

## Temple Israel Honoring Members On Simhat Torah

Temple Israel's highest religious recognition will be presented to four members of the congregation when they are called to the bimah to participate in the Simhat Torah observances on Tuesday, October 25.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 9 A.M., are Nadine and David Feingold, Hatan v'Kallat Torah, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy; Toby Katz, Kallat Bereshit, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis; and Neda Sedgh, Kallat Maftir, who will be called upon to chant the Haftarah from the Book of Joshua.

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

### **Toby Katz**

Toby Katz, a member of the Board of Trustees, is an active participant in many Temple Israel committees. She is the program chair of the Sisterhood and the co-chair of the Accessibility and Advisory Group. She is also a member of the Ritual Committee, Temple Israel Lifelong Learning and the Security and Safety Committee. Ms. Katz, a regular at the Monday and Thursday morning minyan distributes Torah service honors. She also was a Torah reader during Shabbat Kol Ishah, the all-women weekend of services and Shabbat Kolenu, the lay-led weekend of services.

She is a Life Member of Hadassah and a member of the National Yiddish Theater, Folksbiene. Ms. Katz joined Temple Israel in 2007 with her late father, Louis.

A retired technical writer for the New York City Transit Authority, she previously worked as a private consultant training corporate, professional and not-for-profit clients in speeches, presentations and media appearances.

### **Neda Sedgh**

Neda Sedgh is serving her fourth year as the chair of the Religious School Education Committee. She has also chaired a number of events for Temple Israel Lifelong Learning and started a weekly Torah study class with former Associate Rabbi Seth Adelson and a Hebrew for Adult Beginners class with Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth. Since 2013 she has

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**Simhat Torah honorees Toby Katz, top, David Feingold, center, and Neda Sedgh**

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## Giving the Sifrei Torah a Facelift

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### A Voice Guest Column by Alise Kreditor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel member Alise Kreditor, a regular at the daily minyan, recently purchased Torah mantles in memory of her father, and invites other members of the congregation to do so, too, in this Voice Guest Column.

While my father was alive, going to synagogue was a big part of his daily life. He was a dependable daily minyan attendee first at Midway Jewish Center and, towards the end of his life, at our own synagogue. The ritual began after his mother passed away in 1985.

Like father, like daughter, my connection to Temple Israel was strengthened during my year of saying Kaddish, and at the end of the 11 months I finally understood why my dad did it for all those years. You want to give back to those who helped form a minyan all year long, but more importantly you become connected to the individuals in the minyan and look forward to seeing them during the week and on Shabbat.

When it came to finding a way to remember my father in Temple Israel, I turned to the Ritual Committee to find out what projects might be underway.

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My father was all about doing the right thing, so being able to fill a need made perfect sense. I soon learned that many of the Torah mantles needed to be replaced after years of constant use. I also discovered that the maintenance of our Sifrei Torah falls on the shoulders of

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## This Time I will Act Differently

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

Someone approaches you with a critical comment or assessment. Perhaps in such a situation you tend to strike back. Or to launch into a litany of self-defense. Or to retreat into private anger, resentment or self-deprecation. Or some combination. Imagine if you took the time to identify

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**...freedom to face today differently than we faced yesterday.**

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how you generally react to criticism and to consider the pros and cons of your approach. Now imagine what it would look like to take the next step and ask, "What would be a healthier way to respond?"

Possibly you determine that a healthier response would involve some mix of listening, reflecting and answering. Possibly you work it through in your mind or you ask someone you trust to help you practice. So that the next time someone offers criticism, you respond differently.

If you can bring yourself to do this, you have applied the Jewish concept of teshuva, repentance, to a real-life situation.

Teshuva involves self-assessment, growth and change. According to numerous rabbinic sages, one test of successful teshuva is that you face the same situation where historically you've responded problematically and this time you respond in a healthier fashion.

Whereas we typically associate the holiday of Passover with national freedom, I propose that we view Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in terms of personal freedom. The hallmark of these days is our belief that we have the freedom to assess and to change. The habitual reactions that we have had for years need not prevent us from reacting differently if we set our minds and hearts to the task.

I don't suggest that you try to tackle multiple behaviors all at once, but I invite

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## Moving Forward

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### From the President

by Rob Panzer

The High Holy Days season is a time to reflect, to think back on the year that has passed, what we may have accomplished and what we might have done differently or perhaps better. It can also be a time to look forward, to think about the years ahead, and how we might plan for that.

In that vein, we have spent the last year moving through a strategic planning process, brought to us by the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. Many members responded to the survey that was our initial step, and many participated in group or individual interviews, focus groups and task forces. The process has enabled us to take a critical look at our congregation, to identify areas that should be explored. This, in turn, will allow us to plan for our future.

The six task forces, covering areas from financial sustainability, membership, teen engagement and others have been hard at work, and are currently finalizing their reports. These reports will then be collated into a greater strategic planning report, which will be presented to our Executive Committee, our Board of Trustees, and then to the congregation. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward.

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**...there is much to do and much to participate in at Temple Israel.**

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My family joins me in wishing everyone a happy, healthy and meaningful High Holy Days season.

As always, I can be reached at [Robpanzer18@gmail.com](mailto:Robpanzer18@gmail.com).

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### Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, October 7** 6:10 P.M.

**Friday, October 14** 5:59 P.M.

**Friday, October 21** 5:48 P.M.

**Friday, October 28** 5:39 P.M.

**Friday, November 4** 5:30 P.M.

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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends  
condolences to the families of:

**HARRY J. BERNSTEIN**

father of Lila Bernstein-Schoen

**GENIA STARK**

mother of Garry H. Stark, Igal Stark  
and Rhoda Ilich

**RACHELA NYSENBAUM**

mother of Barry Nysenbaum  
and Ellen Nysenbaum

**BARBARA LURVEY**

mother of Jonathan, Nathana, Lawrence,  
Jennifer, David and Robert Lurvey

**RABBI SIMON L. ECKSTEIN**

brother of Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein

**HAROLD STANLEY "SONNY" SYKES**

brother of Evelyn Braunschweig

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

**Next Voice November 4**

**Next Voice deadline October 21**

## Upcoming Events

**October 11**

Kol Nidre

**October 12**

Yom Kippur

**October 16**

Erev Sukkot

**October 17-23**

Sukkot

**October 19**

Mah Jongg (Intermediate) 7:00 P.M.

**October 20**

Cantor Frieder's Sukkah Party 7:00 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

**October 21**

Congregational Sukkot Dinner 7:00 P.M.

**October 22**

Rabbi Schweber's Open Sukkah

For Lunch 1:00 P.M.

Rabbi Stecker's Open Sukkah

For Dessert 1:30 P.M.

**October 23**

Hoshanah Rabbah

**October 24**

Shemini Atzeret

**October 25**

Simhat Torah

**October 26**

Mah Jongg (Intermediate) 7:00 P.M.

**October 30**

B'nei Mitzvah Workshop 10:30 A.M.

Shoah Committee Lunch and

Documentary Screening 11:00 A.M.

**November 2-6**

Artist-in-Residence: Mordechai Rosenstein

**November 6**

Temple Israel Shredding

Fundraising Event 10:00 A.M.

B'nei Mitzvah Family Workshop 10:30 A.M.

Gilbert and Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera:

Der Yiddisher Mikado at

Temple Beth-El 2:00 P.M.

Concert Featuring Cantor Frieder to

Benefit Meir Panim at Temple

Beth Sholom 5:30 P.M.

**November 7**

Congregational Meeting 8:15 P.M.

Waxman Youth House Midnight Run

**November 9**

Mah Jongg (Intermediate) 7:00 P.M.

**November 13**

Men's Club Trip to the New York Jets

Game 8:30 A.M.

# Jewish Artist Mordechai Rosenstein Spending Time at Temple Israel

Hebrew letters are the essence of the art of Mordechai Rosenstein, a renowned Jewish artisan from Philadelphia who will be Temple Israel's artist-in-residence this November.

Between November 2-6 members of the congregation will have an opportunity to learn about his art and help inspire him to create a piece for Temple Israel. Congregants will also be able to create their own artwork in his style and browse his available collection.

On Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 P.M., members of the congregation are invited to meet Mr. Rosenstein in the Crystal Ballroom. The evening's experience will influence him as he creates a custom work of art for Temple Israel. Light refreshments will be served.

In a presentation titled "The Art Within" on Saturday, November 5, at 12:30 P.M., the artist will "explore our inner art as well as the art found through Torah study." At another session at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Rosenstein will guide participants in creating their own co-signed works of art. No experience is necessary for the session, called "Pinot and Painting."

On Sunday, November 6, from 9:30 A.M. to Noon, artist Rosenstein will be working with Religious School students and their families to create artwork.

Mr. Rosenstein is known for his love of the flowing forms of letters evident in pieces he creates. His vibrant shapes and colors enhance synagogue interiors, tapestries, paintings, murals, and silk-screen prints. For further information, visit [rosensteinarts.com](http://rosensteinarts.com).



**Artist Mordechai Rosenstein at work.**

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

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### **Sophia Mahfar**

Sophia Mahfar will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on October 15. She is the daughter of Tanaz and Sina Mahfar and has two sisters, Tara, 19, and Sarena, 11. Sophia is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys ballet, tap and singing, as well as dancing and performing, which she has done since age 4. Sophia has received several NYSMMA voice awards. She has travelled to Israel on several occasions with her family. She is currently attending the Waxman High School.



### **Alexander Schwartz**

Alexander Schwartz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 22. He is the son of Jennifer and Andrew Schwartz and has a sister, Daniela, 15. Alexander is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is on his school's soccer and baseball teams. He visited Israel in 2010 and plans to visit again in the near future. Alexander will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following his Bar Mitzvah.



### **Michael Kahen**

Michael Daniel Kahen will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on October 29. He is the son of Cherie and Jon Kahen and has two sisters, Kayla, 9, and Serena, 1. Michael is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School and was on his school's tennis team. Michael is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

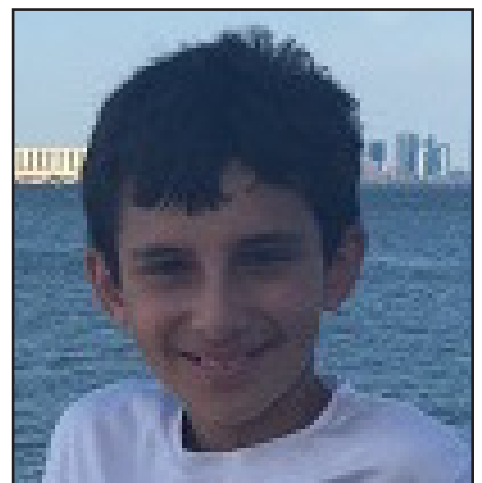
Join  
Rabbi Stecker for  
**'Jews In the News'**  
11 A.M. on Tuesdays  
November 8 & 22

Join  
Rabbi Schweber for  
**'Bible Study'**  
7 P.M. on Thursdays  
November 3 & 17



### **Ryan Aminzadeh**

Ryan Isaac Aminzadeh will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 5. He is the son of Mersedeh and Farid Aminzadeh and has two sisters, Ashley, 11, and Celine, 2. Ryan is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys all sports, especially basketball and tennis. Ryan plans to visit Israel in the near future.



### **Ilan G.**

Ilan G. will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on November 5. He is the son of Mar and Jonathan and has two brothers, Ariel, 11, and Emet, 7. Ilan is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer, chess, piano and the trumpet. Ilan looks forward to attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following his Bar Mitzvah.

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## Sha, Sha, Sha, Shana Tova!

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**From the Temple Israel Religious School** by Rabbi Amy Roth, Director

As we welcomed back our returning students, and greeted our new Religious School children, the start to our school year was punctuated with sweetness and spunk. As we all know, the timing of the Jewish holidays always evokes comments (the holidays are early, the holidays are late, etc).

This year is a “dream” calendar for Jewish educators: we had almost a full month to begin school, review the alef-bet, get to know our classes and create age-appropriate holiday learning experiences. We have been able to seize the opportunity to create Tishrei (the month with all of our fall holidays) experiences. We started with apples and honey, and will eventually work our way through snacks and lulav and etrog in the sukkah, and dancing with the Torah in anticipation of Simchat Torah. Chants of “Sha sha sha shana tova!” echoed through the halls of our education wing, as we all wished one another a sweet, good year.

As we begin to greet the new month of Heshvan, we look forward to the “routine” of Rosh Hodesh hagigot (celebrations), hadashot (news “broadcasts”), tzedakah counting, hallway Hebrew and, yes, the magic that actually goes on inside the classrooms. We welcome these days of learning and relationship building.

And yet, even amid our routine, we look ahead to some new innovations in our program. Temple Israel is partnering with the Sid Jacobson JCC in working to bring Israel into our young people's lives in a real, relatable way. The “shinshinim” are young Israelis who are performing a year of service to the Jewish community prior to their national service in the IDF. We are fortunate enough to have two different young shinshinim as part of our program. Neta Azoulay comes to the Religious School every Tuesday, where she will be running Israeli-themed games and activities. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to meet her, play and “hang out.” She will occasionally participate in Tuesday Youth House activities, as well. Maya Ben Yaacov comes every Thursday, and is part of our dynamic seventh grade “Mensch Makers” team (with Danny Mishkin and Avi Siegel), and brings Israel to our seventh graders in a fun, experiential way. They are two vibrant, energetic young women and are quickly becoming part of our Temple Israel mishpacha. You are most welcome to stop by on a Tuesday or Thursday in the Youth House to meet them!

We know that this will be an enriching year—one where we will all learn many things, in a variety of ways. We look forward to sharing the further adventures of the Temple Israel Religious School during the course of the year.



**Religious School students learn the songs of the High Holy Days.**

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### Mazal Tov To...

**Rebecca and Malcolm Phillips**  
on the marriage of their daughter,  
Lauren, to Daniel Fogelman.

**Pam and Berle Berger**  
on the birth of their grandson, Ariel Malik.  
**Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour**  
on the engagement of their son,  
Alex, to Nicole Akhtarzad.

**Mitchell Koepfel and Madelaine Senter**  
on their marriage.

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## Guest Column: Giving the Sifrei Torah a Facelift

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three individuals who constantly monitor the condition of our sacred scrolls. Drs. Edith Robbins and Charles Adler know the condition of each of our Torahs and have worked with various Sofrim (scribes) over the years to maintain the quality of the letters and overall condition of the Torahs. Terry Bernstein, a daily minyan mainstay, has also taken on the task of Torah rotation, and he also ensures that the Torah to be used on Shabbat is at the right parasha for the week. This vital role in the synagogue has earned him the name “Holy Roller.” They are just three of the many unsung heroes who contribute their talents and knowledge to maintaining the numerous ritual objects at Temple Israel.

Recently, the synagogue purchased through the Dana Spector Kimmel Torah Restoration Fund 12 new Torah mantles featuring two embroidered patterns in six different colors. Although it will fill us with great warmth when the ark opens and we spy one of the two mantles we purchased in memory of my dad, it is far more important that we were able to find an appropriate representation of the dedication he had to synagogues throughout his lifetime.

There are many new mantles remaining to be dedicated in memory of or in celebration of loved ones. Contact Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800 to learn about other wonderful opportunities to support Temple Israel.

# Celebrate Sukkot at Temple Israel

**October 19 - Pizza In the Hut with the Religious School 6:45-7:45 P.M.**  
Pizza dinner, songs and stories after school RSVP to 482-7800 ext. 1134

**October 20 - Cantor Frieder's Sukkah Party 7-9 P.M.**  
Enjoy a light Israeli homemade falafel supper in the Cantor's sukkah  
RSVP to Kathy at 482-7800 ext. 1109

**October 21 - Temple Israel Sukkot Service and Dinner 7 P.M.**  
Service in the Sanctuary followed by dinner in the sukkah.  
For dinner prices and to RSVP (by October 10) call Jennifer at 482-7800

**October 22 - Lunch in Rabbi Schweber's Sukkah 1:00 P.M.**  
For details call Jennifer at 482-7800

**October 22 - Dessert in Rabbi Stecker's Sukkah 1:30 P.M.**  
For details call Jennifer at 482-7800

**October 22 - TI Bonds Musical Cafe Night In the Sukkah 7:30 P.M.**  
Grab a drink, take a nosh and enjoy friends for a musical cafe. \$20 per adult  
RSVP by October 19 to Jodi at 482-7800 ext. 1105

## Daily Minyan Times

**Friday, Oct. 7**

7:00 A.M. 6:15 P.M.

**Friday, Oct. 14**

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

**Friday, Oct. 21 (Sukkot Hol Hamoed)**

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

**Friday, Oct. 28**

7:00 A.M. 5:45 P.M.

**Friday, Nov. 4**

7:00 A.M. 5:40 P.M.

**Sunday, Oct. 9, 30 and Nov. 6**

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

**Sunday, Oct. 16 (Erev Sukkot)**

8:15 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

**Mondays, Oct. 10**

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 11 (Kol Nidre)**

7:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, Nov. 1 (Rosh Hodesh Heshvan)**

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**

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

**Wed., Nov. 2 (Rosh Hodesh Heshvan)**

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

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 27 and Nov. 3**

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

## Memorial Plaques To Be Dedicated

Monday, October 24  
Shemini Atzeret

**MARTIN BAUMAN**

Father of Elizabeth Anne Bauman  
Brother of Thelma Greenstein

**CYRIL HERMELE**

Father of Carole Drogin

**SARAH KRAMER**

Mother of Noelle Parket, Glenn Kramer  
and Marilyn Weitzman Kahn

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Mother of Samy Naim and Mark Naim  
Wife of Nehemia Naim

**JACK GERALD SAHN**

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played an active role in the Steering Committee for Shabbat Kolenu and Shabbat Kol Ishah. She is currently serving on the Board of Trustees and was a member of the last dinner dance committee.

Her Temple Israel involvement began when she participated in the first Shabbat Kol Ishah in 2009, learning to chant Torah for the first time. Since then, under the tutelage of Cantor Raphael Frieder, she has read Torah often for the congregation and has learned to lead various parts of the Shabbat service. She and her husband, Farid, have four children, Victoria, Daniel, Alexandra, and Cyrus.

### Nadine and David Feingold

Nadine and David Feingold have been members of Temple Israel since 1977. They have been regular donors to the Temple Israel Museum in honor of their children.

Upon Dr. Feingold's retirement, his interest in the museum was heightened and several years ago he took on a leadership position with it, along with long-time museum patron Charlotte Zavon. He began by arranging special exhibits six times a year, and then began purchasing and researching new pieces for the museum. He makes sure the museum is open on Jewish holidays, during weddings, for Religious School classes, and by special request for congregants. "After all," he said, "I want as many people as possible to enjoy our special collection." He invites members to become donors by dedicating museum pieces in honor of or in memory of family or friends. Dr. Feingold is a retired dentist and his wife is a retired teacher. The couple has three children, Guy, Ross and Brooke.

## Sukkot, Simhat Torah Services

**Sunday, October 16** Leil Sukkot

Evening Services 6:00 P.M.

**Monday, October 17** First Day of Sukkot

Morning Services 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.

Evening Services 6:05 P.M.

**Tuesday, October 18** Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Services 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.

Evening Services 6:10 P.M.

**Wednesday and Thursday, October 19-20** Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.

Wednesday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:17-25

Thursday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

Evening Services 8:00 P.M.

**Sunday, October 23** Hoshanah Rabbah/Leil Shemini Atzeret

Morning Services 8:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34

Evening Services 5:50 P.M.

**Monday, October 24** Shemini Atzeret/Leil Simhat Torah

Early Morning Services 6:30 A.M.

Morning Services 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.

Evening Services and Hakafot in the Sanctuary 6:00 P.M.

for school-age children, teens and adults

Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:00 P.M.

for pre-school and kindergarten children and their families

**Tuesday, October 25** Simhat Torah

Morning Services 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.

Evening Services 6:00 P.M.

Havdalah 6:43 P.M.

## Sukkot's Lessons About Water

**by Rabbi Daniel Schweber**

Comedian Alan King once summarized all of the Jewish holidays with the phrase "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!" King had Hanukkah and maybe even Passover or Purim in mind with the phrase. However, this gross over-simplification does not work for the other Jewish holidays, including Sukkot.

All kidding aside, each Jewish holiday is profoundly meaningful because they all encompass many different themes. As a complete cycle, the Jewish holidays touch on the gamut of life.

Some of Sukkot's themes include rejoicing in the harvest, celebrating the physicality of life after the spirituality of Yom Kippur, recalling God's protection in the Wilderness and preparing for the upcoming winter.

Sukkot also marks the beginning of the all-important rainy season in Israel. It is a most interesting time in Israel's agricultural cycle. September/October is the late harvest centering primarily on olives and grapes. The autumn is also when Israel is supposed to receive its first rainfall after a dry six-month summer. This juxtaposition of harvest and rain causes a mix of emotions, including thankfulness, joy and anxiety for the future.

The rituals of Sukkot take all of these emotions into account. Sukkot is called zman simchateinu, season of our rejoicing. It is indeed a time for deep and heartfelt joy. The Torah tells us to rejoice before God with the four species (palm: lulav, citron: etrog, myrtle and willow). These species come from different parts of Israel and require different amounts of water to grow. All year round the Temple service includes pouring wine on the altar. During Sukkot, water was also poured on the altar as a symbol for rain. The water for this ritual was drawn in the early morning after a night of great rejoicing. I believe there was much rejoicing because there was confidence that there would be enough rain, just as we dip apples in honey with a confidence the year will be sweet.

The rituals of the holiday also incorporate some anxiety for the future. Not every year receives abundant or sufficient rain. Israel has no Nile or Euphrates river. In pre-modern times, no rain could mean famine. Psalm 118, part of the Hallel psalms, includes that phrase "please, oh God, save us please." On Sukkot we parade around the synagogue calling out this phrase and others as we look to God to help us and provide for us.

In the 21st century there are still many anxieties about water in the world. As a planet we are over using our resources and we are depleting the water collections that are extremely slow to renew. In Israel, the Sea of Galilee needs to be monitored. In the western United States some places are seeing the land sink as underground aquifers are depleted.

Sukkot remains a time to rejoice and to think about the water we do have. It should also be a time to think about all of the earth's water, including the oceans, the ice, rain, and groundwater. Maintaining the earth's water is a partnership between us and God and we have to make sure to do what we can. We should conserve water. We should support nonprofits that work in places all over the world, caring for our water resources.

Wishing all of us a most joyous Sukkot, and as you sate your thirst think about the blessing of clean water to drink.

# From Generation to Generation

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## Ask the Rabbi: Does Your Meat Go Down Smoothly?

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### A New Voice Feature by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

EDITOR'S NOTE: Welcome to a new Voice column titled "Ask the Rabbi." Each month we will explore a question of interest to congregants. The word "answer" was purposefully omitted, as some questions do not have exact answers. Everyone is welcome to submit questions they think should be addressed in this column to Rabbi Schweber at rabbischweber@tign.org.

QUESTION: Does glatt kosher mean super kosher? What does glatt kosher really mean?

DISCUSSION: I was recently at the Best Market in Great Neck Plaza and overheard a gentleman declare to his companion that the pretzels he was putting into the cart were glatt kosher. I believe he was trying to convey that the pretzels are without a doubt certified kosher.

The phrase "glatt kosher" has come to mean "strict kosher" or kosher to a higher standard. However, that is

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#### What does glatt kosher really mean?

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not what glatt kosher really means. In technical terms, "glatt" is a Yiddish term that means "smooth." The Hebrew word is *chalak*. It refers to the lungs of kosher slaughtered mammals such as cows and sheep.

Here is a good summary of the matter from Rabbi Ari Z. Zivotofsky: "In colloquial discourse *treif* refers

to anything that is not kosher. The technical definition of *treif* is based on Exodus 22:30: 'Do not eat meat from an animal torn (*treifa*) in the field' and refers to an animal with any of a specific group of physical 'defects' that are detailed in the Talmud. Examples of these defects, which often go far beyond the health inspection of the U.S.D.A., include certain lesions, lacerations, broken limbs, missing or punctured organs, or the result of an attack by a larger animal. Because most of these defects are uncommon, it may be assumed that most animals are healthy and hence there is no requirement to inspect every animal for them. An exception is the lung of an animal, on which adhesions and other problems may develop. While these problems are not common, they do occur more frequently than other *treifot*. Their relative prevalence led the rabbis to mandate that the lungs of every animal be examined, both manually while still in its natural position in the animal, and visually following its removal from the thoracic cavity."

Most lung adhesions render the animal non-kosher, literally unfit, for



consumption by an observant Jew. However, Ashkenazic practice developed a leniency whereby certain lesions can easily be removed and the animal remain kosher. Hence this meat is "non-glatt," or not smooth.

During much of the 20th century most kosher meat available in America was non-glatt. The majority of American Jews were of Ashkenazi descent and trusted the rabbinical inspectors looking at animals with lung lesions. Over the last 40 years, the pendulum has swung in the other direction. Virtually all of the kosher raw meat commercially available in America is glatt. Only one major source of non-glatt meat exists, and that is Hebrew National.

It would take at least a magazine length article to explore why glatt kosher has become so widespread. Deciding whether to eat non-glatt kosher meat is a matter of personal choice. As a community, Temple Israel only serves glatt meat in the synagogue, so everyone can be comfortable eating at the synagogue. However, Hebrew National products, while they are not glatt, are certified kosher and follow the laws of slaughtering and removing the blood, etc.

As full disclosure, I am part of the kosher supervision team at the Ben's deli restaurant in Bayside. Ben's serves non-glatt meat, including Hebrew National. The supervision at all seven Ben's restaurants is overseen by Rabbi Paul Plotkin. Rabbi Plotkin is also the chair of the Rabbinical Assembly's *kashrut* committee.

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## This Time I will Act Differently

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you to consider one area that you want to tackle. Would you like to demonstrate more self-control? More patience? Less bitterness?

Whatever the behavior, whatever the issue, take a moment to consider what actions might benefit from some modification. See if you can frame it as follows: Next time X happens, I'm going to try to respond differently. As in: Next time there is a plateful of delicious cookies sitting on the table. Next time someone tells me a joke that I've heard multiple times. Next time someone criticizes me. Next time I feel incapable of doing a certain task. Whatever the situation, try to come up with a healthier response than your usual.

On behalf of my family and our congregation, I wish you and your loved ones a good, sweet year. I hope that the New Year will bring all of us health, satisfaction, growth and, last but not least, freedom—freedom to face today differently than we faced yesterday.

# D'var Torah

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assembled in the central sanctuary. The reading is thus to affirm that in every area of ordinary life, the way to God lies only through His Torah and Torah is necessary to maintain the unity of the people and provide for its protection.

**Ha'azinu** Saturday, October 15  
In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

**Bereshit** Saturday, October 29  
We begin the reading of the Torah anew in this portion. The creation of the world is described in two accounts. The first account focuses on the creation of all the elements of the physical universe, including humanity, and comes to a climax with the establishment of a day of rest. The second account focuses on the creation of humanity and comes to a climax with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. As a result of transgressing, a strict prohibition on eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve are banished from the Garden. God proclaims that henceforth they will get their food by hard toil and women will bear children in pain. Adam and Eve

have two sons, Cain and Abel, who become a farmer and a shepherd, respectively. As a result of anger when God accepts Abel's offering, but not his own, Cain kills his brother. Adam and Eve have a third son, Seth, from whom Noah descends.

**Noah** Saturday, November 5  
In this portion we read of the destruction of the world by the great flood and the recreation of the world. By the tenth generation after Adam, human evil has sunk to such depths that God can no longer tolerate it and the world must be purged of its corruption. Noah and his family, alone of all mankind, are saved along with seven pairs (male and female) of all clean animals and one pair of unclean animals found on earth. The description of the flood is in many respects a reversal of the process of creation. When the waters subside and the occupants of the ark emerge on dry

land, the narrative parallels the creation story. Noah is portrayed as a second Adam, but the world after the flood is a significantly different place. Although Noah's sons become the progenitors of a world full of people, the complete harmony of all creation is gone. This change is symbolized by the permission given to mankind to eat meat, albeit with the prohibition of eating the blood. God establishes the rainbow as a sign of His promise that the earth will never again be destroyed by flood. The account of the Tower of Babel shows how that unity is shattered by mankind's pride. God's plan is again thwarted, but this time He responds by narrowing His focus to one segment of mankind which will be the instrument of achieving His purpose. The reading concludes with an account of the line of Noah's son, Shem, which brings us—after generations—to Abraham.

## Sabbath Services

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### Friday, October 28

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

### Saturday, October 29

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Bereshit

Genesis 1:1 – 6:8

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 – 42

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Jacqueline Harounian, Sima Taeid,  
Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Susan  
Brustein, and Andi Katz

Bar Mitzvah: Michael Kahen,  
son of Cherie and Jon Kahen

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder  
following Kiddush

Afternoon Service 5:20 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:50 P.M.

Evening Service 6:22 P.M.

Havdalah 6:37 P.M.

### Friday, November 4

Evening Service 5:40 P.M.

### Saturday, November 5

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Noah

Genesis 6:9 – 11:32

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

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Deanna Stecker

Bar Mitzvah: Ryan Aminzadeh,  
son of Mersedeh and Farid Aminzadeh

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son of Mar and Jonathan

“Unlocking Tefila” 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:10 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:40 P.M.

Evening Service 6:14 P.M.

Havdalah 6:29 P.M.

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## Vayelevkh Saturday, October 8

In this portion we begin the final section of the Book of Deuteronomy, which treats of the last days of Moses. This is the shortest portion in the Torah, consisting of only one chapter of 30 verses. Moses' mission is almost completed. There remain only a few details to finish before his death. These consist of bidding farewell to his people, presenting his successor, Joshua, to them (with some words of encouragement to him) writing down the Torah up to this point, and handing it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read from it every seven years at a public assembly. This reading is not to be for the purpose of teaching the people the basics of law, but rather to achieve a special purpose. It is to take place on Sukkot, at the start of agriculture and business following the year of release, when all Israelites are

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## Sabbath Services

### Friday, October 7

Evening Service 6:15 P.M.

### Saturday, October 8

Shabbat Shuvah

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Vayelevkh

Deuteronomy 31:30

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10;

Micah 7:18 – 20; Joel 2:15 – 27

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Brent Greenspan, Adam Covitt, Diana Stein, Deanna Stecker, and Sherry Husney

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:20 P.M.

Evening Service 6:53 P.M.

Havdalah 7:08 P.M.

### Friday, October 14

Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

### Saturday, October 15

Morning Service/Shabbat Morning

Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu

Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1 – 51

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Seth Horowitz, Jerrold Schlessel, Alise Kreditor, Sherry Husney and Jeff Fleit

Bat Mitzvah: Sophia Mahfar,  
daughter of Tanaz and Sina Mahfar

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:40 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:10 P.M.

Evening Service 6:42 P.M.

Havdalah 6:57 P.M.

### Friday, October 21

Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

Congregational Sukkot Dinner 7:00 P.M.

### Saturday, October 22

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading

Exodus 33:12 – 34:26; Numbers 29:26 – 31

Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 – 39:16

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Zina Rutkin-Becker, Deborah Volk, Andi Katz, Hal Rothbaum, and Diana Stein

Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Schwartz,  
son of Jennifer and Andrew Schwartz

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:25 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:55 P.M.

Evening Service 6:32 P.M.

Havdalah 6:47 P.M.

Congregation "Sukkah Late Night" 7:00 P.M.

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