



Congregation Marking Yom HaShoah April 18

Granddaughter of Holocaust Survivor William Ungar Discussing How Her Grandparents' Shoah Experience Shaped Her Life

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel's annual Yom HaShoah commemoration will focus on the impact the Holocaust has had on the lives of the third generation since the *Shoah* when the congregation holds its annual service honoring survivors, on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

"It has certainly shaped my identity," said Danielle Stern, the 23-year old granddaughter of Temple Israel Past President William Ungar, a Holocaust survivor whose heroic fight for survival was detailed in his 2000 memoir, "Destined To Live."

"The Holocaust has been a very real, very big part of my life," she said. "There was always an underlying message that came from the experience of the Holocaust: we were Jewish, we have struggled, and we are strong. We overcome."

Three of her grandparents were Holocaust survivors, as well as her great-grandmother. Another grandmother, Temple Israel member Jerry Ungar who died four years ago, served in the underground



Denise Stern, left, and her daughter, Danielle, the daughter and granddaughter respectively of Holocaust survivor and Temple Israel Past President William Ungar, will speak about how the Shoah shaped their lives at Temple Israel's Yom HaShoah service on April 18.

during Israel's fight for independence.

"It gave me great strength knowing the Jewish people can survive," she wrote in an essay to be read by her mother, Denise Stern, at the Yom HaShoah service. "It is tied to the Passover story," she said. "The *Shoah* and the Passover story should be passed on to future generations together. They are both stories about oppression and survival and they go hand-in-hand."

The service begins with a candlelight procession, during which the congregation's Holocaust survivors are escorted into a darkened Sanctuary by family members and students from the Temple Israel Religious School as Rabbi Marim D. Charry announces their name and pre-war hometown. Candles that the survivors carry are

used to light a *menorah* in the shape of a Star of David. The service, to be conducted by Rabbi Howard Stecker, includes Maariv and the Mourner's Kaddish, as well as El Maleh Rahamim and Hatikvah led by Cantor Raphael Frieder. Children from the Gahelit Children's Choir and the Temple Israel Religious School will sing a number of songs.

At the conclusion of the service, members of the congregation are given Yom HaShoah Yahrzeit candles, which they carry in silence to the Holocaust memorial on the front lawn outside the Sanctuary.

An exhibit of Holocaust memorabilia, possessions of the congregation's *Shoah* survivors, will be on display in the Blue Room both before and after the service.

"One of the main reasons that we were

able to overcome adversity in the past and remain spiritually creative and nationally united is thanks to our concept of *zachor*, to remember," Mr. Ungar wrote in a Voice Guest Column in 1993. "Generation after generation was brought up not to forget the past."

Mr. Ungar's granddaughter, a psychology graduate student in California, is a 2011 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. "There is an underlying message of being part of the Jewish people," she said. "Part of our identity is knowing that we as a people can overcome. It helps define who we become, it is the how and why. What my grandparents went through has impacted me greatly. Knowing this has given me strength. It has shaped my identity. It has shaped my life."

Raising Funds for Temple Israel

By Ofra and Dr. Robert Panzer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel Vice President Dr. Robert Panzer and his wife, Ofra, organized the congregation's first on-line auction a few months ago. This Voice Column reports on the auction's success.

Raising money by running an auction is not a new idea.

Raising money with on-line auctions for non-profits has been catching on since 2003 when "Bidding for Good" created the category of charitable e-commerce.

Watch for the Temple Israel summer 2012 auction.

We first heard of this company when our children's camp sent an e-mail message and link to raise scholarship money for the upcoming summer session. If it worked for the camp, then why not give it a try for Temple Israel, we thought. We expected that it would be a lot of work, and hoped

it would be worth the effort. Rob, as vice president of the congregation, presented the proposal to the Executive Committee and with the leadership's approval we proceeded to collect appropriate donations.

Executive Director Leon Silverberg managed the e-mail messages and billing while we administered the synagogue's "Bidding for Good" website. This included soliciting donations, photographing items, writing descriptions, and uploading the data onto the website. What started with a handful of donations after the High Holy Days, culminated in over 115 different items up for bid when the auction opened for business.

From December 1-18, 2011, Temple Israel of Great Neck was listed among the many non-profit organizations on the

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FROM THE RABBI

How Matzah Can Change The World

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

"*Ha lahma anya*," we chant in Aramaic as we open the Maggid/storytelling section of the Passover *seder*. "This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat."

I must confess that I truly loathe matzah, and love good quality, fresh bread. I dread this time of year with the same passion that drives men to produce great sandwiches—the TLT, for example: baked tofu, lettuce and tomato, ideally with red onion and wasabi mayonnaise on a challah roll. Matzah is not merely unsatisfying; it's downright painful, and somewhat unsettling.

But that, of course, is exactly the point. For eight days out of the year, we forgo not only the sourdough, whole wheat, rye, pumpernickel, pita, tortillas, and of course pasta, decent breakfast cereals, soy sauce, and a whole range of other *hametz*-laden edibles. This is supposed to be a challenge, one that brings us down a few notches from our usual comfort range; although we are free, we should continue to look back over

our shoulders to those whom we left behind in Egypt, those who even in this day are oppressed and suffering, like modern-day slaves.

There are an estimated 12 million to 27 million slaves on the planet today: 80 percent are female, 50 percent are minors.

The bread of poverty reminds us that slavery is still a part of us...

Some 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year, and more within their own countries. Contemporary slaves fall into two major categories: those who are forced into prostitution, and those in forced-labor arrangements. Both of these types exist within our borders, but our lifestyles support slavery

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Creating Kehillah

By Alan Klinger

Much attention is being devoted to creating a *kehillah*—a community—to serve the needs of our members. The clergy have spoken to the need both in sermons and more informal gatherings. USCJ, AJC and Federation representatives have advocated the goal in presentations to various groups here, and the issue has been addressed in this space as well.

Congregants who have involved themselves in synagogue committees have felt the bonds that form when people work collaboratively to improve synagogue life.

...please make some time during this weekend to participate...

Those members who have participated in our expanded home study programs also report feeling more a part of our experience. And, our Youth House teens recently shared their *tikkun olam*-centered activities in spending their winter break volunteering to improve conditions in New Orleans and Biloxi, communities still suffering in the aftermath of Katrina. In furtherance of this goal of communal involvement, our Adult Education group is sponsoring a "Weekend of Learning" for Friday, May 4–Sunday, May 6, to promote more direct thinking on the topic.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, professor of education at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, will be the featured scholar for the weekend. Dr. Wolfson's recent focus has been on empowering synagogues to better reflect sacred and vital centers of Jewish life. He has visited hundreds of synagogues across North America and spoken widely on how to make synagogues more welcoming. Rabbi Adelson, along with others of the congregation, have heard Dr. Wolfson express his thoughts and believe it would be greatly beneficial for more to share in his thinking.

To that end, we will be sponsoring a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service that Friday night followed by a dinner where Dr. Wolfson will lead a discussion entitled "God's To-Do List," exploring why we exist/what are we supposed to do. Saturday morning's *Shabbat* discussion, "Building Good Tents: Envisioning the Synagogue of the

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

ROSALIND TEAMKIN

esteemed member of Temple Israel

MORDECAI SCHOTTENFELD

son of Lorraine and Herbert Schottenfeld

DORA PORTNAYA

sister of Valentina Shagalov

May their memories be for a blessing.

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.
Sat., April 14	8:45 A.M.	6:55 P.M.
Sat., April 21	8:45 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, April 13.....	7:14 P.M.
Friday, April 20.....	7:21 P.M.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Gail and Jeffrey Zahler** on the birth of their grandson, Mason Zachary Zahler.
- **Carol and Harry Bourne** on the birth of their granddaughter, Mila Jordan Bourne.
- **Helen Davis** on the birth of her great-grandson, Adam Parker Weinbaum.
- **Nancy and Larry Greengrass** on the engagement of their son, Seth, to Cara Band.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April	17	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Club	Noon
	18	Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service	7:30 P.M.
	19	Yom HaShoah	
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	20	Kabbalat Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	23	Sisterhood Spring Luncheon	Noon
	25	Yom Hazikaron	
	26	Yom Ha'Atzmaut	
	26	Congregational Yom Ha'Atzmaut Program	9:00 P.M.
	27	Waxman High School and Youth House Family Friday Night Service and Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	28	"Jewsical the Musical" A performance by the Temple Israel Players	8:45 P.M.
	29	"Jewsical the Musical" A performance by the Temple Israel Players	2:00 P.M.

Save the Date

May 4-6

Weekend of Learning with

Dr. Ron Wolfson

"Renewing Ourselves:

Building a Community of

Meaning, Purpose and Blessing"

Watch for more details.

Further information is available

by calling Rabbi Seth Adelson at 482-7800.

IN QUOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE: "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote is from the prayer Tal, meaning dew. It is recited on holidays. What's your favorite quote? Send it to "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“ You are Adonai our God

who causes the wind to blow and the dew to fall.

For a blessing, not for a curse.

For life, not for death.

For abundance, not for famine.”

B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH IN OUR TEMPLE ISRAEL FAMILY



Noah Harouche

Noah Harouche will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on April 21. He is the son of Jodi and David Harouche and has two brothers, Jordan, 8, and Aaron, 11. Noah is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He enjoys acting, playing the piano and trumpet.



Amanda Homapour

Amanda Homapour will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on April 21. She is the daughter of Sima and Shahram Homapour and has two brothers, Matthew, 22, and Michael, 19. Amanda is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys dancing, swimming, skiing, painting and reading, as well as playing the piano. She also plays lacrosse and basketball. Amanda is currently attending the Waxman High School. She has visited Israel and plans on visiting again.



Elliot Horowitz

Elliot Horowitz will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on April 22. He is the son of Linda and Seth Horowitz and has a brother, Jared, 16. Elliot is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is on his school's swim team, plays the baritone saxophone in the school band, is a member of the Levitation Club and enjoys skiing. Elliot is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel with his family this August.



Joseph Taied

Joseph Taied will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on April 28. He is the son of Marjan and Shahram Taied and has a sister, Noor, 18, and a brother, Benjamin, 10. Joseph is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is on his school's soccer, basketball and volleyball teams. He also plays the viola and piano. Joseph is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House. He has visited Israel before and plans to visit with his family again in the near future.

Temple Israel Hosts Visitors From Its Sister Conservative Congregation in Ashkelon, Israel

By Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni

Temple Israel hosted members of its sister congregation from Ashkelon Israel, recently, with a series of meetings and activities.

Members of the Israel Affairs Committee, Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson, and Temple Israel's school directors recently welcomed Kehillat Netzach Israel Outreach Coordinator, Terri Davis and her husband, Marty, the Mercaz Senior Advisor.

As founding members of Kehillat Netzach Israel, a flagship Masorti congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Davis spoke about the commonalities between Netzach Israel and Temple Israel, including the fact that both are multicultural congregations, the broad age range among congregants, preschools, religious schools and youth programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis also spoke candidly about the particular struggles which Kehillat Netzach Israel faces in Ashkelon. As a Masorti congregation, it does not receive the level of governmental monetary support that Orthodox *kehillot* receive. In addition, due to its proximity to Israel's western border, Kehillat Netzach Israel is the most fortified building in its community. Of necessity, its windows are bulletproof. Their congregants experience regular bomb drills and are all too familiar with frequent rocket fire in their midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis visited the Waxman Youth House where Mr. Davis led a lively conversation with students regarding the origins of modern Zionism. Temple Israel's schools and directors are working toward ongoing collaboration with Netzach Israel's schools. Already, Beth HaGan Director Rachel Mathless has spearheaded a *chesed* project to benefit hospitalized children in Ashkelon in need of pajamas. Religious School Director Rabbi Tracy Klirs has coordinated several exchanges of pen pal letters and holiday greetings between Religious School students and Netzach Israel's students. Director of the Youth House and Teen Engagement Danny Mishkin organized a recent Skype session between teens and Kehillat Netzach Israel's students. Religious School bulletin boards are displaying correspondence and photos exchanged between students in the two schools.

In recognition of Temple Israel's solidarity with the Masorti congregation, Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee has authorized some funds from the Israel Solidarity Fund to be used to purchase two laptop computers for the schools at Kehillat Netzach Israel. It is hoped that this summer's congregational trip to Israel will include a stop at Kehillat Netzach Israel.

Temple Israel Board member Jackie Einstein Astrof coordinated the day with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni Sponsor Annual Passover Siyyum

The congregational *siyyum*, or meal following a study session after the Passover Service for the First Born, was generously sponsored by Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni in loving memory of Eli Sassouni. The *siyyum* sponsors were incorrectly reported in the last issue of *The Voice*.

Religious School Students Performing Mitzvah Projects

Through the Temple Israel Religious School's Mitzvah of the Month program, students completed a special hands-on *mitzvah* project related to their grade's assigned month.

One example is the "Intergenerational Afternoon of Fun" recently hosted in the multipurpose room. Children in the Hay class planned an afternoon of board games, music and snacks to fulfill the *mitzvah* of "Tzelem Elohim" (image of God). Seniors from the congregation, Hay students' grandparents, a busload of residents from the Atria and a group of Persian seniors organized by Parvaneh Khodadadian joined Hay students for Scrabble, Connect Four and lots of great conversation.

Benjamin Ajodan, a student in *Morah* Liora Ben-Harari's Hay class, enjoyed chatting about civil rights with a resident from the Atria; he had just learned about it in school and the Atria resident was delighted to talk with him about it. One highlight of the afternoon was the delivery of freshly baked cookies from Alef classes. Those cookies were gobbled up in a split second! A second highlight was a lively singing performance by the Hay children accompanied by their music teacher, Sara Shonfeld.

The Alef students were assigned "*derech eretz*," decent behavior/good citizenship. Each Alef child called their grandparents or special friends every Friday during their assigned Hebrew month to wish them a "*Shabbat Shalom*." Not only did the children enjoy this, but even their teacher, *Morah* Jennifer, reported that her grandmother was delighted by the calls she made to her! *Morah* Jennifer and her sister, Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Sassouni, have now made the call a family practice.

During Purim it was possible to see the work of the Nitzanim children as soon as you entered the Temple Israel lobby. Their *mitzvah*, "*Ma'achil R'eivim*," (feeding the hungry), involved helping with the Purim food drive. The Nitzanim children made all the signs for the food collection boxes.

In addition to their hands-on projects, the youngest grades, Nitzanim (kindergarten), Alef, Bet and Gimmel, visit one of the Atria Assisted Living facilities in Great Neck. Most recently, the Gimmel classes went to Atria Cutter Mill at Purim-time and performed some Purim songs for the delighted residents.

At right, in the top and middle pictures, are the Alef children at Atria—Great Neck Road. The classes

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A Religious School *mitzvah* project: singing holiday songs for Great Neck's seniors.



Religious School students travelled to the Atria Senior Residence to visit area seniors...



...and entertained Atria seniors in Temple Israel's Multipurpose Room.



Temple Israel Religious School Invites You to
the Award-Winning



SHABBAT HA-MISHPACHAH

Join us for the first *chametz* Shabbat dinner in 3 weeks!



Come welcome Shabbat with an evening of engaging family t'fillah, food and fun (and Silly Bandz)! Bring your grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins - the whole Mishpachah!

Friday, April 20, 2012
6pm - 8pm

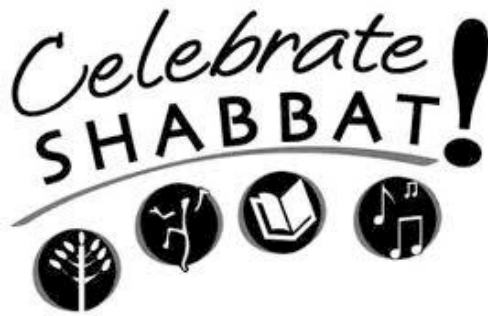
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Dinner in the Crystal Ballroom (catering by Bijan)

Price for Shabbat dinner: \$20 Adult (ages 13 and above);
\$12 Child (ages 3-12); free for children under 3.

Please RSVP with payment by April 18, to Cathy Gewanter,
cgewanter@tign.org, 482-7800 ext. 1134

Please note: seating is limited. RSVP's taken on a 1st come, 1st served basis.
Please list names of everyone who's attending. Let us know what grades your children are in: _____

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Friday, April 20, 2012
7:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.
followed by dinner and wine.

Join our growing community in celebrating Shabbat and
getting the weekend off to a great start!

This event is FREE and sponsored by Parvaneh and Dr. Parviz Khodadadian.

To RSVP please call Susan in the Synagogue office at 482-7800 or smundhenk@tign.org.

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Please let us know what other activities would interest you.

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Calendar Now!**

**Celebrate
at the
Israel Day
Parade
Sunday
June 3
Rain or Shine!**

Temple Israel's
Israel Affairs Committee,
led by Lee Harounian,
will sponsor roundtrip
bus transportation
& tee shirts for all
who participate.

The theme this year is
"Israel Branches Out."

Look for more details
in The Voice about
Temple Israel's beautiful
banner, the third annual
tee shirt design contest,
& raffle prizes.

For further information &
to reserve your space with
Temple Israel's marchers,
contact this year's
co-chairpersons
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Raising Funds for Temple Israel

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"Bidding For Good" directory. Half of the people who placed a "watch" (showed an interest in an item and asked to be electronically kept up-to-date with other bidders) on our items were from other states, including California, Connecticut, Washington, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Georgia, and Rhode Island. Several of the items were shipped to winning bidders in these states. We thank Jodi Engel of the office staff, for packing and shipping the items and sending thank you notes to all our donors.

Sisterhood Judaica Shop managers Laura Bardash and Rena Horwitz donated ceramic and silver collector's items, jewelry, *dreidels*, menorahs, *mezzuzot*, and other specialty items. Creative donations varied from the "Jewish Mary Poppins," babysitting services of Karen Ashkenase and wearable artwork by artist Rusti Rothstein, to a gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Raphael Frieder and even a book club session to be led by Rabbi Stecker. Assorted artwork and "Phantom of the Opera" tickets were bid on and won for a fraction of the suggested retail price.

Business summary: We had 36 bidders place 95 bids; sold 59 items; and raised over \$4,000. One area which we would like to improve upon is encouraging synagogue members to visit the site, which is COMODO secure. The "Bidding For Good" privacy policy states that it does not share or give out its e-mail lists. We hope that knowing this makes more people comfortable with seeing what is being offered and bid on.

Watch for the Temple Israel Summer

Creating Kehillah

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21st Century," will treat the components of what makes today's synagogue vital and meaningful.

Saturday evening's talk, "Blessings and Kisses: The Power of Jewish Family Life," will move to strategies for fostering a joyous and meaningful Jewish life in the family. And, Sunday morning, "Building Good Tents: Creating an Ambience of Welcome and Quality Service," will feature an interactive workshop for the Board of Trustees on how to better fulfill the needs of congregants.

We know how busy you are, but please make some time during this weekend to participate in at least some of these programs. By all accounts, you will find it worthwhile as we strive to make Temple Israel a true *kehillah* to meet our collective needs.

2012 Auction. We will accept your donations from now until mid-May. What can we use? New clothing and gift ware, gift cards, show and sporting event tickets, legal and financial services, a time share or vacation home, collector's items, and jewelry. And, consider us if you have anything to "re-gift."

We thank the following for donations of goods and services: Alan Solomon, Andy Nadler, Cantor Frieder, Deanna and Rabbi Howard Stecker, Dr. Sadick, Drora Emanuel, Eddie Goldfeder, Edie Robbins, the Gabbay family, Henry Katz, Jeff Fleit, Judith Adelson via Alan Wasser Associates/Lane Marsh and The Phantom of the Opera company, Karen Ashkenase, Kestenbaum & Mark, Maggie Goldberger, Manny Alani, Dr. Jeanine Weiss and Dr. Mehrzad Simoni of North Shore Pediatric Dentistry, Phillip Perlman, Robert Lopatkin, Robert Panzer, Ronald Krowne, Rusti Rothstein, Seth Horowitz, Temple Israel Sisterhood Judaica Shop, Steve Shepsman, Surprise Gifts, the Temple Israel Players, Toby Katz, Victor Sawchuk of Kings Point Fitness, and Zina Rutkin-Becker.

If you are interested in helping with our Summer 2012 Auction, please e-mail us at <TIGNsummer2012auction@gmail.com>. We welcome any suggestions for auction items or feedback and look forward to your participation.

We hope to make the Summer 2012 auction an even better success.

How Matzah Can Change the World

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all over the world. If you want to see how your choices keep slaves and their taskmasters in business all over the world, go to the website slaveryfootprint.org.

Why is it that Jews have often been at the forefront of humanitarian causes? Why is it that we have such a long track record of remembering the poor and disenfranchised, of taking steps to repair this fractured world? Perhaps it is because the Torah exhorts us no less than 36 times to protect the stranger that dwells among us, far more than keeping the *Shabbat* or avoiding pork. Or maybe it is the matzah. The bread of poverty reminds us that slavery is still a part of us, and that redemption comes when all of humanity comes forth from Egypt. So please, don't enjoy your food this week; allow the hard, unpalatable staple to bring to mind the suffering of others, the oppression of those who are figuratively as well as literally enslaved.

Let all who are hungry come and eat.

Religious School Students Performing Mitzvah Projects

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were escorted by *Morah* Jennifer Khoda and *Morah* Nathalie Hakimi. Teaching assistant Elissa Rosengarten accompanied the singing performance on the guitar. The final class to visit the Atria this school year will be Nitzanim, which will visit on April 29.

Future issues of *The Voice* will feature Bet, Gimel, Dalet and Vav *mitzvah* projects, which are now being completed.



Temple Israel members Brenda Kopelowitz, left, and Gloria Delott played Scrabble with students, above, and *Morah* Jennifer Khoda, at left, brought cookies her class baked.



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PESACH AND SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, April 13 - Seventh Day of Pesach

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Exodus 13:17 – 15:26; Numbers 28:19 – 25
Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1 - 51
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
 Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.
 Afternoon and Evening Festival Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 14 - Eighth Day of Pesach

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Prayers and Dedication of Memorial Plaques
 Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 – 16:17; Numbers 28:19 – 25
Haftarah: Isaiah 10 – 32; 12:6

D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Shemini

Saturday, April 21

In this portion we conclude the laws of the sanctuary. The reading opens with a description of proceedings through which the priests begin their duties. In the midst of this, we find an account of two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, who take it upon themselves to bring some kind of unprescribed offering to the altar and are summarily struck down. Their death becomes the occasion for God to issue specific warnings to Aaron and all the priests to take special care in carrying out their duties. The remainder of the Book of Leviticus deals with the laws of daily life and provides rules and regulations whose purpose is to raise every aspect of human life to the level of *kedusha* (holiness). The first matter to be dealt with is *kashrut* (the dietary laws). Details are provided of permitted and forbidden quadrupeds, fish, birds and insects. The reason given for these prescriptions is that since God is *kadosh* (holy) and the Israelites are His people, they also must be *kadosh*. However this is understood, *kashrut* serves to help make the basically animal function of eating, something uniquely human.

Sabbath Service Officers:

Steven Shepsman and Steve Smolinsky

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
 Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.
 Afternoon and Evening Service 6:55 P.M.
Havdalah 8:17 P.M.

Friday, April 20

Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah 6:00 P.M.
 Evening Service 6:30 P.M.
Kabbalat Service & Dinner for College Grads and Friends 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 21

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Shemini*

Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 – 42

Sabbath Service Officers:

Miriam Kobliner and Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum

B'nai Mitzvah

NOAH HAROUCHE

son of Jodi and David Harouche

AMANDA HOMAPOUR

daughter of Sima and Shahram Homapour

Machon Alone Family Service 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minchah and *Ma'ariv* 7:00 P.M.

Havdalah 8:25 P.M.

Sunday, April 22

Bar Mitzvah 10:00 A.M.

ELLIOT HOROWITZ

son of Linda and Seth Horowitz