



Welcoming Daniel Schweber to Temple Israel: New Associate Rabbi to Join Congregation In August

By Marc Katz, Editor

Rabbi Daniel Schweber heard good things about Temple Israel of Great Neck for many years. "I knew it as a beautiful congregation that is warm and welcoming," he said. So when he was named Temple Israel's new associate rabbi last week, he said he was quite pleased. "During the interview process I was able to see that the congregation is a place where people of all ages can find community and find friends."

Temple Israel President Alan Klinger called Rabbi Schweber "a good fit for our congregation. He has the background, experience and personality our Search Committee was looking for. I am sure he will quickly make himself at home at Temple Israel."

Rabbi Schweber, who will begin his new position on August 1, will replace Rabbi Seth Adelson, who has served as Temple Israel's assistant and then associate rabbi for the past eight years. Rabbi Adelson will become the rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh in August.

Rabbi Howard Stecker said he was "excited to welcome Rabbi Schweber and his family to Temple Israel. With his warmth, knowledge and experience, Rabbi Schweber will surely have a positive impact on our community."



Rabbi Daniel Schweber

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Beth HaGan Classes 'Visit' Israel



Temple Israel Beth HaGan nursery school students visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem, if only in their imagination. The Wall was built by a parent and the imaginary trip was made for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. The three-

year-old students enjoyed falafel, orange juice from a kibbutz, and heard stories about Israel. With the Seals Class, above, are teachers Elizabeth Khakshouri, left, and Cheryl Sneag. For more about the "trip" see page 4 of this issue of The Voice.

Investing In Temple Israel's Future

By Jeffrey Maurer and Steven Shepsman

EDITOR'S NOTE: A considerable portion of Temple Israel's operating budget comes from investments in the congregation's Endowment and Legacy Fund, as explained in this Guest Column by two members of the Endowment Committee, Jeffrey Maurer and Steven Shepsman.

Do you know about Temple Israel's Endowment and Legacy Fund, what it is for and how its funds are invested? The Endowment was established many years ago to help ensure the synagogue's long-

Do you know about Temple Israel's Endowment and Legacy Fund...

term financial viability by providing funds annually that can supplement members' dues and our other fund-raising activities, enabling a greater level of programming and vital member services.

Current members of the Endowment Committee who are charged with the responsibility for administering the en-

dowment and investing its funds include Shahram Delafraz, Richard Kestenbaum, Alan Klinger (chair), Robert Lopatkin, Jeffrey Maurer, Eileen and Milton Putterman, Steven Shepsman, and Brian Zeitlin.

Since the formation of the Endowment Fund, the synagogue's operating budget has included an annual draw of up to \$150,000 from the Fund. Since inception, the Endowment/Life Member's Fund has provided Temple Israel with aggregate funds of more than \$1,500,000, which, over the years, has allowed for many significant initiatives. The endowment balance currently stands at approximately \$3.8 million. The importance of a large and growing endowment can't be emphasized enough.

Nearly three years ago, the Endowment Committee made the decision to invest the Endowment with TIFF, The Investment Fund for Foundations. That decision was based on

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FROM THE RABBI

A Shavuot Question

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Etz hayyim hi lamaḥaziqim bah, vetomekheha me'ushar. It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who uphold it are happy.

We say these words every time we put the Torah away, and while it is true that it is the Torah and our holding on to it which has kept our tradition alive and our people together for thousands of years, we have to ask ourselves today, "How exactly are we grasping the Torah, here in 21st century America?"

How are we grasping the Torah when most Jews will freely acknowledge that they do not maintain some of the most basic *mitzvot* of Jewish life?

How are we grasping the Torah when synagogue attendance and membership are declining, when there is a movement, even among some Jews, to avoid circumcision, and when suggesting in-marriage sounds gauche?

How are we grasping the Torah when our collective familiarity with the Hebrew language and the actual content of the Torah itself seem to be less with each passing generation?

How are we grasping the Torah when many of us think purely as individuals and

do not consider how our own personal choices affect the larger fate of our people?

These questions loom as we sail into the future, and they are related to the larger issues surrounding the new paradigm. Our world is increasingly globalized, increasingly interconnected across physical, spiritual and geopolitical boundaries. Our children are digital natives, ex-

How are we grasping the Torah?

isting as much in their online presences as they do in flesh and blood. You might argue that Judaism has weathered many such paradigm shifts over the last two millennia, and will do so once again.

But there is something even bigger here—bigger than the printing press, bigger than dispersion at the hands of the Romans. We may be in the middle of a paradigm shift that rivals even the loss of the Second Temple. The trend toward what Dr. Arnold Eisen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological

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Congregation To Greet New Associate Rabbi Schweber In August

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Since 2009 Rabbi Schweber has served as the rabbi at Shaarei Tikvah Congregation, Scarsdale, where he was heavily involved with young families, adult education, oversaw USY teen programs, and outreach events. At the same time, he taught at the Solomon Schechter School of Westchester as well as at Camp Ramah, Nyack, during the summer. As a division head at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires 15 years ago, he worked with Deanna Stecker, Rabbi Stecker's wife.

"I want to engage the members of Temple Israel," he said. "I am eager to get involved with a variety of programs within the congregation. He said he is anxious to participate in Temple Israel programs, including meeting and working with children in the congregation's schools and assisting with adult education programs.

"I love to teach. I like to study with people to find new meanings to texts. Learning is about asking questions. But, I don't have all of the answers, and often there is more than just one answer."

Rabbi Schweber and his wife, Sarah, a medical oncologist at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Commack campus, have twin 7-year-old daughters, Natalie and Alexandra.

The Rabbi grew up on New York's Upper West Side, where he was active with Congregation Anshe Chesed. He went to high school in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was involved with USY. He was co-chair of the Conservative teen group's spring convention, which was so successful that friends said he should think about becoming a rabbi.

He took their suggestion to heart, attended the University of Michigan, where he graduated with distinction in 1999 majoring in Religion and Hebrew, as well as Jewish Cultural Studies. In 2004 he was ordained as a rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Schweber previously served as the assistant rabbi at Congregation Sons of Israel, Briarcliff Manor, and the rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel, Andover, Massachusetts.

"I want to meet the congregation and explore what we could study together," he said. "I can't wait to meet as many members as possible."

He invited the congregation to introduce themselves to him. "And," he added, "as soon as our new home is set-up, I am eager to invite people to come and visit."

Get a Journal?

Did you receive a copy of Temple Israel's Annual Dinner Dance Journal? If not, copies are available from the Temple Israel office. Stop by to pick up your copy!

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

MIMI G. LOPATKIN
mother of Robert Lopatkin

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father of Ronda Bloom

LLOYD HAAS
father of Diane Glasner

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father of Emily Frank

May their memories be for a blessing.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Fran and Marc Langsner** on the birth of their granddaughter, Tali Anne Langsner.
- **Lisa and Howard Langsner** on the birth of their daughter, Tali Anne Langsner.
- **Carol and Steve Smolinsky** on the birth of their grandson, Beckett Reed Smolinsky.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

Monday, May 18	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Mon., May 25	9:00 A.M.	8:10 P.M.
Thursday	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues., May 19	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
<i>(Rosh Hodesh Sivan)</i>		
Tues., May 26	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., May 16	9:00 A.M.	7:25 P.M.
Sat., May 23	9:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
<i>(Erev Shavuot)</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
<i>(Yom Yerushalayim)</i>		
Sun., May 24	9:00 A.M.	8:05 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, May 15.....	7:47 P.M.
Friday, May 22.....	7:53 P.M.

It Pays to Communicate!

By Leon Silverberg, Executive Director

As noted in two previous editions of The Voice, a communications survey was made available for all readers to share their comments about our printed and electronic communications. Those who completed the survey and provided their names were entered into a raffle with an opportunity to win a gift certificate. We are pleased to announce that Donna Ludwig, Shahnaz Malekan and Cindy Pross are the winners of \$100 American Express gift cards.

We thank the 182 individuals who participated in the survey. The responses and comments we received will be helpful in the design and content of future publications and communications.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

May	15-16	Vav Family Retreat Weekend	
	16	"Niggun Circle" led by Cantor Frieder Following Kiddush	
	17	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Led by Cantor Freider	9:30 A.M.
	17	"Learn How to Create a Best Date Ever" Brunch	11:00 A.M.
		Discussion Sponsored by the Singles Connection	
	17	Film Presentation and Panel Discussion: "A Voice Among the Silent"	7:00 P.M.
	18	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	18	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:00 P.M.
	19	Last Day of Religious School for Sunday/Tuesday Classes	
	19	Last Day of Waxman High School Classes	
	20	Last Day of Religious School for Monday/Wednesday Classes	
	21	DVD Viewing of the Temple Israel Players	7:00 P.M.
		Production of "Mame" and Dinner	
	22	Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner	7:30 P.M.
		For College Grads and Friends	
	22-23	Shalom Club Shabbaton Weekend	
	23	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot	
	23	Specials Needs and Waxman Youth House	7:00 P.M.
		Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Program	
	24-25	Shavuot	
	31	Celebrate Israel Parade in Manhattan	
June	1	Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	2	Beth HaGan Nursery School Truck Day	
	2	"Painful Hope" Presentation Sponsored by TILL	8:15 P.M.
	7	Temple Israel Tag Sale	10:00 A.M.
	7	Singles Connection Planning Breakfast Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	8	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	9	Beth HaGan Nursery School Graduation	9:30 A.M.
	10	Last Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School	
	11	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	14	Singles Connection Program: "Why You Need K.I.S.S. From Your Lawyer"	4:00 P.M.

Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, May 31

March with Temple Israel!

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Spectators Welcome!

Tee shirts & round trip bus transportation will be provided by Temple Israel's Israel Solidarity Fund.

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For more information
contact Harold Citron at haroldcitron@optonline.net

or the Synagogue office at 482-7800

Rain or Shine!

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



Bianca Zarnighian

Bianca Adina Zarnighian will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on May 23. She is the daughter of Dorit and Shahram Zarnighian and has two sisters, Davina, 22, and Sarina, 18. Bianca is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys drawing, dancing, writing and reading. Bianca plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Jacob Lurvey

Jacob Felix Lurvey will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on May 30. He is the son of Veronica Bisek Lurvey and Jonathan Lurvey and has a brother, Samuel, 10. Jacob is a seventh grade student at the Schechter School of Long Island and will be entering ninth grade in the fall. Jacob will continue his Jewish education by attending USY and the Schechter School.



Sam Silberg

Sam Alexander Silberg will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 30. He is the son of Robin Bernstein Silberg and Stuart Silberg and has a sister, Hally Rose, 18. Sam is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where he plays trombone in the school band. He enjoys playing piano, tennis, baseball, chess, and golf and also likes swimming and skiing. Sam will continue as a student at the Waxman High School and plans to visit relatives in Israel in the near future.

FROM THE BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Beth HaGan 'Travels' to Israel

By Rachel Mathless

Things got very busy upon our return after the *Pesach* recess. We began plans for our trip to Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Passports were made, our airplane was constructed, painted and tuned up. Our corridors were appropriately decorated with falafel and oranges and flags to set the mood. Parents

volunteered to make the Yom Ha'atzmaut experience fun, hands on and meaningful, from the prayers we stuck in the Western Wall, to the fresh squeezed orange juice of the Kibbutz, to the art activities in the artists colony in Safed, to the Bedouin tent where

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Beth HaGan's Penguin Class, composed of three year old students, takes an imaginary plane ride to Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Under this heading the next issue of The Voice will publish the names of the daughters and sons of Temple Israel families who will be receiving college or postgraduate degrees. To be listed, parents of students should complete the form below and return it to The Voice, "Congratulations, Graduates," c/o the Temple Israel office, by May 29.

Name of Graduate:

Son/Daughter of:

College:

Degree:

Awards & Recognitions:

Other Notes:

MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED

Second Day of Shavuot
Monday, May 25, 2015

NATHAN ADLER

Husband of Clara Adler
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and Karen Adler Miletsky

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BARBARA MOSKOWITZ
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Parents of Barbara Schultz

BERNARD SCHULTZ
Father of Leonard Schultz

LESTER P. ZANDER
Father of Stuart Zander

Beth HaGan's 'Travels'

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we snacked and read stories about Israel.

Our seventh of eight enrichment specials arrived in full regalia last Tuesday. Mr. Fish had the children totally captivated with his programs of science and magic. Our next surprise—Party Pets—was here on Lag B'Omer. Our last entertainer, The Small Wonder Puppets, will tell us the story of *Shavuot* through song and puppetry.

We celebrated Lag B'Omer with a day of outdoor activities, a picnic lunch and an ice cream party. At the same time, we prepared for our Mother's Day *Shabbat* Tea, where every child had the opportunity to honor his or her mother with songs, gifts and a specially prepared sweet treat.

Our 15th Annual Literary Art Fair takes place on Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 P.M., in the Crystal Ballroom. Children have chosen their four favorite books they read this year and are presenting their own creative, artistic interpretation of the books. This year's selections include classics like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," "Harold and the Purple Crayon," "The Magic School Bus," as well as some very nice new books. One of the four books is a Hebrew or a Jewish value book including such topics as: *tzedakah*, *Shabbat*, *tefillah*, *hachmasat orchim*, and *tikun olam*.

Graduation for the Pre-K class will be on Tuesday, June 9, at 9:30 A.M., in the Sanctuary.

Registration for Beth HaGan is ongoing. Forms can be picked up at the school office.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Saturday, May 23 - Erev Shavuot

"Journey to Sinai" for school aged children	5:00 P.M.
<i>Minhah</i>	7:00 P.M.
Waxman Youth House Special Needs Program	7:00 P.M.
Session I - "A Musical Journey"	7:30 P.M.
As a reflection of the changing world, Cantor Frieder will explore the changes and trends that have affected the music of our <i>t'filot</i> during his (almost) quarter-of-a-century tenure at Temple Israel. The session will include singing together of some of the old and new tunes and <i>niggunim</i> .	
Dairy Dinner	8:15 P.M.
Dinner is free for Temple Israel members and \$10 for non-members (pre-payment is required). RSVP a must by Wednesday, May 20, to Susan at 482-7800.	
<i>Ma'ariv</i>	9:00 P.M.
Session II - "Being Jewish in a Changing World"	9:30 P.M.
With Rabbi Adelson, Danny Mishkin and Special Guests From the fast pace of technological development to the recent increase in anti-Semitic activity, the world around us has changed. Celebrate the constancy of the Torah in our lives. Explore together what the rich Jewish tradition teaches about change and how we are adapting to the new paradigm.	
Dessert	10:15 P.M.
Session III - "Renewing Our Jewish Practice to Improve Our Lives"	10:30 P.M.
With Rabbi Adelson and Danny Mishkin	
Late Night Rambam Study with Rabbi Adelson	11:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 24
First Day of Shavuot

Festival Service	Torah: Exodus 19:1-20-22; Numbers 28:26-31	9:00 A.M.
	<i>Haftarah</i> : Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12	
<i>Minhah-Ma'ariv</i>		8:05 P.M.

Monday, May 25
Second Day of Shavuot

Festival Service	Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31	9:00 A.M.
	<i>Haftarah</i> : Habakkuk 3:1-19	
	Plaque Dedication and <i>Yizkor</i> Memorial Prayers	
<i>Minhah-Ma'ariv</i>		8:10 P.M.
<i>Havdalah</i>		8:55 P.M.

SHAVUOT D'VAR TORAH

The reading for the two days of Shavuot are taken from two different books of the Torah. They consist of passages dealing with various aspects of the festival.

1st day Exodus 19:1-20:22

Sunday, May 24

The reading describes the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai.

2nd day Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17

Monday, May 25

The reading consists of a calendar of the three Pilgrim Festivals. The emphasis is on the observance at a central sanctuary, and meanings are assigned to the Festivals to make them significant to future generations who will not have experienced the revelation at Sinai.

On each day Numbers 28:26-31, detailing the special offerings to be brought on the Festival, is read from a second Torah.

Congregation Thanks Recent 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 April 18 were made by Shiva and Moiez Yeganeh in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Audrey, by Sima Taed in memory of her father,

Nourollah Fouladian, and by Simone Kahen in memory of her mother, Jamileh Brookhim.

SHAVUOT

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Saturday, May 23.....7:54 P.M.
Sunday, May 24.....after 8:55 P.M.

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A Shavuot Question

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Seminary, has referred to as “the sovereign self”: the currently ascendant principle that our relationship to faith is entirely personal, that spirituality is an individual rather than a collective matter. Many of us, Jews and non-Jews, no longer feel the need to relate to God in groups; we prefer to do it alone.

Will we continue to grasp and uphold the Torah in this devoutly personal spiritual climate? The answer is absolutely yes, but it may not be in the same ways in which we have historically done so.

Come join us as we explore these questions at our *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*, a nighttime study session commemorating our receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai, Saturday evening, May 23, beginning at 7 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Friday, May 29. The deadline for that issue is Monday, May 18.

The following issue, the last for the season, will be published on June 18.

Museum Adds Purim Print to Its Collection

A decorative “Purim” print made for display in the home has been acquired by the Temple Israel Museum. The print is in shades of green on a cream-colored background, with a border of interlocking circles enclosing Jewish stars. The Hebrew inscription reads “from the beginning of Adar our joy is increased.” The center depicts two fish facing each other with the Hebrew words “Adar—The Sign of the Fishes.”

It was printed by Abraham Schacter in Oradea, Romania, circa 1930. The unusual print was donated by Nadine and Dr. David Feingold in memory of their aunt and uncle, Sherley and Herman Plasse, who were longtime and devoted members of Temple Israel.

Investing In Temple Israel’s Future

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TIFF’s favorable fee structure, its extensive experience in managing funds for non-profit organizations, and a well-established track record. TIFF manages more than \$11 billion of assets from 800 members in 44 states. Among the local and/or more recognizable member organizations are the American Museum of Natural History, Barnard College, Hebrew Home for the Aged, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Museum of Modern Art. More information about TIFF can be found at <www.TIFF.org>.

Our Endowment is invested in TIFF’s

Multi-Asset Fund (MAF), a portfolio allocated approximately 65 percent in global equities and 35 percent in an indexed bond fund. While last year’s MAF performance of a one percent gain was disappointing compared to its benchmark, the fund’s five-year net annualized return of 7.87 percent was favorable. The fund’s return for the first quarter of 2015 is 2.13 percent.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Endowment Fund, or have any questions regarding the Endowment Fund or about other funds at Temple Israel, contact our executive director, Leon Silverberg, at the synagogue office, 482-7800.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Behar- Behukkotay

Saturday, May 16

With this double portion we conclude the Book of Leviticus. The Holiness Code continues with a group of laws that are to take effect when the Israelites enter The Promised Land. The people will be permitted to work the land for six years, but the seventh year is to be a sabbatical year of complete rest for the land. Further, after seven cycles of seven years, the 50th year is to be a Jubilee—a year of release for the land and all its inhabitants. There follow a series of laws concerning redemption of land and persons and an admonition to keep God's Sabbaths. The Holiness Code ends with a promise and a curse. If the Israelites follow God's laws and commandments, they will be blessed with peace, prosperity and security. If they do not obey, however, a long list of the most dire consequences will ensue. The final chapter of Leviticus deals with providing funding for the *Mishkan*. Thus, the entire description of the sanctuary, its functioning and the type of life it is supposed to engender in the Israelites concludes with the establishment of a pattern of generosity toward our places of worship, which continues down to our own time and becomes a basic element of community life wherever Jews settle.

Bemidbar

Saturday, May 23

We begin the Book of Numbers in this portion. For about a year, the Israelites had been camped at the foot of Sinai, where they witnessed the revelation, built the *Mishkan* and were instructed in its operation. Now they are ready to resume the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. The people are organized into a military camp to enable them to undertake a march through hostile environments, both natural and human. The first order of business is a census of all males over 20, except Levites. The tribes are then assigned positions in a square surrounding the *Mishkan*. Finally, the Levites are assigned special duties in connection with the *Mishkan* and numbered separately. The physical arrangement of the camp will serve to remind the people on the march of the monumental events they have recently experienced. The *Mishkan* will become a "mobile Sinai," and its location at the center of the camp will provide focus for the Israelites on their journey.

Sabbath Services

Friday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 16

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

Weekly Portion: Behar-Behukkotay; Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

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Minhah 7:25 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:33 P.M.

Haodalah 8:48 P.M.

Friday, May 22

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner For College Grads 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 23 - Erev Shavuot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar; Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 - 22

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