



## Award-Winning Israeli Author Speaking at Temple Israel

By Alise Kreditor

Award-winning Israeli author Ayelet Tsabari will discuss her new book, *The Best Place on Earth*, at Temple Israel on Tuesday, March 15, at 8:15 PM. Her new collection of stories, published in the United States this month by Random House, is global in scope yet intimate in feel, beautifully written and emotionally powerful.

"Temple Israel is thrilled to have Ms. Tsabari join us just one week after the release of her highly praised book," said Neda Sedgh, who is chairing the program. "We hope the congregation will take advantage of this special event which will introduce us to one of Israel's rising stars in literature."

The book won the prestigious Sami

Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature for the publication, her debut collection of stories. *The Times of Israel*, calls the book "... highly recommended...the stories of *The Best Place on Earth* leave you wishing they wouldn't end."

The 11 spellbinding stories often focus on Israel's Mizrahi Jews, featuring mothers and children, soldiers and bohemians, lovers and best friends, all searching for their place in the world. From Israel to India to Canada, Ms. Tsabari's indelible characters grapple with love, violence, faith, identity, and the challenges of balancing old traditions with modern times.

"*The Best Place on Earth* focuses on Jews  
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Author Ayelet Tsabari will speak about her new book at Temple Israel on March 15.

## Beth HaGan Classes Mix Torah and Science at Annual Fair



By Rachel Mathless, Director, Beth HaGan Nursery School

Despite bitter cold weather, Temple Israel's 15th Annual Beth HaGan Nursery School Torah Science Fair drew record crowds of parents, grandparents and friends recently to see the amazing work of the school's young students. All exhibits combined a concept in Torah and a concept in science in a delightfully creative, aesthetic display.

The Dolphin class, under the direction of *Morah* Connie and *Morah* Hilda, looked at survival of the Jewish people in the desert, including animal and plant life. Each child made their own desert



animal. The class also made a full sized *Mishkan*, complete with Menorah and alter.

The Pandas learned about the creation of the first man and woman and studied their bodies and the workings of the brain,  
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The Beth HaGan Panda Class exhibit, above left, reflected their study of the brain, heart, lungs and muscles. The Giraffe class exhibit looked at the properties of rocks, their textures and colors.

## A Sisterhood Invitation

By Karen Ashkenase

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Temple Israel Sisterhood has a busy schedule of events, and the group's president, Karen Ashkenase, invites you to join them in this Voice Guest Column.

If you enjoy the flowers on the *bimah* each *Shabbat*, that's Sisterhood. If you have received help from Yad B'Yad during a *shivva* period, that's Sisterhood. If you have purchased beautiful items from the Judaica Shop, that's Sisterhood. If you have received a lovely *mishloach manot* Purim package, that's Sisterhood.

*We consider our work very important and our contributions worthwhile. So, join us!*

Sisterhood is involved in these projects and many more. I dare say that just about every congregant has been touched by Sisterhood in some way. And, we are proud of our synagogue involvement.

Our involvement, however, extends beyond the synagogue walls. Sisterhood supports the Masorti/Mercaz Movement in Israel. And, we are deeply involved in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary through Torah Fund, as Ellen Cooper, our chair, has written about in previous issues of *The Voice*.

Temple Israel's Sisterhood is part of the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism, concerned about the present and future of our movement.

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Our next big project will be preparing *mishloach manot* Purim packages. Iris Adler, our tireless chair, has been preparing

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FROM THE RABBI

## Basking in Proper Reflection

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

My colleague, Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett, asked Senator Clinton a question at the recent town hall meeting in New Hampshire. Using a famous rabbinic teaching as a prompt, he asked the presidential candidate how she balances humility and self-esteem in her political leadership. I think we would benefit from hearing every candidate answer such a question, one that requires a depth of reflection that is often missing in political campaigns.

Sadly, lack of self-reflection is hardly limited to political candidates. Who takes significant time to ask the meta-questions about what we do and why? Yet failure to reflect sufficiently can result in repeated mistakes, bitterness and burnout.

Experts in teen stress point out that teenagers are at high risk for dangerous behavior because they lack suitable context and support for self-reflection. Several programs that we sponsor in our Youth House are designed to give teens a safe, nurturing place in which to explore essential questions in light of the wisdom that

Judaism can offer. In Rosh Hodesh discussion groups, on trips to Israel, in study and prayer that are integrated with activities as wide-ranging as social action and surfing, our teens are encouraged to reflect on who they are and how Jewish tradition can guide them in ways that matter to them.

Adults likewise need time and context

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in which to reflect. Toward this end, we have added *kavanot* (inspirational readings) and guided meditation to our services. We provide multiple opportunities for people to explore issues that are significant at various stages of the life cycle. Recently, for example, we started a series of discussions for

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## A Proposal

By Rob Panzer

As the winter draws to a close and spring appears on the horizon, we recognize that Purim will be here soon and shortly thereafter it will be *Pesach*.

There is a line in the beginning of the Passover *haggadah* that roughly translates as "Let all who are hungry come eat." I would like us to consider a new program to insure that everyone has a *seder* to attend. We'll call it "Eliyahu's Table." Anyone who might have an open seat or two (or more) available at their first *seder* would let the synagogue know of this availability. Anybody who might need a place to go on the first night would also let us know and we will try to match the two.

We have enlisted Membership Committee members Irene and Fred Einstein to gather and collate the information on both

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those who have extra space at their *seder* table and those who may not have a place to go. The Einsteins may be contacted by email at <Irenefred123@gmail.com> or by calling 439-4406. We would like to expand the program to include other holidays and perhaps *Shabbat* dinners as well, but we'll start small.

As an example of how meaningful this can be, last year Ofra and I hosted a young man who is going through the conversion process. He attended our first night *seder* (his first ever) and came back the second night, as well. When we went around the table and asked everyone to share a Passover memory, he said, "I remember my first *seder* like it was yesterday!" We all laughed, but it was easy to see how meaningful it was for him and for all of us as well. When we talk about building community it's easy to see how important moments like these are.

The Temple Israel Men's Club sponsors a second night *seder* planned for Saturday evening, April 23. Details will follow soon, but mark your calendar now.

As always, I can be reached by email at <robpanzer18@gmail.com>.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the family of:

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brother of Rafael Sassouni

May his memory be for a blessing.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thurs.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Fri., March 4	7:00 A.M.	5:40 P.M.
Fri., March 11	6:45 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
<i>(Rosh Hodesh Adar II)</i>		
Sat., March 5	9:00 A.M.	5:10 P.M.
Sat., March 12	9:00 A.M.	6:20 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 4.....	5:32 P.M.
Friday, March 11.....	6:40 P.M.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Jacqueline and Bert Eshaghpour** on the birth of their granddaughter, Chloe Miriam Ruth Waxman.
- **Shohreh and Hillel Waxman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Chloe Miriam Ruth Waxman.
- **Rachel Mathless** on the birth of her grandson, Menachem Kievman.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March	6	New Member Welcoming Ceremony	9:30 A.M.
	6	TILL Film Series: "Rashevski's Tango"	7:00 P.M.
	7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	8	Beth HaGan Spring Book Fair	3:30 P.M.
	9-10	Beth HaGan Spring Book Fair	9:00 A.M.
	10	EmpTI Nesters presents "A Whole New World: The Challenges and Joys of Parenting Adult Children"	8:15 P.M.
	15	TILL presents Notable Authors Series Speaker Ayelet Tsabari	8:15 P.M.
	16	iEngage Israel Series: "Jewish and Democratic State" Sponsored by TILL	8:15 P.M.
	17	Are We Really Healthy? Series: "Being Healthy-Being Jewish" With Guest Speaker Dr. Shmuel Shield	7:00 P.M.
		Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	18	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	20	Blood Drive Sponsored by the Men's Club	8:30 A.M.
		TILL Film Series: "Gett"	7:00 P.M.
	23	Erev Purim	
	27	B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop	9:30 A.M.
	31	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
April	3	TILL and TI Bonds Parenting Seminar	9:45 A.M.
	9	Temple Israel Players performance of "West Side Story"	
	10	TILL and TI Bonds Parenting Seminar B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop	9:45 A.M. 10:30 A.M.
		Temple Israel Players performance of "West Side Story"	
	11	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
		iEngage Israel Series: "Religious Pluralism and Human Rights" Sponsored by TILL	8:15 P.M.
	12	Men's Club Scotch and Seder	7:00 P.M.
	14	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	15	Waxman High School and Youth Family Friday Dinner	7:30 P.M.

# Come to a Purim Celebration at Temple Israel!

## Wednesday, March 23rd

### for an evening of fun, song and costumes!

Following the Blue Room and Sanctuary services,  
there will be lots of refreshments and music

### Pre-School and Kindergarten Service

At 6:30 P.M. there will be a service  
for Pre-Schoolers, Kindergartners and their families  
in the Multipurpose Room.  
The service will be led by Morah Mojdeh and Morah Yve  
and will feature singing and stories  
followed by refreshments.

### Megillah Reading

From 7-8 P.M. there will be a Megillah reading  
in the Sanctuary.  
The service will be led by Rabbis Stecker and Schweber,  
and will include participation  
by Waxman High School students, a sing-a-long,  
a video presentation, costume parade for children  
and costume contest for adults.

### Minhah, Ma'ariv and the Whole Megillah!

Minhah, Ma'ariv and a full Megillah reading will start at 6:15 P.M. in the Blue Room.  
Cantor Frieder will lead the service, with participation by students from the Waxman High School.

Bring a box of rice, macaroni and cheese or other pasta to use as a grogger!  
When the service is over, the groggers will be placed in a collection box  
to be donated to a local food pantry by the Temple Israel Chesed Connection.

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



**Charles Linden**

Charles Benjamin Linden will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on March 12. He is the son of Evvy and Robert Linden and has two sisters, Samantha, 19, and Rachel, 16. Charles is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He hopes to visit Israel in the near future.



**Joy Moalemi**

Joy Moalemi will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on March 12. She is the daughter of Mojdeh and Soheil Moalemi and has a brother, Jonathan, 11, and a sister, Jolie, 7. Joy is a seventh grade honors student at Great Neck North Middle School. Joy plans to attend Waxman High School and Youth House. She celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in Israel this past summer.



**Jasmine Tabaroki**

Jasmine Tabaroki will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on March 19. She is the daughter of Michele and Farshad Tabaroki and has a sister, Maya, 14, and a brother, Elliot, 9. Jasmine is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School and is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House. She is looking forward to visiting Israel in the near future.

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heart, lungs and muscles.

The Butterflies learned about the fourth plague, wild beasts, and studied the properties of bears, lions, elephants, and polar bears, as well as their unique characteristics. Each child made a diorama of an animal in its natural habitat.

The Seals learned about the fish and sea creatures of the fifth day of creation. They visited Fishworld and then made a full-sized aquarium with colorful fish, sea horses, coral, and squiggly jellyfish.

The Tigers built a huge life-size Noah's ark. Families walked through it to see all the "animals" camped two-by-two in their respective stalls. The science focus was on the color wheel, primary and secondary colors and the mixing of colors to create new colors.

### February Torah Troupe Readers



Religious School students reading from the Torah during Junior Congregation in February included Rena Geula, Dylan Kohanim, Manny Nysenbaum, Isabella Rastegar, and Chloe Roofeh. Not pictured are Matthew Bloom and Eric Yachbes.

The Penguins studied the water cycle, and the Torah portion, which discussed the creation on day two. They made rain sticks, painted with snow and ice, and learned the difference between liquids and solids. They studied evaporation and condensation, precipitation, and the nature of clouds, and did many experiments with water.

The Ducks delved into the five senses, especially smell, sight and touch. They used the theme of *Shabbat* and *Havdalah* to bring the senses into focus. Their wonderful artwork included spice boxes, *Havdalah* candles formed from beeswax sheets, a challah board, Kiddush cup, and candlesticks.

The Kittens studied the life cycle of a frog in connection with the Passover story and the first plague. They had a great deal of fun painting their lily pond and watching their tadpoles grow into frogs.

The Lambs chose light and depicted the story of Hanukkah. They studied different forms of light and materials used to make light. They burned oil and wax and made beautiful, colorful candles from wax beads.

The Giraffes learned the story of Jacob when he left Charan and camped in the wasteland. He set 12 stones around his head for protection. When he slept, the angels appeared ascending and descending a huge ladder. The children made rocks, learned about rock formations and studied the properties of rocks and the different sizes, textures and colors of rocks.

The Kangaroos studied Joseph and his coat of many colors. They cooked carrots, kale and beets and reduced them to deep hues of orange, green and red "paint." Then they "painted" their coats and displayed them on life-size models of themselves.

Even the school's Tiny Toddlers participated, learning about Noah's ark and painting animals and Noah's family. They experimented with what floats and what sinks and learned why Noah's ark floated for almost a full year.

Everyone enjoyed watching how new ideas grew from projects and information taught and how all the different concepts came together with a great fair.

## Basking in Proper Reflection

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“empty nesters” on the challenges of relating to adult children. The participants appreciated the opportunity to think through important questions about parent-child relationships in a Jewish context with their peers.

The Torah describes the life of Moses as a dance between engagement and reflection. There are extended times when he is engrossed in the nitty-gritty of communal leadership, followed by periods of revelation and reflection. Moses spends several lengthy periods on Mount Sinai receiving God’s word and also making significant demands of God. “Tell me about Your ways,” he implores God, followed by, “Show me Your essence.” We can well imagine that Moses had a strong need to ask these questions, whether or not he was satisfied by the answers he received. The exchange, as recorded in the Torah, was part of Moses’s journey toward fuller awareness of himself and his surroundings.

While I urge each of us to find the pathways toward proper reflection that suit us best, I ask that we not ignore the need to reflect altogether. A human being needs to take time to ask the deeper questions, time to wonder who we are and why we do what we do. The examined life, according to Socrates, Moses and other great spiritual leaders, is far more worth living.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## If It’s Winter It Must Be Maccabiah!

By Rabbi Amy Roth

Cheers of “Tel Aviv,” “Come to Eilat,” and “Jerusalem, The Holy City!” were part of the ambience of this year’s Religious School Maccabiah. Once again, to beat out the mid-winter doldrums, Religious School children competed, played, drew, sang and cheered their way through our annual color war—Jewish style!

With the theme of Israel, each team was assigned a color, as well as a city in Israel. Be it Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, or Eilat, our children were enthusiastic about “their” cities. Wearing colorful bandanas, they competed in relay races where they identified Hebrew letters or words, performed different tasks (such as creating a human Israeli flag), designing team banners (currently adorning the school wing halls), went “fishing” in the Sea of Galilee, and “surfing” in the Mediterranean. Anyone who had been in the building during Maccabiah was able to hear the cheering as they moved from place to place; the enthusiasm and spirit was palpable. The children of the Religious School created songs with both Hebrew and English words advertising their cities while also incorporating information about Israel.

But more significantly, they integrated their knowledge, while acquiring new information in a fun, competitive (they thrive on the friendly competition!) atmosphere. We work hard to create powerful learning experiences for our children and we know that learning takes place in many different venues, through a variety of settings. Although the actual start of Maccabiah remains a secret until our “break out,” it was particularly gratifying and telling that older children began to suspect its approach and asked me when Maccabiah would be starting. They look forward to it and they expect it, as part of the natural course of events at Temple Israel!

And, as simple as that, our third Maccabiah helped to cement what has become an annual tradition for our children. Maccabiah is yet another piece in the ever-evolving effort to create significant Jewish memories for our Religious School community. While we know that each winter brings a new Maccabiah, the questions remain: what will be the theme for next year and, of course, when exactly will it start?

Stay tuned in 5777 for more Maccabiah.



Religious School students were “all in” when classes competed in the annual Maccabiah.



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Raffle Tickets are \$25 each, two for \$36

To purchase tickets see Jennifer at the Temple Israel reception desk or call 482-7800.

## A Sisterhood Invitation

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ing for months. This year we are proud to announce that all the “goodies” in the package come from Israel. Join us on Friday, March 18, from 9:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the Blue Room. We work, we talk, we enjoy each other’s company, and we are performing a *mitzvah*. So, join us!

And please join us for our luncheon program events. The topics are timely, stimulating, educational and memorable. The food is good, too!

And, I welcome all to join the lively, dedicated members of our Board at our monthly meetings. Please feel free to call me at 487-3048.

## Author Speaking at Temple Israel

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whose families came to Israel from Middle Eastern countries, yet the characters’ desires and experiences are universal,” said Temple Israel Lifelong Learning (TILL) Chair Rebecca Friedman-Charry. “Whether you’re looking for new fiction for your book club or prefer to read alone, you’re sure to enjoy this talk with Ms. Tsabari,” she said.

The event, presented by TILL, is free and open to the public and books will also be available for purchase. For additional information about the program call 482-7800 or visit [www.tign.org](http://www.tign.org).

## SABBATH SERVICES

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Saturday, March 12

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Pekudey*

Exodus 38:21 - 40

*Haftarah*: I Kings 7:51 – 8:21

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son of Evvy and Robert Linden

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Vayakhel

Saturday, March 5

In this portion we return to the account of the building of the *Mishkan*. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the Ark. This is meant to highlight the symbolic nature of the *Mishkan*: its purpose is to focus the people's attention constantly on the covenant with God. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings, in the proper practical order. Accordingly, we find that the tent, itself, was constructed with two chambers—the inner Holy of Holies and the outer Holy Place. Outside the tent was a courtyard constituting the third area of the *Mishkan*. The building of the furnishings is described in descending order of holiness. First came the Ark, to be put in the Holy of Holies. Next came the table, the *menorah* and the altar of incense, to be put in the Holy Place. Finally the altar of burnt offering and the laver are built, to be placed in the outer court. The descriptions of the actual building repeat exactly the instructions given in previous portions to indicate that the final product emerged precisely as God had designed it.

### Pekudey

Saturday, March 12

We conclude the account of the building of the *Mishkan* and the Book of Exodus with this portion. It is stressed repeatedly that each item was made precisely in accordance with God's instructions. The completed parts and appurtenances of the *Mishkan* are brought to Moses for his inspection. He approves the work and blesses it in a manner reminiscent of the Genesis account of the completion of God's creation. This reinforces a connection between the *Mishkan* and the Creation narrative, which has been apparent throughout these chapters. The connection suggests that with the building of the *Mishkan* and the implementing of God's covenant with His people, a whole new order of history begins. This theme is further stressed by the account of the date on which the *Mishkan* is actually erected—the first of Nisan—New Year's Day on the new calendar of freedom.

## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, March 4

Evening Service 5:45 P.M.

Saturday, March 5

Shabbat Shekalim

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayakhel*

Exodus 35:1 - 38:20; Exodus 30:11 - 16

*Haftarah*: II Kings 12:1 - 17

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*Minhah* 5:10 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 5:40 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 6:17 P.M.

*Havdalah* 6:32 P.M.

Friday, March 11

Evening Service 5:45 P.M.

*Shabbat HaMishpahah* (Gimmel/Dalet) 6:00 P.M.

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