



Temple Israel Will Recall the Tragedy of September 11 With Annual Saddle Rock Bridge Memorial Service

By Marc Katz, Editor

Memories of the events which unfolded on the morning of September 11, 2001 will be recalled on Friday, September 11, 2015 when Temple Israel marks the tragedy at a special morning service on Saddle Rock's 9-11 Memorial Bridge.

As has been done each year since the terrorist attacks, members of the congregation will meet in the Temple Israel lobby at 6:45 A.M. and walk to the bridge, which had a commanding view of the World Trade Center, as well as the disaster which struck it 14 years ago. The marchers will be led by members of the Men's Club, which sponsors the annual event, blowing a shofar along the way. The group will

receive a Nassau County Police escort and the bridge will be partially closed during the service.

Members of Great Neck's fire departments will be invited to participate in the service.

Rabbi Howard Stecker will lead the clergy, beginning the service with "God Bless America" and the "Prayer for Our Country." Other appropriate prayers and readings will be added to the morning *minyan*.

"It is important that we remember this tragedy," said Men's Club Co-President Ken Kobliner. "And, what more fitting way to remember September 11th than with prayers said along with members of

our congregation and community. I urge everyone to attend this moving service and to bring family, friends, and neighbors."

Those who prefer not to walk to the bridge can still attend the service. There will be ample parking near the bridge, seating for all, and police protection for the marchers and service participants. Arrangements for the service are being coordinated with Saddle Rock Mayor Dan Levy.

The program was first held by the Men's Club in 2002. It has been repeated in subsequent years with ever-larger turnouts. Further information about the service is available by calling Temple Israel at 482-7800.

SELIHOT AND ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Usher in the High Holy Days of 5776 with the

SELIHOT SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Saturday, September 5 8:30 P.M.

"Eye of the Storm"

A short film about the realities of discrimination in society, followed by a discussion.

The film describes a 1970 experiment conducted by Jane Elliot on her all-white third grade class in Iowa.

It remains quite relevant nearly 50 years later.

Cantor Raphael Frieder will lead a spirited service with musical accompaniment to help all prepare spiritually for the New Year.

Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, September 13

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Minhah and Ma'ariv

6:30 P.M.

Monday, September 14

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

"How We Envision God: As Father" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tashlikh (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M.

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

"How We Envision God: As King" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:00 P.M.

Have Dinner With Us!

By Arden Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arden Smith is a former trustee of Temple Israel and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception 21 years ago. He is a member of the Advisory Board of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College and a trustee of Congregation Maspeth Jewish Center.

And so the story goes, in a great wine making town in Eastern Europe (or Northern Iran near the Caspian Sea) word came that the grand *rebbe*, the *chachum gadol*, was coming to the town the follow-

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ing year. The town's elders and Torah sages decided to collect the best of each vintner's production every week before the Sabbath. They fashioned a great vat and a sturdy set

of steps leading to the top of the vat. Each week every vintner would pour a goatskin flask-full of his wine into the vat.

One *reb yid*, whose name is not important and whose wine wasn't the best nor the worst, decided that he could fill his skin with water and no one would know. At the end of the year, the grand *rebbe*, the *chachum gadol*, came. He ascended the steps with a crystal goblet created for the occasion; he scooped the goblet into the vat and held the glass high over his head for all to see. And there, gleaming in the sun, was a crystal clear glass of water. There must have been quite a few *yidlach* whose names were "not important."

We are a very large congregation. It is
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FROM THE RABBI

#What Rabbis Do

By Rabbi Daniel Schweber

These past couple of months I have excitedly told people about my new position as associate rabbi at Temple Israel of Great Neck. More often than not, they responded with "Mazal Tov, what are your duties going to be at your new synagogue?"

It was difficult to answer what I do as a rabbi. It is easier to explain what a rabbi is not. A rabbi does not work the typical 9-5 Monday to Friday. A rabbi does not push product nor does a rabbi work to maximize profits.

My brother-in-law, Rabbi David Kominsky, is a chaplain at an assisted living and nursing facility in Portland, Oregon. The assisted living and nursing units are separated by a long corridor. David often comments that the physicians, nurses and other staff are often rushing through the corridor past slower walking residents. David's job is to slow down and interact with the residents.

Rabbis are "jack of many trades." Rabbis teach formal classes, conduct synagogue services, counsel people, officiate life cycle events such as weddings and funerals. Rabbis are writers. Indeed, rabbis do have administrative duties and work within bud-

gets and fund raise to keep those budgets to balance. However, these tasks are not the answers people are looking for. A rabbi's role is more than the sum of the tasks and hours a rabbi invests working for a synagogue or an organization.

What is the true role of a Rabbi?

I believe the true role of a rabbi is to build relationships with people, to engage them and guide them on their Jewish jour-

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neys through life. The translation of the word "rabbi" is "my expert teacher." First, rabbis need to become the "my." People must let rabbis into their lives through relationship. Once the relationship is built, a rabbi can use his or her expertise and experience with Jewish practice, Jewish text and wisdom to help guide the people.

All of the many different things rabbis do have this goal in mind. Since the rise
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On the Job Training

By Rob Panzer

It's been an interesting first few weeks as president of Temple Israel.

I felt a little like George Bush, as I took office I immediately went on vacation. Ofra and I were on a USY for Adults trip to Budapest and Prague. (More on that another time.) While in Prague, we attended *Shabbat* morning services at a Masorti congregation. As the community is small, they don't always have a *minyán* so were happy for our

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presence. Ofra volunteered to lead part of the Torah service and I led Musaf. When services were completed some members of the group asked what Yeshiva I had gone to.

This is the same question I have been asked during the last few months, usually prefaced by a comment like "it will be nice to have a president who can *daven*." Well, my educational experiences as a child were at PS 188, JHS 172 and Martin Van Buren High School in Bayside.

I learned to *daven* right here at Temple Israel. The opportunities to learn in our congregation are many. There are classes that cover a large range of topics. Our clergy is available and willing to teach anyone who has an interest in learning. Cantor Frieder has created a cadre of people who are willing and able to lead services. Find something of interest and take advantage of the offerings we have.

For those who wish to speak with me, I am always at *Shacharit* services on Friday morning, sitting in the back row; on *Shabbat* morning standing in the back, and can be reached by email at <Robpanzer18@gmail.com>.

Congregation Thanks Its Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on June 6 were made by Rebecca and Sassan Sassouni in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Emma, and by Daniella and Matthew Nili in honor of the baby naming of their daughter, Emma Rachel, granddaughter of Dalia and Samy Naim.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

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daughter of Harriet Seiler

May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Aug.	20	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
Sept.	3	Beth HaGan Parent Orientation	7:30 P.M.
	5	<i>Selihot</i>	
	9	First Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School	
	9	Temple Israel Raffle Drawing for a Vacation in Mexico	
	11	September 11 Memorial Service at Saddle Rock Bridge Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	13	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
	14-15	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	20	Temple Israel Welcome Back Barbeque	12:15 P.M.
	22	<i>Kol Nidre</i>	
	23	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
	27	<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	

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	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 15	9:00 A.M.	7:15 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 22	9:00 A.M.	7:10 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, August 14.....	7:37 P.M.
Friday, August 21.....	7:28 P.M.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- Eileen and Mickey Putterman on the marriage of their granddaughter, Mollie Leora Pearlman, to Christopher Joseph Correia.
- Naomi Schulman on the birth of her great-grandson, William Harper Tune.
- Helen Davis on the birth of her great-grandson, Ethan Weinbaum.

TEMPLE LITES . . .

- Temple Israel Past President Steven Markowitz has received the 2015 George Carr Humanitarian Award from the Lions Club of Great Neck in recognition of his involvement in the Great Neck community and his work with regard to tolerance and anti-bullying education. He serves as the chairman of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.

Next Voice Issues And Deadlines

The Voice resumes its regular publication schedule with this issue.

The next issue of The Voice, the Rosh Hashanah and Selihot issue, will be published on Friday, August 28. The deadline for that issue is Monday, August 17.

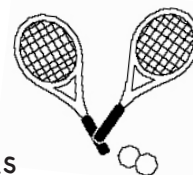
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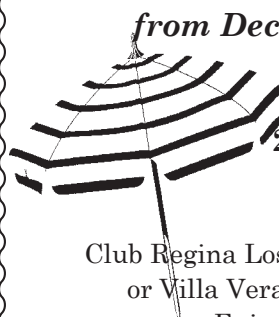
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Summertime, and the Learning Continues!

By Rabbi Amy Roth

While it is true that during summertime the living is easy, our family schedules are generally a bit less busy, our children do not have homework, and the weather is great. Those of us running the Temple Israel schools use this time to organize and prepare for the fall. School programs will begin after Labor Day, but we need to know that your children will be joining us! If you have not yet registered for Religious School, please do so, or contact Karel <ktanenbaum@tign.org>. For information about Waxman High School and Youth House registration, please contact Danny Mishkin <dmishkin@tign.org>.

And while the living is easy, Jewish learning continues! During the school year the hallways of the school wing have become sites of the “Tefillah Challenge” and

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“Rosh Hodesh Contest.” Why should the fun end with the school year? Since June, the Religious School has sponsored monthly *kayitz* (summer) contests. These monthly online contests offer a Rosh Hodesh Contest as well as a Tefillah Challenge. Part of the fun for the children is figuring out how to enter the contest—with school not in session, how would they “read” to me?

The most popular method has been through video entries! It was quite a bit of fun for me to see the children and watch (and listen) to them read on the videos. *Kol Hakavod*, great job, to Ariel Kermani, Raphi Kermani, Eric Yachbes, and Jacob Rosenstock, who have been the big winners so far! There will be one more *kayitz* contest before school starts, so keep your eyes out for the special email! And thanks to the Religious School Parents’ Association, we have special prizes: each winner receives a \$5 gift card to Matty’s Toy Stop.

But don’t worry, once school starts, there will be many regular “in person” Tefillah Challenges and Rosh Hodesh Contests. Children should look forward to new and more significant challenges during the course of the year.

Competition and prizes are just a small component of what we see at the Temple Israel Religious School. We always try to find new ways to inspire and motivate our families. But even more importantly, we continue to seek ways of building community. Our school community comes together once a month to sing, cheer and celebrate Rosh Hodesh. Our school community coordinates our *tzedakah* efforts so that we all feel pride in how we actualize the Jewish values that we learn together.

At Temple Israel, school is so much more than school—it is the *ruach*, (spirit) that permeates the education wing when the children are here; it is the experiential learning that takes place both inside the classrooms and outside; it is the voices of children singing modern Hebrew songs, as well as enthusiastic *tefillah*. School here at Temple Israel is about community, about the shared experiences that help children and their families feel connected to Judaism. Community is essential to fostering a sense of Jewish belonging, of Jewish identity. Creating powerful Jewish learning experiences within the communal framework is the motivation for everything that we do. And no one year is identical to the previous year.

Stay tuned, there is always more in store at our Religious School community. I look forward to seeing you soon!



Summer is a great time for learning and growing in a fun Jewish environment, like a Jewish camp. Religious School Director Rabbi Amy Roth had a great visit with some Temple Israel children at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires recently. She brought greetings from Temple Israel to Elizabeth Lev, above. Rabbi Roth also visited with Clara Goldberger and Sam Chiche, below. Other Temple Israel campers at Ramah are Ethan Citron, Elie Weitzman, Ethan Bloom, Matthew Bloom and Mitchell Bloom.



Special Parking Rules 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 parking restrictions for the High Holy Days as follows:

- 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.

**The Temple Israel parking Lot
Erev Rosh Hashanah,
Sunday, September 13
and the first and second days
of Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 14
and Tuesday, September 15:**

Parking on Rosh Hashanah 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.

**Overnight Parking On
Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur,
Tuesday, September 22 and
Wednesday, September 23:**

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

Your cooperation is needed to maintain a safe environment and make things move smoothly during the holiday period. We strongly suggest you consider carpooling whenever riding is necessary.

Visit The Temple Israel Museum This Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

By David Feingold, Curator

Temple Israel's Museum opened its doors on Rosh Hashanah 1964 with an exhibition on loan from the Jewish Museum in New York. Today, the museum has one of the finest collections of antique Judaica of any synagogue in the United States.

The Museum will be open for visitors following services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur from 1-3 P.M.

Many of the objects in the museum purchased over the years came to the Museum from reputable dealers as well as Sotheby's and Christie's auction houses. Curators and dealers have contacted us about important pieces. Purchases for the museum are made according to authenticity, significance and esthetic value.

The cost of each item is covered by the generosity of Temple Israel members who underwrite it in honor of a special person or occasion. It is inspiring for their children and grandchildren to come in and see what their family has donated.

Over the past year we have had many visitors from all over the country. They have been amazed by the beauty and depth of the Museum's collection. The Museum serves as a medium of instruction to young and old, and as a place to preserve what might otherwise be lost.

There are still a few outstanding objects that have not been spoken dedicated. To donate, dedicate or arrange for a visit to the Museum, contact the synagogue office.

Have Dinner With Us!

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often too easy to feel like we can get lost in the crowd: "nobody will know the difference," "my contribution won't make a difference." Well, every contribution counts and every contribution helps. And, we need your help!

Our Kol Nidre Campaign is counted on to help pay for the day-to-day operating expenses of our synagogue. Our Kol Nidre Campaign is not for the future; it is to help us pay our bills now! We have a large physical plant that is costly to run. We have a large payroll—professional, administrative, educational and maintenance—that we have to meet (families count on us for their livelihoods). We have a large school, where tuition alone does not cover our operational expenses. We have a huge fixed overhead. But, all of that overhead is OK. It is what a synagogue like ours should have in order to serve its diverse membership

and properly deliver the many services that our congregation both deserves and has come to expect. After all, Temple Israel is here to serve you: your religious, social, cultural, and spiritual needs, but it costs money and the bills have to be paid.

If you have been generous to us in the past, we thank you and we ask you to continue. If you have never contributed to the Kol Nidre Appeal, we ask you to think of the cost of dinner at a local restaurant when you go out with your family. Please at least "have dinner with us" now. We need your help and every contribution counts and makes a difference!

I, our officers, and our trustees ask each of you to consider the vital role of our synagogue in sustaining Jewish life in our Temple Israel community and to respond generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal. *L'shanah tovah u'metuka.*

What Rabbis Do

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of Twitter and Facebook, I often see rabbis post the eclectic things they will do in a single day. Recently, my study partner from the Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical School, Rabbi Jason Miller, described a day that began with him completing his presentation at a conference. He then officiated at the painful funeral of a man who died in his 30s! After the funeral, Rabbi Miller conducted a baby naming ceremony for a beautiful and healthy baby girl. He ended the post with the following sentence: "I find it so challenging to describe the up-and-down emotions of a couple hours in the life of a rabbi. #whatrabbisdo" (on social media sites such as Twitter, a word or phrase preceded by a hash or pound sign (#) is used to identify messages on a specific topic. Often the 'hash' is hy-

perlinked to other posts about the same topic)

I have had days like Rabbi Miller's, filled with a roller coaster of emotions. I have experienced the joyous, the sad and the tragic. Along with these emotions I also feel holiness at these occasions. Being in relationship with people is a most holy act. Martin Buber's theology and philosophy teaches that we relate to God through holy relationship with each other.

My wait is over. I no longer have to describe my new position in the future tense. I am excited to be aboard at Temple Israel of Great Neck. I can now get to work doing the many tasks required to build relationships with you. I am looking forward to spending the next few weeks meeting all of you. #gettingtoknowyou

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Re'eh

Saturday, August 15

In this portion, we conclude the section of Moses' second discourse in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Sinai. He lays before the Israelites two possibilities: obedience to God, which would bring blessing, or disobedience, which would bring a curse. The choice is theirs to make, but it is clear that in order to possess the land they must choose to follow God's laws. The next section of the discourse comprises a detailed listing of the laws that are to govern the lives of the Israelites in the Promised Land. The first area dealt with its religious institutions and worship, including, among other things, directions for the establishment of a central sanctuary, rules for maintaining distinctiveness in worship, warnings against the heathen rites and religious seducers, and regulations concerning permitted and forbidden foods, tithes and the year of the release. The portion ends with laws detailing the observance of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot, indicating that time also is to be sanctified.

Shofetim

Saturday, August 22

We continue the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land in this portion. The focus here is on social organization, and consideration is given to defining the status and responsibilities of four different types of leaders: judges, the king, priest, and prophets. Judges are admonished that justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial. If there is to be a king, he must be a native Israelite and a constitutional monarch who governs in accordance with the Torah. He is forbidden to have standing cavalry or a harem, and he must himself study and obey the law. The priests are not to have any allotment of land, but they are to be supported by the people through emoluments. The prophets will not be sorcerers, diviners or soothsayers or practice any kind of magic. They will be, like Moses, men who truly and accurately transmit God's message to the Israelites. The portion concludes with laws concerning crime and welfare. They assure that personal rights are respected and human kindness is displayed, even during wartime.

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Friday, August 14

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Saturday, August 15

Rosh Hodesh Elul

Morning Service / Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Re'eh

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17; Numbers 28:9 - 15

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 - 24

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:15 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:45 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:21 P.M.

Havdalah 8:36 P.M.

Friday, August 21

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 22

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Shofetim

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:10 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:40 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:11 P.M.

Havdalah 8:26 P.M.

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