

Temple Israel Schools Come to a Close For the Year, Many Students Moving Up

Three classes of Beth HaGan students will have many children moving on to the Temple Israel Religious School.

Students in the Temple Israel schools are completing their studies for the year this week, with many making plans for the next phase of their Temple Israel religious education.

Three classes of the youngest students—four-year olds in the Beth HaGan Nursery School—participated in a graduation ceremony held last Wednesday, complete with caps and gowns, a processional, diplomas, performances by the students, and a reception for beaming parents, family, and friends sponsored by the school PTA.

Religious School students attend their final year of study at the Waxman High School, where they are urged to continue their studies after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, so a formal graduation ceremony is not held. But, scores of students received special recognition for their accomplishment during Shabbat services on June 4.

Graduating students in the Beth HaGan Butterflies class, led by teachers Miriam and Ety, sang “Oh, My Yerushalayim” and “Todah” before receiving their diplomas. They are Arel Alpert, Emilie DallaCorte, Jordan Dilmanian, Daniel Dror, David Hakimi, Chantel Javidnia, Chloe Laleh, Live Mazloumi, Joshua Nassimi, Ariel Noy, Brooke Ohebshalom, Jacob Omrani, Ariel Reshtick, David Tarnor,

Hannah Yeroshalmi, and Keira Zitter. The Dolphin class, taught by Morah Connie and Morah Hilda, sang “We Are a Nation” and “Yesh Tikvah.” The class includes Nachman Abrams, Maya Agaeliahu, Hannah Feintuch, Brendan Idelson, Danielle Karni, Aaron Lev, Hannah Liahovetsky, Justin Livian, Noah Monasebian, Tal Ohebshalom, Lielle Ostad, Natan Shamekh, Eyal Shenhav, Henry Steinberg, Brody Weinberg, and Liron Zauber.

Morah Merrie and Morah Elizabeth led the Panda class in singing “Modim Anachnu” and “Todah.” Members of the class are Emma Eshaghoff, Harris Hakimian, David Ijadi, Ziva Kalter, Bradley Makani, Michael Malekan,

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Honoring Cantor Frieder



A long list of noted cantors and Temple Israel alumni were on hand to salute Cantor Raphael Frieder on his 25th year with the congregation at the journal dinner dance and concert in his honor last Sunday. Performing were, left to right, Daniel Frankel, Cantors Dov Keren, Lauren Phillips and Elizabeth Shammash, honoree Cantor Frieder, pianist Rod Yedidia, and Cantors Sol



Zim, Henry Rosenblum and Magda Fishman. The event chairs, pictured at right surrounding Cantor Frieder, were Susan and Bob Lopatkin, at left, and Sassan and Rebecca Sassouni. For more on the concert and dinner dance, see the columns on page 2 of this issue of The Voice.

Photos by Ofra Panzer

A Thank You From the Honoree

A Voice Guest Column by Cantor Raphael Frieder

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cantor Raphael Frieder marked 25 years as a chazzan at Temple Israel at a concert and dinner in his honor last Sunday. This Guest Column contains excerpts from his address to the congregation.

As I was thinking about what to say tonight, the first thought that came to my mind was that I have no words to describe my feelings of accomplishment and gratitude. But then I stopped myself, because I thought: "Nobody wants to hear that you have no words." They want to hear real words! So, I changed course and tried to figure out a way to sum up the essence of what gives me the highest feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction from what I do.

Of course, there have been good times and challenging times, some frustrations, and many things that gave me joy. But what was the main thing that made it all so rewarding throughout these 25 years? When I was thinking about it, I quickly realized the obvious answer. It's the

people! It's all of you! You have opened your hearts to me, and allowed me to be part of your lives. You did it by being with me at services on Shabbatot and holidays, and joining in the journey of prayer by singing with me the tunes that we sing

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together, and by silently singing along with your heart the prayers that I chant out loud by myself. You did it by working with me

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On Being President

From the President

by Rob Panzer

As I reflect on my first year as president of Temple Israel, a number of things come to mind. There are far too many to write about in one column, but here are a few.

There have been numerous programs that we can be proud of, such as our Yom Kippur Symposium, and we are in the process of planning next year's symposium, which promises to be extremely interesting. We have had a number of Shabbat Talks, bringing in speakers who have educated us, challenged us and entertained us. Some of the speakers have brought up controversial issues, which I think is of great importance. It's easy to hear something with which you agree, but it's not always so easy to hear the other side of an issue.

We are nearly a year into a strategic planning process that will give us a road map for the next several years. This process has involved many members of the congregation, some who have been involved in the past and, more importantly, some who have been uninvolved. The process was open to the entire congregation and we're glad that so many have chosen to participate. This process has allowed us to challenge some notions that we have had and forced us to look at ourselves with a critical eye. We will be writing a comprehensive report and presenting it to the congregation upon completion of the process.

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There have been changes made to our website, adding new material and allowing us to make contributions online. Two of the major issues we need to attend to are membership and fund-raising. How do we deal with these most important issues in what is a very challenging environment? These are some of the conversations that we will be having as we look to the future.

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In Gratitude to Cantor Raphael Frieder

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Howard Stecker's heart-felt comments about Cantor Frieder at the Journal Dinner Dance are excerpted in this column.

My first extended meeting with Cantor Frieder took place over lunch at his house while I was in the process of applying for the position of senior rabbi. I only vaguely remember what we talked about. But I well remember eating the most perfectly roasted piece of salmon accompanied by finely chopped Israeli salad lightly dressed in a

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sublime tahini dressing. And I remember feeling, on multiple levels, that I was in the presence of someone of unusual talent.

Cantor Frieder excels at things that most people attempt with significantly less

success. Many people cook, but few do it nearly as successfully as he does. If I may dare to transition from one set of scales to another, I would say the same about Cantor Frieder's cantorial talents. There are very few people, including trained cantors, who lead a congregation in prayer as masterfully as he does. The confluence of vocal capacity, musicality, encyclopedic knowledge and sensitivity to congregational dynamics that he brings to his sacred work is virtually unparalleled.

Our cantor's outstanding talent and international reputation go hand-in-hand with a willingness to work tirelessly to enable countless students, adults, as well as children, to maximize their potential. Though we may have come to expect

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In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends
condolences to the families of:

MAX JAROLEM

husband of Susan Jarolem,
father of Ilene Jarolem and
esteemed member of Temple Israel

SARAH KRAMER

mother of Noelle Parket
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

RUTH SLAYEN

sister of Dr. Bernard Boal

HADASSA GREEN

mother of Adina Green Breidbart

ETHEL SMOLINSKY

mother of Steven Smolinsky

May their memories be for a blessing.

Upcoming Events

June 11

Kol Ishah Service 9:00 A.M.
Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 7:00 P.M.
Waxman High School Shavuot
Program 8:15 P.M.

June 12

Shavuot Family Get-Together
and Potluck Snack 3:00 P.M.

June 12-13

Shavuot

June 14

Sisterhood Lunch & Read Club Noon
Mah Jongg for Beginners 7:00 P.M.

June 16

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

June 21

Sisterhood Presents: "Jews in
Colonial America: The Life and
Times of the Gomez Family" Noon

Mah Jongg for Beginners 7:00 P.M.

June 27

Beth HaGan Summer Program Begins

June 30

Beth HaGan Challah Bake Memorial
Fund-raiser 7:00 P.M.

Men's Club Texas Hold 'Em Night 7:30 P.M.

July 21

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

August 13

Erev Tish'ah Be'av

August 14

Tish'ah Be'av

August 18

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

August 28

Temple Israel Trip to a Long Island
Ducks Game 5:05 P.M.

New Members of Board Elected, Budget Approved

Eight congregants were elected to the Board of Trustees at the Membership Meeting held earlier this month. In addition, the operating budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was adopted.

The meeting, chaired by President Rob Panzer, heard an address by Rabbi Howard Stecker and a thank you from Cantor Raphael Frieder, who was the honoree at the Dinner Dance held the night before.

Membership Committee Chair Ofra Panzer reported on recruitment efforts by the committee to reach out to the community to tell of Temple Israel activities. Reports from school directors and Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber were sent to the congregation.

Elected to the Board for a first term were David Eshaghoff, Andrea Katz, Jerrold Schlessel, and Debbie Volk. Re-elected for a second term were Keyvan Frouzan, Rachel Geula, Audrey Kent Itzkowitz, and Burton Weston.

A detailed report on the budget was given by Finance Committee Chair Susan Lopatkin, who answered questions about the budget from the congregation. It calls for no increase in dues or Religious School tuition for the coming year.



Temple Israel volunteers, with Rabbi Schweber in light jacket, at the Town's 'Israelfest.'

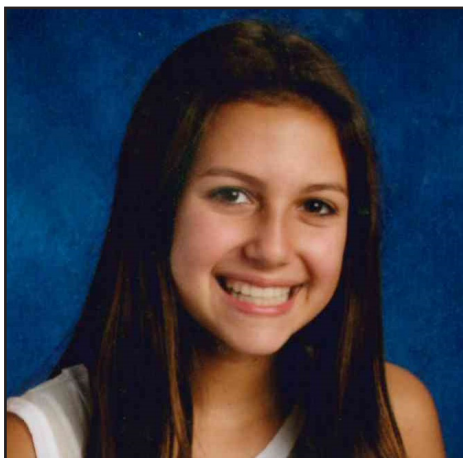
Temple Israel Participates In Town's 'Israelfest'

Temple Israel was well represented at the Town of North Hempstead's recent "Israelfest." More than 20 organizations, under the auspices of UJA, participated in the celebration of Israel, which included inflatables, face painting, tattoos, music, and lots of kosher food.

"We had a wonderful booth dedicated to our partnership with our sister congregation, Kehillat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon," said Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni. "Many people stopped by to learn about our congregation as well as Netzach Israel, to participate in crafts and stamp a 'passport' to Israel."

Temple Israel's participation was planned by Jackie Astrof, Susan Buckler, Veronica Bisek Lurvey, Edith Robbins, and Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, as well as Rabbis Howard Stecker, Daniel Schweber and Amy Roth. The Temple Israel booth, tent and crafts were underwritten by the congregation's Israel Affairs Fund.

B'nai/B'not Mitzvah In Our Temple Israel Family



Rebecca Nahavandi

Rebecca Nahavandi will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on June 18. She is the daughter of Ellen and Babak Nahavandi and has two sisters, Hannah, 15, and Jessica, 11, and a brother, Joshua, 5. Rebecca is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing tennis and swimming. Rebecca is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel with her family in the near future.

'Congratulations, Graduates'

The next issue of The Voice will publish the names of the daughters and sons of Temple Israel families who will be receiving college or postgraduate degrees. To be listed, parents of students should complete this form and return it to The Voice, "Congratulations, Graduates," c/o the Temple office, by July 22.

Name of Graduate:

Son/Daughter of:

College:

Degree:

Awards:

School Year Comes to a Close

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Lila Mishkin, Joshua Nahavandi, Lillah Robenzadeh, Talia Tabarzia, Ethan Trokel, and Benjamin Zadka.

As a finale, all of the students sang "Hashem Yimhoch" and "Hakol Letovah" before the reception. Music was provided by Irene Okner.

Religious School Awards

Religious School students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, behavior and class attendance, and who meet or exceed the school's requirements for participation in services and family education programs are named Judaic Scholars.

This year's Judaic Scholars' inductees include: Serena Askari, Zachary Astrof, David Bernstein, Noah Bernstein, Rebecca Bernstein, Ethan Bloom, Matthew Bloom, Alec Blumberg, Raphaella Covitt, Alexis Dorf, Zachary Dorf, Sophia Gal, Rena Geula, Alex Gottlieb, Ariel Greenblatt, Ilan Greenblatt, Ava Hoffman, Elliot Kassin, Eden Katz, Ariel Kermani, Raphael Kermani, Dylan Kohanim, Lauren Kohanim, Elizabeth Lev, Karina Makhani, Elizabeth Matalon, Brandon Noghrei, Emily Noghrei, Emanuel Nysenbaum, Allison Parnes, Chloe Roofeh, Brian Scheidt, Harry Scheidt, Nancy Schoen, Alexandra Schweber, Natallie Schweber, Amanda Volk, Sigal Weitzman, and Eric Yachbes.

Religious School students who read from the Torah during Junior Congregation or during Shabbat HaMishpachah services belong to the Torah Troupe. They include: Serena Askari, Mia Bachrach, Noah Bernstein, Rebecca Bernstein, Matthew Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Alec Blumberg, Rafaella Covitt, Alexis Dorf, Sophia Gal, Rena Geula, Ariel Greenblatt, Ilan Greenblatt, Leila Hawa, Liana Kase, Eden Katz, Ariel Kermani, Raphi Kermani, Dylan Kohanim, Sam Lurvey, Karina Makhani, Matthew Manesh, Sean Manesh, Emanuel Nysenbaum, Aaron Ohebshalom, Adam Ohebshalom, Alison Parnes, Bella Rastegar, Chloe Roofeh, Nancy Schoen,

Alexandra Schweber, Natalie Schweber, Maya Somekh, Elliot Tabaroki, Sigal Weitzman, and Eric Yachbes.

Students who have been continuously enrolled in the Temple Israel Religious Schools from grades 2-7 and have been named Judaic Scholars in at least four of the last five years are recognized by METNY, the New York District of United Synagogue, receive a Keter Torah Award and membership in the Keter Torah Honor Society. This year's members are: Jared Astrof, Amelia Blumberg, Aliza Fine, Alexander Geula, and Elie Weitzman.

To be in the Chai Club, Religious School students must attend a minimum of 13 services and five Family Education Programs with a parent or grandparent. Named to the Chai Club are: Rebecca Bernstein, Abigail Bernstein, Jacob Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Raphaella Covitt, Maxwell Covitt, Rena Geula, Liana Kase, Lily Kase, Elliot Kassin, Eden Katz, Shira Khoda, Riley Kurpiel, Elizabeth Lev, Charlotte Nerayoff, Emily Noghrei, Brandon Noghrei, Emanuel Nysenbaum, Matthew Nysenbaum, Allison Parnes, Jacklyn Parnes, Nancy Schoen, Alexandra Schweber, Natalie Schweber, Sigal Weitzman, Gabriel Weitzman, Eric Yachbes, and Olivia Yachbes.

Students must attend a minimum of eight services and five Family Education Programs with a parent or grandparent to be in the 13 Mitzvot Club. Members include: Serena Askari, Zachary Astrof, Samantha Becker, Noah Bernstein, David Bernstein, Sam Bernstein, Matthew Bloom, Ian Bloom, Ethan Bloom, Alec Blumberg, Alexis Dorf, Zachary Dorf, Sophia Gal, Elliot Ganjian, Alex Gottlieb, Ilan Greenblatt, Ariel Greenblatt, Emet Greenblatt, Ava Hoffman, Kylie Hoffman, Raphael Kermani, Ariel Kermani, Dylan Kohanim, Lauren Kohanim, Karina Makhani, Ethan Makhani, Elizabeth Matalon, Jacqueline Matalon, Solomon Matalon, Brandon Etan Reed, Julia Miriam Reed, Chloe Roofeh, Harry Scheidt, Noah Scheidt, Brian Scheidt, Maya Somekh, and Amanda Volk.

Men's Club Holds Another Successful Blood Drive

Blood was drawn at the Men's Club's recent Blood Drive! More than 50 people donated blood and 41 whole blood pints and ten automated red cell donations were collected.

"The gift of life is the single greatest gift one person can give to another. It is truly wonderful that we have people who feel the need to give something back to the community—to give a gift of such magnitude to people they may never meet," said Dr. Charles I. Adler, the chair of the event.

The Men's Club thanks Iris Adler, Len Katz, Kenneth M. Leff, Dave Scherr, Dan Weinstein, Ashley Nemiroff, Van Frankel, Howard Spun, Marc Langsner, Sam Husney, and Jeff Fleit for their efforts in making the event a success.

The following people participated in the blood drive: Charles Adler, Reni Altman, Michael Becker, Ellen Birnbaum, Debra Bykoff, Daryoosh Chaman, Susan Chin, David Damaghi, Geoffrey Epstein, David Eshaghoff, Navid Farajollah, Ramin Farajollah, Jeffrey Farkas, Sheryl Fine, Renee Fleischer, Emily Frank, Alan Freedman, Keyvan Frouzan, Samuel Gottlieb, Maurice Harounian, Elias Hawa, Shahram Homopour, Robert Kahen, Abraham Kanfer, Leonard Katz, Payam Kermani, Ronald Klempner, Alicia Lev, and Theodore Lev.

Also, Michael Leventhal, Laurence Lewitas, Stuart Lubert, Joe Mashieh, Babak Mirjani, David Ohebshalom, Ofra Panzer, Rebecca Phillips, Neal Picker, Joseph Rastegar, Hal Rothbaum, Susan Rubin, Gary Sazer, Joni Scheidt, Andrew Schultz, Jeffrey Schwartz, Farhad Shirazi, Jacqueline Shirian, Craig Smolow, Joshua Smolow, Howard Spun, Karel Tanenbaum, Randi Weiler, Alan Weinberg, Richard Wender, and David Zielenziger.

The Day the Trucks Came to Visit



Beth HaGan students marked a school tradition, Truck Day, by touring a variety of trucks in the Temple Israel parking lot recently. The Seals class, pictured, visited a fire truck and Nassau County Police car.



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it, we should step back and recognize how unusual it is for b'nei mitzvah and adult participants to be as universally well-prepared as they are under his direct tutelage and supervision.

I feel very blessed to be able to share the spiritual work of our community with Cantor Frieder. I always know that he will bring the utmost in professionalism and passion to every endeavor on and off the bimah and that he will bring his considerable insight and concern to every conversation we have regarding the well-being of individual congregants. I also know that I can rely on his friendship to offer me a supportive ear when I have something professional or personal to share.

One of the most poignant moments in our liturgy is when we thank God for the miracles "that are with us every day." Tonight, Deanna and I join with our entire community in expressing gratitude for the many gifts that Cantor Frieder offers us each and every day. His gifts are remarkable and truly worth celebrating.

On Being President

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I have discovered that being president is a bit like being a firefighter. Issues come up that, if attended to quietly and quickly, are resolved fairly easily. I hope everyone has a relaxing, healthy, and enjoyable summer. As always, I can be reached at robpanzer18@gmail.com.

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the kiddush on March 19 were made by Jacqueline and Ira Nesenoff in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Heather, and by Michele and Farshad Tabaroki in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jasmine.

The congregational kiddush on March 26 was sponsored by Drs. Laura and Robert Gal in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emily.

The congregational kiddush on April 2 was co-sponsored by Regina and Shaun Ajodan in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan, and by Ronda and Andrew Bloom in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their son, Matthew.

The congregational kiddush on April 9 was co-sponsored by Marlene and Morton Leichter in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jack, and by Deborah and Benjamin Turofsky in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Isaac.

The congregational kiddush on April 16 was sponsored by Lisa and Jeffrey Goodwin in honor of the Benei Mitzvah of their twin sons, Benjamin and Eli.

Contributions toward the kiddush on May 7 were made by Joanna and Steve Cronin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jackson, by Simone and Robert Kahen on the *yahrzeit* of Mrs. Kahen's mother, Jamileh Brookhim, and by Sima Tæid in memory of her father, Nourollah Fouladian.

Temple Lites . . .

• **Paula Charry, Renee Altman Fleischer, Elsa Friedman, Lori Freudman, Judy Greenstein, Hermine Plotnick, and Ellen Rosen** will be participating in the next Na'aleh Women's Ensemble performance, under conductor and flutist Shira Fishkin and pianist Guy Brewer, on Sunday, June 28, at 3 P.M. at Temple Israel. Titled "Jewish Music for Your Soul on a Summer Sunday," the performance will feature songs, psalms and prayers in English, Hebrew Ladino, and Yiddish. For further information and to purchase tickets, priced at \$18, call 466-8428 or 482-7480.

Sabbath Services

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Saturday, July 2

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Shelah
Numbers 13:1–15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1–24

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:50 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:57 P.M.
Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

Friday, July 8

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 9

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Korah
Numbers 16:1–18:32
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14–12:22

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:55 P.M.
Havdalah 9:10 P.M.

Friday, July 15

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 16

Morning Service
Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Hukkat
Numbers 19:1–22:1
Haftarah: Judges 11:1–33

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:45 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:15 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:52 P.M.
Havdalah 9:07 P.M.

Friday, July 22

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

Saturday, July 23

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Balak

Numbers 22:2–25:9
Haftarah: Micah 5:6–6:8

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder following kiddush
Minhah 7:45 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:15 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:47 P.M.
Havdalah 9:02 P.M.

Friday, July 29

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 30

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Pinehas
Numbers 25:10–30:1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1–2:3

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:35 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:05 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:40 P.M.
Havdalah 8:55 P.M.

Mazal Tov To...

Gail and Jeffrey Zahler

on the birth of their granddaughter,
Ryan Mollie Flaum.

Nicole and Gary Mazer

on the birth of their son,
Dylan Michael Mazer.

Donna and Larry Ludwig

on the birth of their grandson,
Jonah Mordechai Ludwig-Brown.

Lauretta and Herbert Feldman

on the birth of their granddaughter,
Leie Feldman.

Helen Davis

on the birth of her great-grandson,
Noah Parker Gallin.

Susan Jarolem

on the marriage of her daughter,
Ilene, to Adam LeRea.

Ellen and Mark D. Birnbaum

on the engagement of their son,
Jonathan, to Lauren Haffer.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, June 10 8:08 P.M.

Friday, June 17 8:11 P.M.

Friday, June 24 8:12 P.M.

Friday, July 1 8:12 P.M.

Friday, July 8 8:11 P.M.

Friday, July 15 8:07 P.M.

Friday, July 22 8:03 P.M.

Friday, July 29 7:56 P.M.

Daily Minyan Times

Sunday, June 12 (Shavuot – Day 1)
9:00 A.M. 8:20 P.M.

Monday, June 13 (Shavuot – Day 2)
9:00 A.M. 8:25 P.M.

Monday, July 4
8:15 P.M. 8:00 P.M.

Monday & Thursday
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Wed., July 6 (Rosh Hodesh Tammuz)
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Temple Israel Museum Acquires Rare Bezalel Spice Container for Collection

The Temple Israel Museum has obtained an olivewood spice container from the Bezalel Workshops, the first such piece in its collection.

The Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts was founded by noted European sculptor Boris Schatz in Jerusalem in 1906. It closed in 1929. Items produced there are called "The Old Bezalel" because the school re-opened in the late 1930s and continues until today.

This spice container is from the first period, probably made between 1910 and 1920 and has a round base with a central column leading to a circular main section and has four round cartouches in black ink connected by a decorative band. One cartouche has the last three words of the blessing for the spices, the second has the last three words for Havdalah, the third has a multi-colored vignette of Jerusalem, while the fourth says "Bezalel Yerushalayim" in Hebrew. The upper half (which unscrews from the mid-section) is of tapering steeple shape with four holes, and a round finial top.

This form has served as the prototype for many modern olivewood spice containers produced in Israel.

The handsome piece is available for dedication in memory of or in honor of any special occasion. Call the Temple Israel office for details, 482-7800.



New to the Temple Israel Museum: a rare Bezalel spice container.

Sisterhood Presents JEWS IN COLONIAL AMERICA

THE LIFE & TIMES OF THE GOMEZ FAMILY

Featuring Guest Speaker: Dr. Ruth K. Abrahams

Executive Director of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House
and the Gomez Mill House Museum and Historic Site

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 • NOON

Program Begins With a Complimentary Lunch

Free for Paid-Up Sisterhood Members

Guests \$15 per person

Reservations Required by June 16

Contact Karen at 487-3048 or Laura at laurab44@optonline.net

Men and Women Welcome to Attend

From Generation to Generation

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In honor of:
Heather Nesenoff, daughter of Jacqueline and Ira Nesenoff, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*
Jasmine Tabaroki, daughter of Michele and Farshad Tabaroki, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*
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Danielle Frouzan, daughter of Mina and Keyvan Frouzan, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*
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In appreciation of:
Rabbi Schweber leading the Second Night Seder
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Rabbi Schweber for officiating at the funeral service and reciting kaddish for his mother,
Hannah Berman
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In appreciation of:
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monumental events they have recently experienced. The Mishkan will become a “mobile Sinai,” and its location at the center of the camp will provide focus for the Israelites on their journey.

Naso Saturday, June 18

In this portion we continue the final preparations at Sinai for the resumption of the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. The numbering of the Levitical families and assignment of portage duties for the Mishkan is concluded. Several laws dealing with the purity of the camp and the family are then promulgated, including a trial by ordeal for a woman suspected of adultery. These are followed by a description of the restrictions incumbent upon any person who takes a Nazarite vow as an act of special piety. Nazarites must refrain from drinking wine or alcohol, from cutting hair and coming into contact with the dead for a specified period of time. Moses is then instructed to teach Aaron a special three-fold blessing which he is to use in blessing the people. The portion ends with a detailed account of the gifts brought by the princes of the tribes on the occasion of the dedication of the Mishkan. The gifts were identical, yet they had different symbolic meanings for each tribe. The offering of identical gifts by the tribes, regardless of their size, emphasized the equality of each tribe and each person before God.

Beha'alotekha Saturday, June 25

The march to the Promised Land finally begins in this portion. Among the last details dealt with at Sinai are preparation of the lamps of the menorah, dedication of the Levites to their duties, observance of Passover on the 14th day of the first month in the second year after the Exodus and the making of two silver trumpets to be sounded as a signal to assemble, to break camp or to take note of other special occasions. As soon as the people began their march, they began to complain. In response to Moses' cry for help, God instructs him to gather 70 elders to assist him in leading the people. Miriam and Aaron then challenge Moses' role as prophet. God vindicates Moses by punishing Miriam. These incidents of selfishness, even in the faith of God's miracles, set a pattern that becomes a prominent theme of Scripture—the struggle to raise man above himself.

Shelah Saturday, July 2

In this portion the Israelites approach the border of Canaan and Moses sends 12 princes of the tribes to scout the land. Among them are Caleb and Joshua. The scouts' mission is to investigate the natural properties of the land and evaluate the strength of its people. After 40 days, the scouts return bearing a single cluster of grapes so heavy that it takes two men to carry it on a pole between them. They report that the land is indeed bountiful, but it is inhabited by powerful people living in fortified cities. The scouts maintain that the Israelites are too weak to conquer the land, but Caleb and Joshua argue that if the people have faith in God and His promise they will be able to overcome the inhabitants. The people accept the majority report, thus incurring God's wrath. He decrees that they will spend 40 years in the wilderness, until an entire generation dies out and a free generation grows up.

Korah Saturday, July 9

We find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron in this portion. The reading details the rebellion led by Korah, a Levite, and two members of the tribe of Reuben, Dathan and Abiram. They accuse Moses and Aaron of unduly raising themselves above the community of Israelites, all of whom are holy. Moses tells the people that God will resolve the issue by accepting or rejecting an incense offering. He further declares that if the rebels die an unnatural death it will be a sign of vindication for him and Aaron. Following the test, Korah and his associates are swallowed up by the earth and fire destroys 250 of the rebels. Aaron is further vindicated in a test involving his staff which sprouts almond blossoms overnight. With the roles of Aaron, his sons and the Levites in connection with the Mishkan firmly established, a list of emoluments is granted to them in return for their work. Thus, the leadership of the Israelites is made secure at a time when the people are still struggling to define and determine its destiny.

Hukat Saturday, July 6

In this portion we cover the 38 years of the wilderness wandering. The reading opens with instructions for the most peculiar ritual in the Torah—the slaughtered red cow whose ashes mixed with water are used to purify anyone who comes in contact with a corpse. In the purification process, people who are already pure and touch the mixture become impure and must themselves undergo a different process of purification. The reading skips over most of the events of the wilderness wandering without comment and continues in the land of Moab. The people again complain of lack of water, and God tells Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and produce water. Moses, however, strikes the rock with his staff. Water comes forth, but God declares that this action shows lack of faith, and neither Moses nor Aaron will be permitted to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites wage several battles and win, thus demonstrating that the new generation is ready to attempt the conquest of the land. However, the problems of obedience to God and understanding the responsibilities of leadership have still not been completely resolved.

Balak Saturday, July 23

Balak, King of Moab, becomes alarmed at the victory of the Israelites over the Amorites in this portion. Fearing that the Israelites are too powerful to defeat in battle, Balak sends messengers to the renowned prophet Balaam in Mestopotamia to summon him to Moab in order to curse the Israelites. At first God instructs Balaam that he is not to go. Balak, however, sends a second set of messengers to plead with Balaam, and God agrees that the prophet can go to Moab on the clear understanding that he will only speak as God commands him. Once in Moab, Balaam blesses the Israelites three different times instead of cursing them. Balak is furious and sends the prophet home, but Balaam first prophesies the destruction of Moab and the neighboring countries. The future of Israel now seems bright, indeed, but the promise is immediately dashed when the people are enticed to participate in the idolatrous cult of Baal-peor. The unique relationship with God is still not firmly enough established.

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Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Tisha B'Av issue, will be published on Friday, August 5. The deadline for that issue is Friday, July 22. Have a nice summer!

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Pinehas Saturday, July 30

In this portion, we read that Pinehas, the grandson of Aaron, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of Baal-peor by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time. We now turn to the preparations for the conquest of the Promised Land. Moses takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives Moses instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. Moses is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate Joshua as his successor. The reading concludes with a calendar of the festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every Shabbat and festival after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.

A Thank You From the Honoree

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Bamidbar Saturday, June 11

We begin the Book of Numbers in this portion. For about a year, the Israelites had been camped at the foot of Sinai where they witnessed the revelation, built the Mishkan and were instructed in its operation. Now they are ready to resume the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. The people are organized into a military camp to enable them to undertake a march through hostile environments, both natural and human. The first order of business is a census of all males over 20, except Levites. The tribes are then assigned positions in a square surrounding the Mishkan. Finally, the Levites are assigned special duties in connection with the Mishkan and numbered separately. The physical arrangement of the camp will serve to remind the people on the march of the

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Saturday, June 11 *Leyl Shavuot*

Morning Service/

Shabbat Kol Ishah 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar

Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

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Minhah 7:00 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:30 P.M.

Ma'ariv 9:00 P.M.

Havdalah 9:15 P.M.

Friday, June 17

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 18

Morning Service

Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Naso

Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

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Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:56 P.M.

Havdalah 9:11 P.M.

Friday, June 24

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 25

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha

Numbers 8:1 – 12:16

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

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Ma'ariv 8:57 P.M.

Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

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