



HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Saturday, September 5

Selihot

Selihot Service and Program: "Eye of the Storm" 8:30 P.M.
Film presentation and discussion followed by service

Erev Rosh Hashanah

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

Monday, September 14

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Shaharit 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

Shaharit 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.

Tuesday, September 22

Kol Nidre

Minhah 3:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 6:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 23

Yom Kippur

Shaharit begins in the Main Ballroom 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11

Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14

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

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Community *Yizkor* Service 3:00 P.M.

Symposium 3:00 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

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

Minhah 4:30 P.M.

Neilah 5:50 P.M.

Ma'ariv 7:06 P.M.

Havdalah and Shofar Blowing 7:34 P.M.

Temple Israel Is Ready for High Holy Days Observance

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot are fast approaching, and Temple Israel is rapidly gearing up for the observances.

The congregation's new associate rabbi, Daniel Schweber will be joining Temple Israel's team of seasoned officiants, Senior Rabbi Howard Stecker, former Senior Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry and Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein, who served as the rabbi of the Little Neck Jewish Center for many years. Joining the cantorial staff this year will be Joseph Gole, the Cantor Emeritus at Sinai Temple in West Los Angeles, California. He will be working with Temple Israel's veteran cantorial staff, Raphael Frieder, the congregation's cantor since 1991, and Mordecai Sobol, who has thrilled Temple Israel worshippers with his renditions on the High Holy Days for more than 20 years.

Rabbi Schweber joined the congregation this month, after having served as the rabbi at Shaarei Tikvah Congregation, Scarsdale, since 2009. In his previous position he was heavily involved with young families, adult education, outreach events, and worked with Westchester Jewish teens, and he oversaw USY teen programs. At the same time, he taught at the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester and at Camp Ramah, Nyack, during the summer.

Cantor Gole also serves as the president of the International Cantors Assembly, the largest organization of cantors in the world, and teaches on the faculty of the Academy of Jewish Religion. He appeared in the movie One Hundred Voices—A Journey Home, which documents the Cantors Assembly Mission to Poland and Israel. The film is being considered for an Academy Award in the Documentary Films category.

"I am very pleased with the additions to our clergy for the High Holy Days," said Rabbi Stecker. "I am certain that their proven spiritual leadership will be well received by the members of our congregation."

Adult Services

This year, the most holy season on the Jewish calendar begins with Selichot on Saturday, September 5, at 8:30 P.M. A short film about the realities of discrimination in society, "Eye of the Storm," will be presented, followed by a discussion. The film describes a 1970 experiment conducted by Jane Elliott on her all-white third grade class in Iowa. It remains quite relevant nearly 50 years later. Cantor Frieder will lead a spirited service following the film, with musical accompaniment to

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An Allegory of Ink Drops

By Rabbi Gustavo Surazski

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Gustavo Surazski, the spiritual leader of Temple Israel's sister congregation in Ashkelon, Israel, Kehillat Netzach Israel, sends High Holy Day greetings to the congregation in this Voice Guest Column.

A few months ago, while I was writing a Torah scroll, I had a flash of philosophical insight. After writing a few lines, I stopped to clean the quill (the quill in my left hand and the cleaning cloth in my right) and I thought of the drops of ink in my inkwell.

Any ink drop might find its way to one of the mentions of the Divine Name or might easily end up on the cleaning cloth. All the

*A broken shard
cannot be restored.*

*We, however,
can change our ways.*

ink drops are together in the same inkwell, yet for some reason—although they have the same potential—their end is not the same.

Some ink drops will compose the holiest word in Jewish tradition, the Divine Name, and will never be erased, while others will end up on the cleaning cloth and eventually in the garbage heap.

FROM THE RABBI

Prayer is Not Enough

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

"Let the old year and its curses end. Let the New Year and its blessings begin." So goes a concise, longstanding prayer, translated from the Hebrew.

Why mince words? In many ways the year that is ending has been terrible. We've seen considerable violence abroad and at home. Racism continues to be an ugly reality that often leads to violence, as we saw tragically in Charleston this summer. The Middle East is increasingly unstable as ISIS gains traction and key nations jockey for influence. Notwithstanding the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision mandating marriage equality, people continue to be persecuted violently in many parts of the world on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender.

While it is tempting to say that things are worse now than ever, I'm not sure how empirically verifiable that is or whether or not that matters. Suffice it to say that things are bad

The *Magid* of Kamnitz gave us the following parable: In an important exhibition in a large museum in Paris, an impressive wooden cabinet was on display, the handiwork of a master craftsman. It contained several niches and cubbyholes, shelves and revolving or removable drawers. It could store silverware, gold, diamonds, and valuable documents. This cabinet was the talk of the day at the exhibition and the master craftsman who had made it was awarded a gold medal in the competition that took place there.

An extremely rich man from the royal city of Vienna bought this cabinet for a big amount of money. He placed it in his palace and boasted of it to all and sundry.

However, the wheel of fortune turns in life and this rich man lost all his wealth. All his possessions were sold to cover his debts. No seller or buyer realized the quality of the cabinet and it was sold as a piece of junk and bought by a poor shoemaker for a pittance.

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enough. Suffice it to say that there's a great deal of violence and injustice in the world.

As American Jews facing the promise and challenge of a new year, what are we to do in such a world? It's easy to despair. In fact, I

*As 5776 begins,
let's do more than pray...*

would worry that anyone who does not despair, at least on occasion, is in abject denial of reality.

However, as 5776 begins, I want to express unequivocally that Jewish tradition requires us to do something about our "wow this is terrible" assessment of the world. To be sure, we are urged to pray for a better world. Our daily prayers are replete with aspirations for justice and peace that we intensify in our liturgy for the High Holy Days.

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New Year Planning

By Rob Panzer

As the summer comes to a close, we are approaching the upcoming High Holy Days season. This year our rabbinic team will be led by Senior Rabbi Howard Stecker, along with Rabbi Marim Charry, Rabbi Abraham Eckstein, and with a new addition, Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber. Our cantorial team will be led by Cantor Raphael Frieder, joined once again by Cantor Mordechai Sobol and new addition Cantor Joseph Gole.

We are delighted to have Rabbi Schweber join us in his new position. The maintenance and repair work on his residence has been completed and the Schweber family is settling in. Special thanks to our members Manny Alani, David Eshaghoff and Keyvan

*Special thanks
to our members...
who volunteered
their hard work*

Frouzan, who volunteered their hard work in getting the renovations done.

One of the changes instituted this year is open seating for the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Services will be held in the Sanctuary and the Grand Ballroom. Seats will be reserved for those possessing deeded seats in the Sanctuary. All other seats may be occupied on a first-come, first-serve basis. This will be an experiment of sorts for us. Please be considerate if you find that someone is sitting in "your" seat.

The change to open seating has also made assignment of honors a bit more difficult. If you have been assigned an honor for the second day, please let one of the ushers or *gabbaim* know that you are present in the designated room, as we don't wish to inadvertently skip over anyone.

As with any change, there are bound to be some miscues. If you have not received an honor, please understand that there are no intentional slights. We will make every effort to adjust any oversights.

We would like to thank our office staff and maintenance staff for all of their hard work in preparing for this busy time of year, and the Men's Club for labeling the seats.

As always, if anyone needs to contact me please feel free to email me at <robpanzer18@gmail.com>.

My family joins me in wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

L'Shana Tova

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the family of:

LEWIS WESTON

husband of Libby Weston
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May his memory be for a blessing.

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. 29	9:00 A.M.	6:55 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 5	9:00 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, August 28.....	7:17 P.M.
Friday, September 4.....	7:06 P.M.



Men's Club Receives Quality Club Award

Temple Israel's Men's Club was presented with a Quality Club Award at the biennial convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, held in July in Miami Beach. This is the fourth year in a row that the Men's Club has won this award.

Dave Scherr, a past president of the Men's Club, was on hand to receive the award from Myles Simpson, outgoing Federation president.

The Federation Quality Club Award was developed to strengthen and encourage member clubs to offer a variety of activities at the local level and to participate in regional and Federation programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept. 1	Waxman Youth House Barbeque and Teacher Orientation	4:30 P.M.
3	Beth HaGan Parent Orientation	7:30 P.M.
5	<i>Selihot</i>	
8	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Club	Noon
8	1st Day of Sunday / Tuesday Religious School	4:30 P.M.
8	1st Day of Waxman High School and Youth House	5:30 P.M.
8	Beth HaGan Nursery School Parent Orientation	7:30 P.M.
9	1st Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School	
9	Temple Israel Raffle Drawings for a Vacation in Mexico	
	1st Day of Monday / Wednesday Religious School	4:00 P.M.
10	Sisterhood Board Meeting	11:00 A.M.
11	9/11 Memorial Service at Saddle Rock Bridge	7:00 A.M.
13	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
14-15	Rosh Hashanah 1st and 2nd Days	
17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
20	Welcome Back Barbeque	12:15 P.M.
22	Kol Nidre	
23	Yom Kippur	
27	<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	
27	Beth HaGan Nursery School Sukkah Decorating Party	
28	Sukkot	

Hear Cantor Frieder In a Special High Holy Days Concert

**Wednesday, September 9
7 P.M.**

LeFrak Concert Hall,
Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College
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**"LISTEN TO THE SONGS AND PRAYERS:
A MUSICAL PRELUDE
TO THE HOLIDAYS"**

Featuring Temple Israel Cantor Raphael Frieder
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Temple Israel Is Ready for High Holy Days Observance

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help the congregation prepare spiritually for the New Year. The service will be followed by refreshments.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the morning service begins at 8:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Following that service, the congregation will move to the usual venues, the Sanctuary, where Rabbi Stecker and Cantor Gole will conduct the service; the Crystal Ballroom, where Rabbi Eckstein and Cantor Sobol will lead the service; and the Grand Ballroom, which will be led by Rabbi Schweber and Cantor Frieder. Rabbi Charry will conduct a special discussion,

Break the Fast With the Men's Club Following the Yom Kippur Service

Come with your family and friends right after the Shofar is blown to signal the end of Yom Kippur to a traditional dairy dinner, prepared by Bagel Mentch and sponsored by the Men's Club.

Previous Break-the-Fasts have been immensely successful and the Men's Club organizing committee promises to make this one just as great.

Send in your reservations and checks as soon as possible. The cost is \$20 per person, \$8 for children under 8 years of age and there is no additional charge for more than two children under age 8. The fee is \$25 for non-Temple Israel members.

From the Rabbi: Prayer is Not Enough

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But prayer has never been considered sufficient. From its Biblical origins onward, Jewish tradition has insisted that we do more than pray. Abraham advocated for God to act justly. Moses defended a helpless slave while still a "prince of Egypt" and, toward the end of his life, set forth a blueprint for how the Israelites, upon entering the Promised Land, ought to build a society based on *tzedek*, justice. In modern times, the founders of the State of Israel insisted in Israel's Declaration of Independence that the emerging nation be a place whose inhabitants have equal rights "irrespective of religion, race or sex."

Where does that leave us, given that we don't likely have the influence of Moses or Ben Gurion or Golda Meir? Truth is, we each have more influence than we might imagine.

While I hesitate to speculate on how much of an impact each of us can have on international affairs or even domestic policy, I can say with great certainty that we can have profound influence on our families and on our community. Prejudice and injustice are nurtured around the dining room table, in the boardroom and at the supermarket. Or, to put it more positively, we have multiple opportunities, in intimate settings, to advocate for tolerance and justice.

Following the stabbings this summer of six individuals at the Jerusalem Pride parade and the burning of a Palestinian home resulting in the death of a small child, Rabbi Benny Lau, a well-known Orthodox rabbi, made the point that we need to search our souls to examine what we do or don't do that allows prejudice to gain traction. He stated powerfully that whoever hears homophobic and racist slurs and says nothing might not legitimately say, "our hands have not shed this blood."

In a similar vein, Eleanor Roosevelt said the following about human rights over half a century ago: "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm, or office where he works."

As 5776 begins, let's do more than pray that the curses of the old year be replaced by the blessings of the new. With the inspiration of thousands of years behind us, in small and large places, let's strive to bring about those blessings.

titled "How We Envision God: As Father," beginning at 10 A.M. Also on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Tashlikh will be conducted at 6 P.M. at the Xeriscape on Old Mill Road.

Rosh Hashanah Open Seating

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, *Shaharit* begins at 8:15 A.M. Rabbi Schweber and Cantor Frieder will officiate in the Sanctuary and Rabbi Stecker and Cantor Gole will lead services in the Grand Ballroom. There will be open seating on this day only, meaning that all worshippers with a valid admission ticket can attend services in the Grand Ballroom or the Sanctuary. The Crystal Ballroom will not be used for

Reservations should indicate how many adults and children are in your party. Make checks payable to the Men's Club of Temple Israel and bring or mail them to the Temple Israel office by Monday, September 17.

Only paid-in-advance reservations can be honored. "The communal togetherness and pleasurable atmosphere are a wonderful way to end this most solemn day," said Charles I. Adler, the chairman of the event. "It is held in the Youth House across the parking lot. Come and enjoy!"

For more information please call Mr. Adler at 482-4421 or e-mail him at <ciadler.ca@gmail.com>.

services. Rabbi Charry will continue with his discussion series at 10 A.M. His topic will be "How We Envision God: As King." *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* are at 6:30 P.M.

On Kol Nidre Rabbi Eckstein and Cantor Sobol will conduct services in the Sanctuary, Rabbi Stecker and Cantor Gole will lead services in the Grand Ballroom, and Rabbi Schweber and Cantor Frieder will officiate in the Crystal Ballroom.

Yom Kippur services will be led by Rabbi Schweber and Cantor Frieder in the Sanctuary, Rabbi Eckstein and Cantor Sobol in the Grand Ballroom, and Rabbi Stecker and Cantor Gole in the Crystal Ballroom. *Yizkor* will begin at 11:30 A.M. in all venues. Rabbi Charry will conduct the third in his discussion series, "How We Envision God: As a Potter," beginning at 10 A.M. The popular Jacob Stein Memorial Symposium will start at 3 P.M. *Minhah* is at 4:30 P.M.

A Community *Yizkor* Service, open to both Temple Israel members and non-members, will be conducted at 3 P.M.

The observance concludes with Neilah at 5:30 P.M., and Havdalah and the final shofar blowing is at 7:34 P.M. The concluding services will be conducted by Rabbi Stecker and Cantor Gole in the Sanctuary, Rabbi Schweber and Cantor Frieder in the Grand Ballroom, and Rabbi Charry and Cantor Sobol in the Crystal Ballroom.

Children's Services

A full array of services for children from pre-school through high school will be offered on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For service details see the box on the facing page.

For further information about all services visit the Temple Israel website, www.tign.org, or call the synagogue office, 482-7800.

Guest Column: An Ink Drops Allegory

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The shoemaker put his pieces of leather in the space designed for glassware. He put nails in the drawers meant for silver and gold objects. He put wax on the velvet-covered shelves.

One day the master craftsman who had made the cabinet visited Vienna. As he was touring the city, the sole of his shoe came apart. He looked for a shoemaker to mend his shoe. He found the place of the afore-mentioned shoemaker and entered.

While the shoemaker was mending the shoe, the craftsman looked around and saw the cabinet that had once been so beautiful. It stood in a corner leaning sidewise because a foot was missing. Many decorations were missing too, and the wood was scratched,

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High Holy Day Youth and Family Programs

All programs are held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Preschool (ages 2-4)

10:30 - Noon in Room 13 & 15 and

Family Supervised Play Area in Room 12.

Early childhood educators celebrate the holidays through song, stories and games.

At least one Parent is required to accompany children. Open to the public.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade BONIM *

10:30 - Noon in the Multipurpose Room

led by Donna Lefkowitz.

Morah Donna leads a fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing.

3rd-4th Grade CHAVERIM*

10:30 A.M. - Noon in the Blue Room

led by Geoff Epstein.

This services include lots of group and individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course, plenty of Hershey's Miniatures (on Rosh Hashanah only).

5th-6th Grade MACHON*

10:30 A.M. - Noon in the Chapel

led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah.

This service is just right for middle schoolers, and including real *davening*, Torah reading, and plenty of interactive activities.

**Parents and other family members welcome!*

Teen Service

10:30 A.M. -1 P.M. in the Youth House Well

led by Youth House Director Danny Mishkin.

This participatory service is for 7th-12th graders, and includes Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and activities.

Noon - 1 P.M. Snacks (on Rosh Hashanah only) and Socializing in the Youth House.

Interactive K-6 Family Program:**

12:15-1:15 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room

for grade school aged children and their parents, led by Waxman Youth House Director Danny Mishkin, and featuring games, snacks and creative activities.

No two programs are ever the same!

****At least one parent must attend per family.**

Please Note:

Kol Nidre Family Experience - Grades 3-7

TUESDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Meet on the Third Floor in Room Aleph (Room 301) at 6 P.M.

Participants continue with activities in the Youth House while parents attend services.

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



Isabella Dayani

Isabella Dayani will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on September 5. She is the daughter of Farsima and Nader Dayani and has three sisters, Simona, 21, Angelina, 10, and Juliana, 7, and a brother, Ethan, 8. Isabella is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys reading, as well as playing the piano and tennis. Isabella plans to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following her *Bat Mitzvah*.



Alexandra Milman

Alexandra Jamison Milman will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 12. She is the daughter of Suzanne Levy. Alexandra is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School, where she was the assistant director for her school play. Alexandra is interested in ballet, tennis, horseback riding and fencing. She also enjoys science and hopes to pursue a career in medicine or engineering. Alexandra and her family plan to visit Israel to continue her Jewish education. She is active with the UJA-Federation and currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House.

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- **Leslie and Arnold Gussin** on the engagement of their daughter, Ronni Bara, to Roy Smetana.

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

The congregational *kiddush* on June 13 was co-sponsored by Yas and Arman Rokhsar in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sophie, and by Nancy Golob Schlessel and Jerrold S. Schlessel in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Zachary, and Brandi Star Kligman. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Iris and Charles Adler in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on June 20 was made by Wendy Fried Oginski and Gerald Oginski in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, David.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on June 27 was made by Susan Wagner and Alan Klinger in honor of the congregation.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on July 25 were made by Deanna Stecker in honor of Rabbi Stecker's 50th birthday and by the Executive Committee of Temple Israel to thank the Adelson family and to wish them bon voyage.

Guest Column: An Allegory of Ink Drops

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stained and covered with dust. The craftsman fainted. The shoemaker called passers-by to help him and they revived the craftsman. When he came to, he wept. "See what they have done to my cabinet," he cried bitterly.

How could he not cry at the sight of what had become of his masterpiece? The Magid of Kamenitz concluded: the Lord created man in wisdom and gave him in his souls several sections, cells and hidden drawers. A section for a measure of modesty. A drawer for wisdom. A shelf for holiness. But there is a man who chooses to store pride in the place meant

for modesty. Another stores foolishness in the drawer meant for wisdom. A third, alas, stores worn shoes on the shelf of sanctity.

Man's spiritual existence is designed by his own choice. He will be the one to choose what to store in his soul. As is written in Parashat Nitzavim: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life that you may live and your seed after you." (Deuteronomy 30, 19).

May we be blessed with understanding and know how to fill our spiritual cells with virtue. May we be inscribed in the book of a relevant life!

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Ki Tetse

Saturday, August 29

Part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found in this portion. These chapters contain a wide variety of laws dealing with domestic life and interpersonal relations. In contradistinction to previous sections of the law code, which dealt with broad areas of community structure, the focus here is on the countless details that make up the daily life of the average Israelite. The Torah makes it clear that every facet of every individual's life is governed by the covenant. The concluding verses of the portion remind the Israelites of the dastardly attack by the Amelekites on the rear-most stragglers of the camp shortly after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people are commanded to remember the incident and utterly blot out the memory of Amelek. The contrast between the national character of a people living under God's laws and that of the Amelekites, based on glorification of military power, is a statement that in God's plan, right prevails over might.

Ki Tavo

Saturday, September 5

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

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

Saturday, August 29

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Weekly Portion: *Ki Tetse*; Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 - 10

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder (following *kiddush*)

Minhah 6:55 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:25 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Havdalah 8:15 P.M.

Friday, September 4

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Saturday, September 5 - *Selihot*

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