



Dinner Dance Planning



Committee chairs have been named to plan the congregation's 50th annual dinner dance, scheduled for Sunday, April 19. Outgoing Temple Israel President Alan Klinger and his wife, Susan Wagner, third and fourth from right have been selected as the honorees. Chairing the event are, left to right, Past President Richard Kestenbaum and his wife, Elise, Board member Robert Kahen and his wife, Simone, and Board member Miriam Koblner and her husband, Kenneth.

Voice photo by Bob Lopatkin

Award-Winning Film About Palestinian Spy Is Next Showing In Movie Series February 8

Based on the best selling memoir "Son of Hamas," the award-winning film "The Green Prince" will be the next feature in Temple Israel's free film series on Sunday evening, February 8, at 7:30 P.M.

The picture retraces the details of a highly unprecedented partnership that developed between sworn enemies. In the style of a tense psychological thriller, the documentary recounts the true story of the son of a Hamas leader who emerged as one of Israel's prized informants and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him.

As a defiant teenager growing up in Palestine, Mosab Hassan Yousef's fervor against Israel was unquestionable, ultimately landing him in prison. Shaken by Hamas's brutality within the prison's walls and a growing disgust for their methods, particularly suicide bombings, he had an unexpected change of heart and began to see Hamas as more of a problem than a solution. Recruited by the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, and given the code name "Green Prince," he spied on the Hamas elite for over a decade, constantly risking exposure and certain death while grappling with the perception that he had betrayed his own family and people. Along the way, what started as a cautious alliance between Mosab and his Shin Bet handler, Gonen Ben Yitzhak, grew into an enduring loyalty that no one could have predicted.

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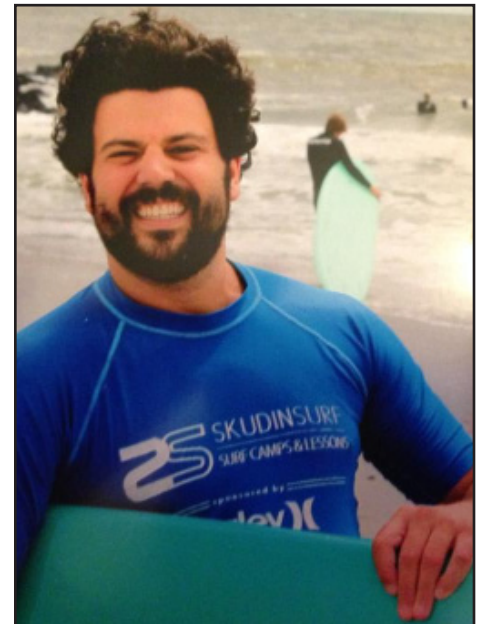
Temple Israel Receives Grant to Provide Teens With a Surfing Summer Of Sababa, 'No Worries'

A unique Jewish surf camp for teens will make its debut this summer, thanks to a \$70,000 grant obtained by Temple Israel's Waxman Youth House director, Danny Mishkin.

Called Sababa Surf Camp, the program will offer the option of three weeklong sessions at Rockaway Beach's Skudin Surf, a school offering surfing instruction at multiple New York locations. Sababa is a commonly used term in Israel meaning "no worries."

The program will combine Jewish spirituality, relaxation methods, prayer and surfing, according to Mr. Mishkin. "It is exactly what today's teens need," he said. "They are way over programmed and over stressed. They are too focused on the future and on getting into college. They simply don't have a chance to act like teens."

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Temple Israel's Waxman Youth House Director, "Surfin' Danny Mishkin."

A Sisterhood Invitation

By Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "proud president of our terrific Sisterhood," (as she says) Karen Ashkenase, invites you to join the group in this Voice Guest Column.

Yes, you know us here at Temple Israel as the Sisterhood who created Yad B' Yad, who runs a wonderful Judaica Shop, who prepares fabulous *schalach manot* bags, who provides flowers each *Shabbat* for the *bimah*, who sends our college students delightful

*...come join us for our
very interesting,
unusual and
enjoyable programs.*

holiday packages, who enjoys a stimulating book club, who offers lovely honey jars to the congregation for Rosh Hashanah, and who presents engaging programs throughout the year.

But, did you know that our Sisterhood is part of a much larger organization—the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism?

So when you join the Sisterhood at Temple Israel, you are part of a worldwide women's movement supporting Conservative Judaism in our homes, synagogue, community and in Israel. We are equally

FROM THE RABBI

Heritage Trumps Hatred

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

As we begin the book of *Shemot*, Exodus, and recount once again our descent into Egypt as a family and our ascent from slavery as a people, I am reminded by current events of the enduring value of peoplehood, and how it is a source of comfort in dark times. Within the first few verses of this book, the Egyptian pharaoh describes us as "*benei Yisrael*," the people of Israel (Ex. 1:9), the definition serving to set us apart as the other, as distinct from the native Egyptian population.

With the recent hostage-taking episode in a kosher grocery in Paris, resulting in at least four dead and five wounded, our "otherness" was once again served to us in a particularly cruel stew of terror and hatred. On the heels of the killings earlier in the week at the office of Charlie Hebdo, it is evident

concerned about those around the globe and are active on their behalf.

- Women's League maintains a non-governmental observer at the U.N.
- We are an integral part of the world-wide Conservative/Masorti movement with close ties to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.
- We are active in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, World Jewish Congress, Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism, MERCAZ, Masorti Olami, Israel Bonds, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Religious Network for Equality for Women, and the list goes on.

We are strong and effective when we have numbers. So, we invite you to join the wonderful group of Sisterhood members at Temple Israel and be part of a worldwide effort to educate, support and heal the world.

At the same time, come join us for our very interesting, unusual and enjoyable programs. We would love to have you join our "Sisterhood Family."

that bad actors in this world include both Jews and free speech in the same cross-hairs.

In moments like these, when our inclination might be to respond in anger, I look to our tradition for strength. We are not a

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who fell at the hands
of terrorists.*

vengeful people; we are not bloodthirsty. Rather, tragedies such as these should be met with the same response that Jews have always had to anti-Semitic acts: to rally around our heritage, our tradition; to return

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Reaching Congregants

By Alan Klinger

Much of our focus has been on enhancing the relevance of the synagogue to congregants' daily lives. The recent program "Creativity and Continuity," featuring a panel discussion with *Rabba* Sara Hurwitz, dean of Yeshivat Maharat, Rabbi David Ingber, founder and spiritual leader of the Manhattan congregation Romemu, and our Rabbi Stecker, moderated by Rabbi Adelson, featured that goal by exploring the challenges and needs of 21st century American Jews.

While *Rabba* Hurwitz approached the issue from a modern Orthodox perspective (itself interesting given the controversy raised by her being the first (and only) female Orthodox Jew so ordained) and Rabbi Ingber from a more eclectic fusion of tradi-

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tional Jewish learning and Eastern philosophy (he spent years studying Buddhism), what emerged of interest was how closely their goals mirrored those set out by Rabbi Stecker (and the lay leadership for Temple Israel): that we need to embrace multiple avenues for people to find relevance in Judaism. While not all the ideas espoused would likely work for us (Romemu, for example, has jettisoned the reading of the Haftorah and Musaf in favor of including other activities to stay within a two-and-a-half hour time frame), I think the conversation had real value in assisting our "Re-Imagining" of synagogue life.

In response to Rabbi Adelson's question directed at how synagogues could better attract the millennial generation, it became clear that all three clergy believed that today's younger Jews are searching more for meaning than prior generations, where there was a greater sense of obligation to institutional religion generally and, specifically, to the local synagogue. Rabbi Ingber maintained that the quest is for a spirituality where Judaism is felt in your "kishkas." This would, he argued, stand against the forces of assimilation and apathy we face today, where the Holocaust and Israel are not the center points once held. His approach seems holistic, combining elements of religion, philosophy and social concern. He faulted the "dead space" of parts of our traditional prayer service where the words

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

AARON LEVINE

husband of Sandra Levine
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father of Anna Kaplan

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brother of Ashley Nemiroff

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father of Norman Mirsky

AGHDAS MONASEBIAN

mother of Shahnaz Goldman
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

Sisterhood Helping To Mark Purim By Sending Shalah Manot Baskets

Celebrating Purim by distributing *shalah manot* baskets is traditional, and the Sisterhood is once again helping members of the congregation mark the holiday by offering to deliver the packages—filled with dried fruits, cookies, nuts, candy, and of course, hamantashen—to your friends and family.

Taking the service, which the Sisterhood has provided for many years, nationwide, packages will be mailed anywhere in the United States. The baskets are only \$15 each. Packages can be ordered and picked up at Temple Israel, rather than be mailed, for \$10 each.

All proceeds support the Sisterhood's Yad B'Yad program, which helps Temple Israel families in times of need.

The deadline for ordering packages is February 19. To place orders contact Iris Adler at 482-4421 or <irisadler13@gmail.com>.

Also available are Purim cards, which will extend your wishes for the holiday. The Sisterhood will even mail the cards for you, for orders of five cards or more. Cards are only \$5 each and proceeds are also donated to the Yad B'Yad program. To place an order contact Stacey Bernstein at 773-4316 or <sbernst458@aol.com>.

Help Prepare Shalah Manot

Care to help the Sisterhood assemble the Purim baskets? They will be put together in the Blue Room on Monday, February 23, beginning at 9 A.M., and the more helpful hands, the better, according to Mrs. Adler. "We have a great time," she said. "There is such a feeling of camaraderie and accomplishment."

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Jan.	25	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop II With Rabbi Adelson	10:30 A.M.
	25	EmpTI Nesters Book Talk	6:30 P.M.
	27	Sisterhood Lunch and Read	Noon
	29	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	30	Liberating Sparks: A Tu Bishvat Experience— <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner and Seder	7:30 P.M.
	31	Niggun Circle led by Cantor Frieder	1:00 P.M.
Feb.	1	Men's Club World-Wide Wrap	11:00 A.M.
	4	Tu Bishvat	
	5	Beth HaGan Nursery School Science Fair	5:00 P.M.
	8	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop III with Cantor Frieder	9:30 A.M.
	8	Singles Connection Sunday Brunch	11:00 A.M.
	8	PJ Library Storybook Theater Presents "The Adventures of Mitzvah Man and Estie the Mensch"	3:00 P.M.
	8	TILL Movie Night	7:30 P.M.
	9	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	26	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	28	Niggun Circle led by Cantor Frieder	1:00 P.M.

PJ Library Storybook Theater presents...

The Adventures of Mitzvah Man and Estie the Mensch

Mainstages, a professional theater troupe, brings high quality Jewish literature to life with the use of puppetry, storytelling, and performance. This interactive, fast-paced energetic show emphasizes the value in caring for humanity.

Free of charge--geared for ages 3-8 years

Sunday, February 8 3-4:15 P.M.

Crystal Ballroom

RSVP required by February 2
to Jodi Engel at 482-7800
or jengel@tign.org



*Is your smartphone overworked?
Are your relationships getting caught up
in technology?*

Hear guest speaker and social worker Linda Rose
discuss the pros and cons, socialize and network at a brunch!

**Sunday, February 8
11 A.M.-3 P.M. Blue Room**

The Singles Connection of Temple Israel
for singles 45+

Admission: \$20 • RSVP by Thursday, January 29 to
Cindy Pross at 498-9556 or Estelle Nadler at 487-1756

B'nai/B'not Mitzvah In Our Temple Israel Family



Spencer Horowitz

Spencer Horowitz will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on January 31. He is the son of Helene and Kenneth Horowitz and has a sister, Jillian, 15. Spencer is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School, where he is on the honor roll. He enjoys acting and playing baseball, tennis, volleyball and the saxophone. Spencer is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel with his family this summer.



Brandon Farajollah

Brandon Farajollah will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on February 7. He is the son of Navid and Ramin Farajollah and has a sister, Ariana, 16, and a brother, Justin, 10. Brandon is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing the piano, as well as basketball, football and lacrosse. Brandon enjoys acting in school musicals. He is planning to visit Israel this summer.



Ethan Youseffi

Ethan Youseffi will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on February 7. He is the son of Deborah and Albert Youseffi and has a sister, Ashley, 15, and a brother, Evan, 10. Ethan is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is on his school basketball team. Ethan plans to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following his *Bar Mitzvah* and visit Israel with his family in the summer.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Learning Through Bulletin Boards

By Rabbi Amy Roth

The hallways of the Religious School are filled with photographs chronicling the many moments of fun, Jewish living and learning. The bulletin boards tell the story of our year in the Religious School. They are also a gathering point prior to the start of school as well as when children rush to their rides after school. Besides the art work, the Temple Israel Religious School children all know to look for the signs, Hebrew and illustrations that adorn our walls and are all a part of the learning experience.

We know that Jewish education takes place in many settings: classrooms, *Shabbat* meals, and summer camp, to name a few. But would you be surprised to discover that the corridors of the education wing are significant to the overall Religious School learning experience? Each month, *Rosh Hodesh* signs adorn our colorful bulletin boards. These signs challenge our children to not only read the Hebrew on them, but also deduce the connections between the pictures and the new Hebrew month. Of course there are prizes for participation, but I also see unique enthusiasm and excitement regarding these hallway learning opportunities.

What is the best way to capitalize on an already-proven good thing? Add

more "content" to our corridors! Soon, you will see new Hebrew signs on our bulletin boards; we will call this our new *Tefillah* Challenge, and these pages will be nestled in-between our school photographs and art work. These challenges will encourage even more activity in the halls: *tefillah* challenges will include different levels for different ages, and will be excerpts from different prayers. Motivated by the fun (and better quality!) prizes, our children will be challenged to read (and in some cases, to chant) parts of the *tefillot*.

As with any new venture, we will figure out how to best make it work through some trial and error. But I suspect that within the next few months, our *Tefillah* Challenge will become part of our "corridor culture": that is, the awareness that the learning starts once each person steps foot in the building, not just into the classroom. Many places can become scenes where powerful learning takes place. Sometimes, you will hear Jewish music playing through the intercom before the start of school, and sometimes you may see children crowded around certain signs and pictures on the walls—eager to approach the beckoning bulletin board.

Congregation Thanks 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 December 6 were made by Linda and Kamran Makhani in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Limor, and Tareh and Dr. Farzan Shirazi in honor of the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Sheila Sohayegh.

Mazal Tov To . . .

- **Barbara and Leonard Schultz** on the engagement of their daughter, Jackie, to Russell Freeman.
- **Karen and Donald Ashkenase** on the birth of their granddaughter, Ellie Ashkenase.
- **Rachel Mathless** on the birth of her granddaughter, Esther Malka Abrams.
- **Cherie and Jon Kahen** on the birth of their daughter, Serena Rachel Kahen.

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.
Fri., Jan. 23	7:00 A.M.	4:45 P.M.
Fri., Jan. 30	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 24	9:00 A.M.	4:25 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 31	9:00 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Tu Bishvat: A Mystical Opportunity to Repair the World

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Living in the town of Tzefat in 16th-century northern Israel, Rabbi Isaac Luria dwelt among Spanish-Jewish exiles who traded heavily in the mystical concepts of *kabbalah*, ancient received wisdom. Rabbi Luria, sometimes referred to by his acronym, the AR"Y (*Elohi Rabbi Yitzḥaq*, the divine Rabbi Isaac), crafted a new approach to *kabbalah* which envisioned God's *tzimtzum* (contraction) in creating the world. This *tzimtzum* caused the infinite light of God to be poured to overflowing into the vessels that had contained the ten *sefirot* (Divine emanations) of the Tree of Life, causing many of them to shatter. Some of these vessel fragments became bound up with sparks of the original light in impure *qelipot* (shells). Rabbi Luria saw one of our goals as Jews to be liberating those sparks from the *qelipot*, and thus repairing the world.

One ceremony which grew out of the Lurianic school of kabbalistic thought is the Tu Bishvat *seder*. Modeled on the Passover discussion and dinner that we all know, the mystical Tu Bishvat *seder* featured the consumption of shelled fruits and nuts as a physical manifestation of our task to repair the world through seeking and opening the metaphorical *qelipot*. Although Tu Bishvat is identified in rabbinic literature as the day on which all trees in the world turn one year older, the Lurianic kabbalists reframed it as an opportunity to celebrate not only the actual trees, but the *Etz Ḥayyim*, the sefirotic Tree of Life, and to return sparks to their primordial source.

We at Temple Israel will attempt to liberate a few sparks on the evening of January 30, as we gather for the N'ranena musical Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner and a mystical Tu Bishvat experience. Join us as we drink four cups of wine or grape juice, eat tree produce, chant a *niggun* or two, and connect with the Tree of Life. It will be a sacred moment for the entire family.

Temple Israel Museum Adds Two Rare Items to Its Collection

Temple Israel's museum has added two unusual pieces to its collection.

The first is a rare and unique beaker form silver Kiddush cup hallmarked Porunn (now Brno, Moravia, Czech Republic), 1864. What makes it rare is the four Hebrew words engraved on the bottom: "*Tzamarkad tana igal pezek.*" These are Kabbalistic combinations of letters meant to repel evil forces and bring good fortune. The entire detailed explanation can be found on the label in front of the cup, in the front case of the museum.

The second piece is a large carved wood *mezuzah* from early 20th century Hungary. The rounded form has a tapering top and bottom with ball finials. The top cap removes to reveal a compartment for the parchment. A decorative carved design separates the upper and lower halves, which are completely carved with Hebrew inscriptions. This piece is available for dedication.

To honor a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, special birthday, anniversary, loved one or any special event, contact David Feingold at 487-2283.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, January 23.....4:43 P.M.
Friday, January 30.....4:51 P.M.

'Liberating Sparks: A Tu Bishvat Experience' Friday Evening, January 30

A musically enhanced N'Ranena service begins at 6:30 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room followed by a Shabbat Dinner and Tu Bishvat Seder at 7:30 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom.

Elevate yourself with the ritual sharing of four cups of wine or juice, of fruits and nuts, of song, and of our Jewish journeys.

EARLY BIRD DINNER SPECIAL

UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:
\$25/adult; \$12/for children 12 and under

AFTER FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:
\$35/adult; \$20/for children 12 and under
(children 2 and under are free)

Reservations will not be taken after Wednesday, January 28

SPECIAL FEATURE: Fun educational activities for younger children during the seder!

For reservations call Marion at 482-7800 ext. 1106

Celebrate Shabbat Shirah 'The Shabbat of Song'

Friday evening, January 30
6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Saturday morning, January 31
9 A.M. in the Sanctuary
with Cantor Raphael Frieder
for this special musical celebration

SABBATH SERVICES

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Saturday, January 31

Bar Mitzvah

SPENCER HOROWITZ

son of Helene and Kenneth Horowitz

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle	1:00 P.M.
Minḥah	4:30 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	5:00 P.M.
Ma'ariv	5:37 P.M.
Havdalah	5:52 P.M.

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From the President: Reaching Congregants

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are, to him, meaningless. Instead, he offers varying combinations of communal sharing of feelings, singing/dance and even yoga to the prayer experience. The goal for him is to make the "i" generation, with its emphasis on individual gratification, a 'we' generation of communal caring.

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to reach congregants,
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their minds or even their 'kishkas.'*

Rabba Hurwitz, while not advocating changes in the *Shabbat* service, recognized that today's synagogue needs to be more than just a place for prayer. Somewhat surprisingly to me, given the greater *Shabbat* service participation levels typically had in Orthodox congregations, Rabba Hurwitz argued that today's synagogue needs to more resemble Jewish community centers because "the *minyán* doesn't speak to everyone." She advocated for a greater role for women in Orthodox Judaism as well as broader interaction with other branches of Judaism and, indeed, other faiths, for exchanges of ideas.

Rabbi Stecker spoke to exploring "multiple paths" for congregants to find relevance, stressing the need to listen to what congregants desire. Rabbi Stecker contended we need to offer more than "a sense of obligation," for that would not suffice to meet the needs of the younger generation of Jews where current norms of ethnicity and culture are likely to diminish. He argued for analyzing what about Judaism is "timeless and compelling," and retaining those elements, but also exploring ways to change to meet today's needs. He offered as an example encourag-

ing congregants to lead parts of the service to make them feel more a part of the experience.

That these clergy, coming from different paths of Judaism, all agree that we need extend our focus beyond prayer services supports our initiative of opening more portals of entry to the synagogue. We are working to find ways to reach congregants, whether through their hearts, their minds or even their "kishkas," and it was heartening to hear that others agree with our emphasis.

While Rabbi Ingber's views as to how to make the prayer service more meaningful extend

beyond which many would find comfortable (he commented in discussion after the program that it is easier to make changes when you are not part of a formal movement), the success he is having—a large increase in membership, healthy attendance at services and programs—further supports our Tefillah ReImagine Project and should encourage us to continue the discussion.

And, Rabba Hurwitz's call for greater dialogue among Jews, echoing the formation of the Great Neck Shul Presidents' group and the recent Great Neck Shabbat Project, ratifies efforts there.

The take-away from the evening: we can't sit still. The challenge (to borrow our movement's mantra): the right balance of tradition and change as we move forward, as we must, to thrive.

Next Showing In TILL Movie Series Is February 8

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The film has garnered a number of recognitions, including the Producers Guild Award as an outstanding documentary earlier this month. It was named the Best Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival last year.

"Each of the movies being shown in the series has the theme of individuals playing both sides of the Israeli Palestinian conflict for both political and personal reasons," said Susan Wagner, the co-chair of the TILL committee planning the series. "The individuals involved in each film are faced with moral dilemmas most of us never have to confront. It should not make us judgmental, but should help to open our eyes to the extreme behavior that people on both sides of the conflict are forced into."

Rabbi Howard Stecker, who will lead an audience discussion following the presentation, said: "These films present personal dimensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, giving faces and names to what can seem, from afar, to be purely ideological and political."

The film is the second presentation in the congregation's winter film series. The next movie will be shown on March 8. The last picture, shown in January, was "Omar, The Movie," a thriller about a Palestinian baker who routinely climbs over the separation wall to meet with his girlfriend. It raised ethical issues about behavior in difficult circumstances.

For further information about the series, call the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

Temple Israel Grant to Provide Teens With a Surfing Summer

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The camp is being offered with the Forest Hills Jewish Center, which jointly applied for the grant with Temple Israel. The idea for the camp program occurred to Mr. Mishkin when he was surfing with his 6-year old son, Derek, in Long Beach last summer. He received an e-mail from UJA's Jewish Education Project and the Jim Joseph Foundation seeking to fund "out-of-the-box summer immersion experiences for Jewish teens." Sababa Surf Camp is one of eight programs funded through a grant that will be overseen by the Jewish Education Project as part of the New York Incubator for Immersive Summer Experiences for Jewish Teens.

In his proposal, Mr. Mishkin said: "Few experiences provide the pure joy of surfing. The feeling of riding a first wave is exhilarating and addicting. Sababa Surf Camp accesses the physical thrill of surfing, the tools of Jewish spirituality, the beauty of the beach and ocean, and a non-competitive environment where each camper challenges himself or herself so that all teens can become more passionate, balanced and joyous."

He said he shared his ideas with a friend, Lynn Lancaster, the director of education at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. "The more we discussed it, the more we decided this should be a joint venture," he said.

"What we proposed is a Jewish surfing spirituality retreat for teenagers. We will recite Shoharim every morning using the water, sand and the beauty of our surroundings as the perfect setting to help teens find meaning in daily prayer. We will combine meditative practices, camp style games,

and relaxation tools—based around Jewish prayers—to empower teens to cope with stress during the year. Every day at lunch we will have a themed discussion based upon Jewish texts to help teens find balance and to discover the feeling of being passionate."

He said plans call for the camp to reach out to teens in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and on Long Island. Transportation to the camp is included in the package.

A session from June 29-July 3 and another from August 24-28 is \$995. A session from August 17-22, which includes an overnight *Shabbat* and beach bonfire, is \$1,195. Each session includes round-trip bus transportation, with pick-up at 9 A.M and drop-off at 5 P.M. Opting out of the transportation decreases session costs. Temple Israel, Forest Hills Jewish Center, and other partner youth organizations will receive a \$100 group discount for their teens. Scholarships are also available.

Details about the camp are available on its website, <www.sababasurf.org> or by calling Mr. Mishkin at 482-7800 ext. 2106.

Longtime Waxman Youth House instructor Moji Pourmoradi will staff one of the sessions. Although the foundations funding the camp have committed subsidies for two years, the amount for the second year will be based upon the success of the camp during the first year.

The Jim Joseph Foundation, committed to the legacy of its founder, the late Jim Joseph, exclusively supports the education of Jewish youth and young adults who are residents of the United States. Mr. Joseph's company, Interland Corporation, widely acquired and developed commercial and residential property in what is now Silicon Valley, California.

Other financial support for the camp comes from the UJA's Jewish Education Project, which funds multiple initiatives "so we can create new models that change how, what, and where people learn."

Mr. Mishkin said: "The camp will provide our teens with a chance to explore what adolescence is all about, an opportunity to have a fantastic time, explore spirituality, meet other Jewish teens from the New York

Heritage Trumps Hatred

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to our *mitzvot*, our Torah; to remain stubbornly proud of who we are and who our God is. Our pride is more powerful than their hatred.

We mourn for those fellow Jews who fell at the hands of terrorists; our hearts go out to their families, to those of the French Jewish community who are feeling ever more besieged, and to all lovers of peace and freedom throughout the world whose hearts ache over the events of the past week. And we reach once again for the story of our national foundation, invoking as we do every time we finish reading the Torah the words of *Eiklah* / Lamentations (5:22): *Hashiveinu Adonai eilekha venashuva, hadesh yameinu keqedem*. Return us to you, O God, and we shall return; renew our days as of old.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Bo Saturday, January 24

We continue the account of the ten plagues with the last three, in this portion. The plagues of locusts and darkness are described and then the account is interpreted in order to record a detailed set of instructions which God gives to Moses and Aaron to prepare the Israelites for freedom. They are first directed to establish a calendar starting with the month of liberation, Nisan. The calendar is meant to provide social and religious cohesion as well as to symbolize the free man's ability, indeed responsibility, to make time. Then follow directions for offering the paschal sacrifice (to be eaten in haste) and for smearing blood on the door posts and lintels so Israelite houses will be spared the final plague. God then passes over the land and kills all the first born sons of the Egyptians, whereupon Pharaoh finally sends the Israelites out and they begin their journey toward Sinai. The Exodus is the key event in all Jewish history, and the instructions given here are by way of assuring that we remember God's role as redeemer to eternity.

Beshalah Saturday, January 31

In this portion we follow the Israelites' journey to the Red Sea, where they find themselves trapped by pursuing Egyptian forces. God affects the miraculous crossing of the sea and the destruction of the Egyptians, and the Israelites rejoice singing the "Song of the Sea." The journey to Sinai may now be resumed, but three challenges are immediately encountered. The people complain that they have no bread. In response, God provides manna and gives directions for gathering it during the week and for the Sabbath. They further complain that they have no water, and God provides it from a rock. Finally, when the people are attacked by the Amalekites, Joshua heads a band of soldiers who defeat the attackers while Moses holds up the staff of God to encourage the Israelites. These incidents all serve to highlight the difficulty of transforming slaves into free men who can rely on God, yet act on their own behalf.

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Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 28

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Haftarah: Judges 4:4 - 5:31

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