



Rabbi Amy Roth Selected to Head Congregation's Schools

By Marc Katz, Editor

Calling the leadership of Temple Israel's three schools "a unique opportunity," newly appointed Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy E. Roth is rapidly digging into the complexities of heading one of the largest area congregational school systems.



Rabbi Amy E. Roth

Photo by Kitty Dadi

She began the newly established post late last month, designed to better coordinate Temple Israel's Beth HaGan Nursery School, Religious School and Waxman High School. "I want to continue partnering with parents in creating a strong Jewish experience in the congregation's schools," she said, "and I want to incorporate my background in experiential Jewish education to help maintain a vibrant Temple Israel Jewish community."

A graduate of both Barnard College of Columbia University with a degree in English and the Jewish Theological Seminary with rabbinic ordination, she has worked as a Jewish educator most of her professional life. For the past 11 years she has been on the staff of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, most recently as associate director. She supervised the 700-camper and 250-staff member camp's enrollment and recruitment team as well as both formal and informal educational program development. In particular, she was charged with creating a climate of responsiveness to parents, involving year-round conversations and guidance on Jewish issues.

Previously she had held educational posts at the YJCC of Bergen County, the New City Jewish Center and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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Temple Israel In Israel!



Temple Israel members are now touring Israel as part of a congregational trip of the Holy Land led by Rabbi Howard Stecker,

fourth from right in rear. This photo, sent by the travellers, has the Tel Aviv coast and skyline in the background.

Kol Nidre Appeal 5773

By Susan and Dr. Arden Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Susan Smith was the treasurer, financial secretary, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel and has served as treasurer of the Sisterhood for 21 years. She is also a former chair of the congregation's Finance Committee. Dr. Arden Smith is a former trustee of Temple Israel and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception. Dr. Smith is a member of the Advisory Board of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College.

The annual Kol Nidre Appeal was established almost 20 years ago as a way to raise additional funds for the congregation. Whereas in years past this additional fund-

*We cannot
stress enough
the importance of
our Kol Nidre Appeal.*

ing could be used for incremental programming, this year your donation will be more important than ever before. We will not offer you any erudite quotes or pithy stories;

this year, the message is plain and simple: we need your help.

We are all aware that there are many in our congregation who have been adversely affected by the current worldwide economic crisis, and the downturn in the economy has resulted in job cutback and even loss. The popular business networking events that Temple Israel has spearheaded with neighboring synagogues is just one example of the difficult times in which we live.

From the Temple's end, to quote our congregation's president, Alan Klinger, "the Finance Committee together with our officers and Board of Trustees, have attempted to increase staff efficiency, reduce overtime,

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FROM THE RABBI

Guided Reflection for the New Year

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

I'm writing this article from the airport, as I await the beginning of our congregational Israel trip. The participants in that trip, several Temple Israel families, will be recording their impressions on a special blog that we will be sharing with the congregation. What would Maimonides have thought of a blog? I wonder.

Remarkably, he succeeded in spreading his insights far and wide using medieval technology and his popularity has only grown since the advent of the Internet. One thousand years ago, he crystallized the imperative that we should use the time leading up to Rosh Hashanah, and the days in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, for self-reflection and self-improvement.

During the past few weeks, I had three small experiences, each of which offered me a different insight into how we might work to improve ourselves. With the Jewish New Year on the horizon, I'd like to share them.

As I was leaving Great Neck at the beginning of August, I looked around the house quickly for a prayer book to take with me. The first one I found was based upon

the customs of the community of Aleppo, Syria. I decided to take it with me and to use it for my own personal time praying. There are many differences between the Syrian version and the one that we use as a congregation. When I prayed using the Syrian *siddur*, I was forced to stop and consider some of the differences.

*...I wish
everyone
an exciting journey...*

As a result, I ended up approaching familiar prayers more reflectively than I often do.

The experience got me thinking that it's important for us, on occasion, to change things up a bit so that we don't fall into a rut. Taking a different route to work, reading the op-ed page of a different newspaper than our default choice, thinking of a different question to ask our loved ones at the end of the day, are all ways to encourage us

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The Choice

By Alan Klinger

This past week's Parsha—*Re'eh*—recounts the people of Israel being presented with a stark choice: obey God's commandments and be blessed; disobey them and be cursed. At Temple Israel, we similarly face a choice, though one with less dramatic overtones: get involved and benefit from the experience or remain distant and forego meaningful opportunities for growth.

As stated here before, we recognize there are diverse portals of entry for synagogue participation. Your lay leadership is working with the clergy to increase and strengthen those options. As we prepare for the High Holidays and the start of year 5773, we want to highlight some of the opportunities.

One area of focus is education. Our new director of schools, Rabbi Amy Roth, has started work with the directors of the

*...the synagogue
has a real need
for assistance...*

Beth HaGan nursery program and the Waxman High School to better coordinate our schools' activities. Rabbi Roth also is meeting with teachers and the various school committees to gain knowledge of the programs and to exchange ideas on goals. By joining these school committees, you can have a voice in how we advance our vital educational mission.

Learning is not only for the young. Our adult education program this year will feature clergy-led discussion groups addressing issues facing 21st century Judaism and their impact on family life. These sessions will be conducted in the homes of congregants and will be offered both in the afternoons and evenings so as to maximize participation. Rabbi Stecker also will lead a program on ethics from a Jewish perspective and Rabbi Adelson, along with others, will reprise the exploration of "Wine and Wisdom," combining the pleasure of tastings with learning of Jewish attitudes towards wine and drinking. Look for more complete information on these programs from the Temple Israel Lifelong Learning group—meanwhile, contact Becky Charry (rafcharry@gmail.com) should you wish additional information now (or be willing to offer your home for one of these events). We believe the breadth of these programs, together with our regular *Shabbat* afternoon

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

SEYMOUR SILBERBERG
brother of Estelle Nadler

JEAN SLAVIN
esteemed member of Temple Israel

JESSIE FREEDMAN
mother of Donna Ludwig

HERBERT LEVINE
husband of Clara Levine
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

MORTON BASS
stepfather of R. Scott Ornstein

BLANCHE KATZENBERG
mother of David Katzenberg

ESTHER KING
wife of Dr. Harry King
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	4	Waxman High School and Youth House Barbeque	4:00 P.M.
	7	Waxman High School and Youth House Family Friday Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	8	<i>Selichot</i>	
	9	Temple Israel "Welcome Back Barbeque"	Noon
	11	9/11 Memorial Service at the Saddle Rock 9/11 Memorial Bridge	7:00 P.M.
	16	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
	17	First Day of Rosh Hashanah	
	18	Second Day of Rosh Hashanah	
	20	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	23	Sukkah Building Workshop With Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.
	23	Shalom Club Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	25	Kol Nidre	
	26	Yom Kippur	
	26	Men's Club Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast	7:30 P.M.
	27	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	29	<i>Havdalah</i> Service and Barbeque For College Grads and Friends	7:00 P.M.
	30	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
	30	<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	
Oct.	1-7	Sukkot	
	6	Sukkah Hop	
	8	Shemini Atzeret	
	9	Simhat Torah	

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Sherry and Sam Husney** on the marriage of their daughter, Adrienne, to Aaron Rosen.
- **Dr. Karen Lewkowitz and Dr. Monte Miller** on their marriage.
- **Maxine and Terry Bernstein** on the birth of their grandson, Yonah Yaakov Bernstein.
- **Tsvia Rosenthal** on the birth of her grandson, Remy Aaron Moos.
- **Marcia Shapiro** on the birth of her granddaughter, Siena Shapiro.
- **Flora and Faramarz Lalezarian** on the birth of their granddaughter, Mika Lalezarian.
- **Nina and Abner Ohebshalom** on the birth of their granddaughter, Mika Lalezarian.
- **Bob Hopp**, on the birth of his granddaughter, Naomi Joy Peritz.

Remembering the Tragedy of September 11

Temple Israel will mark the tragedy of September 11, 2001 with a special memorial service and prayers during *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* at Saddle Rock's 9/11 Memorial Bridge. Congregants will gather in the Temple lobby at 6:45 P.M. and walk down Old Mill Road to Bayview Avenue, and then to the bridge. Members of the congregation and the community are invited to solemnly commemorate the day, in solidarity with all those whose lives were touched by its tragic events. The service is sponsored by the Men's Club.

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 Psalm 27, which is recited twice a day, every day during the month of Elul. What is your favorite quote? Send it to the "The Voice," c/o Temple Israel.

“One thing I ask of Adonai—for this I yearn:
To dwell in the house of Adonai
all the days of my life—to behold God's beauty,
to pray in God's sanctuary.”

WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL
& YOUTH HOUSE
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 4

Youth House and High School
Registration and BBQ

September 7

Youth House and High School Family
Friday Dinner (featuring teens who
went on Jewish summer programs)

September 11

First Day of 8th - 12th grade classes

September 13

First Day of 7th grade classes
(at least one parent expected)

September 17

Youth House Rosh Hashanah Services

September 18

Youth House Rosh Hashanah Services

September 26

Youth House Yom Kippur Services

FROM THE WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Carving Out Jewish Time

By Danny Mishkin

Summer is ending and the High Holy Days and start of school are upon us. This is a time to open our eyes and refocus our goals for the coming year. The Waxman Youth House staff has been hard at work planning a year that will be meaningful and joyous for all of our students. So, what will this year look like for the Waxman Hebrew High School and Youth House? The answer to this question lies in each family's decision.

When I look at the year to come, I see eighth graders in our Mitzvah Corps helping homeless families, senior citizens, adults with special needs, and sick children who live in our community. I see ninth and tenth graders learning about the adult stories that accompany our Jewish Holidays and inspiring us all to make *tikkun olam* a part of each Jewish holiday observance. Furthermore, I see these 11th and 12th graders really learning to pray; realizing that prayers are not just things we say, but rather feelings inside, and actions that are inspired by sacred and ancient words.

When I imagine the coming year, I look forward to hearing about an amazing discussion that took place at the Rosh Chodesh Girl's Group and leading a group of young men to build character and strong friendships through a new program, Shevet Achim. I also see our USY chapter organizing special trips and events for our teen community building camaraderie and connection to our Jewish community. I imagine all of this for the upcoming year and I see a congregation that beams with pride as we support the next generation of Jewish leaders.

However, I also see many students who miss the opportunity to participate in our
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B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH IN OUR TEMPLE ISRAEL FAMILY



Leah Klempner

Leah Klempner was called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on August 30 in Jerusalem. Rabbi Stecker presided over the service, which took place at the Southern Wall during Temple Israel's trip to Israel. She is the daughter of Rochelle and Ron Klempner and has a brother, Jonah, 16. Leah is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She plays on her school and the Great Neck travel soccer and basketball teams. Leah also plays flute and piano and enjoys baking. She will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House in the fall.



Cyrus Eshaghoff

Cyrus Shaoul Eshaghoff will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on September 1. He is the son of Janet Esagoff and Roland Eshaghoff and has two older brothers, Samuel, 20, and David, 17, and a sister, Juliet, 10. Cyrus is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys all sports, especially football. He celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at the Kotel, a family tradition, in August, along with his cousin Delilah Harounian.



Delilah Harounian

Delilah Harounian will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on September 1. She is the daughter of Jacqueline and Maurice Harounian and has two brothers, Aaron, 20, and Joey, 8, and a sister, Tamara, 16. Delilah is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. Delilah is the recipient of the Keter Torah and Judaic Scholar awards from the Temple Israel Religious School. She is on her school track team, and enjoys playing tennis and the flute. Delilah and her extended family traveled to Israel this past summer and celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* at Robinson's Arc.



Leila Shirian

Leila Shirian will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 8. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Albert Shirian and has two brothers, Aaron, 19, and Jacob, 16. Leila is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is an avid reader and a member of the Great Neck travel baseball, field hockey and track teams. Leila will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following her *Bat Mitzvah* and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

Waxman High School Featuring Revamped Curriculum; Registration Now Underway

Registration is now going on for a new season of courses at Temple Israel's Waxman High School and Youth House. Teen programming is offered on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 P.M. and Sundays from 4:30-6 P.M. Waxman High School classes meet on Tuesdays beginning on September 11. Classes are grade specific, taught by clergy or professional Jewish educators, and are designed to make Judaism relevant for teenage students.

"I'm excited about the new curriculum," said Waxman High School and Youth House Director Danny Mishkin. "What is impressive is that all of our teachers are clergy or professional Jewish educators, each teaching with a curriculum and special purpose in mind and focused on grade-specific subject matter. The educators will meet with the same students each week and build strong relationships with the teens." For details about Waxman High School and Youth House programs and registration information, contact Mr. Mishkin at 482-7800.

Classes and programs include:

8th Grade Mitzvah Corps/Team Tikkun

During the eighth grade "Year of Learning and Action," classmates work to make the world a better place. The program provides exceptional opportunities for Jewish learning, coupled with hands-on volunteer efforts, important philanthropic decision-making, and political advocacy.

Carving Out Jewish Time

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programs. The life of a Jewish teenager in Great Neck is busy, to say the least. Between hours of homework, after school activities and various other commitments, it can be hard to find time for the valuable and important Jewish programs we offer. However, life does not get less busy as we get older, and college brings on a new set of challenges. Our programs are designed to help teenagers build self-confidence, engage in community service, connect to Jewish tradition, and make lasting friendships. In addition, our program teaches one more valuable lesson, the habit of carving out Jewish time.

Participating in our program is not only about the benefits listed above; it is also about learning to make time for Jewish life and community. We offer a wide variety of Jewish programs that meet as often as twice a week or as little as once a month. There really is something for everyone. I urge each family to find the right plan for their teen so they are sure to stay connected, engaged and active in a special and sacred teenage Jewish community.

Please read all of our options enclosed in this issue of the Voice and feel free to contact me with any questions or to obtain registration materials.

Looking forward to a great year!

Waxman Youth House Planning Tikkun Olam Trip to Israel

During February school break 2013 Waxman Youth House members will take a special *tikkun olam* trip to Israel, open to all in grades 9-12. For trip details contact Waxman Youth House Director Danny Mishkin at 482-7800 or <dmishkin@tign.org>.

Financial aid for the trip is made possible by the Khorshid Dina Harounian Israel Education Fund and the Benjamin Ziegelbaum Memorial Trust Fund.

Said one student who recently participated in the program: "I had an amazing time at the residence for Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities. We bonded with the people who live there by playing bingo, frisbee, and doing arts and crafts. I feel like I got to know the people we met really well."

9th and 10th Grade Chag Squad

Infuse the Jewish holidays with *tikkun olam* and a youthful spirit! In this program students will learn from the themes, texts, rituals, and foods associated with each Jewish holiday and create, organize and attend Jewish holiday celebrations for teens. Each Tuesday session is co-taught by Temple Israel's rabbis. Sessions include exploring the significance of certain texts, customs, rituals, and foods associated with specific holidays and applying it to actual teen holiday celebrations.

11th and 12th Grade

Students in this class will enjoy deep discussions about Judaism's relationship to important teen issues, giving a better understanding of each participant's Jewish identity and the path they will follow while preparing for college. This year's theme is prayer, and discussions will revolve around questions including: How do I pray? What is the difference between Jewish prayer and the way other religions pray? How does prayer relate to life as a Jewish teen? Where will I pray when in college?

Youth House Sunday Programs

Sunday sessions will have a more relaxed feel. The following programs meet once each month; teens can join all programs, or choose the ones that best meet their interests. To find out the schedule of programs, contact Mr. Mishkin.

Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing - Shevet Achim: The Brotherhood

These nationally acclaimed gender-specific Jewish programs just for young women or men meet once each month to promote leadership, friendship and character.

Monthly Sunday Seminars

These special monthly programs include guest speakers and important topical discussions, such as teen stress, the Holocaust, Israel.

USY Chapter

The Youth House USY Chapter meets twice a month, once for an in-house program and another time for a USY excursion. The programs are organized and run by a group of students, the Youth House Board. Chapter members make friends, connecting with counterparts from throughout the region. In-house meetings take place Sundays from 4:30-6 P.M. Excursion meetings may meet outside of the regular Sunday schedule.

Calling all 7th-12th graders!

Religious School is looking for
Madrachim (Teaching Assistants)

Are you available on Sunday mornings

or Monday through Wednesday afternoons?

Be a part of the Religious School Madrichim Program
- develop leadership skills, and help make a difference
in the life of a child here at Temple Israel.

Reserve Wednesday, September 5, from 5:30-7:00 P.M.

OR Sunday, September 23, from Noon-1:30 P.M.

for Madrich orientation and training.

Be on the look-out for e-mails with more information
and a MADRICH application.

Questions?

E-mail Rabbi Amy Roth <aroth@tign.org>

or Danny Mishkin <dmishkin@tign.org>.

High Holy Days Youth and Family Programs

All programs will run on both days of
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

PRESCHOOL (ages 2-4) Service
10:30 A.M.-Noon in designated classrooms
Early childhood educators celebrate the holidays
through song, stories and games.
A parent is required to accompany children.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade BONIM Service*
10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Multipurpose Room,
led by Donna Lefkowitz. Morah Donna leads a fast-paced
interactive program blending familiar prayers
and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing.

3rd-4th Grade CHAVERIM Service*
10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Blue Room,
led by Dr. Geoff Epstein. This service includes lots of group and
individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative
prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course,
plenty of Hershey's kisses (on Rosh Hashanah only).

5th-6th Grade MACHON Service*
10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Chapel,
led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah.
Join Rahel for a service that's just right for middle schoolers,
including real *davening*, Torah reading,
and plenty of interactive activities.

**Parents and other family members welcome!*

TEEN Service
10:30 A.M.-1 P.M. in the Youth House Well,
led by Youth House Director Danny Mishkin and teacher
Diana Ziskin. This participatory service for 7th-12th graders
includes Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions
and creative activities. Noon-1:00 Snacks (on Rosh Hashanah
only) and socializing in the Youth House.

INTERACTIVE K-6 FAMILY PROGRAM**
12:15 P.M.-1:15 P.M.

for grade school aged children and their parents, led by
Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth.

Featuring games, snacks and creative activities.

No two programs are ever the same!

****At least one parent must attend with student.**

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, August 31.....7:10 P.M.

Friday, September 7.....6:59 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

The Daily Minyan Needs You!

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., Sept. 1 8:45 A.M. 6:50 P.M.

Sat., Sept. 8 8:45 A.M. 6:40 P.M.

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

Special Parking Rules For the Congregation On High Holy Days

Members of the congregation are asked
to observe parking regulations that are in
effect this year during the High Holy Days.
The Board of Trustees of the Village of Great
Neck has agreed to ease parking restric-
tions for the High Holy Days as follows:

- Time limit restrictions will not be enforced, and no summonses will be issued for overtime parking on the streets adjacent to the Temple.

- Other parking restrictions will be enforced, including violations of prohibited parking, such as in front of hydrants, in front of driveways, "No Parking This Side," and "No Parking Here to Corner." Congregants are reminded that the streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

Erev Rosh Hashanah,

Sunday, September 16

**and the first and second days
of Rosh Hashanah**

Monday, September 17

and Tuesday, September 18:

Parking on Rosh Hashanah will be
limited to members with State issued
Handicap Permits only. Have your seating
ticket to identify yourself, should you be
asked to do so by a staff member stationed
in the lot.

Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur

Overnight Parking

Tuesday, September 25

and Wednesday, September 26:

Members of the congregation who wish
to leave their cars in the Temple parking
lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah must
first obtain a pass from Temple Executive
Director Leon Silverberg. No cars will be
permitted to enter or leave the parking lot,
except those containing handicap permits.

Your cooperation is needed to make
things move smoothly during the Holy Day
period. Temple Israel strongly suggests that
members consider carpooling whenever
riding is necessary.

Mahzor Lev Shalem: A New High Holy Day Book to Transform Ourselves

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

In this season of renewal, we at Temple Israel will be especially renewed this year. With the generous support of the Katz and Spector families, as well as the Temple Israel Prayer Book Fund, we have purchased the Conservative movement's new High Holy Day *mahzor*, *Lev Shalem*. A decade in the making, the *mahzor* was edited primarily by my teacher, Rabbi Edward Feld.

What makes this *mahzor* different from all other *mahzorim*, you ask? And why do we need a new *mahzor*?

The Hebrew content is not significantly different; that is, it is more or less the same traditional service that has been handed down to us through centuries of successive change and development. A few *piyyutim* (liturgical poems that are outside the *matbea shel tefillah*, the essential structure of holiday prayers) have been re-instituted from our previous *mahzor*, and new options are now available. New to the right side of the page, however, are better ti-

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ties and instructions, clearer indication of congregational passages (in bold), options for inclusion of the patriarchs wherever we reference the patriarchs (in brackets), and a cute red indicator wherever customary choreography mandates a bow.

The translation is clear and readable, avoiding the stilted language of *mahzorim* past. The English is in places more faithful to the Hebrew, yet minimizes gendered language for God. Transliteration for congregational passages is abundant, and the *Shabbat* passages are now in a more clearly visible red rather than problematic purple.

But the real action, and the best reason to use these new books, is to be found on the margins of every page. On the right margin is a running commentary on the Hebrew text: history, interpretation, literary context, and so forth. The left margin features *kavvanot*, meditational readings to help us find our way through the High Holy Days: poems, prose, and assorted quotes from Jewish sources ancient and modern.

As in life, sometimes what happens on the margins is just as important as the center of our focus. As our collective familiarity with the mechanics of *tefillah* (prayer), the language, understanding, and choreography recede, we have a much greater need for relating to these sacred days through learning about them, both in the context of services and outside. We require the material on the side to cut through the distractions of contemporary life, to bring on the mood of the Days of Awe, and to guide us on our individual paths of *teshuvah* (repentance), *tefillah*, and *tzedakah* (charity) as we seek forgiveness, purity, and renewal for the coming year.

As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel suggests on the right-side margin of page 70 of *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, "Ultimately, the goal of prayer is not to translate a word but to translate the self; not to render an ancient vocabulary in modern terminology, but to transform our lives into prayers." I am certain that this new tool will aid in our personal transformation through *tefillah* this holiday season and for many years to come.

SABBATH AND HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Sunday, September 16

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 8:30 P.M.

Monday, September 17

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10

"Prayers From the Heart: Using the New Machzor" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tashlich (*Xeriscape*) 6:00 P.M.

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 18

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:2-20

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 6:55 P.M.

Saturday, September 22

Shabbat Shuvah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayeilekh*

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20

Sabbath Service Officers: Dr. Laura Gal and Steve Shepsman

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 6:15 P.M.

Havdalah 7:35 P.M.

Tuesday, September 25

Kol Nidre

Mincha 3:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 6:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 26

Yom Kippur

Morning Service begins in the Main Ballroom 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11

Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14

"Prayers From the Heart: Using the New Machzor" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

Symposium 3:00 P.M.

Mincha 4:30 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20

Neilah 5:50 P.M.

Havdalah & Shofar Blowing 7:28 P.M.



SELIHOT 5772

Lev Shalem: Dedication and Introduction

Saturday night, September 8, 2012

As we enter the penitential season and prepare for the purification of heart and soul that comes with the High Holy Days, join us for a special *Selihot* program featuring community learning and moving prayer.

8:15 pm

Coffee

8:30 pm

With the generous support of the Katz and Spector families in memory of Rosalie and Daniel P. Katz and Dana Spector Kimmel, as well as the Temple Israel Prayer Book Fund, Temple Israel has purchased the brand-new High Holy Day *mahzor*, Lev Shalem, a landmark publication of the Conservative movement. Our program will feature a dedication ceremony and an opportunity for all to take a closer look at the new *mahzor* and its unparalleled features, led by Rabbi Stecker.

9:45 pm

Refreshments

10:10 pm

Havdalah

10:15 pm

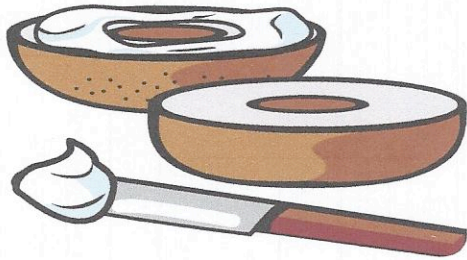
***Selihot* Service in Sanctuary
Led by Cantor Raphael Frieder and
musical accompanists.**



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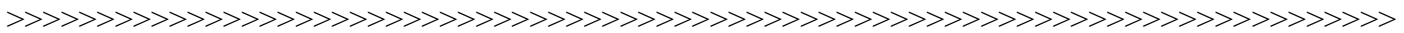
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For further information about the program or to apply, contact Rabbi Howard Stecker or Mr. Silverberg at 482-7800.

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College Grads and Friends thanks the anonymous donor who sponsored the August 24th gathering. To sponsor an event, contact Temple Israel Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800.

From the President: The Choice

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and *Seudah Shlishit* talks, will offer something for everyone—but we need you to take the first step of participation.

On another front, we continue the synagogue's focus on social action. Our Chesed Connection group sponsors events in support of the needy. Upcoming activities include a food and clothing drive in conjunction with the Tikkun Alliance of North Shore. These efforts provide an excellent opportunity to introduce our children to this essential Jewish value (contact Laura Gal at chesedtign@gmail.com, should you wish to join in these activities).

Through our Israel Affairs Committee, we look to explore ways to support Israel. Monies raised through its Israel Solidarity Fund go towards addressing Israeli health, education and community needs, as well as supporting the developing Masorti movement there. The committee also sponsors speakers addressing current concerns facing Israel. We welcome additional congregants to these varied conversations (contact Lee Harounian at rugsintl@aol.com for a schedule of committee meetings and activities).

On a smaller scale, the synagogue has a real need for assistance for High Holidays functions. Particularly in the Grand Ballroom and Sanctuary venues, we need additional ushers to help keep the religious services moving in an organized fashion. Your participation need not be for the entire service, fixed intervals are welcome, and a brief training session will be offered. Please contact Jack Moallem (HJ.Moallem@downstate.edu; (Grand Ballroom) and Manny Alani (alani@optonline.net; Sanctuary), should you be willing to give of your time. We also need volunteers to act as table monitors to check for tickets. If the weather is nice, this really is a pleasant way to serve the congregation and spend an hour catching up with friends as they enter the synagogue. Please contact Security Committee Chair Joe Farber (jfarber@frklaw.com) if you're willing to sign up for this endeavor.

We continue to explore new avenues for involvement. The Executive Committee was approached by a group seeking support for the category of (somewhat recently become) "empty nesters." The idea is to develop activities that would be of interest to this cohort. We are pleased to provide assistance to this, or other affinity groups, that want to use the synagogue as a base for gathering. Should you be interested in the Empty Nesters, please contact Lois Sazer or Sherry Husney (emptynestersoftign@gmail.com).

Should you have ideas for other themed groups, please reach out to me (aklinger@stroock.com) or other members of the Executive Committee.

Finally, we are moving forward the discussion of a possible revitalization of our physical plant, both for the main building and the Youth House. Should you have expertise in this area and desire to assist, please contact Executive Director Leon Silverberg (lsilverberg@tign.org). Improving our space also requires funding. Those interested in assisting with development matters should contact Lynn Weitzman (lynnweitzman@gmail.com) or Barbara Levy (Barbara.Levy@einstein.yu.edu), who will be heading up this effort.

Have a good end of summer. Look forward to seeing you over the High Holidays.

Guided Reflection for the New Year

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to live more intentionally. You never know what might happen if you do things a bit differently.

While away, I read a book by Umberto Eco called "The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana." The main character, a 60-year old rare book dealer, suffers a stroke that causes a particular type of memory loss. He can remember all public knowledge that he acquired (from books and newspapers), but he cannot remember anything about his personal life. He doesn't recognize his loved ones, nor does he recall any personal thoughts or feelings that he ever had. When he suffers a second stroke, he becomes physically paralyzed but somehow regains his personal memory.

The book is an extended exploration about how experience and memory interact to constitute our unique identities, the multi-textured essence of our lives. Reading it, I reflected on how complex life is, and how

*Spend some
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with the people
we love the most.*

tenuous. For me, the book reinforced the importance of recognizing how precious each moment really is.

Later that week, I went swimming with one of my sons in a beautiful lake that we've swum in together for years. Since he no longer lives at home, I decided it would be a nice opportunity to chat about a few things in person, some profound, some mundane. We swam out to the dock, schmoozed for a while, and swam back. As you might have experienced or might imagine, these moments get more precious as the years go on and our lives, together and apart, continue to unfold.

A lover of Aristotle, Maimonides would probably have agreed that the unexamined life is not worth living. I'd venture to say, at the very least, that reflection can make life more worth living.

Perhaps we'll use these weeks leading up to and into the New Year as an opportunity to change things up, to consider our vulnerability, or to spend some extra time swimming out and back with the people we love the most.

Or perhaps our reflection will take us to different places entirely. Regardless, I wish everyone an exciting journey as 5773 begins!

Kol Nidre Appeal 5773

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consolidate positions, made sure to negotiate beneficial service contracts and insurance renewals.

But despite all these tales of woe, Temple Israel of Great Neck is still there for us. Our synagogue is there to serve our needs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Our synagogue is a place of learning, praying and socializing and also serves as a caring community when a member is stricken with ill health, grief and sorrow. Our Religious School is "cutting edge" with its Project Re-Imagine, and our innovative adult and family education programs have been invigorated through our Temple Israel Lifelong Learning program.

We cannot stress enough the importance of our Kol Nidre Appeal, which this year will help provide for the current day-to-day operations of our synagogue. The result is a fully functioning synagogue taking care of the many and varied needs of our diverse congregation.

Last year, the Kol Nidre Appeal raised over half a million dollars, and this year

your support is more important than ever. With your help, Temple Israel will continue to serve the spiritual, educational and social needs of our congregation, as well as enable us to transmit our traditions to the next generation in order to continue the unbroken chain of Jewish continuity.

Susan and I, our officers and trustees

ask each of you to consider the vital role Temple Israel plays in sustaining Jewish life in your family and in our community. We ask each of you to respond generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal by helping us meet our challenge as we weather these difficult times. Together, we are the solution.

L'shana tova u'metuka.

Rabbi Amy Roth To Head Congregation's Schools

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"Any position where one touches people's lives is attractive to me," she said. "I am driven by desire to help form and shape the Jewish identities of children and young adults."

Temple Israel's Executive Committee has long-sought to better coordinate the flow of students between the congregation's schools. "Our three schools have been widely recognized for their academic excellence," said Temple Israel President Alan Klinger. "What we are seeking to do is make it one educational system which starts in nursery school, continues through *Bar or Bat Mitzvah*, and goes right through to high school graduation."

Echoing the Temple Israel plan, Rabbi Roth said "we—the directors of the congregation's schools and faculty, as well as parents—will be working as a team to realize the goal of a smooth flow of education right through the Waxman High School. Right now, I want to meet as many families as possible before the school year starts and I welcome their comments, thoughts and suggestions."

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D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Kee Tetze

Saturday, September 1

Part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found in this portion. These chapters contain a wide variety of laws dealing with domestic life and interpersonal relations. In contradistinction to previous sections of the law code which dealt with broad areas of community structure, the focus here is on the countless details that make the daily life of the average Israelite. The Torah is making clear that every facet of every individual's life is governed by the covenant. The concluding verses of the portion remind the Israelites of the dastardly attack by the Amelekites on the rear-most stragglers of the camp shortly after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people are commanded to remember the incident and utterly blot out the memory of Amelek. The contrast between the national character of a people living under God's laws and that of the Amelekites based on glorification of military power is a statement that in God's plan, right prevails over might.

Kee Tavo

Saturday, September 8

In this portion we conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse. In the final details, the Israelites are instructed that when they enter the Promised Land and settle it, they are to bring an offering of first fruits. In accepting the offering, the priest is to recite a brief history of the people, from Abraham's and Jacob's wanderings to the occupation and possession of the land. Moses begins a third discourse which deals with enforcement of the laws. Upon crossing the Jordan, the people set stones on Mt. Ebal on which they will inscribe the laws that Israel is to obey. This activity is to be followed by a dramatic recitation of the blessings that will accrue from obedience to God's word and the curses that will follow upon failure to obey. The passage of curses (known as *tochechah*, or warnings) is much longer and more detailed than the passage of blessings, indicating the difficulty of convincing the people that it is in their best interest to live by God's law.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, August 31

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 1

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Kee Tetze*; Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10

Sabbath Service Officers: Miriam Kobliner and Larry Greengrass

B'nai Mitzvah

CYRUS ESHAGHOFF

son of Janet Esagoff and Roland Eshaghoff

DELILAH HAROUNIAN

daughter of Jacqueline and Maurice Harounian

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:50 P.M.

Friday, September 7

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

Waxman High School & Youth House Family Friday Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 8 - *Selihot*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Kee Tavo*; Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22

Sabbath Service Officers: Pargol Khadavi and Brian Zeitlin

Bat Mitzvah

LEILA SHIRIAN

daughter of Elizabeth and Albert Shirian

Machon Alone Family Service 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:40 P.M.

Selihot Program 8:15 P.M.

Selihot Service 10:15 P.M.

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