



Seven Congregants Being Honored at Simhat Torah Observance October 17th

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel will present seven members of the congregation with its highest religious recognition when it calls them to the *bimah* to participate in Simhat Torah observances on Friday, October 17.

"The honorees chosen reflect the very different ways congregants contribute to the Temple Israel community," said President Alan Klinger.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 9 A.M., are Sharon Bernstein and Alicia Lev, *Kallot Bereshit*, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis; Iris and Charles Adler, *Hatan v'Kallat Maftir*, who will be called upon to chant the *Haftarah* from the Book of Joshua; and Irene Tannenholtz-Marcus, Leonard Seskin and Sima Taeid, *Hatan v'Kallat Torah*, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Immediately following the service, the congregation is invited to meet the honorees at a *kiddush* in their honor.

Sharon Bernstein

A true child of Temple Israel, Sharon Bernstein is a third generation member of the congregation. She follows in the footsteps of her grandparents, Sylvia and the late Herbert Rieders, and her parents, Susan and Cyrus Kahn, who have also been active members of the congregation.

Ms. Bernstein, an attorney, had her baby naming at Temple Israel, graduated from all three of the congregation's schools, had her *Bat Mitzvah* at Temple Israel, and was married at Temple Israel to the son of another active Temple Israel family, Maxine and Terry Bernstein. She met her husband, Lawrence, at Temple Israel during the break in Yom Kippur services!

For the past four years she has served as treasurer of

the Religious School Parents' Association. An accomplished cellist, she is a regular in the Temple Israel Players Orchestra, alongside her father, who plays the trumpet. She also performs with several other Long Island musical groups. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Saddle Rock Elementary School PTA.

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Sima Taeid



Leonard Seskin



Irene Tannenholtz-Marcus



Charles and Iris Adler



Sharon Bernstein



Alicia Lev

Listening With The Third Ear

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Editor's Note: Former Temple Israel Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry, who led one of the congregation's High Holy Day services, presented the sermon excerpted in this Voice Guest Column, on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*.

In the next few minutes I will be communicating with you with words, but I want to talk about wordless communication. An example of what I mean is found in Psalm 19,

*What is
more important,
a good speaker
or a good listener?*

which we recite, every *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* early in our *Shaharit* service: "The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky proclaims God's handiwork. Day after day the word goes forth, night after night the story is told. Soundless the speech, voiceless the talk, yet the tale is echoed throughout the world."

FROM THE RABBI

Yom Kippur: A Day of Listening

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Yom Kippur is about listening. Listening to the words and melodies of prayer, yes, and perhaps to the words of a sermon, but most importantly, about listening to yourself, to your soul.

I remember seeing years ago a cartoon in the Big Book of Jewish Humor, which I received as a *Bar Mitzvah* gift. (Do kids still get books for their *benei mitzvah*?) It was, I think, originally from the New Yorker.

In one frame, there is a bartender talking to a man who looks miserable, saying "Another drink? All this drinking is not so good for your health." In the second frame, a psychoanalyst is talking to the same miserable man, who is lying on the traditional couch. The analyst is saying, "So I says to meself, Paddy, I says..." The caption of the cartoon is, "The Unhappiest Man in New York: He has a Jewish bartender and an Irish shrink."

We are not listening enough, to ourselves or to each other. There is simply too much noise, too many distractions.

There is a story found in the book of First Kings, when the prophet Elijah is instructed by God to stand on a mountain and watch as God passes by. First comes a strong wind

In 1948, the psychoanalyst Theodor Reik wrote a book entitled *Listening With The Third Ear*, by which he meant being attentive not only to the words someone says, but also to the little signs and expressions we unconsciously send and receive. He further maintained that "the third ear can catch what other people do not say, but only feel and think." Moreover, it also hears inner voices otherwise drowned out by the noise of conscious thought processes.

I daresay most of us have said to someone at some time, or heard someone say to us: "You heard what I said, but not what I meant." So let me call your attention to some familiar Biblical stories that demonstrate this problem.

Yesterday we read in the *haftarah* the account of Hannah, a wife of Elkanah, who was barren and yearned for a child.

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that tears up the mountains, breaking rocks. But God is not in the wind. Then comes an earthquake, and God is not in that. Then a fire, and God is also not there.

And after the fire, a *qol demamah daqqah*, a still, small voice.

And so it is for us. We can be distracted by loud noises and big spectacle and

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YouTube and Facebook and Instagram and God knows what else. But if we really want to find God, and most of us do in one way or another, we have to ignore all that other stuff and focus on the *qol demamah daqqah*, the still small voice.

We need to find that voice, and Yom Kippur is the day upon which to do it.

Hatimah tovah! May you be sealed for a year of good listening.

Shmita Today

By Alan Klinger

Editor's Note: This column is adapted from remarks made by President Alan Klinger on Rosh Hashanah.

Welcome to year 5775. This is the *Shmita* year—the seventh and last year of the cycle prescribed in the Torah for how we are to live our lives. Seven, of course, has special relevance to the Jewish people: God rested on the Seventh Day, giving us our Sabbath. (Also, and I suggest this is no coincidence, it was the number for the greatest center fielder in history, Mickey Mantle.)

What is *Shmita*? The Torah, in *Parshat Mishpatim*, prescribes that the agricultural fields were to be sowed for six years, but in the seventh year the land was to lie fallow.

*Come share
in our experience.*

This would allow for replenishment and have the salutary result that any produce that resulted would not be the property of the landowner, but be available to all. The Torah, in Deuteronomy, Chapter 15, also sets out that existing debts would, in that seventh year, be forgiven—the word "*Shmita*" actually meaning "release." The Torah recognized, and this shows remarkable foresight, that there always would be "the needy" among us, and that periodic adjustments would be useful to restore balance in society.

Well, we no longer live in a primarily agrarian society where annual planting rituals control our lives. Nor are our economic arrangements so simple that debts can be easily forgiven in the commercial world. (And, truth be told, there is strong evidence that our ancestors developed "work-arounds," such as symbolically selling land to non-Jews to avoid the loss of planting or having debtors make "gifts" to replace loan repayments, so as to avoid the potentially harsh strictures of this observance.)

So, does the *Shmita* year, typically observed only in Israel, have relevance for us, in America, today? I suggest that it does as a cultural metaphor for this High Holy Day season.

For, what does *Shmita* call on people to do: to stop their regular activities, to allow for reflection on what is important, and by their actions, to help others. (For those seeking a more practical application, see the featured column in the September 25 New York Times.)

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

CLAIRE KALLEN

esteemed member of Temple Israel

MILDRED LEWIS

esteemed member of Temple Israel

ANN WITTENBERG

mother of Audrey Giddon

CAROLE SCHWARTZ

sister of Marc Schwartz
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

EDWARD SIMON

father of Judith Jacobs

PAUL BURSTEIN

husband of Carol Burstein
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 3	7:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 10	7:00 A.M.	6:15 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 17	7:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 4	9:00 A.M.	4:15 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 11	9:00 A.M.	5:45 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 18	9:00 A.M.	5:35 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Oct.	3	Kol Nidre	
	4	Yom Kippur	
	4	Break-the-Fast following the blowing of the shofar Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	5	Sukkah Building Workshop With Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.
	6-8	Sisterhood Decorates the Temple Israel Sukkah	10:00 A.M.
	8	<i>Erev</i> Sukkot	
	8	Beth HaGan Nursery School Sukkah Decorating Party	9:30 A.M.
	8	Congregational Sukkot Dinner	6:15 P.M.
	9-15	Sukkot	
	9	Dessert in the Adelson's Sukkah following <i>kiddush</i>	
	11	Dessert in the Stecker's Sukkah following <i>kiddush</i>	
	12	Sukkah Hop	
	12	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:00 P.M.
	13	Religious School "Pizza in the Hut"	6:45 P.M.
	14	Cantor Frieder's Sukkah Party	7:00 P.M.
	14	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	15	<i>Erev</i> Shemini Atzeret	
	16	Shemini Atzeret	
	16	Waxman High School and Youth House Special Needs Simhat Torah Event	
	17	Simhat Torah	
	17	Simhat Torah Luncheon	1:00 P.M.
	18	<i>Shabbat</i> Morning Group <i>Aliyah</i>	
	19	Family <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Workshop I Led by Rabbi Adelson	10:30 A.M.
	20	Sisterhood's "Yiddish Theater: Past, Present and Future"	Noon
	21	9th Annual IDF Appreciation Evening honoring Rabbi Stecker at Fresh Meadow Country Club	
	23-25	Great Neck <i>Shabbat</i> Project	
	24	<i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	26	Family <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> Workshop II Led by Rabbi Adelson	10:30 A.M.
	28	Contemporary Theology – Sponsored by TILL Led by Rabbis Stecker and Adelson	8:00 P.M.
	30	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.

The Shabbat Project: Observing Shabbat With the Great Neck Jewish Community—As Well As With Jews Around the World

Celebrating *Shabbat* as a community is the goal of a international movement called The Shabbat Project, to be observed on the weekend of October 24-25. In Great Neck, many congregations including Temple Israel will be participating in a full weekend of activities.

"We live in an unusually diverse community," said Rabbi Howard Stecker. "The Shabbat Project is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate *Shabbat* together."

Planned are a series of events for members of all area congregations, as well as activities just for Temple Israel members. While event plans are still being formulated, details of activities will be mailed to all congregants and posted on the Temple Israel website. A YouTube video about the weekend, "It's All About Shabbat," features Rabbi Stecker as well as Rabbis Seth Adelson and Amy Roth, Cantor Raphael Frieder, Beth HaGan Director Rachel Mathless, and Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin.

On Thursday evening, October 23, a community-wide challah-baking workshop will be held at Leonard's Palazzo, on Northern Boulevard, open to men and women of all ages.

A N'ranenah service on Friday night at Temple Israel will be followed by a complete buffet dinner catered by Lederman Caterers in the Grand Ballroom. Then, Temple Israel members are invited to Great Neck Synagogue for an *Oneg Shabbat* and inter-denominational *shiurim*, or study session.

Saturday morning will feature an expanded *kiddush* following services and an afternoon of outdoor activities for children in

an area park, a *Shabbat* walk, and outdoor learning sessions. Club Shabbat, an indoor program, is also being organized. It will be co-sponsored by the Sisterhood, Men's Club, EmptiNesters, Shalom Club and the singles group.

Saturday evening will feature a *Seudah Shlishit* at Temple Israel, including a complimentary dairy Italian meal, and a community *Havdallah* and *Motzei Shabbat* Concert at Great Neck North High School featuring musician Sandy Shemuely.

The Shabbat Project was first held with great success in the South Africa Jewish community. Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni and two members of her book group, Asal Sarah Rabizadeh and Farangiss Sedaghatpour, heard about the event and decided to bring it to Great Neck. The Shabbat Project has since spread to 180 Jewish communities around the world, all celebrating *Shabbat* on the October weekend.

The Temple Israel activities, endorsed by the Executive Committee, are being coordinated by two recent graduates of the United Synagogue Sulam Program, designed to train future synagogue leaders, Lisa Goodwin and Robin Fleishman. For further Shabbat Project details, they can be reached at 516-829-0763 or lisa-goodwin_designs@yahoo.com, or 917-974-7533 or r_fleishman@verizon.net, respectively.

"*Shabbat* is a spiritual anchor for Jews," Ms. Fleishman said. "It is a constant, a time for families to come together each week. With the Shabbat Project we hope to show how much fun and spiritual it can be."

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

Ethan Citron

Ethan Citron will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 25. He is the son of Barbara and Harold Citron and has a sister, Emily, 14. Ethan is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He attends Camp Ramah in the Berkshires



where he plays on their Ultimate Frisbee team. He also enjoys playing ice hockey and video games. Ethan attends the Waxman High School and Youth House. He visited Israel in 2011 on the Temple Israel congregational trip.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Farnosh and Joseph Chadi** on the engagement of their daughter, Dina, to Bobby Shamsian.
- **Elham and Philip Shenassa** on the engagement of their daughter, Melody, to Daniel Schor.
- **Thelma Sahn** on the birth of her great-grandson, Drew Jack Sahn.
- **Ronni and Wally Kopelowitz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Aviva Olivia Zinger.
- **Leslie and Martin Handler** on the birth of their grandson, Noah Ethan Glade.
- **Emily and Isaac Taitz** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lucy Annabel Taitz.
- **Bracha and Marty Werber** on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Saehan Werber.
- **Marie and Robert Contento** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob John Bosi.

Volunteers Labeled the High Holy Day Seats

As you walk into Temple Israel during the High Holy Days, you automatically walk over to your assigned room, find your section, then your row, and then your seat.

Sounds pretty simple. However, none of that would be so easy without the dedicated men and women whose hard work makes that all possible. First, the entire office staff is involved in assigning seats, printing seat labels, and collating them into an orderly fashion.

Then, every year, a wonderful group of volunteers come forward to make sure that every section, row and seat is properly labeled. This year, the volunteers consisted of Charles Adler, Brent Greenspan, Sam Husney, Ken Kobliner, Marc Langsner, Robert Lopatkin, Seth Moin, Ashley Nemiroff, Rob Panzer, David Scherr, Suanne Scherr, Abe Sheffy, Steven Smolinsky, and Alan Solomon.

"A hearty *yasher koach* and thank you goes to all of the people who helped make

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Welcome Back to the Ruach for 5775!

By Rabbi Amy Roth

As I began to usher in my third year at Temple Israel, I was excited to welcome back our children. I spent much of the summer planning and programming in the halls of the very (too!) quiet education wing. It was such a wonderful feeling to welcome back our lively *mishpacha*, family, in the beginning of September. We gathered as a *kehillah*, a community, to begin the school year. The *ruach*, the spirit of the children, was palpable; the older grades enthusiastically competed to be louder than one another in wishing members of their community "*sha sha shana tova!*" a good year.

It feels great to be back—we are happy to continue our school traditions, and start some new ones as well. I feel strongly that traditions bring with them a sense of belonging, of connection and comfort. As we continue to celebrate *Rosh Hodesh* together, our Religious School children will feel this connection to tradition and to Judaism. And as they walk the halls of the school wing and identify each month's new poster, while analyzing the "whys" and "whats" of the pictures, they are further connected to the monthly tradition. As they continue to expand their repertoire of Hebrew songs, they sing and clap to those that were new just a year ago, as if they have been singing them their whole lives.

"*Kol Ha Olam Kulo, Geshet Tzar Me-od,*" the whole world is a very narrow bridge. These are the opening words to a well-known Hebrew saying, as well as a popular song. This is also the theme of this year's

Shabbat Ha Mishpachah programming, beginning this October. Our *Shabbat* evenings, mornings and afternoons will be focusing on specific age groups and will be guided by the theme of the world being a narrow *gesher*, bridge, and that we need not be afraid.

Gesher is also the name of our brand-new Sunday morning venture: monthly Jewish enrichment for four year olds. Our *Gesher* class members have already baked, created their own *shofarot*, and learned Rosh Hashanah songs. We hope that this program continues to grow and is open to TIGN members, as well as non-members.

We are continuing our tradition that Vav students will be researching and

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broadcasting: "*Hadashot* News about Jews Around the World." And our Hay students will be in charge of our new Tzedakah Council. Under my guidance, they will review various organizations and determine where our school *tzedakah* dollars will go. Each class will count their *tzedakah* monies and representatives from each class will be a part of the Tzedakah Council. It is our hope that this engages the children in the *tzedakah* process and helps to inspire them in their giving.

We have also continued our connection with MATAN, the organization supporting special needs in religious schools (check out www.matankids.org). Through special training and the resources of a MATAN consultant, our faculty will have resources we need to help create memorable Jewish experiences for all types of learners.

With all of our initiatives, as well as some meaningful *chesed* opportunities in the works, we are well on our way to setting the stage for the establishment of even more Religious School traditions. Maintaining long-standing customs is also important; we look forward to a year of powerful learning experiences, enthusiastic participation in our new and older traditions and, of course, feeling the strength of the *kehillah*, community.

I wish you a sweet, blessed 5775.

Seven Congregants Being Honored On Simhat Torah

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Her mother was a founding member of the former Temple Israel group Amelim, and her father was involved with Religious School activities. Her grandmother was a founder of the Waxman High School and Youth House and her grandfather was a past president of the Men's Club, as well as the New York Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

She and her husband, Lawrence, are the parents of three children, Jeremy, 12, Rebecca, 9, and Abigail, 5.

Alicia Lev

Alicia Lev first found her way around Temple Israel as a young child when her parents, Raeann and Ashley Nemiroff, joined the congregation in 1977. She is a graduate of the Beth HaGan Nursery School, Temple Israel Religious School, and Waxman High School, and has fond memories of attending Camp Ramah "with lots of other Temple Israel children."

She has served as the president of the Religious School Parents' Association for the past four years and has worked on a number of Temple Israel projects, including, in recent years, polishing the silver religious objects used during the High Holy Days.

Her husband, Ted, who also grew up in Great Neck, has served as the treasurer of the Men's Club, and her father has been the president of the group.

An accountant, she plays violin with the Nassau Pops Symphony Orchestra. She and her husband have two children, Martin, who will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* in December, and Elizabeth, 10.

Iris and Charles Adler

Members of the congregation since 1978, Iris and Charles Adler have both been involved in numerous Temple Israel activities, arts, and organizations. They were even Simhat Torah honorees more than 20 years ago in recognition of their efforts.

Together the couple chaired the Religious School Education Committee, followed by chairmanship of the High School Education Committee and the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Committee.

Mrs. Adler has served as the co-president of Sisterhood, as well as the president for three terms. She handles the daunting task of coordinating the Sisterhood's Shalach Manot Purim Project. For many years she was the arm's treasurer. She was instrumental in the formation of Yad b'Yad and has served as a captain since its inception, coordinated the Sisterhood's progressive dinners, and worked on Sisterhood's annual book fairs.

Dr. Adler, a regular Torah and Haftarah reader, frequently leads the daily and *shiva minyanim*. He coordinates the congrega-

tion's blood drives, held twice a year by the Men's Club, and organizes the Break-the-Fast meal, open to Temple Israel members immediately following Yom Kippur. He also chairs the Torah Restoration Committee, which has catalogued all the Temple Israel Torahs and other ritual objects, helping to determine which of them are in need of repair, and has designed and built a special area for the storage of the Torahs and ritual objects. The committee has spearheaded a drive to raise funds for the maintenance and repair of these items.

In addition, Dr. Adler was the president of the Men's Club, served on the Board of Trustees for eight years, and has served on the Ritual Committee, the Rabbinic Search, and Cantorial Search committees, and for a number of years organized the congregation's New Year's Eve party.

Dr. Adler, a Jackson Heights oral surgeon for 36 years, now teaches oral surgery at Elmhurst Hospital. He has chaired the UJA Queens Dentists' Appeal. Mrs. Adler, a literacy volunteer, says she is now an "on call" grandmother. The couple has two daughters, Richelle and Melissa, and five grandchildren.

Irene Tannenholtz-Marcus

A member of the congregation for more than 15 years, Irene Tannenholtz-Marcus is a regular usher and greeter at *Shabbat* and High Holy Day services in the Sanctuary. She is also an active member of the Shalom Club.

She spends part of her year in Florida, where she is the head usher for another congregation, B'nai Torah in Boca Raton, where she is joined by a number of other Temple Israel "snowbirds."

Ms. Tannenholtz-Marcus, an avid tennis player, has had a long career in sales, especially in the knitting industry. She handled public relations for the New York Tuberculosis Association and has repeatedly made trips to Haiti to help the poor in the impoverished country. In addition, she has used her business contacts to bring work to the island's unemployed.

Leonard Seskin

Leonard Seskin and his wife, Yvette, have been members of Temple Israel since 1978. He immediately became a regular usher for the congregation and has just marked his 36th year on the job. He can regularly be found at his post, at the doors to the center aisle of the Sanctuary.

Dr. Seskin has twice brought major Holocaust exhibits to the congregation, along with congregant Charles Dimston, at their own expense. The first, several years ago, was a traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The following year he

sponsored an exhibit from New York City's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Before joining Temple Israel, Dr. Seskin served as the president of the former New Hyde Park Jewish Center. He is an assistant professor of dentistry at the Albert Einstein Medical School. For many years he had a pediatric dentistry practice in Franklin Square.

He and his wife have two daughters, Caroline and Jennifer.

Sima Taeid

Sima Taeid is the chair of Temple Israel's new Greeters Program, a large number of volunteers on-hand at *Shabbat* services to welcome worshippers. "I like greeting people on *Shabbat*," she said. As a member of the Ritual Committee, she presented the idea of always seeing to it that people feel welcome at Temple Israel. The result is more than 25 congregants who now take turns welcoming service attendees.

Mrs. Taeid and her husband, Elias, have been members of the congregation for 26 years. They have two children, Joseph, 27, and Deborah, 25. She was involved with Temple Israel's Mommy and Me Program and served on the Religious School Parents' Association, but became more involved with congregational life following her participation in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program last year. She now serves on the Ritual Committee and the ReImagine Committee, and was recently elected to the Board of Trustees. She is employed as a medical biller for an area physician.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, Oct. 3 (Kol Nidre).....6:17 P.M.
 Friday, Oct. 10.....6:05 P.M.
 Friday, Oct. 17.....5:55 P.M.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED Thursday, October 16 Shemini Atzeret

JANE DESARITZ

mother of Susan Desaritz and Judith Copeland

BERNARD SCHULTZ

father of Leonard Schultz

MARILYN AND DAVID ROGERS

parents of Barbara Schultz

SIGMUND ISCOWITZ

husband of Estelle Iscowitz
 father of Linda Stark, Sheila J. Stark,
 and Arlene Sorkowitz

Guest Column: Listening With The Third Ear

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Elkanah's second wife, who had children, taunted her. Elkanah, seeing that Hannah was crying, refusing to eat and clearly with a heavy heart, asked her: "Am I not better to you than ten sons?" Clearly, Elkanah missed the point! Had he been able to listen with the third ear he would have understood that because of her co-wife's taunts, Hannah felt inferior—not fully a woman. Then, when she came to the shrine at Shiloh and silently poured out her heart to God, the priest, Eli, seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, took her to be drunk. Clearly, he misunderstood the body language!

Parents may fall into the same trap when a child claims a stomach ache prevents him or her from going to school. The child may even look sick. But the real message is: "They're, bullying me!"

Or a 14-year old boy is not doing well in school and says to his parents: "I don't care!" His parents consult with a therapist who advises them that 14-year olds do care, and they should listen with the third ear. Maybe he is really saying: "I'm stupid!" When the parents engage tutors and arrange to have him moved to different classes, they see a vast improvement.

Let us consider the famous story of King Solomon's judgment. Two women who live together come to him carrying their babies—one dead, the other alive. Woman A—carrying the dead child—claims they both gave birth three days apart, but one night woman B accidentally smothered her child while sleeping with it. She further claims that woman B woke up and switched the ba-

bies while woman A was fast asleep. Woman B denies the story and claims the live child is indeed hers. Solomon orders a sword to be brought and prepares to cut the child in half to give half too each woman. At that point, the real mother—overcome with compassion—pleads with the king to give the child to the other woman, but not kill him. The other woman, though, says: "If I can't have him, neither will you. Go ahead!"

How do we hear this story with the third ear? Interestingly enough, this case was discussed at the Harvard Law School, and two possibilities, among others, were suggested:

- Solomon was really deciding who would be the better mother
- This is a demonstration of ruthless, brutal male power exercised over powerless women who are stereotyped into the good woman, cowed and deferring to male authority, and the bad woman, strong enough to resist superior male power even when it appears hopeless and irrational.

We hear of a person threatening to do something drastic—kill himself or kill someone else. Maybe this is really a plea for help: please stop me!

What is more important, a good speaker or a good listener? If you are on a committee to choose a new rabbi, you'll probably want a good speaker. But if you come to your rabbi with a problem, you'll want a good listener. A Hasidic story tells of a man who comes to his *Rebbe* before *Pesah* and asks if he can drink four cups of milk at the *seder*. The *Rebbe* replies: "No, it must be wine. The next day, the *Rebbe* comes to

the man's house and says he wants the family to have wine for the *seder*. He gives the man much more money than the cost of the wine. The *Rebbe* understands that if the man can't afford wine, he can't afford meat and fish and other food for *Pesah* either.

I want to add a word about Israel. I cannot speak from personal experience, but I want to suggest what we should listen with the third ear when we hear various accounts of what went on during the past summer. We must keep in mind that Israel is the only place where we are in full control and can attempt to put Jewish values into practice. Although the IDF may not always succeed in the course of battle, its Code of Practice is based on Jewish principles, and the leadership knows when and why it has been violated. We should keep in mind that Israel has rushed to extend humanitarian aid in far-flung places: firefighters in Washington State, medical and other aid to African countries, and elsewhere in dealing with terrorist attacks. Finally as part of *am Yisrael*, the Jewish People, we should consider Jews everywhere to be "part of the family," and we should feel pain when any Jew feels pain.

There is a refrain we keep repeating in the liturgy of these High Holy Days: "*Shema koleinu*," "hear our voice." We may be asking God—who knows our innermost thoughts—to hear what we really mean, not only what we say. But maybe we are addressing ourselves. The verb *l'hitpalel*, usually translated as "to pray," actually means "to judge oneself." Maybe we are asking God to help us listen to our third ear and make ourselves the best we can.

YOM KIPPUR, SUKKOT, SIMHAT TORAH & SHABBAT SERVICES

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Wednesday, October 15 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Service 6:15 A.M.
Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34
Leil Shemini Atseret
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 16 *Shemini Atseret*

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.
Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1
Haftarah: I Kings 8:54 - 66
Yizkor Memorial Services - Dedication of Memorial Plaques
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Leil Simhat Torah
Minhah, Ma'ariv and Hakafot in the Sanctuary 6:00 P.M.
for school-age children, teens and adults
Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:15 P.M.
for pre-school & kindergarten children & their families

Friday, October 17 *Simhat Torah*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3
Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1
Haftarah: Joshua 1:1 - 18
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 18

Morning Service / Installation of Officers 9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Beresheit*; Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Eleanor Askari, Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Susan Brustein, and Gary Noren
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 5:35 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 6:05 P.M.
Ma'ariv 6:38 P.M.
Havdalah 6:53 P.M.

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Friday, October 3

Kol Nidre

Minhah 3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 4

Yom Kippur

Morning Service begins in the Main Ballroom 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11

Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14

"Re-reading the *Mahzor - 2*" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

"Are You Who You Want to Be?" -A college discussion 2:00 P.M.

Community *Yizkor* Service 3:00 P.M.

Symposium 3:00 P.M.

Minhah 4:15 P.M.

Neilah 5:35 P.M.

Ma'ariv 6:47 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20

Havdalah & Shofar Blowing 7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, October 8

Leil Sukkot

Minhah, Ma'ariv and Congregational Dinner 6:15 P.M.

Thursday, October 9

First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16 Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:15 P.M.

Friday, October 10

Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16 Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, October 11 *Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

Maftir: Numbers 29:17-22 Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Robert Panzer, Audrey Itzkowitz, Rachel Geula, Susan Brustein

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 5:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:15 P.M.

Ma'ariv 6:49 P.M.

Havdalah 7:04 P.M.

Sunday, October 12 - *Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot*

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Monday, October 13 & Tuesday, October 14 *Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot*

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.

Monday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:23-31

Tuesday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26-34

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

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