



# The Way the Congregation Worships Is Focus of New Temple Israel Committee

By Marc Katz, Editor

Looking at the way worship services are conducted at Temple Israel—and finding ways to make them more engaging and interactive—has been the goal of a committee appointed by President Alan Klinger.

“In looking at the state of Conservative Jewry,” he said, “it is more important than ever to show our relevance to the community and to have congregants stay members of Temple Israel beyond a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. I asked the committee to determine if we, as a congregation, are serving the needs of today’s members.”

The committee was charged with assessing the state of *tefillah*, prayer, within the congregation, and suggesting potential changes that could be introduced, if warranted.

“The prayer service should be the centerpiece of what the synagogue does,” said one of the Re-Imagine Committee chairs, Brent Greenspan. “Our committee has looked at what we do, the way we do it—and what we could do differently to make our prayer services more relevant and better attended.”

The committee co-chair, Sherry Husney, concurred. “*Tefillah* is central to our practice as Jews,” she said. “Our committee wants to find ways to make *tefillah* more relevant to the members of the congregation.”

The co-chairs also serve as the co-chairs of Temple Israel’s Ritual Committee. Looking to assemble a broad cross-section of the membership as committee members, they were joined by Zina Rutkin-Becker, Jonathan Bloom, Rachel Geula, Dan Goldberger, Ruthe Golden, Madelyn Gould, Larry Greengrass, Simone Kahen, Andrea Katz, Alan Klinger, Robert Lopatkin, Cheryl Eisberg Moin, Eileen Putterman, Mickey Putterman, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Neda Sedgh, Abe Sheffy, Sima Taeid, Gil Weitzman, Marty Werber, and Michael Ziegelbaum.

Staff and clergy participating in committee discussions, included Rabbi Howard

Stecker, Cantor Raphael Frieder, and Rabbi Amy Roth, the director of congregational schools.

“The goal of the committee was to develop a method by which to explore *tefillah* and its relevance to us as individuals and as a community,” Mrs. Husney said. “It seems that at times traditional prayer can, in fact, do the opposite of what it is intended to do. Because many do not understand Hebrew prayers, the essence of the meaning can be illusory. The music of prayer should serve as a bridge, bringing us closer to letting in God’s words and speaking to God.

It should create a mood in which we pray with one voice, bringing us closer together as a *kahal kadosh*, a holy community.”

The committee developed a number of suggestions, which they termed “impacts,” including:

- *Ruach*, or spirit—Developing ways to make religious services more spirited and enlightened.
- Strengthening connections—Developing ways to improve the connections between members.
- Increasing participation—Growing the

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## Observe Tish’ah Be’av

Commemorating the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE  
the Second Temple in 70 CE  
and the Exile of the Jewish People.

This solemn day reflects the greatest tragedies of Jewish history, including the Holocaust, but also serves as a reminder that the Jewish tradition of renewal is alive in Israel and America. It is customary to fast from sunset until dark the following night.

**Monday, August 4 • 8 P.M.**

*Minhah*, *Ma’ariv* and the reading of *Eikhah* (the Book of Lamentations) led by Rabbi Seth Adelson and members of the congregation who will chant *Eikhah* and other selections.

*Come prepared to sit on the floor and sing mournful melodies. Chairs are available if needed.*

**Tuesday, August 5**

*Shaharit* 6:45 A.M. (without *tallit* and *tefilin*), including Torah reading and *kinot* (Poems of Lament).

*Minhah* 8 P.M. (including Torah and *Haftarah* appropriate for Tish’ah Be’av with *tallit* and *tefilin*) and *Ma’ariv*.

**Fast ends at 9:08 P.M.**

## On Visiting Germany—Part II

By Alan Klinger

**Editor's Note:** Temple Israel President Alan Klinger and his wife, Susan, are just back from a trip to Europe's Jewish community. This is the second in a series of reports on his travels.

First, the frankness by which Germany today acknowledges the role of "regular" Germans, to me, was astounding. There are exhibits throughout Berlin that reflect that the Nazis could not have carried out their reign of terror without the cooperation of ordinary Germans, with activities ranging from the "outing" of neighbors to the seizure of their property. There is a sign outside one of the train stations in the heart of the Berlin shopping district, which displays a list of the concentration camps—a signal that people should never forget the loss of life. The country seems to have made real efforts to support the rebuilding of synagogues and Jewish community centers as part of the reparation process. While there is a police presence at Jewish sites for security, people we spoke with reported that Jews were welcome in con-

temporary society and, if anything, it had become trendy to be Jewish. We met a number of people who were part of inter-faith marriages, where the non-Jewish partner was involved in Jewish activities. We also met non-Jews who professionally were part of Jewish

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community centers and Jewish-themed tour groups. (Indeed, our guide was non-Jewish, but had devoted significant time to capturing the stories of survivors, had published a well-received book on the topic and was working towards completion of a second.)

FROM THE RABBI

## Uprooting the Hate

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

The Talmud (Yoma 9b) teaches us that the Second Temple in Jerusalem was laid waste by the Romans due to *sin'at hinam*, causeless hatred. On August 4-5 we commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples as we chant mournfully the book of *Eikhah* (Lamentations) on Tish'ah Be'av. This is the saddest day of the Jewish year, the only full day fast other than Yom Kippur.

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task, is to find a way  
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and raise families.*

As I write these words, Israel has entered Gaza to halt the rockets falling on innocent Israeli civilians. As the bodies pile up on both sides, I perceive many levels of unpleasantness, among them the anxiety of watching history repeat itself, the feeling of great unfairness peppered with a whiff of anti-Semitism as Israel is vociferously

condemned while the world collectively yawns at the Syrian massacre taking place a few hundred kilometers away, the unconscionable heartache brought by the death of Gazan civilians who are cynically used as human shields by Hamas, the pain of loss of IDF soldiers (including two Americans with dual citizenship, as I heard just today), and on and on. So many levels of anger, disappointment, and helplessness.

And I return to the idea of *sin'at hinam*. Hamas is the bad actor here; they have chosen to fire rockets indiscriminately and to boost the body count deliberately by placing civilians in harm's way. 70 percent of Gazans do not support Hamas. Yes, they voted for them back in 2006, but mostly that was a protest vote against the ruling Fatah, widely perceived to be corrupt and ineffective.

Our task, and Israel's task, is to find a way not to hate the civilians of Gaza, who only want to live and work and raise families and maybe go to the beach once in a while. Our challenge is to find a way to work with them, and not with Hamas, so that they may throw off the yoke of their oppressors, the terrorists in their midst, who pour their resources into rockets, but not bomb shelters. Our people's future depends on it.

Second, on the religious front, we spent *Shabbat* in Berlin, and went to Friday night services at a progressive synagogue. There were about 100 people in attendance, where there was separate seating, but no *mechitza*, with an organ and choir. The service was warm, with congregant participation. While the service was familiar, the use of the organ was quite overpowering (even for someone who grew up in a Reform congregation with one). *Shabbat* morning we went to an Orthodox synagogue where there were about 150 people in an impressive sanctuary in a former B'nai B'rith building. While the Rabbi was German, the vast majority of people were from Former Soviet Union countries. They were quite open to us as visitors—we also were with Susan's parents—and the Rabbi invited us to an expansive *kiddush*. The congregation maintains a daily *minyán* and seems to have a devoted following.

While there is Jewish religious life in Berlin, there seems to be more progress in re-establishing Jewish traditions and culture. We visited a Baminim Club, which services Jewish families and whose mission is to teach Jewish traditions in an engaging way. The population here is mainly from the former Soviet Union and Israel. The director is German-born but much of the nine person staff were from other countries, along with two American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee interns who were recent graduates of UCLA and Berkeley.

Our next stop was Cologne, best known for its majestic cathedral. But it, too, had a rich Jewish heritage that suffered at the hands of the Nazis. (Our stay there was prompted by Susan having great grandparents buried in a bucolic cemetery just outside the town, which somehow escaped desecration.) While the Jewish presence there is comparatively much smaller than Berlin's (no kosher restaurant; Berlin had Bleiberg's), they do have a fledgling community. We visited an operating synagogue, with regular classes and a growing number of members. Again, a functioning Jewish community.

According to our guide (from the Milk and Honey tour group, highly recommended), there are believed to be approximately 200,000 Jews living in Germany, although only slightly more than half of them are registered as such (registration being important as part of the government funding process). Through UJA-Federation, we met with Benny Bloch of the European Council of Jewish Communities. The council works to strengthen Jewish life in Europe. Bloch is based in Germany and has as a current project the bridging of people of different backgrounds—a positive sign for Jewish life. There are, some 70 years after the defeat of the Nazis, signs of Jewish life in Germany, a testimony to hard work and significant philanthropy. For those like myself who shied away from things German (with one error on Audi's provenance), the time may have come, not to forget, but to move forward.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### SALEH MOUALLEM

Husband of Victoria Mouallem  
And esteemed member of Temple Israel

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mother of Fred Botesazan  
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husband of Pearl Glowatz  
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mother of Dr. Paul Freudman

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father of Shahram Homapour

May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Fran and Marc Langsner** on the marriage of their son, Howard, to Lisa Friedman.
- **Madelyn and Robert Gould** on the marriage of their son, Douglas, to Pauline Ev-eillard.
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- **Helen Davis** on the birth of her great-grandson, Evan Gallin.
- **Gail and Jeffrey Zahler** on the birth of their grandchildren, Maddyn Saige Zahler and Jack Sloan Flaum.
- **Mollie and Jonathan Stein** on the birth of their twins, Rachel and Noah.
- **Michelle and Jonathan Bloom** on the birth of their son, Ari Jonah.
- **Monika and Paul Bloom** on the birth of their grandson, Ari Jonah Bloom.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Aug. 9	9:00 A.M.	7:25 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 16	9:00 A.M.	7:15 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 23	9:00 A.M.	7:05 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 30	9:00 A.M.	6:55 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Aug.	5	Tish'ah Be'av	
	7	Temple Israel Bonds Summer Soiree	
	13	"An Evening in Dublin: The Jews of Ireland"	7:00 P.M.
		Dinner and Program Sponsored by Sisterhood	
	21	Waxman High School and Youth House Geniza Project	
	21	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	25	Temple Israel Golf and Tennis Outing	
Sept.	2	Waxman Youth House BBQ and Registration	4:30 P.M.
	7	First Day of Religious School for Sunday/Tuesday Classes	
	8	First Day of Religious School for Monday/Wednesday Classes	
	9	First Day of Waxman High School Classes	
	11	9/11 Memorial Service Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	12	EmptiNesters <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:15 P.M.
	12-13	EmptiNesters <i>Shabbat</i> Retreat	
	14	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
	15	Temple Israel Welcome Back BBQ	Noon

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involvement of the congregation in prayer services.

- **Diversity**—Embracing the widely varied backgrounds and traditions of Temple Israel's membership.
- **Renewal of Spirit**—Finding ways "to develop that spirit in each one of us."
- **Relevance**—Via explanations and commentary, the plan is to make *tefillah* more meaningful.

Rabbi Stecker called the work of the committee "a great opportunity for a group of congregants to explore the meaning, purpose, and background of prayer. The committee also looked at the prayer service of other synagogues to glean what might be appropriate for our service. They expressed a shared sense of what prayer should accomplish while being conscious of what is unique about Temple Israel.

Ideas being considered include incorporating Sephardic melodies; increased reading from Sephardic Torahs; more *kavanot*, explanation, during services; planning group *aliyot*; planning inter-generational activities and services; beginning a *niggun*, melodies without words; increasing lay participation in services including Waxman Youth House students and *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* families; introduction of more themed *Shabbatot*; inclusion of group discussions during *Shabbat* services; reconfiguration of the Sanctuary during the summer; the inclusion of instrumental accompaniment just before and after

*Shabbat*; and the teaching of Sephardic trope. *Shabbat* services will begin at 9 A.M. instead of the previous 8:45 A.M. start time.

"The definition of 'us' is not the same as it was 30 years ago," Mr. Greenspan said. "We have to be much more embracing of diversity, ritual practice and traditions.

"Our next step," he said, "will be to reach out to congregants to get their feedback. We have to ask: Are these ideas something that make a difference to you? Are these ideas something that make you feel good about Temple Israel? Are these ideas something that you want more of at our congregation? Are these ideas alright with you?"

Mrs. Husney said this type of inward looking was never done before at Temple Israel. "It is a new process that was entered into with no preconceived outcomes of where this process would take us. We put into place a structure to evaluate our services on an on-going basis." She called it a "dynamic process to move us forward as a congregation."

President Klinger said he got the idea for this process following his attendance at United Synagogue's centennial celebration last year, which focused on Conservative Jewry in the future.

"I am very pleased that we underwent this process," Rabbi Stecker said. "It is always good to be reflective. It is not a matter of making drastic changes, but rather a matter of making focal points, moments of reflection.

"Is there room to change?" he asked. "Sure," he said, answering his own question. "There always is."

## Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Thursday, September 4. The deadline for that issue is Friday, August 22. Have a great summer!



# B'nai/B'not Mitzvot In Our Temple Family



**Michael Cohenmehr**

Michael Cohenmehr will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on August 30. He is the son of Rebecca and Ben Cohenmehr and has a sister, Erica, 19. Michael is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is the recipient of the Keter Torah and Judaic Scholar Awards from the Temple Israel Religious School. He has also received the Rotary Club Youth Award. Michael enjoys boating, computers, mathematics, sciences, and sports. He will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following his *Bar Mitzvah*.



**Sophia Askari**

Sophia Rebecca Askari will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 6. She is the daughter of Eleanor and Kaveh Askari and has three sisters, Saba, 20, Donna, 18, and Serena, 8. Sophia is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is the recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award from the Temple Israel Religious School and is on the school's Hidon HaTorah Team. She enjoys playing the violin, writing, reading, baking, and photography. Sophia is on her school's track team and has also performed in the school's musical play. Following her *Bat Mitzvah* she plans to continue attending the Waxman High School and Youth House.

## SUMMER SABBATH SERVICES

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	<b>Friday, August 22</b>	
Evening Service		6:30 P.M.
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	<b>Saturday, August 23</b>	
Morning Service		9:00 A.M.
	Weekly Portion: Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5 Sabbath Officers and Greeters: Madelyn Gould, Brian Zeitlin, Joyce Weston, and Mark D. Birnbaum	
Havurah Service		10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation		10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service		11:00 A.M.
Minhah		7:05 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit		7:35 P.M.
Ma'ariv		8:10 P.M.
Havdalah		8:25 P.M.
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	<b>Friday, August 29</b>	
Evening Service		6:30 P.M.
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	<b>Saturday, August 30</b>	
Morning Service		9:00 A.M.
	Weekly Portion: Shofetim Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12 <i>Bar Mitzvah</i> MICHAEL COHENMEHR son of Rebecca and Ben Cohenmehr Sabbath Officers and Greeters: Jackie Astrof, Sima Taeid, Hal Rothbaum, and Andi Katz	
Junior Congregation		10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service		11:00 A.M.
Minhah		6:55 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit		7:25 P.M.
Ma'ariv		7:59 P.M.
Havdalah		8:14 P.M.

## SUMMER D'VAR TORAH

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### Re'eh

**Saturday, August 23**

In this portion, we conclude the section of Moses' second discourse, in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Sinai. He lays before the Israelites two possibilities: obedience to God, which would bring blessing, or disobedience, which would bring a curse. The choice is theirs to make, but it is clear that in order to possess the land they must choose to follow God's laws. The next section of the discourse comprises a detailed listing of the laws that are to govern the lives of the Israelites in the Promised Land. The first area dealt with its religious institutions and worship, including, among other things, directions for the establishment of a central sanctuary, rules for maintaining distinctiveness in worship, warnings against the heathen rites and religious seducers, and regulations concerning permitted and forbidden foods, tithes and the year of the release. The portion ends with laws detailing the observance of *Pesach*, Shavuot and Sukkot, indicating that time also is to be sanctified.

### Shofetim

**Saturday, August 30**

The focus here is on social organization, and consideration is given to defining the status and responsibilities of four different types of leaders: judges, the king, priest, and prophets. Judges are admonished that justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial. If there is to be a king, he must be a native Israelite and a constitutional monarch who governs in accordance with the Torah. He is forbidden to have standing cavalry or a harem, and he must himself study and obey the law. The priests are not to have any allotment of land, but they are to be supported by the people through emoluments. They will be, like Moses, men who truly and accurately transmit God's message to the Israelites. The portion concludes with laws concerning crime and welfare. They assure that personal rights are respected and human kindness is displayed, even during wartime.

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Jeffrey Fleit being named the recipient of the New York Metro Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs "Man of the Year"

The marriage of Douglas Gould, son of Robert and Madelyn Gould, and Pauline Eveillard

Toby Katz for receiving the Woman's League for Conservative Judaism's "Woman of Achievement Award"

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## D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Va'ethannan

Saturday, August 9

In this portion, we read that Pinehas, the grandson of Aaron, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of Baal-peor by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time. We now turn to the preparations for the conquest of the Promised Land. Moses takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives Moses instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. Moses is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate Joshua as his successor. The reading concludes with a calendar of the festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every *Shabbat* and festivals after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.

### Ekev

Saturday, August 16

We continue the section of Moses' second discourse in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Mt. Sinai in this portion. He reminds the Israelites that during the entire period of the wilderness wandering they enjoyed God's care as witnessed by the fact that their clothing did not wear out or their feet swell and they were provided with manna for food. Moses cautions the people about what is likely to happen to them when they come into the good fruitful land that they are about to enter. He reminds them that they must never assume that it is by virtue of their own hands that they will enjoy the produce of the land, but it is God who gives it to them. Moses then returns to history and recalls to the Israelites all their acts of defiance: the making of the Golden Calf, the complaints about lack of food and water, and the incident of spies. He points out that it is only because he interceded with God for them that they are able to enter Canaan.

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## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, August 8

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 9

Shabbat Nahamu

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Va'ethannan

Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 - 26

Shabbat Officers and Greeters:  
Shahram Delafraz and Sima Taeid

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:25 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:55 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:29 P.M.

Havdalah 8:44 P.M.

Friday, August 15

N'Ranenah / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 16

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ekev

Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

Shabbat Officers and Greeters:

Keyvan Frouzan, Ofra Panzer and Irene Tanenholtz

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:15 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:45 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:20 P.M.

Havdalah 8:35 P.M.

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