



Great Neck Rabbis Facing Off At Rabbinic Dialogue

Rabbis from Great Neck Synagogue and Temple Beth-El will face Temple Israel Rabbi Howard Stecker at the annual Rabbinic Dialogue, giving the clergy from the community's largest Jewish congregations the opportunity to compare and contrast their views. This year's program will be held at Great Neck Synagogue on Sunday, March 17, at 10 A.M.

In addition to presenting their views on a wide variety of topics, the rabbis will answer questions from the audience.

Rabbi Stecker will be joined by Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue and the rabbinic team of Rabbis Tara and Meir Feldman of Temple Beth-El. A complimentary breakfast will be served at 9:15 A.M., sponsored by the men's clubs of all three congregations.

Rabbi Polakoff is in his 26th year as the senior rabbi of Great Neck Synagogue. He recently completed a two-year term as president of The Rabbinic Council of America. He has been deeply involved in numerous communal causes, including the Orthodox Caucus and the Beth Din of America. Before coming to Great Neck Synagogue, he



Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel, and Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman of Temple Beth-El will discuss Jewish issues at the annual Rabbinic Dialogue, this year at Great Neck Synagogue on Sunday, March 17. Last year, above, they met on the Temple Israel *bimah*.

Voice Photo by Robert Lopatkin

served as the assistant rabbi of a congregation on Manhattan's Upper East Side and as the rabbi of a fledgling *shul* in Morristown, New Jersey.

The Rabbis Feldman, who came to Temple Beth-El in 2009, share the pulpit as the congregation's clergy. "I am incred-

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Purim Faces

They came to the *bimah* with scary faces, happy faces, sweet faces. They came to the *bimah* by what seemed like hundreds. They came to the *bimah* to celebrate Purim at Temple Israel's annual celebration in the Sanctuary last week. They are the children of the congregation's Beth HaGan Nursery School, Religious School and Waxman High School.

In addition, members of the congregation took turns reading the Megillah at another service held in the Blue Room, and high school students staged their annual Purim carnival on Sunday. Beth HaGan students learned about the holiday in the weeks leading up to Purim through a variety of classroom activities.

Photo by Dan Goldberger



What Is Torah Fund?

By Ellen Cooper

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sisterhood's drive to financially assist the Jewish Theological Seminary—called The Torah Fund—is headed up by longtime chair Ellen Cooper. She asks for your assistance in this Voice Guest Column.

We are an arm of Women's League for Conservative Judaism (the world's largest Jewish women's organization) dedicated to strengthening Jewish education. Thanks to our efforts, we have been able to enhance the lives of the Jewish community's students, rabbis, cantors,

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educators, social workers, and lay leaders, by providing:

- Scholarships: \$2 million annually to benefit students at all Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) facilities,
- Up-to-date rehab of residence halls and apartment complexes,

- Library carrels: 500 bookshelves for JTS,
- High-tech equipment for lecture halls and classrooms in the education pavilion at JTS,
- Recording studios,
- Terrace and garden furniture for the enjoyment of faculty, students, staff, and visitors.

All this, in addition to the "sacred space" of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue, which the Torah Fund Campaign monies built for daily use, three times a day.

The results of Torah Fund activities are visible at all the institutions that Torah Fund dollars support: The Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, The Schechter Institute in Israel, and the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in

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FROM THE RABBI

Who Needs a Synagogue?

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Contemporary Jews have many options. Those who want a *Bar Mitzvah* for their child can have it without membership in a synagogue, without Hebrew school, and with a rabbi-for-hire that they barely know.

Those who want a sermon can find one on any topic imaginable on YouTube.

Those who want Jewish learning can find it at the JCC or online or at your local big-box book chain.

Those who want to get married may find a range of officiants and locations. And so forth.

Jews do not really need synagogues, do they?

The current issue of CJ, the quarterly that is sent to all members of Conservative synagogues, features an abridged account of the discussion that took place this past Hanukkah between Rabbi Steven Wernick, the CEO of United Synagogue, and four rabbis from the Conservative synagogues on the East Side of Manhattan. Entitled "What Do Jews Want?" and hyped as "The

Conversation of the Century," the article features these five rabbis speaking about aspects of the contemporary Jewish experience. However, I found something missing from this discussion. Although Rabbi Scott Bolton of Congregation Or Zarua said, "...the Conservative world of today is open to a re-engagement with Godliness," the

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most important item that synagogues offer was barely mentioned. Although most of us may not frame it in these words, many Jews want to connect with God (however they interpret that), and many want to seek within themselves aspects of holiness.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, who appeared at Temple Israel as a scholar-in-residence last year, has said that the stock-in-trade of a

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Visit Us!

By Alan Klinger

To start, a (non-religious) confession: I am technologically challenged. Have only recently been editing documents online, my membership in LinkedIn is new and I've yet to make my maiden voyage onto Facebook. That said, I've grown to understand the power of the Internet and the accelerating use of social media. We, at Temple Israel, are committed to moving ahead in these fields.

Within the past year we've added Facebook pages (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/TempleIsraelOfGreatN> [eck?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/TempleIsraelOfGreatN)) to keep congregants abreast of various activities and Rabbi Stecker (<http://torahforourday.blogspot.com/>) has joined Rabbi Adelson (<http://thomodernrabbi.blogspot.com/>) in maintaining a blog to address issues of import to our community. Members of the clergy and senior staff are tweeting (I just registered for that as well). And, we have a pilot program of text messaging to encourage *minyan* attendance. (A plug for the daily *minyan*: as mentioned during last week's *Shabbat* announcements, the winter months are tough for *minyan* participation, particularly the mornings; please try to work attendance into your schedules.)

We also just unveiled our new website, reflecting months of hard work by a number of congregants and staff (Deanna Stecker and Angela Jones get a special call-out for their efforts), as we continue to expand its reach. While still a work-in-progress, we have new content as to our schools, committees and programming, along with pictures reflecting these activities.

We anticipate congregants having the ability to update membership information, inquire as to *yahrzeits* and review account information. In the not too distant future, we expect members to be able to make payments and donations online, as well as register for events.

Picking up on the theme of *minyan* assistance, we're looking at ways congregants may be able to register online for the daily *minyan* with alerts issuing when there will not be ten people scheduled to participate.

We intend for our rabbis to offer explanations on aspects of our religious services and for Cantor Frieder to provide instruction on songs and melodies. In short, we believe that our website will offer a window into the myriad of activities occurring in the synagogue.

For those who do not regularly access the website, venture on to it and let us know what you'd like to see added to make it a more valuable resource. Just go to www.tign.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the family of:

HARVEY DEUTSCHER

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May his memory be for a blessing.

TEMPLE LITES...

• **Fran Langsner** has been appointed a trustee of Nassau BOCES, which partners with all Nassau County school districts in providing education and support services. For many years she had served as a member of the Great Neck Board of Education, before stepping down last year.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Ellenmorris and Joe Farber** on the engagement of their son, Dr. Andrew Farber, to Melissa Schoffer.
- **Louise and Dr. Yosef Soleymani** on the birth of their grandson, Adam Badner.
- **Barbara and Jack Green** on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson, Michael Raissman Green.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday, March 1	7:00 A.M.	5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 8	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., March 2	8:45 A.M.	5:05 P.M.
Sat., March 9	8:45 A.M.	5:15 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of *The Voice*, the Passover issue, will be published on Thursday, March 14. The deadline for that issue is Monday, March 4.

The following issue will be published on Thursday, March 28. The deadline for that issue is Monday, March 18.

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 recited at the beginning of the Ma'ariv Service. What's your favorite quote? Send your suggestion to *The Voice*, c/o the Temple Israel office.

“
... You open with wisdom the gates of dawn,
design the day with wondrous skill,
set the succession of seasons,
and arrange the stars in the sky according to Your will.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March 2	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
2	EMPTI Nesters Bowling Night	7:15 P.M.
3	New Member Spiritual Welcoming	10:00 A.M.
6-7	Beth HaGan Spring Book Fair	
7	Men's Club Meeting - Topic: Colon Cancer	7:30 P.M.
8	Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner with Waxman Youth House Students and Families	6:30 P.M.
9	" <i>Shabbat</i> Talk"	12:45 P.M.
9	Afula Conservatory Concert at Temple Beth-El	8:00 P.M.
10	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:30 A.M.
10	Temple Israel Film Series Presents "Footnote"	7:30 P.M.
15	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For college grads and friends	7:30 P.M.
17	Rabbinic Dialogue at Great Neck Synagogue	10:00 A.M.
17	<i>Pesach</i> University Led by Rabbi Stecker	11:00 A.M.
17	<i>Shalom</i> Club Meeting	6:30 P.M.
18	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
19	Waxman High School and Youth House <i>Hag</i> Squad Program	
19	"Wine and Wisdom" Program	8:15 P.M.

Come to the movies at Temple Israel!

Next in the Film Series:

'Footnote'

The story of a great rivalry between a father and son, both eccentric professors in the Talmud Department of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The son has an addictive dependency on the embrace that the establishment provides, while his father is a stubborn purist with a fear and profound revulsion for what the establishment stands for, yet beneath his contempt lies a desperate thirst for some kind of recognition. The Israel Prize, Israel's most prestigious national award, is the jewel that brings these two to a final, bitter confrontation.

Sunday, March 10 7:30 P.M.

*Films are free to Temple Israel members,
family and friends.*

Movie snacks and dessert is included!

A Meaningful Trip Right Next Door

By Danny Mishkin

Judaism teaches us to take care of the needy. During the February school break, the Youth House was scheduled to go to Israel on a *tikkun olam* sightseeing tour of the Jewish homeland. The devastating Super Storm Sandy caused February break to be cancelled, and, more shockingly, crippled so many of our Long Island neighbors. It was now time to take care of our own.

In recent history, New Orleans, Mississippi, Haiti, Japan, and many other places have witnessed the destruction of a natural disaster. When it happens we often think, "I hope it does not happen here," and maybe we think about how we would respond.

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of Great Neck
and Jews everywhere...*

This past shortened break, 17 Youth House students rose to the challenge. Not only were we there to lend a hand, we also provided open ears and hearts as we listened to the inspiring people of Long Beach trying to rebuild their city.

Upon our arrival in Long Beach, we split into two groups and went to separate houses. After a short introduction, we were handed masks, goggles, hammers, and a few other tools. We quickly learned how to remove Sheetrock and nails from wood and metal frames. All of this needed to go because the basements we were in had been submerged in five feet of water just a few months ago. We worked alongside the owner of the house, and she kept saying that she couldn't believe we were there. In one day, we finished the job of removing all wasteful debris and Sheetrock that would normally take a volunteer crew three to four days. Since we worked on two houses, we finished two basements that day, and now the owners are ready to begin rebuilding!

After working in the cold and dust all day, it was great to check-in to the only hotel in Long Beach. I was surprised that many of the hotel residents were still displaced from their home. Our group always met in the lobby, and we were constantly reminded of

the purpose of our trip because this lobby was under major construction due to the destruction from Sandy. In the elevators, I overheard a family with two kids talk about how much longer they would have to stay in the hotel. From my understanding, FEMA funding for them to stay was running out.

After a long day of work and a short rest, it was time to hit the city of Long Beach. It felt very comfortable walking into the Lido Deli, a delicious kosher restaurant. The restaurant owner greeted us with some free appetizers, because he heard why we were in Long Beach. A few waiters came

over to thank our group!

After dinner, a man who has emerged as a leader in the Long Beach rebuilding effort told us his story. Our students sat silently as we heard that he and his family, including two kids, stayed on the third floor of their home as water filled the entire first floor. Our speaker, Doug O'Grady, was a self-proclaimed tough guy, boxer, and union carpenter. However, it was obvious that he was sincere when he told us how scared he was that day. We were all moved as he thanked us for our visit, told us how he has helped rebuild 150 homes in his community, and thanked us for being part of his team. The students all mentioned that it felt great to be part of his team!

The next day we volunteered more and saw a slide-show of the horrible storm. Like the first day, it was cold and long, but at the end it felt great to represent Temple Israel of Great Neck and Jews everywhere as we took care of the needy of Long Beach.



Amy is proud of her work having cleared an entire wall of Sheetrock.



Youth House students cleared an entire Long Beach basement.

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



Oliver Pour

Oliver Eric Pour will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on March 9. He is the son of Romina and David Pour and has two sisters, Lexi, 9, and Claudia, 7, and a brother, Max, 4. Oliver is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball, soccer and baseball. Oliver celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* in Israel last December and hopes to return in the near future. He currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House.

Congregation Says Thanks To Recent Kiddush Sponsors

Appreciation is expressed by the officers and Board of Trustees to members who have generously sponsored and enhanced the Sabbath *kiddush*.

The congregational *kiddush* on January 19 was sponsored by Nazeer and Parviz Botesazan in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jacob.

The congregational *kiddush* on January 26 was sponsored by Donna and Lawrence Lefkowitz in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Gabriel. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Sheila and Douglas Hyman in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Roger.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on February 2 was made by Mitra and Said Neman in honor of the *B'nai Mitzvah* of their sons, Nathaniel and Zachary.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on February 9 were made by Debbie and Judd Volk in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Brian, and by Yuval Brash on the occasion of the *yahrzeit* of his father, Fred Brash.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on February 16 was made by Sara and Ronald Weiner in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their daughter, Shira Dena Weiner, and Marc Penziner.

Men's Club's Second Night Seder March 26: 'A Celebration of Freedom'

Want company for the Passover seder, but none of the fuss?

The Men's Club has the answer! They invite the congregation and guests to "A Celebration of Freedom: Second Night Seder" on Tuesday evening, March 26. While the delicious dinner is the central feature of the evening, the seder is led in an open, participatory style by Rabbi Seth Adelson, featuring discussions, singing, activities for kids, and all your questions answered (or at least asked)!

The cost for this complete Passover experience is just \$45 per person for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. For non-members of Temple Israel, the cost is \$50 per person for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 18, and can be made by calling 482-7800, by e-mailing <smundhenk@tign.org> or by sending or bringing the form on page 6 of this issue of *The Voice*, along with payment, to the Temple Israel office.

The Men's Club held the popular second-night *sedarim* from the 1990s to the early 2000s. Men's Club member Len Abrams chaired the event during this period and, after a hiatus, started them again in 2010. He is co-chairing the seder with Men's Club Program Chair Marc Langsner.

"It doesn't matter if you are coming as a group or coming alone," he said. "If the Men's Club is helping anyone observe Passover, they are helping our entire congregation."

Rabbi Adelson invites the congregation to join him and his family for a warm evening of dining and celebrating freedom, "as we invoke the spirit of the line we read in the *haggadah*," he said. "In every generation, each of us should see ourselves as having personally come forth from Egypt."

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synagogue is contact with God. Virtually everything else in Jewish life can be obtained elsewhere; a glimpse of the Divine can be most readily accessed in the context of a *kehillah kedoshah*, a sacred community. And that is not something that you can find on the Internet. A synagogue is not just a place to drop off your kids for Hebrew school or to drop in for *kiddush*—it is where holiness happens, where Jews gather for the purpose of raising the *kedushah* quotient of the entire community, and every activity that goes on in the building contributes in some way to that bottom line. We often forget that, or fail to mention it.

This Sunday, the clergy in partnership with the Membership Committee and the lay leadership are hosting a Temple Israel first: a spiritual welcoming ceremony for new members of the congregation. We seek to connect those that have recently joined our community more explicitly to that bottom line, to help them along their Jewish journeys as they look to the *kehillah kedoshah* for engagement with holiness, to bring them along with us as we learn, celebrate, mourn, atone, and rejoice together.

There is a certain partnership in holiness that can only be obtained through membership in a community—a holiness for which we all strive. If synagogue membership is marked only by filling out forms, paying dues, and pick-up/drop-off, it may already be irrelevant.

If, however, it raises that *kedushah* quotient, then the physical resources we pay into the system will be returned to us ten-

fold in spiritual rewards. By bringing these new families into our covenant of holiness at the beginning of their time with Temple Israel, our community has a much better chance of expanding the bounds of this covenant, magnifying and sanctifying the non-material bottom line.

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ibly grateful for the opportunity to become a member of and to serve in this historic community," Rabbi Meir Feldman said. "Twenty years ago, I was an associate at a Wall Street law firm and 15 years ago I was a lawyer, a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles. If someone had told me then what my life would be like 15 years later, I would have never believed it."

Rabbi Stecker has served as the senior rabbi of Temple Israel since the end of 2003. He recently served as an officer of the New York Board of Rabbis. He has also been president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau. Rabbi Stecker has also been co-chair of the high school education committee of the Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, March 1.....5:27 P.M.
Friday, March 8.....5:35 P.M.

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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 Wednesday, March 20th, 2013. If you wish you may sell the hametz in person after the *siyum* on Monday morning, March 25th, 2013 at the synagogue before 9:00 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.



CONTRACT

Be it proclaimed that I (we) _____ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Stecker to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession - wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbi Stecker has full authority to sell, dispose, and conduct all transactions as he deems fit and proper in accordance with the detailed terms set forth in the Hebrew contracts in his possession. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law and concur with the law of the State of New York of the United States of America.

To all the above I affix my signature _____

This _____ day of _____ in the year 2013.

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I would like to contribute _____ to help those in need for Passover.



FROM HAROSSETTO HAD GADYA WINE PAIRINGS FOR THE SEDER

The first Temple Israel *Mah Nishtanah*:
Bring your four questions about *Pesah* traditions



WINE AND WISDOM

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

8:15 PM

Temple Israel of Great Neck, Blue Room

As we prepare for the Passover Seder, join us for a wine tasting hosted by Temple members and wine enthusiasts Andrea Farkas and Harriet Becker. Sample Passover wines in all price ranges and get suggestions for pairings for the Passover Seder. Please bring your four questions about the Seder as Rabbi Adelson will lead us in a spirited discussion during the tasting.

Come as a couple or on your own to an elegant evening to see for yourself how Passover wines have evolved.

SPACE IS LIMITED; RSVP A MUST to Angela in the Temple Israel office at 482-7800 ext. 1108 or ajones@tign.org

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TEMPLE ISRAEL PLAYERS

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Jerome Rabin
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*Men's Club Meeting
Topic: Colon Cancer*

Men's health will continue to be explored at the next Men's Club meeting, Thursday, March 7, at 8:15 P.M., when the group will hear a presentation about colon cancer to mark Cancer Awareness Month.

Great Neck gastroenterologist Dr. Robert Herman will give a PowerPoint presentation about colon cancer and the need for screening.

A complimentary pizza dinner will be served beginning at 7:30 P.M.

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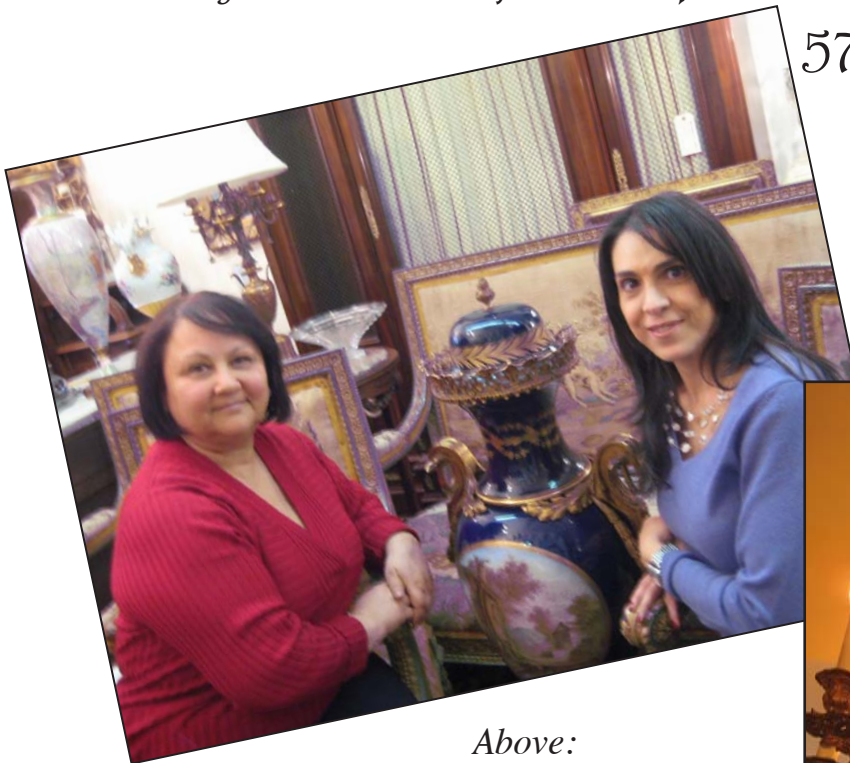
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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Kee Tissa

Saturday, March 2

We find the final details of the instructions for building the *Mishkan*, the portable wilderness sanctuary, in this portion. The reading actually begins with directions for conducting a census of those of military age by collecting a poll tax of half a shekel. The money was to be used for the maintenance of the *Mishkan*. A reminder to keep the Sabbath serves as an indication that the sanctification of time is more important even than building a sanctuary. At this point, we read that the Israelites panic over Moses' protracted absence on Mt. Sinai and demand that Aaron make a god they can see. The outcome is the golden calf. When Moses sees this egregious breach of the covenant, he breaks the tablets of the Ten Commandments. God, for His part, wants to destroy the people. Moses punishes the people and manages to assuage God's anger. Moses then returns to Sinai to rewrite the tablets. With the covenant renewed, the construction on the *Mishkan* can proceed.

Vayakhel-Pekude

Saturday, March 9

With this double portion we conclude the account of the building of the *Mishkan* and the Book of Exodus. The reading starts with a note on the Sabbath, again, emphasizing the importance of the sanctification of time. Then follows a detailed and lengthy description of the builders of the *Mishkan*, stressing their God-given artistic skill, followed by a listing of all the elements of the structure and its furnishings, noting that each one was actually built exactly as God had commanded. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the ark. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings, in the proper practical order. The creation of the priestly vestments is also recorded in equally great detail. Finally, the *Mishkan* is actually erected on the first of Nisan, thereby underscoring the idea that a new era in the life of the people has begun. With the *Mishkan* completed, it remains only to lay out the rituals and procedures which are to be conducted therein.

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Friday, March 1

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

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Saturday, March 2

Shabbat Parah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Kee Tissa*; Exodus 30:11 – 34:35; Numbers 19:1 – 22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 – 38

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Shabbat HaMishpachah 4:45 P.M.

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 5:05 P.M.

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Friday, March 8

Men's Club *Shabbat* along with Waxman High School 6:30 P.M.

Students, followed by *Shabbat* Dinner

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Saturday, March 9

Shabbat Chahodesh

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayakhel-Pekude*; Exodus 35:1 – 40:38; Exodus 12:1 – 20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18

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Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 5:15 P.M.