, 1944, in which 48 died and 79 were injured. Most of the casualties were servicemen.


ADRIAN Z. LEON

Born in Ploiești, Romania, Adrian Z. Leon studied medicine in Paris, Vienna, and New York. He married Naomi de Sola Pool, daughter of Dr. David de Sola Pool, rabbi of Shearith Israel, and joined the Army Medical Corps as soon as he became an American citizen.

As a medical officer, Captain Leon was killed in action in Austria on May 3, 1945, a few days before the final surrender of the Nazis. Retreating German soldiers had mined a battlefield near the Austrian town of Zirl, and a pursuing American company had incurred injuries that he had rushed forward to treat. In a letter to Captain Leon's widow in the aftermath, a Catholic chaplain, William V. Cummings, himself badly wounded, wrote:

“Due to a lack of litters, two men had to be left in the minefield until the ambulance returned. Dr. Leon, with the zeal and devotion that was characteristic of him, went up to take care of them. . . . I went with him. Just after we lifted the [first] wounded man onto a litter, . . . [a] mine exploded. . . . Dr. Leon fell unconscious a few feet from me and one of his aides fell at his side. . . . When first aid arrived a few minutes later, Dr. Leon and his aide had breathed their last.”

Captain Leon was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.
Present Era

MARK EVNIN

Born on May 10, 1981, Mark Evnin was the son of Michael and Mindy Evnin and the grandson of Fay Evnin, a longtime member of Shearith Israel. Growing up, he was close with his maternal grandfather, Rabbi Max Wall of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, Vermont, who would remember him as always intent on joining the military.

Indeed, Mark Evnin joined the US Marines upon graduating from high school in Burlington. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, CA, and from there shipped as a Marine

Corporal via Kuwait to join the American forces in Iraq in the early months of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Serving in central Iraq as a scout and a sniper, he died on April 3, 2003, when his unit came under enemy fire near Al Kut. He was interred with full military honors at Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery in South Burlington, VT.

Mark was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with V for Valor), the commendation reads:

For heroic service while serving as scout sniper, weapons company, 3d battalion, 4th marines, regimental combat team 7, 1st marine division in support of operation iraqi freedom on 3 april 2003. While engaging fedayeen forces in the city of al kut, corporal evnin noted a concealed enemy bunker. He instantly assessed the situation and began providing suppressive fires with his m203 grenade launcher. On six consecutive occasions he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to provide covering fires for his fellow marines to support their attack. Finally, at great personal risk to himself, he fearlessly moved 15 meters from the amphibious assault vehicle in order to continue his fires. On this final sortie corporal evnin was mortally wounded. However, his efforts were not in vain. As the platoon achieved its objective and cleared the remaining enemy. Corporal evnin’s initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with highest traditions of the marine corps and the united states naval service.
World War I

Henry de Sola Mendes, Army, First Lt., 1917-18, QMC, Camp JE Johnston, Florida

World War II

Samuel H. Cohen, Army, 1945

Donald Cooper, Navy, 1945

David Elias, Army, 1943 to 45, Injured in war

Leonard Elias, Army, WW II

Arnold C. Franco, Army, Cpl., 3rd Radio Squadron; Recipient of American Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, EAMS Medal, Good Conduct Medal

Simon Haberman, Army, 1944 to 45, Fort Benning; Military Intelligence training University of Chicago to study Japanese

Howard Laniado, Navy, S2c, WW II, USS Reina Mercedes

Milton Lewin, Army, 1943-45, 20th Armored Division

Jonathan de Sola Mendes, Marine Corps, USMC Reserves, Col., 1942 to 1973, Flew 100 missions in Pacific – WW II and 70 missions in Korea; Recipient of Distinguished Flying Cross and 10 Air Medals; CO of Reserve jet fighter squadron 1956-58

Clement Morel, Army, WW II, Recipient of Purple Heart

Frederic S. Nathan, Army, 1943-45

Korean War


Gerald Bregman, Air Force, Lt., 1955-57, Film Production – working with the chief of staff of the Air Force.

Alvin Deutsch, Army, Cpl., 1954-56, Deployed to Germany and France Quartermaster Corps; Supervised Sabbath Friday Night services as the demand required

Arthur A. Goldberg, Navy, Lt., 1952-55, Naval Supply Corps.

Leonard Milberg, Army, 1955-56, Stationed at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska; Quartermaster Corps

Felix Roth, Army, Pfc., 1951-1953

Edward Schlesinger, Navy, Lt., 1950-62, Supply Officer on the Douglas Fox (destroyer)

Ronald Stanton, Army, Cpl., 1950-52, Reported for Stars and Stripes paper Stationed in Germany

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Edgar J. Nathan, 3rd, Army, Capt., 1941 to 46, Signal Corp. Supply Officer US and Philippines

Melvin Neumark, Coast Guard, WW II

Jonathan Obadia, Army, PFC, 1943 to 45, Disabled in Ardennes and evacuated just days prior to the Battle of the Bulge when his platoon was wiped out

Emil Pomerantz, Army, SSgt, 1943-46, 1325th Service Command Unit

Paul I. Pressel, Army, 1944-1946, Electrical Engineer, Radio Propagation Unit

Raymond Pressel, Army, 1944-1946, M1 Marksman; Tec 5; Ski Troops 9th Mountain Division ORD; Moved Supplies over Mountains; Briefly in charge of German POWs in Italy; Awarded EAMS Campaign Medal; WW2 Victory Medal; Good Conduct Medal

Jack Rudin, Army, 1943-45

(Italicized names are deceased)
Post Korean War


Dennis Freilich, Navy and Navy Reserve, LCDR, 1959 - 61 and 1962-1971, Chief Medical Officer USS Eltinge, USS Northampton

Lawrence Kobrin, New York State National Guard, Army Reserve, 1956-59, 1959-62, New York State National Guard, 42nd Infantry Division

Roy Zuckerberg, Army Reserve

Vietnam War Era

Edgar Altchek, Army Reserve, Major , 1970-1975, Medical Corps

Roger Berg, Air Force, Captain, 1970-72, Air Force General Counsel’s Office

Jacob Braverman, Army, Major, 1968 - 71, Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Jack Calderon, Army Reserve, 1961-67, Fort Drum, Fort Dix New Jersey

Angelo G. DiGiovanni, Air Force, Vietnam


Simon Gerson, Army, SPC-5, 1967-70, Specialist 5th Class; Operations; Vietnam 1/1968-1/1969; Then Fort Hamilton, NY Induction Station; Army Commendation Medal


Stephen Rappaport, Air Force, Captain, 1972-1980,


Jonah Schein, US Army Reserve, Captain, 1970-76, NY, 307th General Hospital, Psychiatrist, Medical Corps


Carl Singer, Army, Col., 1970-2001, Army Chief of Staff’s Office; The Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; Army Training and Doctrine Command; Army War College; Past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans


Post Vietnam, Gulf War and Present Era

Moses Y. Bension, Army; Army Reserve, XO/ Captain, 2012-2017; 2018 - Present, Deployed to Kuwait & Iraq; Inherent Resolve: Campaign Medal; Enduring Freedom: Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal

Liz Hauser Eizicovics, US Army Reserve, S-1, 2012-Present, 1174th D&D SPT BN


Ernest Grunebaum, VCASNY (9th NY Artillery), Lt. Col. - Inspector General, 1989-2012, VCASNY is a Historic Militia liable for duty in time of War; Trained at Camp Smith, and the 7th Regiment (Armory)

Henry Lipschutz, US Army, E-3; Private 1st class, 1985 -1987, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas

Elizabeth Vieyra, Army, JAG, 2013-2018, Served as a trial counsel, Battalion legal adviser, and legal assistance attorney while stationed in South Korea, at Fort Bragg, NC, and at Fort Knox, KY
MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN
THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE
OR OTHER MILITARIES

(Italicized names are deceased)

 Irma Robles Cardozo, Dutch Free Force, WW II

 Yishai Chamudot, IDF, 2016-2018, Brigade 202- Paratroopers (Tzanhanim)

 Bentsi Cohen, IDF, 1957-1962, Captain, Paratroopers


 Yair Cohen, IAF, 1966-1970


 Naftali Friedman, IDF, 1982-1983, Private, Armored Corps ; Founding group of Machal Hesder.

 Doron Margolis, IDF

 Lewis Pelais, IDF, 1967-71, Machane Aleph; Sayeret Matkal ; Sgt.; helped Capture Old City of Jerusalem in 1967


 David Sable, IDF, 1983/84, Combat Medic

 Avi Toledo, IDF, 1975-1978, Artillery, Mefaked

 Moshe Toledo, IDF

 Ruby Toledo, IDF, 2014-2016, Infantry Medic in a base in Northern Israel.

 Scarlett Toledo, IDF, 2011-2013, Golani Brigade, Shooting Instructor
TRIBUTE LISTING
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(Italicized names are deceased)

Edward Adler, Army, Vietnam. Brother, Susan Neumark

Robert Alfandary, Army, Korean War, Corporal. Served as an assistant to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Father, Francine Alfandary

Yehuda Avner, IDF, 1946-1949; 1958-1995, Fought in Israel’s War of Independence; Foreign Service and Diplomat. Father, Debbie Sable

Dr. Samuel Brookner, Army, World War II. Grandfather, Andrew Sole

Herbert Brun, Army Reserve, ROTC, 2 Years at Fort Monmouth; Army Corps of Engineers. Father, Lisa Rohde

Gabriel Cainer, British Army, World War I, Private, 38th Royal Fusiliers; Served with Allenby’s Palestine Brigade. Grandfather, Gabriel Goldstein

Moshe Davis, IDF, Presently Active, / Armored Corps. Nephew, Malka Edinger

Irving Eisenman, Army, 1941-1943, Served in the Weather Bureau. Father, Alan Eisenman

Arthur Frieber, Navy, 1944 to 1946, USS PC-1206. Father, Laury Frieber

Carl Goldstein, Canadian Armed Services, 1945. Father, Gabriel Goldstein

Samuel Kramer, Navy, World War I. Grandfather, Avery Neumark

Jack Menachem, Navy. Father, Arlene Menachem

Daniel Motola, Navy, Korean War, Served at Brooklyn Navy Yards. Father, Benjamin Motola

Joseph Motola, Army Reserve, Vietnam. Brother, Benjamin Motola

Leon Motola, Army Reserve, Vietnam. Brother, Benjamin Motola

Louis Nahon, Army, Korean War, Germany. Father, Laurent Nahon

Emanuel Neustadter, Army, 1941-1946, Captain, Military Intelligence. Father, Peter Neustadter

Sanford Pearlman, Navy, World War II, LT JG. Engineer; ran the engine room on his ship in the South Pacific. Father, Melissa Pearlman

David Price, Army, World War II, Captain. Father, Deena Aboodi

Herman N. Rappaport, Army, World War II, Served in the Pacific. Uncle, Arye Rubin

Jacob Rosenzweig, Army, World War II, Deployed to Army hospital in England. Grandfather, Joshua Sauberman

David Rosner, Navy, 1942-44, Naval carpenter, war ship builder. Father, Irene David

Jack Sable, Air Force, 1951-1976, Colonel, Chaplain. Father, David Sable

Louis Sable, Army, World War I, Served in France. Grandfather, David Sable

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Irving Saltz, Army, World War II, Signal Corps, Patton’s Third Army.
FATHER, INA BEISPEL

Matthew Sauberman, Army, Iraqi Freedom, PV2, ARCENT 10 TC, OIF/OEF. BROTHER, JOSHUA SAUBERMAN

George Schneider, Army, World War II, Private, 1st Class.
GRANDFATHER, ARI SHERIZEN

Paul Sherizen, Army, World War II, Private, 1st Class. GRANDFATHER, ARI SHERIZEN

Jay Shoulson, IDF, 1970. FATHER, RIVKA SHOULSON

Julius Sklarsky, Army, 1944-1946, Master Sergeant and recipient of Purple Heart. UNCLE, MELISSA EPSTEIN (JACKSON)

Dr. Eugene Sole, Army, World War II. GRANDFATHER, ANDREW SOLE

Joseph W. Solomon, Army. FATHER, LOUIS SOLOMON

David Steinway, Army, Gulf War, Lt. Col. (Medical Corps) 403rd Combat Support Hospital. FATHER, JODIE SHERIZEN

Joseph A. D. Sutton, Army, 1940-1945, Captain, Quartermaster.
FATHER, NAOMI NEUSTADTER

Solomon A. Sutton, Navy, 1918, UNCLE, RALPH SUTTON

David Tanzman, Army, World War II, Fought in Battle of the Bulge; Post war served on the National Defense Mediation Board.
GRANDFATHER, MALKA EDINGER

Theodore Watkin, Navy, World War II. FATHER, FAITH FOGELMAN

Peter M. Wohl, Army, World War II. FATHER IN LAW,
ARLENE MENACHEM

Seymour Zauberman, Army, World War II, SSGT, 3rd Army, 87 DIV, Battle of the Bulge and Occupied Japan. Purple Heart and Bronze Star Recipient. GRANDFATHER, JOSHUA SAUBERMAN