



**TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, May 14
Erev Shavuot

Minhah 7:00 P.M.
Study Session I with the Rabbis 7:15 P.M.
Waxman Youth House Study Session 7:15 P.M.
“Avoiding Temptation of the Forbidden Fruit”
with Danny Mishkin
Maariv - followed by a dairy dinner and 8:00 P.M.
singing with Cantor Raphael Frieder

**Keynote Address by Dr. Jonathan Haidt
at 9:00 P.M.**

**Breakout Discussions
Applying Dr. Haidt's Analysis to
Current Specific Political & Bioethical Issues
at 9:45 P.M.**

Late Night Study with the Rabbis 10:30 P.M.

Wednesday, May 15
First day of *Shavuot*

Festival Service 8:45 A.M.
Torah: Exodus 19:1-20-22; Numbers 28:26-31
Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah-Maariv 7:55 P.M.

Thursday, May 16
Second day of *Shavuot*

Early Morning Festival Service (including *Yizkor*) 6:30 A.M.
Festival Service 8:45 A.M.
Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31
Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-19
Yizkor Memorial Prayers
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Havdalah 8:48 P.M.

Additional Shavuot Information - See Page 5

**Alan Klinger Renominated
With New Slate of Officers**

Alan Klinger has been nominated for a second term as Temple Israel president, along with a new slate of vice presidents and members of the Board of Trustees. They will be elected at a congregational meeting, to be held Monday, June 3, in the Crystal Ballroom.

Also to be voted upon at the meeting is the congregation's annual operating budget. In addition, the clergy, school directors, and the chairs of a number of standing committees will give reports to the congregation.

Nominated for a first term as vice president are Shahram Delafraz, Dan Goldberger, Dr. Madelyn Gould, and Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker. Vice presidents nominated for a second term are Seth Horowitz, Dr. Robert Lopatkin, and Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni.

Keyvan Frouzan, Rachel Geula, Audrey Itzkowitz, Ofra Panzer and Burton Weston have been nominated to a first three-year term on the Board of Trustees. Nominated to a second three-year term on the Board were Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Ronald Klempler, and Miriam Kobliner.

Nominated to a two year term on the Board was Gary Noren.

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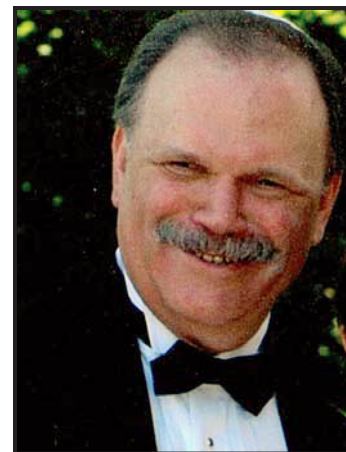
**METNY Dinner Honoring
Marc Katz at Temple Israel**

METNY, the New York area association of congregations affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, has selected Temple Israel member Marc Katz to be an honoree at their annual dinner, to be held on June 10.

The dinner, being held at Temple Israel, will also honor Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin of the Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, Fresh Meadows, who was recently detained at the Kotel for praying while wearing a *tal-lit*, and METNY Past President Irwin Scharf of the Manetto Hill Jewish Center.

Marc Katz, who has served as a METNY vice president, is on the METNY District Council and has also served a term on the United Synagogue Board. At Temple Israel, Mr. Katz has edited the congregation's newsletter, *The Voice*, for more than 20 years. He serves on numerous congregational committees,

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METNY honoree Marc Katz

Temple Israel Cares!

By Ilene Jarolem

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chesed Connection, a Temple Israel committee supporting worthy communal social action projects, has endorsed Temple Israel Cares, congregants walking to raise awareness and funds for cancer victims, on Saturday evening, June 1, at the Great Neck North High School football field. The goals of the walk are explained in this Voice Guest Column by Temple Israel member Ilene Jarolem, an organizer of the group.

Come join Temple Israel's team, Temple Israel Cares, on Saturday night, June 1, at Great Neck North's football field to participate in the global Relay For Life movement. Our team will be remembering loved ones lost to cancer and to honor those whose

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fight continues. It's your opportunity to not only honor cancer survivors and remember loved ones lost, but also to raise awareness about what we can do to stay well from can-

cer and raise money to help fuel the world's largest walk to end cancer.

The event will start with inspirational speakers who have been touched by cancer, which will lead into the "Survivor Lap." All cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track, celebrating their victory over cancer while cheered on by the other participants who line the track with support.

"The Caregiver Lap" follows, where caregivers are recognized and celebrated for the time, love, and support they have given to their friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers facing cancer.

The lap that follows is the most emotional and powerful lap yet, "The Silent Lap." This lap remembers those who have lost their fight against cancer. It is during this lap where the Luminaria Ceremony takes place. Luminary candles are lit in

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FROM THE RABBI

Having It All

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

When I attended the recent annual dinner for the Barnard-Columbia Hillel, I spoke with a number of current students. Our conversations revealed that while much has changed in the decades since I was an undergraduate, the core challenge remains the same. Like my friends and me 30 years ago, students today want to "have it all." They want to be personally fulfilled, to find a home within the Jewish community, and to have a positive impact on humanity, overall.

It seems this desire to succeed at the cosmic balancing act goes back further still. Nearly a century ago, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Palestine, wrote a passage in which he identified four yearnings, which he characterized as four songs. In it, he expressed the possibility of uniting the personal, national and universal impulses:

"There is a person who sings the song

of his soul. He finds everything, his complete spiritual satisfaction, within his soul.

"There is a person who sings the song of the nation. He steps forward from his private soul, which he finds narrow and uncivilized. He yearns for the heights. He clings with a sensitive love to the entirety of the

Having it all... is not about acquisition

Jewish nation and sings its song. He shares in its pains, is joyful in its hopes, speaks with exalted and pure thoughts regarding its past and its future, investigates its inner spiritual nature with love and a wise heart.

"There is a person whose soul is so broad that it expands beyond the border

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Supporting Israel

Shahram Mike Delafraz

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Great Neck community will come together in support of a drive for Israel Bonds, being held at Temple Israel later this month. President Alan Klinger has relinquished the space of his Voice column to Shahram Mike Delafraz, chair of the congregation's Israel Bonds Drive, for this issue.

It is with great pride that Temple Israel will once again be the venue for the Annual Development Corporation for Israel - Israel Bonds Great Neck Community Event. This year's event will be held in our ballroom on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 P.M. and will honor community leaders Manoucher and Mahin Kashanian and Martin and Shoshana Sokol.

...bonds represent the opportunity to make an investment while forging a strong bond with the State of Israel.

The Kashanians are proud members of Shaare Shalom Synagogue and have been a strong presence in the Mashadi community for many years. Martin Sokol is the past president of Great Neck Synagogue and the former president of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees. Along with his wife, Shoshana, who is a part of the Young Israel of Great Neck family, the Sokols represent a strong connection to the Great Neck community as a whole.

Additionally, Dr. David Samadi, vice chairman of the department of Urology and chief of robotics and minimally invasive surgery at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, will be the guest of honor and keynote speaker. You may recognize Dr. Samadi as the host of "Sunday Housecall" on the Fox News Channel. He has strong family ties to the Great Neck community and has a fabulous story to tell. We are looking forward to hearing his message of hope and healing and the connection to the high-tech and medical accomplishments of Israel.

Israel Bonds is a unique organization. It is not a charity, but rather a broker-dealer with one product line—bonds issued by the State of Israel. Since its inception in 1951, three short years after the establishment of

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

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father of Toby Katz and
esteemed member of Temple Israel

DAVID DARWISH

brother of Evelyn Somekh

RACHEL ROTH

mother of Larry Roth

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May their memories be for a blessing.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Vivian and Mark Kollenscher** on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Drew Kollenscher, and grandson, Lucas Meyer Grossman.
- **Rusti and Alex Rothstein** on the marriage of their grandson, Dr. Ira Rothstein, to Lindy Porodiminski.
- **Hon. Ronni and Dr. Wally Kopelowitz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Dylan Fiona Withrow.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Daily Minyan needs you!

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday, May 10	6:45 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Friday, May 17	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., May 11	8:45 A.M.	7:20 P.M.
Sat., May 18	8:45 A.M.	7:30 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, May 10.....	7:42 P.M.
Friday, May 17.....	7:49 P.M.

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 taken from *Akdamut* which is chanted on the first day of *Shavuot* as part of the Torah service, before the first aliyah. Send your suggestion to The Voice, c/o the Temple Israel office.

“Through all eternity, exalted be Adonai
Who conferred true love upon us
By entrusting to us the Torah.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

May	14	<i>Erev Shavuot</i>	
	14	<i>Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i> Program	7:00 P.M.
	15-16	<i>Shavuot</i>	
	19	Waxman Youth House Banquet Night	5:00 P.M.
	19	Shalom Club Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	20	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	24-26	Waxman Youth House Retreat	
	24	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	28	TILL Program: "Five Talmudic Texts You Really Should Know"	8:15 P.M.
	28	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	30	Beth HaGan Truck Day	
	30	Beth HaGan Art Fair	5:30 P.M.
	30	Men's Club Spirit Taste Testing Night with Rabbi Adelson	7:30 P.M.
	June	2	Celebrate Israel Parade in Manhattan
3		Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
9		Men's Club and Sisterhood's "Bike, Hike and Picnic" at Bethpage State Park	12:00 P.M.
12		Beth HaGan Graduation	9:30 A.M.
13		Men's Club Meeting with guest speaker Jonathan Engel	7:30 P.M.
16		Shalom Club Meeting	6:00 P.M.
20		Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
24		Beth HaGan Summer Program Begins	
24		Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.

**Celebrate Israel's 65th Birthday
at THE CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
March with Temple Israel of Great Neck!**

Sunday, June 2

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Rain or Shine!

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For more information contact:

**Moji Pourmoradi at 516-487-3159 or email <mommymoji@aol.com>
or call the Temple Israel office at 516-482-7800**

Wrapping Things Up for the Year

By Rachel Mathless, Director

Ever since the children of Beth HaGan returned from Passover break, they have been busy doing all kinds of fun and interesting activities. Party Pets came and brought over 20 critters for the children to learn about and in some cases, to touch and hold. Many children were able to overcome their fear and inhibitions and enjoyed the experience very much.

Our volunteer moms headed by PTA President Amy Kalter provided an exciting, well-rounded *Yom Ha'atzmaut* experience, which delighted all the children. First, we "flew off" in our private El Al flight to Ben Gurion Airport, where our passports were stamped. All passengers proceeded to Jerusalem to the *Kotel* to pray, to sing and dance. Leaving there, they moved on to a *kibbutz*, to Tel Aviv, and to the artist colony in Safed and from there to the beach in Eilat and a Bedouin tent for a snack. At each station the children were engaged in activities typical for the city they visited. Every child made a picture of himself/herself at the *Kotel* in a beautifully decorated picture frame as a memento to the day.

We had a fabulous Lag B'Omer picnic:

we feasted on tuna sandwiches on challah, and had ice cream for dessert. We played games outside and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Mother's Day *Shabbat* Tea is scheduled for Friday, May 10, with a beautiful presentation by the children to honor their mommies. Gifts and desserts are being prepared by the children to be delivered with love to every mom.

Art Fair May 30

Our culminating spring event, the Annual Art and Literature Fair, will take place on Thursday, May 30. Children and teachers choose their four favorite books—which some children can recite by heart—and are presenting their visual narrative of these books. Our presentations will include "Ten Tzedakah Pennies," a counting book which reinforces the concept of giving to others, which the children do every day at circle time when they give *tzedakah*. "Daises for Raizey" is a book about *Shavuot*, which we will celebrate next week. Every child in the Giraffe's class made a beautiful flower collage to remember how *Hashem* made the desert bloom in honor of the giving of

the Torah. The hilariously funny "Bad Hair Day," done by the Bears, will leave you laughing, and the visually stunning "Flying Horses of Seivel" are a delight to behold. Wait till you see how the Lambs will display "Ain't Gonna Paint No More." Every year one class must do an Eric Carle classic, so this year it is the Dolphin class. "Bagels for Benny," a PJ Library selection, was chosen by the Seals class. The book delivers a beautiful message about the power of giving and a little boy's realization that kindness to others makes the giver feel very good.

Please come and be amazed on Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 P.M.

Shavuot Celebration, Graduation

Shavuot celebrations include a puppet show telling the story of "Malan Torah" at Mount Sinai. We will end the day with an ice cream party, another Beth HaGan tradition. All Beth HaGan students are once again invited to take part in the services in the Sanctuary for *Shavuot*, on Wednesday, May 15, with Rabbi Stecker, at 11:30 A.M. An ice cream party will follow.

Graduation for Beth HaGan will take place on Thursday, June 13, at 11:00 A.M.

Temple Israel Cares!

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side of personalized bags and are placed around the relay track as glowing tributes to those who have been affected by cancer. Each luminaria candle represents a person. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends, co-workers, and so many others.

This emotionally powerful ceremony inspires Relay participants to take action. "The Fight Back Ceremony" symbolizes the emotional commitment each of us can make in the fight against cancer. The action taken represents what we are willing to do for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for our community to fight cancer year-round and to commit to saving lives.

There are so many ways to participate with us in this event. You can walk with us, donate, and dedicate a luminaria candle for a loved one. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society and add the note: "Relay for Life—Temple Israel Cares." Drop off all checks to the synagogue office, or if you would like to donate on-line, go to Relayforlife.org, and look for the Temple Israel Cares team page.

Cancer survivor speakers are also welcome at the event. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer at the event, are a cancer survivor and would like to attend the complimentary survivor/caregiver dinner prior to the event, or would like to walk the Survivor Lap or Caregiver Lap, please e-mail me at <atilenejarolem@aol.com>.

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



Charles Goodwin

Charles Goodwin will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 18. He is the son of Lisa and Jeffrey Goodwin and has twin brothers, Benjamin and Eli, 10. Charles is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is the recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award from the Religious School. Charles is on his school baseball and travel basketball teams. Charles plans to attend the Waxman High School next year. He will be visiting Israel this summer with his family and grandparents, Temple members, Susan and Dr. Joel Abrahams.



Simona Fine

Simona Grace Fine will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on May 25. She is the daughter of Sheryl and Dr. Martin Fine and has a sister, Aliza, 10. Simona is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School, where she plays the flute in the school band and actively participates in the TV/Film and Arts Club. Simona has been named a Judaic Scholar by the Religious School five times and currently attends the Waxman High School.

SHAVUOT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Tuesday, May 14.....7:46 P.M.
Wednesday, May 15.....after 8:47 P.M.

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of Israel. It sings the song of humanity. This soul constantly grows broader with the exalted totality of humanity and its glorious image. He yearns for humanity's general enlightenment. He looks forward to its supernal perfection. From this source of life, he draws all of his thoughts and insights, his ideals and visions.

"And there is a person who rises even higher until he unites with all existence, with all creatures, and with all worlds. And with all of them, he sings. This is the person who, engaged in the Chapter of Song every day, is assured that he is a child of the World-to-Come.

"And there is a person who rises with all these songs together in one ensemble so that they all give forth their voices, they all sing their songs sweetly, each supplies its fellow with fullness and life: the voice of happiness and joy, the voice of rejoicing and tunefulness, the voice of merriment and the voice of holiness.

"The song of the soul, the song of the nation, the song of humanity, the song of the world—they all mix together with this person at every moment and at all times.

"And this simplicity in its fullness rises to become a song of holiness, the song of God, the song that is simple, doubled, tripled, quadrupled, the song of songs of Solomon—of the king who is characterized by completeness and peace." (*Orot Hakodesh* II, p. 444)

More and more, I am amazed at how complicated we are as a species. Albeit to varying degrees, we crave personal fulfillment. We derive strength from our affiliations with specific groups. We feel a connection with humanity overall. And we sense that somehow, our lives are intertwined with all living creatures.

This may be too much for us to contemplate all at once. On a recent *Shabbat*, I suggested that, despite the coexistence of these various yearnings, we might benefit from thinking of each "song" as a springboard to the next. Our self-awareness impacts our relationship with our people. Our internalization of the history and aspirations of our people paves the way for a deeper appreciation for all humanity. Our commitment to humanity sharpens our appreciation for the earth and its resources as the setting in which we live.

"Having it all" in this context is not about acquisition. It's about learning to take our place in the cosmos with wonder, humility and responsibility. I wish us all strength and insight as we strive to master the Song of Songs.

Reaping the Fruits of Shavuot

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Although it may be a coincidence that *Shavuot* coincides with the end of the school year, the connection between the two is unmistakable. Each of the three Festivals marks (at least) two items: an agricultural happening and a rabbinic overlay. In the case of *Shavuot*, the agricultural happening is the harvesting of the first fruits, which the Torah instructs us to bring to the Temple in Jerusalem to donate to the *kohanim*. The rabbinic overlay is the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai; both of these commemorations are connected to the conclusion of studies and graduation.

The first fruit ("*bikkurim*") harvest must have been a particularly joyous occasion to our ancestors. It marked the end of the tense, nail-biting period of the omer, when climatic variation caused uncertainty in the size and scope of the coming harvest, as well as the beginning of summer. The yield of a teacher's efforts, coming on the heels of months of hard work and uncertainty, is revealed in the spring, when final exams precede summer vacation. Another year of learning has, hopefully, paid off, as the student demonstrates his/her growth.

Meanwhile, we mark God's gift of the Torah by studying all night on *Shavuot*, actively displaying our commitment to learning and investment in the foundational text of our people. It is a fitting tribute—what could demonstrate our love of the Torah more than a night dedicated to study?

A recent article in the *New York Times* magazine cited statistics that demonstrated the near-linear correlation between level of education and income, and categorized data points according to religion. No big surprise here, but adherents of Reform and Conservative Judaism came out on top (actually, Hindus have more advanced degrees, but make somewhat less money). The article pointed to the fact that religions whose adherents are traditionally dedicated to learning, like Jews and Hindus, were more likely to yield highly-educated people and hence higher average salaries.

Frankly, the statistical, academic acknowledgment that Jews tend to make more money than the average American makes me uncomfortable, especially in the wake of Madoff and all the more so in tough economic times. However, the article reminded me that learning has always been a priority for Jews, and even today for those who are highly assimilated; we are indeed the "People of the Book," and while most of us are more invested in secular studies than Talmud Torah, our ancient inclination as a nation is to learn.

Shavuot is the holiday of learning, when we reap the first fruits of a year of study. As we mark final exams and graduations, come celebrate our ancient heritage by studying some Torah with us on Tuesday evening, May 14.

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SHAVUOT D'VAR TORAH

The reading 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

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

Wednesday, May 15

2nd day Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17

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.

Thursday, May 16

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

Congregation Thanks Recent Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on April 20 were made by Brian and Gina Zeitlin in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Shayna, and Eileen and Mickey Putterman in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

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Planned Giving At Temple Israel

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

Planned giving provides an opportunity for individuals to secure the future of Temple Israel while providing present-day financial benefits for the donor. There are several ways to make a legacy or a planned gift to our congregation. Among the instruments available for such gifts are bequests, life income gifts, and other planned gifts.

You will soon be receiving a letter regarding Temple Israel's Planned Giving Program. Please read about how this program assists your family and our synagogue. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 516-482-7800. He will put you in touch with professionals who can advise you and your estate planning team.

Please consider ensuring a bright future for your spiritual home through a legacy gift. We thank you for your continued support of Temple Israel.

From the President: Supporting Israel With Israel Bonds

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our beloved *Eretz Yisrael*, the Israel Bonds organization has sold over \$34 billion in bonds. Israel Bonds was founded when Golda Meir and David Ben Gurion came to the United States to raise funds for the fledgling State of Israel. At that time of uncertainty, there was no guarantee that Israel would even exist five or ten years later when the bonds matured. They raised \$25 million, far exceeding their greatest expectations. In the years since, Israel Bonds has become a staple of many portfolios, from individuals purchasing through a synagogue appeal, to IRA investments, to businesses investing in their pension funds, to states (in fact 30 of the 50 United States) and municipalities. Israel has never missed an interest or principal payment and the bonds represent the opportunity to make an investment while forging a strong bond with the State of Israel.

Bonds are great as gifts for a new baby, a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, a

wedding, or as an investment for your children or grandchildren. Available for as little as \$36, there is truly a bond for every occasion!

Please mark your calendar for May 21 when we will have the opportunity to come together as a community to honor our community leaders, Manoucher and Mahin Kashanian and Martin and Shoshana Sokol and hear what promises to be an exciting and informative presentation from Dr. David Samadi. There is no charge for the event, but reservations are required.

For reservations or information about investment opportunities, please contact registered representative Anne Bernstein, associate executive director, Greater New York Region of Israel Bonds at <anne.bernstein@israelbonds.com> or 212-446-5853.

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Alan Klinger Renominated With New Officers, Board

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Edie Robbins was nominated to a one-year term.

Stepping down from the Board after having served two terms are Shahram Delafraz, Barbara Erlich, Dr. Madelyn Gould, Lawrence Greengrass, and Bracha Werber. Having been nominated to become officers, Dan Goldberger and Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker are vacating their Board seats.

Officers departing are vice presidents Dr. Parviz Khodadadian, Dr. Robert Panzer, Gary Sazer, and Steven Shepsman.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Eleanor Askari, Fran Langsner, Lawrence Greengrass, Samuel Husney, Richard

Kestenbaum, Carol Smolinsky, and Martin Werber, chair.

Additional candidates can be nominated by the congregation, providing the nomination is made in writing by 20 or more

members of the congregation and filed with the congregation's secretary at least 20 days before the annual meeting.

Members must be in good standing to vote at the annual meeting.

Marc Katz Will Be Honored at METNY Dinner at Temple Israel On June 10th

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was a dinner dance honoree, and he and his wife, Ronnie, were Simhat Torah honorees and have been honored for their work by the Jewish Theological Seminary. The couple has a daughter, Amy, married to Jonathan Kardon, and a son, Jacob.

A scroll of honor, listing greetings, is being published in coordination with the dinner. For further details about the dinner, scroll of honor and ticket information, call METNY at 212-533-0800.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Bemidbar

Saturday, May 11

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.

Naso

Saturday, May 18

We continue the final preparations at Sinai for the resumption of the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land in this portion. The numbering of the Levitical families and assignment of portage duties for the *Mishkan* is concluded. Several laws dealing with the purity of the camp and the family are then promulgated, including a trial by ordeal for a woman suspected of adultery. These are followed by a description of the restrictions incumbent upon any person who takes a Nazarite vow as an act of special piety. Nazarites must refrain from drinking wine or alcohol, from cutting hair and coming into contact with the dead for a specified period of time. Moses is then instructed to teach Aaron a special three-fold blessing which he is to use in blessing the people. The portion ends with a detailed account of the gifts brought by the princes of the tribes on the occasion of the dedication of the *Mishkan*. The gifts were identical, yet they had different symbolic meanings for each tribe. The offering of identical gifts by the tribes, regardless of their size, emphasized the equality of each tribe and each person before God.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, May 10

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 11

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Bemidbar*; Numbers 1:1 – 4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 – 22

Sabbath Service Officers:

Dan Goldberger and Rebecca Sassouni

Bar Mitzvah

KELSEY NATHAN

daughter of Sari and Dr. Rodney Nathan

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Machon Alone Family Service 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 7:20 P.M.

Havdalah 8:43 P.M.

Friday, May 17

N'Ramenah / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 18

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Naso*; Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

Sabbath Service Officers:

Seth Horowitz and Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker

Bar Mitzvah

CHARLES GOODWIN

son of Lisa and Jeffrey Goodwin

Shabbat HaMishpaḥah 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 7:30 P.M.

Havdalah 8:50 P.M.