



## Temple Israel Honoring Six Members on Simhat Torah



Miriam Kobliner



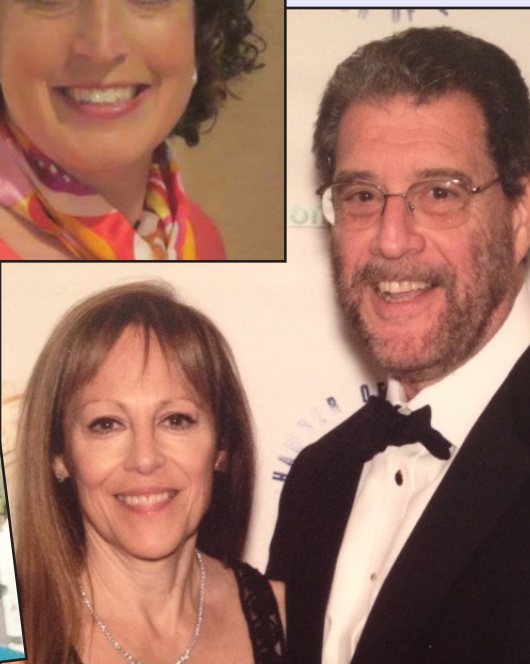
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Temple Israel will present six members of the congregation with its highest religious recognition when it calls them to the *bimah* to participate in Simhat Torah observances on Friday, September 27.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 8:45 A.M., will be Rachel Geula and Miriam Kobliner, *Kallot Torah*, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy, Jackie Einstein Astrof and Hennie Scolnick, *Kallot Bereshit*, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of the Book of Genesis, and Dr. Ellenmorris and Joe Farber, *Kallah v'Hatan Maftir*, who will be called upon to chant the *Haftarah* from the Book of Joshua.

Immediately following the service, the entire congregation is invited to a *kidush* in their honor.

### Rachel Geula

Rachel Geula, a relatively new member of the congregation, is a co-chair of Temple Israel's Dinner Dance Committee. She is a member of the Board of Trustees and the *Bar and Bat Mitzvah* Committee, and has served as the co-chair of the Religious School Education Committee for the past three years. She also had a role in the last Temple Israel Players production, "Fiddler on the Roof."

Ms. Geula, a trusts and estates attorney, is currently serving as the co-treasurer of the Kennedy Elementary School PTA. She and her husband, Kiumarz, have three children, Aaron, Alexander and Rena.

### Miriam Kobliner

Miriam Kobliner, a member of the Board of Trustees since 2011, served as the co-chair of the Religious School Education Committee for the past four years. She was also the chair of the Search Committee for the Director of Congregational Schools.

She is currently in her fourth term as president of the E.M. Baker Elementary

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## Partnering With God

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Former Temple Israel Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry led one of the congregation's Rosh Hashanah services. This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts from his sermon.

Many of the prayers of Rosh Hashanah are unfamiliar, but there is a passage in the evening service for *Shabbat* and in the *Kiddush* which is very familiar. It begins *va-y'khulu ha-shamayim v'ha-arte'z v'khol tz'va-am ...*, "The heaven and the earth were

*...we can become partners with God in achieving our individual and collective well-being.*

finished, and all their host ..." It is the first verse of Genesis, Chapter 2.

It seems clear enough, but the Rabbis commented, "Whoever recites this passage on *Shabbat* evening becomes a partner with God in the work of creation." They based

this comment on a method of reading that they frequently used. They took the consonants of a word in the Torah and changed the vowels (which are not shown in the Torah scroll). Thus, *va-y'khulu* – "they (heaven and earth) were finished" becomes *va-y'kallu* – "they (God and humans) finished (creating) heaven and earth." Thus the partnership!

There is a short passage at the end of *Musaf* which we will sing lustily—*Ha-yom t'amtzenu*—in which we ask God to do certain things for us today, but if we are partners with God, then there are things we have to do to bring about the desired outcome. I would like to examine two of our requests in terms of what our part should be in making them realities.

We ask God, "*Ha-yom tidrishaynu l'tovah*," which our *Ma'azor Lev Shalem* translates as "Seek our well-being." Well-being can mean many things—personal

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FROM THE RABBI

## Generations Yet to Come

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Nearing the end of his life, Moses addressed the Israelites for the final time. "This covenant is not just with you," Moses said. "Not just with those who are here today, but with those who are not here today." Later scholars interpreted this to mean that Moses was mindful of those standing in front of him as well as generations yet to come.

Fifty years ago, Martin Luther King gave his iconic "I have a dream" speech as part of the March on Washington, respectfully acknowledged in the recent anniversary commemoration. Prior to King's speech, Rabbi Joachim Prinz spoke in support of equal rights for all Americans from a Jewish perspective.

Rabbi Prinz led a prominent synagogue in Berlin in the 1920s and '30s before he came to the United States and served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Abraham in Newark for over three decades. In his remarks at the March in 1963, Prinz imagined schoolchildren reciting the pledge of

allegiance and vowed that we must secure a future for Americans regardless of color that truly fulfills the mandate of "liberty and justice for all." Like Moses, he aimed his remarks at those standing before him as well as generations yet to come.

*'Did you look toward the future?'*

At the start of a New Year, we likewise dedicate ourselves to those alive today as well as generations yet unborn. For Jews, that means continuing to speak out against discrimination or persecution, whatever the reason. Our great-grandchildren will wonder if we were outspoken or silent regarding the important civil rights issues of our time.

It also means that when we contem-

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## Take the Path

By Alan Klinger

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This column is adapted from Temple President Alan Klinger's welcoming remarks to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah.

On behalf of the lay leadership of the synagogue, I want to wish you a *Gmar Chatimah Tovah*. Welcome back from the summer—it's hard to believe summer's over, but it is. Your clergy, lay leadership and building staff have worked hard in its waning days to get ready for these High Holy Days. We hope you will find the effort worth it and the services meaningful.

In thinking about a welcoming message for the beginning of this holiday season, I was drawn to the familiar words of the *Untaneh Tokef* prayer we will recite later

*...we offer many paths for entry to the Temple Israel community.*

today, containing the refrain that *Teshuvah*, *Tefillah* and *Tzedakah* can annul an adverse decree. We commonly understand these terms to refer to repentance, prayer and charity. But, as I've read, the Hebrew word *teshuvah* actually means "return." That concept—return—is at the heart of what I'd like to spend a few moments on. For, not only is a return to the synagogue important during these next ten days of penitence, to further our goals through prayer and acts of charity, but I'd like to suggest that a return to the synagogue during the balance of the year also can pay dividends for you.

To this end, we are continuing efforts to make our religious services more meaningful, as demonstrated through recent innovative *Kabbalat Shabbat* programming and our *Tefillah* Committee that is working through a better understanding of the structure of prayer and possible changes to enhance enjoyment. We have expanded our *chesed* activities, offering assistance to those in need of food and clothing, along with special efforts by our teens and others for people victimized by Superstorm Sandy and other natural disasters. We also seek to attract you through diverse cultural and educational activities, ranging from our new Israeli film series scheduled to continue this year, to speakers like NYU Professor Hiatt,

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

### SIDNEY FALOW

husband of Grayce Falow  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### LOLA WEISFELD

mother of Norman Weisfeld

### SEYMOUR LINELL

father of Victor Linell

May their memories be for a blessing.

## EmptiNesters Are Planning A Second Year of Activities

The EmptiNesters—the new Temple Israel group for couples or single parents whose children are not living at home or who have children who are seniors in high school, or singles or couples who do not have children—is now planning its second year of activities. Congregants in this group are invited to become EmptiNester members and join in the planned activities:

- “Conversation With Our Rabbis” on the topic of intermarriage will take place over three dates, Tuesday, October 15, at 7:30 P.M., Sunday, November 3, at 10:30 A.M., and Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 P.M.
- “A Trip to the East End of Long Island” will take participants to Duckwalk Vineyards for a wine tasting, lunch, a tour of the Parrish Museum and apple picking on Sunday, October 27.
- Broadway Show: “Beautiful,” early next year.
- Purim Progressive Dinner, Saturday, March 15.
- A trip to the Tenement Museum and a walking tour of the Lower East Side on Sunday, April 27.

Event details will be sent to EmptiNesters members. Annual membership in the group is \$18 per person. Dues checks should be sent to Temple Israel, attention Jodi.

For further information about the EmptiNesters, call Carol Smolinsky at 773-4309 or Jodi at Temple Israel, 482-7800.

## IN QUOTES

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** “In Quotes” calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue’s quote is from “Al Het”—“The Confession” recited on Yom Kippur. What’s your favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o the Temple Israel office.

“For all these sins, forgiving God,  
forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	13	<i>Kol Nidre</i>	
	14	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
	14	Break-the-Fast following the Blowing of the Shofar Sponsored by the Men’s Club	
	15	“Welcome Back” Barbeque	12:30 P.M.
	15	Sukkah Building Workshop Led by Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.
	16	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	16-18	Sisterhood Decorates the Temple Israel Sukkah	10:00 A.M.
	18	<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	
	18	Beth HaGan Nursery School Sukkah Decorating Party	10:00 A.M.
	18	Congregational Sukkot Service and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	19-25	Sukkot	
	21	Sukkah Hop following <i>Shabbat</i> Services	
	21	Waxman Youth House <i>Sukkot</i> Sleepover	
	22	Shalom Club Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	24	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	26	Shemini Atzeret	
	27	Simhat Torah	
	28	Installation of Temple Israel Officers during <i>Shabbat</i> Services	
Oct.	4	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	6	Auditions for the Children’s Choir	Noon
	10	Sisterhood Book Discussion	7:00 P.M.
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	21	Sisterhood Fall Luncheon	11:30 A.M.

## Congregation Is Invited to a Major Jewish Event: United Synagogue’s Centennial Celebration In Baltimore

This October in Baltimore, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will celebrate its centennial by hosting “The Conversation of the Century,” an unprecedented gathering of 21st century Jews and today’s most innovative leaders, teachers, and performers.

Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson, along with Temple Israel President Alan Klinger and his wife, Susan Wagner, will be leading a Temple Israel delegation.

This event is for anyone looking for personal inspiration and the tools to foster thriving communities in a changing Jewish landscape. Members are invited to join the Temple Israel group. For further details call Rabbi Seth Adelson at 482-7800.

On October 11 and 12 there will be a joyous *Shabbaton*, including five different services, renowned prayer leaders, and learning with outstanding scholars. At the conference on October 13-15, congregational leaders will address the major issues involved in building thriving communities: changes in Jewish identity and affiliation, making prayer resonant, building financial sustainability, engaging interfaith families, and more.

The program will abound with music and performance by leading artists. You’ll leave with concrete ideas and practical strategies for creating a *kehilla*—a sacred community—of meaning and purpose. It all takes place at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. See an up-to-date list of speakers and register at <[www.uscj100.org](http://www.uscj100.org)>. There are special discounts for students and young adults.

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

FROM THE WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL

# Register Now for the High School!

By Danny Mishkin



### Jordan Shavolian

Jordan David Shavolian will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 5. He is the son of Roya and Joe (Binesh) Shavolian and has two brothers, Zachary, 16 and Matthew, 8. Jordan is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School, where he is taking A.P. classes. He enjoys playing the piano and is in the school chorus. He currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel soon.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, September 13..... 6:51 P.M.  
Friday, September 20.....6:39 P.M.  
Friday, September 27.....6:27 P.M.



The Waxman High School recently held a Geniza Day, marked by a number of teens, parents and Rabbi Seth Adelson, who sorted through old religious books and objects, digging a huge hole and ceremoniously burying the sacred items outside the Youth House.

There's so much going on at the Youth House! If you are looking for community service, Torah study, leadership skills, or just to have fun with other Jewish teens, then you can find a program that excites you in the Youth House! Students can join us twice a week or once a month—you choose. To register or ask questions, contact me at 516-482-7800 ext. 2106 or <dmishkin@tign.org>.

#### • Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Be a part of the Waxman Hebrew High School, where Judaism is made immediately relevant to your life as a teen. Half of the program is grade specific and half are electives. Our amazing teachers make learning fun and significant for each student. From 5:30-6:15 P.M. students meet with others in their grade. After dinner, from 6:45-7:30 P.M., students choose from amazing electives.

#### • 8th Grade Mitzvah Corps/Team Tikkun

During a year of learning and action, students will help make the world a better place! The program is split into three methods of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world):

**Direct Service**—Hands-on volunteer efforts for people and causes in need.

**Teen Philanthropy**—Raise money and mindfully choose where it goes.

**Political Advocacy**—Contact elected officials about what you think and why, from a Jewish point of view.

#### • 9th and 10th Grade Hag Squad

How can you make holidays actual holy days? Take a year-long journey with Rabbi Stecker that will help make sure Jewish holidays are filled with meaning and *tikkun olam*! You will welcome special-needs guests for Simhat Torah, fundraise for charity during Hanukkah, connect with nature for Tu B'Shevat, and raise community awareness around topics you choose for Shavuot.

#### • 11th and 12th Grade

Enjoy deep discussions about Judaism's relationship to important teen issues. You will gain a better understanding of our Jewish story, while gaining a better understanding of yourself, your Jewish identity, and the path you plan to follow while preparing for college. Amazing teacher Moji Pourmoradi will lead these fabulous discussions!

• **Electives:** Hebrew Ulpan, A Capella Teen Choir, What Would You Do, and a Jewish Improv Troupe!

#### • Sundays 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Sunday sessions will have a more relaxed feel. The following programs meet once each month; you can join all if you are looking for a weekly commitment, or you can just choose the ones that best meet your interests.

#### • USY Chapter

Our USY chapter will meet once a month on Sundays, for a social program at the Youth House. Programs and special events are organized and run by our Youth House Board. You will make friends, connect to Jews all over the world, and simply have fun in a healthy, Jewish setting. These events can take place outside of regular program hours. If you would like to join the board, contact me at 482-7800.

#### • Teens for Fundraising

You will learn fundraising techniques and organize events. This year's proceeds will go towards refurbishing the Teen Lounge in the Youth House. This program meets once a month and will organize a few special events throughout the year.

#### • Gender Specific Programs

You will love these nationally acclaimed Jewish programs from Moving Traditions. They promote leadership, strength, and character.

Rosh Hodesh is a special monthly program, for young women that will help you navigate the journey of being a Jewish teenage girl on Long Island. Enjoy the closeness of a great group of young women.

Shevet Achim is a special monthly program for young men. Join us for a great year of male bonding, group building, and fun activities that build lasting friendships and Jewish identity.

# Yom Kippur: A Good Day for the Jews?

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

The Mishnah (Ta'anit 4:8) teaches us that Yom Kippur was, historically speaking, one of the happiest days of the Jewish year, because it was one of two days (the other being the 15th day of the month of Av) when single women would venture out in search of eligible men to marry.

Today we do not think of Yom Kippur as a happy occasion, although certainly there are still young women checking out the young men and vice versa in synagogue, perhaps even while atoning for their sins. On the contrary, this is a day of gravitas—of weighty liturgical themes, of rich, baritone notes of *hazzanut* (cantorial singing), of heavy-duty rabbinic sermons, and (ideally) of extensive personal introspection. And who can possibly be happy when you're fasting?

But here are a few reasons why Yom Kippur should be, if not the happiest day of the Jewish year, at least among the top ten:

- Being forgiven by God for your trans-

gressions is a good thing.

- Fasting for 25 hours is a kind of deep cleanse, both for body and spirit.
- There are, interspersed throughout the day, a few moments of communal togetherness that are truly inspiring.
- Hauntingly beautiful melodies can soothe your soul.
- There is nothing quite like that shofar moment at the very end of Ne'ilah.
- You get to see a whole bunch of old friends whom you have not seen since last year.

OK, so it's not exactly a walk in the park. Powerful, awesome, majestic, challenging, moving, and meaningful are all words that come to mind. But here is a suggestion that might make it more enjoyable: don't experience Yom Kippur passively! Embrace it - the introspection, the cleanse, the singing, and yes, even the fasting. Engage with the text of the *ma'hzor* and the melodies of the day. You won't regret it. Shanah tovah, and have a meaningful fast!

## SABBATH AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

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**Friday, September 27**  
*Simhat Torah*

Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3	
<i>Maftir</i> : Numbers 29:35 - 30:1	
<i>Haftarah</i> : Joshua 1:1 - 18	
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
<i>Minhah</i> and <i>Ma'ariv</i>	6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, September 28**

Morning Service / Installation of Officers	8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: <i>Bereshit</i> ; Genesis 1:1-6:8	
<i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 42:5-43:10	
Sabbath Service Officers: Andrew Bloom and Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum	
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:15 A.M.
<i>Minhah</i> and <i>Ma'ariv</i>	6:05 P.M.

## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

*Bereshit*

**Saturday, September 28**

In this portion we begin the reading of the Torah anew. 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 ascends.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED Thursday, September 26 Shemini Atzeret

**HAROLD ADLER**  
Father of Stacey Bernstein

**LILLIAN and DANIEL BERNSTEIN**  
Parents of Jeffrey Bernstein

**DAVID DARWISH**  
Brother of Evelyne Somekh  
Husband of Sue Darwish  
Father of Diane Rosen

**STELLA and EDWARD FORER**  
Parents of Carol Rabin and Vicki Shink

**MORRIS GOLDSTEIN**  
Father of Eric M. Goldstein  
and Beth Goldstein

**MILDRED HECHT**  
Aunt of Douglas M. Wolf,  
Beth W. Galinsky and Debby Shoham

**DOTTY and LOUIS KATZ**  
Parents of Toby Katz

**DR. LEON ASLAN MIZRAHI**  
Husband of Nelly Mizrahi

**PHILIP J. PERLMAN**  
Husband of Shirley Perlman

**STANLEY SCHLEGER**  
Father of Melissa S. Newman  
and Randy Schleger

**ZEENA S. and IRWIN M. THROPE**  
Parents of Bess Goldring,  
David Thrope and Jeffrey Thrope

**ROSE and MILTON ZWEIG**  
Parents of Ronnie Katz,  
Howard Zweig and Dr. Joseph Zweig

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on July 20 were made by Brenda and Michael Gutkin in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Demers, and Carol and Steven Smolinsky in honor of the *auf ruf* of their son, Matthew, and Allison Leeds.

The congregational *kiddush* on August 31 was sponsored by Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni and Sassan Sassouni in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Leila.

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and also communal. Today we read our *haftarah* from Jeremiah—a passage in which the Prophet, speaking after the exile following the destruction of the first Temple, sets forth his vision of a restored Jewish people. But elsewhere Jeremiah gives advice to his People living in exile. He tells them not to expect to return soon, but rather “*Dirshu et sh’lom ha-ir...*,” “Seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you and pray to the Lord for it, for in its welfare shall be your welfare.”

Just as Jeremiah urged his People to work for the well-being of the city, we must also work for the well-being of our community. First, there is the political level. We are properly proud that many members of our congregation hold public office in our community and at higher levels of government. But, I hope that all of our members who are eligible exercise their right to vote, and all of us make it our business to keep informed on matters that affect the welfare of our community, our state and our country. Similarly, we have an obligation to work for the well-being of our Jewish community at all levels. Again, many of our members are actively involved in affairs of Jewish organizations—local, national and international. In particular, we are represented on various levels in activities of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. In October the United Synagogue will hold its Centennial Convention in Baltimore. It promises to be an opportunity to examine at length and in depth how our movement can best meet the challenges of the 21st century. I hope we will be well represented there.

Then there is the level of social welfare. There is great need for volunteers in all areas of our community. In our congregation there are two significant on-going programs concerned with individual welfare. Through our Men’s Club we are members of Hatzilu—an organization we helped found—which gathers and distributes food to needy Jewish families. In our Sisterhood, Yad B’Yad (Hand-In-Hand) provides all kinds of help and support to families in crisis situations such as the death of a loved one, and illness or disability of a member. There are opportunities to help in our schools and in community organizations. We are proud that a sizeable number of our members are very actively involved in the fire and ambulance service. From time to time other ways of “giving back” to our community present themselves. I hope we are alert to them and get involved.

Thus, we can become partners with God in achieving our individual and collective well-being.

We ask God, “*Ha-yom t’varkhaynu,*” which our *Mahzor Lev Shalem* translates, “Bless us.” We can give a blessing, we can bring a blessing, but we can also be a blessing. Debbie Friedman composed a setting for the *Mee Sheh-Bayrakh*, the prayer for healing (found in *Mahzor Lev Shalem*), which includes the lines “May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing.” We can live a life of blessing by doing something to make a positive difference in the lives of others. On a personal level, I’m sure we all know such people: a teacher, a business associate, a friend, a neighbor, even a stranger. In my teenage years I knew such a person, Mr. Arnold Gorneau, my high school science teacher, who died only a few months ago. He taught me biology, chemistry and physics. I had a natural interest in science, but he always challenged us to dig deeper, think bigger, try new things. He allowed us to follow our own interests while he gave us support and assistance when necessary. As a result, we did college-level work in high school. And he gave us wonderful “toys” to play with, especially in physics – electrical me-

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ters, measuring instruments and more. Best of all, he allowed us to take them home and perform our own experiments as long as we wrote them up and presented them in class.

On the level of the Jewish community, I think of a brilliant, assimilated young man who lived in Berlin a century ago. Franz Rosenzweig decided that in order to get ahead in his life, his best course was conversion, but he was willing to give Judaism one last chance to hold him. On *Kol Nidre* night, 1913, he wandered into the *stiebel* of Rabbi Nehemiah Mark. There he saw men wrapped in *talitot* and he felt the reality of God. This was a life-changing experience that impelled him to devote the remainder of his life—much of it in the grip of a debilitating illness—to studying and teaching the Jewish tradition. His book, “The Star of Redemption,” remains one of the most challenging works of Jewish theology.

Recently we’ve seen many examples of lives that were a blessing. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, my colleague in Oceanside, Rabbi Mark Greenspan, who is a fire department chaplain, visited every firehouse in his area every morning to bring

coffee and donuts and offer support to the overworked firefighters. Our Hebrew High School and Youth Director, Danny Mishkin, took groups of Youth House students, parents and others on two trips to Long Beach to help recovery operations. They helped bring basic supplies to devastated families, picked up garbage, gutted basements so they could be rebuilt, and cleaned up beaches.

In the last few months I’ve encountered two families where members were suffering extensive or terminal illness. In both cases the patient was attended by a full-time aide, who could only be described as an angel from heaven. They lived lives of blessing and brought blessing to others.

We can make our lives a blessing by setting an example. When we mention the name of someone who has died, we show respect by adding the two Hebrew letters *z”l*, an abbreviation for *zikhrono/na l’vrakhah*, may the memory of his/her life be an example for me and others to follow. As others showed the way for us, we can show the way to others.

Let me conclude with a story from the Talmud. We are told that Rabbi Joshua ben Levi, a Palestinian sage who lived in the first half of the third century CE, frequently encountered the Prophet Elijah. At one time, Rabbi Joshua asked Elijah, “When will the Messiah come?” Elijah replied, “Go ask him!” Rabbi Joshua: “Where do I find him?” Elijah: “Sitting with the lepers outside the gates of Rome.” Rabbi Joshua: “How will I identify him?” Elijah: “The lepers remove their bandages and rewind them. They take off all the bandages, then put them back on. One man will remove his bandages and rewind them one at a time. He’s the one you want.”

Rabbi Joshua went to Rome and found the Messiah and greeted him, “*Shalom*, master and teacher!” The Messiah replied, “*Shalom*, son of Levi!” Rabbi Joshua: “When will you come?” Messiah: “Today!” Rabbi Joshua went back home. When he next met Elijah, the Prophet asked about his trip to Rome. Rabbi Joshua replied, “I found the Messiah, but he lied to me!” Elijah: “How so?” Rabbi Joshua: “He said he was coming today, but he hasn’t come.” Elijah: “You misunderstood his answer! He was quoting a verse from Psalms (Psalm 95:7, which we recite every week in the *Kabbalat Shabbat* service) – ‘today, if you would only listen to God’s voice!’ (i.e. do what God requires of us).”

As Elijah taught Rabbi Joshua ben Levi, we can hasten the coming of Messiah by listening to God’s voice and partnering with God to make our world a better place—today!



TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK  
*presents*

# Sukkot 5774

Service and Festive Dinner!

**Wednesday evening, September 18, 2013**

**Join us for services  
in the  
Sanctuary at 6:30 PM  
Followed by a festive dinner  
in the Temple Sukkah.**

Cost is only \$30 per adult  
\$20 for children 12 years old and under  
*Hurry--Space Is Limited!*

RSVP to Kathy in the synagogue office:  
482-7800 ext. 1109

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School Parent Teacher Organization as well as serving as the vice president of the Great Neck South Middle School Parent Teacher Organization. Ms. Kobliner is the past co-chair of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Community School.

An immigration, corporate and intellectual property paralegal, she was responsible for writing and filing visa applications for all foreign employees who require authorization to work in the United States for Dow Jones & Company. She was also the key contact person within the company for permanent residency (Green Card) applications for employees. Ms. Kobliner has an MBA in industrial/organizational psychology from CUNY Baruch College and a BA in psychology from SUNY Albany. She and her husband, Ken, the co-president of the Men's Club, have three children, Benjamin, Joshua, and Sarah.

## Jackie Einstein Astrof

Jackie Einstein Astrof, a member of the Board of Trustees, spearheaded and

coordinates the congregation's partnership with the Conservative Congregation Netzach Israel, in Ashkelon, Israel. She has also been one of the driving forces behind the new Temple Israel organization for parents of children in the congregation's three schools, TI Bonds. Ms. Astrof is a captain of Sisterhood's Yad b'Yad Committee, and is a member of the Israel Affairs Committee and Membership Committee. She also coordinates *tikkun olam* activities and trips for the Religious School.

She serves as the chair of the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania Hillel and has been a longtime consultant with the UJA Management Assistance Program. Ms. Astrof is the founder and executive director of PennPAC, which recruits and creates teams of University of Pennsylvania alumni volunteers to provide pro bono project-based consulting services to New York City and Philadelphia based non-profit organizations. She had previously worked in non-profit and health care administration. She is a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania and received an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business.

She, her husband, Josh, and their children, Jared and Zachary, are primary sponsors of the New York Road Runners' Miles for Books program, where children in underserved communities are rewarded with books for their class and school libraries for achieving goals through running. The family is also a regular participant in City Harvest.

## Hennie Scolnick

Hennie Scolnick, an architect by trade, has been intimately involved with Temple Israel's exploration of building redesigns, allowing the congregation to benefit from her architectural expertise. She is a member of a number of Temple Israel committees, describes herself and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Scolnick, as "dedicated supporters of Israel as well as the Juvenile Diabetes charities."

She is the president of T.A.I. Designs Inc., an architectural firm based in Great Neck for the past 15 years.

The couple has one daughter, Daria.

## Ellenmorris and Joseph Farber

Dr. Ellenmorris and Joseph Farber have been active members of Temple Israel for many years, involved with a number of aspects of congregational life.

Mr. Farber, a *baal tefelah* at the Thursday morning *minyán*, is a member of the Pastoral and Security Committees. He is the chairman of the Long Island Council of AIPAC. Professionally, he is the senior partner at the Queens law firm of Farber Rosen and Kaufman P.C. Mr. Farber is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cross County Savings Bank, chair of the Advisory Committee to Neuroscience Institute at New York Hospital-Queens, and chair of the Board of Directors of the Flushing Willets Point Corona Local Development Corporation. He is the past president of the Chamber of Commerce of Queens County, and the past chair of the Board of Directors of the Lions Eye Band at North Shore Hospital.

Dr. Farber is a professor emeritus at the Adelphi University Derner Institute for Psychological Studies and is the founder and executive director of the School for Language and Communication Development, which serves 500 children and adults with developmental disabilities. She is the author of five textbooks, including *Language and Communication Disorders in Children*, which is in its sixth edition and has been translated into Chinese and Japanese.

The Farbers have six children, Leslie, Dana, Douglas, Dr. Jeremy, Dr. Andrew and Jonathan, as well as eight grandchildren (and, they say, "one grand-dog").

## From the President: Take the Path

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who in our *Shavuot* learning program addressed how we can best cross ideological divides, to new home study sessions featuring our clergy tackling important issues of

## From the Rabbi:

### Generations Yet to Come

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plate how deeply to involve ourselves in Jewish learning and practice, we ought to consider the implications of our choices for subsequent generations.

Every *Shabbat* and holiday that we celebrate, every worthy cause toward which we contribute *tzedaka* and everything we do to support the State of Israel has the potential to impact many generations to come.

Rabbi Prinz's words are still quoted and, of course, we read Moses's discourses every year. Their courage and foresight have withstood the test of time.

According to Talmudic tradition, one of the questions we will be asked at the end of our lives is, "Did you look toward the future?" We inherit a tradition that encourages us to consider what lies beyond the next curve in the road.

I ask that we approach 5774 with the courage and foresight that our ancestors demonstrated throughout the ages. Those that are watching us today, as well as those that will tell stories about us years from now, are depending on us.

the day. Please review our brochures setting out this year's sampling of events—we believe there is something for everyone, if only you give us the chance to reach you. Should you have ideas for new programming or activities, please let us know. You will find us receptive to engagement.

In this regard, we are experimenting with new ways to involve you in our overall community. We recognize that, in many ways, the focus of our congregants differs depending on where you are in your lives. Last year we spoke of a new affinity group, the Empti-Nesters, for those who recently (or not so recently) found themselves with more time with their children no longer living at home. This year, we saw the start of TI Bonds, a group centered on families with children. We recognize the value in supporting these efforts so that connections can be made and strengthened, all the while understanding that some issues should and do span generations.

In sum, we offer many paths for a "return" to greater involvement with the Temple Israel community. We hope that you will take them and make this year one of fulfillment for you, your loved ones and our congregation.

*L'Shanah Tovah* to you and your family.

## 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. 21	8:45 A.M.	6:20 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 28	8:45 A.M.	6:05 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.



## Getting Ready for the High Holy Days



Many congregants have been involved in getting Temple Israel ready for the High Holy Days. Among them was a group which prepared the many Torahs by rolling them to their proper place. They included, left to right, Brent Greenspan, Sam Husney, Jim Levin, Maddy Gould, Terry Bernstein, Burton Weston, Joyce Weston, and Toby Katz.

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop, led by Laura Bardash, assisted with Holy Day preparation by donating washing bowls for use in the Sanctuary and Crystal Ballroom.

The congregation is cordially invited  
to  
join Cantor Raphael Frieder  
in his *sukkah*  
for a light Israeli homemade  
falafel reception  
on Tuesday, September 24  
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Thursday, September 19

First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 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* 6:50 P.M.

Friday, September 20

Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 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* 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 21

*Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
 Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26  
*Maftir*: Numbers 29:17-22  
*Haftarah*: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

Sabbath Service Officers: Pargol Khadavi and Miriam Kobliner  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Ma'ariv* 6:20 P.M.

Sunday, September 22

*Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot*

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.  
 Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

*Ma'ariv* 8:00 P.M.

Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24

*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.

Wednesday, September 25

*Hoshanah Rabbah*

Morning Service 6:15 A.M.  
 Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34

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

Thursday, September 26

*Shemini Atzeret*

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.  
 Morning Service 8:45 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.

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