



## Six Congregants Receiving Simhat Torah Honors



Fran Langsner



Marc Langsner



Eleanor Yomtobian-Askari

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 Tuesday, October 9.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 8:45 A.M., will be Fran and Marc Langsner, *Chatan v'Kallat Torah*, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy, Eleanor Askari and Ellen Cooper, *Kallat Beresheet*, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis, and Lori Oppenheimer and Maddy Gould, *Kallat 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 meet the honorees at a *kiddush* in their honor.

### Fran and Marc Langsner

Fran and Marc Langsner have been very involved members of Temple Israel since they joined the congregation more than 30 years ago. Not only do they regularly attend *Shabbat* services together, but they also served as co-presidents of the Couples Club for two successful terms.

Mrs. Langsner, a Life Member of Hadassah, has also been extremely involved in community affairs. She has served on the Great Neck Board of Education from 2000-2012, and as its vice president for the past five years. She has also served as the chair of the Board's Policy Committee and as the Board's representative to the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference, held in Washington, D.C., for the past five years. Previously, she was a parent leader in the Great Neck Public Schools, holding a variety of positions including PTA president of the Lakeville Elementary School and Great Neck South High School, and co-chair of the United Parent Teacher Council Calendar Committee.

She now serves as a policy consultant to the Great Neck schools, and is the vice president of Sheldon Graphics. She had previously worked as an audiologist for the Association for Children With Downs Syndrome and the Lexington School for the Deaf.

Mr. Langsner, who is currently serving his fourth term as a member of Temple Israel's Board of Trustees, has been the chair of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee for the past 18 years, assigning dates for all *B'nai Mitzvah* within the congregation. As the committee chair, he also leads a yearly orientation for all *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* families and, along with the clergy, developed a *B'nai Mitzvah* manual to guide families through the event. He is also a member of the Membership Committee, Israel Affairs Committee, and Religious School Education Committee, and has served on the Board Nominating Committee three times and the Dinner Dance Committee several times. Mr. Langsner served as president of the Men's Club for two years and is its current program chair.

He is the president of Sheldon Graphics and had previously served as the product and marketing manager for Ferrero USA,

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Ellen Cooper



Lori Oppenheimer



Dr. Madelyn Gould

## Addressing the Empty Nest

By Lois Sazer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A new group is forming at Temple Israel designed for the empty nester crowd, and would like you to join them, as described in this Guest Column by a member of the group's organizing committee, Lois Sazer.

Your last child went off to college, got married, or moved to Manhattan, Miami, Michigan, or Mumbai...now what?

Now you have the time to rediscover yourself, spend more time with friends, and maybe even make some new friends. So, please consider joining the Empty Nesters

### *...consider joining the Empty Nesters of Temple Israel.*

of Temple Israel (EMTI), a newly forming social affinity group for men and women.

We are excited to announce our kick-off event, a progressive Hanukkah dinner, to be held on Saturday, December 15, at 7 P.M. in various homes (details to follow).

FROM THE RABBI

## Live In the Sukkah? Are You Crazy?

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Well, yes. That is indeed the point. When I arrived in Great Neck five years ago, I was so pleased to find that so many members of Temple Israel build their own *sukkot* I am not aware of a single member of our community, however, who actually moves out of the house and into the *sukkah* for seven days. (And that includes your humble rabbinic correspondent and his family.)

Because really, you'd have to be really crazy to do that. And yet, that's what the Torah tells us (Leviticus 23:42): "*Basukkot teshvu shiv'at yamim.*" You shall live in booths seven days. The rabbis of the Talmud (Sukkot 26a-b) debate whether one may eat a food item smaller than an egg, or take a short nap outside of the *sukkah* during the festival of Sukkot.

And the reason, of course, is not just to recall the 40 years of desert wandering. If that were the case, would *sukkah*-dwelling be required? After all, we recall the nighttime Exodus from Egypt over dinner during *Pesah*; no need to actually vacate the premises or part the waters of the neighbors' swimming pool. No, the reason is much deeper. It is to remind us that cushioned accommodations are temporary, and that our comfortable

After that, we are planning to get together throughout the year to engage in a number of activities such as wine tasting tours, hiking, biking, picnics, boat rides, Broadway shows, lectures, and karaoke, to name but a few. We are of course open to your ideas.

A Steering Committee is making meeting plans, including Nancy Greengrass, Anne Hirsh, Sherry Husney, Arlene Levine, Lois Sazer, Carol Smolinsky, Barbara Spun, and Joyce Weston.

To defray costs, there will be an annual membership fee of \$18 per person, payable to Temple Israel. Please call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800 to sign up as an EMTI member and reserve your spot for December 15. This could be the start of something big!

Should you have any questions or suggestions please contact us by e-mail at <emptynestersoftign@gmail.com> or call me at 527-2046. We look forward to seeing you.

lives can be quickly turned upside-down, so we should not take our shelter for granted.

As I write this, a few hours after the end of Rosh Hashanah, my home sits entirely dark except for a few candles. Our electricity went out late in the afternoon on the second day of 5773, and seven hours later I am fortunate to have a laptop with juice (although lamenta-

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bly no wi-fi). The tornado watch has passed, but I hear from my wind-up radio that there are over 5,000 homes on Long Island without power. I keep hearing the sirens of emergency vehicles going by on Old Mill Road, and I pray that nobody is in danger. I am also hoping that the power comes back on before all the food in my refrigerator spoils.

But this brings me back to an even greater reason to live in *sukkot* for a week.

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## Introspection

By Alan M. Klinger

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This column was adapted from welcoming remarks delivered to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah by President Alan M. Klinger.

On behalf of the lay leadership of Temple Israel, I would like to welcome you to the start of the High Holidays—ten days of introspection. We are charged with reflecting on how we behave as individuals towards God and towards one another. I suggest that we add to this a third element: how we interact with our Synagogue.

To do this, we need first consider what is today's synagogue? Historically, it was viewed mostly as a place for prayer and religious learning. Now, it is evolving more as

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the center of our *kehillah*—our community—through which, in addition to prayer, we gather for varied activities sounding in education, culture and social action. It is through this lens that I ask you to contemplate how to better connect with Temple Israel to produce positive results for ourselves and at the same time improve our synagogue.

We have worked this past year to enhance each of these categories of activities with the goal of encouraging you to engage with us. I'd like to highlight a few items: as to prayer and spiritual assembly, the service today, we believe, presents a significant mark of our progress. Our new Machzor—Lev Shalem—with its added commentary and context, reflects an attempt to add greater depths of understanding to our High Holiday worship. Our goal for this coming year is to similarly create more meaningful ways to experience prayer.

As to adult education, please review the brochure put together by TILL, our base for life-long learning. As you will see, we are working to broaden the offerings with home lecture series, on-line book discussions and topical film showings, complementing our regular programming.

As to cultural, last year saw sessions devoted to the joy of Klezmer music, the experiences of a Black Israelite congregation and the heart-felt story of Salvadorans

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

**EDITH EISBERG**

mother of Cheryl Eisberg Moin

**IRWIN M. THROPE**

father of Bess Goldring  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memory be for a blessing.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

### TO BE DEDICATED

Monday, October 8

### Shemini Atzeret

**WARREN HECHT**

Husband of Gilda Hecht  
Father of Dr. Helen Hecht,  
Erica Ebbets, Steven Hecht,  
and Maura Hecht

**SYLVIA LAMKAY**

Mother of Hal Lamkay

**MURIEL AND SEYMOUR MOIN**

Parents of Seth Moin,  
Deborah Day, and David Moin

**BERNARD RICHER**

Father of Debra Shepsman  
Husband of Selma Richer

**MANSOUR SEDAGHAT**

Father of Alfred Sedaghat,  
Fariba Lalehzar, and Sharona Cohen

**MURRAY SILVERSTEIN**

Brother of Stanley Silverstein

**ROSALIND AND JEROME TEAMKIN**

Parents of Stephen I. Teamkin,  
Kevin Teamkin, and Jeffrey Teamkin

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	30	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
	30	<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	
Oct.	1-9	Sukkot	
	4	Sisterhood Women's League Program	7:30 P.M.
	5	Congregational Sukkot Holiday Dinner	7:15 P.M.
	6	Sukkah Hop	
	8	Shemini Atzeret	
	9	Simhat Torah	
	14	New Member Dinner	6:00 P.M.
	18	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	24-25	Beth HaGan Nursery School Book Fair	
	25	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	27	<i>"Shabbat Talk"</i>	12:45 P.M.
	28	Children's Choir Auditions	Noon
Nov.	4	Blood Drive	8:30 A.M.
		Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	5	Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	10	<i>"Shabbat Talk"</i>	12:45 P.M.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



**November 5 • 8:15 P.M.**

Crystal Ballroom

*Hear reports on:*

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✓ Finances    ✓ Schools

✓ *Have Your Voice Heard!*

## IN QUOTES

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

This issue's quote is taken from Ecclesiastes. What is your favorite quote? Send it to the "The Voice," c/o Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“ *To sum up the matter:  
Revere God and fulfill God's mitzvot,  
for this is the purpose of human existence.* ”

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



**Scott Rothbaum**

Scott Rothbaum will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on October 13. He is the son of Susan and Dr. Hal Rothbaum and has a brother, Joshua, 11. Scott is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is the recipient of a gold medal at the Long Island Math Fair, a participant in the New York State "Math Counts" Finals and a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Scott enjoys playing the clarinet, baseball and fencing. He visited Israel last summer with his family and will be attending the Waxman High School following his *Bar Mitzvah*.



**Ethan Shaktman**

Ethan Shaktman will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 13. He is the son of Drs. Joy Steinfeld and Barry Shaktman and has a sister, Rebecca, 15. Ethan is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School and is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Ethan enjoys all sports, and is a member of his school's cross country and swim teams. He also enjoys playing the clarinet. He will be attending the Waxman High School following his *Bar Mitzvah*.



**Jordan Greiff**

Jordan Greiff will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on October 20. He is the son of Brenda and Dr. Lance Greiff and has two sisters, Sarah, 15, and Emily, 9. Jordan is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer, tennis, basketball, and baseball. Jordan is a member of the soccer and basketball travel teams, his school soccer team and plays the trumpet in the school band. He is also the recipient of the Temple Israel Religious School Judaic Scholar Award. Jordan is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel with his family in the near future.

FROM THE BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL

## Starting An 'Awesome' Year

By Rachel Mathless

Another awesome start to what we know will be a wonderfully successful and productive year.

Before school opened we said goodbye to some staff members who have chosen to pursue other directions in their lives. Happily we welcome three new staff members, Cindy Fink, Tracey Cohen and Nicole Moshenayov, who have already become an integral part of our family. Our own *Morah* Sarah Shonfeld has accepted the position as music specialist, and the children are really enjoying music time.

Beth HaGan staff spent the entire week prior to school opening on professional development and innovative workshops polishing our core curriculum, so that while most good things remain constant, our program gets a state-of-the-art upgrade. We all got a great refresher course and the staff is eager to implement some of the creative ideas we learned.

We are so happy to announce that the PTA, under the guidance of Joanna Eshaghoff, together with the Temple Board, has successfully negotiated a contract for a new playground area for Beth HaGan. Most of the sand will be replaced by a soft poured-in-place surface and a huge play structure will be installed. All the children are excited and looking forward to construction day!

We celebrated the new year at Beth HaGan together with an *Oneg Shabbat* with the rabbis. We had a huge "birthday party for the world" and sang and danced and dipped apples in honey. The PTA sent home a lovely Rosh Hashanah gift for all the children. Also, the PTA, in conjunction with Temple Israel Sisterhood, is sponsoring the annual Sukkah decorating party on Sunday, September 30, at 10 A.M.

Our first of ten special event entertainments of the year, "Mr. Shabbos," will be here for a concert and puppet show on *Chol Hamoed* Sukkot. Among the other entertainers scheduled for the year are Loonie Louie the clown for Purim, Small Wonder Puppet Theatre, Party Pets, "Kugel and Mrs. Moskowitz," The Big Bear Band, and the Matzah Factory.

Friday continues to be a magical time at Beth HaGan. From the moment the fresh dough is brought into school 'til the last child leaves, the spirit of *Shabbat* transcends into our building, inspiring and exciting, and permeating the environment, bombarding the senses. Come join us and experience the joy.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 28	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Fri., Oct. 5 & 12	7:00 A.M.	6:15 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 29	8:45 A.M.	6:05 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 6	8:45 A.M.	5:55 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 13	8:45 A.M.	5:40 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, September 28.....	6:25 P.M.
Friday, October 5.....	6:13 P.M.
Friday, October 12.....	6:02 P.M.

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on September 8 were made by Elizabeth and Albert Shirian in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Leila, and Marlene and Morton Leichter in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Hadley Meadow Braff.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on September 15 was made by Drs. Randi and Alan Blondman in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Max, and Sabrina Cohen.

## SABBATH, SUKKOT AND SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES

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**Wednesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 4 - Hol Hamoed Sukkot**  
 Morning Services 6:30 A.M.  
 Torah Readings: Wed.-Numbers 29:17-25; Thurs.-Numbers 29:20-28  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 8:00 P.M.

### Friday, October 5

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.  
*Torah* Reading: 29:23-31  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* followed by a Congregational Dinner 6:15 P.M.

### Saturday, October 6 Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
*Torah* Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26  
*Maftir*: Numbers 29:26-31; *Haftarah*: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16  
 Sabbath Service Officers: Brent Greenspan and Andrew Bloom  
*Hag Ha-Mishpahah* Service 10:15 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 5:55 P.M.

### Sunday, October 7 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.  
*Torah* Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34  
*Leil Shemini Atzeret*  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:15 P.M.

### Monday, October 8 - Shemini Atzeret

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.

### Leil Simhat Torah

*Minhah*, *Ma'ariv* and *Hakafot* in the Sanctuary 6:15 P.M.  
 for school-age children, teens and adults  
 Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:30 P.M.  
 for pre-school and kindergarten children and their families

### Tuesday, October 9 - Simhat Torah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
*Torah* Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3  
*Maftir*: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1; *Haftarah*: Joshua 1:1 - 18  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:20 P.M.

### Friday, October 12

Evening Service 6:15 P.M.

### Saturday, October 13

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
 Weekly Portion: *Bereshit*; Genesis 1:1 - 6:8; *Haftarah*: I Samuel 20:18 - 42  
 Sabbath Service Officers: Sam Husney and Robert Kahen  
*B'nai Mitzvah*  
 SCOTT ROTHBAUM  
 son of Susan and Dr. Hal Rothbaum  
 ETHAN SHAKTMAN  
 son of Drs. Joy Steinfeld and Barry Shaktman  
*Machon* Alone Family Service 10:30 A.M.  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
 Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 5:40 P.M.

## It's Simhat Torah, Let's Dance

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

I must admit that I'm not big on dancing in synagogue. Singing joyously at the top of my lungs, sure. (When we were in high school, my sister was always embarrassed sitting next to me at our synagogue in Pittsfield, Massachusetts because she thought that I always sang too loud.) But dancing has never really struck me as being a form of prayer, and I would just as soon celebrate in other ways.

At Temple Israel, we have incorporated dancing into our monthly N'Ranenah! service on one Friday night per month (the next one is Oct. 26), when we let down our musical hair and break into "spontaneous" dance at the end of "Lekha Dodi."

But Simhat Torah is an entirely different story—this is a time of mandated partying, of the joyous revelry that comes with the annual completion and re-commencement of the reading of the Torah. This is the only holiday that actually includes the word *simhah* (happiness) in its name. We have no choice but to move, to get up and dance and celebrate.

So I hold on to my *tallit* and waltz into the fray. If you're standing on the side on Thursday evening or Friday morning, Rabbi Stecker or I just might try to coax you out into the circle as well.

You have been warned. It's time to dance!

*Hag sameah!*

*We have  
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but to move,  
to get up  
and dance  
and celebrate.*

## From the President: Introspection

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assisting Jews in the midst of the Holocaust.

Blending aspects of cultural needs and social action, this Yom Kippur's symposium will focus on the important work of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. Our long-time member, Fred Schwartz, president of the institute and its executive director, Tibi Galis, will describe its work bringing together military and political leaders from all over the world to Auschwitz for seminars on the *Shoah* and its implications for the prevention of genocide—an important topic for these times.

As to other aspects of social action, we are continuing with our *chesed* activities of Midnight Run and the Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore, where we involve families delivering food and clothing to the needy. We also work through our Israel Affairs Committee to expand our support for Israel in these difficult times, whether marching on Fifth Avenue in the annual parade, sponsoring speakers on the current state of affairs in the Middle East, or raising money for our new Israel Solidarity Fund, to assist Israel in her needs. Contributions to that fund are most welcome.

(By the way, we also do things just for fun. You can join us for bike rides and barbecues. Arms like the Men's Club, Sisterhood and the Shalom Club provide other avenues for camaraderie. This year we are adding to the mix a new affinity group for recent empty nesters. Look for information on it in this Voice Guest Column.)

These, then, are just some of the ways to connect. Should you have suggestions in these or other areas, let us know.

Rosh Hashanah is referred to at times in our scriptures as *Yom T'ruah*—the day of the sounding of the shofar. Tradition has it that we will hear 100 blasts. May a portion of those blasts act as a clarion call to each of us to make Temple Israel more a part of our lives.

Susan and I wish you all *L'Shana Tova Tikkateivu*.



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assigned to their Tic Tac Breath Mints and chocolate products.

The couple has three children: Howard, Stephanie who is married to Russell, and Adam.

## Eleanor Yomtobian-Askari

Eleanor Yomtobian-Askari, who joined Temple Israel 15 years ago along with her husband, Kaveh, said she was attracted to the congregation by its excellent schools. She first became involved with Temple Israel activities as a Beth HaGan Nursery School and Religious School class parent. Then she joined the Adult *Bat Mitzvah* class led by Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson and “after that,” she said, “I was hooked on Temple Israel.” As a class *mitzvah* project she helped organize the Chesed Connection, bringing assistance to Long Island’s poor, and the Nitzanin Family Connection, a group of kindergarten parents meeting regularly with Rabbi Adelson. Mrs. Askari, a member of the Board of Trustees, helped produce two videos about the Religious School last year and designed the logo for the most recent dinner dance and a painting of it presented as a gift to the honorees. She currently serves as a Sisterhood Yad B’Yad captain.

She is also active in SHAI and has held various leadership positions with the Kennedy, North Middle and North High School PTAs.

The Askaris have four daughters: Saba, a first-year student at the joint program with the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University, Donna, a high school senior, Sophia, a student middle school student, and Serena, who is in elementary school. They have all attended the Beth HaGan Nursery School and the Temple Israel Religious School.

## Ellen Cooper

Ellen Cooper moved to Great Neck in 1969 and immediately joined Temple Israel, becoming involved with congregational ac-

tivities right away. She served as the president of both the Religious School and High School PTA, which her children, Bettina and David both attended.

Although she worked with her late husband, Robert, a CPA, “The Temple Israel Sisterhood became my full time job,” she said. She held every Sisterhood office, eventually serving as president for three years.

For many years since, she has served as the Sisterhood’s Torah Fund chair, working to raise funds for the Jewish Theological Seminary. “The Torah Fund is important,” she said, “because it raises needed funds for the students at the Seminary and the Seminary relies on the funds to operate.” The Torah Fund is a project of the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, of which the Temple Israel Sisterhood is a part. She said she is looking for volunteers to assist with the Torah Fund Campaign and, of course, she said she is always looking for donors.

## Lori Oppenheimer

Lori Oppenheimer, a member of the congregation since 1997, said she views Temple Israel as her spiritual home. Having grown up with minimal contact with Jewish observance, her participation in adult education classes and active involvement in her children’s Religious School activities gave her the tools to create a vibrant Jewish home.

In addition, Ms. Oppenheimer said she learned “a great deal from reading the entire *Tenach*, or Bible, over a three year period through the Perek Yomi, or “Chapter-a-Day” Program, of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Learning to read Torah and *Haftarah* as part of the 2004 Temple Israel Adult *Bat Mitzvah* class represented another powerful experience for her, after which she became a regular Torah, *Haftarah*, and *Megillat Esther* reader for the congregation. This year, for the first time, Ms. Oppenheimer was “very gratified” to learn to read Torah on Rosh Hashanah. She has also led the Torah

Service on *Shabbat* mornings.

Ms. Oppenheimer contributes her time and energy to Temple Israel in a number of other ways. She serves as the coordinator for the B’nai Mitzvah Mentoring Program, which reaches out to *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* families to provide a welcoming presence and help familiarize them with the *Shabbat* morning service. She is also a member of the Shoah Remembrance Committee and has served on the Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary Committee. She served on the Steering Committee for both *Shabbat Kol Ishah* and *Shabbat Koleinu*, the congregation’s all-men and all-women led services, and was a co-chair of the last two women’s *seders* held at Temple Israel. She has written about her “Jewish journey” in articles in *The New Light*.

Ms. Oppenheimer is an attorney and, until recently, ran her own anti-money laundering compliance practice. She is a volunteer for the Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office and is a Small Claims Court Arbitrator at Queens Civil Court. She is a member of *Yashar*, the attorneys and judges chapter of *Hadassah*.

She and her husband, Peter, have two children, Zoe, 20, and Evan, 16.

## Dr. Madelyn Gould

Dr. Madelyn (Maddy) Gould has been a member of the congregation since 1986, when her twin sons, Douglas and Stephen, entered the Religious School. When her youngest son, Michael, was studying for his *Bar Mitzvah* in 2001, she decided to pursue her own Jewish education and became a member of Temple Israel’s 2004 adult *Bat Mitzvah* class. She completed a two-year Meah J Learn program, offered by the UJA Federation, in 2006.

Dr. Gould is currently serving her second term on the Board of Trustees, is a member of the Ritual Committee, and is responsible for assigning non-*Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah Haftarah*. She regularly attends *Shabbat* services and frequently chants from the Torah and *Haftarah*, and *davens Shacharit*.

She has served on the Planning Committee for Cantor Raphael Frieder’s 13th Anniversary Concert Celebration, the Search Committee that successfully recruited Rabbi Seth Adelson, and participated in *Shabbat Kol Ishah* and *Shabbat Koleinu*, the congregation’s all-women and all-men led services.

She is a professor of child psychiatry and public health at Columbia University, where she heads a research unit devoted to the prevention of suicide, and is the deputy director of the Research Training Program in Child Psychiatry.

She and her husband, Rob, have been married for nearly 35 years.

# Live In the Sukkah? Are You Crazy?

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This is the second time this summer, and the latest in a handful of weather events of the past few years, that included tornado conditions in our region, something that never used to happen in the New York area. It is (admittedly anecdotal) evidence that our climate is changing, that the so-called “greenhouse gases” that we all produce are affecting weather patterns all over the world.

The average American, through our energy and food consumption habits, produces nearly 20 tons of carbon dioxide per year. That is twice the rate of that produced by the Japanese and the Europeans, and four to ten times what average Chinese, Brazilians, and Indians produce. *Sukkot* is a reminder that (a) we can live without some of our energy-intensive creature comforts; and (b) that someday we may have no choice, because continued consumption at our current rate is not sustainable.

OK, so I won’t be moving out into the *sukkah* this year. But as bigger issues have pushed the environment off the political agenda this election season, I welcome this festival’s gentle reminder that our climate is changing, and that it is not yet too late to solve this problem. We may not need to live in simple huts just yet, but if the idea of living with less might help us prevent tornados in major urban centers, that is surely a *Sukkot* message that we all need to hear.

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## D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Ha'azinu

Saturday, September 29

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 13

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 ascends.

## SABBATH, SUKKOT AND SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES

Friday, September 28

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 29

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Ha'azinu*; Deuteronomy 31:1 – 52

*Haftarah*: II Samuel 22:1 – 51

Sabbath Service Officers: Dr. Madelyn Gould and Dan Goldberger

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:05 P.M.

*Havdalah* 7:23 P.M.

*Havdalah* Service and BBQ for college grads 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 30 - *Leil Sukkot*

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

Monday, October 1 - 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* 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, October 2 - 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* 6:35 P.M.

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