

Great Neck's Rabbis Will Debate and Discuss Jewish Issues Sunday, May 5



Rabbi Dale Polakoff
Great Neck Synagogue



Rabbi Meir Feldman
Temple Beth-El



Rabbi Tara Feldman
Temple Beth-El



Rabbi Yaacov Lerner
Young Israel



Rabbi Howard Stecker
Temple Israel

by Marc Katz, Editor

Differences in Jewish practice and belief will come into sharp focus when the rabbis from Great Neck's major synagogues come face-to-face at their annual Rabbinic Dialogue, this year being held at Great Neck Synagogue on Sunday, May 5.

For the first time, Rabbi Yaacov Lerner of Young Israel of Great Neck will join the panel, which includes Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel, Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, and Rabbis Tara and Meir Feldman of Temple Beth-El. The clergy meet yearly to discuss Jewish issues and answer questions from members of their congregations at what has become a tradition in the Great Neck Jewish community.

"I'm excited about the discussion," said Rabbi Stecker. "I think it will be a lively exchange and including Rabbi Lerner in the dialogue will add a different dimension to the conversation. The community is invited to ask questions of the rabbis following their discussion, which begins with a breakfast at 9:30 A.M., followed by the dialogue at 10:30 A.M.

"We will discuss major issues including both political and religious divisions in the Jewish community as well as anti-Semitism," Rabbi Stecker said. "Last year's dialogue became rather lively and heated, and I am sure the controversial discussion will continue where we left off."

Rabbi Lerner has been the rabbi of Young Israel since 1975. He founded Project Identity, a community outreach program in Judaism for adults in 1981 and has served as president of the

Vaad Harabonim of Queens and a vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Lerner is a graduate of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Polakoff is in his 32nd year as the senior rabbi of Great Neck Synagogue. He served as president of the Rabbinical Council of America and has been deeply involved with numerous communal causes including the Orthodox Caucus and the Beth Din of America. Before coming to Great Neck he served as the assistant rabbi of a congregation on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Rabbi Meir Feldman, who came to Temple Beth-El in 2009, shares the pulpit with his wife, Rabbi Tara Feldman. Meir Feldman began his career as an associate at a prestigious Wall Street law firm and then as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles. He attended Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and, in 2001, started a bi-weekly Park Slope Friday Night minyan. From 2002-2004 he served as a rabbinic fellow at the Upper West Side's B'nai Jeshurun.

Rabbi Tara Feldman earned a B.A. in Russian Language and Literature from Vassar College, an M.A. in Elementary Education, and was ordained by Hebrew Union College in 2001. A Jew-by-choice, she held a number of associate positions before becoming co-senior rabbi with her husband.

Rabbi Stecker has served as the senior rabbi of Temple Israel since 2003. He has served as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau and Suffolk, an officer of the New York Board of Rabbis and as a Board member of the Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island.

Calling Out Anti-Semitism

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Stecker delivered the following remarks at the recent Great Neck rally opposing anti-Semitism.

Just as racism needs to be called out explicitly because there are elements that are unique and uniquely pernicious to people of color, just as homophobia and transphobia need to be called out explicitly because there are elements that are unique and uniquely pernicious to LGBTQ people, just as misogyny needs to be called out explicitly because there are elements that are unique and uniquely pernicious to women, anti-Semitism needs to be called out explicitly because there are elements that are unique and uniquely pernicious to Jews.

The renowned Israeli journalist and thought leader Yossi Klein Halevi recently characterized anti-Semitism as follows: whatever is the worst thing imaginable in a particular context, you attribute to Jews.

If mucking up some distorted notion of racial purity is the worst thing, you say the Jews are doing that.

If heartlessly conquering a native people and imposing your will on them is the worst thing, you say the Jews are the worst imperialist conquerors ever.

Anti-Semitism needs to be called out when it is expressed through word and deed.

Anti-Semitism needs to be called out when it comes from the left and when it comes from the right.

Left-leaning anti-Semitism, expressed through false intersectionalities and criticism of Israel that demonizes or delegitimizes Israel, needs to be called out.

Right-leaning anti-Semitism, expressed as an accusation that Jews are leading the charge to undermine white supremacy—as in “Jews will not replace us!”—needs to be called out.

When a congresswoman accuses the Jews of hypnotizing the world and American Jews of having a dual loyalty that somehow calls into question their allegiance to America, it

needs to be called out as anti-Semitism.

When a congressman tweets dollar signs instead of S's in the names of Jewish donors, it needs to be called out as anti-Semitism.

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I implore us not to expend most of our energy arguing with one another over whether right-wing or left-wing anti-Semitism is more dangerous. Rather, we need to conserve our energy to fight those whose hateful statements and actions come from across the ideological and political spectrum.

Finally, let us not forget the legacy and promise of this great land of ours.

This is the land where, centuries ago, Benjamin Franklin looked out his window during his final days and smiled as the Christian and Jewish clergy of Philadelphia, including the rabbi of the newly created synagogue that Franklin supported, walked down the street together during a city parade.

This is the land where Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. marched together urging that people be judged solely on the content of their character.

This is the land where, in the past few years, Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities supported each other with good wishes and tangible resources as each community found itself reeling from hateful attacks.

Along with other forms of hatred which must be named and called out and opposed, we must name and call out and oppose anti-Semitism regardless of where it comes from, regardless of whatever twisted narrative is behind it, as we work to ensure that the United States of America maximizes its potential as a place of liberty and justice for all.

Guess What's Coming!

From the President by Rob Panzer

Spring is here. As I write this column, birds are chirping outside my window, the sun is shining, and it can only mean one thing: Pesach is right around the corner. All of the markets in town are stocked with piles of matzoh and all of the associated foods, many of which we never knew we really had to have.

What's on the menu for Pesach at Temple Israel? Last Shabbat we had Pesach University and post-kiddush discussion led by Rabbis Stecker and Schweber. There was a lively discussion about the contents of the haggadah and what it meant to each person present. Coming up will be the Fast of the First Born shacharit service with a last chance bagel breakfast to follow. On April 20th we will be having our annual second night seder, sponsored by the Men's Club. Please contact the

office to register so we can ensure that we have the appropriate amount of food available. On Friday, April 26, the seventh day of Pesach, services in the Sanctuary will be led by our Waxman Hebrew High School teens. This is

What's on the menu for Pesach at Temple Israel?

always a wonderful service and a proud moment for our entire community. It's truly a pleasure to be able to list some of the activities we have for any occasion.

Best wishes for a sweet Pesach.

As always, I can be reached at Robpanzer18@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the family of:

NANCY MASRY ALANI

wife of Manny Alani and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May her memory be for a blessing.

Mazal Tov To...

Ronnie and Marc Katz

on the birth of their granddaughter, Mikayla Eve Kardon.

Ronni and Wally Kopelowitz

on the birth of their grandson, Ari Peter Zinger.

Ofra and Rob Panzer

on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Lilah and Eitan Katz.

Barbara and Henry Katz

on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Lilah and Eitan Katz.

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

April 14

Waxman Memorial Program 7:00 P.M.
featuring Israeli Ambassador
Dani Dayan

April 15

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

April 19

Erev Pesah

April 20 – April 27

Pesah

April 20

Second Night Seder 7:30 P.M.
Sponsored by the Men's Club

May 1

Yom Hashoah Service 7:30 P.M.

May 5

Annual Rabbinic Dialogue 10:30 A.M.
at Great Neck Synagogue

May 6

Sisterhood Luncheon Noon

May 10

Shabbat Sing-Along in the Park 4:30 P.M.

May 11

Shabbat Talk: 12:45 P.M.
"From the Ideal to the Real: Is Israel
Truly the Homeland for All Jews"

May 16

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

May 19

Temple Israel Film Series 7:00 P.M.
presents "The Invisibles"

May 22

Beth HaGan Literary Art Fair 5:30 P.M.

May 23

Men's Club Night at Ben's 7:00 P.M.

May 25

Shabbat Talk: 12:45 P.M.
"The Albert Family Immigration
Experience After the Holocaust"

June 1

Annual Journal Dinner Gala

Holocaust Kindertransport Escapee Speaking on Yom Hashoah

by Marc Katz, Editor

When Anita Weisbord was only 15-years old she was put on a train-load of Jewish children escaping war-torn Europe. Although her parents were humiliated by Nazi troops before being sent to concentration camps, the teen was left to fend for herself far from her Nazi controlled homeland.

She will tell her story at Temple Israel's annual Yom Hashoah service, dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust, on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The service will also feature the Temple Israel Children's Choir, conducted by Cantor Raphael Frieder, and the Shireinu Choir of Long Island, conducted by Deborah Tartell.

The moving service begins each year with Temple Israel's Holocaust survivors entering a darkened sanctuary holding Shoah memorial candles, accompanied by members of their family and children from the congregation's Religious School. As they enter, Rabbi Marim D. Charry announces their name and their former hometown in Europe.

The service, in commemoration of

the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis during World War II, is organized each year by Temple Israel's Shoah Remembrance Committee. The committee, chaired by Lori Oppenheimer, also plans the congregation's Kristallnacht observance and a number of other activities throughout the year.

The service concludes with "El Maleh Rahamim," the "Mourner's Kaddish," and the singing of the "Hymn of the Jewish Partisans" and "Hatikvah." At the end of the service participants are invited to place yellow Yom Hashoah candles on the Temple Israel Holocaust memorial on the front lawn, just outside of the Sanctuary.

"Every survivor has an amazing story to tell," said Ms. Oppenheimer. "We owe it to them to hear their heroic story of survival and remember the many lives lost in the Shoah. I urge everyone to attend and participate in this service."

Mrs. Weisbord grew up in Vienna in the 1930s, along with her brother and sister. In March, 1938, Hitler invaded Austria and annexed it to Nazi Germany. She remembers watching as her mother and other Jewish women were forced to scrub

public sidewalks on their knees as local citizens watched. Shortly after, her father was arrested and sent to Dachau, the first concentration camp inside Germany.

During Kristallnacht, Nazi troops broke into the family's apartment, ransacked it, and walked off with their possessions.

Mrs. Weisbord's brother, Ernst, escaped to France where he joined the French Foreign Legion serving in North Africa. He later joined the British Army and served in England and Germany.

In 1939, Mrs. Weisbord took the famous train ride to safety in England—known as the kindertransport—along with thousands of other Jewish children. In London she met another refugee, Harry Weisbord, who she married in 1946.

Temple Lites...

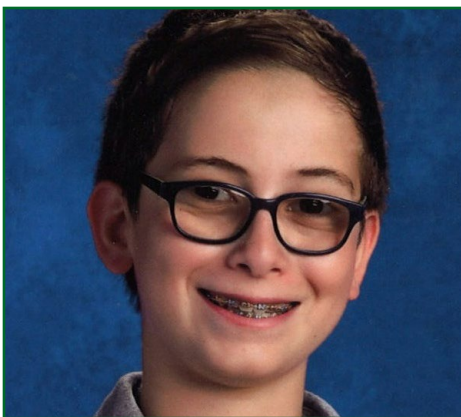
• **Fran Langsner**, a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (Nassau BOCES) since 2013, received a School Board Service Award from SCOPE Education Services. She previously served as vice president of the Great Neck Board of Education.

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



Emily Noghrei

Emily Noghrei will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on April 13. She is the daughter of Jessica and Michael Noghrei and has a brother, Brandon, 9, and a sister, Jillian, 5. Emily is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She participates in both the basketball and tennis school teams. Emily also participates in USTA tennis tournaments. She currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Zachary Hyman

Zachary Roger Hyman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 4. He is the son of Sharon and Kevin Hyman and has two brothers, Marc, 10, and Andrew, 5. Zachary is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School where he is a member of the All County Chorus. He enjoys singing, playing alto saxophone, piano, tennis, ice hockey, as well as playing on the Great Neck Bruins travel hockey team. Zachary plans to visit Israel in the near future.

Celebrating 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

From the Beth HaGan Nursery School by Rachel Mathless, Director

Beth HaGan students joined children all over the world in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" on March 19th. This classic has thrilled children for over a half a century, teaching math and science skills along with an engrossing story of how a caterpillar builds a cocoon and metamorphoses into a beautiful monarch butterfly. Each class presented their own interpretation of the book in a delightful three-dimensional format.

Morah Gina, our music teacher, dressed appropriately as a butterfly, taught us four new songs including "The Butterfly Cycle," "The Fuzzy Caterpillar" and "Birth of a Butterfly." All classes baked one round cake which we put together to form a caterpillar. Birthday cake was enjoyed by all the children.

We were so happy to revisit this book, which continues to inspire curiosity, creativity, imagination, and delights all children while they play, learn, and explore the world around them.



Lots of Beth HaGan student faces covered "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" school hallway bulletin board displays.



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Passover Beginning with Annual Siyyum, Breakfast And Service for the First-Born on Friday, April 19th

Because the first-born Israelites were saved during the Tenth Plague, all first-born men and women are required to fast on erev Pesah until the seder. This fast is called Taanit Bechorot. However, the fast is not required when a mitzvah is performed, such as a siyyum, the completion of a portion of study. It is then customary to celebrate with a seudat mitzvah, a meal that accompanies an important religious duty. Rabbi Daniel Schweber will be leading the study session on the morning of April 19 and is studying Talmud

Tractate Rosh Hashanah in preparation for the siyyum.

The service, led by Cantor Frieder,

begins at 6:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary and is, of course, not limited to the first-born. All children are welcome, together with their parents. Adults without children are also welcome to attend.

The Board of Trustees and officers express thanks to Mahin Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni for their generosity in sponsoring the annual Siyyum and breakfast following the Service for the First Born, in loving memory of Eli Sassouni.



Passover Services

Friday, April 19 - Fast of the First Born

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| Morning Service, Siyyum and Breakfast | 6:30 A.M. |
| Festival Evening Service | 6:30 P.M. |

Saturday, April 20 - First Day of Pesah

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| Shaharit Morning Service | 8:45 A.M. |
| First Mourner's Kaddish | 9:25 A.M. |
| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service | 11:00 A.M. |

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Adam Covitt, Andy Katz, Rebecca Sassouni, and
Burton Weston

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| Afternoon and Evening Festival Service | 7:20 P.M. |
| Congregational Second Night Seder | 8:00 P.M. |

Sunday, April 21 - Second Day of Pesah

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| Morning Service | 8:45 A.M. |
| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Afternoon and Evening Service | 7:35 P.M. |

Monday, April 22 - Hol Hamo'ed

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

Tuesday, April 23 - Hol Hamo'ed

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| Morning Service | 6:45 A.M. |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 8:00 P.M. |

Wednesday, April 24 - Hol Hamo'ed

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| Morning Service | 6:45 A.M. |
| Shabbat Evening Service | 8:00 P.M. |

Thursday, April 25 - Hol Hamo'ed

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| Morning Service | 6:45 A.M. |
| Festival Evening Service | 6:30 P.M. |

Friday, April 26 - Seventh Day of Pesah

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| Morning Service | 8:45 A.M. |
| Waxman High School students will lead the service | |
| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Afternoon and Evening Festival Service | 6:30 P.M. |

Saturday, April 27 - Eighth Day of Pesah

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| Shaharit Morning Service | 8:45 A.M. |
| Yizkor Memorial Prayers and Dedication of Memorial Plaques | |
| First Mourner's Kaddish | 9:25 A.M. |
| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Debra Bykoff, Moji Pourmoradi, Mark Putter, Lenny Schultz, and Deanna Stecker | |
| Afternoon Service | 7:05 P.M. |
| Se'udah Shelishit | 7:35 P.M. |
| Evening Service | 8:12 P.M. |
| Havdalah | 8:28 P.M. |

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**A Celebration of Freedom
SECOND NIGHT SEDER**

Spend the evening with Rabbi Daniel Schweber and family as we ask questions, sing songs, discuss and dine like free people.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

**Saturday, April 20
8:00 PM**

(Evening service, 7:20 PM, Chapel)

JOIN US FOR A "NO FUSS" KOSHER PASSOVER SEDER
(catered by Aron's Kissena Farms)

Members: \$60/adult and \$25/child (13 & under)
Non-members: \$70/adult and \$30/child (13 & under)

TAKE A TABLE FOR TEN OR SHARE A TABLE WITH ANOTHER FAMILY

For further information or to RSVP no later than Tuesday, April 16, contact Jennifer in the synagogue office at (516) 482-7800 or JMarks@tign.org.

If you need assistance with the cost of the meal, please contact Rabbi Schweber at rabbischweber@tign.org

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Passover Second Night Seder—Saturday, April 20, 2019

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PHONE # _____ # OF ADULTS _____ # OF CHILDREN _____

OF VEGETARIAN MEALS _____ MEMBER _____ NON MEMBER _____

Pesah D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

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

First Day - Exodus 12:21-51 **Saturday, April 20**

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

Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44 **Sunday, April 21**

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

Hol Hamoed 1 - Exodus 13:1-16 **Monday, April 22**

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

Hol Hamoed 2 - Exodus 22:24-23:19 **Tuesday, April 23**

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

Hol Hamoed 3 - Exodus 34:1-26 **Wednesday, April 24**

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

Hol Hamoed 4 - Numbers 9:1-14 **Thursday, April 25**

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

Seventh Day - Exodus 13:17-15:26 **Friday, April 26**

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

Eighth Day-Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 **Saturday, April 27**

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

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

APRIL IS FOOD COLLECTION MONTH AT BETH HAGAN, TIGN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND WAXMAN YOUTH HOUSE

Cleaning out your pantry for Passover? Why not donate your hametz to a local food pantry!

When: April 1-17, 2019
Hours: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Where: Bins located in TIGN Lobby, School Wing and Youth House

We are collecting Cans and boxed items ONLY

Suggested Items:

- * Hot or cold cereal
- * Pasta, Rice
- * Canned vegetables
- * Tuna
- * Dried or canned beans or peas



Anytime you come to Temple please bring a contribution with you.

**For safety concerns, please do not send glass containers or expired food.
Pop-up cans are a plus.**

All contributions will be donated to a local food pantry.

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Amelia Bedelia and Passover

by **Rabbi Daniel Schweber**

Many of us had the pleasure of growing up with the Amelia Bedelia character created by Peggy Parish. The premise behind Amelia Bedelia is that she takes figures of speech literally with her actions leading to comic results. For example she is asked to “plant the bulbs” and she plants light bulbs! When asked to “dress the turkey” she literally fits the turkey for clothing!

I bring up Amelia Bedelia and literal readings because it is common wisdom that we “read the haggadah” on seder night. Reading the haggadah should be a “figure of speech” because the traditional haggadah as we have it is more like a teachers’ guide or a user’s’ manual. Reading the haggadah cover to cover is a lot like Amelia Bedelia reciting the stage directions written on a play script.

What exactly is the haggadah and how are we supposed to use it?

The haggadah is the guide for the seder’s rituals and discussions. It describes how to set the table and provides the text of the prayers to recite. However, the majority of the haggadah provides us with suggestions on how to frame the evening and how to tailor it to the participants present. The Four Questions are really just suggestions. The four children passage tells us that we have to answer the questions in a way that people with different learning styles can comprehend. The main maggid, or telling section, gives suggestions on how to tell the story. One is most certainly not obligated to read the haggadah cover to cover aloud at the seder table!

In this day and age when D.I.Y.— do it yourself—is trendy, the Passover seder can be seen as the original Jewish D.I.Y. The seder is done in the home without the need of rabbis or those with a Ph.D. Because it is D.I.Y., it is done best with a little homework or preparation ahead of time. It does not matter if you are going to be the leader or master of ceremonies or a participant. The more we think about the Passover story and what it means ahead of time, the more insightful the evening will be. We will also be able to have an enjoyable time and know the answer to the question “when do we eat?”

Fortunately, there are so many ways to do our ‘homework’ before the Passover seder. There are resources on the web including the Temple Israel website and there are hundreds if not thousands of types of haggadot available. Rabbi Stecker and I are both available to answer any questions you may have.

Passover is indeed a busy time with a lot of effort put into it to prepare physically for the holiday. We would all benefit if we took just a little time to prepare spiritually and intellectually.

Wishing you and yours a sweet Passover.

For additional Passover information visit www.tign.org or consult Rabbi Stecker or Rabbi Schweber.

Memorial Plaques To Be Dedicated Saturday, April 27

DIANA ALBERT

mother of David Albert

MURIEL M. HYMAN

mother of Joan H. Konas

MILDRED KLEINHAUS

mother of Barbara Choit

YOUSSEF OHEBSION

father of Haleh Damaghi
husband of Mahin Ohebsion

IRWIN ROBERT PARKET

husband of Noelle Parket
father of Jeffrey Parket

ANNA RUBIN

mother of Judy Rubin
grandmother of Abbe Gluck

SUSAN SMITH

wife of Arden Smith
mother of Alexander A. Smith
and Asher E. Smith

MARVIN TEPPER

husband of Elise C. Tepper

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 12
7:12 P.M.

Friday, April 19
7:19 P.M.

Friday, April 26
7:27 P.M.

Friday, May 3
7:34 P.M.

Friday, May 10
7:41 P.M.

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MEKHIRAT HAMETZ ***SALE OF HAMETZ***

As you are aware, one of the commandments of Passover is that we rid ourselves of all the hametz in our possession. To observe Passover, every family should do their best to eliminate all hametz from their home. They should then sell any hametz they may have missed. We have, over the years, arranged for such a sale and will be happy to do so for you again if you will sign the attached form and return it to us no later than Thursday morning, April 18th, 2019. If you wish you may sell the hametz in person after the *siyyum* on Friday morning, April 19th, 2019 at the synagogue before 8:00 A.M.

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

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CONTRACT

Be it proclaimed that I (we) _____ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Stecker to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession - wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbi Stecker has full authority to sell, dispose, and conduct all transactions as he deems fit and proper in accordance with the detailed terms set forth in the Hebrew contracts in his possession. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law and concur with the law of the State of New York of the United States of America.

To all the above I affix my signature _____

This _____ day of _____ in the year 2019.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to contribute _____ to help those in need for Passover.

From Generation to Generation

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Daily Minyan Times

Friday, April 12, May 3 & 10

7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 14, 28 &
May 5, 12

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

Sunday, April 21

8:45 A.M. 7:35 P.M.

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May 6, 13

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tues., April 9, 16, 23, 30 &
May 7, 14

7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Wed., April 10, 17, 24 &
May 1, 8

7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 11, 18 &
May 2, 9

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Rare Kiddush Cup Now Added to Temple Israel Museum Collection

A rare and unique beaker-form silver kiddush cup, hallmarked "Brunn 1864" (now BRNO, Moravia, Czech Republic) is now part of the permanent collection at the Temple Israel Museum.

This unique piece has been donated in honor of the 75th birthday of David Feingold, one of the directors of the museum, by his children, Guy, Ross and Brooke.

Four Hebrew words are engraved on the bottom: "Tzamarkad Tana Igal Pezek." These are kabbalistic combinations of letters meant to repel evil forces and bring good fortune. The last three words are from the 42-letter name of God, which is formed from the first letters of the prayer "Ana B'Koach."

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Sabbath and Holiday Services

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| Se'udah Shelishit | 7:35 P.M. |
| Evening Service | 8:12 P.M. |
| Havdalah | 8:28 P.M. |

Friday, May 3

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| Evening Service | 6:30 P.M. |
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Saturday, May 4

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| Shaharit Morning Service | 8:45 A.M. |
| First Mourner's Kaddish | 9:25 A.M. |

Weekly Portion: *Ahare Mot*

Leviticus 16:1 – 18:30

Haftarah: Ezekiel 22:1-16

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Deanna Stecker, Audrey Kent-Itzkowitz, Ezra Kassir, Susan Brustein, and Irene Tannenholtz

Bar Mitzvah: Zachary Roger Hyman
son of Sharon and Kevin Hyman

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| Junior Congregation | 10:30 A.M. |
| Toddler Service | 11:00 A.M. |
| Afternoon Services | 7:15 P.M. |
| Se'udah Shelishit | 7:45 P.M. |
| Shabbat Evening Services | 8:19 P.M. |
| Havdalah | 8:35 P.M. |

*Worship at Temple Israel
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D'var Torah

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Ahare Mot

Saturday, May 4

We conclude the laws of ritual purity and begin the section known as the "Holiness Code" in this portion. The readings open with a description of the ritual of Yom Kippur. This ritual, with its distinctive rites of riddance, including the symbolic transferral of the transgressions of the Israelites and their priests onto a goat (the scapegoat) which is driven into the wilderness, never to return, is the climax of the laws of purification. In the Torah, Yom Kippur is an annual ritual of purification of the Mishkan (sanctuary). In later Judaism, however, the emphasis shifts to atonement for the sins of the people. The laws of the "Holiness Code" serve to implement the idea that the Israelite people are collectively obligated to seek to achieve holiness in order to be like God, who is holy. The Code begins with consideration of the family and details forbidden sexual unions. Whereas purity and impurity pertain to states of being, holiness has to do with interpersonal relationships and modes of behavior.

All That Temple Israel's Library Has to Offer

A Voice Guest Column by Rona Lupkin

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel "library lady," Rona Lupkin, invites you to explore all that the congregation's library has to offer in this Voice Guest Column.

There can be no doubt that a temple library is an asset to the synagogue, a place to check out recipes or customs as a holiday approaches, a place to check out procedures as a marriage approaches, a place to check out names as a birth approaches or, unfortunately, a place to check out what to do at a death. Add to these occasional needs for a visit to satisfy the requirements for a student's research paper, an adult education class or even a doctoral dissertation. Even a more regular visit will find a current fiction best-seller or a reviewed non-fiction work is a possibility.

There is always someone here to help you find the perfect book.

In the beginning, our library was a vision of Ephriam Warshaw, a former Hebrew High School principal who wanted a real Temple library as part of a new Youth House. He asked Eva Yarett, who had experience in library work as well as a deep Judaic background, to undertake the creation of a library. She

spent 1970 deep in the attic of the "White House" (the original home that once occupied the Temple property and metamorphosed as the Hebrew High School) gathering and cataloging the books that had accumulated in the Temple and had been casually stored in the Board Room. She visited other

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Judaic libraries and reviewed different cataloging systems, keeping in mind the unique requirements of a specialized Judaic library (such as having a large percentage of the books on Judaism.)

Eva and the 100 to 150 books moved into the library in 1971. In five short years the library had taken shape. Its excellence was recognized in 1976 when it was awarded the coveted "Citation" from the Jewish Book Council. The library now has a reference and circulating collection comprised of more than 8,800 books and a collection of CDs and DVDs.

Now housed in the main Temple Israel building, the comfortable library is stocked with the latest Judaic fiction, biographies, history, politics, art books and cookbooks—you name it. We are here for you and your needs and pleasures in the written word.

Just in are the winners of the National Jewish Book Awards. Pick up our copy of the Jewish Book of the Year for 2018, "Hunting the Truth: Memoirs of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld," "The Last Watch Man of Old Cairo" by Michael Lucas or Ariel Burger's "Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom."

While you are thinking about the library and books, please check your shelves for any books that came from this library. We soon will be doing an inventory and would love them back in their place.

We are particularly anxious to find Bert Wallace's "The Rising Storm." It was on loan to the Library and we need to return it to its owner.

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Metzora Saturday, April 13

This portion continues the presentation of the laws of ritual purity. In particular, the priests are instructed as to the purification rites for a person determined to be afflicted with tzaraat as described in the previous portion. Instructions are also given for dealing with tzaraat in building stones (some kind of mold, blight or rot that showed up in the plaster.) Finally, procedures are set forth which are required when an Israelite, male or female, experiences discharges from the sexual organs. The Torah here seems to be classifying illness and disease as forms of impurity. Thus, they are placed in the realm of religious concern. All these impurities threatened, directly or indirectly, the purity of the sanctuary, which was located within the area of settlement. Therefore, for all Israelites, maintaining a state of purity was of great importance.

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Sabbath and Holiday Services

Friday, April 12

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 13

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Metzora

Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4 - 24

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Jeffrey Fleit, Robert Lopatkin, Mark Birnbaum, Lori Oppenheimer, and Ellen Birnbaum

Bat Mitzvah: Emily Noghrei

daughter of Jessica and Michael Noghrei

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Shabbat HaMishpacha 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Niggun Circle following kiddush

Afternoon Service 6:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:20 P.M.

Evening Service 7:57 P.M.

Havdalah 8:13 P.M.

Friday, April 19

Fast of the First Born 6:30 A.M.

Morning Service

Siyyum and Breakfast

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 20 - First Day of Pesah

Shaharit Morning Service/ 8:45 A.M.

Group Aliyah

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Torah Reading:

Exodus 12:21 - 51; Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: Joshua 3:5 - 7; 5:2-6:1; 6 - 27

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Adam Covitt, Rebecca Sassouni,

Andy Katz, and Burton Weston

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon and Evening Service 7:20 P.M.

Friday, April 26 - Seventh Day of Pesah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

led by Waxman High School Students

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon and Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 27 - Eighth Day of Pesah

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Torah Reading:

Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17;

Numbers 28:19 - 25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6

Yizkor Memorial Prayers and

Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Debra Bykoff, Moji Pourmoradi,

Mark Putter, Leonard Schultz, and

Deanna Stecker

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:05 P.M.

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