



## Robert Panzer to Lead New Slate of Congregation Officers

By Marc Katz, Editor

When Robert Panzer becomes Temple Israel's new president next month he brings with him detailed knowledge about the workings of the congregation, the result of years of experience as an officer and active



Newly-elected President Robert Panzer marched in this year's Israel Day Parade.

participant in numerous committees.

He intends to put that involvement to use "to find ways to reach out to the greater community. I want them to know who we are and the good that we do," he said, reflecting on goals for his term, which is about to begin. "That is the message we have to get out."

He said membership will be a priority of his. "Membership should be the responsibility of everyone," he said. "All of the congregation should be talking up Temple Israel. It is everyone's charge to speak positively about all of the good things going on at Temple Israel."

Rob said the congregation does lifecycle events very well. "We do an outstanding job preparing our children for their *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*, for example. "And, our outreach is excellent. We do an amazing job in reaching out to people who contact the congregation asking about membership. And for those who join us, we surely make them feel welcome. But, there is much more we have to do to tell people about the positives about our congregation."

He has served as a Temple Israel vice president for six years and was a member of the Board of Trustees for two terms. He has been a member of the Finance, Communications, Pastoral, Membership, Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Gemilut Chesed Committees. In addition, he has chaired or co-chaired the Temple Israel Golf Outing, online auction, Afula Concert, Comedy Night, Dues Task Force Committee, and *Shabbat Koleinu* and *Shabbat Hagever*. He is a *Shabbat* Greeter, usher during the High Holy Days, and serves as a *gabbai*.

He and his wife, Ofra, joined Temple Israel 21 years ago. Ofra, a member of the Board of Trustees, also serves as the chair of the Membership Committee and has been active with many other congregational committees. The couple has four children, Aviva, Sam, Tamar and Ari.

Rob an orthodontist, grew up in Bayside and has had his own Great Neck

practice for more than 25 years. For six years he was a clinical assistant professor of orthodontics at the NYU College of Dentistry, and for 15 years he served as the director of orthodontics at the Nassau University Medical Center.

The Panzers have participated in many METNY and United Synagogue conferences and programs on synagogue leadership and intend to attend the United Synagogue international convention, titled "Shape The Center," to be held in Schaumburg, Illinois, in November.

"I'm not coming into office saying that I have all the answers to questions facing the congregation," he said, "but I am willing to listen to all and tackle the issues facing us to the best of my ability."

### *New Officers and Board Members Elected*

A new slate of officers was elected to lead the congregation for the next two years—led by President Robert Panzer—at the congregational meeting held earlier this month. He takes office on July 1.

He will lead a slate of officers including Daniel Goldberger, Madelyn Gould, Brent Greenspan, Seth Horowitz, Robert Lopatkin, Zina Rutkin-Becker, and Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, vice presidents.

Elected to the Board of Trustees were Harold Citron, Adam Covitt, Jeffrey Englander, Jacqueline Harounian, and Neda Sedgh. Completing terms on the Board are Eleanor Yomtobian Askari, Laura Gal, Gary Noren, Brian Zeitlin, and Michael Ziegelbaum. There are currently two vacant seats on the Board.

Revisions to the congregation's by-laws and the operating budget for the coming year were also approved. The budget calls for an adjustment of some fees and a small dues increase.

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By Ofra and Rob Panzer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Temple Israel members Ofra and Rob Panzer recently told the Men's Club of an adult USY tour of Poland, the first of its kind, in which they participated. This Guest Column contains excerpts from their presentation.

During July of 2013, we participated in the first United Synagogue Youth (USY) Adult Poland Seminar. For those of you unfamiliar with USY summer programs, Eastern Europe Pilgrimage is a six week trip for teens,

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which includes two weeks in Eastern Europe followed by four weeks in Israel. The Adult Poland Seminar was the one week experience that the teen groups spend in Poland.

The trip was led by Jules Gutin, a veritable walking encyclopedia of the Holocaust. His experience and sensitivity as to how to handle daily discussions on such a difficult topic was evident and meaningful.

FROM THE RABBI

## Straight From the Heart

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

If you ask a group of Jews to tell you what comes to mind when you say the word "prayer," you are likely to hear things like: "Hebrew," "services," "melodies from my childhood," or "wish I had more of a background." When Jews think of prayer, we tend to think about fixed communal prayer, "services" that occur on *Shabbat* and holidays and at the weekday *minyan*.

As a synagogue, we have focused on helping people to feel more comfortable with fixed communal prayer. Prayer is a cornerstone of our Religious School curriculum as we help children gain comfort with the mechanics and meaning of our liturgy. For adults, we offer classes aimed at increasing familiarity and facility with the prayers in our *Siddur*, Rabbi Adelson has led a monthly *Shabbat* morning service and discussion around prayer themes and Cantor Frieder has taught hundreds of children and adults how to lead everything ranging from individual prayers to extensive portions of our service.

He has been leading teen groups on Pilgrimage since 1986.

We visited Majdanek, Auschwitz, and Treblinka, and were able to make a brief stop at Oskar Schindler's factory. With special arrangements, we were allowed to preview the new Jewish Museum in Warsaw, even though it was incomplete at the time. It recently opened to the public; a thoughtfully designed and beautiful building with very interesting exhibits.

Among the historic sites were several very old cemeteries that represented the long tenure of Jewish life in Poland prior to the Holocaust. We saw the sewer system exit hole that served as an escape route from the ghetto. The grating with the Star of David was added in 2013 to identify its significance. We saw some of the few remaining synagogues, as well as some of the new sites of Jewish life in Poland, such as the brand new JCC in Krakow, and were

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But fixed communal prayer is only one type of Jewish prayer. We don't need a *minyan* to recite a psalm when we are feeling grateful or anxious. There is yet another type of prayer that our tradition encourages, one that we often overlook as a legitimate form of Jewish prayer, and that is spontaneous prayer.

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it with other religious traditions or we're concerned that it won't be articulate enough or it just feels too awkward.

And yet I suspect that most of us have been moved at some time or other to offer our own prayer—a hope, a wish, a thank you. I suspect that most of us have wanted

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## On Rabbi Waxman

By Steven Markowitz

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Temple Israel Past President Steven Markowitz fondly recalled Rabbi Mordecai Waxman during his presentation at the recent Waxman Memorial Program. This Guest Column contains excerpts from his talk.

I could easily take up my few minutes by reviewing Rabbi Waxman's incomparable achievements that marked him as one of the most accomplished, productive and admired rabbis of the 20th Century. Even those of you who were not part of Temple Israel during his 55-year tenure are aware of the role he played in developing and teaching the theology, role and practice of Conservative Judaism.

He was an active participant in promoting the relationship between the Ameri-

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can Jewish community and Israel, and a leading spokesman in public and government circles on matters affecting the welfare of Jews all over the world. And, of course, Rabbi Waxman was the Jewish leader most responsible for the reconciliation between the Jewish people and the Catholic Church. We can never forget his famous meeting with the Pope in Miami and the important work he did with leaders of all faiths.

Our synagogue was, mainly because of the presence and accomplishments of this man, one of the dominant and most influential synagogues in the United States and the world. Because of his leadership and inspiration, almost every major Jewish organization was at one time either led by or included people in major roles from Temple Israel of Great Neck. All this just didn't happen by accident. He built the active Jewish community here.

Rabbi Waxman assumed the Temple Israel pulpit shortly after the war ended and the Jewish world was picking up the pieces following the Holocaust. Refugees had to be rescued and settled, and the fight for the creation of the State of Israel was underway. Here in the United States the GI's were

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

**ALICE BRODER**

wife of Aaron Broder  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

**DR. SOL GOURJI**

brother of Alina Hendler

May their memories 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.
Fri., June 19, 26 & July 10	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Fri., July 3	8:15 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.	7:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, June 19.....	8:11 P.M.
Friday, June 26.....	8:12 P.M.
Friday, July 3.....	8:12 P.M.
Friday, July 10.....	8:10 P.M.

## Congratulations, Grads!

The following students, children of Temple Israel members, are marking their college graduations, as submitted to The Voice:

- **Noor Nicole Taied**, daughter of Marjan and Shahram Taied, graduated from Stern College for Women-Yeshiva University, Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Associate of Arts in Judaic Studies, Magna Cum Laude.
- **Amanda C. Mazel**, daughter of Suzanne G. and Geoffrey Mazel, graduated from Binghamton University, B.A. in Psychology and minor in Anthropology and Education, Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List, PSI CHI Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa.
- **Maxwel G. Mazel**, son of Suzanne G. and Geoffrey Mazel, graduated from NYIT Engineering and Computer Science, B.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering, Lisser Award for Ingenuity in Engineering, Magna Cum Laude and Presidential Honor Roll.
- **Jason Emanuel**, son of Jill and David Emanuel, graduated from Adelphi University, B.A. in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude.
- **Geraldine Hannah Schlass**, daughter of Natalie Schleifer Schlass and granddaughter of Geraldine and the late Jack Schleifer, graduated from Emory University-Goizueta Business School, B.B.A. with distinction.

## Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Tisha Be'Av-summer issue, will be published on Friday, July 17. The deadline for that issue is Friday, June 26.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

June	22	Beth HaGan Summer Program Begins	
	25	Men's Club Beer Tasting with Rabbi Adelson	7:30 P.M.
	28	Singles Connection Planning Breakfast Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	28	Shalom Club Meeting and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
July	14	Sisterhood's Lunch and Read Club	12:00 P.M.
	23	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	26	<i>Tish'ah Be'av</i>	

## Beth HaGan Graduation Marks Building Of a Foundation for Future Education

By Elisabeth Frankel Reed

Temple Israel's Beth HaGan Nursery School conducted a ceremony in the Sanctuary last week to honor its graduating class of 2015.

"This is a very exciting day in your lives and a very exciting day in our lives," said Beth HaGan Director Rachel Mathless as she welcomed friends and family members of the graduates. She went on to commend the children for learning the words to very complicated Hebrew songs so well.

She pointed out how one of the hallmarks of Beth HaGan is teaching children *hakarat hatov*, gratitude, as she praised those in the school who helped enhance the students' lives at Beth HaGan and gave them "all the confidence and fortitude to go forth and conquer worlds after leaving."

Rabbi Howard Stecker, speaking at the ceremony, thanked Ms. Mathless for giving the graduates the high quality Beth HaGan experience that they deserve. He noted that one of the highlights of being a rabbi is being able to sing and dance with these kids every Friday during *oneg* and highlighted departing Associate Rabbi Seth Adelson's weekly contribution.

Joking, Rabbi Stecker mentioned that he told Rabbi Adelson's successor, Rabbi Daniel Schweber: "we're going to teach you how to play the guitar in two months so that you're ready to join with me in welcoming *Shabbat* with the children." He concluded by pointing out that these are magical times for the graduates and their families and so it is important to say "*shehecheyanu*," to give thanks, and help freeze those times into lasting memories.

Even though the class of 2015 has now completed Beth HaGan, Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth reminded parents that their children can further their Jewish education by attending Temple Israel's Religious School program. "Beginning in kindergarten, children and their families have a wonderful opportunity to maintain and strengthen their social and intellectual bonds to the Jewish community through study, participation in religious events, and other *mitzvoth* ranging from raising *tzedakah* to singing at a retirement home.

Wishing the students *mazal tov*, Rabbi Roth joined with family and friends in watching the Butterflies class begin their procession to the *bima* wearing little blue caps and gowns. The class was comprised of Vivienne Ahdoot, Jordan Ben-Joseph, Jordan Etesami, Sara Hakimi, Hanna Hakimian, Sienna Kashanian, Liam Livieim, Ethan Maslavi, Sienna Mehdyzadeh, Gabriella Rabieie, Jaden Roshan, Chloe Samadi, Sophia Shatzkes, Emma Soleimani, Jonathan Torbati, Julie Weinberg, Talia Zadka, and Julia Zitter, escorted by their teachers, *morot* Rebeka Ebrahimi, Ety Kalina and Lida Dilmani.

Following them were members of the Dolphins class: Emanuelle Abergel, Noah Becker, David Cohen, Asher Davidson, Annabel Herman, Odelia Imani, Daniel Losonci, Jayden Malekan, Tyler Mazer, Misha Mehrfar, Julia Miriam Reed, Liam Saportas, Liran Shenhav, Jane Winokur, Alexa Yadidi, Andrew Yahodaei, Nava Youseflaleh and Yonatan Yousefzadeh, escorted by their *morot*, Connie Reichman, Hilda Drapacz and Janet Devita.

After much applause and cheers, Ms. Mathless presented each graduate with a diploma, while PTA President Amy Kalter handed them a gift from the PTA, their own Kiddush cup.

Guests were invited to a reception in the Blue Room, where they enjoyed fruit, cookies and cake while taking as many pictures as they could, following through on Rabbi Stecker's message of freezing this moment in time.

Watching the children take their gowns off as soon as they could and pile cookies onto their plates served as a reminder of just how young they are. Yet, the way they chatted with each other and happily posed for pictures with their friends and teachers was a clear indication of how much they had grown, how much they had learned and the friendships they developed during their nursery school years. Said one proud parent, "Beth HaGan has certainly provided a strong foundation for them to build upon in the years to come."

# On Rabbi Waxman

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coming home and in the late 40s and 50s the massive movement to the suburbs began. Long Island was the nation's first suburb to be developed and Great Neck, so close to the City, was at the forefront.

Great Neck saw an explosion of its Jewish population and there is no doubt that Rabbi Waxman was one of the attractions. Jews who had been active in their synagogues in Brooklyn and Queens and elsewhere saw that a synagogue and rabbi to meet their needs and expectations was here. As the size and affluence of the Jewish community grew, so did Temple Israel, and Rabbi Waxman had the resources and cadre of committed people to develop the most outstanding synagogue education programs and facilities for both children and adults, along with every other service a synagogue could provide. The combination of his intellect, vision, strong leadership skills, and the very large congregation of committed, knowledgeable and generous Jews, led to a true Golden Age for Temple Israel and Conservative Judaism in Great Neck.

Rabbi Waxman was extremely dedicated to making Temple Israel a flagship synagogue. He was a master politician and knew how to get things done. How many of us were subject to Rabbi Waxman gripping our arm and saying: "we have to talk?" You knew that there was some request or demand coming and you had slim chance of declining. (That's how I wound up becoming president.) Presidents and executive directors thought they were in charge, but in the end the rabbi called the shots. He was insistent on maintaining standards relating to things like school and *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* requirements, but showed enormous flexibility and truly believed in the necessity for change to meet contemporary life. Because of Rabbi Waxman, Temple Israel was in the forefront of equal treatment of women in the synagogue, and he was generally far more progressive and liberal than his seemingly stern image. Also, he was a masterful fund-raiser and there was never a deficit that he couldn't get fixed with a few phone calls.

In the last few months of his life, when he was suffering with serious health issues, and so missed his beloved wife and not sure of his role in the synagogue to which he had devoted so much of his life, every conversation always began with him asking "how are you doing?" When I would visit, he only wanted to talk about some problem or issue and what we could do to fix it. There you have it, one of the greatest rabbis America has ever produced, a leader of the Jewish people worldwide, the spiritual leader for 55 years of a flagship synagogue—in the end, he was really about the biblical commandment to ask "how are you doing?"

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able to dine in the one kosher restaurant in Warsaw and the one in Krakow as well.

Our group consisted of 35 adults from all across the United States. A number of those participating were the children of survivors. Some, like us, have no known family that perished in the Holocaust but take a deep interest in seeing with our own eyes, with an experienced guide, to better appreciate those that did. Some were young adults who, as teens, were registered to participate in the typical USY summer Pilgrimage program but were pulled out by their parents at the last minute

due to safety concerns surrounding the Second Infitada.

Our adult trip overlapped with the teen USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage group. Sharing *Shabbat* together was symbolic of the trip's premise: experiencing a glimpse into Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust.

At each site we visited, someone had a story to tell that involved a close family member. It made for a most poignant trip that created memories that will last a lifetime. Most of these stories would lose something in writing, and so are better told in person.

## SABBATH SERVICES

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Friday, July 3

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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Saturday, July 4

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Balak*; Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

*Haftarah*: Micah 5:6 - 6:8

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* 7:50 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 8:20 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 8:57 P.M.

*Havdalah* 9:12 P.M.

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Friday, July 10

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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Saturday, July 11

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Pinehas*; Numbers 25:10 - 30:1

*Haftarah*: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* 7:50 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 8:20 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 8:55 P.M.

*Havdalah* 9:10 P.M.

## D'VAR TORAH

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**Balak**

**Saturday, July 4**

In this portion *Balak*, King of Moab, becomes alarmed at the victory of the Israelites over the Amorites. Fearing that the Israelites are too powerful to defeat in battle, *Balak* sends messengers to the renowned prophet *Balaam* in Mesopotamia to summon him to Moab in order to curse the Israelites. At first God instructs *Balaam* that he is not to go. *Balak*, however, sends a second set of messengers to plead with *Balaam*, and God agrees that the prophet can go to Moab on the clear understanding that he will only speak as God commands him. Once in Moab, *Balaam* blesses the Israelites three different times instead of cursing them. *Balak* is furious and sends the prophet home, but *Balaam* first prophesies the destruction of Moab and the neighboring countries. The future of Israel now seems bright, indeed, but the promise is immediately dashed when the people are enticed to participate in the idolatrous cult of *Baal-peor*. The unique relationship with God is still not firmly enough established.

**Pinehas**

**Saturday, July 11**

We read that *Pinehas*, the grandson of *Aaron*, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of *Baal-peor* by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time, in this portion. We now turn to the preparations for the conquest of the Promised Land. *Moses* takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives *Moses* instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. *Moses* is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate *Joshua* as his successor. The reading concludes with a calendar of the festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every *Shabbat* and festival after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.



# The Day the Trucks Came to Beth HaGan



A flatbed truck hauled a big load, the entire Penguins Class.



The Seals Class toured a Vigilant Fire Department ambulance.

## By Elisabeth Frankel Reed

When Beth HaGan students arrived at school earlier this month, the Temple Israel parking lot was filled with six different types of vehicles, all setup for one of the school's favorite annual events—Truck Day.

Each nursery school class had the opportunity for a hands-on exploration, and to ask plenty of questions.

The first vehicle the students visited was a school bus, where a very enthusiastic Dolphins class could be heard singing "The Wheels on the Bus" as they explored the type of seats they'll be sitting on next year when they go to kindergarten. Students also learned about the importance of seat belts, the purpose of having an emergency exit, and practiced getting on and off the bus.

Throughout the morning, kids pointed to the flashing lights they saw on a nearby police car. An officer not only put on his lights for them, but his siren as well! Children who were interested had the opportu-

nity to try on a police helmet while learning about the oxygen tank and first aid kit kept in the trunk of the police car. The officer also showed the students caution tape and a fire extinguisher, and amazed them as he described how to light up flares by bending them. The kids left the police car with smiles on their faces and "Your Friend the Police Officer" coloring books in their hands.

Next stop was the Postal Service truck, where a mailman explained to them that he delivers both letters and parcels, the latter of which he leaves by the front door. The children were particularly curious about the steering wheel of the truck being on the right side rather than the left, but learned that it's arranged that way because he needs to get in and out of his car frequently, which is safer to do from the sidewalk side of the vehicle.

New additions to Truck Day this year were tow trucks, which every kid found fascinating. They loved sitting high up and waving down to friends in other classes.

One child even explained to his classmates the process of cars getting towed, since he remembered seeing it happen on a highway once.

In the ambulance, one brave *morah* volunteered to lie down on a stretcher so her students could get an even better understanding of its purpose. She continued to lie down as the kids were shown how to hook up the oxygen, and where the Band-Aids were kept, a question every child wanted answered. The teacher also volunteered to sit in a stair chair and when the EMT lifted her up, a parent nearby laughed and said it looked like she was at a Jewish wedding. Joking, the EMT let the crowd know that he is available for a wedding or *Bar Mitzvah*, too, before reminding everyone to call 911 in the event of any real emergency.

After an exciting morning filled with education and fun, each class had a turn to visit the ice cream truck and enjoy a treat with their *morot* and friends, a fitting end to what is always a truly memorable Beth HaGan day.

## From the Rabbi

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to say something at the moment that we are bursting with joy or tormented by fear or crumbling under the weight of sadness.

In keeping with long-standing tradition, I say we should go for it. We should say to ourselves the words in our hearts without worrying how they come out. We can share them if we want, but we don't have to. If we can't form the words, we can give ourselves the space to feel what we are feeling honestly and legitimately.

Jewish prayer is about knowing the traditional words, melodies and customs. It's also about giving our hearts a moment to speak our words when we feel they are about to burst.

The philosopher Maimonides, well aware of the spontaneous outpourings of our Biblical forebears, wrote that prayer should be "the service of the heart." When we allow our hearts to speak, we follow an ancient tradition while giving voice to a specific moment in our lives. Why not avail ourselves of this type of prayer?

## Discussing Parenting and Disagreeing



Rabbi Stecker led a thought-provoking discussion at a recent TI Bonds and TILL Parenting Workshop. Against the background of spring blossoms and the long historical emphasis in Judaism of a good argument, or in other words, an argument that gets you to a good place, Rabbi Stecker posed the question: "Is it possible for us to actually demonstrate to our children areas where we disagree in a way which will be beneficial to them?" The workshop was a great opportunity for attendees to learn from each other, as well as from Jewish tradition.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Korah

Saturday, June 20

We find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron in this portion. The reading details the rebellion led by Korah, a Levite, and two members of the tribe of Reuben, Dathan and Abiram. They accuse Moses and Aaron of unduly raising themselves above the community of Israelites, all of whom are holy. Moses tells the people that God will resolve the issue by accepting or rejecting an incense offering. He further declares that if the rebels die an unnatural death it will be a sign of vindication for him and Aaron. Following the test, Korah and his associates are swallowed up by the earth and fire destroys 250 of the rebels. Aaron is further vindicated in a test involving his staff, which sprouts almond blossoms overnight. With the roles of Aaron, his sons and the Levites in connection with the Mishkan firmly established, a list of emoluments is granted to them in return for their work. Thus, the leadership of the Israelites is made secure at a time when the people are still struggling to define and determine their destiny.

### Hukat

Saturday, June 27

In this portion we cover the 38 years of the wilderness wandering. The reading opens with instructions for the most peculiar ritual in the Torah—the slaughtered red cow whose ashes mixed with water are used to purify anyone who comes in contact with a corpse. In the purification process, people who are already pure and touch the mixture become impure and must themselves undergo a different process of purification. The reading skips over most of the events of the wilderness wandering without comment and continues in the land of Moab. The people again complain of lack of water, and God tells Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and produce water. Moses, however, strikes the rock with his staff. Water comes forth, but God declares that this action shows lack of faith, and neither Moses nor Aaron will be permitted to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites wage several battles and win, thus demonstrating that the new generation is ready to attempt the conquest of the land. However, the problems of obedience to God and understanding the responsibilities of leadership have still not been completely resolved.

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## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, June 19

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

Saturday, June 20

Morning Service, Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.  
and Recognition to Religious School 13 Mitzvot and Chai Clubs  
Weekly Portion: Korah; Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Eleanor Askari, Lynn Weitzman, Rachel Geula and Jeffrey Fleit

Bar Mitzvah

DAVID OGINSKI

son of Wendy Fried Oginski and Gerald Oginski

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:57 P.M.

Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

Friday, June 26

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 27

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Hukat; Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 33

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:58 P.M.

Havdalah 9:13 P.M.

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