



Popular Israeli Singers Are Performing at Temple Israel On Hanukkah



The Beit Tefilah Israeli singers will celebrate Hanukkah at Temple Israel on December 9.

By Marc Katz, Editor

This year, Temple Israel is planning a Hanukkah party with a twist.

In addition to the usual Hanukkah party held in the Crystal Ballroom, the congregation, through TILL, Temple Israel's adult education program, has invited the spiritual and musical leadership from Israel's popular Beit Tefilah Israeli (BTI) community to Temple Israel for an inspiring musical candle lighting celebration and dinner on Wednesday, December 9, in celebration of Hanukkah. Through the generosity of Bracha and Marty Werber and the congregation's Israel Affairs Committee, the dinner and celebration is free of charge.

The dinner will begin at 6 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom, followed by the Hanukkah candle lighting and concert in the Sanctuary at 7 P.M.

"BTI is a contemporary community that successfully engages non-Orthodox Israelis in Jewish ritual and life," said Temple Israel Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber. "The community's vision is to use modern prayer as a tool to build community and enrich individuals. I am sure they will engage us in a soulful celebration of Hanukkah."

TILL Chair Rebecca Friedman-Charry heard the group while visiting Israel last

summer and thought "members of Temple Israel would find the approach to Judaism taken by Beit Tefilah Israeli very inspiring." With the support of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee she invited the group to make Temple Israel part of their current United States tour.

Beit Tefilah Israeli, an egalitarian non-sectarian group, regularly performs from June through August at the Tel Aviv Port, along the seafront, attracting thousands to sing, pray, and share in a meaningful evening service welcoming *Shabbat*.

The multi-generational and inclusive community of committed and passionate Israelis began in 2004 when a small group of activists got together to share in a prayer service. Under the leadership of Rabbi Esteban Gottfried—who will be at the

Temple Israel performance—the group grew to 200 members in what they called "a synagogue without walls and an open tent for all."

On their website the group says they have "created a model for a new kind of experimental and creative Jewish-Israeli congregation, unaffiliated with any movement. A space where children can celebrate *Shabbat* in a uniquely Israeli way, where adults can seek answers to life's essential questions and where men and women can celebrate their heritage together blending the ancient and the contemporary, the universal and the particular, the Jewish and the Israeli.

"We believe in the power of rituals, texts, customs, music and traditions to shape and inspire our lives. We strive to create, develop and sustain a creative, in-

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Dinner Dance Planning



Robert and Susan Lopatkin, left, and Rebecca and Sassan Sassouni have been appointed to chair Temple Israel's next dinner dance, scheduled for June 5. They met earlier this week to make initial plans for the event, and now invite all congregants to join in the planning. Their first committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at 7 P.M.

Planning for Temple Israel's Future

By Veronica Bisek Lurvey

EDITOR'S NOTE: Planning for the congregation's future is the task undertaken by Temple Israel's Strategic Planning Committee, as explained in this Voice Guest Column by a member of the group, Veronica Bisek Lurvey.

Since its formation in July, the Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work, continuing the process necessary to produce a specific strategic plan to guide the congregation for the next three to five years. Chairs Lynn Weitzman and Larry Greengrass, and members Kiu Geula, Dan

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Goldberger, Brent Greenspan, Veronica Bisek Lurvey, President Rob Panzer, Lila Bernstein-Schoen, Executive Director Leon Silverberg and Rabbi Howard Stecker each bring a particular set of skills and experience to the table.

Over the summer and into autumn,

FROM THE RABBI

The Power of Bikkur Holim

By Rabbi Daniel Schweber

Judaism teaches us that *bikkur holim*—visiting the ill—is a great and valuable *mitzvah*. The Talmud even relates (Sotah 14a) that God visited Abraham while he recovered from his circumcision. The Talmud concludes that just as God visits the sick so should we.

What does visiting people who are ill actually mean? What are we expected to do? Does it really help?

At its essence, *bikkur holim* is just about being present. Even if you are a healthcare professional, you are not medically caring for the people you visit for *bikkur holim*. For many, being ill feels like leaving this planet. A patient feel cut off from the world and its routine. Often even time loses its meaning with sleep in the day and wakefulness at night. Sick people feel alone and isolated even if they are in a hospital surrounded by people.

When we visit people who are ill in the hospital and at home, we are telling that person he or she is not alone. We bring the

committee members have been busy analyzing the results of the congregational survey, as well as interviewing the heads of committees and affinity groups at Temple Israel.

TIGN members who participated in the survey did so either online, by paper or during a meeting at the Religious School. Long time members of the congregation were more likely to participate in the online survey than were newer members. Given this response, the survey was also distributed during a Religious School meeting.

Committee members have also conducted close to 30 interviews with the numerous arms, organizations and affinity groups of Temple Israel. Each interview involved between one and eight group leaders. It was enlightening to speak with these leaders of the congregation's lay-lead groups. Thank you all for taking the time to meet with the committee! The discussions were honest and interviewees were encour-

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person back into the world and figuratively "give them the time of day." The visit alone is what is important. Sure you might be asked to bring a glass of water, call a nurse, etc. There are no required words to say. In fact one should take their lead from the person as to what to say. And there might be times of just silence or when you can

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read your own book. All of this is okay when presence is the key.

A few years back I was travelling next to a woman who is a physical therapist who works with many ultra-Orthodox patients at her hospital. She commented that the ultra-Orthodox patients are never alone in their room, regardless of the time of day or day of the week. The therapist described

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Communicating

By Robert Panzer

As the Guest Column in this issue of The Voice written by Veronica Bisek Lurvey describes, we have been moving along in our strategic planning process since July. Our initial analysis of the data gathered so far has given us some areas of synagogue life that we need to look into in greater depth. One area that I would like to focus on at this time is communications.

Many people expressed that they felt the Temple Israel leadership hasn't done a good job of communicating with the congregation at large. This information came from those who responded to the Congregational Survey. Those who

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responded to the survey were more likely to have been members for a number of years. The majority of the congregation didn't respond to the survey. This creates a conundrum: how do we communicate with people who don't read their email? Or check out the website? Or perhaps don't read good old snail mail?

Among other things, we have two Temple Israel Facebook pages, a Temple Israel website, weekly emails, The Voice, either in hard copy or electronically transmitted, and *Shabbat* Bulletins. We will try to do a better job getting the information out there, but we must all do a better job in receiving the information. If asked to complete a survey, or join in a focus group, or attend a congregational meeting, please do so. Communication is a two-way street. Let's meet in the middle.

As always, I can be reached at <robpanzer18@gmail.com>.

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

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TEMPLE LITES . . .

- **Paula Charry, Renee Fleischer, Elsa Friedman, Lori Freudman, Judy Greenstein, Hermine Plotnick, and Ellen Rosen** will be participating in the Na'aleh Women's Ensemble Midwinter Midday Concert, titled "Jewish Music for All: Poems, Psalms, Prayers, Folksongs, and More," to be held at Temple Israel on Sunday, December 13, at 1:30 P.M. Tickets are \$18. For additional information and to purchase tickets call 482-7480 or 466-8428.

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.
Friday, Nov. 13	6:45 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 20	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 27	7:00 A.M.	4:15 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 14	9:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 21	9:00 A.M.	3:55 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 27	9:00 A.M.	3:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, Nov. 13	4:21 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 20	4:15 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 27	4:12 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Hanukkah issue, will be published on Friday, December 4. Be sure to look for the Guest Column in the issue by Past President Manny Bardash, which will feature Hatzilu. The deadline for the issue is Friday, November 20.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Nov.	15	Temple Israel Blood Drive Sponsored by the Men's Club	8:30 A.M.
	18	Men's Club Meeting and Texas Hold 'Em Night	7:30 P.M.
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	22	Temple Israel Singles Connection Program: "Love with a Plan"	2:00 P.M.
Dec.	6	IDF Children's Carnival	12:30 P.M.
	6	IDF Concert	3:00 P.M.
	7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	9	Congregational Hanukkah Party and Concert	6:00 P.M.
	13	New Member Welcome Ceremony	10:00 A.M.
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	20	TILL Film Series showing: "Regina"	7:00 P.M.
	21	"From Crisis to Covenant" Program Sponsored by TILL	8:15 P.M.

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Religious School Goes Kosher Shopping and Cooking

Temple Israel's Religious School Bogrim class, the combined fifth and sixth grade Monday-Wednesday classes, learned about the laws of *kashrut* recently.

They were assigned the project of creating a festive *Shabbat* meal menu, bearing in mind all they had learned about *kashrut*. After mapping out their ingredients, they created lists and went on a trip to a supermarket. The class spent time looking for the exact ingredients to meet their *kashrut* requirements. Once they made the purchases, they were ready to cook, eat and share their bounty! All was done, of course, with the appropriate blessings they learned.



December is... Food Collection Month at Temple Israel

Dec. 6th-30th Sunday-Thursday
9 A.M.-7 P.M.

Collections bins are in the Lobby
and Waxman Youth House

Suggested Items:

- Whole-Grain Cereals
- Pasta, Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Dessert (non-perishable)
- Canned Tuna, Peas, Beans

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For further information call Marlene Handelman at 570-0037

Introducing Ch'a cappella!

By Rabbi Amy Roth

What is Ch'a cappella? As the excitement of a cappella music grips young people nationwide, we decided to create our own unique brand of Jewish a cappella here at Temple Israel.

Our newly reinvigorated children's choir is now known as the Ch'a cappella group (children's acapella). Students in grades three and above are eligible to be a member of the group. A new musical initiative at Temple Israel, Ch'a cappella, not only brings a new name to our children's programming, but a new name, new image and some new exciting initiatives. Any child in third grade or above who likes to sing (in the shower, in the bathtub or anywhere!) and also likes to perform, can be a part of the TIGN Ch'a cappella.

Ch'a cappella meets on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 P.M. under the direction of Cantor Frieder. If you are passing by the Blue Room at that time you will hear them learning to sing new songs, harmonizing and, of course, having fun with our very own star of stage and screen, Cantor Frieder. They are scheduled to perform at several events throughout the year. In addition, Ch'a cappella will be featured in our upcoming recording of the music of the TIGN children.

Admittedly, Ch'a cappella is a bit of a misnomer: the children do not always sing a cappella—Cantor Frieder teaches with keyboard music. But the enthusiasm and spirit of a cappella permeates the experience. Rumor has it that Ch'a cappella members will also receive a specially designed t-shirt. There is still time to be a part of Ch'a cappella. If you are interested, contact me at <rabbiroth@tign.org> or Cantor Frieder at <cantorfrieder@tign.org>.

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



Reid Fleishman

Reid Fleishman will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on November 21. He is the son of Robin and Daniel Fleishman and is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. He enjoys playing tennis and baseball, as well as skiing, jet skiing, sailing, biking, golfing, technology and robotics. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and hopes to visit Israel in the near future.



Alexander Geula

Alexander Geula will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on November 28. He is the son of Rachel and Kiumarz Geula and has a brother, Aaron, 14, and a sister, Rena, 9. Alexander is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is the recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award from the Temple Israel Religious School. Alexander is a member of the Great Neck travel soccer and school soccer teams, and enjoys tennis and golf. He also plays the piano. For his *Bar Mitzvah* project he organized an event titled "Kick for a Cancer Free Generation" in which he raised funds for cancer research. For further information about the project visit <www.crowdrise.com>.



A group of Religious School students are learning to read Torah, under the direction of Religious School Director Rabbi Amy Roth, right, and Cantor Raphael Frieder. Learning troupe this month are, left to right, Manny Nysenbaum, Noah Bernstein, Rebecca Bernstein, Eden Katz, Alison Parnes, and Aaron Ohebshalom. Missing from the photo are Sam Lurvey and Raphi Kermani.

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D'var Torah

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Vayishlah **Saturday, November 28**

In this portion we conclude the independent stories about Jacob. In the remainder of the Book of Genesis his life is intertwined with the biography of Joseph. Jacob prepares to encounter Esau by dividing his camp as a safety precaution and sending a large gift of livestock to his brother. He wrestles all night with a mysterious assailant from whom he wrests a blessing at daybreak in the form of a change of name from Jacob to Israel. Following the successful meeting with Esau, Jacob travels on and settles down. His daughter, Dinah, is ravished by a local prince, and two of her brothers take fearful revenge. Other events serve to sever decisively the connection of the patriarchs with Mesopotamia. By the end of this portion, our focus is shifted from the lives of individuals to the emerging people of Israel.

SABBATH SERVICES

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Friday, November 27

Evening Service 4:15 P.M.

Saturday, November 28

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayishlah*

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 21

Bar Mitzvah

ALEXANDER GEULA

son of Rachel and Kiumarz Geula

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Dan Goldberger,

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 3:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 4:20 P.M.

Ma'ariv 4:56 P.M.

**Planning for Temple
Israel's Future**

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aged not to hold back. Ideas and suggestions were duly noted, and are being analyzed along with the survey results.

The Committee is now knee deep in performing a SWOT analysis. This means taking an honest look at the Strengths and Weaknesses of our community, as well as outside Opportunities and Threats. There is a lot of hard work to be done!

Imagine for a moment that you need to create a strategic plan for yourself. You ask yourself: "Where will I be in three to five years? What will my life be like? Am I content where I am or do I feel like something better is around the corner? How do I reach for something new? How will this affect my family? And how do I know that this new thing will make life better?"

These questions arise, either explicitly or implicitly, at every meeting of the committee. In their existential nature, they would be overwhelming if it were not for the expert guidance of Nadine Kochavi, United Synagogue's transformation specialist. With the assistance of the Sulam for Strategic Planners program, the committee has been guided in collecting facts first, and drawing conclusions based on an in depth analysis of those facts.

The Committee is now in the process of forming focus groups and task forces to dig into the comments from the survey and interviews, as well as input from the Board of Trustees. These groups will allow members to help build solutions, as well as identifying potential people to contribute to the process.

If you are interested in contributing to the strategic planning process and can serve on a focus group or task force, please contact Lynn <lynnweitzman@gmail.com> or Larry <lgreengrass@moundcotton.com>. We need people who are eager to join a conversation with a purpose—the purpose being the continued vitality of our congregation. We need people who can help build ideas and help build a strong future for Temple Israel. Thank you.

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indigenous Israeli Judaism relevant to modern Israeli life and in line with our core values. For us, modern prayer is a tool to build community, to propel activism, to enrich individuals and to celebrate milestones."

Rabbi Gottfried, the founder and director of Beit Tefilah Israeli, is currently on sabbatical in Atlanta, Georgia. Before becoming a rabbi he had an active career as a playwright, stage director, screenwriter and actor for 20 years.

"I thought Temple Israel members of all ages and stages of life would enjoy – would be moved by – the opportunity to meet these talented egalitarian Israelis," Ms. Friedman-Charry said. "What a fabulous way to celebrate Hanukkah!"

The Power of Bikkur Holim

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how family and friends take turns sitting with the patients during their entire hospital stay.

This description struck a chord within me and has stayed with me ever since as an ideal of how we should approach *bikkur holim*. It is often tempting to make a quick visit during the course of our busy schedules. While any visit is valuable, if we could somehow arrange it whereby no ill person is ever alone just imagine what it would feel like? We would be treating the ill like royalty, worthy of a visit from God and all of us.

Please take the opportunity to visit a loved one, friend or fellow congregant who is ill in the hospital or at home and tell them you care.

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D'var Torah By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Toledot

Saturday, November 14

In this portion we follow the events in the lives of Isaac and Rebekah. Twin sons—Esau and Jacob—are born and their struggles before birth foreshadow later conflicts between the nations they are to find. Although Jacob is the younger, he tricks Esau out of his birthright. Isaac, like Abraham, meets a number of challenges and is assured by God that he will have many descendants and possess the land of Canaan. When Isaac feels his end approaching and arranges to pass the blessing of succession on to Esau, Rebekah connives to have Jacob trick his father and receive the blessing for himself. Jacob must then flee to the ancestral homeland to escape Esau's wrath, but before he leaves Isaac intentionally passes on to him the blessing of Abraham. This action attests that the leadership of the Jewish people depends on God's plan, not an accident of birth.

Vayetse

Saturday, November 21

We follow the fortunes of Jacob as he leaves the land of Canaan to travel to the ancestral home in Mesopotamia, spends 20 years there and leaves to return to Canaan in this portion. Jacob, fleeing for his life, stops for a night at a place near the border and has a dream in which the angels ascend and descend a ladder to heaven. God confirms the blessing of Abraham for Jacob, and Jacob, upon awakening, names the place Beth El, the House of God. Arriving in Mesopotamia, Jacob encounters Rachel, his cousin, at a well and falls in love with her. He negotiates with his uncle, Laban, for Rachel's hand, is tricked by Laban, and then decides it is time to return home. He leaves with two wives, two concubines, 11 sons, one daughter and much livestock. These events show how Jacob begins to become worthy of the blessing he has been given and of being a successor to Abraham and Isaac.

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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, November 13

Evening Service 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 14

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Toledot*

Genesis 25:19 - 28:9; *Haftarah*: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

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Bar Mitzvah

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son of Debbie (Mojgan) and Alfred Sedaghat

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder following *kiddush*

Minhah 4:00 P.M.

Ma'ariv 5:05 P.M.

Havdalah 5:20 P.M.

Friday, November 20

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

Saturday, November 21

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

Weekly Portion: *Vayetse*

Genesis 28:10 - 32:3; *Haftarah*: Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

Bar Mitzvah

REID FLEISHMAN

son of Robin and Daniel Fleishman

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Neda Sedgh, Burton Weston and Rebecca Sassouni

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 3:55 P.M.

Ma'ariv 5:00 P.M.

Havdalah 5:15 P.M.

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