



Reflecting On Four Years of Leadership

By Marc Katz, Editor

When Alan Klinger became president of Temple Israel four years ago he had a number of goals in mind. As his term as the leader of one of the largest Conservative congregations in the New York area draws to a close, he feels he has accomplished his objectives.

"We have expanded the diversity of the congregation's programming; reimaged our *tefillah* experience to make prayer services more participatory and meaningful; instituted personnel reviews of the clergy to bring helpful focus to their activities, benefiting both themselves and the congregation; and have been supportive of the work of the new affinity groups and their efforts to make Temple Israel more a part of their constituencies' lives," he said.

Influenced considerably by the findings of the Pew Report, a recent study on Jewish practices in current-day America, President Klinger said: "The 21st Century synagogue has to be more than just a place for prayer. When I grew up on Long Island, synagogue membership was assumed for practically all Jewish families. In 21st Century America, that is not necessarily so; some are turned off by religion and others can find what they need in ad hoc activities, like having a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* tutor for their child, absent broader learning. Today synagogues need to work harder to show their relevance and value."

He acknowledged that Temple Israel

membership levels are not what they were a generation ago, as is the case with most area congregations, but found optimism in recent growth and, more importantly, in the strength of commitment of those involved in synagogue life. "The new Temple Israel affinity groups—EmptiNesters, for parents whose children have moved out of the household; TI Bonds, for parents of school-age children; and The Singles Connection, for single

have made significant efforts to open new doors for participation."

President Klinger's wife, Susan Wagner, has also been deeply involved in Temple Israel activities. She currently heads the congregation's popular film series; is a member of and was the co-chair of TILL, Temple Israel's adult education program; has co-chaired the Ritual Committee; and was a member of the Finance Committee and Senior Rabbi Rabbinic Search Committee.

Looking back, the Klingers said being president of the congregation tends to "take hold of your life. There are many meetings, and your life tends to be structured around Temple Israel. But," the two-term president said, "if you take on the job, you need to fulfill your mission."

Susan Wagner said her family was always involved in synagogue life, so the requirements of the consuming job was not unexpected. "Most of our closest friendships in Great Neck were made at Temple Israel," she said. "Our family has benefited greatly from having a close circle of friends from the congregation."

The couple agreed that a feature of Temple Israel is its widely varied ethnicity. "We, as a congregation, are supportive of all. At Temple Israel—where Jews with Eastern European ancestry mix with those from a Sephardic background, with people coming from numerous countries, all learn from each other in our synagogue. We have incor-

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Alan Klinger and Susan Wagner

members of the congregation age 45 and older—have been successful at bucking the trend. "These groups join the long-successful Shalom Club, Men's Club and Sisterhood as an important way of creating community for members so that they don't leave the congregation once their children have become *B'nai Mitzvah* or leave the home," he said. "We

Finding a Minyan — At Home

By Alise Kreditor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's twice daily *minyan* can be very comforting for all members of the congregation, especially those in mourning, as relayed in this moving Voice Guest Column by Alise Kreditor.

I said Kaddish for the first time on December 14 at 4:34 P.M. at my father's graveside. In our family, the tradition is to only say Kaddish when you lose a parent, child or sibling, and for many years I felt fortunate not to have to stand at that part of

*...your presence
is appreciated
more than you know.*

the service. But I knew that when the time came, I would honor my Dad's memory accordingly.

My brother referred to my father as a "multi-minyanaire," someone who attended *minyan* daily at a variety of

synagogues around Long Island. When it became too much for him to travel to his synagogue in Plainview, he became a regular at the Temple Israel morning *minyan*. We attended Sunday night *minyan* together at Temple Israel for many months, which remains one of my most treasured memories. And when we did go, I didn't feel as if I was doing anything special or significant—it was just another activity at Temple Israel. How wrong I was.

Not surprisingly, now that I have become a member of the "Kaddish Club," I have an entirely different perspective on the daily *minyan*. I know I cannot recite the memorial prayer without nine people in the room, and I have been moved to tears when others have shown up, particularly in very

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FROM THE RABBI

Why You Should Vote MERCAZ

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

As you know, I am strongly attached to the land, the people, and the State of Israel; last year I was there no less than four times. In my late 20s, I was so close to making *aliyah* that I was interviewing for full-time jobs in Israel. When I decided instead to go to cantorial school, and realized that there was no way to make a living in Israel as a *hazzan*, I opted to remain here in the Diaspora, although Judy and I are still keeping an eye out for that ideal retirement apartment in Tel Aviv.

As an American Jew, I can't vote in Israeli elections, and the internal workings of Israeli politics are one degree removed from my immediate sphere of political awareness. However, Israel is different from every other nation in that we Jews who choose to live in Diaspora still have a voice in some of the operations of the ongoing endeavor of building the Jewish state. Our voice is the World Zionist Congress, which will convene next fall in Jerusalem, and the interests of the Conservative movement are represented by our party, MERCAZ (literally, "center").

First, a crash course on the World Zionist Congress: This is the same body that

was first convened by Theodor Herzl in Basel, Switzerland in 1897. There will be 500 delegates from around the world, and 145 of them will be sent from the United States. Any person that belongs to one of the member organizations of the WZO, and that includes the Conservative movement and hence Temple Israel, may vote. The last

*...it is imperative that
we Conservative Jews
turn out the vote.*

vote was held in 2010, and we were allotted 33 seats, as compared with 56 for the Reform movement and 35 for the Religious Zionist (Orthodox) slate. It is notable that Reform's ARZA claims that Reform-affiliated programs in Israel received \$4.3 million in World Zionist Organization funding in 2013, as a direct result of those 56 seats.

Second, why you should vote for MERCAZ: Our platform is available at votemercaz.org, but the major points include support for religious pluralism and freedom in

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Moving Towards A Greener 'Voice'

By Dan Goldberger
and Sam Husney, Chairs
Communications Committee

In our continuing efforts to serve you and be environmentally responsible and cost conscious, we have taken a number of initiatives to reduce energy consumption, increase use of biodegradable materials, employ the use of green maintenance solutions, and reduce/recycle paper. The use of e-mail and electronic forms of communication affords us the opportunity to reduce printing costs and paper consumption. Along those lines, we are informing all of our members and others who are on the mailing list to receive our bulletin, The Voice, that we have decided to send The Voice only to those who request a hard copy. All others on our mailing list will receive the electronic version only.

Please note that this change will be effective May 14, 2015.

If we have your e-mail address, we will send the electronic color edition of The Voice as we have been to our members. You will receive an e-mail from us about this change in the next few days. We will request e-mail addresses from non-members on the mailing list.

If you are a member and have not provided us with an e-mail address, you will continue to receive the printed copy of The Voice in the mail. However, if you have an e-mail address and would prefer to receive the electronic color edition of the Voice, please send an email to Executive Director Leon Silverberg, at lsilverberg@tign.org with your request. Even if you would like to continue receiving the printed Voice, you may want to be added to our e-mail list, which provides additional information about Temple Israel programs, services and events. Our weekly calendar is timely and often includes programs of interest being offered by other community organizations, as well. Please send an e-mail to lsilverberg@tign.org to be added to our list. You will receive a written notice from us in the mail about this change in the next few days.

Also, please note that you will be receiving a communications survey. Those with an e-mail address will receive a link to the survey; those without will be sent a hard copy to be mailed back to the synagogue. We are sending you this communications survey to better understand the effectiveness of our

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

I. IRA LITT

husband of Joan Litt and esteemed member of Temple Israel

PEARL GLOWATZ

esteemed member of Temple Israel

HERBERT L. WEISMAN

father of Ellen Faith Gottlieb

FLOYD WARNER

father of Dr. William Warner

NAIMA ZADIK NAIM

mother of Mark Naim and Samy Naim

EILEEN ZARIN

esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

• **Francine Spilke-Epstein** on the birth of her granddaughter, Estella Josephine Nitsberg.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, March 13.....6:41 P.M.

Friday, March 20.....6:48 P.M.

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., Mar. 13 & 20 7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Sat., Mar. 14 9:00 A.M. 6:20 P.M.

Sat., Mar. 21 9:00 A.M. 6:20 P.M.

Sunday 8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Sid Jacobson JCC

Friendship Circle

Is Coming To Temple Israel!

A program for frail elders with memory loss or other chronic conditions. Program includes Farsi speaking staff and Persian music.

Thursdays 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

For further information call 484-1545 ext. 114

Next Voice Issues, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the Passover and Yom HaShoah issue, will be published on Thursday, March 26. The deadline for that issue is Monday, March 16.

The following issue, the Yom Hazikaron issue, will be published on April 16. The deadline for that issue is March 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March	14	Temple Israel Players Production of "Mame"	8:30 P.M.
	15	Temple Israel Players Production of "Mame"	2:00 P.M.
	15	Temple Israel Players Cast Party	6:00 P.M.
	16	"Jews of the Civil War"	Noon
		Discussion Sponsored by Sisterhood	
	17	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	18	Temple Israel Karaoke Night at Rimon	8:00 P.M.
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	20-22	Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
		Presentation by United Synagogue CEO	
		Rabbi Steven C. Wernick	
	22	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:30 A.M.
	22	Singles Connection Dinner	5:00 P.M.
		Featuring Guest Speaker Rabbi Stecker	
	22	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	24	Sisterhood Lunch and Read	Noon
		Book Discussion: <i>The Dovekeepers</i> by Alice Hoffman	
	26	Beth HaGan <i>Matzah</i> Factory	9:00 A.M.
	26	Men's Club Scotch and Seder Program	6:30 P.M.
	27	Congregational / TEP / Waxman High School and Youth House Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	28	<i>Shabbat</i> Talk: "Who Are Our Enemies Today and How Should We Respond?"	12:30 P.M.
		Featuring Rabbi Stecker	
	29	Annual Rabbinic Dialogue at Temple Beth-El	9:00 A.M.
	29	<i>Pesah</i> University	11:00 A.M.
	29	Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs	5:00 P.M.
		Annual Dinner at Crest Hollow Country Club	
	30	"The Empty Chair," – A Pre-Passover Program	8:15 P.M.
		Led by Rabbi Stecker	
April	3	<i>Erev Pesah</i>	
	3	Fast of the First Born Service, <i>Siyum</i>	6:30 A.M.
	4-11	<i>Pesah</i>	
	4	Congregational Second Night Seder	7:20 P.M.
		Sponsored by the Men's Club	

Planning for Dinner, Drinks and Karoke



A fun-fundraiser featuring dinner, drinks and karaoke exclusively for Temple Israel members at the new Great Neck restaurant Rimon is set for Wednesday, March 18. Planning the event are, standing left to right, Rachel Geula, Sassan Sassouni, Bob Lopatkin, Ron Klempner, and Diana Stein. Seated, left to right, are Jackie Einstein Astrof, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Susan Lopatkin, and Cheryl Eisberg Moin. One lucky person will win a 50-50 cash raffle. Others will have a chance to win an array of silent auction items. Only the first 90 people to reserve can be accommodated. To reserve your place, contact Jodi Engel at <jengel@tign.org> or 482-7800.

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



Daniel Shahery

Daniel Shahery will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on March 28. He is the son of Sheila and Frank Shahery and has a brother, Kevin, 19, and a sister, Julia, 6. Daniel is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing sports, especially basketball and tennis, as well as boating. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

Temple Israel Museum Is Now Highlighting a Special Purim Exhibit

A special exhibit in the front case of the Temple Israel Museum will continue until Passover. Exhibit features include:

- A large silver *megillah* case with *megillah* from Middle Europe dating to the 19th century. Two silver graggers—one elaborately pierced and chased, the other depicting Mordecai, Esther and Haman—are both from Central Europe.
- A rare gold *megillah* case is 19th century English and is studded with paste “gems.”
- A silver gilt *megillah* box case in the form of a Torah ark with two doors, which open to house a separate gilt *megillah* case and scroll.
- Two Persian scribe sets, one brass and the other silver, with beautiful Hebrew inscriptions on them.
- Two miniature pieces, a rare silver gragger has a cherub with bow and arrow from 18th century Germany, and an ivory and silver *megillah* case from 19th century Ottoman Turkey.
- A silver charity box in the form of a small synagogue is from Bohemia ca. 1890, while a contemporary charity box is in the form of a silver pouch with molten design by master silversmith Moshe Zabari.

To visit the museum and exhibit hours, call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Crazy Times in the School

By Rabbi Amy Roth

Mi She-Nichnas Adar, with the beginning of the Hebrew month of Adar, we increase our joy, our fun, our silliness. In the Religious School, where each new month, each Rosh Hodesh, is a cause for celebration, Rosh Hodesh Adar is so much more! Our third annual “Crazy Hat Day” was a great way for us to return from our mid-winter break. And what better way to stamp out the winter snowy doldrums than to celebrate our monthly holiday with extra flair! Our teachers and children arrived with hats of all styles and had a great time as we greeted the new month with our customary songs, cheers, birthday wishes and raffle drawings.

We may welcome the month of Adar with hats and silliness, but we go all out in the celebration of Adar’s holiday: Purim. Of course, part of the Religious School experience is about costumes, graggers and carnivals. But we also take seriously the *mitzvah* of *mishloach manot*—Purim gifts baskets of food, and the values of *chesed*, acts of loving-kindness. Our Gimmel children, dressed in costume, ventured out to share some Purim spirit with the residents of the Atria. They sang Purim songs and recounted the Purim story to the residents. Meanwhile, the children of the Alef and Bet classes decorated Purim cards, and the children of Dalet, Hay and Vav classes put together gift bags of snack food of *mishloach manot* that were delivered to adult residences in the community. The Gimmel children in the Monday class visited the Atria as well: they sang and fulfilled the *mitzvah* of bringing baskets of food to others. The residents appreciated the children, and felt the spirit of our many children who had a part in the *mishloach manot* bags.

Purim is also a time when we talk about

the importance of Jewish pride and Jewish identity. It is a great opportunity for our children and families to find strong significant Jewish experiences. We share *Shabbat* meals (the next one is Friday, March 13, from 6-8 P.M.), and significant *tefillah* (prayer) moments. Children participating in the leading of services has long been a hallmark of the family and school experiences. But now we have the exciting phenomenon of fifth and sixth graders who are enamored with the idea of reading from the Torah. So, together with Cantor Frieder and Rabbi Adelson, I have been working with as many children as are interested, and we have had more than 20 children reading from the Torah at one of our special *minyanim*. We are looking into more opportunities for reading from the Torah during the spring and next year.

Our third annual sixth grade family retreat is currently open for registration. This seminal event is one of the most powerful and popular in terms of the Jewish development in the life of a family. The magic of the retreat lies in being removed from the everyday, from the familiar, from the usual. And we are all in this new, pristine environment together. This group coalesces while also having a meaningful spiritual experience. The values and lessons of Purim—Jewish action, Jewish bravery and Jewish identity—are all important. Our *Shabbat* and *tefillah* programs, and especially our retreat, all speak to the level of importance with which we hold all of these.

Be happy, it’s Adar! Let’s continue to find ways of joining together, through community bonding, acts of *chesed* and powerful Jewish experiences, as we strengthen our connection to Judaism and to the Temple Israel family.



Wow, what hats Temple Israel Religious School students were wearing on Crazy Hat Day.

Men's Club Honoring Outgoing President Ken Kobliner, Youth House Student Simon Kashfi at Annual Dinner

Outgoing Men's Club President Ken Kobliner will be named "Man of the Year" at the New York Metro Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Annual Chavarim Kol Israel Dinner, to be held Sunday, March 29, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury. Also being honored at the event will be Waxman Youth House student Simon Kashfi, who will be recognized as the congregation's "Youth of the Year."

The 32nd annual awards dinner honors outstanding men's club members and students from Conservative congregations throughout the metropolitan area. Congratulatory messages can also be sent to the honorees in a journal, being published in coordination with the event. Ads must be placed by March 15.

Dr. Kobliner is completing his second year as co-president of the Men's Club. He is a member of the Temple Israel Membership Committee and serves as the co-chair of the congregation's 50th annual dinner dance, along with his wife, Miriam, and two other couples.

The Kobliners have three children, Ben, Joshua and Sarah. Dr. Kobliner, a periodontist, has an office in Great Neck. His parents, Shirley and Harold Kobliner, also belong to Temple Israel.

"Simon Kashfi is an extraordinary young man," said Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin. "He is not only a leader among our youth community, but also our synagogue community. Watching and listening to Simon read Torah is a true pleasure. On our recent trip to Israel...he made it cool to care about loving Judaism. It is something everyone loved watching. His demeanor, enthusiasm and quiet confidence are what make him so exceptional and deserving of this recognition."

Simon is the son of Temple Israel member Minoo Dilmanian.

Reservations for the dinner, which costs \$95 per person, must be made by March 22. Dinner reservations and journal ads can be placed by visiting <wizadjournal.com/nymfjmc2015>. For further information about the dinner and journal, contact Dave Scherr at <dsactuary@aol.com> or <info@nymfjmc.org>.

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porated Sephardic melodies and a Sephardic Torah into our services. It is so enriching to have this blend, our diversity enhances us all. Rabbi Waxman would be very proud of what we have accomplished at Temple Israel."

What is President Klinger's advice for the next leader of the congregation?

"A key to success is determining what are the important issues and keeping focus on them," he said. "If you are not careful, the small issues, each of which is important to someone, can overwhelm your agenda. The goal is to sort out which category an issue falls in and decide the proper way to approach it. Not every issue has to go to lay leadership; some can—and should—be handled by professional staff or the office."

"While much of the job was as expected," he said that virtually each week new issues would arise unexpectedly. And, he added, the issues were all over the map: "Yes, this is a house of worship, but it also is a multi-million dollar enterprise—which prompts a myriad range of concerns to address."

He is sanguine about the future of the congregation. "We have clergy, led by Rabbi Stecker, who are talented and committed, and have recognized the need for relational Judaism, that is, personal outreach, whether it is through the rabbis' home study with congregants or Cantor Frieder's individual or small group teachings of trope. Execu-

tive Director Leon Silverberg is working towards incorporating the same approach to the office's dealings with members and we have made major strides in our schools with the addition of Director of Congregation Schools Rabbi Amy Roth and Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin joining Beth HaGan Director Rachel Mathless.

"And," he added, "we are seeing great candidates for the soon to be filled assistant rabbi position. We have been fortunate to have Rabbi Adelson with us for so long. His energy and ability to relate to our membership has been a great asset."

The congregation will select a new president at the General Membership Meeting in June. The Klingers will be honored at Temple Israel's annual journal dinner dance on Sunday, April 19.

Great Neck has gone through a major demographic shift, and our congregation has and will need to continue to adjust," President Klinger said, "but the bright side is there remain plenty of people at Temple Israel committed to fulfill our mission of being a beacon of Conservative Judaism for our region."



Men's Club President Ken Kobliner



Waxman High School student Simon Kashfi

Congregation Thanks Its Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on February 7 were made by Navid and Ramin Farajollah in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Brandon, and Deborah and Albert Yossefi in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Ethan.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on February 21 were made by Toby and Gary Noren in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Zachary, and Kimberly Goodman, by Francine Spilke-Epstein and Irving Epstein and Gwen and Michael Nitsberg, and Janice Lamparelli in honor of the baby naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Estella Josephine Nitsberg, and by Yuval Brash on the occasion of the *yahrzeit* of his father, Fred Brash.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on February 28 was made by Sheila and Douglas Hyman in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Nathaniel.

BLOOD DRIVE

sponsored by the Men's Club

Sunday, March 22•8:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

For Details Call 482-4421

Passover Beginning With Annual Siyyum, Breakfast and Service for The First Born on Friday, April 3

The Board of Trustees and officers thank Mahin Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni for their generosity in sponsoring the annual *Siyyum* and breakfast, following the Service for the First Born on Friday, April 3, in loving memory of Eli Sassouni.

Because the first-born Israelites were saved during the Tenth Plague, all first-born men and women are required to fast on *erev Pesah* until the seder. This fast is called *Taanit Bechorot*. However, the fast is not required when one performs a *mitzvah*, such as a *siyyum*, the completion of a portion of study. It is then customary to celebrate with a *seudat mitzvah*, a meal that accompanies an important religious duty. Rabbi Seth Adelson will be leading the study session on that morning and is studying *Seder Nashim* of the *Mishnah* in preparation for the *siyyum*.

The service, beginning at 6:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary, is not limited to the first-born. All children are welcome, together with their parents, as well as adults without children.

For additional Passover information including the Congregational Second Night Seder visit www.tign.org

PESAH D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

The readings for the eight days of *Pesah* are taken from four different books of the Torah. They consist of passages dealing with various aspects of the festival.

First Day - Exodus 12:21-51

Saturday, April 4

The reading sets forth details of the *paschal* offering and describes the tenth plague and the actual departure from Egypt. It includes the question, through not the answer, of the Wicked Son in the *haggadah*.

Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44

Sunday, April 5

The reading consists of a calendar of the annual festivals, including the laws of the *Omer*. The emphasis is on abstention from work. The list begins with *Shabbat*, then moves to *Pesah*, as the festival of the first month, and continues through the year.

Hol Hamoed 1 - Exodus 13:1-16

Monday, April 6

The reading consists of instructions for observing *Pesah* when the Israelites come into the Promised Land. It includes the direction to relate (*haggadah*) the account of the Exodus to our children. It also includes the answer to the Wicked Son, the question and answer of the Simple Son, and instructions for wearing *tefillin*.

Hol Hamoed 2 - Exodus 22:24-23:19

Tuesday, April 7

This reading includes a number of commandments regarding our behavior towards other people and God's creatures, as well as a brief summary of holidays (*Shabbat* and the three Pilgrimage Festivals.)

Hol Hamoed 3 - Exodus 34:1-26

Wednesday, April 8

The reading contains description of the creation of the second set of tablets and a short calendar of *Shabbat* and festivals.

Hol Hamoed 4 - Numbers 9:1-14

Thursday, April 9

The reading gives rules for observing a second *Pesah* one month later for those who were prevented from observing at the proper time.

Seventh Day - Exodus 13:17-15:26

Friday, April 10

The reading continues the account of the Exodus from the actual departure through the Song at the Sea. Tradition holds that the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds on the seventh day after leaving Egypt.

Eighth Day - Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

Saturday, April 11

The reading consists of a calendar of the three Pilgrimage festivals. The emphasis is on the observance at a central sanctuary and meanings are assigned to the festivals to make them significant for future generations who will not have experienced the Exodus.

On each day, a portion from Numbers 28 detailing the special offerings to be brought on the festival is read from a second Torah.

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3 - Fast of the First Born

Morning Service, *Siyyum* and Breakfast 6:30 A.M.
Evening Service Welcoming *Shabbat* 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 4 - First Day of *Pesah*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Seth Horowitz, Laura Gal, Eleanor Askari, and Keyvan Frouzan
Afternoon and Evening Festival Service 7:05 P.M.

**Sunday, April 5
Second Day of *Pesah***

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service 7:20 P.M.

Monday, April 6 - *Hol Hamoed*

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 7 - *Hol Hamoed*

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 8 - *Hol Hamoed*

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 9 - *Hol Hamoed*

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 10 - Seventh Day of *Pesah*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Waxman High School Students will lead the service
Evening Service Welcoming *Shabbat* 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 11 - Eighth Day of *Pesah*

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.
Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Prayers and Dedication of Memorial Plaques
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Gary Noren, Ronald Klempner, Sima Taeid, Susan Brustein
Afternoon and Evening Service 6:50 P.M.

SABBATH SERVICES

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Saturday, March 21

Weekly Portion: *Vayikra*

Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26;

Numbers 28:9 - 15;

Exodus 12:1 - 20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Rebecca Sassouni, Dan Goldberger,

Edith Robbins, Madelyn Gould

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle 1:00 P.M.
Minhah 6:30 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 7:00 P.M.
Ma'ariv 7:34 P.M.

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TRADITIONAL WINES:				
MANISCHEWITZ				
Concord	750ml	\$6.00		
Concord	1.5L	\$11.00		
KEDEM				
Concord	750ml	\$4.00		
Concord	1.5L	\$8.00		
Malaga	1.5L	\$9.00		
CARMEL				
Concord	750ml	\$7.00		
Concord	1.5L	\$13.00		
Sacramental Sweet	750ml	\$7.00		
Sacramental Sweet	1.5L	\$13.00		
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Sauvignon		\$38.00		
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Sauvignon		\$80.00		
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Cabernet Sauvignon		\$10.00		
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Chardonnay		\$12.00		
Chenin Blanc		\$8.00		
Merlot		\$12.00		
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Reserve Chardonnay		\$20.00		
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Cabernet Sauvignon		\$96.00		
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Cabernet Sauvignon	\$16.00		
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Sauvignon Blanc	\$18.00		
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Chardonnay Spec Res	\$17.00		
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Chardonnay	\$12.00		
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Cabernet Sauvignon	\$24.00		
Merlot	\$24.00		
Emerald Riesling	\$15.00		
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Cab Sauvignon Napa	\$22.00		
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Cabernet Sauvignon		\$36.00		
Chardonnay		\$28.00		

PERJA

Petita		\$23.00		
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SASLOVE

Cabernet Sauvignon		\$32.00		
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YARDEN

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Chardonnay		\$20.00		
Merlot		\$25.00		

YATRIR FOREST

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Arak		\$16.00		
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LOUIS ROYER

Cognac		\$43.00		
Cognac VSOP		\$55.00		
LOUIS ROYER XO		\$130.00		

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Brandy		\$16.00		
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ZACHLAWI

Vodka		\$30.00		
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As you are aware, one of the commandments of Passover is that we rid ourselves of all the hametz in our possession. To observe Passover, every family should do their best to eliminate all hametz from their home. They should then sell any hametz they may have missed. We have, over the years, arranged for such a sale and will be happy to do so for you again if you will sign the attached form and return it to us no later than Wednesday morning, April 1st, 2015. If you wish you may sell the hametz in person after the *siyum* on Friday morning, April 3rd, 2015 at the synagogue before 8:00 A.M.

It is customary before Passover to make a donation for *Maot Hitin*, so that everyone will have appropriate food for the holiday. Donations made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will be allocated to organizations that help those in need.



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Finding a Minyan — At Home

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cold weather, just to facilitate that. Dear friends have held my hand during the early days of reciting Kaddish, and some have even adopted a morning to keep me company and to help comprise the magic ten.

Because I am trying, like my Dad, to attend services daily, when not in Great Neck, I have had to find a *minyan* wherever I found myself. Not such an easy task, I've found. Much to my shock and disappointment, there was not one single *minyan* in Park Slope, Brooklyn that I could find on a Sunday evening, although there are quite a few synagogues in the neighborhood. When I checked out other synagogues' websites, the most I found was two *minyanim* per week, but never twice a day as we offer. This is quite a remarkable service Temple Israel provides, and in fact during my few months saying Kaddish, I have met non-TIGN members who come to Temple Israel for precisely that reason.

I recently spent a *Shabbat* in the oldest synagogue on Long Island, in Sag Harbor, where I had to call friends and family to help make the Saturday *minyan*. Needless to say, the few synagogue regulars there were thrilled to have us and gave all the visitors the honors and *aliyot* of the day. And, on a recent trip to San Juan, I visited a Conservative synagogue where, although I was not as a woman counted, they did have a robust 13 at their morning *minyan* which takes place only Mondays and Thursdays—the weekdays on which the Torah is read.

In both locations, we were welcomed with open arms, as I know we welcome others when a new face shows up at the Temple Israel *minyan*.

What I have also found through attending *minyan* is that it is not only a warm experience, but also one where you

...you are not only doing a mitzvah, but you are also touching someone during a very difficult time.

learn a little, *kibbutz* quite a bit and you get to try things you would have never considered. Everyone is there to help you along, particularly if you are reciting a certain prayer or dressing the Torah for the first time. And I have also met and made new friends, faces I have seen over the years but never had the opportunity to know.

So, if this sounds as if I am making a plea for more *minyan* attendance, it is, but please know that if you do come, you are not only doing a *mitzvah*, but you are also touching someone during a very difficult time, and even if you don't hear it, your presence is appreciated more than you know.

Why You Should Vote MERCAZ

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Israel, ties between Israel and Diaspora Jewry, peace and security in Israel, environmental progress, and of course Masorti and Conservative-affiliated programs and institutions. These are all things that we stand for, in Israel and here in Great Neck, and as such it is imperative that we Conservative Jews turn out the vote.

Voting is through April 15th at vote-mercaz.org. It costs \$10, but the potential return for Israel and the Conservative/Masorti movement is much more valuable. (Added bonus: Temple Israel member Marty Werber is 35th on the slate of delegates. If MERCAZ receives enough votes, he goes to Jerusalem in October to represent us. If you need a paper ballot, please contact me at Temple Israel. I am a member of MERCAZ and have already voted. Have you?

A Greener 'Voice'

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written and electronic communications. We are counting on your candor in responding to this five-minute survey, which can be anonymous if you choose. However, including your name gives you the opportunity of winning one of several \$100 gift certificates, as your reply will serve as your raffle ticket. Please complete the survey by April 6 in order to be eligible for the raffle.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Vayakhel-Pekude

Saturday, March 14

With this double portion we conclude the account of the building of the *Mishkan* and the Book of Exodus. The reading starts with a note on the Sabbath, again, emphasizing the importance of the sanctification of time. Then follows a detailed and lengthy description of the builders of the *Mishkan*, stressing their God-given artistic skill, followed by a listing of all the elements of the structure and its furnishings, noting that each one was actually built exactly as God had commanded. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the ark. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings, in the proper practical order. The creation of the priestly vestments is also recorded in equally great detail. Finally, the *Mishkan* is actually erected on the first of Nisan, thereby underscoring the idea that a new era in the life of the people has begun. With the *Mishkan* completed, it remains only to lay out the rituals and procedures which are to be conducted therein.

Vayikra

Saturday, March 21

In this portion we begin the Book of Leviticus. The last chapters of Exodus detailed the construction of the *Mishkan*, the portable wilderness sanctuary, and the designation of the priests who were to serve in it. Leviticus constitutes an instruction manual for the priests, as well as setting forth rules to achieve personal holiness and the sanctification of human life. The reading describes five main types of sacrifices that were to be brought: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering and the guilt offering. For each type, details are provided on the circumstances under which it is to be brought, who brings it and of what it consists. The Hebrew word translated "sacrifice" or "offering" is *korban*, from the root k-r-v, "to draw near." The offerings were a means of drawing near to God and, in a sense, drawing Him near to the offerer. Although we no longer offer sacrifices in the way our ancestors did, the goal of the system, to move one to a more Godly life, is still to be pursued.

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Shabbat HaMishpachah 6:00 P.M.
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 14

Shabbat Parah

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayakhel-Pekude*

Exodus 35:1 - 40:38; Numbers 19:1 - 22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

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Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 6:20 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 6:50 P.M.
Ma'ariv 7:27 P.M.
Haodalah 7:42 P.M.

Friday, March 20

Men's Club *Shabbat* Evening Service / *N'Ranenah* 6:30 P.M.
Men's Club *Shabbat* Dinner 7:30 P.M.
Featuring Guest Speaker Rabbi Steven C. Wernick

Saturday, March 21

Shabbat HaHodesh - Shabbat Hodesh Nisan

Men's Club *Shabbat* Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Featuring Rabbi Steven C. Wernick

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