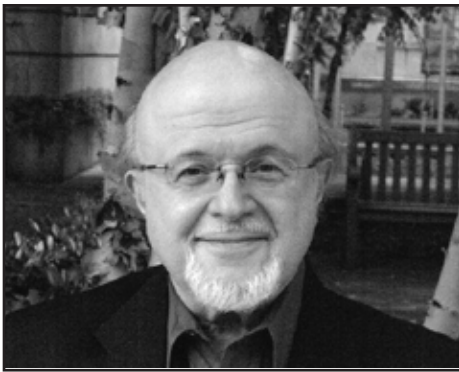




Men's Club's Shabbat Service and Program Discussing Jewish Magic and Superstition



Men's Club Shabbat speaker Rabbi Manuel Gold will discuss Jewish magic on March 23.

"Jewish Magic and Superstition" will be the topic of a discussion at the annual Men's Club *Shabbat* service and dinner—open to the entire congregation—on Friday, March 23.

Rabbi Manuel Gold, the guest speaker, will show how previously unrecognized magic influences can explain a number of Jewish traditions and practices.

Rabbi Gold asks—and explains:

- A mysterious series of strange rituals in the Passover Haggadah.
- What was the real origin in magic, and the purpose of the Kol Nidre and what can it mean for us?

- What remnant of magic still exists in the mezuzah?

- Why were the numerous sections of magic in the Talmud hidden from rabbinic students of all denominations?

- How did an almost unknown passage in Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed show a deep understanding of the role of magic, even though he opposed magical practices?

- Why are we told not to cross our fingers or knock on wood?

The Friday evening service, which precedes the talk and dinner, will be held

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Planning a 50th Anniversary Party for Beth HaGan

Spring 2012 marks the 50th year of successful operation of Temple Israel's Beth HaGan Nursery School and the congregation is gearing up—along with school Director Rachel Mathless and the Beth HaGan student and parent body—to celebrate this milestone in style!

On *Shabbat* morning, March 24, the congregation is invited to celebrate with Beth HaGan in a group *aliyah* and festive *kiddush* marking the anniversary. Any child or adult with a connection to Beth HaGan is encouraged to attend when a collective *she-he-chi-yanu* will be recited in gratitude for reaching this time.

The celebration continues on Sunday afternoon, May 6, when Beth HaGan will present the "Cirque de Oy Vey," an all-star return engagement by "the Twins From France," who continue to delight children of all ages!

Proceeds from the tickets sold for the Cirque de Oy Vey will be earmarked for refurbishing the playground which the Beth HaGan students use every day.

Chairing the event is Temple Israel Board member and past Beth HaGan PTA President Joanna Eshaghoff. Mrs. Eshaghoff

welcomes assistance in planning the anniversary celebrations. There are plans underway to create an online photo album and montage to be played during the event on May 6. Mrs. Eshaghoff is also coordinat-

ing raffle prizes and a special auction. She can be reached at 487-5551 or <joannaesh@optonline.net> by anyone desiring to make a monetary contribution, prize donation or

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Rabbinic Dialogue-ing



Temple Israel Rabbi Howard Stecker, second from left, made a point to his colleagues, Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, left, and Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman of Temple Beth-El, at the annual Men's Club Rabbinic Dialogue, this year held on the Temple Israel *bimah* last Sunday.

Voice photo by Dr. Robert Lopatkin

The Sisterhood Welcomes You

By Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sisterhood invites you to join them and participate in their varied activities in this Voice Guest Column, by Sisterhood President Karen Ashkenase.

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel was chartered over 70 years ago! And just like other organizations, we have kept up with the times and changed and adjusted when circumstances and reality necessitated change.

I dare say that just about every congregant has been touched by Sisterhood in some way. If you received help from Yad B'Yad, that's Sisterhood; If you enjoy the beautiful flowers on the *bimah* each *Shabbat*, that's Sisterhood; If you enjoyed the Tu B'Shevat *seder* goodies, that's Sisterhood; If you have purchased beautiful items from the Judaica Shop, that's Sisterhood; If you receive a lovely *mishloach manot* bag for Purim, that's Sisterhood; If you contributed to Torah Fund to help the Jewish Theological Seminary, that's Sisterhood; and if you are part of a Tuesday Book Club, that's Sisterhood.

Sisterhood is involved in many projects. We are proud to serve our congregational family. Our involvement, however, goes beyond the synagogue walls. Sisterhood supports the Masorti/Mercas movement in Israel. And we are deeply involved in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary right here in New York.

FROM THE RABBI

Innate GPS

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Years ago, I knew how to navigate the South Shore. I knew to use Peninsula Boulevard to get from West Hempstead to Cedarhurst and to take Hempstead Avenue to Broadway when I needed to get to Hewlett or Lawrence. If any route was blocked, I

*Abraham
had garments,
but no Garmin...*

intuited alternatives since I knew the overall direction in which I was headed.

Not anymore. Is it because I haven't lived there for awhile? I don't think so. Frankly, I blame it on Madam GPS. Since she entered my life, my navigational capacity has atrophied. She is the reason why I no longer remember how to get to Atlantic

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

We consider our work very important. We pride ourselves on being multi-genera-

*You will be
welcomed
with open arms...*

tional and multi-cultural. We are family, and as I have said before, we are a "sisterhood."

We welcome all to join us. This spring, we will again hold our Great Neck Sisters community *mitzvah* event. Watch future issues of The Voice for more details.

Please join our lively, dedicated Board members each month at our meetings. You will be welcomed with open arms and I promise you that it will be most enjoyable and fulfilling. Please feel free to call me anytime for further information about Sisterhood at 487-3048.

Beach without paying a toll. Because of her, I can no longer say with certainty at what point Broadway crosses Fifth Avenue.

The New York Times recently featured an article about this phenomenon, so I know I'm not alone. Julia Frankenstein (no relation), a cognitive psychologist, wrote
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FROM THE EDITOR

By Marc Katz

For the first time in more than 20 years of editing and putting together issues of The Voice for Temple Israel, an issue was skipped due to the deaths of the mother and father of my wife, Ronnie.

It has truly been my honor and pleasure to bring news of the congregation to the membership and the greater community for all these years.

This issue of The Voice is off schedule, but we will resume our regular publication schedule with an issue coming out next weekend.

Ronnie and I deeply appreciate the many warm and supportive thoughts expressed by members of the community during these difficult weeks. Thank you all for your kind support.

Connecting

By Alan Klinger

Making the synagogue relevant serves as one of our primary goals.

At our recent Board of Trustees meeting, representatives of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism spoke about the desire to develop a *kehilla*—a community—as a way for congregants to better connect with each other. Connections can, of course, be made in different ways: spiritual, educational and/or social. As part of this discussion, we recognized that what is meaningful to one group may not prove the same for another.

In that vein, there has been increasing focus on a group that, until recently, did not constitute large numbers in our community: recently (and some not so recently) graduated college students. With the downturn in the economy these past several years, more of our now "adult children" have unexpectedly returned home because depressed

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for college grads...
to come back to our
suburban
community...*

salaries (and that's for those who've been fortunate enough to land jobs) are not allowing them to live in the City. While there may be some comfort in having meals prepared for them and their laundry done—that is, assuming parents (or housekeepers) are available and willing—it can't be easy for college grads, who were living in a community of their peers, to come back to our suburban community, largely isolated from those of their age.

To address this need, a group of congregants, led by Cheryl Moin, set out to jump-
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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

SEYMOUR BANCHIK
father of Dr. Mark Banchik

MILTON ZWEIG
father of Ronnie Katz

ROSE ZWEIG
mother of Ronnie Katz

MAGDA HIRSH
mother of Jerry Hirsh

May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March	18	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
	23	Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> Service / <i>N'Ranenah</i> Followed by <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner and Guest Speaker	6:30 P.M.
	24	Beth HaGan Nursery School 50th Anniversary Celebration	
	26	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	27	Beth HaGan Matzah Making Workshop	9:00 A.M.
	29	Men's Club Scotch and Seder	6:30 P.M.
April	1	<i>Pesach</i> University with Rabbi Stecker	10:00 A.M.
	3	Waxman High School and Youth House Model Seder	4:30 P.M.
	6	Fast of the First Born Service (<i>Siyum</i>) and Breakfast	6:30 A.M.
	6	<i>Erev Pesach</i>	
	7	Congregational Second Night Seder	8:15 P.M.
	7-14	<i>Pesach</i>	
	15	Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Packing	9:00 A.M.
	19	Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service	7:30 P.M.
	20	Yom HaShoah	

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Bonnie and Dr. Alex Keller** on the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Slava Leykind.
- **Simmy and Robert Atkins** on the marriage of their daughter, Emily Nicole, to Jeffrey Michael Rosenfeld.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, March 16.....6:45 P.M.
Friday, March 23.....6:52 P.M.

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Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., March 17	8:45 A.M.	6:25 P.M.
Sat., March 24	8:45 A.M.	6:25 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Next Voice Issue, Deadline

The next issue of the Voice, the Pass-over issue, will be published on Thursday, March 23. The deadline for that issue is Monday, March 19.

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IN QUOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE: "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote is from Numbers (6:24-26). What's your favorite quote? Send it to "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“ May Adonai bless you and guard you.

May Adonai show you favor and be gracious to you.

May Adonai show you kindness

and grant you peace. ”

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



Joshua Putter

Joshua Putter was called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on March 3. He is the son of Dr. Ellen and Mark Putter, and has an older brother, Alex, 15, and a younger sister, Amanda, 7. Josh is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He enjoys baseball, skiing, and playing the saxophone. Josh is a member of his school's soccer team. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to travel to Israel with his family this summer.



Hannah Gal

Hannah Gal celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* on March 10. She is the daughter of Drs. Laura and Robert Gal and has a brother, Joshua, 11, and two sisters, Emily, 8, and Sophia, 6. Hannah is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. She is the winner of the 2011 and 2012 Multicultural Poster Contest and a recipient of the 2011 Hiddon HaTorah Award from the Temple Israel Religious School. She is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Philip Silverstein

Philip Silverstein will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on March 17. He is the son of Ellyse and Gary Silverstein and has a sister, Shoshana, 19, and a brother, Noah, 16. Philip is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is a member of his school's basketball, travel basketball and baseball teams and plays the trumpet in the school band. Philip will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* in Israel in December.



Rachel Linden

Rachel Linden will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on March 24. She is the daughter of Evvy and Dr. Robert Linden and has a sister, Samantha, 16, and a brother, Charlie, 9. Rachel is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing basketball. Rachel is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House.

Purim at Temple Israel

Purim at Temple Israel was not only a time for the Megillah reading, but also a time for members of the congregation to show off their "Purim finest," as reflected in this random sampling of pictures of congregants.



The Wotmans, Dan, Rebecca and daughter Sophia, above, came as the Three Blind Mice, earning them the prize for the Best Overall Costume. Photo was taken by Josh Astroff (or was it the Farmer's Wife?). The Temple Band, in full costume, is at right.



Science Fair, Purim Preparing

By Rachel Mathless

The 11th annual Beth HaGan Torah Science Fair was held on February 2 in the Crystal Ballroom. For two hours, overflowing crowds kept the room filled to capacity with excited children, proud parents and overwhelmed guests.

Each year the children and teachers outdo themselves, presenting creative, interactive, dynamic displays of the melding of concepts of Torah and scientific learning. Each year I am amazed at the level of sophistication with which the children are able to understand and explain all the details of their projects. We are witnessing unbelievable intellectual and social growth.

The Lambs, with *Morot* Dinah and Ann, studied the structure and materials used for writing a Torah. They made ink by boiling fruits and vegetables and experimented writing with quills on many fabrics, including parchment. The children made their own Torahs. A scribe visited and brought many samples of ancient writings and calligraphy and all the children wrote their Hebrew names with quill and ink.

The Kangaroos, under the guidance of *Morot* Mojdeh and Yve, told the story of "Kind Little Rivka" at the well, who watered all the laden camels in Eliezer's caravan. The children learned all about camels, how they exist in the desert and how they survive under extreme circumstances.

The Ducks, under the direction of *Morot* Nathalie, Shira and Helen, worked on the study of bees and how the products they make help celebrate our holidays – honey for Rosh Hashanah and wax to make candles to light in sanctification of *Shabbat* and holidays.

The Kittens were timely for Tu B'Shevat and worked on the life-cycle of trees—what we get from trees and what we need to give back to maintain healthy plant life on earth. They hung their bird feeders for *Shabbat Shira* on their trees.

Two of the three's classes collaborated on the Exodus from Egypt. They built a tunnel of water, replete with all imaginable sea creatures. They depicted the all-night march of the Jews and the chase of Pharaoh and his chariots. The victorious Israelites emerged from the tunnel on dry land and the Egyptians drowned as the frozen walls of water descended on them.

The Seals class, with *Morot* Cheryl and Elizabeth, after reading the *Medrash* of Nicanor and the Golden Doors of the *Beit Hamikdash*, began to learn about ships and buoyancy. They studied cargo ships, ancient canoes used for transport of goods, sailing vessels and cruise liners. They learned about how the famous doors of the Temple finally arrived in Jerusalem.

The Bears, under the guidance of *Morot* Sara and Tziona, chose to study water and its properties. Among other things, they learned about directional flow of water and water conservation. They studied the water levels of the Kineret and the Dead Sea in Israel, and about desalinization of water. They learned about the bodies of water mentioned in the Bible and the many wells dug by our patriarchs to sustain human and animal life.

All three four-year old classes collaborated on the "Blessings of God to Abraham," that the Jewish people be as numerous as the stars of the sky and sand of the seas. The Butterflies, with *Morot* Rebeka and Shulamid, focused on the stars, and their components, constellations, meteors and all things pertaining to astronomy. The Long Island Science Museum brought their travelling planetarium and all pre-K students were treated to a visit and special presentation.

The Dolphins, under the direction of *Morot* Connie and Hilda, took the earthly part of the blessing and did many experiments

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The Dolphins class made a study of things found at the seashore.



The Bears Class, studying wellsprings mentioned in the Torah, looked at water: why we need it and how we use and recycle it.



The Kangaroos Class project, "Kind Little Rivka at the Well," was a study of camels and life in the desert.



The Kittens class marked Tu B'Shevat by doing a study of trees and the products that come from them.

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Connecting

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start a gathering of this cohort, one where they could readily renew old ties as well as make new friends. Bracketing the target group at ages 22-30, and in consultation with lay leadership, Youth House Director Danny Mishkin and a core group of young adults, they decided to try their own Friday night *Shabbat* service and dinner. The synagogue agreed to sponsor the event—replete with good food and wine—to give it every chance for success. The kick-off session was February 10 and, by all accounts, it worked. Aided by social media's ease of publicity, some two dozen attended (with a reasonable split in gender). Shira Klayman led an enjoyable service, and the maintenance staff had to escort the participants out when it reached time to close the building.

Buoyed by the feedback, a second such gathering was scheduled for Friday evening, March 9. With equal success, Rabbi Adelson led the group in a beer tasting. If support continues, our goal is to have these events monthly to make it easier for young adults, so inclined, to meet each other in a Jewish setting. (Showing the support of our Temple Israel family, several individuals have already come forward to sponsor the next series of these dinners.)

While the core group of young adults is from the synagogue, they are encouraged to bring friends so that the group can grow. If you know of individuals who might be interested in sharing this experience, please spread the word. The goal is that, with increasing numbers, they can form their own *kehilla* right here in Great Neck.

Office Open Later On Fridays

Please note that, with the arrival of Daylight Savings Time, the main office will be open until 4 P.M. on Fridays through the fall.

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about how our innate spatial abilities diminish when we don't routinely engage them. Before GPS existed, we instinctively noted landmarks and estimated distances; post-GPS, for those of us who use it regularly, we are less able to navigate our surroundings naturally.

I fear the weakening of what I'll call our innate GPS. I fear it on a number of levels. Despite the many advantages of on-line communication, I'm concerned that our children and grandchildren will become less skilled at direct interpersonal communication, less adept at reading social cues and understanding relationships, than previous generations. I hope that they will be able to navigate intellectual discourse well and I wonder if on-line chats sharpen

TEMPLE ISRAEL STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Susan
Mundhenk

By Marc Katz, Editor

Voice photo by Mickey Putterman

When you call Temple Israel, the welcoming voice that most likely will greet you is that of Susan Mundhenk, the congregation's receptionist for the past eight years. And, if you enter the lobby and go to the window for assistance, it is Susan who gladly greets you there, too.

"I'm the 'meet and greet person,'" she said with her usual smile when describing her position at Temple Israel. But, her job description really calls on her to do much more. She keeps track of the flood of meeting room requests, keeps track of where all meetings are being held, publishes the weekly calendar of activities in print, e-mail and website form, and helps with numerous administrative tasks.

She is now preparing the new large screen in the main lobby, which will soon scroll a PowerPoint list of daily events within the congregation.

"But," she says, "above all, at Temple Israel the phones keep ringing. In fact, they rarely stop!"

Ms. Mundhenk said she likes her job because it is so diverse, with an opportunity to interact with so many members of the congregation.

She was first hired for the position by Past President Sidney Freedman and former Executive Director Harriet Schiff, who initially held the same position herself. "They said the person in this position requires a nice personality, ability to deal with the varied needs of many people, and lots of patience," she recalled. She has been "the warm and friendly voice and face" that makes congregants and visitors feel at home in Temple Israel ever since.

Apparently, they knew what they were talking about. Ms. Mundhenk said that among the many routine questions she is asked daily, there have been a number of very unusual queries. "But," she said, "those are best left unsaid!"

From the Rabbi: Innate GPS

skills of engagement in quite the same way as face-to-face discussions and book groups.

Many of us want to encourage our youth to have a strong connection to the State of Israel. Here too, we should aim to sharpen the innate GPS. Our teen trips to Israel, guided by Youth House staff, help students to begin to understand the complex realities of Israeli society. So do trips sponsored by Ramah, USY and Birthright.

On February 25, following our *Shabbat* service, we hosted a program called "The Many Faces of Israel," geared toward the entire congregation. Brought to us by the Long Island Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and sponsored by our Israel Affairs Committee, the program featured Israelis from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. Yet another way to

engage our GPS as we consider the rich tapestry that constitutes Israeli society.

Ultimately, we want everyone connected with Temple Israel to develop a well-honed Jewish GPS. Rather than simplifying matters of theology and spirit, we should be fortifying one another through our vast array of services and programs, to engage 21st century life creatively and responsibly through a Jewish lens. If we do our job well, then the campuses, communal organizations and professional settings that we populate will be the beneficiaries of our unique Jewish perspectives.

Toward the beginning of our national story, God told Abraham to "arise and walk about the land." (Genesis 13:7) Abraham had garments, but no Garmin, and yet he managed to find his way. So have we, and so shall we continue.

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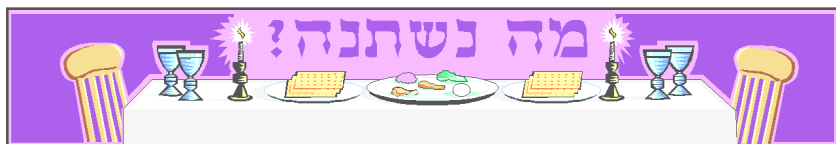
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Men's Club Temple Israel Blood Drive

**Sunday, March 18
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*For more information
or to schedule
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Men's Club Shabbat And Speaker March 23

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in the Multipurpose Room and will be conducted entirely by members of the Men's Club. Members of Conservative congregation men's clubs throughout the world conduct the service on this *Shabbat, Shabbat HaChodesh*.

Rabbi Gold has served as a congregational rabbi, a teacher of rabbis, teachers, principals, adults and children. He has supervised all of the congregational schools in the New York area at the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York.

He is the author of many articles that have revisited and reconsidered how wisdom of Judaism is viewed and received, providing new insights into the biblical and rabbinic sources, as well as into Jewish holidays and practices, their origin and evolution. He says he seeks to propose an approach to the understanding of Judaism that will be appropriate for the context of the 21st century.

Rabbi Gold has served as the spiritual leader at congregations in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New York. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Gold will speak following a complete traditional *Shabbat* dinner, to be held in the Crystal Ballroom. The service begins at 6:30 P.M. and the dinner begins at 7:30 P.M. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person and \$15 for children 13 and younger. Reservations, which must be made in advance, can be made by sending a check to the Temple Israel office.

Further information about the service, dinner and speaker is available by calling 482-7800.

Science Fair, Purim Preparing

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with erosion, sand castles, creatures which live in the sand, and sand floats. Each child made a terrarium.

The Gazelles class, under the tutelage of Morot Miriam and Michelle, followed with the interpretation of the dream that Avraham had after he received the blessings from Hashem. They learned about the many stages of the sleep cycle, why we dream, and what our brain looks like when we dream. They made a “Napping House” to try to discover how long dreams last in the brain’s memory.

Parents, grandparents and friends were overwhelmed by the knowledge the children acquired and by the pride in which each child discussed his contribution to the project.

Purim Celebrations at Beth HaGan

We were entertained by the fabulous “Twins from France,” whose second visit here was even more spectacular than their last visit. We were treated to high wire acts, a dancing stilt man, unicycle acrobatics, and juggling feats. Every class baked hamentashen, prepared *mishloach manot*, and gave *tzedakah* to *matanot le’evyonim*. The celebrations continued with a costume party on Purim, dancing and singing, and a special *Seudah* feast in honor of the holiday.



The Seals class explored travel on the high seas.



The Butterflies class area of study was astronomy, above. The Gazelles class, left, studied the science of sleep and dreams.

Celebrating 50 Years at Beth HaGan

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to assist with planning.

Other members of the planning committee presently include Robert Aizer, Cathy Gewanter, Amy Kalter, Rachel Mathless, and Rebecca Sassouni.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Vayakhel-Pekude

Saturday, March 17

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

Vayikra

Saturday, March 24

We begin the Book of Leviticus in this portion. The last chapters of Exodus detailed the construction of the *Mishkan*, the portable wilderness sanctuary, and the designation of the priests who were to serve in it. Leviticus constitutes an instruction manual for the priests, as well as setting forth rules to achieve personal holiness and the sanctification of human life. The reading describes five main types of sacrifices that were to be brought: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering. For each type, details are provided on the circumstances under which it is to be brought, who brings it and of what it consists. The Hebrew word translated "sacrifice" or "offering" is *korban*, from the root k-r-v, "to draw near." The offerings were a means of drawing near to God and, in a sense, drawing Him near to the offerer. Although we no longer offer sacrifices in the way our ancestors did, the goal of the system, to move one to a more Godly life, is still to be pursued.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, March 16

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 17 - Shabbat Parah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayakhel-Pekude*

Exodus 35:1 – 40:38; Numbers 19:1 - 22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 – 38

Sabbath Service Officers: Brian Zeitlin and Helen Wrobel

Bar Mitzvah

PHILIP SILVERSTEIN

son of Ellyse and Gary Silverstein

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:25 P.M.

Havdalah 7:46 P.M.

Friday, March 23

N'Ranenah/Men's Club *Shabbat* / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 24

Shabbat Hahodesh - Rosh Hodesh Nisan

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26; Numbers 28:9 – 15; Exodus 12:1 – 20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18

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Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Havdalah 7:55 P.M.