

## Temple Israel Schools Conducting Year Ending Celebrations, Graduations



Temple Israel Waxman High School graduating class of 2017, left to right, Hannah Gal, Elliot Horowitz, Rachel Pourmoradi, School Director Danny Mishkin, Leila Shirian, Ben Newman, Victoria Sedgh, Leah Klempner, Delilah Harounian, and Josh Putter.

*Voice photo by Ofra Panzer*

Temple Israel's three schools are holding closing ceremonies, as students—ranging from pre-school to those about to enter college—complete their Jewish education in the Waxman High School, Religious School and Beth HaGan Nursery School.

Students at the Waxman High School marked the completion of their Jewish studies with the congregation during a graduation ceremony and end-of-year banquet last month attended by more than 100 parents, family and friends. In addition, the ceremony said farewell to the school's director, Danny Mishkin, who is leaving the position after six-years of leading the school and serving as the Temple Israel's director of youth engagement.

Temple Israel's Religious School closing  
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## A Temple Israel Concert In the Park



A large crowd was on-hand on a sunny Sunday afternoon in May when Temple Israel brought a celebration of Yom Yerushalayim—marking the 50th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem—to the community. The program, in



Great Neck's Jonathan Ielpi Park on Grace Avenue, featured Temple Israel Cantor Raphael Frieder and Cantor Magda Fishman of Temple Beth-El in Stamford, Connecticut—and lots of singing and dancing.

*Voice photos by Bob Lopatkin*

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## Join the Men's Club!

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### **A Voice Guest Column** by Marc Langsner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Men's Club Program Chairman Marc Langsner invites you to be a part of this busy arm of the congregation in this Voice Guest Column.

The Men's Club, which has been in existence at Temple Israel for more than 60 years, has always been made up of members who are committed to making Conservative Judaism a living and growing force in our community.

We accomplish this by developing and implementing programs in religion, education, social activities and public affairs. Thankfully, our past presidents and trustees remain very active and continue to contribute to our programming and event planning. As the Men's Club supports our synagogue, in return the synagogue membership, our clergy and our office staff support the Men's Club.

During the past year the Men's Club sponsored many programs and events. Next fall we will begin our year of more

than 20 programs with our annual opening breakfast, where we feature guest speakers and invite the entire congregation to attend. Other annual events include the Yom Kippur Breakfast, the Rabbinic Dialogue with Rabbi Stecker and other leading clergy from Great Neck synagogues, two annual

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### **We welcome you!**

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blood drives, the World Wide Wrap, the Yom Hashoah Yellow Yahrzeit Candle Program, the second night Passover seder, and our annual Friday night service and dinner led by Men's Club members trained by Cantor Frieder.

We also attend professional football and baseball games, have a Scotch and  
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## Celebrating Jerusalem 50 Years Later

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

Jerusalem Day, "Yom Yerushalayim," was established in 1968 to commemorate Israel's victory during the Six Day War. The victory saved Israel from attack by her enemies and, among other things, resulted in renewed access to the Kotel, the Western Wall.

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There are two divergent approaches to commemorating Yom Yerushalayim, both of which I find problematic. One is to avoid celebrating altogether, in order to acknowledge the occupation of the Palestinians in the West Bank as a negative outcome of the 1967 victory. The other is to celebrate triumphantly, especially in the Muslim quarter of the Old City, blatantly reminding its residents of their defeat.

I urge a third approach. We should indeed celebrate on Yom Yerushalayim.

Had the Six Day War ended differently, it might well have meant the end of the State of Israel. For her very survival, Israel needed to win that war against her enemies who were, let's not forget, chanting "death to the Jews," "death to Israel," weeks before Israel launched a preemptive attack. Failure to celebrate, as I see it, constitutes a failure to give thanks for Israel's very survival.

But the celebration should not be triumphant or spiteful. We should continue to advocate for dialogue and diplomacy between Israelis and Palestinians with the goal of a two-state solution and a lasting peace. Rubbing our enemies' noses in their defeat will hardly bring us closer to that goal.

Yossi Klein Halevi, Senior Hartman Fellow and author of *Like Dreamers*, an extended look at the lives of the paratroopers who gained access to

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## Brainstorming

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### **From the President** by Rob Panzer

At our Board of Trustees meeting last week, those present participated in a brainstorming exercise at the suggestion of one of our trustees, Andrew Bloom.

At the previous board meeting, Andrew suggested that we spend too much time focusing on negatives and that we should spend more time concentrating on what we do well, and how we might be able to leverage those things. The list of positives grew to be quite lengthy and covered many parts of synagogue life. A small sampling includes the schools, Men's Club and Sisterhood programming, congregant-led services,

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pastoral care when there is a loss, and our diversity. The list was too extensive to report on in its entirety, but it became obvious to all that there really is quite a lot that our congregation provides.

Some other things quickly became apparent as well. We need to do a better job communicating with our own members and the community at large. Many programs are open to the greater Great Neck community and the wider Jewish community, and these programs afford us the opportunity to present ourselves in a positive light.

In an environment where attracting new members is challenging, it is incumbent that we present ourselves in a positive way and that we keep the negativity at bay. Good news travels, bad news seems to travel at a much faster pace. If there are ideas for programs and for communication ideas out there, please feel free to bring them to us. We can always use some fresh ideas!

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### **Next Voice, Deadline**

The next issue of *The Voice*, the Tisha B'av issue, will be published on Friday, July 7. The deadline for that issue is Friday, June 23.

## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends  
condolences to the families of:

### JOSEPH TANENBAUM

husband of Bernice Tanenbaum,  
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and Richard Tanenbaum  
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### MILTON POSNER

husband of Leila Posner,  
father of Suzanne Posner-Katz,  
Alan Posner and Steven Posner  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### PAUL BERMAN

husband of Marjorie Weinberg-Berman  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Daily Minyan Times

**Friday, June 2, 9, 16 & 23, 30 & July 7**  
7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### Sunday

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

**Monday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 & July 3, 10**  
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27**  
7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

### Tuesday, July 4

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

### Tuesday, July 11

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

**Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21 & 28  
& July 5, 12**

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

**Thursday, June 8, 15, 22 & 29  
& July 6, 13**

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

## Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, June 2**

8:02 P.M.

**Friday, June 9**

8:07 P.M.

**Friday, June 16**

8:10 P.M.

**Friday, June 23**

8:12 P.M.

**Friday, June 30**

8:12 P.M.

**Friday, July 7**

8:11 P.M.

## Upcoming Events

### June 4

Celebrate Israel Parade in  
New York City 11:00 A.M.  
(Buses leave Temple Israel at Noon)

### June 5

Sisterhood presents "Artificial  
Intelligence—Are Humans  
Obsolete?" Noon  
Congregational Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### June 6

Sisterhood Lunch and Read Noon  
TILL Mini-Series:  
"Faith vs Reason" 7:30 P.M.

### June 9

Shabbat Sing-Along in  
the Park 4:30 P.M.

### June 10

Family Summer Kick-Off Picnic Noon

### June 11

Temple Israel Flea Market 9:00 A.M.  
New Member Welcoming  
Ceremony 5:30 P.M.  
New Member Dinner 6:15 P.M.

### June 13

Beth HaGan Graduation 9:30 A.M.

### June 15

Shalom Club Dinner 6:30 P.M.  
Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### June 19 -23

Beth HaGan Nursery School  
Transition Week

### June 22

Men's Club Meeting, Texas Hold 'Em  
and Backgammon Night 7:30 P.M.

### July 20

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

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



## Sahar Tartak

Sahar Juliet Tartak will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on June 10. She is the daughter of Shahnaz Malekan and Ben-Zion Tartak and has a brother, Omeed, 16. Sahar is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is a student government officer and was student body president in the sixth grade. Sahar is a member of the Tri-Music Honor Society, has participated in NYSSMA, All County Music Festival, Carnegie Hall Chorus and violin since fifth grade. Sahar plans to continue attending the Waxman High School.



## Samuel Lurvey

Samuel Lurvey will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 17. He is the son of Veronica Bisek Lurvey and Jonathan Lurvey and has a brother, Jacob, 14. Samuel is a seventh grade student at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island where he will continue studying following his Bar Mitzvah. He plans to visit Israel for the third time soon.



## Ryan Rokhsar

Ryan Mordechai Rokhsar will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on June 24. He is the son of Yas and Arman Rokhsar and has a sister, Sophie, 15, and a brother, Benjamin, 9. Ryan is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School, where he is in honors math classes. He is the recipient of a New York State Reading Award. Ryan plans to visit Israel with his family this summer.

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Religious School Torah trope readers for April and May with School Director Rabbi Amy Roth include Elliot Tabaroki, left, and Sam Bagon, center. At right are Jackie Matalon, Elizabeth Matalon, Justine Khadavi, Zachary Dorf,

Rebecca Bernstein, Ben Landerer, Shira Khoda, Elliot Kassin, Brian Scheidt, and Jacob Ohebshalom. Missing from photos are Liana Kase, Alec Blumberg, Alex Victory, Cecelia Albin, and Noah Bernstein.

## Schools Conducting Year Ending Celebrations

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ceremonies were held last week as students move on to study at the Waxman High School.

Beth HaGan Nursery School Butterfly and Dolphin classes, numbering 25 students, will mark their graduation on June 14 in a ceremony in the Crystal Ballroom.

### Waxman High School

Eight students graduated from the Waxman High School, each telling those assembled why attending the school was meaningful to them and why they plan to continue their Jewish education in college.

The graduates include Delilah Harounian, Victoria Sedgh, Rachel Pourmoradi, Joshua Putter, Benjamin Newman, Elliot Horowitz, Hannah Gal, and Leah Klempner.

"We were first made to go to the school by our parents," several of the students said. "Very shortly after, we wanted to go on our own. And then, we couldn't stay away."

Each graduate received a gift of a book specifically selected for them, reflecting their interest in the Jewish community. "This class was unique," Mr. Mishkin said, "because it was equally split between students from northern and southern Great Neck. The students were not the best of friends when they began their studies, but grew closer as the years went on. They each carved out their own area of the Youth House that was meaningful to them, and each found their own path to Judaism.

"I am sure they will be leaders on their college campus and will strengthen their new Jewish community as they did at the Youth House."

Mr. Mishkin was presented with a farewell gift, a book of pictures of his involvement with students during his years at the Waxman High School and Youth House, an honorary school degree, and a standing ovation from students and their parents.

Longtime Waxman High School teacher Moji Pourmoradi told the gathering "Danny's heart was always in the right place. His highest priority was getting our teens to have a wonderful, meaningful Jewish experience. The take away," she said, "is that Danny created points of entry for these teens into Judaism."

She said "the graduation was one of the most beautiful the high school ever held. There was a lot of love in the room and you could just feel it."

### Religious School

Vav students, the oldest in the Religious School, received Waxman Youth House tee shirts at their closing festival, marking their entry into a new phase of their religious education.

The festival included a slide presentation of major events during the school year. The Vav students led their classmates in a cheer, the singing of Hatikvah, and lots of singing and dancing.

The Vav students include: Juliette Ahdoot, Ashley Aminzadeh, Zachary Astrof, Brooke Bakhshi, Leila Bakhshi, Rebecca Bernstein, Luke Cronin, Bradley Delafraz, Joseph Eshaghoff, Justin Farajollah, Sophia Gal, Ariel G., Joshua Haghani, Kayla Hakimi, Leila Hawa, Ave Hoffman, Julia Hyman, Iyana Kaiman, Dylan Kohanim, Matthew Manesh, Jessica Nahavandi, Jason Nejat, Eli

Newman, Emanuel Nysenbaum, Allison Parnes, Claudia Pour, Amanda Putter, Owen Roubeni, Nancy Schoen, Alana Shapiro, Jaren Solomon, Nathan Tamari, Ari Vladimir, Eric Yachbes, and Evan Youssefi.

Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth congratulated the students on their accomplishments, along with Rabbi Howard Stecker and Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin.

### Beth HaGan Nursery School

The Beth HaGan Nursery School will mark the completion of their school year with a graduation ceremony for four-year old students.

With a great deal of singing and dancing, the graduating students will receive diplomas and congratulations and diplomas from school Director Rachel Mathless, along with Rabbi Stecker and members of the school PTA.

The students in the Butterfly Class, led by Morah Miriam and Morah Nahid, include Joshua Ahdoot, Benjamin Hakimi, Lielle Javidnia, Brielle Khodadian, Lucas Livieim, Maxwell Mardkha, William Mardkha, Adam Maslavi, Samuel Moheban, Joseph Ohebshalom, Emma Omrani, Nili Robenzadeh, Dylan Samadi, and Daniella Yeroshalmi.

The members of the Dolphin Class, taught by Morah Connie and Morah Hilda, are Leo Abergel, Benjamin Cohen, Danielle Fuchs, David Goldberg, Abigail Hematian, Ariel Hematian, Olivia Idelson, Shiley Karni, Morgan Rudick, Rachel Setareh, and Jonah Shatzkes.

## Temple Lites

• **Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni** was elected to the Great Neck Board of Education last month, garnering the most votes of all candidates running for two seats on the Board. She becomes the second member of the congregation to be serving on the Board.

### Mazal Tov To...

**Rena and Jonathan Horwitz** on the birth of their grandson, Raphael Yishai Horwitz.

**Shohreh and Mark Naim** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Sienna Sarah Naim

**Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour** on the marriage of their son, Alex, and Nicole Akhtarzad, daughter of Shirin and Kourosh Akhtarzad, from Beverly Hills, California

## Congregation Thanks Its Kiddush Sponsors

Contributions toward the kiddush on April 29 were made by Esther and Lawrence Katz in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Eden, and Shahnaz Goldman in memory of her mother, Aghdas Monasebian.

Contributions toward the kiddush on May 6 were made by Farzad and Shabnam Tabaroki in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alexander, and Kristina and Yaghoub Shaoul in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Audrey Rose Ilitzki.

Contributions toward the kiddush on May 13 were made by Deborah Heiser and Joel Weinberger in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Liam, and Vivian Brash in memory of her mother, Camille Katz.

The congregational kiddush on May 20 was sponsored by Rachel and Howard Hershendorff in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah. Contributions toward the kiddush were made by Linda and Michael Benhuri in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren; Wendy Fried Oginski and Gerald Oginski in honor of the Auf Ruf of their daughter, Shari, and Jake Goodstein; and the Lavin family in honor of Stanley Lavin's 90th birthday.

## Join the Men's Club!

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Seder program with Rabbi Stecker, a vodka and latkes program with Cantor Frieder, a wine or beer tasting with Rabbi Schweber, and a Texas Hold'em and Backgammon Game Night.

The Men's Club supports the Hatzilu Rescue Organization, helping the Jewish poor and elderly in Nassau County. We also label the seats, distribute Kol Nidre pledge cards and provide ushers for the High Holy Days.

On the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. we hold a membership meeting which starts off with a pizza and salad dinner, followed by a short meeting to discuss upcoming events and programs, followed by a guest speaker who talks about a variety of topics relevant to the needs and interests of our members.

Besides being an arm of the Temple, we are also a major arm of organized Conservative Judaism through our affiliation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We participate in local, national and international Men's Club development. Each year the FJMC Metro Region, which the Temple Israel Men's Club belongs to, holds an annual dinner at which we honor one of our members and students from the Waxman High School.

Our Men's Club is a diverse group of men of all ages and our primary objective is to have all Temple Israel members belong and attend our meetings and events. If you are not a member and are not on our mailing list, contact Corresponding Secretary Mark Putter at [mputter@gmail.com](mailto:mputter@gmail.com) or call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800 and say you are interested in joining the Men's Club. We welcome you!

### Shabbat Sing-Along

### All are invited!

### *New DATE*

**When: Friday, June 9, 2017**  
**Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**  
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# Ask the Rabbi: When to Give—And How Much?

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

**Question:** When I am in Manhattan I am often approached by people asking for a little money. What does Jewish law have to say about giving to panhandlers? (Anonymous)

**Discussion:** The Torah teaches us in many places that we must show concern and care for those less fortunate than us. Farmers were commanded to leave the corners of their fields as well as the dropped gleanings for those in need. We are taught to “not harden our hearts” and shut our hands from the needy. We are commanded to “surely open our hands to the needy.” These verses establish the foundation of the concept of tzedakah, that supporting the needy is an act of justice and not just kindness.

The Torah is vague on the details of how to achieve the goal of supporting the needy. It was up to the rabbinic commentators to turn theory into practice. One such source is Maimonides' (Rambam) law code titled “Mishneh Torah.” In the code, Maimonides recognizes that supporting the poor is primarily a communal endeavor. Addressing “small town” Judaism, Maimonides discusses the establishment of a communal fund of money that everyone contributes into and the fund is administered by a group of people to reduce the risk of fraud.

Today, not-for-profit organizations perform the role of the communal fund. In my interpretation, we are obligated to donate to not-for-profit organizations and we must be vigilant to ensure the organizations are properly managed.

Despite good organizations doing good work, panhandlers remain. The same was true in Maimonides time. About such cases Maimonides writes “in the case of a poor man who goes from door to door, one is not obligated to give him a large gift, but only a small one. It is forbidden, however to let a poor man who asks for alms go empty-handed, so

you should give him at least one dry fig, as it is said, O let not the oppressed turn back in confusion. (Psalms: 74:21)” My interpretation of Maimonides' ruling is that the communal fund is really where the support takes place. The fund managers of today organizations support people according to actual need. The gifts given door-to-door are more about maintaining dignity than support. We must recognize the humanity and the dignity of all people. If we shun the

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needy, we run the risk of forgetting their pain and their humanity. This is achieved by the small gift.

I believe we should strive to fulfill



Maimonides' ruling as best we possibly can. If you are comfortable, carry some small change or food such as granola bars around. When you are approached by a panhandler, offer them the token gift and say some friendly words. It will not solve the underlying problems, but it will help build and maintain the human connection. It is okay, in my opinion, to give to some and not all. The goal is to keep us aware of our shared humanity.

**Tuesdays, June 6 & June 13 (tentative date) 7:30 PM**

*“God completed the world in six days.”*  
*“This is the Torah that Moses gave to Israel, the word of God written by Moses' hand.”*  
*“God will send the Messiah, a descendant of David to redeem the world.”*

**These are just some of the important tenets of faith Judaism. What do we do if our logical reasoning contradicts these tenets? Can we uphold faith and reason simultaneously and if so how?**

The discussions will take place off-site and the address will be given at time of RSVP.

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Jodi Engel](mailto:Jodi.Engel@tign.org) in the synagogue office or at [jengel@tign.org](mailto:jengel@tign.org).

## Sabbath Services

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Se'udah Shelishit	8:20 P.M.
Evening Service	8:56 P.M.
Havdalah	9:11 P.M.

### Friday, June 23

N'Ranenah/Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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### Saturday, June 24

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz	
Preparatory Prayers	8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish	9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Korah

Numbers 16:1 – 18:32; 28:9 – 15

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:12 – 24

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Neda Sedgh, Dan Goldberger, Jeffrey  
Fleit, Irene Tannenholtz, and  
Patty Schneider

Bar Mitzvah: Ryan Mordechai Rokhsar  
son of Yas and Arman Rokhsar

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

### Friday, June 30

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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### Saturday, July 1

Preparatory Prayers	8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish	9:25 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.
Afternoon Service	7:50 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	8:20 P.M.
Evening Service	8:57 P.M.
Havdalah	9:12 P.M.

### Friday, July 7

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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## D'var Torah

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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 10**

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, June 17**

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, June 24**

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.

### Hukkat

**Saturday, July 1**

This portion covers the 38 years of 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.



# Celebrating Jerusalem 50 Years Later

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the Kotel in 1967, recently put it this way: "I don't regret the enemy's defeat (during the Six Day War). I regret their humiliation." Klein Halevi feels strongly that Yom Yerushalayim should be a day of gratitude, but also sobriety.

I could not imagine letting the 50th anniversary of Israel's profound existential victory come and go without proper celebration. For that reason I thought it essential that Temple Israel invite the wider community to an outdoor Yom Yerushalayim concert right in the center of town.

After a group of paratroopers entered the Old City and cried in joy and disbelief near the Western Wall, 50 years ago, Jerusalem remains Israel's vibrant capital. It is a place where history and destiny are intertwined, a place where Jews, Christians and Muslims are free to practice their respective faiths.

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Naturally, as time goes on, there will be fewer and fewer Jews remaining who lived through the events of the Six Day War. All the more important that we continue to celebrate, old and young together, with gratitude for what was achieved and graciousness toward what might still be achieved—a lasting peace between Israel and her neighbors.

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### Friday, June 2

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### Saturday, June 3

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: Naso  
Numbers 4:21 – 7:89  
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:40 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 8:10 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:48 P.M.  
Havdalah 9:03 P.M.

### Friday, June 9

Shabbat Sing-Along in the Park 4:30 P.M.  
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, June 10

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha  
Numbers 8:1 – 12:16  
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:45 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:52 P.M.  
Havdalah 9:07 P.M.

### Friday, June 16

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, June 17

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service and  
Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: Shelah  
Numbers 13:1 – 15:41  
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 – 24

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Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Niggun Circle following kiddush  
Afternoon Service 7:50 P.M.

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