



The Moser family at happier times, shortly before leaving war-torn Europe, above, and Dr. Harvey Moser today. He will tell of his family's harrowing escape to New York at Temple Israel's Yom Hashoah service.



## Temple Israel Holocaust Survivor Telling Amazing Survival Story April 23rd

*Yom Hashoah Service Featuring Talk by Harvey Moser*

by Marc Katz, Editor

When Harvey Moser was 10-years old his parents heard rumors that Jewish children in their town in Germany would be shipped off to concentration camps. They felt they couldn't take the chance and smuggled Harvey and his older brother, Eugene, across the nearby border to France in the middle of the night to live with cousins. Six months later the parents were able to join their children and obtained passage on the steamship S.S. St. Louis.

The younger Mr. Moser, now 88, a retired dermatologist and 46-year Temple Israel member, will tell his family's story at the congregation's observance of Yom Hashoah on Sunday, April 23, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

In Germany, the Moser family had already been forced to sell their home and lucrative animal hide business to local government officials. With the passage of the Nuremberg Laws in 1935, Jews were no longer allowed to employ Christian workers or to own their own business. In 1938 the older Mr. Moser was sent to Dachau, but managed to bribe his way out and return to his family. Following

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## Albanian Rescue of Holocaust Jews Is Topic of Yom Hashoah Speaker and Yad Vashem Exhibit

After Hitler's rise to power in 1933, many Jews found refuge in Albania, a small and mountainous country on the southeast coast of the Balkan Peninsula. Its population of 803,000 included only 200 Jews, but estimates are that as many as 1,800 Jewish refugees entered the country.

The U.S. ambassador to Albania wrote: "There is no trace of discrimination against Jews in Albania, because Albania is a rare land in Europe where religious prejudice and hate do not exist, even though Albanians themselves are divided into three faiths."

Following the German occupation of Albania in 1943, the Albanian population—in an extraordinary act—refused to comply with Nazi orders to turn over lists of Jews residing in the country and Albanian government agencies provided Jewish families with fake documents allowing them to intermingle with the rest of the population.

The assistance given to Jews in Albania was grounded in Besa, a code of honor still in existence in the country. It

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## Remembering Eddie Zola

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### A Voice Guest Column by Lori Oppenheimer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel Shoah Remembrance Committee Chair Lori Oppenheimer notes the passing of former Temple Israel member Eddie Zola, a Shoah survivor, and fondly recalls the mark he left on the congregation in this Voice Guest Column.

The Temple Israel Shoah Remembrance Committee mourns the passing of our long-time member, Edwin Zola. Upon hearing of his passing, there was a great outpouring of emotion from our members that we would like to share with the congregation.

"Eddie's involvement with the Shoah Committee goes way back, almost to its founding. He was always an inspiration to us all and he and his wife never said no to a request," said Steven Markowitz, co-founder of the Shoah Committee, past president of Temple Israel, and Chairman of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.

Past Shoah Committee Chair Jack Levine, remarked that "Ed Zola was my friend and a vibrant driving force behind

the Temple Israel Shoah Remembrance Committee. For many years he was one of the people who shaped a generation's view of the bravery, honor, kindness and soul of survivors of the Shoah. Jack also recounted a beautiful story that exemplified who Eddie was. "When the

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committee went to visit the Holocaust Center in Glen Cove there was a room with some extremely upsetting photos of Auschwitz. When Eddie saw how upset I

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## Starting With Ourselves

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### From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard A. Stecker

When the ancient sage Hillel was asked by a prospective convert to Judaism to teach him the entire Torah while he was standing on one foot, he didn't hesitate. "What's hateful to you, don't to other people," Hillel replied. "The rest is commentary. Go learn."

Hillel's answer is remarkable for two reasons. First, it contains no reference to

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God. Considering that the Torah describes God's revelation to the Israelites at Sinai as the foundation of ritual and ethical law, Hillel's omission is striking. Second, his conceptualization begins with the self, rather than appealing to any external source of authority altogether.

I would unpack Hillel's statement as follows. Start with yourself. Determine

what you deserve and what you don't deserve. Then extend that understanding to other people.

Whatever I wish for myself, whatever I feel I deserve, that's what I should wish for you. That's what I should ensure for you.

Starting with ourselves can lead to selfishness if we don't progress further. Hillel urges us to start with ourselves in a way that leads us to understand others and to advocate for them.

There are multiple practical implications. If I have the authority to shape policy that impacts other people, I should first ask, what policies would I like to see in place for myself? And then I should work toward creating those policies for others. The health care that I want for me and my loved ones is the health care I should work to ensure for you and your loved ones. The quality of water that I want to

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## On Engagement

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### From the President

by Rob Panzer

From March 5th through March 7th, my wife and I attended the United Synagogue Large Congregations Conference, hosted by Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, New Jersey. Approximately 20 congregations from various parts of the United States and Canada were represented.

This was an opportunity for people to share concerns, ideas and possible solutions to issues that, in some cases, face all, and in some other cases, are unique to individual congregations.

One of the issues that every congregation is struggling with is that of engagement. How do we engage

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our members, those who are new to us and those who have been with us for decades? What will deepen someone's involvement in a congregation? The answer to that may be different for every individual, but I would like to focus on one particular activity for now.

On March 18 and 19, the Temple Israel Players performed their original production of "Broadway Sail Away." The Players have been around for many years. Each year they look forward to coming together for weeks on end to rehearse and then perform for their friends, families, and community. Each year the group changes, as they always welcome a few newcomers who, it seems, immediately get absorbed with that year's production.

A look at this group shows the breadth and depth of involvement of every age group. This year, once again ranging from the age of eight to a number of people in their 80s. Year after year someone in the group will tell a story about the support they received from the group in times of personal difficulty, and

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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### **ROUHOLLAH KALIMIAN**

brother of Elias Kalimian and Minu Ohebshalom

### **JUDITH BREIDBART**

mother of Rory Breidbart

### **RONNA TELSEY**

wife of Bernard Telsey and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### **IRVING MORGENSTERN**

father of Barbara Levy

### **DENNIS HERMAN**

father of Lauren Zander

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Daily Minyan Times

### **Fridays, April 7, 21 & 28 & May 5**

7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### **Friday, April 14**

6:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### **Sundays, April 9, 23 & 30 & May 7**

8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

### **Sunday, April 16**

8:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### **Monday, April 10 (Erev Pesah)**

6:30 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### **Monday, April 17**

9:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

### **Mondays, April 24 & May 1 & 8**

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

### **Tuesday, April 11**

9:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

### **Tuesday, April 18**

9:00 A.M. 7:35 P.M.

### **Wednesday, April 12**

9:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

### **Wednesdays, April 19 & May 3 & 10**

### **Tuesdays, April 25 & May 2 & 9**

7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

### **Wednesday, April 26**

### **Thursdays, April 13, 20 & 27 & May 4**

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

## Next Voice Issues, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the Lag Ba'Omer, Shavuot and graduation issue, will be published on Friday, May 5. The deadline for that issue is Friday, April 21.

The following issue will be published on Friday, June 2. The deadline for that issue is Friday, May 19.

## Upcoming Events

### **April 7**

Shabbat Hagever Service 6:30 P.M.

Men's Club Shabbat Dinner 7:30 P.M.

### **April 8**

Shabbat Hagever Service 9:00 A.M.

### **April 10**

Fast of the First Born Service and

Siyyum Breakfast 6:30 A.M.

Erev Pesah

### **April 11-18**

Pesah

### **April 11**

Communal Second Night Seder 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

### **April 20**

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### **April 22**

Shabbat Talk: "Jews and Albanians"

featuring Agron Alibali 12:45 P.M.

### **April 23**

New Member Ceremony 9:30 A.M.

Yom HaShoah Service 7:30 P.M.

### **April 24**

Yom HaShoah

### **April 27**

Men's Club Meeting 7:30 P.M.

### **April 30**

Gahelet Yom Hazikaron Service 9:30 A.M.

### **May 1**

Yom Hazikaron

### **May 2**

Yom Ha'atzmaut

### **May 8**

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

### **May 9**

New Member Ceremony 6:45 P.M.

### **May 13**

Waxman High School

Graduation Dinner 7:00 P.M.

### **May 14**

Lag Ba'Omer

### **May 16**

TILL Presents: "Do Faith and Reason

Contradict Each Other?" 7:30 P.M.

### **May 18**

Last Day of Waxman High School

and Youth House Classes

Beth HaGan Art and

Literature Fair 5:30 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### **May 21**

Yom Yerushalayim Concert

At Grace Avenue Park 3:00 P.M.

### **May 23**

Religious School Sunday/Tuesday

Last Day of classes

### **May 24**

Yom Yerushalayim

Religious School Monday/Wednesday

Last Day of classes

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## B'nai/B'not Mitzvah in Our Temple Israel Family



### Eden Katz

Eden Katz will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 29. She is the daughter of Esther and Lawrence Katz and has a sister, Talia, 14. Eden is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School, where she is on the honor roll and plays in her school orchestra. She is a recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award from the Religious School. Eden enjoys playing the piano and the violin. She is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel with her family in the near future.



### Alexander Tabaroki

Alexander Tabaroki will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 6. He is the son of Farzad and Shabnam Tabaroki and has a sister, Valerie, 10, and a brother, Ethan, 6. Alexander is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. Alexander will be attending the Waxman High School. He recently visited Israel and had an aliyah at the Kotel, where he was joined by Rabbi Daniel Schweber, Waxman Youth House students and their school leaders, Danny Mishkin and Moji Pourmoradi.

## Time To Enroll In the Beth HaGan Summer Program!

It's only April, but it is time to be thinking about the summer program at Beth HaGan.

The program, for 2-5 year-olds, now features flexible hours. Participants can be enrolled with variable hours, days or weeks to meet the schedule of parents and children. Sessions run from June 25-August 18.

Lots of fun is planned, including outdoor activities, science, baking, nature study, puppet shows, visits with live animals, movement, and dance. In addition, there is a weekly celebration of Shabbat.

For further information and enrollment details contact program Director Gina Giuffre at 732-1975 or [TIGNSummer@gmail.com](mailto:TIGNSummer@gmail.com).

## North Shore Action Donates Painting For Temple Israel's Blue Room

Members of the Temple Israel subgroup of North Shore Action, represented by, left to right, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Veronica Bisek Lurvey and Jacqueline Harounian, presented a painting titled "Ruth," by Israeli artist Bracha Lavee, to the congregation. Rabbi Howard Stecker recently accepted the artwork on behalf of Temple Israel. Look for the beautiful painting in the Blue Room.

North Shore Action is a community-based organization committed to, among other things, advancing the cause of women's rights.

*Photo by Karen Ashkenase*



# The Blessing of Teaching Children

From the Religious School By Rabbi Amy Roth

As we bid lehitraot to the joy and craziness of the month of Adar, we begin the ascent toward the freedom and redemption from Mitzayim (Egypt) that defines Pesach. Our school magically transforms from the Shushan of Megillat Esther, to the pre-Pesach seder prep environment. We know that the sights, sounds and smells of Pesach create lifelong memories for all of us. Children at Temple Israel learn and internalize through significant Jewish experiences, whether it be creating new symbols for a “candy seder,” or making a custom-made seder placemat. If it’s the month of Nisan, the halls must be resonating with the sounds of Dayenu and Ma Nishtana!

And what is going on in the school wing besides from Pesach preparations? A lot! For example, the not-so-new craze taking hold of the Religious School these days: Torah Troupe! These children, ranging in age from second grade through sixth grade, have been captivated by the magic of the Torah. What began two years ago as an occasional opportunity for children to read from the Torah has grown into quite a phenomenon! Children read one (or more!) lines of Torah during Shabbat morning Junior Congregation, or the morning and afternoon Shabbat Ha Mishpacha services. Once a month there is an opportunity for reading in a family-friendly setting.

Cantor Frieder, Rabbi Schweber and I work with the children during school hours, as well as during the occasional lesson by phone. But they really prepare most of it on their own, through listening and chanting along with the recordings. And the children keep coming back for more! Part of the attraction is that reading from the Torah is a very challenging skill to master. The Torah text is without vowels and punctuation. The Torah Troupe readers seem to relish the challenge of figuring out the words, while chanting in proper trope (cantillation notes).

Stop by to catch some of the ruach, the spirit! On both the Shabbat of April 1 and May 6, more than ten children will read from the Torah in the Multipurpose Room during our Shabbat Ha Mishpacha program. By the end of the school year, more than 35 children will have read from the Torah at least once; many of them read three or more times. In the season of our rebirth and renewal, we also give thanks for the freedom of our learning and teaching Torah to our children. The education of our children is a responsibility but also a blessing, one which we never take for granted. As our children chant from the Torah, we give thanks for the spring, and for the rebirth of nature. As educators, we also give thanks for the blessing of seeing the fruits of our labors; it is in the spring, and it is with the preparations for Pesach that we our children truly blossom. I wish you a healthy spring and a sweet Pesach.



Among the many Torah Troupe readers being congratulated by Religious School Principal Amy Roth are Liana Kase, left, and Ella Covitt.



Rabbi Amy Roth joins Sam Bagon.



Alex Blumberg and Rabbi Amy Roth.



Torah Troupe readers, left to right, Leila Hawa, Natalie Schweber, Alexandra Schweber, and Cecelia Albin, with Rabbi Amy Roth.

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## Ask the Rabbi: Getting Rid of Hametz

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**A New Voice Feature** by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

EDITOR'S NOTE: Everyone is welcome to submit questions they think should be addressed in this column to Rabbi Schweber at rabbischweber@tign.org.

**Question:** Every year we lock our hametz in cabinets, sell it through Rabbi Stecker and await an "owner" that never claims it. Is the practice of selling our hametz a "legal fiction" used to get around the Torah's commandment to "remove all leaven from our midsts?"

**Discussion:** Based on my studies and my reading of the Torah, the Torah indeed expects us to remove our hametz entirely. The rabbinic interpretation is that all hametz in our possession should be rendered inedible. Traditionally, this was done through burning any leftover hametz the morning before Passover.

In many ways, the complete removal remains the ideal. However, as early as the third century CE, we have evidence that people were reluctant to destroy all of one's hametz either out of concern of wasting food resources or because of the business loss one could endure. The

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rabbis at first gave permission for people to permanently sell their hametz and give it to a non-Jew. But then it quickly became apparent that someone might need to keep a stockpile of inventory or risk selling supplies at a significantly reduced price based on supply and demand.

The rabbis therefore allowed a person to sell their hametz to a non-Jew, but then buy it back after Passover. At first people physically moved the merchandise into the non-Jew's possession, but even that became



burdensome. So, instead, it was put aside and that has been the practice ever since. The question still remains, if this is a subterfuge of some type that skirts the intention of the law. Of course since we are dealing with a Jewish topic, there are multiple opinions with some saying it is a suspect practice and others saying it is perfectly valid. In some ways the dispute will never be resolved.

I suggest we take the approach that Jewish law and practice is not like secular jurisprudence. The goal of the Jewish system of laws is to legislate ritual actions that help us be a part of a covenant community in partnership and relationship with each other, our past and with God. The celebration of Passover is all about this covenantal relationship as we celebrate God taking our ancestors, and ourselves metaphorically, out of Egypt. The removal of hametz and eating of matzah are actions we take to teach and reinforce the spiritual messages of Passover.

I believe that selling our hametz, with a legit sale, is good enough. We should just make sure to not think too much about hametz during Passover and put ourselves in the mindset where we act as if we have no hametz in the house.

### *Save the Date!*

Celebrate Jerusalem Day at a concert at Grace Avenue's Jonathan Ielpi Park Sunday, May 21, with Cantors Raphael Frieder and Magda Fishman. Free and open to the public.

Bring a blanket, folding chair and your best singing voice!

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drink is the quality of water I should help make sure that you can drink.

The rights and opportunities that I want are the rights and opportunities I should strive to ensure for you.

By leaving God out of his statement, by urging us to begin with our own needs, Hillel encourages a less encumbered path toward proper ethical behavior. We can, after all, invoke our sense of God's will to justify all sorts of things ranging from the noble to the downright reprehensible.

But if we forthrightly explore what we need and deserve, and if we force ourselves to consider the importance of applying those standards to others, then we have a decent chance of doing the decent thing.

The upcoming holiday of Passover hinges upon Hillel's masterful encapsulation. The freedom that we deserve, the freedom that we celebrate, is the freedom that we should strive to ensure for others. The fact that we enjoy food during the holiday and all year round should compel us to ensure that others have enough to eat, as we do through our contributions to Mazon and similar hunger relief organizations.

Hillel's statement echoes across the generations and Passover is the perfect time of year for us to commit to putting it into practice. The world I want for me is the world I should want, and work toward, for you.

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### On Engagement

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of personal growth. The care and concern members of this troupe show for each other serves as a model for us all about what it means to be part of an engaged community.

My best wishes to all for a sweet and meaningful Passover. If anyone is in need of a place at a seder table, please contact the office at 482-7800.

As always, I can be reached at  
robpanzer18@gmail.com

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## Passover Services Schedule

<b>Monday, April 10</b> Fast of the First Born	
Morning Service, Siyyum and Breakfast	6:30 A.M.
Festival Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b> First Day of Pesah	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation Led by Rabbi Schweber	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Festival Service	7:00 P.M.
Congregational Second Night Seder Sponsored by the Men's Club	7:30 P.M.
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b> Second Day of Pesah	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service	7:30 P.M.
<b>Thursday, April 13</b> Hol Hamo'ed	
Morning Service	6:45 A.M.
Evening Service	8:00 P.M.
<b>Friday, April 14</b> Hol Hamo'ed	
<i>See Sabbath Service Schedule on back page</i>	
<b>Saturday, April 15</b> Hol Hamo'ed	
<i>See Sabbath Service Schedule on back page</i>	
<b>Sunday, April 16</b> Hol Hamo'ed	
Morning Service	8:15 A.M.
Festival Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
<b>Monday, April 17</b> Seventh Day of Pesah	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Festival Service	7:30 P.M.
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b> Eighth Day of Pesah	
Early Morning Service including Yizkor	6:30 A.M.
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Prayers and Dedication of Memorial Plaques	
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service	7:35 P.M.

## Every Seder Is a Stage

### By Rabbi Daniel Schweber

After the Temple Israel Players most recent production you could measure the smiles on the actors' faces in "feet" rather than "inches." Upon speaking with most of the Temple Israel Players, it is unanimous how performing is a fulfilling and emotional experience. The months of effort yielded an excellent performance for all to enjoy.

Besides sharing a hearty yashar koach to the entire cast and crew, I bring up the Temple Israel Players because acting and theater is literally good for our health. British psychologist Dr. Glenn Wilson says "Theatre is one of the higher cultural activities that mark us as imaginative, creative and truly human." He continues by saying: "Attending a performance of your favorite play can promote a connection with and understanding of humanity in a bigger sense." My interpretation of Dr. Wilson is that theater and acting are much more than a pastime. Acting and theater allow us to explore life and its meaning and actually help us relate more to reality.

If you think about it, the Passover seder is in essence a performance. There is a stage in the form of the seder table, complete with props such as the seder plate. The Haggadah is our script and we all get to be the actors, directors and producers (at least the ones who shop and cook!).

We read in the Haggadah: "In every generation it is one's duty to see him or herself as though he/she has personally come out from Egypt." This phrase is the perfect opener for playacting, either improvisationally or scripted. The purpose of the evening is to stage our freedom from slavery in Egypt.

Like all productions, the script is just the foundation. The work of the directors, producers and the actors is to make that script come alive with interpretation and variations that emphasize our skills, talents and interests. That is why there are so many Haggadot and even more resources on the Internet. At each individual seder participants need to decide how much of this "seder production" is musical, how much is prose, how much is scripted, and how much is improvised, and so on.

We all know that the fifth question, "when do we eat?," is the most popular. However, if done right (and that can include serving more substantial hors d'oeuvres), you can stage and participate in a meaningful reenactment. Even if you are a guest at someone's seder, you can still contribute to the seder to make it a production worthy of Shakespeare.

Rabbi Stecker and I are available for any questions or assistance you may need as you prepare and plan for Pesah. Wishing you and yours a chag sameach!

### GREAT NECK COMMUNITY JOINT HAMETZ BURNING

After collecting your last hametz on Sunday, April 9, burn it on Monday, April 10, from 8-11:30 A.M. at Kings Point Park's BBQ area (enter from Steamboat Road). The Alert Fire Company will be present to assist.

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## Pesah D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

The readings for the eight days of Pesah are taken from four different books of the Torah. They consist of passages dealing with various aspects of the festival. On each day, a portion from Numbers 28 detailing the special offerings to be brought on the festival is read from a second Torah.

### **First Day - Exodus 12:21-51 Tuesday, April 11**

The reading sets forth details of the paschal offering and describes the tenth plague and the actual departure from Egypt. It includes the question, through not the answer, of the Wicked Son in the haggadah.

### **Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Wednesday, April 12**

The reading consists of a calendar of the annual festivals, including the laws of the Omer. The emphasis is on abstention from work. The list begins with Shabbat, then moves to Pesah, as the festival of the first month, and continues through the year.

### **Hol Hamo'ed 1 - Exodus 13:1-16 Thursday, April 13**

The reading consists of instructions for observing Pesah when the Israelites come into the Promised Land. It includes the direction to relate (haggadah) the account of the Exodus to our children. It also includes the answer to the Wicked Son, the question and answer of the Simple Son and instructions for wearing tefillin.

### **Hol Hamo'ed 2 - Exodus 22:24-23:19 Friday, April 14**

This reading includes a number of commandments regarding our behavior towards other people and God's creatures, as well as a brief summary of holidays (Shabbat and the three Pilgrimage Festivals.)

### **Hol Hamo'e'd3(Shabbat)-33:12-34:26 Saturday, April 15**

The reading contains description of the creation of the second set of tablets and a short calendar of Shabbat and festivals.

### **Hol Hamo'ed 4 - Numbers 9:1-14 Sunday, April 16**

The reading gives rules for observing a second Pesah one month later for those prevented from observing at the proper time.

### **Seventh Day - Exodus 13:17-15:26 Monday, April 17**

The reading continues the account of the Exodus from the actual departure through the Song at the Sea. Tradition holds that the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds on the seventh day after leaving Egypt.

### **Eighth Day - Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17 Tuesday, April 18**

The reading consists of a calendar of the three Pilgrimage festivals. The emphasis is on the observance at a central sanctuary and meanings are assigned to the festivals to make them significant for future generations who will not have experienced the Exodus.

## Holocaust Survivor Telling Amazing Survival Story

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Kristallnacht in November of 1938, they began their six-week voyage on the now infamous ship, heading for Cuba. Upon arrival, the Cuban government denied them permission to dock and the ship headed back to Europe.

In the spring of 1940—as Nazi troops were marching down the Champs Elysees in Paris—the family boarded the last ship to leave France as the war was starting in the country, this time destined for safety in New York City. After dropping its passengers off, the ship they took began its return trip across the Atlantic, but was immediately sunk by German U-boats.

Harvey Moser went on to serve in the U.S. Army, attend New York University on a scholarship and then NYU Medical School. He had a dermatology practice in Forest Hills for 49 years before his recent retirement. Dr. Moser and his wife, Harriet,

have two children and three grandchildren.

Temple Israel's annual moving Yom Hashoah service, presented under the auspices of the synagogue's Shoah Remembrance Committee, begins as Holocaust survivors, members of the congregation, enter the

darkened Sanctuary carrying yearzeit candles, accompanied by family members and students from the Religious School. Rabbi Marim D. Charry will solemnly announce their names and the city and country they came from as they enter.

The Temple Israel Religious School and Gaheret children's choirs will also participate. The service concludes with congregants silently leaving the Sanctuary and placing lit yellow Shoah yearzeit candles on the congregation's Holocaust memorial, on the front lawn outside the Sanctuary.

Dr. Moser said he has spoken about his family's ordeal before audiences a number of times and likes to tell the story. "I want everyone to hear what survivors went through," he said. "It is important to hear and understand what the Shoah was about, and it is more effective when people hear those stories from people who actually lived through it."

### **Mazal Tov To . . .**

#### **Natali and David Matalon**

on the birth of their daughter,  
Danielle Jasmine.

#### **Linda and Fred Handsman**

on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Skylar Logan Spitalnick.

#### **Sherry and Sam Husney**

on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Lucy Samantha Rosen.

#### **Mitchell Koepfel**

on the birth of his grandson,  
Noah Samuel Schwed.

#### **Lois and Gary Sazer**

on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Lilah Mae Sazer.



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## Memorial Plaques To Be Dedicated

Saturday, April 18

### **MORRIS BARON**

brother of Pauline Cohen,  
father of David Baron and Ronald Baron

### **HADASSA LEWIT GREEN**

mother of Adina Green Breidbart  
and Liora Green

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## Passover Beginning with Annual Siyyum, Breakfast and First Born Service on Monday, April 10th

Temple Israel's Board of Trustees and officers express thanks once again to Mahin Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni for their generosity in sponsoring the annual siyyum and breakfast, following the Service for the First Born on Monday, April 10, in loving memory of Eli Sassouni.

Because the first-born Israelites were saved during the Tenth Plague, all first-born men and women are required to fast on erev Pesah, until the seder. This fast is called Taanit Bechorot. However, the fast is not required when one performs a mitzvah, such as a siyyum, the completion of a portion of study. It is then customary to celebrate with a seudat mitzvah, a meal that accompanies an important religious duty. Rabbi Daniel Schweber will be leading the study session on that morning and is studying Talmud Tractate Beitza in preparation for the siyyum.

The service, led by Cantor Frieder, begins at 6:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary. It is not limited to the first-born alone. All children are welcome, together with their parents. Adults without children are also welcome to attend, of course.

## Men's Club Is Hosting Congregation's Second Night Seder On April 11th

Temple Israel is offering a "no fuss" seder on the second night of Passover, Tuesday, April 11, hosted by the Men's Club and the community is invited.

Lead by Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber, the holiday dinner, which is open to the public, will feature all of the traditional seder favorites, including asking of The Four Questions, singing songs, discussing the story of Passover, and dining like "free people." The seder is sponsored by the Men's Club and will be catered by Middle Neck Glatt. It will take place in the Multipurpose Room at 7:30 P.M., following services that evening in the Chapel at 7 P.M.

For Temple Israel members the price is \$45 for adults and \$25 for children (13 and under). For non-members, the prices are \$55 per adult and \$30 per child. The deadline for accepting reservations is Friday, April 7.

For further information and to make reservations contact Jennifer at 482-7800.

### *Mark Your Calendar...*

to hear a live broadcast at Temple Israel from the Jewish Theological Seminary of a lecture by Nobel Peace Prize winner Lehmah Gbowee titled "Peace Is Loud," to be moderated by Ruth Messinger. Ms. Gbowee was recognized for her work leading a women's movement in Liberia.

*Details to follow!*

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# VOICE PASSOVER GUIDE

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## MEKHIRAT HAMETZ SALE OF HAMETZ

As you are aware, one of the commandments of Passover is that we rid ourselves of all the hametz in our possession. To observe Passover, every family should do their best to eliminate all hametz from their home. They should then sell any hametz they may have missed. We have, over the years, arranged for such a sale and will be happy to do so for you again if you will sign the attached form and return it to us no later than Friday morning, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you wish you may sell the hametz in person after the *siyyum* on Monday morning, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the synagogue before 8:00 A.M.

It is customary before Passover to make a donation for *Maot Hitin*, so that everyone will have appropriate food for the holiday. Donations made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will be allocated to organizations that help those in need.



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## D'var Torah

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### **Shemini**      **Saturday, April 22**

We conclude the laws of the sanctuary in this portion. 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 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.

### **Tazria-Metzora**      **Saturday, April 29**

This double portion deals with laws of ritual purity. Such purity is conceived as a prerequisite for the pursuit of kedusha. Furthermore, because the Mishkan (sanctuary) was located within the camp of Israelites, great care had to be taken to ensure its purity. The specific physical conditions dealt with in these portions which gave rise to impurity are childbirth,

skin diseases (called leprosy), fungus or some other growth on garments and walls (also called leprosy) and bodily secretions. The priests are charged with the task of determining the nature of the condition and the method of purification. Since all Israelites were obligated to strive to be kadosh in accordance with God's demand, the matter of maintaining a state of purity was of great significance.

### **Ahrey Mot-Kedoshim**      **Saturday, May 6**

We conclude the laws of ritual purity and begin the section known as the Holiness Code in this double portion. The reading opens with a description of the ritual of Yom Kippur. This ritual, with its distinctive rites of riddance, including the symbolic transfer of the transgressions of the Israelites and their priests onto a goat (the scapegoat) which is driven into the wilderness, never to return, is the climax of the laws of purification. In the Torah, Yom Kippur is an annual ritual of purification of the Mishkan (sanctuary). In later Judaism, however, the emphasis shifts to atonement for the sins of the people. The laws of the Holiness Code serve to implement the idea that the Israelite people are collectively obligated to seek to achieve holiness in order to be like God, who is holy. The Code begins with the consideration of the family and details forbidden sexual unions. It continues with a body of religious and secular laws, including matters pertaining to agriculture, testimony, social ethics and certain rituals connected with sacrifice. Whereas purity and impurity pertain to states of being, holiness has to do with interpersonal relationships and modes of behavior.

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## Remembering Eddie Zola

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was, he came over and comforted me, telling me that this happened many years ago and other reassuring comments. Eddie (a concentration camp survivor) was reassuring me. What a wonderful, wonderful man!"

Eddie was born in Sighet, Romania. His family was part of the Vizhnitzer Chasidim and belonged to the same synagogue as Elie Weisel. A week after Passover 1944, at the age of 19, Eddie was deported to a labor camp. From there he and thousands of other Jews were taken on a forced march through the Austrian Alps. They marched for five months, from August to January, 1945, from Budapest, Hungary, to the Mauthausen Concentration Camp in Austria. On May 15, 1945, Mauthausen was liberated by the American Army. In 2003 Eddie was the featured speaker at Temple Israel's Yom Hashoah commemoration.

The Shoah Committee was sad to see Eddie and his wife, Ruth, leave Great Neck a few years ago. Ruth, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, moved to Florida to live with family. Eddie moved to Gurwin Assisted Living to live near his family from his first marriage.

Eddie passed away on March 11, two days after his older sister, with whom he was always very close. They were buried in a joint funeral on Sunday, March 12. Eddie is survived by his wife, Ruth, his daughter-in-law, Sue, his grandchildren, Paul and Samantha and his great-grandchildren, Jax and Emmy Rose. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the Zolas at 18 Burnham Lane, Dix Hills, New York 11746.

Eddie's niece, Shari, commented about her mother and her Uncle Eddie: "so these two resilient kids who survived the Nazis ended up making a beautiful life, and their presence on this earth and the memories that they shared with us, will be kept alive through us, and our children, and our children's children, with deep appreciation, forever. Because their survival is the reason we are all here. And we will never forget."

We on the Shoah Committee mourn the loss of our member and friend, Eddie Zola. We will continue to cherish each of our survivors, take inspiration from their stories and "never forget."

### *Save the Date...*

*...for a special Temple Israel Lifelong Learning presentation.*

**May 16 & June 6**

## **"FAITH & REASON"**

**What do we do if our logical reasoning contradicts Jewish tenets? Can we uphold faith and reason simultaneously—and if so, how?**

Discussion will be at a member's home.  
RSVP to the Temple Israel office 482-7800.

## Speaker and Exhibit: Albanian Rescue of Holocaust Jews

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literally means “to keep the promise.” Not only did Albanians go out of their way to provide assistance, they actually competed with each other for the privilege of saving Jews. Almost all Jews—those of Albanian origin and refugees alike—were saved. In fact, there were more Jews in Albania after the war than before!

An exhibit on loan from the American Society for Yad Vashem, called “Besas: A Code of Honor,” highlights the extraordinary efforts of ordinary Albanians to save the Jews within its

borders. Through the efforts of Temple Israel’s Shoah Remembrance Committee, it will be on display in the Blue Room before and after the congregation’s Yom Hashoah service on Sunday, April 23, as well as on Saturday, April 22, from 9 A.M.-1 P.M. and Monday, April 24, through Thursday, April 27, from 7 to 9 P.M. The exhibit was developed by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority in Israel. Yad Vashem honors “the righteous among the nations who risked their lives to save Jews.” Among those honored at Yad Vashem are 63 citizens of Albania.

### Shabbat Talk On Rescue of Jews

“Jews and Albanians” is the title of a presentation by Agron Alibali, L.L.M., an international lawyer and senior fellow at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, who has published two books on the subject.

His presentation, on Saturday, April 22, at a Shabbat Talk, begins at 12:45 P.M., following Kiddush, in the Multipurpose Room. It will focus on real life stories of the Albanian rescue of Jews. The presentation is part of a series of “Shabbat Talks,” held regularly following Sabbath services.

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Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

First Mourner’s Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Tazria-Metsora

Leviticus 12:1 – 15:33

Haftarah: Il Kings 7:3 – 20

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Jacqueline Astrof, Sima Taeid,  
Leonard Schultz, Veronica Bisek Lurvey,  
and Joyce Weston

Bat Mitzvah: Eden Katz  
daughter of Esther and Lawrence Katz

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

## Sabbath Services

Niggun Circle following kiddush

Afternoon Service 7:10 P.M.

Se’udah Shelshit 7:40 P.M.

Evening Service 8:15 P.M.

Havdalah 8:30 P.M.

### Friday, May 5

“Shabbat in the Park” 4:00 P.M.

Family Shabbat Sing Along 4:30 P.M.

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, May 6

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.

Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

First Mourner’s Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Aharey Mot-Kedoshim

Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Audrey Kent Itzkowitz, Jeffrey Englander,

Susan Brustein, Irene Tannenholtz, and

Deanna Stecker

Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Tabaroki  
son of Shabnam and Farzad Tabaroki

Shabbat HaMishpachah 10:30 A.M.

“Unlocking Tefila” 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:15 P.M.



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## Tsav Saturday, April 8

We find further details concerning the burnt offering, the meal offering, the guilt offering and the peace offering, as well as details of the thanks offering in this portion. With the types of sacrifices fully described, we now move to a description of the institution of the service in the mishkan and the consecration of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood. The ceremonies consist of dressing the priests in their special vestments, anointing the mishkan and all of its furnishings with oil, offering sacrifices and putting blood of the sacrifices upon the right ears, the right thumbs and the right toes of the priests. The aim of the entire proceedings was to highlight the special duties and responsibilities of the priests as representatives of the people before God. The pattern which is described here continued to be the manner of anointing the priests for over a thousand years.

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## Sabbath Services

### Friday, April 7

Shabbat HaGever Service 6:30 P.M.  
Men's Club Dinner 7:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 8 Shabbat Hagadol

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service/  
Men's Club Shabbat HaGever 9:00 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: Tsav Leviticus 6:1-8:36  
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4 - 24

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Moji Pourmoradi, Robert Lopatkin,  
Shahram (Mike) Delafraz, Joyce Weston,  
and Diana Stein  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 6:45 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:15 P.M.  
Evening Service 7:53 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:08 P.M.

### Friday, April 14 Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 15 Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service Led by Waxman  
High School Students 9:00 A.M.  
Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.  
Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26;  
Numbers 28:19-25 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Harold Citron, Lori Oppenheimer  
and Ellen Birnbaum  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 6:55 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 5:40 P.M.  
Evening Service 6:16 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:16 P.M.

### Friday, April 21

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 22

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.

Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Shemini

Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

"Shabbat Talk" - "Jews and Albanians"  
featuring Agron Alibali 12:45 P.M.

Afternoon Service 7:00 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:30 P.M.

Evening Service 8:08 P.M.

Havdalah 8:23 P.M.

### Friday, April 28

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

Waxman Youth House Dinner 7:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 29

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.

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