

## President Panzer Selected for 2nd Term *New Officers and Board To Be Elected June 5th*



Robert Panzer: Temple Israel president and presidential nominee

by Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel President Robert Panzer has been nominated to serve a second term, along with a slate of five new vice presidents. The announcement was made by the Nominating Committee, which also recommended eight new members of the Board of Trustees and four nominations for a second term on the Board.

The nominees will be voted upon at the congregational meeting, to be held on Monday, June 5, at 8:15 P.M. The newly elected officers and trustees will take their positions on July 1.

Named to first terms as vice presidents of the congregation are Rachel Geula, Sam Husney, Veronica Lurvey, Lynn Weitzman, and Burton Weston. Brent Greenspan was nominated for a second term as vice president and Daniel Goldberger was selected to serve a third term.

“There is a lot of unfinished business that I would like to accomplish in a second term,” President Panzer said. “We have been working on a strategic plan for the future of the

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## Temple Israel Hosting Community Concert Celebrating the Unification of Jerusalem

Temple Israel will be hosting a community Yom Yerushalayim concert—celebrating the 50th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem—on Sunday, May 21, from 4-5:30 P.M., at Great Neck’s Jonathan L. Ielpi Firefighters Park, formerly the Grace Avenue Park.

Featuring Cantors Raphael Frieder and Magda Fishman, as well as the Temple Israel Children’s Choir, the performers will be accompanied by a band under the direction of Ronn Yedidia. The festive outdoor concert is free and open to the public. Those attending the concert are invited to bring a blanket, folding chair and their singing voice!

The musical performances will incorporate Hebrew and English songs, as well as a Middle Eastern flavor. Magda Fishman is the cantor at Temple Beth El of Stamford,

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Cantor Raphael Frieder



Cantor Magda Fishman

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## Shalom Club: Join the Fun

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### A Voice Guest Column by Milton Putterman

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's popular Shalom Club has been meeting for more than 50 years and invites everyone to join the group in this Guest Column by its president, Milton Putterman.

Shalom Club? Oh, you mean that young married group! Yes, they are still meeting and greeting, eating and sleeping, keeping an eye on the news and still pay their dues. No, they never refuse. Ask a question of this group and be ready for an intellectual response spoken in high class English!

Of course we still start their monthly meetings with a drink, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, followed by a main course with wine, and dessert, coffee or tea—which shall it be? Calories are not counted, but your intellectual participation is. We debate, orate, relate, create, and also keep the date.

We do not show pictures of our children, but we have shown pictures of ourselves as children and then ask one another, "Who do you think that might be?" Try it; it surely

can be hysterical, numerical, confidential, intentional, as well as unmentionable!

We started the Shalom Club 54 years ago in 1963 with Rabbi Mordecai Waxman at the helm. He taught us Judaism with his sense of the world of the day, a world that

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actually did turn out to be the future, now! We just heard the message a few decades earlier than most. He suggested speakers rabbinical, cynical, clinical, political, factual and practical. Rabbi Waxman's memory is alive and well. We talk, we tell, and we share his presence among us, and then simply "qvell."

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## Turning Our Worry Into Action

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

When I was in college, my mother would ask the following question in many of our phone conversations: "Are you getting your work done?"

I thought it was curious that she was still asking this question now that I was no longer at home, now that I was a young adult and managing reasonably well.

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Years later, when I was already working as a rabbi, she asked similar questions. Are you getting everything done? Are your sermons ready for the holidays?

Worrying is part of parenthood, to be sure, but it's more universal. Our anxieties are varied, ongoing and often intense, particularly when we care deeply about the issues and the people involved.

Judaism recognizes the reality of worrying, but our tradition encourages us to do something about our worrying, to turn our anxiety into action. Our ancestors stayed awake on the fateful night in Egypt known as leil shimurim, the night of watchfulness. As the departure from Egypt was about to begin, they may well have worried about what would happen to them and their families. How would Pharaoh respond? What would be the realities of their impending freedom?

They were told to do specific things on that night, including preparing a family meal and anticipating how to tell the story of their departure to their children and future generations. They were encouraged, I would argue, to turn their worry into action.

I would like to give a concrete and timely example of how we can apply this concept. It is no secret that the bond proposed for the Great Neck Public

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## Yom Hashoah

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### From the President

by Rob Panzer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last month Temple Israel honored its Shoah survivors at a moving service featuring a presentation by Dr. Harvey Moser, who was introduced by President Rob Panzer. Following are excerpts from his talk.

On Pesach, we are told that we must view it as if we too came forth from Egypt, on Shavuot as if we were at Sinai. So, too, on Yom Hashoah. We must view it as if we were present at Auschwitz, Majdanek, Babi Yar.

This year saw the passing of Elie Wiesel, who, for many, served both as the repository for holocaust remembrance

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as well as the conscience of humanity. It is now our responsibility, collectively, to bear witness for those who cannot. Each of us has to hear the stories and see to it that they are told and re-told, never to be forgotten.

We are fortunate...to have an active and involved community of survivors, and to have an active and involved Shoah Remembrance Committee. In addition, there is an exhibit in the Blue Room entitled "BESA: A Code Of Honor," which tells compelling stories of Albanian Muslims who rescued Jews during the Holocaust.

... I would like to thank our Shoah Remembrance Committee for its hard work and dedication, and especially the chair of the committee, Lori Oppenheimer, for her superb leadership.

As always, I can be reached at [robpanzer18@gmail.com](mailto:robpanzer18@gmail.com)

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### Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Friday, June 2. The deadline for that issue is Friday, May 19. The following issue will be published on July 7. The deadline is June 23.

## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### ELAINE KAUFMAN

mother of Andrea Weiner Goldstein

### MARSHA LEON

grandmother of Steven Cohen

### ROBERT GREENSPAN

father of Brent Greenspan

### JEAN GELBARD

mother of Trudy Markowitz

### FEIZULLAH NEJATHAIM

father of Hooshang Nejathaim

### WALTER LEAVITT

esteemed member of Temple Israel

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Daily Minyan Times

### Fridays, May 5, 12, 19 & June 2

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

### Friday, May 26 (Rosh Hodesh)

6:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

### Sundays

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

### Mondays, May 8, 15, 22 & June 5

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

### Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

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

### Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23 & June 6

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

### Tuesday, May 30 (Erev Shavuot)

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

### Wednesdays, May 10, 17, 24 & June 7

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

### Thursdays, May 11, 18, 25 & June 8

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

## Temple Lites...

• **Joseph K. Spector, D.D.S.**, was recognized by the American Association of Endodontists last month for his involvement in endodontic education at different levels for almost 60 years. The long-time Temple Israel member has served as the chief of the Division of Endodontics at Long Island Jewish Medical Center since 1972. According to the association, the award is presented to those "whose contributions to endodontics have demonstrated dedication to the specialty and have instilled in his...students a desire to pursue excellence in their careers."

## Upcoming Events

### May 7

Israelfest at North Hempstead Beach Noon

### May 8

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

### May 14

Lag BaOmer

### May 16

Waxman High School End of Year Banquet 7:00 P.M.

TILL Mini-Series Discussion:

"Faith vs. Reason" 7:30 P.M.

### May 18

Beth HaGan Art & Literature Fair 5:30 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### May 21

Yom Yerushalayim Community Concert at Jonathan Ielpi Park 4:00 P.M.

### May 23

Religious School Sunday/Tuesday Last Day Festival

### May 24

Yom Yerushalayim Religious School Monday/Wednesday Last Day Festival

### May 25

Men's Club Beer Tasting 7:30 P.M.

### May 30

Erev Shavuot

### May 31-June 1

Shavuot

### June 4

New York Israel Day Parade 11:00 A.M.

### June 5

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Congregational Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### June 6

TILL Discussion: "Faith vs. Reason" 7:30 P.M.

### June 11

Temple Israel Flea Market 9:00 A.M.

New Member Ceremony 5:30 P.M.

New Member Dinner 6:00 P.M.

### June 13

Beth HaGan Graduation 9:30 A.M.

### June 19 -23

Beth HaGan School Transition Week

### June 22

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

**Tuesdays, May 16 & June 6  
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).

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



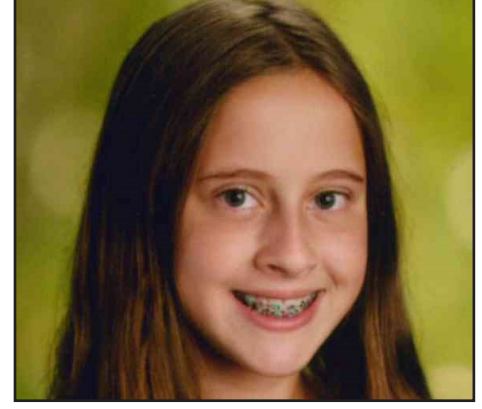
## Liam Weinberger

Liam Weinberger will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on May 13. He is the son of Deborah Heiser and Joel Weinberger and has one brother, Aiden. Liam is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He has attended the Solomon Schechter School and Gaelet. Liam is on his school baseball team and travel baseball team. He is a black belt in Shodokan karate and is a ranked chess player, for which he has received two bronze medals in international tournaments. Liam has visited Israel and has been involved with IDF through a mitzvah project for a year.



## Lauren Benhuri

Lauren Benhuri will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 20. She is the daughter of Linda and Michael Benhuri and has two sisters, Monica, 23, and Ariana, 19. Lauren is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School and enjoys swimming and playing the piano. She plans to visit relatives in Israel in the near future.



## Sarah Hershenhorn

Sarah Brynn Hershenhorn will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 20. She is the daughter of Rachel and Howard Hershenhorn and has two brothers, Matthew, 22, and Michael, 19. Sarah is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where she is a participant in NYSSMA choral festivals and All County choral ensembles. She is a member of the travel soccer team for the sixth season. Sarah has been involved in fundraising for many Jewish causes with her parents and visited Israel with her family at the age of 3 and plans to return in the future.



## Adam Wright

Adam Wright will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 25. He is the son of Nina and Paul Wright and has two sisters, Jessica, 28, and Gabriella, 14, and a brother, Jordan, 7. Adam is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is on the school volleyball team and enjoys playing tennis and scuba diving, as well as being a black belt in Kung Fu. Adam plans to attend the Waxman High School following his Bar Mitzvah and hopes to visit Israel in the near future.



## Elizabeth Lev

Elizabeth Brooke Lev will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 27. She is the daughter of Alicia and Ted Lev and has a brother, Martin, 15. Elizabeth is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School and has played on her school volleyball and basketball teams and is currently on the softball team. She also enjoys singing. Elizabeth plans to continue attending the Waxman High School and Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, where she spends her summers, and plans to visit Israel.



## Matthew Nejat

Matthew Nejat will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 3. He is the son of Natalie and Robert Nejat and has a brother, Jason, 12, and two sisters, Juliana, 9, and Isabel, 7. Matthew is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He has earned the Four Sports Award for being on the basketball, soccer, volleyball and tennis teams. He plans to continue attending the Waxman High School and will visit Israel again next year to celebrate his brother's Bar Mitzvah.

## From the Rabbi: Turning Our Worry Into Action

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Schools was recently voted down. On May 16 there will be an opportunity to vote for an amended bond as well as the annual budget.

If you are worried—about the quality of education, about the future of excellence in our community—then vote. Don't just worry. Vote. If you don't vote, you are allowing other people to determine the future of our community.

There are issues about which I have some ambivalence, but this is not one of them. Our schools help to ensure that our children will become excellent citizens of our democracy and they deserve our full support.

If we are worried about the future of our schools and our community, we need to act on behalf of our schools and our community. Whether we have children or not, whether we have sent our children to public or private school, whether we currently have children in school or they graduated long ago, we need to act on behalf of our future.

There is an old joke that draws its humor from the Jewish tendency to worry. What does the classic Jewish telegram say? Start worrying. Details to follow.

I propose an amended version, less funny but hopefully more inspiring. If a telegram seems outdated, imagine the following tweet: Keep worrying. Action to follow.

In multiple realms of our lives—personal, familial, communal—let us draw upon our legitimate worries to motivate productive, responsive, responsible action.

## Shalom Club: Join the Fun

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We traveled to Israel together, to Philadelphia, to Yale University, to the Jewish start-ups at the end of the Island (Long), and to early cemeteries in order to better understand from whence we came in our generation of Jewish history in America.

We have a speaker's list, which can offer one bliss that you simply can't miss. So when you're at home, don't grumble or groan, just give it some thought to join the club. Shalom.

## Beth HaGan Students 'Going' to Israel

**From the Beth HaGan Nursery School** by Rachel Mathless

We've all stored away our magnificent Haggadahs, our beautiful seder plates, our exquisite Elijah Cups, our unique matzoh covers—and we turn to spring and all the activities we so enjoy.

The Beth HaGan Yom Ha'atzmaut experience will take on a new flavor as the PTA will create a "shuk" on Ben Yehudah Street. Children will be given shekels to purchase Israeli made or Israeli themed items.

After we de-plane at Ben Gurion Airport and stop at The Kotel to pray and dance and sing, we will be whisked off to the fabulous and famous Israeli Market to browse and shop. There we will visit a Bedouin tent in the desert to rest and have a special Yom Ha'atzmaut snack.

All Beth HaGan students are working assiduously on the Literary Art Fair to be held on Thursday, May 18. All classes have chosen four of their favorite books and will present some artistic, creative iteration of that book. We look forward to a spectacular exhibit.

Our annual Mother's Day Shabbat Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 12. All classes present beautiful handcrafted gifts and prepare a lovely musical presentation for all mummies and grandmas.

Graduation for the four-year old children moving up to kindergarten will be on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:30 A.M., in the Crystal Ballroom.

Registration for the summer program, which starts on June 26, is well underway. Contact the school office for summer and fall registration forms.



Students in the Beth HaGan Tigers class proudly display the Israeli flags they made to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut.

# Plans Being Made for Temple Israel Participation In New York City's Celebrate Israel Parade June 4

Temple Israel will sponsor a contingent in the annual Celebrate Israel Parade on New York's Fifth Avenue on Sunday, June 4 and the congregation is encouraged to march or cheer on the marchers. Hundreds of organizations will be celebrating the 69th anniversary of the State of Israel.

The parade is organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council and is always festive and lively, featuring diverse participants. The parade route begins at 57th Street, heading north to 74th Street. Israel Affairs Committee Chair Lee Harounian said: "Temple Israel has a great showing at the Celebrate Israel Parade every year. Whether you walk with the marchers or cheer from along the parade route, this is a great event for all, young and old. There is no more important place to be on June 4 than standing with Israel on Fifth Avenue."

The theme for this year's parade is "Israel: All Together," to emphasize the centrality of both diversity and unity. Students in the Religious School are working on this year's Temple Israel banner, which will feature a theme of Israeli cuisine. Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth said, "Our banner will engage children around the concept of grocery shopping in an Israeli supermarket."

She recalled, "My experiences marching in the Celebrate Israel Parade as a young girl and teen were among my most powerful—and the memories of those gatherings, seeing Jews and supporters of Israel from all over—have helped shaped my adult Jewish self. Marching in the parade is an opportunity for the entire family to have fun and also create strong Jewish memories, whether it is through bonding with Temple Israel families or being exposed to the greater Jewish community. I encourage all to join us for an afternoon that is important on so many levels."

Once again, Temple Israel's Israel Solidarity Fund will underwrite the costs of renting buses, making a banner, and provide flags and tee shirts for the congregation's participants. The Israel Solidarity Fund was established five years ago to enable the synagogue to make contributions in times of need to

appropriate organizations in Israel, such as Temple Israel's sister congregation in Ashkelon, Kehilat Netzach Israel; Magen David Adom; Friends of the Israel Defense Forces; Stand with Us; Masorti Foundation; Schechter Institutes, and others.

The coordinator for Temple Israel's participation

in the parade this year is Vice President Rebecca Sassouni. She can be reached at [rebeccasassouni@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccasassouni@gmail.com) to reserve tee shirts and seats on the congregation's bus, which will be leaving and returning from the Temple Israel parking lot. For the step-off time and the parade assembly location, contact her after May 18.

## President Panzer Selected for 2nd Term

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congregation for more than a year. I would like to see it implemented."

He pointed to the recently concluded contract with Rabbi Howard Stecker as a major accomplishment during his first term. "It will insure Rabbi Stecker's outstanding leadership of Temple Israel for the foreseeable future."

He also cited a desire to reach out to other congregations and Jewish organizations to find ways to work together. "I think about it a lot," he said. "Together there is so much we can accomplish."

Nominated for a first term on the Board are Michael Becker, Jeffrey Fleit, Lisa Goodwin, Marjorie Hoffman, Ezra Kassin, Barbara Levy, Susan Lopatkin, and Jack Yachbes. All will fill three-year terms, except Mr. Fleit who is filling a one-year vacancy and Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Kassin, and Mr. Yachbes, who are filling two-year vacancies.

Named to a second two-year term on the Board were Susan Brustein, Toby Katz, Mark Putter, and Sima Taid.

"The large number of new officers and new Board members will bring new ideas and new energy to the leadership of our congregation," President Panzer said. "I am enthused by this large turnover and I am eager to begin work with this new group of leaders."

He said planning will begin shortly on Temple Israel's dinner dance and officers and Board members will be participating in United Synagogue's Sulam for Current Leaders program, which works with congregational leadership to enhance their roles as the future leaders of the synagogue. Reviewing Temple Israel finances, he said he will "continue to be diligent in the budget process and look for ways to continue to enhance our fundraising efforts."

The proposed slate was recommended by the Nominating Committee, which consisted of Adam Covitt, Andrea Katz, Ronald Klempner, Alise Kreditor, Jack Moallem, Jerrold Schlessel, Alexander Schoen, and Seth Horowitz, chair.

According to the Temple Israel bylaws, "any 20 or more members in good standing may nominate additional candidates for office or for the Board of Trustees to be voted upon at such membership election, provided such name or names be filed with the Secretary at least 20 days prior to the membership meeting in June. No other nominations shall be considered or voted upon at such meeting. Notice of any additional nominations shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least 15 days prior to such membership meeting. In the event the Secretary does not send the notice required to be sent by him or her within the time herein fixed, then the notice may be sent by the Chair of the Nominating Committee or by any person named on any nomination petition which has been signed by 20 members in good standing. All such notices shall be sent at the expense of the Congregation. Every slate submitted hereunder shall contain a certification that each candidate named on the slated is a member in good standing and has agreed to stand for election on such slate and serve if elected."

Memorial Plaque  
To Be Dedicated  
Second Day of Shavuot

Thursday, June 1

**TAWFIK M. RABY**

Uncle of Myra Michael

Shavuot

Candle Lighting Times

**Tuesday, May 30 (Erev Shavuot)**

8:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, May 31-Shavuot Day 1**

After 9:01 P.M.

**Thursday, June 1-Shavuot Day 2**

(Havdalah) 9:02 P.M.

Shavuot D'var Torah

The readings for the two days of Shavuot are taken from two different books of the Torah. They consist of passages dealing with various aspects of the festival.

1st day: Exodus 19:1-20:22

Wednesday, May 31

The reading describes the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai.

2nd day: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17

Thursday, June 1

The reading consists of a calendar of the three Pilgrim Festivals. The emphasis is on the observance at a central sanctuary, and meanings are assigned to the Festivals to make them significant to future generations who will not have experienced the revelation at Sinai.

On each day Numbers 28:26-31, detailing the special offerings to be brought on the festival, is read from a second Torah.

## TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT & SHAVUOT SERVICES

**TUESDAY, MAY 30 – EREV SHAVUOT**

### DO JEWISH VALUES AND SECULAR POLITICS MIX?

*GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY JACQUELINE AND HILBERT ESHAGHPOUR  
IN MEMORY OF YOUNESS NEMAN AND  
ELLIE SCHWEBER IN MEMORY OF KEN SCHWEBER*

7:00 PM *Minhah*

7:15 - 11:00 PM

A Night of Learning with **Rabbi Stecker, Rabbi Schweber, Cantor Frieder** and keynote address by

**Rabbi Robert Goldenberg**

followed by late night learning.

8:00 PM *Ma'ariv, kiddush* followed by a sumptuous dairy dinner and keynote  
(Dinner is free, but you **MUST RSVP by Friday, May 26** to Jennifer at 482-7800)



#### “Using Ancient Example That Have Modern Relevance”

Rabbi Goldenberg will explore how Jewish values impact social and political reality. Rabbi Goldenberg is a Professor Emeritus in Judaic Studies at Stony Brook University.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 – FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT

9:00 A.M. **Festival Service - Sanctuary**

Torah: Exodus 19:1-20:22; Numbers 28:26-31

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12

8:10 P.M. *Minhah-Ma'ariv* - Chapel

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1 – SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOT

6:30 A.M. **Early Morning Service - Chapel**

9:00 A.M. **Festival Service - Sanctuary**

Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31

Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-19

Plaque Dedication and *Yizkor* Memorial Prayers

8:15 P.M. *Minhah-Ma'ariv* - Chapel

9:02 P.M. *Havdalah* - Chapel

## All Invited As Temple Israel Greet Shabbat In the Park

Temple Israel families with young children are invited to a Shabbat Sing-Along in Jonathan Ielpi Firefighters Park, formerly the Grace Avenue Park, on Friday, May 5, from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.

“We will get up and sing, dance, say Kiddush and Motzi” said Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth. “We are all part of the Temple Israel family.”

She said pre-school children through 10-year olds, children in the elementary grades and their parents will be able to enjoy a spring pre-Shabbat afternoon in the park with her, as well as Rabbis Howard Stecker and Daniel Schweber, and Morah Sara Shoenfeld.

“Our goal is to bring the Temple Israel family outside the walls of Temple Israel,” she said. “Our community is found in many places.”

Two years ago Temple Israel's schools partnered with the PJ Library

and Solomon Schechter to hold an afternoon in Allenwood Park. Based on that success, we are expecting a large turnout, Rabbi Roth said.

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution toward the kiddush on March 25 was made by Tina and David Ohebshalom in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jared.

A contribution toward the kiddush on April 1 was made by Deborah and Judd Volk in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Amanda Paige.

A contribution toward the kiddush on April 8 was made by Temple Israel in honor of the Shabbat HaGever group.

A contribution toward the kiddush on April 22 was made by Sima Taeid in memory of her father, Nourollah Fouladian.

# From Generation to Generation

## Temple Israel Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

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of Deborah and Judd Volk,  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
The Greiff family

In memory of:

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Barbara Schultz  
Mitchell Benjamin  
Adria Leslie Benjamin  
Jeral Ann Benjamin  
Isidore Achenbaum  
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on the birth of their grandson,  
Benjamin Philip Bloom.

### Joni and Jordan Shames

on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Eleanor Willow Shames.

### Janice and David Epstein

on the marriage of their grandson,  
Steven A. Kottler, to Lauren Goldstein.

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## Candle Lighting Times

### Friday, May 5

7:37 P.M.

### Friday, May 12

7:44 P.M.

### Friday, May 19

7:51 P.M.

### Friday, May 26

7:57 P.M.

### Friday, June 2

8:02 P.M.

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## Temple Israel Hosting Community Concert Celebrating 50 Years Of Jerusalem Unification

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Connecticut, and frequently performs with Cantor Frieder. A mezzo-soprano, her repertoire includes liturgical masterpieces, Israeli songs, jazz, musical theater, and her own compositions. She had previously served in the Israeli Army Orchestra as a vocal soloist and trumpet player.

"The unification of Jerusalem 50 years ago makes the celebration very special," Cantor Frieder said. "It is nice to share this occasion by bringing Temple Israel to the community."

Temple Israel sponsored a community concert in Iepi Park several years ago, to great success. The large turnout to that concert and the spirit shown by all who attended inspired this concert, Cantor Frieder said. Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee is underwriting the concert, in part. In case of bad weather the concert will be held at Temple Israel.

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## Ask the Rabbi: Women at Services

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### A New Voice Feature by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

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

**Question:** The siddur we use offers two options for the beginning of the Amidah prayer. There is an "A" page, which is the traditional formulation mentioning Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And then there is the "B" page, which adds their wives: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Temple Israel's current practice is that it is the prayer leader's choice which page to recite. As an egalitarian synagogue where men and women are equal, why isn't the "B" required? (Anonymous)

**Discussion:** Temple Israel of Great Neck's motto is "where tradition meets change." This "meeting" of tradition and change that is envisioned in the motto is very complex. We are challenged by the seeming clash between our love and fidelity to a rich and ancient tradition, albeit crafted almost exclusively by men, against a still relatively new recognition and celebration that men and women are completely equal in everything. And as a society, we are still working on actualizing that equality. Our responses to this struggle and to the question at hand are not monolithic. There are differing ways of approaching the challenge.

This question is made even more challenging because one of the purposes of Jewish liturgical prayer is to express what is important to us and transmit our values to one another and to the next generation.

Briefly stated, the points in support of adding the matriarchs names include the fact the Torah describes how all of the matriarchs played important roles in helping to start our covenantal nation. The matriarchs all demonstrated their devotion to God. As an egalitarian congregation it is advocated that we include the matriarchs as a clear statement of equality and because we can find that equality in the Torah.

Some points in favor of the traditional recitation include an idea in Jewish law that the beginning and ending of the Amidah remain fixed. The phrase "God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob" is also a direct quote from Exodus 3. Structurally, our liturgy is constructed with Biblical phrases. Egalitarian Jews who support the traditional version maintain that one

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can embrace egalitarianism without changing the liturgy by involving women in every aspect of prayer leadership and participation.

Suffice it to say, there are strong proponents on both sides and the Conservative movement has embraced this difference of opinion as a "dispute for the sake of heaven." That is why our siddur has the "A" and "B" page. It should be noted that publications subsequent to the publication of siddur Sim Shalom, such as the new Mahzor Lev Shalem now publish both versions in side-by-side columns on the same page to demonstrate the equal validity of both options.

Because both options are considered valid, we at Temple Israel always announce both options for private prayer and give the prayer leader the choice for public prayer.

Perhaps we should add to our motto: "where tradition meets change—in a pluralistic environment."

Here is a link to a more in-depth discussion from two scholars, Rabbis David Golinkin and Eleazar Diamond: <https://goo.gl/m3ed5g>

# Sabbath Services

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|                                       |                     |                   |                           |           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Bat Mitzvah:                          | Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M.        | <b>Friday, May 26</b>     |           |
| Lauren Benhuri,                       | Toddler Service     | 11:00 A.M.        | Rosh Hodesh Sivan         |           |
| daughter of Linda and Michael Benhuri | Niggun Circle       | following kiddush | N'Ranenah/Evening Service | 6:30 P.M. |
| Bat Mitzvah:                          | Afternoon Service   | 7:30 P.M.         | <b>Saturday, May 27</b>   |           |
| Sarah Hershenhorn, daughter of        | Se'udah Shelishit   | 8:00 P.M.         | Preparatory Prayers       | 8:45 A.M. |
| Rachel and Howard Hershenhorn         | Evening Service     | 8:37 P.M.         | Shaharit Morning Service  | 9:00 A.M. |
|                                       | Havdalah            | 8:52 P.M.         | First Mourner's Kaddish   | 9:25 A.M. |

## D'var Torah

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continues with a body of religious and secular laws, including matters pertaining to agriculture, testimony, social ethics, and certain rituals connected with sacrifice. Whereas purity and impurity pertain to states of being, holiness has to do with interpersonal relationships and modes of behavior.

### Emor Saturday, May 13

In this portion the Holiness Code continues with laws concerning the maintaining of ritual purity by the priests. In particular, we find laws regulating the marriages of priests, limiting their participation in funerals, and specifying the blemishes which may disqualify a priest from officiating. This section ends with an admonition not to profane God's holy name, but to hallow it among the Israelites. The Code then turns to the sacred seasons and presents a calendar of the festivals on which cessation from work is mandated. The list begins with Shabbat and continues chronologically from Pesah. Cessation from work is a crucial element in the account of creation and, by observing the festivals, the Israelites are led to emulate one of God's major characteristics and achieve holiness.

### Behar-Behukkotay Saturday, May 20

We conclude the Book of Leviticus with this double portion. The Holiness Code continues with a group of laws that are to take effect when the Israelites enter The Promised Land. The people will be permitted to work the land for six years, but the seventh year is to be a sabbatical year of complete rest for the land. Further, after seven cycles of seven years, the 50th year is to be a Jubilee—a year of release for the land and all its inhabitants. There follow a series of laws

concerning redemption of land and persons and an admonition to keep God's Sabbaths. The Holiness Code ends with a promise and a curse. If the Israelites follow God's laws and commandments, they will be blessed with peace, prosperity and security. If they do not obey, however, a long list of the most dire consequences will ensue. The final chapter of Leviticus deals with providing funding for the Mishkan. Thus, the entire description of the sanctuary, its functioning and the type of life it is supposed to engender in the Israelites concludes with the establishment of a pattern of generosity toward our places of worship, which continues down to our own time and becomes a basic element of community life wherever Jews settle.

### Bemidbar Saturday, May 27

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

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar  
Numbers 1:1 – 4:20  
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Toby Katz, Andi Katz, Madelyn Gould, and Gail Zahler

Bat Mitzvah:  
Elizabeth Lev  
daughter of Alicia and Theodore Lev

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| Havurah Service     | 10:00 A.M. |
| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service     | 11:00 A.M. |
| Afternoon Service   | 7:35 P.M.  |
| Se'udah Shelishit   | 8:05 P.M.  |
| Evening Service     | 8:43 P.M.  |
| Havdalah            | 8:58 P.M.  |

**Friday, June 2**  
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

**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

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
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Diana Stein, Eleanor Askari, and Brent Greenspan

Bar Mitzvah:  
Matthew Nejat  
son of Natalie and Robert Nejat

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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.  |

## Temple Israel's Museum Acquires Ancient Oil Lamps

The Temple Israel Museum has added two ancient pottery oil lamps to its collection. They are of round concave form with two edges curved inward to form a resting place for the wick. Both are from ancient Judea and date between 1200-586 B.C.E. They have been generously donated to the Museum by Temple Israel members Rhonda and Stephen Dallal.

## Reflecting In Verse On 'Broadway Sail Away'

By Maxine Vogel

Tonight was the end of the show,  
The excitement of it all left us aglow.  
What a great time we all had,  
Through it all there was good and bad.  
The camaraderie among the group was  
supreme,  
For most of us fulfilling a dream.  
We look forward to being together  
again,  
All the children, women and men.  
Children who never acted with adults,  
Having done it there were great  
results.  
Women bonded as never before,  
Learning and memorizing the score.  
Men, too, were having a ball,  
Seeing their faces told it all.  
Shalom 'til we meet again!

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# D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

## Aharel Mot-Kedoshim Saturday, May 6

We conclude the laws of ritual purity and begin the section known as the Holiness Code in this double portion. The reading opens with a description of the ritual of Yom Kippur. This ritual, with its distinctive rites of riddance, including the symbolic transferral of the transgressions of the Israelites and their priests onto a goat (the scapegoat) which is driven into the wilderness, never to return, is the climax of the laws of purification. In the Torah, Yom Kippur is an annual ritual of purification of the Mishkan (sanctuary). In later Judaism, however, the emphasis shifts to atonement for the sins of the people. The laws of the Holiness Code serve to implement the idea that the Israelite people are collectively obligated to seek to achieve holiness in order to be like God, who is holy. The Code begins with the consideration of the family and details forbidden sexual unions. It

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## Sabbath Services

### Friday, May 5

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

### Saturday, May 6

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

Weekly Portion: Aharel Mot-Kedoshim  
Leviticus 16:1 – 20:27  
Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 15

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
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Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Tabaroki  
son of Shabnam and Farzad Tabaroki

Shabbat HaMishpachah 10:30 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:15 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:45 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:23 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:38 P.M.

### Friday, May 12

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.  
Tefilah Enrichment Dinner 7:30 P.M.

### Saturday, May 13

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

Weekly Portion: Emor  
Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
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Weston, and Jeffrey Englander

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son of Joel Weinberger and Deborah  
Heiser  
Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:25 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:55 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:30 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:45 P.M.

### Friday, May 19

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, May 20

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.  
Shaharit Morning Service/Shabbat  
Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Behar-Behukkotay  
Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

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