



## SHABBAT AND HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Friday, September 12

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
EmptiNesters <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 13

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
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Weekly Portion: *Ki Tavo*; Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

*Haftarah*: Isaiah 60:1 - 22

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Susan Brustein, Miriam Kobliner,

Ellen Birnbaum and Brent Greenspan

*Bat Mitzvah*

TALIA MIRJANI

daughter of Elana and Babak Mirjani

<i>Havurah</i> Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
<i>Minhah</i>	6:30 P.M.
<i>Se'udah Shelishit</i>	7:00 P.M.
<i>Ma'ariv</i>	7:36 P.M.
<i>Haodalah</i>	7:51 P.M.

Friday, September 19

<i>N'ranenah</i> / Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner	7:30 P.M.
For College Grads and Friends	
Waxman High High School Family Dinner	7:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 20 - *Selihot*

Morning Service / <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Group <i>Aliyah</i>	9:00 A.M.
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Weekly Portion: *Nitsavim-Vayelekh*; Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

*Haftarah*: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Pargol Khadavi, Veronica Bisek Lurvey,

Sherry Husney and Eleanor Askari

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
<i>Minhah</i>	6:20 P.M.

*Minhah* *Bat Mitzvah*

JANA WARSHAWSKY

daughter of Elena and Lenny Liahovetsky

<i>Se'udah Shelishit</i>	7:00 P.M.
<i>Ma'ariv</i>	7:36 P.M.
<i>Haodalah</i>	7:51 P.M.
<i>Selihot</i> Service	8:30 P.M.

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## Temple Israel Is Preparing for High Holy Day Observances

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel is rapidly preparing for the busiest season on the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

"With the High Holy Days almost upon us, Temple Israel is ready to provide for the spiritual needs of all of its members regardless of age and background," according to Senior Rabbi Howard Stecker.

He said the clergy team for the services will remain the same as last year, and will include Associate Rabbi Seth Adelson, former Senior Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry and Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein, who had served as the rabbi of the Little Neck Jewish Center for many years, in addition to Rabbi Stecker.

The cantorial staff will be headed by Temple Israel Cantor Raphael Frieder, who will be joined by Cantor Mordecai Sobol, who has presented his renditions for the congregation on the High Holy Days for more than 20 years, and Cantor Ethan Goldberg, who joined the congregation's High Holy Day team last year.

Rabbi Stecker said Temple Israel will continue a tradition introduced last year, calling upon all worshippers with a shofar to stand in the four corners of each service and sound their ram's horn to mark the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

He said each of the service rabbis would address the situation in Israel and Gaza this summer in a variety of contexts as part of their High Holy Day sermons.

In addition, another highlight of the religious season, The Jacob Stein Memorial Lecture, held at 3 P.M. during the break in the Yom Kippur service, this year will feature Past President Steven Markowitz, the chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. He will address "the re-emergence of anti-Semitism worldwide and right here."

### Religious Observances

The High Holy Days begin with *erev* Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 24, and starts with *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* at 6:30 P.M. Rosh Hashanah is on Thursday, September 25, and Friday, September 26. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the morning service begins in the Sanctuary at 8:15 A.M. Rabbi Charry will lead a discussion called "Re-reading the *Maḥzor*" at 10 A.M. Leading up to *Tashlikh*, Professor Eve Keller will conduct a discussion at 10:30 A.M. for college students, recent grads and young adults, titled "Do the Fish Need Our Sins? A careful Look at the Custom, Liturgy and Theology of *Tashlikh*."

*Tashlich* will be held at the Xeriscape on the corner of Old Mill Road and Bayview Avenue at 6 P.M.

Yom Kippur begins with *Kol Nidre* on Friday, October 3, beginning at 6 P.M. Yom Kippur services, on Saturday, October 4,

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## Sustaining Conservative Jewish Life

By Susan and Arden Smith

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Susan Smith was the treasurer, financial secretary, and a member of the Board of Temple Israel and has served as treasurer of the Sisterhood for 21 years. She is also a former chair of the congregation's Finance Committee. Arden Smith is a former Temple Israel trustee and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception 17 years ago.

As we approach the High Holy Days, it is again time to think about our annual Kol Nidre Appeal, the congregation's single most important fund raiser.

Our beloved Rabbi Waxman, z'l, had often stated that the synagogue is the central institution in diaspora Jewish life. Our synagogue, must continue to serve the

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spiritual, educational and social needs of our diverse congregational family, as well as providing the resources which enable us to transmit our traditions to the next generation in order to continue the unbroken chain of Jewish continuity. With so many functions to fulfill and such a wide array

of services which we provide, paying for them can be difficult and is a never ending challenge.

As you probably know, our financial needs cannot be met by the collection of dues alone. For example, Religious School tuition covers less than half of the expenses required to operate the program. Likewise, adult education, family programming, social action, and cultural activities are generally provided without an associated fee. What all these services have in common is that they require money to undertake. Our Kol Nidre Appeal is significant in allowing us to continue to provide these high quality services as well as providing for the daily operations and maintenance of our synagogue.

With your committed participation in past Kol Nidre campaigns, you have helped our beloved synagogue maintain a state of financial good health.

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FROM THE RABBI

## We Still Need to Hope

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Some summers are entirely pleasant affairs, filled with long strolls and ample time for reading and contemplation. This was not that kind of summer. The conflict between Israel and Gaza was intense and bloody and the after-effects remain. The threat of ISIL seems to grow larger with each passing day. The unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, was unsettling on many levels.

Living in Jerusalem for a month this summer, I experienced and observed certain aspects of the Israel-Gaza conflict. Mind you, it was quite tame in Jerusalem compared to southern Israel and Gaza itself. But I did get a feel for the mood of many Israelis, including residents of the south, reservists in the army and parents of soldiers, as well as a few Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem.

The mood overall was characterized by anguish and frustration. As I wrote from Jerusalem several weeks ago, the word I

heard repeatedly with regard to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was "intractable." Both an Israeli reservist and scholar and a Palestinian urban planner, speaking to my rabbinic cohort at the Hartman Institute in

*What does it mean to hope when reality is so discouraging?*

separate contexts, bemoaned the complicated dynamics that, to their thinking, make a full resolution of the conflict extremely unlikely in the near future.

And yet, even during the depth of the violence, I saw seeds of hope. Muslims and Jews gathered together to break the Fast of Ramadan and the Fast of Tammuz. The uncle of one of the slain Israeli teens received

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## Jewish Poland

By Alan Klinger

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This column reflects the second part of the "Jewish heritage journey" undertaken recently by President Alan Klinger and his wife, Susan as part of a visit to Poland.

Our first stop was Krakow, a city of some 780,000 that dispels the image of Poland as being a bland expanse. The city escaped physical destruction by the Nazis and the old town square is charming. The Jewish quarter retains places of interest

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and you feel hundreds of years of history in visiting restored synagogues (most as museums though there are functioning *shuls*) and cemeteries (the grave of Rabbi Moshe Isserles, a leading figure of his time, at the Remuh Cemetery attracts significant attention). In walking these streets you sense the vibrancy of what the Jewish community had been and what was lost by the Nazi onslaught. A side trip to Auschwitz produces the incongruous sense of neat red-brick buildings on country-like paths that conjures images of summer lodges until you view the photographs and films of life in the concentration camp which exude the degradation and death that occurred there.

But while the sadness borders on overwhelming, we also experienced the countering emotion of the re-birth of Jewish life in Poland. We had dinner with the chief rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich, in Krakow in a kosher restaurant that adjoins a functioning synagogue where earlier that evening we witnessed a klezmer music concert. (Rabbi Schudrich, a native New Yorker, is a product of SUNY Stony Brook, JTS/Columbia and YU, and was a few years ahead of Susan in high school.) His charge is to rebuild Jewish life in Poland and, in that role, regularly interacts with government leaders and the Catholic Church. Unlike in Berlin, where the Jewish community seems comprised mostly of refugees from the FSU and Israelis, the focus in Poland is on native Jews rediscovering their Jewish identity.

The JCC of Krakow evidences progress in that regard. Founded in 2008, it benefited

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

### WARREN RODNICK

husband of Carole Rodnick  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### RACHEL RAHIMI

sister of Parviz Khodadadian

### BRUCE PERNICK

brother of Jill Friedman

### PEARL WAXMAN

sister of Rose Rudich

### STANLEY JACK DICHTER

brother of Barbara Ackerman

### IRENE KANFER

mother of Abraham C. Kanfer

### JEROME SMOLINSKY

father of Steve Smolinsky

### SAMUEL DYCKMAN

father of Donna Lefkowitz

May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO...

- **Rebecca and Malcom Phillips** on the marriage of their son, Scott, to Brittany Katz.
- **Donna and Lawrence Ludwig** on the birth of their granddaughter, Rachel Bina Ludwig-Brown.
- **Tina and Sonny Tito** on the birth of their grandson, Leo Sy Tito.
- **Wendy and Jeffrey Maurer** on the birth of their granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Maurer.
- **Eileen and Mickey Putterman** on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Maya Adele Panisch.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 13	9:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 20	9:00 A.M.	6:20 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 27	9:00 A.M.	6:10 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Sept. 12.....	6:52 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 19.....	6:40 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 26.....	6:29 P.M.

## Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Yom Kippur and Sukkot issue, will be published on Thursday, October 2. The deadline for that issue is Friday, September 19.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	14	Men's Club Opening Breakfast with Guest Speaker Sgt. Yoni Asseraf	9:00 A.M.
	14	Temple Israel Welcome Back BBQ	12:30 P.M.
	14	Shalom Club Opening Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	15	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	19	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	20	Selihot Program	8:30 P.M.
	24	<i>Erev</i> Rosh Hashanah	
	25-26	Rosh Hashanah	
	27	<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>	
	30	Sisterhood Lunch and Read	Noon
Oct.	3	Kol Nidre	
	4	Yom Kippur	
	4	Break-the-Fast dinner following the blowing of the shofar Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	5	Sukkah Building Workshop with Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.
	6-7	Sisterhood Decoration of the Temple Israel Sukkah	
	8	<i>Erev</i> Sukkot	
	8	Beth HaGan Nursery School Sukkah Decorating Party	9:30 A.M.
	8	Congregational Sukkot Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	9-15	Sukkot	
	12	Sukkah Hop	
	12	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:00 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	
	17	Simhat Torah	
	20	Sisterhood Program: "Yiddish Theater: Past, Present and Future"	Noon
	21	9th Annual IDF Appreciation Evening honoring Rabbi Stecker at the Fresh Meadow Country Club	
	23-25	Great Neck <i>Shabbat</i> Project	

## Weekend Is Planned to Celebrating Shabbat In Great Neck, As Well As Around the World

Temple Israel will be participating in a community-wide—and global—initiative called the Great Neck Shabbat Project on the weekend of October 23-25. Based on a pilot program from South Africa, the weekend will feature *Shabbat*-focused events at Temple Israel, as well as throughout the Great Neck community.

Temple Israel's Great Neck Shabbat Project Committee co-chairs, Robin Fleishman and Lisa Goodwin, are looking for additional volunteers to join the committee. If you are interested, contact Ms. Fleishman at [r\\_fleishman@verizon.net](mailto:r_fleishman@verizon.net) or (917) 974-7533 or Rabbi Seth Adelson at [sadelson@tign.org](mailto:sadelson@tign.org) or at 482-7800.

**THE SHALOM CLUB**  
will be celebrating 52 years  
of joy, friendship  
& intellectual curiosity  
about the Jewish world.  
**OPENING MEETING**  
With Rabbi Howard Stecker  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
6:30 P.M. - Blue Room  
Details: 482-6527

## Men's Club Opening Breakfast Sunday, September 14

9 A.M. - Crystal Ballroom

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Israeli Soldier**  
**Sgt. Yoni Asseraf**  
recipient of the  
Medal of Courage  
during the  
Second Lebanon War



**Talia Mirjani**

Talia Mirjani will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 13. She is the daughter of Elana and Babak Mirjani and has two sisters, Michelle, 15, and Donna, 8. Talia is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing tennis and swimming. Talia celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in Jerusalem last April and plans to visit Israel again with her family in the near future.

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

The congregational *kiddush* on May 3 was sponsored by the Membership Committee in honor of the congregation's longterm members.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on May 17 were made by Ana and Ira Cohen in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Toby, and Brooke R. Peltz, and by Vivian Brash in memory of her mother, Camille Katz.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on May 24 was made by Susan and Hal Rothbaum in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Joshua.

The congregational *kiddush* on May 31 was sponsored by Audrey Kent Itzkowitz and Eric Itzkowitz in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Daniel. Contributions toward the *kiddush* were made by Sherry and Michael Grodofsky, in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their daughter, Melissa, and Michael Perlmutter, and by Kathrin Zelouf in memory of her husband, Yousef Zelouf.

The congregational *kiddush* on June 7 was sponsored by Nazila and Daniel Bakhshi in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Kayla, by Barbara and Henry Katz and Ofra and Robert Panzer in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their children, Abraham and Aviva, by Doris and Maurice Sohayegh, Lisa Sohayegh Weitz and Daniel Weitz, and Sofia and David Sohayegh in honor of the baby naming of their daughters and granddaughters, Mia and Jordyn.

## New at the Youth House This Fall

By Danny Mishkin

At the Youth House our motto is, "There's Something for Everyone!" So, if you are looking for serious study or to enjoy time with great Jewish friends, we have programs and events that are perfect for you! However, most of our programs include both learning and the joy of being a Jewish teen. We work hard to make sure all our programs are meaningful and fun, so please join us for a program that meets your interests and schedule.

This year we highlight a few new special opportunities. Given the unfortunate situation in Israel, Rabbi Stecker and Rabbi Adelson are offering weekly conversations to help teens "Step Up for Israel." There are a lot of rumors and propaganda out there, so please partici-

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Jewish home  
at the Youth House.*

pate in this program to better understand the accomplishments, challenges and value that Israel offers and faces every day.

We also are launching a new Temple Israel Teen Leadership program, called T.I.L.T. This program meets monthly to empower our best resource, our teens, to improve the Youth House and grow our special community. These teens will plan exciting events, reach out to new teens, and make sure the Youth House stays cutting edge and exciting.

Finally, we have a unique opportunity for teens to be the last of a generation to have meaningful one-on-one conversations with Holocaust survivors. Through Irving Roth's Adopt a Survivor Program, teens will be paired with a survivor and meet monthly over dinner at the Youth House. The Adopt a Survivor Program provides resources, activities and interview questions to ensure these relationships are meaningful and impactful for both parties.

Below you will find all the offerings at the Youth House. We are sure that every teen can find a Jewish home at the Youth House. For more information contact Director Danny Mishkin at dmishkin@tign.org or 482-7800 ext. 2106.

### **Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

- 8th Grade - Mitzvah Corps with Danny Mishkin. During a year of learning and action, you and your classmates will help make the world a better place!
- 9th-12th Grade - "The Jewish Bucket List" with Orrin Krublitz and Tziona Kamel.

Through a pattern of learning, action and reflection, you will gain real-time life lessons through various Jewish hands-on experiences. Examples include visiting an animal shelter, writing a children's book, having interfaith dialogues, visiting a mikvah, and several others.

### **Electives**

- Advanced Mitzvah Corps - Organize social action events including Midnight Runs, volunteer activities and targeted collections to help the needy.
- Modern Hebrew Ulpan - Learn to speak Hebrew the way Israelis do! Through cooking, acting and dancing you can practice how to speak Hebrew.
- T'fillah Enrichment Program *Shabbat Morning* - Learn to lead our community in prayer and gain confidence in all Jewish prayer settings.
- Stepping Up for Israel - Deepen your understanding of Israel and learn to be a thoughtful advocate for her peace and security.

### **Sundays and Weekends:**

- Join our USY Chapter - Our students organize monthly social and social action events, such as Shul-Ins, trips to Bounce It and many other exciting activities! Will be calendared in late September and will publicized via email and facebook. They are open to all Jewish teens.
- Shevet Ahim: The Brotherhood - Meets at the Youth House with Danny Mishkin and entails discussions about Jewish masculinity, sports, activities, and good food! Monthly on Sundays, 4 P.M.-6 P.M.
- Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing - Meets at the home of faculty member Moji Pourmoradi and entails learning, art, sharing, and good food! Monthly on Sundays, 4 P.M.-6 P.M.
- Adopt a Survivor - Students are assigned a Holocaust survivor from our community. Once a month all participants will meet at the Youth House for an interview, meal, and special community building activities. Monthly on Sundays, 4 P.M.-6 P.M.

## Guest Column: Sustaining Conservative Jewish Life

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We, our officers, and trustees ask each of you to consider the role of our synagogue in sustaining (normative) Jewish life in our community in determining your contribution to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal.

*L'Shana Tova U Metuka.*

# Rosh Hashanah: The Day of a Pregnant World

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Perhaps more than any other Jewish holiday, Rosh Hashanah is a journey of the mind. Yes, we gather to pray, to eat, and to offer wishes for a new year as sweet as apples dipped in honey. But the greatest challenge of Rosh Hashanah is to acknowledge and respond emotionally to the many themes of these days. We might be able to sail through Rosh Hashanah merely by stopping into the synagogue for some great cantorial pieces and a rousing sermon, and pop out just in time for a raucous family meal, but this would be a lost opportunity. The real work of the first days of the month of *Tishrei* is to invest ourselves fully in the liturgical adventure that separates the coming year from the past while reflecting on the majestic tones of the shofar.

One of the central statements of Rosh Hashanah, recited three times in the latter parts of the *Musaf* service, is, "*Hayom harat olam.*" This is usually understood as, "On this day, the world was created." And this fits nicely with the idea that Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the cosmos, the day upon which God pronounced the magical words "*Yehi or,*" let there be light.

But the Torah does not record that the first of *Tishrei* marks the creation of the world, and certainly the fact that *Tishrei* is the seventh month of the calendar suggests otherwise. Rather, the day is labeled *Yom Teru'ah*, the day of thunderous blasts from a ram's horn. This suggests that this holiday is about majesty, grandeur, and reflection. It

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begin at 9 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom. Rabbi Charry will repeat his discussion about the *Ma'azor* at 10 A.M. The *Yizkor* Memorial Service begins at 11:30 A.M. A Community *Yizkor* Memorial Service, open to non-Temple Israel members, will be conducted at 3 P.M.

The day concludes with *Havdalah* and the blowing of the shofar at 7:15 P.M.

A full array of services for children from pre-school through high school will be offered on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The detailed list of children's services is on page 5 of this issue of *The Voice*.

As usual for Temple Israel, the clergy will rotate through three simultaneous main services. A detailed service schedule is on the front and back pages of this issue of *The Voice*, on the Temple Israel website, [www.tign.org](http://www.tign.org), and will also be posted in the lobby throughout the High Holy Days. Tickets, which are now being distributed to all congregants in good standing, will be required for admission to all services.

is a day that is bursting with emotion, with meaning, with transition. It is a day of looking backward and forward.

A more accurate rendering of *Hayom harat olam* is, "This is the day of a pregnant world." We are all "expecting" on this day full of excitement for what is to come, mindful of our past and present, aware of our frailty and the fleeting nature of our lives in the face of God the eternal. Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, the editor of the classic *lumash* that occupied the pews of most Conservative synagogues through most of the 20th century, observed that we do not

read the story of the creation of the world on Rosh Hashanah. Rather, we read the story of Hagar and Ishmael on the first day, and the binding of Isaac on the second. "The highest manifestation of the Divine," he wrote, "is not to be found in the calling into existence of Nature's elemental forces; far higher are God's ways manifest in the hearts and souls of men." (Had he written this 60 years later, Rabbi Hertz would have included women as well. Introspection is a gender-free zone, even if child-bearing, *per se*, is not.)

On this day, the entire world is pregnant. Join us on this mindful journey.

## Museum Feature: High Holy Day Exhibit

The front case in the museum now has on exhibition items relating to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succot.

- A large twisted shofar is from Bombay, India, while a traditional short flat horn engraved shofar is from middle Europe (19th century).
- A large copper charity container dated 1818 from Shaumburg, Bohemia, and a silver with enamel desk-form charity box with semi-precious stones from Russia (1872).
- An elegant Persian silver rosewater sprinkler is pear shaped with applied rose branches and has an engraved Hebrew inscription.
- Etrog containers include a silver oval shape with blue glass liner from 18th century Austria, a magnificent silver filigree trunk-form with handles from Holland (18th century), and a modern silver cylindrical form with semi-precious stones on top by the master silver-smith Moshe Zabari.
- Also by Zabari is a silver and glass memorial (*yizkor*) light in a modern interpretation of open-palmed hands.

For dedication information and museum hours contact the Temple Israel office.

## HIGH HOLY DAY YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

All programs run both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur,  
September 25 & 26 and October 3 & 4

- **Preschool (ages 2-4) Services:** 10:30 A.M.-Noon in Room 13 & 15 and Family Supervised Play Area in Room 12. Early childhood educators celebrate the holidays through song, stories and games. One parent is required to accompany children. Open to the public.
- **Kindergarten-2nd Grade BONIM Service:**\* 10:30-Noon in the Multipurpose Room, led by Donna Lefkowitz, who leads a fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing.
- **3rd-4th Grade CHAVERIM Service:**\* 10:30-Noon in the Blue Room, led by Geoff Epstein. His services include lots of group and individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course, plenty of Hershey's miniatures (on Rosh Hashanah only).
- **5th-6th Grade MACHON Service:**\* 10:30-Noon in the Chapel, led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah. Come join her for a service that's just right for middle schoolers – including real *davening*, Torah reading, and plenty of interactive activities.  
*\*Parents and other family members welcome!*
- **Teen Service:** 10:30 A.M.-1 P.M. in the Youth House Well, led by Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin and teacher Diana Ziskin. Join them for a participatory service for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities. Snacks (on Rosh Hashanah only) and Socializing in the Youth House.
- **Interactive K-6 Family Program:**\*\* 12:15-1:15 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room, for grade school-aged children and their parents, led by Waxman Youth House Director Danny Mishkin, featuring games, snacks and creative activities. No two programs are ever the same! **\*\*At least one parent must attend per family.**
- **Kol Nidre Family Experience:** Friday Evening, October 3 for grades 3-7 with Danny Mishkin, on the third floor in room aleph (Room 301) at 5:45 P.M. Participants continue with activities in the Youth House while parents attend services.

## Break the Yom Kippur Fast with the Men's Club

The congregation is invited right after the Shofar is blown to signal the end of Yom Kippur to a traditional dairy dinner prepared by Bagel Mentch and sponsored by the Men's Club.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$8 for children under 8 years of age. There is no additional charge for more than two children under age 8. The cost is \$25 for non-Temple members. Let us know how many adults and children are in your party. Make checks payable to the Men's Club of Temple Israel and bring or mail it to the Temple Israel office by Monday, September 29.

Only paid-in-advance reservations will be honored. For more information call Dr. Adler at 482-4421 or e-mail at [ciadler.ca@gmail.com](mailto:ciadler.ca@gmail.com).

## Special Temple Israel Parking Regulations For High Holy Days

Members of the congregation are asked to observe parking regulations which are in effect this year during the High Holy Days. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck has agreed to ease the following parking restrictions for the High Holy Days:

- Time limit restrictions will not be enforced, and no summonses will be issued for overtime parking on the streets adjacent to the Temple.
- Other parking restrictions will be enforced including violations of prohibited parking, such as in front of hydrants, in front of driveways, "No Parking This Side," and "No Parking Here to Corner." Congregants are reminded that the streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

### Temple Israel Parking Lot

On *Erev* Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 24 and the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26 parking will be limited to members with State issued Handicap Permits only. Have your seating ticket to identify yourself, should you be asked to do so by a staff member stationed in the lot.

Members who wish to leave their cars in the parking lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah must first obtain a pass from Executive Director Leon Silverberg. No cars will be permitted to enter or leave the parking lot, except those containing handicap permits.

Temple Israel strongly suggests that members consider carpooling whenever riding is necessary.

## From the President: Jewish Poland

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from the largesse of Prince Charles who had been impressed by the developing community upon an earlier visit. The JCC offers cultural and educational programs to some 500 members in a building that rivals our suburban JCCs. Programs run the full gamut from toddler to older adults. They recently had 150 attendees for a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration and regularly attract 60 people for Friday night *Shabbat* dinners. It is a center of Jewish life in Krakow.

Warsaw, our next stop, lacked the charm of Krakow, but functions as a major city complete with skyscraper buildings housing international companies. You see there evidence of Nazi physical destruction, where sections of newer buildings intrude on the areas of more traditional architecture. In traversing the limited blocks of the Warsaw Ghetto and learning about how Jews were forced to live, you experience not only the segregation of the Jewish community, but are struck by the arbitrariness and then the ruthlessness of those in power. Yet, even with these great losses, the Jewish people survived and are making an attempt to rebuild life. There are functioning synagogues—Nozyk Synagogue, the only one that survived the war, is Rabbi Schudrich's base—and a major facility, the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, is scheduled to open this October. The mission of the museum is to treat 1,000 years of Jewish life in Poland, much of it with Poland acting as the center of the diaspora.

In discussing matters with our tour guides and others, we felt a real tension between Poland's (well-deserved) history of anti-Semitism and a belief that it, too, suffered at the hands of the Nazis. While both elements appear true, we did sense a defensiveness as to the country's actions towards Jews. One person that is striving

to get beyond this (that is, acknowledging the past but arguing that should not bind the present) is Andrzej Folwarczny, founder of the Forum for Dialogue. The Forum is a non-profit Polish organization whose mission is to foster Polish-Jewish dialogue and teach tolerance through education. An ex-member of the Polish Parliament, Folwarczny (who is not Jewish; his wife, director of the Warsaw JCC, is), is focused on improving relations between Jews and others. He recognizes that parts of Polish society assisted the Nazis but maintains that other segments historically had interacted positively with Jews. He points out that before World War II, Jews constituted some 10 percent of the Polish population with diversity in degree of assimilation, religious practice and education. That Jews flourished there, he feels, indicates a level of acceptance. He is intent on current day Poles learning about Jewish contributions to society and the Forum has a growing numbers of schools participating in educational programs about the role Jews played in their areas so that Poland's youth can avoid some of the prejudices of prior generations. They participate in the Facing History program (similar to the one in Great Neck schools) to address lessons learned from genocide. His group works extensively with the AJC in formulating seminars, publications and exchange programs with groups from the U.S. and Israel to promote cross-cultural learning. He, too, is seeing some success and hopes that Poland's emergence as a leader in Eastern Europe allows for better relations.

To me, it seems that he (and perhaps Poland) is asking for the opportunity to start afresh. Like with Germany, perhaps it is time to move forward, particularly with the more perilous times Jews now face, to see if the people of these nations will prove true to their word.

## From the Rabbi: We Still Need to Hope

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condolences from Muslim co-workers. A group of Jews, including rabbis, offered condolences to the family of a slain Muslim boy.

Over the course of the holidays, I plan to speak to the congregation about hope. I plan this not because I fail to appreciate the depth of so many of the problems we face near and far, but because hope is possibly the greatest gift that our tradition has offered us since our inception. At the very least, we should give hope a chance because it has been so essential to our mind-set and behavior as a people for so long. What does it mean to hope when reality is so discouraging? What is the relationship between hope and belief in God? How might hope impact our behavior and the behavior of others?

When it comes to the seemingly intractable, our people have said, and sung, *od lo avda tikvatenu*. Our hope is not yet lost. To hope is not to deny the painful realities that face us. To hope is to confront those realities with every resource at our disposal.

This was a very difficult summer in many realms and the challenges have hardly subsided. But the New Year calls out to us once again, inviting us to look around and to look within so that we can confront even life's most relentless challenges. In the coming weeks, I will invite us to hope, dream and act together.

For each of us, for our people and for humanity at large, I look forward to a year of hope, growth and peace.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

*Ki Tavo*

Saturday, September 13

In this portion we conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse. In the final details, the Israelites are instructed that when they enter the Promised Land and settle it, they are to bring an offering of first fruits. In accepting the offering, the priest is to recite a brief history of the people, from Abraham's and Jacob's wanderings to the occupation and possession of the land. Moses begins a third discourse which deals with enforcement of the laws. Upon crossing the Jordan, the people set stones on Mt. Ebal on which they will inscribe the laws that Israel is to obey. This activity is to be followed by a dramatic recitation of the blessings that will accrue from obedience to God's word and the curses that will follow upon failure to obey. The passage of curses (known as *tochechah*, or warnings) is much longer and more detailed than the passage of blessings, indicating the difficulty of convincing the people that it is in their best interest to live by God's law.

*Nitsavim*

Saturday, September 20

We conclude Moses' third discourse on the enforcement of the law in this double portion. Moses tells the Israelites that they stand before God in their totality to conclude their covenant. That covenant is not only made with them, but also with those not present—all Israelites bound to the covenant for all times. Moses predicts a future rebellion of the people against the covenant and the evils that will follow, including exile, but he also foresees the people's repentance and their return to the land. He points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. The closing chapters of Deuteronomy speak of the last days of Moses and the actions with which he concludes his ministry. He bids farewell to his people, presents them with Joshua, his successor, writes down the Torah and hands it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read it in a public assembly every seven years. This reading is to affirm that the way to God lies only through following His Torah, and Torah is necessary to maintain and protect the people.

*Ha'azinu*

Saturday, September 27

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.

## Selihot: An Evening of Prayer and Film

Saturday, September 20 • 8:30 P.M.

Usher in the High Holy Days with a short film about the IDF's approach to combat. The film features Rabbi Donniel Harman, head of the Hartman Institute, and Dr. Moshe Halbertal, one of the authors of the IDF's military conduct code, followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Howard Stecker. Cantor Raphael Frieder will then lead a spirited service with musical accompaniment, consisting of prayers and melodies from Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions. Refreshments will be served.

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# SHABBAT AND HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

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## Wednesday, September 24 Erev Rosh Hashanah

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.

## Thursday, September 25 First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6

*Haftarah*: I Samuel 1:1-2:10

“Re-reading the *Maḥzor* - 1” 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Do the Fish Need Our Sins? 10:30 A.M.

A Careful Look at the Custom,

Liturgy and Theology of *Tashlikh*

A discussion for college students, recent grads

and young adults led by Professor Eve Keller

*Tashlikh* (*Xeriscape*) 6:00 P.M.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.

## Friday, September 26

### Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6

*Haftarah*: Jeremiah 31:1-19

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.

## Saturday, September 27 - Shabbat Shuvah

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Ha'azinu*

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

*Haftarah*: Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 2:15 - 27

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Michael Ziegelbaum, Andrew Bloom,

Edie Robbins and Joyce Weston

*Minhah* 6:10 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 6:40 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 7:12 P.M.

*Havdalah* 7:27 P.M.

## 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 *Maḥzor* - 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?” Discussion for 2:00 P.M.

college students, recent grads and young adults

led by Danny Mishkin

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

Symposium 3:00 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

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

*Minhah* 4:15 P.M.

*Neilah* 5:35 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 6:47 P.M.