



Temple Israel To Honor Three Congregants On Simhat Torah

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel will present three members of the congregation with its highest religious recognition when they are called to the *bimah* to participate in the Simhat Torah observance on Tuesday, October 6.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 9 A.M., will be David Scherr, *Hatan Torah*, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy; Keyvan Frouzan, *Hatan Bereshit*, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis; and Rebecca Friedman-Charry, *Kallat Maftir*, who will be called upon to chant the Haftarah from the Book of Joshua.

Immediately following the service, the entire congregation is invited to meet the honorees at a *kiddush* in their honor.

David Scherr

David Scherr and his wife, Suanne, joined Temple Israel shortly after they moved to Great Neck in 1982. Their first connection with the congregation was through the Couples Club, where they both became active members. Mr. Scherr also was active in the Men's Club, where he served as president for three years. He was elected to the Board of Trustees and currently serves on the Pastoral and Shoah Committees. He is a regular at the Sunday evening *minyan*. Mr. Scherr serves as the treasurer of the New York Metro Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

He grew up in Laurelton, Queens, and received a Bachelors in math from CCNY and a Masters in math from the Courant Institute at NYU, where he was a National Science Foundation Fellow. He started his actuarial career in life and health insurance at Guardian Life and is currently vice president and actuary at General Reinsurance Corporation in Stamford, Connecticut, a subsidiary of Berkshire

Hathaway and is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

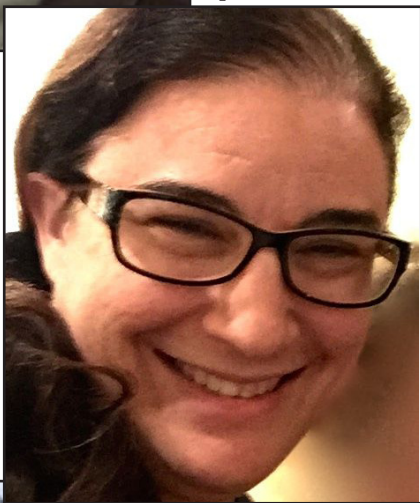
The Scherrs have been married for 39 years and have two children, Alizah and Zachary, both of whom attended Temple Israel's Beth HaGan, Religious School and Waxman High School. Alizah has a Masters in school counseling and is currently on the faculty of the Hardyston School District in Franklin, New Jersey. Zachary has a Ph.D. in math and is completing his post-doc at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is currently on the faculty. Mrs. Scherr is active in Hadassah and, along with her husband, are Hadassah Founders.

Keyvan Frouzan

Keyvan Frouzan became an active member of the congregation when he was a *minyan* "regular" following the passing of his father. "Mourners who attend the *minyan* regularly form a bond," he said, "because they are all there for the same reason. They get to know each other and support each other."

He also regularly attends Temple Israel's *Shabbat* Havurah Service. "I look forward to it," he said, "because it provides an hour of Torah study. It fills a niche for me because it provides a time for meditation."

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Temple Israel Simhat Torah honorees: David Scherr, above, Rebecca Friedman-Charry, right, and Keyvan Frouzan.

The Deal With Iran

By Rebecca Yousafzadeh Sassouni

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel member Rebecca Yousafzadeh Sassouni was invited to address the massive anti Iranian-United States nuclear agreement rally outside Senator Gilibrand's Manhattan office earlier this month. She spoke following a presentation by Senators Joseph Lieberman and Lindsay Graham. This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts from her remarks. Other congregant comments to The Voice on the proposal are welcome.

I am a first-generation American, born in the United States to Iranian Jewish immigrants. When I was small, my parents realized they could not return to Iran. Many of

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my family members emigrated to the US as refugees after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, beleaguered, smuggled out, their property confiscated, their lives interrupted. My husband, in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins and

paternal grandparents endured great hardships to flee Iran and start all over again in a new county. Some Iranian Jews were jailed as Zionist spies, some were executed. My family is among the fortunate ones who were not.

It is not lost on me that my relatives and friends who grew up in Iran are sometimes the most conflicted about whether to speak out publicly, given the repression they internalized in that country. They remain understandably traumatized and scarred. But I was born here, so I will say it:

I oppose the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as a Jew, as a Zionist, as a relative of the Iranian expatriate community and, above all, as a proud American.

I love and appreciate the United States. I love that I studied law here; enjoy the right to maintain strong ethnic, Jewish, Zionist, and feminist identities here. I have the privilege of being an early 3,000-year

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FROM THE RABBI

The "Yes-But" Needs a Rest

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Recently I proposed that we should acknowledge the existence of a creature called the "yes-but." It is tiny yet powerful, known for its impulsivity and persistence. It lives inside of our mouths. It gets active when we talk with other people, particularly people with whom we disagree.

While the other person is talking, we're only sort of listening because the "yes-but" is getting the better of us. It's jumping around, tickling our tongues until we open our mouths and say something like: "Yes, I hear you. But didn't you consider this or that?" Or: "Yes, I know what you said. But how can you say it when so-and-so the expert says the opposite?"

I am all for healthy debate where we listen and respond to one another in mutually illuminating ways. I fear, however, that the quick rush to rebut and "yes-but" often shortchanges our capacity to learn from one another deeply. We seem too quick to prove that we are right and less inclined to admit where we might be wrong.

At the beginning of this New Year, I'm

issuing an appeal for careful listening. I'm urging us to subdue the frenetic "yes-but" within us long enough for us to listen closely to one another without rushing to respond.

I think back on conversations I've had with friends when I've shared something challenging or worrisome. Often I can't remember the details of what they said in response. But I do remember the times that

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I felt they were listening carefully, whether or not they said anything at all.

Sometimes we rush to respond to family and friends because their words make us anxious. At these times, our responses may have the opposite effect of what we intend. A friend tells us about her health concerns and we may respond with some variation

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Moving to 5776

By Rob Panzer

We recently saw the beginning of the High Holy Days season with the start of Selihot services. A short film, "Eye of the Storm," was shown followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Schweber. The documentary, filmed in 1970, was of an all-white third grade class in Iowa. The schoolteacher's exercise in discrimination captured the children's reactions to being treated differently.

A similar experiment years later was facilitated by the same teacher, Jane Elliot. The subjects this time were a number of corrections officers. What was remarkable was to see that the opinions of both the classroom children and later the adult experiment subjects were easily swayed to the opinions of others. "Groupthink" seemed to easily outweigh the thoughts of the individual. This is clearly a topical issue 45 years after this film was produced.

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Selihot services were led by Cantor Frieder, most ably assisted by four of our teenagers, Yoel Hawa, Talia Katz, Josh Rothbaum, and Matthew Somekh. The service was both spirited and poignant for those of us who attended. There were proud families in attendance, but I think we all felt as if we were one extended family and these were all "our" kids.

We all know what follows: Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, the Sukkah Hop (with a somewhat different format), Cantor Frieder's "Falafel-Fest," and so on. I'll make everyone a deal: make your Kol Nidre pledge ahead of time and I can skip the speech that night!

Before I close, I would like to thank in advance the *gabaiim* and ushers who work so hard to make the High Holy Days go smoothly. Thanks to *gabaiim* Manny Alani, Jack Moallem, Bob Lopatkin, and Head Usher Howard Spun. Without your help we simply couldn't get everything done.

G'mar B'Hatima Tova, may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a peaceful, healthy, and meaningful year.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Iana and Eugene Gillman** on the engagement of their son, Jeffrey, to Rachel Zapp.
- **Thelma Sahn** on the birth of her great-grandson, Jack Aaron Brookstein.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

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May their memories be for a blessing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept. 20	Welcome Back Barbeque	12:30 P.M.
22	Kol Nidre	
23	Yom Kippur	
23	Break-the-Fast sponsored by the Men's Club	
27	Erev Sukkot	
27	Beth HaGan Nursery School Sukkah Decorating Party	
28	Sukkot Celebration with the Rabbis and their families at their homes	
28-Oct. 4	Sukkot	
Oct. 1	Cantor Frieder's Sukkot Party	7:00 P.M.
2	Temple-Wide Sukkot Service and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
3	TI Bonds "Shalom Schwebers" Dinner	8:00 P.M.
5	Shemini Atzeret	
6	Simhat Torah	
7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
11	New Member Dinner	5:00 P.M.
15	Golf, Tennis and Games Tournament	
18	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Led by Rabbi Schweber	10:30 A.M.
22	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
25	Family B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Led by Daniel Mishkin	10:30 A.M.
28	Book and Author TILL Presentation On Israel's Water Crisis Featuring Seth M. Siegel	8:15 P.M.

Kim and Jon Kaiman Will Be Honored at Golf, Tennis and Games Outing October 15

Kim and Jon Kaiman will be honored at Temple Israel's Golf and Tennis Outing, being held on October 15.

Longtime Temple Israel members, both have served on many committees within the congregation and the couple has appeared in many of the Temple Israel Players' productions.

Mrs. Kaiman serves as the executive director of the Town of North Hempstead Business and Tourism Development Corporation. Mr. Kaiman, a former Temple Israel trustee, is the special advisor on Superstorm Sandy Relief to Governor Andrew Cuomo and also serves as the chairman of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority.

The Golf, Tennis and Games Outing is a fundraiser for the congregation. Sponsors will be recognized on posters and other signage.

Golf and games including Mah Jongg and cards will be held at the Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington. Seasoned golfers will play on the 18-hole Harbor Links Golf Course and beginners will have a one-hour clinic, followed by nine-holes on the Executive Course. Tennis will be held at the Shelter Rock Tennis and Country Club in Manhasset. Drills will be available for all levels.

Following the play, all will meet for a cocktail reception and dinner at Harbor Links, where a silent auction will be conducted and the Kaimans will be recognized.

The event is being co-chaired by Adam Covitt and Marc Langsner. Richard Solomon is chairing the golf portion of the outing, Marjorie Hoffman is chairing the Mah Jongg and card games event, Sidney Freedman is chairing the tennis matches, and Howard Spun and Bob Lopatkin are heading up the hospitality.

For further information about the event, call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, Sept. 18.....6:42 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 25.....6:30 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

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Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 19	9:00 A.M.	6:20 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 26	9:00 A.M.	6:10 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Meet New Members, Greet Old Friends at

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B'nai/B'not Mitzvah In Our Temple Israel Family



Alexandra Milman

Alexandra Jamison Milman was called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 12. She is the daughter of Suzanne Levy. Alexandra is an eighth grade student at Great Neck South Middle School, where she was the assistant director for her school play. Alexandra is interested in ballet, tennis, horseback riding and fencing. She also enjoys science and hopes to pursue a career in medicine or engineering. Alexandra and her family plans to visit Israel to continue her Jewish education. She is active with the UJA-Federation and currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House.

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on "yes, but you'll be fine." Such a well-intended response may make us feel better, but it may send our friend the message that we're not listening so carefully.

Every day, with added emphasis during the High Holy Days, we turn to God in prayer and say, *Sh'ma Koleinu*, listen to our voices. Allowing for the variety of ways in which we think about God, I imagine that most of us want God to listen to us carefully. Not to say "yes, but"; rather, to give us the space to share our voices and to hope to be heard. Heard in our thinking and our feeling, our resolve and our doubt, our joy and our pain.

What we desire from God, we should offer one another.

The "yes-but" is overworked. Let's give it a well-deserved rest.

Celebrate Sukkot 5776
Friday, October 2

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The Astrof family at Kehillah Netzach Israel, Temple Israel sister congregation.

Astrofs, Sassounis Visit Kehillah Netzach Israel

Temple Israel's liaisons to the congregation's sister congregation in Israel, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni and Jackie Einstein Astrof, along with their families, visited Kehillah Netzach Israel in Ashkelon during the summer.

As a sign of support from their friends in Great Neck, they presented Netzach Israel with a check from Temple Israel's Israel Solidarity Fund and another from TI Bonds. The funds will be used to help the congregation assimilate new immigrants and to further stock their bomb shelters.

A highlight of the trip was when Zachary Astrof entered the Masorti congregation in Israel and immediately saw a note of support he sent to the congregation during last summer's rocket attacks on display. "It was so cool to see stuff made in Great Neck hanging up and making an impact across the world," he said.

The two families toured the congregation's bomb shelters, which Temple Israel funds helped to improve and stock with kid-friendly items.

Congregation Netzach Israel welcomes Temple Israel travellers to visit the congregation. For further information about Netzach Israel contact Mrs. Sassouni at rebec-casassouni@gmail or Ms. Astrof at 917-209-1141.

The Deal With Iran

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old tradition of Persian Jewry whose diaspora spans across nations, including Iran, Iraq, Israel, Germany, Italy, Canada and the United States. As a first-generation American, I have had the ability to forge together aspects of Persian cultural tradition, Judaism, Zionist devotion and a most unabashed American civic pride.

In the spirit of atonement of the approaching High Holidays, I confess that I voted for President Obama. No one can accuse me of not giving him the benefit of the doubt. I assure you it gives me no pleasure to admit how wrong I was.

So I stand before you shaking my head, asking how we reached a point where our President and secretary of state have amnesia. Have they forgotten that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a designated State Sponsor of Terror? Heard of Iran's Shiite proxies, Hezbollah and Hamas? Have they forgotten Iran's repression of women, homosexuals, Jews, Christians, Bahais, and Zoroastrians? Iran's jailing of journalists? The Annual Holocaust Denial Conferences? President Obama said on Friday that he hears and reads the official pronouncements and tweets of Marg Bar Amrika, Marg Bar Israel, calling for the annihilation of Israel and the United States.

To conclude, as an appreciative first gen-

eration American I don't take much for granted. Not freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, exercise of religion, right to vote, due process of law, or separation of powers which are the hallmarks of American life. I also don't take for granted the miracle of the State of Israel in my lifetime, fulfilling the yearning of the Jewish people for millennia.

And I certainly don't take for granted that the soon-to-be cash-rich Islamic Republic of Iran's regime will renounce repression and terror "voluntarily" out of "good faith" within the next 15 years. Make no mistake that the Iranian regime will be emboldened to remain repressive and authoritarian, committed to exporting Shiite dominance across the globe.

On the way in to the rally tonight, I thought to myself that this is likely an exercise in futility. But then I realized we have to be optimistic. So keep calling on our elected representatives. Let Senator Gillibrand know whose votes she will lose unless she changes her vote. As Senator Lieberman just indicated, facts have emerged since she and others announced their positions. Now we know about the side deals and the self-inspections. Maybe members of Congress can change their positions in light of the new information. Don't give up. Demand that Congress reject this toothless deal while there is still time.

"...You Shall Surely Open Your Hand..."
—Deuteronomy 15:11

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A Prayer for Our Congregation

May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless this entire congregation, together with all holy congregations: Them, their sons and daughters, their families, and all that is theirs; along with those who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray, and those who give to funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor; and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of this community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One reward them, remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May God bless them by making all their worthy endeavors prosper, as well as those of the entire people Israel. And let us say:
Amen.

Where Will You Be for Yom Kippur Seder?

By Rabbi Daniel Schweber

You might be thinking "Excuse me, Rabbi Schweber, I think you are confused. The seder is on *Pesach* and we sit in synagogue and pray on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur." I am not confused because while they are shorter, our home rituals on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are similar in some ways to the *Pesach* Seder.

The *Pesach* Seder is the most known seder, but we have many *sedarim* in our tradition. The word "seder" means "order" and refers to an order of rituals performed together at one ceremony. We have *seder leil Shabbat*, the order of *Shabbat* evening with Shalom Aleichem, blessing the children, Kiddush, etc.

We therefore can call the home rituals

on the High Holy Days a *seder* as well. Here is a brief explanation:

The Rosh Hashanah Seder

The evening begins like all holidays with the lighting of candles. The blessing is *Baruch attah...melekh ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivvanu l'hadlik ner shel yom tov*.

A special Kiddush is then recited over wine/grape juice. The challah loaves on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur eve are traditionally round to symbolize renewal and the cyclical nature of the year. The challah is often sweet, made with raisins. It is also customary to dip the challah in honey.

After the challah, it is a widespread custom to have apples dipped in honey and to recite the following prayer: "May it be your will, Lord our God and God of our

ancestors, to renew for us a sweet and good year."

On the second night of Rosh Hashanah it is also customary to have a fruit that has not been tasted this season. The reason is because there are some doubts about reciting the Shehechyanu blessing on the second night.

For Ashkenazim, the seder usually ends here and the meal begins. For many Sephardim, the seder has just begun. Using a play on words in Hebrew and other languages, symbolic foods are eaten to express various wishes for the new year.

Our own Rahel Musleah has written a Rosh Hashanah seder book for families and describes the seder at <http://www.myjew>

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SUKKOT AND SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES

Sunday, September 27

Leil Sukkot

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Monday, September 28

First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:35 P.M.

Tuesday, September 29

Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:40 P.M.

Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1

Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.

Wednesday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:17-25

Thursday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Friday, October 2

Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Service 6:30 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:23-31

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

followed by a festive Congregational Dinner

Saturday, October 3

Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

Maftir: Numbers 29:26-31; Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Harold Citron,

Jeffrey Englander, Sima Taid, and Deanna Stecker

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minḥa 5:55 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:25 P.M.

Ma'ariv 7:00 P.M.

Havdalah 7:17 P.M.

Sunday, October 4 - *Hoshanah Rabbah*

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34

Leil Shemini Atseret

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Monday, October 5 - *Shemini Atseret*

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1; Haftarah: I Kings 8:54 - 66

Yizkor Memorial Services - Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Leil Simhat Torah

Minḥa, Ma'ariv and Hakafoṭ in the Sanctuary 6:15 P.M.

for school-age children, teens and adults

Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:45 P.M.

for pre-school and kindergarten children and their families

Tuesday, October 6 - *Simhat Torah*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1; Haftarah: Joshua 1:1 - 18

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minḥa and Ma'ariv 6:25 P.M.

Temple Israel Museum Features Special High Holy Days Exhibit

A special Temple Israel Museum exhibit is now on display featuring items relating to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

On view is a very large twisted shofar from Bombay, India, and a traditional flat form European Shofar from the 19th century with Hebrew engraving. A beautiful modern Yizkor memorial light in silver and glass by Moshe Zabari is shaped as open-palmed hands. Also by Zabari is a silver cylindrical form etrog container with semi-precious stones on top. Another silver etrog container is from 19th century Hungary and is shaped as an octagonal box raised on four fish-form supports, with the top embossed with a scene of a father and son with lulav and etrog inside a succah.

A silver Persian rosewater sprinkler is pear-shaped with applied rose branches and leaves, which are attached to the removable curved spot.

A group of four color postcards were printed in Germany circa 1910 for the American market. They each say "Happy New Year" in English and Hebrew and contain a poem in Yiddish.

These are just some of the items in the front case. The Museum is open on Yom Kippur between 1 and 3 P.M.

Temple Israel To Honor Three Congregants On Simhat Torah

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He joined the congregation six years ago, and immediately became involved with the House Committee and two years ago he was selected as its chair. He is in his first term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with a double major in economics and international relations, for the past 20 years he has been in the real estate construction and development business in Manhattan.

Mr Frouzan and his wife, Mina, have a daughter, Danielle, a seventh grade student at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island.

Rebecca Friedman-Charry

Rebecca Friedman-Charry, the chair of the congregation's adult education program, known by the acronym TILL, Temple Israel Lifelong Learning, has been a member of Temple Israel for 11 years.

She joined the congregation along with her husband, Josh, when they were married. Her husband is the son of Temple Israel's former associate rabbi, Marim D. Charry and his wife, Paula. Mrs. Friedman-Charry's mother, Elsa Friedman, is also a member of Temple Israel. The couple's daughter, Penina, is in the first grade at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island.

"Being part of Temple Israel has greatly enhanced my family's life," she said. We enjoy *Shabbat* services, the Niggun Circle and, of course, all of the opportunities for Jewish learning."

Mrs. Friedman-Charry, a member of the Board of Trustees since 2011, regularly reads Torah and Haftarah, Kohelet, Shir HaShirim, Eicha, and Megillat Esther. She is a teacher of high school Jewish studies at the Solomon Schechter School of Long Island, where she also serves as the *minyán* coordinator and advisor of a student club that plans school-wide academic symposia. She has mentored student teachers from the Davidson School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is currently participating in a teacher-leader fellowship studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and facilitating a kindergarten through 12th grade initiative called "Our Global Jewish Story—at Schechter."

Stein Yom Kippur Symposium Topic: Diversity In Our Schools

This year's Jack Stein Memorial Yom Kippur Symposium will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 3 P.M. The topic will be "Diversity in our Schools: Facing the Challenges, Seizing the Opportunities." Featured will be a discussion with Tracy Garrison-Feinberg, director of the Claire Friedlander Education Institute of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County and Bernard Kaplan, principal of Great Neck North High School. Steven Markowitz, past president of Temple Israel and chairman of the Board of the Holocaust Center, will be the moderator.

Where Will You Be For Yom Kippur Seder?

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ishlearning.com/article/a-sephardic-rosh-hashanah-seder/#. I am going to try some of the symbols on Rahel's list. I encourage you to do so as well.

The Yom Kippur Eve Seder

Before we "rush" to synagogue for Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur eve there are some rituals at home to remember.

It is customary to eat a festive meal before the fast. To discourage false pietism before the fast, the rabbis said if we eat enough on the 9th of Tishrei, it is as if we fasted on both the 9th and 10th of Tishrei. There is no Kiddush at the meal, but it is customary to have challah and honey and you can add apples and honey again if you wish.

After the meal we light at least one memorial candle. With the candle(s) we remember our dear loved ones who shared holidays of the past with us. The candle also lasts 25 hours, slowly burning throughout this holy day.

Holiday candles are then lit with the blessing "*Baruch attah... melekh ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tziivanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom ha'kippurim.*"

It is then customary to bless children and one another. You can use the traditional Priestly blessing or your own thoughts and meditations.

While the synagogue service is central to both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, these home rituals add meaning to the holidays.

Wishing you and yours *L'shanah tova tikkateivu v'tehateimu.* May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

SHABBAT AND HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

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Friday, September 25

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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Saturday, September 26

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu

Deuteronomy 32:1 - 52 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1 - 51

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Andrew Bloom, Audrey Kent Itzkowitz,

Joyce Weston and Ofra Panzer

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minha 6:10 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:40 P.M.

Ma'ariv 7:14 P.M.

Havdalah 7:29 P.M.

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D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Vayeilekh

Saturday, September 19

In this portion we begin the final section of the Book of Deuteronomy, which treats of the last days of Moses. This is the shortest portion in the Torah, consisting of only one chapter of 30 verses. Moses' mission is almost completed. There remain only a few details to finish before his death. These consist of bidding farewell to his people, presenting his successor, Joshua, to them (with some words of encouragement to him), writing down the Torah up to this point, and handing it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read from it every seven years at a public assembly. This reading is not to be for the purpose of teaching the people the basics of law, but rather to achieve a special purpose. It is to take place on Sukkot, at the start of agriculture and business following the year of release, when all Israelites are assembled in the central sanctuary. The reading is thus to affirm that in every area of ordinary life, the way to God lies only through His Torah and Torah is necessary to maintain the unity of the people and provide for its protection.

Ha'azinu

Saturday, September 26

In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

SHABBAT AND

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Saturday, September 19 - *Shabbat Shuvah*

Shaharit/Shabbat Morning Group <i>Aliyah</i>	9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: <i>Vayeilekh</i> ; Deuteronomy 31:1-30	
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20	
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:	
Pargol Khadavi, Edith Robbins and Jeffrey Fleit	
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Minḥa	6:20 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	6:50 P.M.
Ma'ariv	7:25 P.M.
Havdalah	7:40 P.M.

Tuesday, September 22 - *Kol Nidre*

Minḥa	3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre	6:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 23 - *Yom Kippur*

Shaharit begins in the Main Ballroom	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11	
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14	
"How We Envision God: As Potter"	10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry	
Yizkor Memorial Service	11:30 A.M.
Community Yizkor Service	3:00 P.M.
Jack Stein Memorial Symposium	3:00 P.M.
"Diversity in our Schools: Facing the Challenges, Seizing the Opportunities"	
Minḥa	4:30 P.M.
Neilah	5:50 P.M.
Ma'ariv	7:06 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30	
Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20	
Havdalah and Shofar Blowing	7:34 P.M.

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