



Planning for the Future of Temple Israel

By Marc Katz, Editor

Planning for the future of Temple Israel is the mission being undertaken by a new congregational committee chaired by Lynn Weitzman, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Larry Greengrass, a former trustee.

"We intend to look at every aspect of synagogue life and how it relates to the future of the congregation," Mrs. Weitzman said. "It is very critical in today's world for synagogues to be strategic in their thinking. There is so much done by the clergy, the lay leadership and the staff with regards to the day-to-day operation of the congregation that sometimes it is difficult to step back, look at the big picture, and plan for the future.

"During the next year our committee

will come up with a strategic plan that will identify our congregation's needs and goals, as well as the strategies to achieve them."

The initial step for the committee is a survey, sent to the congregation earlier this month both by email and regular mail to assess membership needs and priorities. The survey, as well as initial meetings of the committee, was assisted by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Sulam Program, designed to lead congregations through the creation of a mission and vision statement. Nadine Kochavi, United Synagogue's transformation specialist and former kehilah relationship manager for METNY, has been helping the committee formulate their plans.

Members of the congregation who

have not received a survey or would like an additional copy of it should contact the Temple Israel office. All congregants are encouraged to complete the survey, as every reply provides important information for the planning process.

The committee includes Kiu Geula, Dan Goldberger, Parvaneh Khodadadian, Veronica Lurvey, President Rob Panzer, Lila Bernstein-Schoen, Executive Director Leon Silverberg, and Rabbi Howard Stecker. Task forces to be set up by the committee will involve additional members of the congregation.

The committee plans to interview every Temple Israel arm, organization and affinity group and conduct a series of town

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Surfing and Jewish Education: What a Way to Spend the Summer!



Surfing Josh Gal

Surfing and spiritual Jewish education at Temple Israel's Sababa Surf Camp is a unique way to spend the summer—and it is receiving rave reviews upon completion of the first of three sessions.

"The kids just love it," said Danny Mishkin, Temple Israel's director of the Waxman High School and Youth Engagement. "I've never seen a level of enthusiasm like this before."

The program combines a day of surfing with discussion and meditation. Discussion themes have covered "Resilience" and "Finding Your Mantra." Morning beach meditation is based upon the Shacharit Service and afternoon beach meditation is based upon the Ma'ariv Service. "We recognize the divine spark around us, the divine spark in each individual we see and, most importantly, the divine spark in ourselves, as we recite the Ma Tovv prayer every morning" Mr. Mishkin said.

The entire day is designed to be a spiritual experience, fostering an environment of "Sababa," Hebrew for "no worries." "In this way, surfing becomes a spiritual experience too, with prayer relating to our surroundings. We begin the Amidah prayer together and then, during the silent part, each teen finds his or her own space on the beach to reflect on the beauty of our surroundings and on one's relationship to something larger than themselves."

The week long sessions are held at Rockaway Beach's Skudin Surf, a school offering surfing instruction. The next session will run from August 17-22 and includes a *Shabbat* overnight and Havdalah beach bonfire. The third session is from August 24-28.

For enrollment information visit www.sababasurf.org or call 499-5349.

Surf's up!



Alex Geula rides a wave

To the Members of the A.M.E. Church *Strategic Planning*

By Eric P. Rosen

By Robert Panzer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Eric Rosen, president of Young Israel of Great Neck and the Great Neck Community Council of Synagogue Presidents, which Temple Israel belongs to, wrote the following letter after the recent church murders in South Carolina.

Dear Congregants of Emanuel A.M.E. Church:

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the faithful of Emanuel A.M.E. Church on the tragic passing of your pastor, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, and your fellow

*...all of the members
of the Council
expressed our collective
horror at the events
that befell your
congregation...*

congregants, whose lives were taken from us in such shocking manner.

I write this letter to you wearing two different hats. The first is of a fellow

FROM THE RABBI

Charleston native, who grew up in the "Holy City" and who is intimately familiar with the rich history of the Lowcountry. Many of you may actually know my father, Samuel Rosen ("Doctor Sam"), whose Avenue Pharmacy and then Charleston Cut-Rate Drug Stores were fixtures of downtown Charleston for decades before he retired about ten years ago. My parents still reside in Charleston, and though I have been living elsewhere since shortly after I graduated from Middleton High School in 1985, I still—and shall always—consider myself a Charlestonian. My parents have been lifelong members of Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue, located in downtown Charleston, less than one mile from your church.

My second hat is that of the president of my local synagogue, the Young Israel of Great Neck, and additionally as a member of the Great Neck Community Council of Synagogue Presidents, in Great Neck, Long Island, New York, where I live with

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With Gratitude

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Over the past several months, as we have all come to the collective realization that my family and I are actually leaving, many members of the congregation have come to me to express their gratitude for my role here, their disappointment that I am leaving tempered by their enthusiasm for my new opportunity in Pittsburgh, and their wishes for good luck in the future. We are grateful for and amazed by the outpouring of support and generally saddened and excited and anxious and swimming in a veritable sea of emotions.

I am grateful for inviting me into your hearts, your lives, and your homes. I am thankful for the holy moments we have shared, the moments of joy and the moments of sorrow. You have all taught me far more than I could ever have learned by hanging around the Jewish Theological Seminary, which I did as long as possible (seven-and-a-half years!); the practical knowledge that you have all given me about Jews, Judaism, and the Jewish community is far more valuable than anything I could learn in school.

Judy, Hannah, Zev, Oryah and I have tried to live by "the campsite rule," that is, to leave any place that you stay in, in better shape than when you arrived. In the eight years that we have spent in Great Neck, I have witnessed gradual, substantive change here, and all for the better. We are now a more welcoming congregation. We have spent time re-envisioning our educational

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offerings, our *tefillah* (prayer) offerings, our printed materials, our social media presence, and so forth. As part of the senior staff team, we have worked hard to integrate programs and break down internal silos. We have created new ways of connecting with each other and Jewish tradition: the Nitzanim Family Connection, the

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One of the important projects Temple Israel is participating in is Sulam for Strategic Planners. This program, run by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is designed to allow congregations to, in their words, "plan for the next three to five years, not for the next 35 days."

We are in the first stages of the process and have thus far created a Steering Committee consisting of Co-Chairs Larry Greengrass and Lynn Weitzman and members Kiu Geula, Dan Goldberger, Parvaneh Khodadadian, Veronica Lurvey, and Lila Schoen. Additionally, Rabbi Stecker, Executive Director Leon Silverberg and I are part of the committee.

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Each member of the congregation has been sent an email with a link to a survey that will give the Strategic Planning Committee information to begin the planning process. If Temple Israel does not have a member's email address, then a hard copy was mailed to the house. If you haven't received it, or by chance deleted it, please contact the office for another copy. Please make every effort to take the survey and return it to the office promptly, as we hope to compile the results by the end of July.

The survey was designed by United Synagogue. We understand that some questions may seem somewhat generic, but it is expected to provide us a wealth of information to begin the process. There may be questions that may not pertain to our congregation or to you as an individual; feel free to skip them.

There will also be ample opportunity for members to express themselves in the coming months. As we move along we will inform the congregation of our progress in this program.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have any questions or concerns. I can best be reached in the back of the sanctuary on *Shabbat* mornings (beginning July 25) or by email at <Robpanzer18@gmail.com>.

Temple Israel August Office Hours

The office will be open on Sunday, August 23 and 30 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

LYNN BARFIELD
sister of Leonard Abrams

RHODA GOLOB
mother of Nancy Schlessel

ARTHUR HYMAN
son of Muriel Hyman

May their memories be for a blessing.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., July 18	9:00 A.M.	7:45 P.M.
Sat., July 25	9:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
<i>Erev Tish'ah Be'av</i>		
Sat., August 1	9:00 A.M.	7:35 P.M.
Sat., August 8	9:00 A.M.	7:25 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, July 17.....	8:06 P.M.
Friday, July 24.....	8:01 P.M.
Friday, July 31.....	7:54 P.M.
Friday, August 7.....	7:47 P.M.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Laura and Manny Bardash** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Carmi Bardash, to Michael Detaranto.
- **Michael Ziegelbaum** on the engagement of his son, Matthew, to Elizabeth Caudle.
- **Nancy and Lawrence Greengrass** on the birth of their grandson, Liam Charles Greengrass.
- **Vivian and Mark Kollenscher** on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Aaron Grossman.
- **Joyce and Burton Weston** on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Gabriel Weston.
- **Ellen Cooper** on the birth of her great-grandson, Robert Arie Rosenberg.

TEMPLE LITES

- **Brandon Etan Reed**, son of Elisabeth Frankel Reed and Colin Alexander Reed, placed second in the Great Neck Public School's Intermediate Chess Trekkers Tournament. Brandon is entering second grade at the Saddle Rock Elementary School.

Next Voice Issues, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Friday, August 13. The deadline for that issue is Friday, July 24.

The following issue, the Rosh Hashanah edition, will be published on Friday, August 27. The deadline for that issue is Friday, August 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

July	21	EmpTI Nesters Picnic in the Park and Music Under the Stars	7:30 P.M.
	23	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	25	<i>Erev Tish'ah Be'av</i>	
	26	<i>Tish'ah Be'av</i>	
August	11	Fiesta Cubana Dinner and Lecture Sponsored by Sisterhood	7:00 P.M.

Sisterhood's Fiesta Cubana Will Celebrate Cuban Jewry August 11

A celebration of Cuban Jewry—"Fiesta Cubana"—is coming to Temple Israel on August 11 at 7 P.M.

Following a traditional kosher Cuban dinner, participants will explore the long history of the Jews of Cuba (the first Jews arrived with Columbus in 1492), their customs, traditions and music. There will even be a song or two ("Guantanamera").

Cuba is in the headlines almost daily and Jews played an integral role in Cuban history. In the tradition of last summer's "Evening in Dublin" and "A South African *Shabbat*," Sisterhood will once again host an international evening focusing on the Jews of other lands. The travel guide will be Temple Israel member Gloria Nachmanoff, a Cuban native.

The program is open to all men and women of the congregation, their friends and guests. The cost is \$36 per person. Print a return form from the Temple Israel website (left hand column) or call Denise in the synagogue office, 482-7800, to reserve your place. The deadline for reservations is August 4 and no one will be admitted without a reservation.



70 Congregants Participate In Shabbat Koleinu

By Neda Sedge

Raising their collective voices, 70 women and men in the congregation led a weekend of *Shabbat* services in what they called *Shabbat Koleinu*, "Our Voice."

Under the mentorship of Cantor Raphael Frieder, the participants, aged 12 to 80-plus, prepared and led all *Shabbat* services, starting with Friday *Minchah*, and ending with *Havdalah* on Saturday night.

A special celebratory Friday night *Shabbat* dinner featured Rabbi Seth Adelson as the keynote speaker, who reflected on his eight years at Temple Israel.

Shabbat Koleinu was an experience that left all participants with a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie by learning together and contributing to communal prayer, said many of the participants

Congregants taking part in the service included George Abrahams; Linda Abrams; Judith Adelson; Eleanor Yomtobian Askari; Terry Bernstein; William Blye; Josh Charry and Becky Friedman-Charry; Harold Citron; Rebecca Cohenmehr; Aliza Fine; Van Frankel; Wendy Fried; Rachel, Kiumarz and Aaron Geula; Lesli Giglio; Shahnaz Goldman; Madelyn Gould; Brent Greenspan; Sima Homapour; Spencer Horowitz; Sherry and Sam Husney; Jon Kaiman; and Simon Kashfi.

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Temple Israel Invites You To Observe

TISH'AH BE'AV

Commemorating the Destruction of the First Temple (in 586 BCE)
and the Second Temple (in 70 CE) in Jerusalem,
and the Exile of the Jewish People

This solemn day reflects the greatest tragedies of Jewish history (including the Holocaust), but also serves as a reminder that the Jewish tradition of renewal is alive in Israel and in America. It is customary to fast from sunset until dark the following night.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 25 • 8:00 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit (light meal) at 7:15 P.M.

Fast begins at 8:00 P.M.

Minhah, *Ma'ariv* and the reading of *Eikhah* (the Book of Lamentations) led by Rabbi Stecker, Rabbi Adelson, Cantor Frieder and members of the congregation who will chant *Eikhah* and other selections.

Please come prepared to sit on the floor and sing mournful melodies.

(Chairs available if needed)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Shaharit 8:15 A.M. (without *tallit* and *tefillin*),

including Torah reading and *kinot* (poems of lament)

Minhah (including Torah and *Haftarah* appropriate for *Tish'ah Be'av* with *tallit* and *tefillin*) and *Ma'ariv* 8:00 P.M.

Fast ends at 9:01 P.M.

70 Congregants Take Part In Shabbat Koleinu

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Marc Langsner; Karen Lewkowitz-Miller and Monte Miller; Susan and Bob Lopatkin; Cheryl Moin; Rahel Musleah; Andy Nadler; Estelle Nadler; Lori Oppenheimer; Ofra and Rob Panzer; Moji Pourmoradi; Eileen and Mickey Putterman; Josh Rothbaum; Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni; Suanne and David Scherr; Neda Sedgh; Abe Sheffy; Harriet Spitzer-Picker; Barbara and Howard Spun; Deanna Stecker; Diana Stein; Judith Szigeti; Sima Taeid; Debbie Volk; Joyce Weston; Robert Wurtzel; and David Zielenziger.

"There are two very fulfilling and bonding experiences in community life," said Cantor Frieder. "One is singing together, and the other is learning and working towards achieving a common goal. When you combine the two, you ascend to even greater heights of energy and togetherness. Everyone who attended services on *Shabbat Koleinu* felt that in the air, and was moved and inspired by it."

Cantor Frieder is looking forward to celebrating *Shabbat Kol Ishah*, "Women's Voices," next year on June 10 and 11.

To the Members of the Emanuel A.M.E. Church

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my wife and four sons. Like Charleston, Great Neck is a community with residents of diverse backgrounds and faiths, and one that prides itself on such diversity.

At our recent meeting, all of the members of the Council expressed our collective horror at the events that befell your congregation last week. While we may not have been able to physically attend the vigils and prayer services in Charleston, as I understand many of the members of the local Jewish community have done, we wished

to send a letter to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We have watched with awe and admiration at the inspiring manner in which you have responded to this tragedy, and we can only hope and pray that your incredible strength during this time of darkness will serve as a lesson to all that prejudice and hate will not deter us from our missions. We stand in solidarity with you and wish you no more sorrow or pain, and hope that you will be able to emerge stronger and unified, with a new sense of purpose.

Committee Is Planning Congregation's Future

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hall-type meetings, as additional tools to supplement their survey.

"We want as much feedback from the congregation as possible," Mr. Greengrass said. "The membership will drive the issues that will be addressed. Our goal is to involve as many members of the synagogue community as possible."

The survey covers a broad range of topics, asking members questions including:

- How long have you been a member of the congregation?
- Why have you chosen to continue to be a member?
- How would you rate your overall satisfaction with our congregation?
- How likely are you to remain a member for the next five years?
- How satisfied are you with our physical facility?
- How satisfied are you with programs and activities of our congregation?
- How often do you attend services?
- What is the number one social issue on your mind?

Following tabulation of survey results the committee will set up a series of task forces to address issues that emerge. "We are in the process of learning what the congregation wants and needs," Mr. Greengrass said. "I am a very big believer in strategic planning. In order for synagogues such as ours to thrive we simply have to plan for the future."

The committee's long-range plan is the implementation of a specific written strategic plan to guide the congregation for the next three to five years. "This is not to suggest a lack of success for the congregation at the present time, but to look into our future, to respond in a most positive way to our future needs, and to continue to move Temple Israel forward."

Congregation Thanks Its Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on May 23 was made by Dorit and Shahram Zarnighian in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Bianca. A contribution toward the *kiddush* on May 25, the second day of Shavuot, was made by Barbara and Leonard Schultz.

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Vav Family Retreat, the Sababa Surf Camp, and so forth. We have built bonds between people. I am happy to say that this campsite is in much better shape than it was in 2007.

I am grateful for having such wonderful professional partners here at Temple Israel: Danny Mishkin, with whom I have had an exceptionally creative and symbiotic relationship; Rachel Mathless, who gave Hannah and Zev (and many others!) a stellar basis in Jewish tradition, story, and ritual; Rabbi Amy Roth, whose guidance and collaboration have been invigorating and enjoyable; Cantor Raphael Frieder, whose collegial partnership has been invaluable; Leon Silverberg, whose steady leadership in the office has made our synagogue environment much more pleasant and efficient; and, of course, Rabbi Howard Stecker, who has given me all the tutelage I needed as a fledgling rabbi, including the amount of figurative rope necessary with which to hang myself.

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As we all move forward, we say in Hebrew "*Lehitra'ot ulehishtame'a.*" Let us see and hear from one another again. May 5776 be a year of blessing, growth, and joy, and may we all be favored with many more reasons to be grateful.

Today rabbah.

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Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

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

Weekly Portion: *Mattot-Mase*

Numbers 30:2 - 36:13

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Niggun Circle following kiddush

Minhah 7:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:15 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:51 P.M.

Havdalah 9:06 P.M.

Friday, July 24

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 25 - Shabbat Hazon

Erev Tish'ah Be'av

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Devarim*

Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:15 P.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Friday, July 31

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 1

Shabbat Nahamu

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Va'ethannan*

Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 - 26

Shabbat Up Close and Personal 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:35 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:38 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:05 P.M.

Havdalah 8:53 P.M.

Friday, August 7

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 8

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Ekev*

Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:25 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:30 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:55 P.M.

Havdalah 8:45 P.M.