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Senator Martins To Discuss State Issues at Temple Israel Will Speak at Men's Club Opening Breakfast October 25



Men's Club Speaker: Senator Jack Martins

Issues facing New York State will be the focus of a presentation by State Senator Jack Martins at the Opening Breakfast of the Men's Club, to be held on Sunday, October 25, in the Crystal Ballroom.

Admission to the breakfast, which begins at 9 A.M., and the presentation by Senator Martins, at 10 A.M., is free to the entire congregation and their guests.

Senator Martins, who has represented Great Neck in the State Senate since 2011, will discuss the many issues facing the State legislature during the upcoming year and answer questions from the audience.

The former mayor of the Village of Mineola, Senator Martins has taken particular interest in relating State government to local issues. He has worked to repeal the MTA payroll tax; increase State investment in local schools; expand the EPIC program to help seniors save money on prescription drugs; and deliver mandate relief for local governments, most notably relieving counties of the growth of Medicaid expenses. For three consecutive years he topped the Long Island delegation in the number of bills passed by both the Republican-led Senate and the Democrat-led Assembly. Senator Martins has been highly critical of the New York State Education Department's implementation of Common Core.

He is the chair of both the Senate Local Governments Committee and the Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and also serves on the Finance; Health; Labor; ——Continued on page 5

Temple Israel Is Putting Abraham On Trial You Are Summoned to be Part of the Jury!

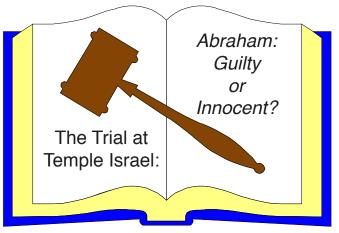
You are hereby summoned to appear at Temple Israel of Great Neck, on Sunday, November 8, at 7 P.M.

It's Eliot Spitzer for the Prosecution and Alan Dershowitz for the Defense in the case of "The People vs. Abraham." The Charges: Attempted Murder of his son, Isaac, and Child Endangerment of his only son, "whom he loved."

Temple Israel's adult education program, Temple Israel Lifelong Learning, or TILL, will present a video of the original, thoughtprovoking and entertaining trial first presented at New York City's Temple Emanu-El Skirball Center in 2014.

The free event has been planned by TILL committee members Toby Katz and Gloria DeLott. Mrs. DeLott saw the original presentation in New York and thought it would be a good fit for Temple Israel members. "The large audience became totally engrossed in the 'trial' and was fully involved in the deliberation of the case," she said. "I urge all Temple Israel members and their guests to attend and be part of the jury trying Abraham on these charges."

After participants are sworn in as jurors, they will be presented with the evidence in the case. Rabbi Howard Stecker will discuss the story of Abraham's attempted sacrifice of Isaac and introduce



eyewitnesses testimony from Genesis 22:1-19.

Following Rabbi Stecker's live presentation, Eliot Spitzer will make the case for the Prosecution based on New York State ——Continued on page 7

Let Us Take a Loop Hike

By Rabbi Daniel Schweber

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Daniel Schweber delivered his first Yom Kippur message to the congregation last month. This Voice Guest Column conains excerpts from his sermon.

My father, Ken Schweber, may his memory be a blessing, was like most adults who move through the world in their own way and refuse to ask for directions. Fortunately, he was endowed with a fantastic sense of direction and could probably even navigate out a labyrinth. Adding to his navigational ability was his large map and atlas

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collection and his love to study the maps.

My father, who died in February 2014, fortunately gave me his good sense of direction and passed on his love of maps to me. Though today I study Google Maps instead of atlases.

FROM THE RABBI —

My father also shared his love for hiking, including the desire to take a loop hike as opposed to walking in and out on the same trail. Sometimes his penchant for a loop got us lost. Of course, this "getting temporarily misplaced" as he liked to call it so we wouldn't panic, would happen as the sun was getting lower and lower. In actuality, we weren't lost. Using his sense of direction, the trail map— if he remembered to take one-and the landmarks along the way, we would backtrack and make a different turn and lo and behold we made it back home again to our car. He would then triumphantly announce, "we weren't lost, we just took an alternate route."

Unless you are backpacking on a through trail like the Appalachian Trail, the _____Continued on page 4

Embrace, Don't Bounce

I was amused to discover that Pope Francis, as a young man, served in a decidedly non-clerical position. Before he committed to prepare for the priesthood, he worked as a bouncer in a nightclub in Buenos Aires, a fact that he himself revealed in his characteristically humane and down-to-earth way.

It is clear that symbolically, the Pope has shifted completely from the enterprise of his earlier years. As a religious leader, he seems to view his calling as one of welcoming in, rather than keeping out. He addresses Catholics of all backgrounds and circumstances, along with those of other faiths, with a non-judgmental message and tone. He has acted intentionally to identify and respond to those who are most vulnerable.

On the first day of Sukkot, I challenged our congregation to consider the following question. When it comes to the way we conduct ourselves, to what extent are we operating like bouncers in a nightclub? To what extent are we sending a message that is anything but fully welcoming?

Unfortunately, many people feel that synagogues operate more like exclusive clubs than open tents. Regardless of our intentions, we often send that message. However, through systematic discussion and con-

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

certed effort, we at Temple Israel have been trying to shift the message and the reality.

If the prayer books in a synagogue are exclusively in Hebrew with no transliteration available, that sends a message. More than a year ago, our Ritual Committee produced prayer books with English transliteration that are available at *Shabbat* and holiday services. I encourage you to use one for any of these services if you feel it would

...to what extent are we operating like bouncers?

be beneficial. They are located in the back of the Sanctuary every *Shabbat* and holiday mornings and in the back of the Chapel or at the entrance to Crystal Ballroom on *Shabbat* and holiday nights. The new High Holy Day prayer books we've been using contain far more transliteration than our previous ones.

If the *bimah*, the Sanctuary and the synagogue building overall are not as physically accessible as they should be, that sends a message. We are currently gathering a group of people who will devote them-*Continued on page 7*

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Holy Day Thanks

By Rob Panzer

The High Holy Day season has drawn to a close and so it is time for us to reflect on how things went. We tried a new format on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, with open seating that allowed people to try a new venue. We had new clergy: Associate Rabbi Dan Schweber and Cantor Joseph Gole. In an effort to gauge how our congregation feels about these changes we will once again be asking our members to participate in a High Holy Day survey. Your response to this request for information will better allow us to plan for next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those groups and individuals who

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make our holiday experience possible. Our office staff and maintenance staff, led by Executive Director Leon Silverberg, worked countless hours to prepare the building for the crowds that attended each day.

We extend our thanks, as well, to those who participated in labeling the seats, placing Kol Nidre appeal cards on each seat, polishing the silver that adorns our *Sifrei Torah*, and decorated the Temple Israel sukkah.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank four people by name. Manny Alani, who serves as *gabbai* in the Sanctuary, assigning honors and making sure the services move smoothly. Jack Moallem, who fills the same role in the Grand Ballroom with calm and grace, Bob Lopatkin, who filled in for me as *gabbai* when needed in the Crystal Ballroom, and, finally, Howard Spun, who serves as chair of our Ushers Committee and works tirelessly to make sure that all is running smoothly. Thank you all for your efforts over the years.

As always, I can be contacted at robpanzer18@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 17	9:00 A.M.	5:53 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 24	9:00 A.M.	5:25 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

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KATHY ITCHKOW sister of Alan Itchkow

May their memories be for a blessing.

Mazal Tov To . . .

Ronnie and Marc Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet Rosalie Kardon.
Susan and Dennis Brustein on the birth of their grandson, Gideon Andrew Brustein.
Simmy-Lou and Robert Atkins on the birth of their granddaughter, Jessica Brielle Rosenfeld.

• **Trudy and Steven Markowitz** on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their granddaughter, Lily Brooke Goldstein.

• Joan Schussheim on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her grandson, Benjamin Arie Schussheim.

• **Roberta and David Harounian** on the engagement of their daughter, Kim, to David Zaga.

• Monte Miller on the birth of his granddaughter, Madison Beatrice Van Elkan.

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 August 22 were made by Rachel and Jesse Van Elkan and Dr. Monte Miller in honor of the birth and baby naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Madison Beatrice Van Elkan.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on September 5 was made by Farsima and Nader Dayani in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Isabella.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on September 12 was made by Suzanne Levy in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of her daughter, Alexandra, and by Gail and Paul Strongwater in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Alexander Ian, and Farra Jaclyn Spellman.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on Sim<u>h</u>at Torah was made by the Danilian, Frouzan and Simantob families in honor of Sim<u>h</u>at Torah honoree Keyvan Frouzan.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!		
Friday, Oct. 16	5:56 P.M.	
Friday, Oct. 23	5:46 P.M.	

	I IPC	oming Events at Temple Isra	FI ———
Oct.	18	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop	10:30 A.M.
000	10	Led by Rabbi Schweber	10.50 A.IVI.
	18	Shoah Committee Picnic Luncheon	12:30 P.M.
	10	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	25	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	8:30 A.M.
	20	Guest Speaker: State Senator Jack Martins	0.50 A.IVI.
	25	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop	10:30 A.M.
		Led by Daniel Mishkin	
	26-30	Book Fair	
	28	TILL presents Seth M. Siegel,	8:15 P.M.
		Author of "Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution	
		for a Water-Starved World"	
	29	Sisterhood Fall Luncheon	Noon
	31	Shabbat Talk with Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein	12:45 P.M.
Nov.	1	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop	9:30 A.M.
		Led by Cantor Frieder	
	1	The People vs. Abraham Sponsored by TILL	7:00 P.M.
	2	Waxman Youth House Midnight Run	6:00 P.M.
	2	Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	4	"Are We Really Healthy" Sponsored by Sisterhood	8:00 P.M.
	9	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	12	TILL Event: "Jewish Law on the Horizon-Women,	
		Honors and Tallit Led by Rabbi Miriam Berkowitz	8:15 P.M.
	15	Blood Drive Sponsored by the Men's Club	8:30 P.M.
	16	Federation of Jewish Men's Club	7:15 P.M.
		Regional Dinner Meeting	
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

Judaism and Superstition A Shabbat Talk with Rabbi Eckstein

Oct. 31 12:45 P.M.

Black cats and broken mirrors aren't particularly Jewish superstitions, but Judaism abounds with many superstitious practices, which have become normative. Rabbi Eckstein will show how to fight the power of the evil eye and he'll tell us the truth about why the bride circles the groom at the wedding and why we break a glass. He will examine why we spill a drop of wine at the seder and why there is a cup of Elijah.

Protect yourself from evil spirits and enjoy delicious kiddush refreshments. You won't regret that you put off trick-or-treating!

Beth HaGan PTA BOOK FAIR See a terrific selection of pre-school and elementary books as well as many titles for adults, too. All are welcome. Tuesday, October 27 3:30-7 P.M. Wednesday, October 28 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. Multipurpose Room

TI Bonds Welcomes The Schwebers



TI BONDING: During Sukkot, members of TI Bonds gathered for Havdalah and to welcome new Associate Rabbi Daniel and Dr. Sarah Schweber to Temple Israel. Although rained out of the sukkah, the group met in the Blue Room for a warm reception. TI Bonds is comprised of parents of children of all ages attending the Temple Israel schools. For further information about TI Bonds and their upcoming events call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800.

Voice Guest Column: Let Us Take a Loop Hike

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purpose of hiking is to exercise, enjoy the scenery and then return back to where you started. The journey is the end itself and not a particular destination. It is the journey that you enjoy and it's the experience of the journey that changes you.

World literature is full of stories where the purpose is to experience a journey and then a return home; The Greek Myth, about the labyrinth built by Deadalus, Don Quixote, The Wizard of Oz, and Star Wars, just to name a few. In these and other stories, the protagonists embark on a journey and make discoveries about themselves, others and the world. Then they quest to return home, finding landmarks along the way.

There are places in the world without landmarks. Places where, without a GPS, one can literally become lost. Out at sea on a dark cloudy night, you have no stars, nothing to guide you. If you try sailing, you might go in circles and never know it.

One can also get lost in flat deserts like the Mojave desert in California or on salt flats such as the Bonneville Salt Flat in Utah; places where prehistoric lakes dried up leaving white flat terrain for miles on end.

Such places are called isotropic environments because everything looks the same in every direction and our minds' orienting abilities are unable to work. If you walk on the salt flats, no matter how hard you try, you cannot walk a straight line. We have no reference point. We have no landmarks.

Let us imagine ourselves in one of these places. At sea on a clouded night, or in the middle of a salt flat with nothing in sight to guide us. This might be as close to nothingness as we can get, unless of course we take a walk in the vacuum of space, the ultimate nothingness. What does it feel like?

Some of us might feel free and unfettered for a little while. In nothingness, we have no responsibilities, no one calling on us or making demands. However, eventually, for some quicker than others, a sense of meaninglessness comes upon us. In nothingness we have nowhere to goal and no goals.

Yom Kippur is like going to an isotropic place. The goal is to make it meaningful and not panic inducing. On Yom Kippur we spiritually go to an isotropic place. The landmarks that mark our day ideally disappear. We do not eat or drink. We do not work. Instead we ideally spend the entire day in the synagogue in contemplative prayer away from the normal rhythms of the day. There is even a tradition suggesting we stay up all night in prayer and study; literally removing our circadian rhythm.

On Yom Kippur we purposefully make ourselves 'temporarily misplaced' so that we can feel a sense of liberation. We create a sense of lose and closure in order to begin anew. We remove the landmarks so we can recalibrate. We have a chance to choose which people and which memories will dot our landscape as we journey.

My hikes with my dad were more than just going out to see pretty scenery and hopefully take a loop. They were a chance for him to impart some wisdom. Like when he described how the scratches on the rocks in Riverside Park and on the Palisades in New Jersey were cut by the receding glacier 22,000 years ago. As I reflect on a small piece of geological trivia that he shared with me 30 years ago, I realize he was teaching me that everyone leaves their mark and has an impact on the world.

As the sunsets and the shofar is blown, we are no longer lost. We have found our way home again. As a community, we together re-enter the world. We are ready to rejoice in life and celebrate Sukkot, the holiday of life.

During this High Holiday period we update and publish new maps, of course, until next year's edition and revision becomes necessary. My wish and prayer for us is that our maps and landmarks for this year help lead us to healthy and enriching lives.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL -

B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH IN Our Temple Israel Family



Daniel Sedgh

Daniel Sedgh will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 24. He is the son of Neda and Farid Sedgh and has two sisters, Victoria, 16, Alexandra, 12, and a brother, Cyrus, 8. Daniel is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball, tennis and track and is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House.



Alexis Hedvat

Alexis Esther Hedvat will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on October 31. She is the daughter of Katrin and Faramarz (Frankie) Hedvat and has two sisters, Ashley, 11, and Chloe, 9. Alexis is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing soccer and softball and was on both teams at school. She looks forward to visiting Israel in the future.

Senator Martins to Speak At Men's Club Meeting —Continued from front page

Insurance; Banks; Social Services; Civil Service and Pensions; and Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committees.

The Men's Club Opening Breakfast traditionally kicks off a busy year of activities for the Men's Club. For further information about the program call Men's Club Opening Breakfast Chair Marc Katz at 713-1606.

Ushering In the New Year With a Beat!

- By Rabbi Amy Roth

As we welcomed back our returning children, and greeted our new Religious School children, the start to our school year was punctuated with sweetness and spunk. Since school met before Rosh Hashanah, we were able to seize the opportunity to create Tishrei (the month with all of our fall holidays) experiences. We started with apples and honey, worked our way through snacks and lulav and etrog in the sukkah, and dancing with the Torah in anticipation of Simchat Torah. Chants of *"Sha sha sha shana tova!"* echoed through the halls of our education wing, as we all wished one another a sweet, good year.

Our children also found themselves in the creative self-expression of our "Drumming-In 5776" program! Led by Morah Sara Shonfeld, our children drummed, clapped and kept rhythm to beats ushering in the Tishrei holidays. Drumming while chanting "shana tova" and "hag sameach," as well as "lulav," "sukkah," etc. made for a very lively (yes and loud!) morning.

As we begin to greet the new month of Heshvan, we look forward to the "routine" of *Rosh Hodesh hagigot* (celebrations), *hadashot* (news "broadcasts"), *tzedakah* counting, and hallway Hebrew and, yes, the magic that actually goes on inside the classrooms. We welcome these days of learning and relationship building.

And yet, even amid our routine, we look ahead to some special events:

• Shabbat Ha Mishpacha—Family *Shabbat* on Saturday, October 24 at 10:30 A.M. Join us in the Multipurpose Room for a warm

and spirited *tefilah* (service). Our children will be reading from the Torah as well as leading other parts of the service.

• Kristallnacht speaker—Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 A.M., all Temple Israel members are welcome to join the Vav children and their parents for a truly memorable, inspirational morning with child survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan, author of "Four Perfect Pebbles." It is a story of perseverance, determination, faith and hope. She will be happy to stay and sign books (they will be available for purchase for \$5 that morning) as well. This event is co-sponsored by Temple Israel's Shoah Remembrance Committee.

• Rosh Hodesh—Join us every month as we sing, dance and cheer our way into a new Hebrew month! November 15 (10 A.M.) and November 16 (4:30 P.M.) are the next celebrations.

• Shabbat Ha Mishpacha—Family *Shabbat* on Friday night, November 13. Join us for dinner, discussion (parents), games (children) and lots of singing and dancing. *Kehilah*, or community, particularly on *Shabbat*, is what we are all about. Our *Shabbat* dinners provide good food (you don't have to cook!), wonderful company and opportunities for meaningful spiritual growth. Come check it out for the full program, or just stay for our child-centered *tefilah*!

We know that this will be an enriching year—one where we will all learn many things, and in a variety of ways. We look forward to sharing the further adventures of the Religious School during the course of the year.



Religious School students drummed in the New Year.

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In honor of: The Auf Ruf of their daughter, Lana Kalickstein, and Steven Friedman Edith and Marvin Kalickstein The High Holy Days Deborah Monasebian Wally Kopelowitz's special birthday Lori and Paul Freudman

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Temple Israel Is Putting Abraham On Trial November 8

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Law. Alan Dershowitz will argue for the defense. The Honorable Alison J. Nathan will preside.

At the end of the trial, Judge Nathan will charge the audience, serving as the jury. They will briefly deliberate and vote guilty or not guilty on both counts. The votes will be tallied and the verdict will be announced. After the verdict, Rabbi Stecker will lead a question and answer session.

"This promises to be an exciting and stimulating event," Mrs. DeLott said. "We invite the congregation and their guests to join us. No exemptions will be granted."

TILL will also host a number of other events this month. Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber will offer a six session Bible Study class, focusing on the fascinating story of David, Saul, and Jonathan. Participants will be able to choose to attend sessions during the day or evening. Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein, who serves Temple Israel on the High Holy Days, will be the featured speaker at a special October 31 Shabbat Talk. He'll regale participants with stories and lore about superstition in Judaism. On November 12, Israeli Rabbi Miriam Berkowitz will speak about the newest Jewish questions raised by egalitarianism. For further details on these programs call the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

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selves to discussing ways of making our synagogue more physically accessible.

If people visiting from Great Neck or out of town are not warmly greeted, or for that matter, if new or longstanding members are not warmly greeted, it sends a message. Several years ago we began a process to expand and enhance our group of greeters who welcome people in the lobby and at the back of the Sanctuary on *Shabbat* and holidays. Of course, this is just one dimension of how we reach out and welcome in, part of a much larger ongoing effort.

We need to continue to explore ways to help everyone feel welcome. This should be true regardless of physical capacity, economic status, relationship status, sexual orientation, degree of comfort with Jewish tradition, ethnic background, whether Jewish by birth, through conversion or not Jewish, but interested in joining with us for whatever reason.

Each issue, and there are others, requires careful conversation and effort. Moreover, as synagogues across the country have been doing, we will need to find creative ways to balance openness and sustainability. I believe this is quite possible, but it needs to be explored.

But the overarching goal should be clear. The synagogue of the 21st century should be a place where anyone who wishes can experience how Judaism enhances life and makes the world a better place. To maximize that goal, bouncing is the last thing we need.



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D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Noah

Saturday, October 17

In this portion we read of the destruction of the world by the great flood and the recreation of the world. By the tenth generation after Adam, human evil has sunk to such depths that God can no longer tolerate it and the world must be purged of its corruption. Noah and his family, alone of all mankind, are saved along with seven pairs (male and female) of all clean animals and one pair of unclean animals found on earth. The description of the flood is in many respects a reversal of the process of creation. When the waters subside and the occupants of the ark emerge on dry land, the narrative parallels the creation story. Noah is portrayed as a second Adam, but the world after the flood is a significantly different place. Although Noah's sons become the progenitors of a world full of people, the complete harmony of all creation is gone. This change is symbolized by the permission given to mankind to eat meat, albeit with the prohibition of eating the blood. God establishes the rainbow as a sign of His promise that the earth will never again be destroyed by flood. The account of the Tower of Babel shows how that unity is shattered by mankind's pride. God's plan is again thwarted, but this time He responds by narrowing His focus to one segment of mankind, which will be the instrument of achieving His purpose. The reading concludes with an account of the line of Noah's son, Shem, which brings us-after generationto Abraham.

Lekh-Lekha

Saturday, October 24

We meet Abraham, who, at 75, leaves his home in Mesopotamia, at God's command, and travels to Canaan with his wife, Sarah, and his nephew, Lot, to become the father of a great nation, in this portion. Abraham meets a number of challenges which test his faith in God and his resourcefulness. He has a son with Hagar, Sarah's handmaid, since Sarah appears to be barren. He also enters into a covenant (b'rit) with God, which is symbolized by circumcision (b'rit milah), thus laying the ground for the development of the Jewish people and its special relationship to God.

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Evening Service

SABBATH SERVICES	
Friday, October 16	
N'Ranenah/Evening Service	6:30 P.M
Waxman Youth House Family Friday Dinner	7:30 P.M.
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Saturday, October 17	
Morning Service / Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah	9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: <i>Noa<u>h</u>;</i> Genesis 6:9 - 11:32	
<i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5	
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Rebecca Friedm	an-Charry
Adam Covitt, Andi Katz and Shahram Delafr	az
Bat Mitzvah	
V AVI A MONIA HEMI	

KAI LA MONAI ILMI				
daughter of Sepideh and Elyas Monahemi				
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.			
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.			
Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder (following kiddush)				
Min <u>h</u> ah, Ma'ariv	5:35 P.M.			
Havdalah	6:55 P.M.			

Friday, October 23

6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 24

Morning Service 9:00 A.M. Weekly Portion: Lekh-Lekha; Genesis 12:1 - 17:27 *Haftarah:* Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16 Bar Mitzvah DANIEL SEDGH son of Neda and Farid Sedgh Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Zina Rutkin-Becker, Robert Lopatkin, Patty Schneider, and Veronica Lurvey Havurah Service 10:00 A.M. Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M. Minhah, Ma'ariv 5:25 P.M. Havdalah 6:44 P.M.

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