



## Yom HaShoah Service Featuring Writings By Temple Israel's Holocaust Survivors

By Marc Katz, Editor

Many Temple Israel Holocaust survivors have written books about their *Shoah* experience. This year, the congregation's annual Yom HaShoah observance, on Sunday,

April 7, will highlight their writings in an exhibit in the Blue Room.

At least 14 books have been written by Temple Israel members, according to Ron Greenfield, the chair of the congregation's

Shoah Remembrance Committee, who thought of recognizing the publications at the commemoration. He brought his idea to the Committee, which enthusiastically endorsed the proposal. "Some of these books are now hard to find," he said. "And, some of the more current publications will be available for purchase. All will be on display."

Perhaps the most noted book, "Destined to Live," was written by former Temple Israel President William Ungar, whose harrowing escape from the Holocaust has received international attention. Mr. Ungar, who just turned 100-years old, went on to

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## Congregation's Women Will Lead Shabbat Services On April 12-13

Temple Israel women will lead all aspects of *Shabbat* services on the weekend of April 12-13. More than 60 volunteers are gearing up to participate in spirited Friday evening, *Shabbat* morning, and *Shabbat* afternoon services. This special *Shabbat* is named, "*Kol Ishah*," Hebrew for "the voice of women."

*Shabbat Kol Ishah* 5773 marks the beginning of the second cycle of lay-led *Shabbat* services at Temple Israel. The first cycle began four years ago with the successful first *Kol Ishah*, which was followed by the male led *Shabbat HaGever* and *Shabbat Koleinu*, combining men and women. Each of these special *Shabbatot* was designed to show how powerful it is for members of the congregation to lead each other in prayer.

Once again, Cantor Raphael Frieder is lending his expertise, leading weekly sessions to teach *t'filah*, as well as meeting privately with individuals to refine their roles. "*Kol Ishah* is a beautiful event in many ways," Cantor Frieder said, "but I would like to mention two things in particular: First, it promotes new learning. One of the very few 'rules' about participation is that everyone does a *t'filah* or Torah or Haftarah reading that they have never done before, so that they use this opportunity to expand their knowledge. Second, *Kol Ishah* creates friendships and camaraderie. It is heartwarming to see how it fosters increased bonding in the whole community."

The Steering Committee for this year's event includes Sherry Husney, Simone Kahen, Lori Oppenheimer, Rebecca

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### Hametz for Passover

Rather than disposing of their *hametz*, Temple Israel members have been bringing food to bins in the lobby for the past few weeks. The congregation's Chesed Connection donated dozens of bags and containers of donated food to Great Neck's St. Aloysius Church Food Pantry, where it will be distributed to those in need for Easter. Sophia Gal, daughter of Temple Israel members Drs. Laura and Robert Gal, above, presented one of the tubs of food to Berta of the food pantry.

## Passover and the iPhone Generation

By Rabbi Gustavo Surazski

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Passover is family time, according to this Voice Guest Column by Rabbi Gustavo Surazski of Temple Israel's sister congregation, Kehillat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon, Israel.

Every year, my elder daughter asks me which of all the Jewish festivals is my favorite. My immediate response is always *Pesach*.

I know when Seder night arrives, we are left with almost no energy. We cleaned.

*Let's suppose that  
Moses were to come  
down today from  
Mt. Sinai.*

We arranged closets. We worked around the clock preparing holiday meals.

Yet my response remains firm. My favorite holiday among all of the Jewish festivals is *Pesach*. And the reason is that nothing about this holiday should be taken for granted.

FROM THE RABBI

## True Freedom

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Amidst the celebration of the Festival of Freedom, with its songs resounding in our ears and our hearts, I would remind us that in several respects, we are not as free as we might imagine. We have to work hard to achieve true freedom.

If we are preoccupied with others' opinions of us to the point where our own inclinations, style and values are eclipsed, then we are not especially free. Do we dress the way we feel is stylish and tasteful or are we unduly affected by the perceptions of others? Are our celebrations a reflection of our own style and values or primarily an attempt to impress others? What thought processes govern the way we give *tzedakah*? Our ancestors in Egypt maintained elements of their distinct identity and, generations later, our ancestors in Palestine navigated the seductive aspects of Greco-Roman culture without forfeiting their core Jewishness. It's not always easy to find an appropriate balance between self-assertiveness and sensitivity to the influence of others. When we find that balance, however, we know it. And real freedom has begun.

A few weeks ago, I researched the reason why we sing the *piyut* "Who Knows One?" at the end of the *seder*. According to the opinion of the scholars, this *piyut* is based on a German song from the 15th century.

But I also found a second explanation that is particularly relevant. The *haggadah* opens with "Why is this night different..." and concludes with "Who Knows One?" At the beginning of the *seder*, the child asks and the father answers. At the end, the father is the one who asks and the child answers.

When I claim that nothing concerning this holiday should be taken for granted, I mean to say it shouldn't be taken for granted, especially in our day, that when a child asks a question, the father will respond, nor that when the father asks a question, the child will respond. It shouldn't be taken for

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Our ancestors in Egypt discovered that not all Egyptians were a certain way and a subsequent generation observed that unlike coins, no two human beings are alike. When we move beyond stereotypes and take the time to get to know people one on one, the chains start to loosen up and real freedom begins.

To the extent that we underestimate our own capacity to make a difference in the world, we are not as free as we need to be. Leonard Fein once told a moving story about a student of the Baal Shem Tov, the

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## Respecting Others

By Alan Klinger

Last week's Rabbinic Dialogue, bringing together the rabbis of Temple Beth-El, Great Neck Synagogue and Temple Israel (the Old Mill Road group), once again proved to be a worthwhile morning. Several hundred people attended and heard discussion on issues ranging from the recent Lunch and Learn controversy, to boundaries in interacting with Jews of movements other than your own, to how to approach children dating people out of the faith or of the same sex.

Much has been written about Temple Ohr Torah's outreach to Jewish teenagers from Great Neck North offering a free (and apparently good) lunch to accompany Torah teaching and its refusal to require pa-

*We will...explore  
...how to promote  
marriage  
within the faith.*

rental permission (as requested by North's principal); this is not the place to re-hash those matters, but it was interesting that the rabbi seemingly least bothered by the outreach was Beth-El's Rabbi Tara Feldman—her view being to let teens be exposed to various views of Judaism and have that facilitate discussion between teens and their parents. What emerged from the overall discussion—and the focus of this column—is an important difference in approach to observance between the Conservative and Orthodox branches.

With thanks to Rabbi Adelson for helping put this into perspective, there are three levels of observance, in descending order: *Halakah Mideoraita* (law from the Torah); *Halakah Miderabban* (rabbinic law); and *Minhag* (custom). In discussion principally between Rabbi Polakoff and Rabbi Stecker, what became clear is that the view of the Orthodox (at least as expressed by Rabbi Polakoff) is that these different levels, as a practical matter, are viewed with greater equality than our movement would determine. Our Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, in evaluating issues, takes into consideration the difference between Torah and rabbinic law; and certainly custom, while playing a role, is allowed to breathe with changes in the times.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the family of:

### ALAN STERNLIEB

husband of Beverly Sternlieb and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

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| Tues. & Wed.   | 7:00 A.M. | 8:00 P.M. |
| Friday         | 7:00 A.M. | 6:30 P.M. |
| Sat., March 30 | 8:45 A.M. | 6:40 P.M. |
| Sat., April 6  | 8:45 A.M. | 6:45 P.M. |
| Sunday         | 8:15 A.M. | 8:00 P.M. |

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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| Friday, March 29..... | 6:58 P.M. |
| Friday, April 5.....  | 7:58 P.M. |

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

|           |   |            |
|-----------|---|------------|
| April 1-2 | <i>Pesah</i> – Seventh and Eighth Days                                      |            |
| 7         | <i>Yom HaShoah</i>  |            |
| 7         | <i>Yom HaShoah</i> Survivor's Book Exhibit                                  | 7:00 P.M.  |
| 7         | <i>Yom HaShoah</i> Service  | 7:30 P.M.  |
| 7-15      | Museum of Jewish Heritage Exhibition at Temple Israel                       |            |
| 9         | "Five Talmudic Texts You Really Should Know" Course                         | 8:15 P.M.  |
| 12-13     | <i>Shabbat Kol Ishah</i>  |            |
| 15        | <i>Yom Hazikaron</i>  |            |
| 16        | <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>   |            |
| 16        | <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i> Celebration and Concert                               | 7:45 P.M.  |
| 18        | Board of Trustees Meeting   | 8:15 P.M.  |
| 20        | " <i>Shabbat Talk</i> "   | 12:45 P.M. |
| 21        | Shalom Club Meeting   | 6:30 P.M.  |
| 22        | Sisterhood Board Meeting  | 10:00 A.M. |
| 23        | "Five Talmudic Texts You Really Should Know" Course                         | 8:15 P.M.  |
| 25        | Men's Club Texas Hold 'Em Night   | 7:30 P.M.  |
| 26        | <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner<br>For College Grads and Friends | 7:30 P.M.  |
| 27        | Temple Israel Players Present " <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> "                | 8:45 P.M.  |
| 28        | <i>Lag B'Omer</i>   |            |
| 28        | Temple Israel Players Present " <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> "                | 2:00 P.M.  |
| 28        | Temple Israel Players Cast Party  | 6:00 P.M.  |
| 30        | Beth HaGan Nursery School Truck Day   |            |

# Concert to Celebrate Israel's 65th Birthday April 16

Temple Israel will mark the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Israel, *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut*, on Tuesday, April 16, with a rousing free concert in the Sanctuary for the congregation and community.

Cantor Raphael Frieder, who is organizing the program, will be joined by Israeli-American folksinger Sandra Bendor and Sephardi-Ashkenazic Cantor Brian Baruch Shamash of the South Huntington Jewish Center. Musical Director Ronn Yedidia will lead a four-piece band.

"This will be an upbeat, joyous celebration with lots of singing along with the performers," said Ronnie Katz, co-chair of the event. "It will be great for families of all ages."

The program, called "Songs in Blue and White," will begin at 7:45 P.M., immediately following the evening *minyan*, which will start at 7:30 P.M.

The program will include traditional, folk and popular songs spanning Eastern European Yiddish culture to the songs of the pioneers of Palestine, and the Middle Eastern tunes of the Sephardi traditions to contemporary Israeli pop and folk songs. The concert will even look at American Jewish culture and its contribution to Israeli music. Songs will be performed in Hebrew, English, Ladino and Yiddish, and "will echo the multi-ethnic sounds of Israel and the vibrant musical wealth that began with the songs of the Levites at the Temple and the notes of King David's harp," according to

Cantor Frieder.

The concert will also feature the Temple Israel Children's Choir, conducted by Cantor Frieder. "This program will not only celebrate the creation of the State of Israel, it will also emphasize the Temple Israel connection to it," according to concert Co-Chair Sherry Husney.

Soloist Bendor was voted "Israeli Singer of the Year" in 1985, becoming the only American born singer to receive that honor. While living in Israel, she was frequently sent to perform in concerts of American folk music for the U.S. State Department. She performed in Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea.

Cantor Shamash, who previously served Temple Israel of Greater Miami and B'nai Torah Congregation of Boca Raton, Florida, has dedicated himself to the melodies of his father's homeland, Baghdad, Iraq. His debut album is "Shalom Aleichem Features the Florida Light Orchestra." He was recently featured on two CDs, "The Spirit of World Jewish Music" and "The Spirit of Shalom."

Concert sponsorship, still in formation, includes Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee and The Samuel Baron Music Fund. For sponsorship information, contact the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

## IN QUOTES

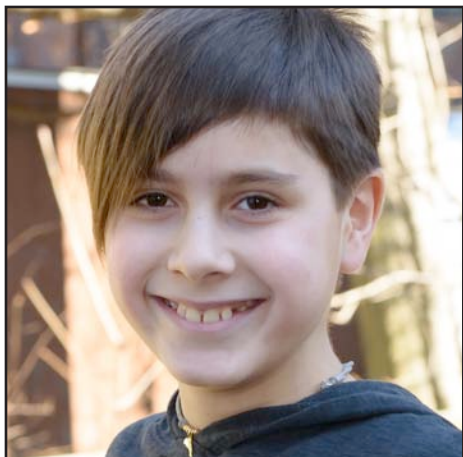
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote is from the Passover Hagaddah. What's your favorite quote? Send your suggestion to The Voice, c/o the Temple Israel office.

“In every generation each individual is bound to regard himself as if he had personally gone forth from Egypt...”



# B'NAI/B'NOTMITZVAH IN OUR TEMPLE FAMILY



## Matthew Portnoy

Matthew Portnoy will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on April 6. He is the son of Robin and Kevin Portnoy and has two brothers, Benjamin, 15, and Jacob, 14. His brother Zachary passed away in 2007. Matthew is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He enjoys reading, writing, acting, and playing the piano. He currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House.

## True Freedom

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founder of Hasidism, who complained that Elijah never comes when we open the door for him at the *seder*. The Baal Shem Tov urged his student to bring Passover food for a needy family nearby and to spend the *seder* with them, which he did. When the family opened the door for Elijah, no one was there, which the student conveyed to his teacher after the holiday was over. The following year, the Baal Shem Tov told his student that he should go back to the same house with food and, this time, wait before knocking on the door. The student overheard the husband complaining to his wife that they had no food for Passover. The wife told him not to worry. Just as Elijah had come the year before with enough food for the *seder*, he would surely come again. To the extent that we recognize our ability to make even a small difference, a profound liberation starts to take shape. We bear the spark of Elijah.

The Passover story, as encapsulated in the Haggadah, traces a series of positive transitions from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom, culminating with the words, "We will sing a new song before God."

We can sing a new song, a song of freedom, in the way we conduct ourselves and the way we regard and help others. Much of it is up to us.

FROM THE BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL

## Getting Ready for Passover

By Rachel Mathless

We made the transition from Megillah to matzah quite smoothly. The incredible display of Passover artifacts and the outstandingly creative use of material leaves me in awe of the talented staff Beth HaGan has been blessed with.

Although we have 11 classes, every Baby Moses was different, every seder plate a work of art. Teachers used painted boxes to create pyramids and dyed socks green to make frogs. Every child had a "stained glass" Elijah's cup and a beautifully crafted matzah cover, afikoman bag, and Haggadah. I am sure these beautiful items will be cherished forever. The wealth of knowledge, which was imparted to the children through music, role playing, modeling, stories, drama and gustatory delights is impressive. Rabbis Stecker and Adelson helped out with the "Ma nishtana," the "Dayanu," several renditions of the classic frog song, and of course, "Let My People Go." Thanks for the feedback of how excited you were with your children's performances at the *sedarim*. We know they did us proud!

We danced away our afikoman hunt

to the melodic chorus of the "Afikoman Mambo." It yielded the prize of the hidden matzah. So every child got a prize for a job well done.

We hired the Puppet Players for a show for the children. The ventriloquist charmed children with yet another rendition of the Passover story.

Look at our teeth. Are they shiny and sparkling? Dr. Kimmy came to visit all the classes to teach us how to brush, brush, brush. She gave each of us a dental goody bag to help us keep our smiles beautiful.

### Summer Registration

Our summer program registration is currently open and the deadline for the early bird special is fast approaching. Please stop by the office for a registration form. Our teachers are already working on creative new projects to implement this season.

Registration for Beth HaGan is on a rolling basis. Some openings remain in a few of the classes. Please be sure to call for a registration form or tour of the school, so you can guarantee your child a place in our school.

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become a major force in the Holocaust education movement, along with his late wife, Jerry.

Many other members of the congregation have written books or articles about their experience, escape or participation in Nazi resistance.

In addition, the service will feature a presentation by Leo Israel Slawin, the father of congregant Brenda Greif, who will be joined by his grandson, Jordan. Dr. Slawin came to the United States in 1949, went to high school in Brooklyn and attended City College and Columbia University Dental School. He raised three children and has eight grandchildren.

"For most of the many years that have passed since the Holocaust, my memories of those tragic days have been locked inside my mind," Dr. Slawin said in an article he wrote for Temple Israel's magazine, *The Light*. "I could not bring myself to talk about it and tried not to think about it. I have gradually come to believe that I must overcome my silence and tell the future generations what actually happened to me and my people."

At the urging of his son, Kevin, in 2006 he joined family members in a trip back to his bunker at the Warsaw Ghetto, to Auschwitz-Birkenau and Oskar Schindler's factory in Krakow, and to retrace the events of his escape from his hometown, Dunilowicz.

As usual, the Temple Israel service will begin with a candlelight procession of the congregation's survivors, escorted by family members and students of the Religious School, into a darkened Sanctuary. As they enter, Rabbi Marim D. Charry will announce their names and their former hometown. They will be welcomed to the service by Temple Israel President Alan Klinger.

The exhibit, which opens at 7 P.M., and the service, which begins at 7:30 P.M., is organized by the Shoah Remembrance Committee.

"One of the main reasons that we were able to overcome adversity in the past and remain spiritually creative and nationally united is thanks to our concept of *zachor*, to remember" Mr. Ungar wrote in a Voice Guest Column in 1993. "Generation after generation was brought up not to forget the past."

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- Carol and Dr. Sheldon Rabin on the birth of their grandson, Sebastian Jax Brodale.
- Loretta and Leonard Klein on the engagement of their granddaughters, Aryn Schwartz to Andy Kaufman, and Carli Schwartz to Josh Gertler.

## Shabbat Kol Ishah

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Sassouni, Neda Sedgh, and Deanna Stecker. The committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Schiowitz Memorial Fund, Temple Israel Institute for Lifelong Learning, and Sisterhood, in anticipation of the event.

The congregation is invited to a festive dinner catered by Chatanooga following Friday evening services. The cost of dinner for adults is \$25 per person. Children under 13 can dine for \$15 each. Contact Susan Mundhenk at 482-7800 or <smundhenk@tign.org> by April 5 to make reservations.

The dinner will also feature a talk by Temple member Rahel Musleah, a noted author, journalist, and musician, who will present "*Eshet Hayyil: Jewish India Through Women's Lives.*" The talk is a tribute to the legacy and continuity that follows five generations of Ms. Musleah's family. The program will weave a little known rich tapestry of heritage and culture.

If you are interested in participating, there are still limited parts available. To participate, immediately contact Lori Oppenheimer at <LSO@verizon.net> or Rebecca Sassouni <rebeccasassouni@gmail.com>.

## The Rest of Pesah: Opportunity for Self-Improvement

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

The leftovers are in the fridge, the matzah is growing tiresome, and the *haggadot* have been put away for next year. So why do we need six more days of *Pesah*?

This holiday is something of an endurance test, and not just for your gastrointestinal tract. *Pesah* is a challenge: eight days of limiting yourself to a *hametz*-free existence, and if you have family origins in Eastern Europe, it is even more limited than that. (We Ashkenazi vegetarians are particularly hard up during *Pesah*—without soy, mealtimes are particularly meager, although the recent availability of quinoa, which is acceptable for *Pesah*, has proven to be a real blessing.) This is about mind over matter, about conquering the stomach's dominion over your life.

And, there is no question that doing so every once in a while is good for you. Our 24/7 culture, with its constant availability of all sorts of food, much of it unhealthy, rarely forces us to think twice about what we are putting into our bodies. But *Pesah* upends the food equation; for eight days of the year, I have to rethink my dietary choices, to refocus my relationship with food.

Although we spend the first two

nights of *Pesah* recalling our journey from slavery to freedom, from the physical distress of *Mitzrayim* (Egypt) to the spiritual satisfaction of receiving the Torah and claiming God's Promised Land, the remainder of the festival is about the discipline that freedom warrants.

So, before you hoist that matzah

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dominion  
over your life.*

sandwich to your mouth, or test the edibility of that kosher-for-Passover "cookie," try to remember that setting limits builds strength of character. And maybe some fresh fruits and vegetables would be better for you, anyway.

*Hag sameah!*

## Guest Column: Passover and the iPhone Generation

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granted that the parent will tell his children a story before they go to sleep. Nor can it be assumed that the children will wait until the meal is completed to get up from the table.

I find it curious that in this age of communication, where at the touch of a button we can make contact with friends who live across the ocean (and even see them on our screens), it is so difficult to hold a conversation with the members of our family who live with us under the same roof.

A member of my congregation told me that a few days ago her adolescent daughter invited a friend of hers to stay over for a couple of days. Upon entering her daughter's room, she found both of the girls sitting separately; one was surfing Facebook and the other playing a game on her iPhone.

"A total lack of connection," she told me. She gently took away the phones and said with a motherly smile, "Now, talk!"

This happens in almost every household with children. One child is with an iPhone, another child is on the computer. Mother is checking e-mails, father is sitting in front of the television.

Let's suppose that Moses were to come down today from Mt. Sinai with the word of God in his hands. Naturally, he wouldn't bring down two tablets of stone, rather one could assume that he would bring down two 5th generation iPads in his hands.

Moses would descend, and instead of hearing sounds of shouting from the camp, he would hear silence.

The Golden Calf at the outskirts of

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the camp would be left alone, and all of the children of Israel would be in their tents with their smartphones in their hands, communicating with the world, but disconnected from their families and their people.

I am convinced that Moses would still

break his Tablets.

In this new reality, "Telling your son" *Ve-Higadta Le-Bincha* is a *mitzvah* that takes on a new significance. We are not just speaking of passing on a tradition from one generation to another. We are simply speaking of strengthening and improving the communication within the family so that there can be a dialogue, a table set and orderly, a family dinner that begins and concludes at the same time for all of the members of the family.

My heart fills with gladness at the sight of my daughters getting up from the table at the end of the *seder*, running to search for a thin rectangle that isn't the iPhone, but rather the *afikoman*.

*Pesach* is my favorite holiday because it provides us with rare quality family time.

The truth is that the children of Israel no longer have to ask in wonder why on this night we eat "only *matzah*" or why "we dip twice." It's enough that they see that daddy answers when they ask a question, and tells them a story before bedtime.

And that is a sufficient reason to ask "*Ma Nishtanah?*"



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

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on March 2 was made by Tina and David Ohebshalom in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Daniella.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on March 9 was made by Romina and David Pour in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Oliver.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on March 16 was made by Fariba and Michael Harounian in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their daughter, Simone, and Louis Martin Camhi.

**From the President: Respecting Others**

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This is, I believe, an important difference that bears on two significant areas currently being considered at the synagogue. The first is an initiative to re-examine the nature of our prayer services. A diverse committee is charged with exploring whether aspects may/should be changed to make the services more meaningful. The issue is sensitive, for generations of our congregation have grown up with certain prayers and practices comprising the service and many of us grow attached to what we've traditionally done. On the other hand, people's needs change and we should be mindful of what is desired by today's congregants as a way to induce greater participation. Part of the work in assessing today's services is learning what is required, what is optional and the rationale for what we do. The derivation of the rationale—that is, which of the three observance levels is implicated—will undoubtedly prove important in considering change and any limitations thereto.

The second issue involves whether we should be more active in reaching out to inter-faith families. As Rabbi Adelson referenced in this past week's sermon, the Board of Trustees recently heard from Rabbi Chuck Simon of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, that the percentage of Jews intermarrying is at staggering numbers and causes concern for the future

of our movement (as it does for Reform Judaism as well). There is no gain in saying that the issue is intensely difficult, for there is the concern that outreach could be taken as condoning the choice to marry non-Jewish, making it viewed as more "acceptable." There is the countervailing concern that failure to provide more contact with an interfaith couple could drive them away from the family opting to have a Jewish home (Rabbi Simon spoke to the percentage of non-Jewish spouses converting within ten years of marriage). We will, working under the direction of our clergy, explore whether and, if so, how to consider the issue of interfaith outreach along with how to promote marriage within the faith. In considering outreach, we again likely will be called upon to consider which levels of observance prescribe practices at issue and whether any change is appropriate.

Towards the end of the Rabbinic Dialogue, one of the audience members rose to compliment the clergy and the crowd for being able to have discourse between and among the main branches of Judaism. She said she was from the Five Towns area and that such a gathering would be unlikely there because of the absence of respect among those holding differing beliefs. Here is to the expectation that we, within the Temple Israel community, bring that same level of respect to discussion of these two issues.

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# PASSOVER AND SABBATH SERVICES

## Friday, March 29 - Hol Hamoed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.  
 Evening Service Welcoming *Shabbat* 6:30 P.M.

## Saturday, March 30

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
 Waxman High School Students  
 will lead the service in the Sanctuary  
 Afternoon and Evening Service 6:40 P.M.

## Sunday, March 31 - Hol Hamoed

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.  
 Afternoon and Evening Festival Service 6:40 P.M.

## Monday, April 1 - Seventh Day of Pesah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
 Afternoon and Evening Festival Service 7:10 P.M.

## Tuesday, April 2 - Eighth Day of Pesah

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.  
 Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
*Yizkor* Memorial Prayers  
 and Dedication of Memorial Plaques  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
 Afternoon and Evening Service 7:15 P.M.

## Friday, April 5

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

## Saturday, April 6

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Shemini*

Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

*Haftarah*: II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17

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son of Robin and Kevin Portnoy

*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.  
*Shabbat* Up Close and Personal Service 10:30 A.M.  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:45 P.M.  
*Havdalah* 8:06 P.M.

# D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

*Shemini*

Saturday, April 6

In this portion we conclude the laws of the sanctuary. The reading opens with a description of proceedings through which the priests begin their duties. In the midst of this, we find an account of two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, who take it upon themselves to bring some kind of unprescribed offering to the altar and are summarily struck down. Their death becomes the occasion for God to issue specific warnings to Aaron and all the priests to take special care in carrying out their duties. The remainder of the Book of Leviticus deals with the laws of daily life and provides rules and regulations whose purpose is to raise every aspect of human life to the level of *kedusha* (holiness). The first matter to be dealt with is *kashrut* (the dietary laws). Details are provided of permitted and forbidden quadrupeds, fish, birds and insects. The reason given for these prescriptions is that since God is *kadosh* (holy) and Israelites are His people, they also must be *kadosh*. However this is understood, *kashrut* serves to help make the basically animal function of eating, something uniquely human.