



Temple Israel Players Bringing Back 'The Fiddler'

By Marc Katz, Editor

"Fiddler on the Roof" is coming back to Temple Israel.

The Temple Israel Players—the congregation's theatrical troupe—has staged the classic Broadway production three times before. "As it works out," said Eileen Putterman, one of the show's producers, "we have put on the show about every ten years in the history of our group. It was a hit in 1983, and then again in 1993 and 2002. The producers thought it was time to do it again!"

The show is slated for the Crystal Ballroom stage on Saturday evening, April 27, and as a matinee performance on Sunday afternoon, April 28.

During the past few weeks The Players have been conducting show auditions. Last week they announced a huge cast, including congregants of all ages, many performing for the first time. The cast includes a number of children along with their parents. Many cast members are veterans of past Temple Israel productions.

The cast includes Robert Aizer, Harold Citron, Deborah Clayden and her daughter, Zara, Mark Cwern, Hannah Eshaghoff and her brother, Joey, Lori Freudman, Keyvan Frouzan and his daughter, Danielle, Rachel Geula, Marylin Goldberg, Dan Goldberger and his son, Eli, Brandon Greenspan, Kim and Jon Kaiman and their daughter, Iyana, Abe Kanfer and his daughter, Barrett, and Ron Klempner.

Additional cast members include Kenneth M. Leff, Andy Nadler, Gary Noren, Ofra Panzer, Harriet Picker and her son, Ari, Mark Putter and his daughter, Amanda, Eileen and Mickey Putterman, Lillian Rokhsar, Lois and Gary Sazer, Ruth Schelberg, Nancy Schoen, Robin Silberg, Diana Stein, Maxine Vogel, Debbie Volk and her daughter, Amanda, and Rebecca and Dan Wotman and their daughter, Sophia.

The team of producers who have staged many of the recent Temple Israel Players' shows are again collaborating on this production. They include Ron Klempner, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, and Lois Sazer.

Linda Burson is the stage director, Fred Gatti is the musical director, Maggie Goldberger is the choreographer, and Andrea Katz and Robert Lopatkin are the assistants to the directors.

A behind-the-scenes staff, including a stage crew, props and costume people, and set designers, are needed for the show. Congregants willing to work in these areas should contact any of the producers.

"We have performed this play every ten years in order to revisit the sensitivity of the history of 'Fiddler' for our Temple family," Mrs. Putterman said. "In addition, through all of their performances, The Players have been built into a community of all ages within our synagogue."



A large number of congregants have been named to the cast of the latest Temple Israel Players' production of "Fiddler On the Roof."

Mark Putter, one of the show producers, standing at right, gave the new cast show instructions last week. Photo by Dr. Robert Lopatkin

Helping the Needy

By Dr. Robert Panzer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel Vice President Dr. Robert Panzer spearheads the congregation's participation in Midnight Run, helping New York City's homeless. The next Midnight Run is this weekend and your help is needed, as described in this Voice Guest column.

Each year, Temple Israel participates in Midnight Run. Midnight Run is an organization started by Dale Williams, a formerly homeless person who has dedicated his life to helping those who find themselves without a place to live. Based in Dobbs Ferry, Dale serves as the co-

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ordinator for all Midnight Run activities: scheduling all of the "Runs," collection of clothing and toiletries, and distribution of these goods to the various entities that do the Midnight Runs.

The Gemilut Chesed Committee of Temple Israel collects warm men's clothing, food, and small-sized toiletries and delivers them to the homeless population of New York City. The clothing items which are useful are pants, long-sleeved shirts, coats, gloves, knit hats, and especially underwear, long underwear, white socks, winter coats, and sweat-shirts. There is also often a need for blankets and bags, such as canvas bags or gym bags.

We prepare a large number of bagged meals for each Run and then follow a prescribed route to deliver the food, toiletries, and clothing to the needy on the streets. We have always found the people we meet to be most grateful and thankful for our help. It has always been a safe experience and a very eye-opening experience for our

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FROM THE RABBI

A Safe and Challenging Space

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Stecker delivered the following remarks at Temple Israel's Annual Dinner Dance on December 16, days following the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

It's impossible for us not to think about Friday morning's shootings. They are a nightmare, unthinkable except that we have to think about them.

At the very least, a school, a synagogue, a church, should be a safe place. That's the one thing we have a right to expect, the minimum objective.

Being a safe place is about physical safety, of course. That's critical in and of itself.

But it extends beyond that.

Speaking of our *kehillah*, our Temple Israel community, I will say that our goal is for all of the children, teens and adults who enter these walls to feel safe in many different ways.

People of all ages should feel safe to explore their relationship to Jewish tradition without fearing that anyone will be looking at them funny because they don't know something or aren't observant in certain ways.

We have numerous opportunities for people to learn more and to do more, and

I believe we are succeeding in creating an atmosphere that encourages religious and spiritual growth.

People should feel safe to express viewpoints without fear of being attacked as foolish or misguided.

We have recently expanded the range

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and depth of our conversations about Israel and American Jewry. I feel that we are a community where a wide range of perspectives can be voiced without fear of reproach.

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Connections

By Alan Klinger

Much of our efforts this past year have focused on finding new ways for segments of the congregation to connect as a *kehillah*. Last year's scholar-in-residence program with Professor Ron Wolfson addressed ways we could better foster community. Part of that learning was a recognition that not all activities have to occur within the walls of our building. An enterprising group led by Lois Sazer, Carol Smolinsky, Elise Kestenbaum, Arlene Levine, Joyce Weston, Barbara Spun and Anne Hirsh recently came to

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us seeking recognition of a new group, the Empti Nesters. The plan was for the entity to be comprised of congregants who, some recently and some a few years ago, had their children leave home to pursue their futures. The thinking was that these parents, too, are facing a new phase of their lives, one where their children's daily needs would inevitably absorb less attention. By promoting a common path to fill this gap, the group serves a useful communal purpose.

The Empti Nesters' inaugural event, a progressive dinner, was an unqualified success. Two couples, the Norens and Sazers, hosted people for appetizers and drinks at their homes; four couples, the Hirshs, Kestenbaums, Moins and Westons, then provided dinner at their homes; and all finished the evening with dessert and wine at the home of Nancy and Larry Greengrass. Some 60 people participated in these various gatherings, in which they shared conversation about food (it was, of course, a Jewish-themed event), Israel and even a little about the synagogue. But less important than the individual topics considered was the camaraderie that developed, exemplified by the collective blessing of the Hanukkah candles followed by singing around the Greengrass piano.

People enjoyed spending time together. They furthered existing connections. And they even made some new friends. The Empti Nesters' next event is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 2—bowling at Sheridan Lanes in Mineola (see page

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

DR. GERARD MOSKOWITZ
esteemed member of Temple Israel

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May their memory be for a blessing.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Joyce and Burton Weston** on the birth of their granddaughter, Mia Eve Weston.
- **Ronny and Robert Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Sarah Levine.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, Feb. 1 4:54 P.M.

Friday, Feb. 8 5:02 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

Mon. & Thur. 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tues. & Wed. 7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Friday, Feb. 1 7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

Friday, Feb. 8 7:00 A.M. 5:15 P.M.

Saturday, Feb. 2 8:45 A.M. 4:35 P.M.

Saturday, Feb. 9 8:45 A.M. 4:40 P.M.

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

Next Voice Issue, Deadline

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	2	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	3	Men's Club World Wide Wrap	9:30 A.M.
	3	Waxman Youth House USY Event	4:30 P.M.
	9	"Shabbat Talk" Led by Rabbi Adelson	12:45 P.M.
	10	Temple Israel Dinner and Movie Night	6:30 P.M.
	15	Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	16	Shir A Capella Performance	12:30 P.M.
	17	Shalom Club Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	18	Bagels 'n' Box Program	11:00 A.M.
	23	Erev Purim	
	23	Purim Celebration	5:30 P.M.
	23	Purim Costume Contest for Adults	7:00 P.M.
	24	Purim	
	25	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	28	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
March	2	EMPTI Nesters Bowling Night	7:15 P.M.
	2	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	3	New Member Spiritual Welcoming	10:00 A.M.
	5	<i>Am HaSefer</i> : People of the Book Discussion "Inheriting Abraham: The Legacy of the Patriarch in Judaism, Christianity and Islam"	8:15 P.M.
	6-7	Beth HaGan Book Fair	
	8	Men's Club Shabbat Service	6:30 P.M.
	9	"Shabbat Talk"	12:45 P.M.
	10	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:30 A.M.
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Shabbat Talk Following Kiddush

February 9

A Covenant in Blood: Curiosities of God's Constitution

An examination of selected passages within Parashat Mishpatim and how to read them in relation to contemporary American law and society.

Discussion will be facilitated by Rabbi Seth Adelson in the Blue Room.

Sponsored by Temple Israel Lifelong Learning

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, from Psalm 128, was submitted by Temple Israel Past President George Abrahams, a frequent contributor to this feature. Send your suggestion to The Voice, c/o the Temple office.

“Happy is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways.

Thy wife shall be fruitful as the vine,

Thy children like olive plants, round about thy table.

Behold, surely thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

And see thy children's children. Peace be upon Israel.”

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



Allyson Hendler

Allyson Nicole Hendler will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on February 9. Her *Bat Mitzvah* was rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy. She is the daughter of Alina and Richard Hendler and has two brothers, Andrew, 19, and Justin, 17, and a sister, Danielle, 21. Allyson is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. She is the recipient of a commendation from the Town of North Hempstead for her work at Justin's Cure, her family's not-for-profit organization created to help children with Type 1 diabetes. Allyson is a member of the Great Neck travel soccer and basketball teams. She spent the summer in Israel with her family and plans to return again.



Brian Volk

Brian Alexander Volk will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on February 9. He is the son of Deborah and Judd Volk and has a brother, Ethan, 16, and a sister, Amanda, 8. Brian is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is a recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award, as well as other awards from the Religious School. Brian is a member of the Religious School Hidon HaTorah Team. He enjoys playing all sports, especially basketball and baseball, and is currently on his school basketball team, as well as a travel team. Brian plays the saxophone in his school band. He is currently attending the Waxman High School.



Ashley Youssefi

Ashley Youssefi will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on February 10. She is the daughter of Debbie and Dr. Albert Youssefi and has two brothers, Ethan, 11, and Evan, 8. Ashley is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys baking and is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House.

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FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Rosh Hodesh Cheerleaders

By Rabbi Amy Roth

Why are there signs with pictures of trees and the moon all over the school wing? Religious School students know to look for these randomly placed signs on bulletin boards, and they know that new ones appear each Jewish month. They are excited to "de-code" the sign and figure out the significance of the words and the pictures; of course, there is a prize connected with this challenge!

Our community of students gathers each month for our *Rosh Hodesh* celebration in a spirited combination of singing, dancing and greeting one another with our very own "*Hodesh Tov*," (have a good month) cheer. Traditionally, *Rosh Hodesh* is considered a holiday of sorts; we recite Hallel in services, and insert special prayers in honor of the new month. In the Religious School too, we consider *Rosh Hodesh* to be a holiday, complete with the communal experience and special foods (*Rosh Hodesh* treat).

This month, *Shevat*, is especially exciting since we are focusing on *Tu B'Shevat* in a variety of age-appropriate ways. While some classes are learning about trees of Israel, others are creating art projects (that adorn our halls) reflecting the symbolic beginning of spring with the almond blossoms on trees in Israel. Our classes also sampled many of the dried fruits that are traditional to *Tu B'Shevat* observance. *Tu B'Shevat* is also a time for concern about the environment. We learn in the Torah that God gave us the earth to care for and to protect. Our children know all about the importance of recycling and conserving paper; we are now reinforcing these priorities as Jewish values as well. What better time to focus on the environment than on *Tu B'Shevat*, *Rosh Hashanah La-Ilanot*, the new year for trees. When we put our values into action we help make them real and relevant.

Day-to-day life in the religious school is lively: I greet eager children with "on time" cards as they enter. They sing, dance and pray together. They play games and learn to read Hebrew. They practice prayers so that they will be able to lead Junior Congregation. That is the macro-picture. But I sometimes think that even a small glimpse of a defined

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First Movie Night Is a Success; Next Planned for February 10, March 10



A scene from the next Temple Israel "Dinner and a Movie Night," feature on February 10, "For My Father." For dinner reservations call 482-7800.

Reaction was so positive to Temple Israel's first "Dinner and a Movie Night" that two more are already being planned for the coming months.

The new Temple Israel Lifelong Learning program features a free Sunday night film presentation followed by a speaker who is an expert on the topic being covered in the movie. Before the movie, a dinner is available at a nominal charge.

The next movie, "For My Father," will be shown on February 10 at 7:30 P.M. It is a controversial film by an Israeli director who raises issues about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Rabbi Seth Adelson, who has lived in Israel for a considerable length of time, will discuss the picture in light of the just concluded Israeli election.

An Italian dinner will be served before the movie from Great Neck's La Pizzeria. The cost for the meal is only \$20 per person.

Reservations for dinner must be received by Friday, February 8 and can be made by calling Susan at the Temple Israel office, 482-7800 or e-mailing her at <smundhenk@tign.org>.

On March 10 the featured film will be "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 turnout for the first film showing was great," said Susan Wagner, who is chairing the movie program. "There were divergent backgrounds represented bringing about a stimulating discussion. It always helps to understand an issue from another perspective, and our initial film did just that."

The dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. and the movie begins at 7:30 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom.

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Waxman High School and Religious School students who have participated. We have also served as a mentor group to other organizations that wish to begin their own Midnight Run programs. There is currently a Midnight Run Club at Great Neck South High School and a Help the Homeless Club at Great Neck North.

Midnight Run is part of the Chesed Connection, which is an umbrella committee working with all of our *chesed* programs, such as Hatzilu, Bikur Cholim, and Yad B'Yad. More information on these can be found on Temple Israel's website at <www.tign.org>.

Our dates for Midnight Run this win-

ter are February 2 and March 2. These are Saturday nights. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at <Panzerwizardo@gmail.com> or call 487-0515.

Many have generously donated clothing for Hurricane Sandy relief. The storm has also greatly increased the homeless population of New York City, and so contributions to our Midnight Run efforts become ever more important. Donations of clothing and toiletries can be brought to the Temple Israel office at any time. Financial donations to support this and other *chesed* activities can be made to the Gemilut Chesed Fund of Temple Israel.

Nominating Committee Looking For Candidates

Temple Israel's Nominating Committee has begun to consider candidates for trustees and officers for election at the June 2013 General Membership Meeting. The committee is currently seeking suggestions of members who have demonstrated a commitment to the Temple Israel *kehillah*, the synagogue community, and the potential to help lead Temple Israel into the future.

Trustees or officers are expected to:

- Support the principles of Conservative Judaism,
- Actively participate in committee work and projects to strengthen the Temple Israel *kehillah* in a secure and well functioning facility,
- Serve as a liaison to others and to help nurture a warm and spiritually uplifting environment.

If you believe that you or a member you know would make an excellent candidate to help govern and forge the future direction of Temple Israel, contact Marty Werber, Nominating Committee chair, at <mw@werber.com> or Executive Director Leon Silverberg at <lsilverberg@tign.org> in the synagogue office, 482-7800.

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on December 15 was made by Anna and Darren Kaplan in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Taylor, and Jennifer and James Kashanian in honor of the baby naming of their daughter, Juliet Hannah.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on December 22 were made by Maria and Dr. Michael Weinstein in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Matthew, and Susan and Dr. Arden Smith in honor of the 48th anniversary of Dr. Smith's *Bar Mitzvah*.

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11). Should you fit this demographic, sign-up and be part of this effort.

New activities, of course, are not limited to this endeavor. Should you have ideas for other affinity groups or concepts, let us know. We're happy to work with you to support efforts at bringing people together to better engage within our community.



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- ☆ Best Group Costume
- ☆ Best Purim Accessory
- ☆ Best Overall Costume



TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK PRESENTS



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Join us Saturday, February 23rd, for an evening of fun, song and costumes!



Purim Pre-School and Kindergarten Service

At 6:15 PM there will be a service for Pre-Schoolers, Kindergartners and their families in the Crystal Ballroom. This service will be led by Jennifer Khoda and Donna Lefkowitz, and it will have singing and stories, followed by refreshments.

MEGILLAH READING

From 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM there will be a Megillah Reading in the Sanctuary. This service will be led by Rabbis Stecker and Adelson, and will include participation by students of the Waxman Youth House, a sing-a-long, a video presentation, and a costume contest for adults.



Minḥah, Ma'ariv and the Whole Megillah!

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Cost: \$135 for students enrolled in any Youth House programs and \$160 for all other students. Includes transportation, meals, hotel stay and Sunday Entertainment.

Register: Contact Danny Mishkin to receive all registration materials or to ask any questions at dmishkin@tign.org or 516-482-7800 x 2106. Space is limited!

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WHEN: Saturday, March 2, 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm

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A Safe and Challenging Space

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tion. Sometimes people come up to the ark at the end of the service and just want to have a private moment; people want to know that they can celebrate or commiserate in a nurturing setting, and I feel that we are doing our best to provide such an atmosphere at the daily *minyan*, at the *Shabbat kiddush* and elsewhere.

Safe doesn't mean placid or complacent. I believe that we are continually creating a community where people feel challenged and safe at the same time.

We are embarking on a campaign to deepen the programming and social networking that we offer. Our Development Committee has been meeting to refine proposals to intensify our outreach to teens and adults. We will be soliciting input for these proposals, which we believe will intensify our engagement on multiple levels.

Our honorees tonight are leaders in helping to create a safe and compelling atmosphere at Temple Israel. Joanna and David have spearheaded many initiatives aimed at our preschool families. Their energy and thoughtfulness are an inspiration to the entire Temple Israel community.

Bracha and Marty have brought their insight and experience to bear on so many aspects of our *kehillah*—the revitalization of our educational program through ReImagine, which Bracha chaired; discussions at the Ritual Committee and the House Committee, which Marty chaired. And they've always sought to keep us connected to the Conservative movement through their involvement in JTS, United Synagogue and the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.

This should be a place where we feel safe and challenged, supported and encouraged. With the inspiration of the Werbers and Eshaghoffs and so many who have worked on behalf of Temple Israel over the years, we continue to create such an atmosphere. May all of our efforts continue to bear fruit.

SABBATH SERVICES

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<i>Havurah</i> Service	10:00 A.M.
<i>Shabbat HaMishpachah</i>	10:15 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
<i>Shabbat</i> Talk	12:45 P.M.
<i>Mincha</i> and <i>Ma'ariv</i>	4:40 P.M.

Bat Mitzvah

ALLYSON HENDLER

daughter of Alina and Richard Hendler

Havdalah

6:03 P.M.

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Sunday, February 10

Morning Service

8:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah

ASHLEY YOUSEFFI

daughter of Debbie and Dr. Albert Youseffi

Rosh Hodesh Cheerleaders

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in time gives a better flavor for what goes on here. One day, as I was visiting the various classrooms, I entered a room where fourth graders were having a lively discussion about conservation and caring for the earth, and as I walked a few steps in the hall, I encountered a class rehearsing some Israeli folk dances in preparation for Tu B'Shevat. I then wound my way down the hall to the multipurpose room, where I heard the sweet voices of young children singing "Tu B'Shevat *higiya*," (Tu B'Shevat has arrived). Within a few short steps, and only minutes, I encountered the beautiful sights and sounds of Jewish children learning through discovery, art and music. Those moments are inspirational and guide us in our work here in the school and in integrating the religious school into the greater Temple Israel community.

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D'VAR TORAH

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Yitro

Saturday, February 2

In this portion we read of the greatest event in the entire history of the people Israel—the revelation at Mt. Sinai. The portion opens with an account of the visit of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, to the Israelite camp just after they have crossed the Sea. Jethro suggests an administrative arrangement to Moses, which significantly enhances Moses's effectiveness as a judge. The people then proceed to the foot of Mt. Sinai where they engage in three days of purification in preparation for God's appearance. The proclamation of the Ten Commandments itself is accompanied by smoke and fire and the sound of the shofar. The effect on the people is overwhelming, so much so that they cannot bear to hear God's voice directly and Moses serves as an intermediary. The experience of Sinai establishes a covenantal relationship between God and Israel, which is to last to eternity and put its distinctive stamp on the entire future development of the people.

Mishpatim

Saturday, February 9

We find details of the covenant entered into between God and Israel in this portion. Since the relationship is all-inclusive, we find rules pertaining to social conduct, morality, ethics, civil and criminal law and ritual concerns. Like the Ten Commandments, the source of these rules is divine. The legal material set forth here is not a code in the strict sense, since there are significant subjects not touched upon. (These subjects are, however, dealt with elsewhere in the Torah.) On the other hand, the material does make clear that God's demands of His people cover matters of conscience as well as matters usually subject to juridical control. The portion concludes with an account of the ratification of the covenant, and Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to remain there for 40 days and nights for the purpose of writing down the specific details. Thus, the freedom gained at the Exodus has now been confirmed and institutionalized in law. The next step will be to create a physical institution that will serve as the embodiment and reminder of the experience at Sinai.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, February 1

Evening Service 5:00 P.M.

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Saturday, February 2

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion:

Yitro; Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6; 9:5 - 6

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Machon Alone Family Service 10:30 A.M.

Shabbat Up Close and Personal Service 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 4:35 P.M.

Havdalah 5:55 P.M.

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Friday, February 8

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

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Saturday, February 9

Shabbat Shekalim

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion:

Mishpatim; Exodus 21:1 - 24:18; 30:11 - 16

Haftarah: II Kings 11:17 – 12:17

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