

New President: 'Bright Future for Congregation'

by Marc Katz, Editor

If you had asked Burton Weston if he'd become a synagogue president ten years ago, five years ago—even last year—he would have said “no way, not me!”

He said he never anticipated or expected to be Temple Israel's president—but the affable and seemingly always smiling Great Neck-based attorney who has been a member of the congregation along with his wife, Joyce, for the past 40 years—was unanimously elected to lead the congregation in June and took office at the start of last month.

“It is an interesting challenge,” he said recently while reflecting on what lies ahead



New Temple Israel President Burton Weston

for himself and the congregation. “It is a wonderful way to contribute your time and efforts and besides, I have a good feeling about the future for Temple Israel.

“There is one constant about our congregation: it is an incredible community of people who come together to share simchas and sorrows. The Temple is comprised of a lot of good folk, people with good hearts and souls. And,” he added, “there are a lot of very smart people here.”

Mr. Weston had served on the Executive Committee during the past administration as a vice president, and previously on the Board of Trustees

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Cast of Netflix Hit 'Shtisel' Coming to Temple Israel

by Marc Katz, Editor

“Shtisel,” the Israeli-produced television drama series thrilling Jews around the world, is coming to Temple Israel. Members of the cast and the writer-co-creator will be discussing the show in the Grand Ballroom on Thursday, September 12.

The program will feature the cast and writer in conversation, show clips of the show, answer audience questions, and preview “surprise cuts” from the program that did not make it to the final shows.

The series, streamed online by Netflix, is about a fictional Jewish family living in Geula, Jerusalem. It is set in a religious and internet-free neighborhood which follows strict haredi customs. Violating the norms can cause chaos within families. A sensitive, loving portrayal of

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The cast of the popular Israeli TV series “Shtisel” will discuss the show on September 12.

Men's Club Planning a Busy Year

A Voice Guest Column by Marc Langsner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Marc Langsner is key to the many activities planned by the Men's Club during the year. The past president of the congregation arm has served as the group's program chair for the past eight years. He outlines the club's planned activities in this Voice Guest Column.

The Temple Israel Men's Club is one of the arms of our synagogue, serving our congregation for more than 60 years. We are a diverse group of men of all ages and our mission is to serve our members, our congregation, and our community through social

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events, avodah (service and prayer), kehillah (community participation), and tzedakah (charity). Beginning this September and through June of next year, 25 meetings, programs and events have been scheduled including nine for Men's Club members, nine for our congregation, and seven for the Great Neck community.

The Men's Club meetings include a dinner, a business meeting, a guest speaker and activities including our popular "Scotch and Seder Night" led by Rabbi Stecker, "Vodka and Latkes" led by Cantor Frieder, and a Texas Hold'em/Backgammon tournament.

The events that the Men's Club sponsors for our congregation include an Opening Breakfast and the Word Wide Wrap, where our members assist congregants with the mitzvah of putting on tefillin, lead the Sunday morning service and serve a breakfast. Rabbi Roth brings Religious School students to the World Wide Wrap to both learn and participate. We also label and place pledge cards on the seats for the High Holy Days, sponsor the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, a Friday Night Service

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This Land Is Also Your Land

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

Deanna and I recently spent a week up in Vermont with our son and his girlfriend. During the time we were there, our son, who works in a vineyard, was supervising a group of workers who came to the United States from Bhutan.

In speaking with some of them and doing some of his own research, he discovered that a sizable group of people left Bhutan due to persecution. They were persecuted because they came to Bhutan from Nepal several generations ago and were never fully accepted as Bhutanese. So, they left Bhutan and came to the United States, settling primarily in Vermont and Ohio.

"You're not one of us. You don't belong. Get out of here. Go back to where you came from."

These are familiar sentiments and Jews have heard them time and again in

one form or another. "You come from somewhere else. You have dual loyalty. You are not one of us." Even in places where we have achieved a degree of success and comfort, we have been made to feel that

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we are less "at home" than others.

Our tradition teaches us, repeatedly and unabashedly, that our experience of having someone else malign our legitimacy of belonging calls for us to speak out when others are so maligned.

So, in response to recent events, we must not keep quiet when four members of Congress, all citizens, three born

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Shabbat Out-of-the Box

From the President by Burton Weston

There is certainly no law that says prayer must be within four walls with a roof over our heads. Indeed, there is no more sacred prayer site than the Kotel. Prayer outdoors, with the sun up or setting, with a gentle breeze hitting your face, can be the best reminder of God's greatest natural gifts, and provide a direct spiritual connection.

One of the best prayer experiences I can remember was part of a Shabbaton that Rabbi Adelson conducted with the EmpTI Nesters affinity group several years ago with a Shabbat outdoor service under a

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beautiful blue sky. Simply experiencing the setting, enjoying a sense of informality but spiritual connection, and being part of a prayerful but communal experience left an impression on many of us who still comment about it today.

Many of you have enjoyed the Kabbalat Shabbat services we did last year and this year at Steppingstone and Saddle Rock Parks, respectively, in each case under picture perfect skies. We intend to do more, starting with the Bar'chu and BBQ—a halachically approved Friday night outdoor service and cookout combining the spiritual and the communal. We have worked out the details of a Shabbat hike, which will allow participants to enjoy the outdoors, meditative moments and shared ritual. And, we would really like to develop a Shabbaton weekend taking us offsite and allowing for an immersive experience.

These are but a few of what I am sure are many ways to enjoy Shabbat a little bit differently. We would love to hear any other ideas and thoughts you might have, other suggestions as to how we can share Shabbat together—a little bit outside our traditional box. Of course, you can reach me at burtonweston@mac.com.

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father of Jeanette Ohebshalom
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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May their memories be for a blessing.

Daily Minyan Times

**Fridays, August 9, 16, 23 & 30
& September 6**

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

Sunday

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

**Monday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26
& September 9**

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

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday & Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, August 9

7:45 P.M.

Friday, August 16

7:35 P.M.

Friday, August 23

7:25 P.M.

Friday, August 30

7:14 P.M.

Friday, September 6

7:03 P.M.

Mazal Tov To...

- **Merrill and Mel Schneiderman** on the birth of their grandson, Wyatt Max Harris.
- **Arlene and Jack Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter, Audrey Grace Levine.

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

August 11

Tish'ah Be'av

August 13

Sisterhood "Lunch and Read" Noon

August 15

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

August 17

Shabbat Walk/Hike 4:00 P.M.
in Kings Point Park

September 8

Welcome Back BBQ Noon

First Day of Religious School

September 11

9/11 Memorial Service 7:00 P.M.
at Saddle Rock Bridge

sponsored by the Men's Club

September 12

"Shtisel" Program 5:00 P.M.

September 15

Men's Club Opening Breakfast

September 19

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

September 20

Pre-School Shabbat 4:00 P.M.

Sing-A-Long at Grace Avenue

Jonathan Ielpi Park

September 21

Selichot

September 22

EmpTI Nesters 11:00 A.M.

Trip to the Museum of

Jewish Heritage

September 26

Men's Club Meeting 7:30 P.M.

September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Observe Tish'ah Be'av

Commemorating the Destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE and the Second Temple (in 70 CE) in Jerusalem, as well as the Exile of the Jewish People.

This solemn day reflects the greatest tragedies of Jewish history—including the Holocaust—but also serves as a reminder that the Jewish tradition of renewal is alive in Israel and in America.

Saturday, August 10

Se'udah Shelishit (light meal) 7:00 P.M.

Minhah in the Chapel 7:45 P.M.

Fast begins at 8:00 P.M.

Ma'ariv and the reading of Eikhah 8:30 P.M.

(the Book of Lamentations) in the Crystal Ballroom

Rabbis Stecker and Schweber and Cantor Frieder, along with

members of the congregation will chant Eikhah and other selections.

Come prepared to sit on the floor and sing mournful melodies.

Chairs will be available if needed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Shaharit - without tallit and tefillin 8:15 A.M.

including Torah reading and kinot (poems of lament)

Minhah & Ma'ariv 7:45 P.M.

including Torah and Haftarah appropriate for Tish'ah Be'av

with tallit and tefillin

Fast ends 8:36 P.M.

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



Sophia Hendizadeh

Sophia Rosett Hendizadeh will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on August 31. She is the daughter of Bita and Pedram Hendizadeh and has a sister, Mikayla, 15, and a brother, Max, 9. Sophia is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is a member of her school track and field hockey teams. Sophia plans to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House and Rosh Hodesh group. She recently read from the Torah in Jerusalem for her Bat Mitzvah.

Recent Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution towards the kiddush on June 8 was made by Sanaz and Robin Damaghi in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Skyler.

A contribution towards the kiddush on June 15 was made by Ossie Mogilnik and Douglas Spector in honor of the Auf Ruf of their son, Eric, and Amanda Blumstein.

A contribution towards the kiddush on June 22 was made by the Kol Ishah group to thank Cantor Raphael Frieder for his guidance and leadership for their preparation for the Shabbat Kol Ishah services.

A contribution towards the kiddush on June 29 was made by Sofia and David Sohayegh in honor of the birth of their grandson, Ari Aaron Sohayegh.

Beth HaGan Summer Fun at Temple Israel

Beth HaGan's summer program is running through August 16. Students are enjoying a variety of activities including art, music, water activities, animal play, soccer, and cooking. This year basketball, baseball and lacrosse have been added. The three and four year olds enjoy Mad Science visits, where they learn about the sense of touch and how to identify objects without looking. They are anticipating the next visit, when they will learn about magnetic attraction. Every Friday campers celebrate Shabbat with challah making, music, movement, and a huge drum circle!

Take advantage of a nice savings and register your child for next summer! Registration for 2020 is now available. Contact Gina Giuffre for more information at TIGNSP2019@Gmail.com.



Beth HaGan students have fun at Temple Israel's Summer program exploring art, science, sports, water activities, and music—plus challah making on Fridays.



A Temple Israel Scrapbook

Record Number of Religious School Students Are Attending Camp Ramah

A record number of Religious School campers, ages 9-16, are attending Camp Ramah in the Berkshires this year. School Director Rabbi Amy Roth visited the campers recently, bringing greetings from the congregation. She reports that Temple Israel children are having fun in sports, swimming, cooking and radio, among other activities—all with a Jewish flavor and all in a positive environment of Jewish living.

Two of the other campers, who also serve as CIT's (counselors in training) for young campers, also work in the religious school during the year as madrichim (counselors or assistants in the classrooms). One of them told Rabbi Roth: "My experience as a madrich has been so helpful in figuring out my role as a CIT." In addition to these campers, three Temple Israel children attended Taam Ramah (a one-week taste) and a Temple Israel camper is at Ramah Sports Academy in Connecticut.

At top right, Rabbi Roth greeted camper Sigal Weitzman.

Temple Israel Ramah campers enjoying the outdoors, at right, include Daniella Ostrow, Elizabeth Lev, Ethan Bloom, Matthew Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Elliot Kassin, Elie Weitzman, Gabriel Weitzman, Ella Covitt, Max Covitt, Mason Ostrow, Harrison Albin, and Cecilia Albin. Not pictured is Sarah Ostrow.



Temple Israel Men's Club Is Named a 'Quality Club' For Eighth Year In a Row At Federation Convention

Temple Israel's Men's Club was recognized with a Quality Club Award for the eighth straight year. The award was presented in recognition of the Men's Club's many outstanding programs at a recent convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Accepting the honor at the convention were Men's Club Past Presidents David Scherr, center, and Marc Langsner, right, the group's current program chair.

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and on numerous congregational committees. He has negotiated contracts with Temple Israel's administrative staff and clergy, as well as the caterer.

"I have seen changes in my lifestyle during the past few years," he said. "I have gotten interested in new areas and I have certainly gotten more involved with the operation of Temple Israel."

He brings to the congregation's leadership a clear vision of goals for his term as president. "I would like to focus on three areas," he explained. "The first is membership outreach to the community, both inside and outside of Great Neck. We have a wealth of programs and talent to share with our region. We just have to make ourselves known."

"We can also serve as the catalyst to bring together people who share common interests and form affinity groups for them. We can be the agent that brings together millennials, college students, seniors, and many other groups. In so doing, we can expand the footprint of Temple Israel. This is a function of making the synagogue relevant in the lives of the membership in a way other than spiritual."

"We also need to implement a capital campaign, which hasn't been done in

many years. We must raise the funds to rehabilitate our physical plant which has not been done in recent years. I would hope to enlist the involvement of a large portion of the synagogue community in this project. It should not fall on a small group of people; we need widespread involvement and commitment."

He suggested that a study be done to look into how to make Temple Israel's existing space "more relevant." He said, "We can and should reallocate existing space to make better use of what we have."

He said members of his new Executive Committee will have specific portfolios designed to be the best fit for their backgrounds. "The Executive Committee is a great group of people," he said. "They are smart, insightful, willing to speak up, and certainly have the synagogue's interest at heart."

Mr. Weston's extensive background as a corporate attorney will give him the ability to bring people together, he said.

"I am used to resolving disputes and issues, and coordinating efforts on a large scale."

"You can't do this job without a supportive spouse," he said. His wife, Joyce, has also been involved in many Temple Israel activities, having served on the Board of Trustees, Religious School PTA, led the Temple Israel EmpTI Nesters group, and is an active member of Shireinu, the Jewish choir which has performed throughout the New York area. More than 15-years ago she enrolled in Temple Israel's adult Bat Mitzvah group. Mr. Weston said he attended the classes to give his wife moral support. "I started out bringing coffee to the participants in the class. Before I knew it, I became a participant in the class, too."

The couple's two children, Ian and Pia, are both graduates of the Temple Israel schools. Ian and his wife, Lisa, have two young children, Mia and Ryan, and live in Maryland. Pia, a school psychologist, lives in Manhattan.

Cast of the Netflix Hit TV Show 'Shtisel' Coming to Temple Israel In September

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a multi-generational family, the break-out Israeli hit television show lifts the veil on family life in the Orthodox community.

The program, first held in June at Temple Emanuel in Manhattan and Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell, New Jersey, attracted more than 6,000 fans of the show to three sold-out presentations. Another program will be held in Westchester in September.

"There is such a thing as Shtisel-mania," said Thea Wieseltier, the director of strategic projects at the Jewish Week, who conceived of the series of presentations. The Jewish Week Media Group brings important topics to the Jewish community through their many public forums with authors, journalists, thought-leaders, politicians, and cultural programs. An avid fan of the show, Ms. Wieseltier said: "Bringing the cast of Shtisel to our community is the best way to highlight the creativity and talent coming out of Israel."

Sources are reporting that a third season of Shtisel is in the works. Stay tuned!

Doors open to the Temple Israel presentation at 5:30 P.M. and the program will begin at 7 P.M. General admission is \$50, preferred seating is \$118, and VIP seating, which includes a reception-cast photo, is \$200. To register for the program, go to ujafedny.org/shtisel-LI.

Join Temple Israel's Green Team

as they construct new synagogue garden beds. They will use these beds to grow organic vegetables for the weekly kiddush.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 • 10 A.M.

All our welcome!

For more information contact Green Team Chair Morgan Kurpiel at ballet25@hotmail.com.

Living with Life's Great Unanswered Questions

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

Throughout history, nature throws diseases at us: bubonic plague, smallpox, cancer, HIV, Ebola. Even in the age of advanced medicine, it feels like we are playing wack-a-mole trying to heal people and get rid of disease. The literal reading of the Torah presents disease and healing as solely in God's purview. God sends disease as punishment for sin. In God's great mercy, God heals and forgives. This theology still permeates our culture and thinking. Assigning God as the source of disease helps us make sense of questions that would otherwise be senseless. This theology influences

our behavior toward illness. It causes us to pray for miracles. It leads some like those in the Christian Science community to leave healing solely to God. As comfortable as it may be to attribute illness to an active God, it is also incomplete and disconcerting. Does God really actively bring about childhood disease? I cannot fathom such a God.

We need a different theology and outlook on illness and life. The purpose of the Torah and religion in general is to help us live with life's great questions unanswered. In my opinion, religion is about the questions and not simple answers.

Judaism embraces science and nature. God's creation and miracles are manifest in nature's grandeur. God does not actively intervene in nature on a daily basis. We must live within its confines, including accepting the idea of disease along with our body's great abilities to heal.

So, how should we read the Torah's theology about illness? The ancient rabbis solve the challenge through interpretation. The Israelites in the wilderness were subject to unrepeatable miracles. They are the exception to the rules of life. Judaism is about the rule of law where punishments are adjudicated by people and plagues are not seen as divine punishments. Illness is a reality, and we Jews have an obligation to celebrate and

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in this endeavor.**

preserve life. Sanctifying life is indeed the goal of all Jewish ritual. Therefore, we have an obligation to visit the sick, to care for them and help them heal.

When it comes to illness we have to do what we can to ease suffering and if possible bring healing. Shabbat, kashrut and other ritual laws are relaxed when caring for the sick. If God is the source of healing, we are God's partners in this endeavor. We need to preserve and continue to observe the great mitzvah of healing.

Every Shabbat, as a community, we pray to God for healing. It is a powerful and important prayer. Yet it is not a prayer for miracles. It is instead a prayer to give us the strength to accept that disease is part of our lives. It allows us to wonder at the body's ability to heal and be grateful for so many people who devote their lives to the healing and caring arts. Refah'einu Adonai V'nei'rafei, Heal us God, and we shall be healed.

And let us say Amen.

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here, are told by the President of the United States that they can go “back to where they came from” if they don’t like things here.

In this country, we express our disapproval with the opinions and actions of others by opposing those opinions and actions through rational argument and political advocacy. As a case in point, Congress recently overwhelmingly opposed BDS (Boycott/Divestment/Sanction) that unfairly targets Israel.

Argument and advocacy are crucial tools of the democratic process. If we disagree with the opinions and proposals of other Americans, then we should protest and use our influence to try to effect just outcomes. But we shouldn’t say or imply that these Americans belong here any less than we do.

As Jewish American citizens, we must think carefully as we navigate the complexities of identity and affiliation, of belonging and not belonging. When we are angry or frustrated with people, even with good reason, it may be tempting to undercut their legitimacy of belonging or to sit quietly as a third party, even one as powerful as the President of the United States, lashes out.

But we who have had our legitimacy of belonging questioned again and again must not succumb to that temptation. Given our history and our sense of what is right, we must oppose the racism and xenophobia that seek to prioritize one group’s belonging over another.

Whether we agree or disagree with each other, regardless of the ethnic and racial background of the other, we must defend and champion the notion that “this land was made for you and me.”

SHABBAT AFTERNOON MINDFULNESS WALK/HIKE

**Saturday, August 17
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Kings Point Park
(Steamboat Road entrance)

(Steamboat Road entrance)

“How great are Your works, O God!” (Psalm 92)

“Your walking on the Sabbath shall not be like your walking on weekdays.” (Talmud)



Join us for a mindful, interactive and social walk/hike with Rabbis Stecker, Schweber and Cantor Frieder. (approximately 1.5 to 2 miles)

We can enjoy some informal time, reflect, converse, laugh and appreciate God’s creations and our beautiful surroundings.



The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Temple Israel would like to invite all Temple Israel members and their families and friends to a welcome back barbecue to help us all transition from summer and as a way to simply say hello to old friends and new.

**Please join us on
Sunday, September 8 at 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
in the Temple Israel Courtyard
for a nosh, face painting, art projects,
inflatables and lots of friendly chatter**

So that we may order the right amount of food, please RSVP by Friday, September 6 by Noon to Jennifer at JMarks@tign.org.
Vegetarian options available.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 8.

And by the way, this is our gift to you – there is NO CHARGE for this event!

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D'var Torah

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response to God's commands and promises. The original command to proceed to the Promised Land was disobeyed when the Israelites took the negative advice of the ten scouts. This led to the wilderness wandering. The second command to proceed to the Promised Land is about to be obeyed.

Va'ethannan Saturday, August 17

This portion opens with Moses concluding his historical review by recounting how he entreated God to relent and allow him to go into the land with his people. God's response is that Moses will be permitted to see the land, but only from afar. Moses now ends his first discourse with an exhortation to obey God's laws. In his second discourse, which constitutes the bulk of the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses communicated a body of laws to the Israelites in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Some of these laws repeat laws given earlier in the Torah, but many of them are found only here. Before presenting the laws, Moses delivers a prologue describing the historical circumstances under which God gave them to him for transmission to the people. This section includes a repetition of the Ten Commandments, with some notable differences from the Exodus version. In addition, Moses offers a preamble, presenting the ideological basis for the laws and appealing for their observance. This section includes one of the most famous passages of the Torah: "Shema Yisrael, Adonai elohenu Adonai ehad."

Ekev Saturday, August 24

We continue the section of Moses' second discourse, in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Mt. Sinai, in this portion. He reminds the Israelites that during the entire period of the wilderness wandering they enjoyed God's care, as witnessed by the fact that their clothing did not wear out or their feet swell and they were provided with manna for food. Moses cautions the people about what is likely to happen to them when they come into the good fruitful land that they are about to enter. He reminds them that they must never assume that it is by virtue of their own hands that they

will enjoy the produce of the land, but it is God who gives it to them. Moses then returns to history and recalls to the Israelites all their acts of defiance: the making of the Golden Calf, the complaints about lack of food and water, and the incident of spies. He points out that it is only because he interceded for them with God that they are able to enter Canaan.

Re'eh Saturday, August 31

In this portion we conclude the section of Moses' second discourse in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Sinai. He lays before the Israelites two possibilities: obedience to God, which would bring blessing, or disobedience, which would bring a curse. The choice is theirs to make, but it is clear that in order to possess the land they must choose to follow God's laws. The next section of the discourse comprises a detailed listing of the laws that are to govern the lives of the Israelites in the Promised Land. The first area dealt with its religious institutions and worship, including, among other things, directions for the establishment of a central sanctuary, rules for maintaining distinctiveness in worship, warnings against the heathen rites and religious seducers, and regulations concerning permitted and forbidden foods, tithes and the year of the release. The portion ends with laws detailing the observance of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, indicating that time also is to be sanctified.

Shofetim Saturday, September 7

We continue the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land in this portion. The focus here is on social organization, and consideration is given to defining the status and responsibilities of four different types of leaders: judges, the king, priest, and prophets. Judges are admonished that justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial. If there is to be a king, he must be a native Israelite and a constitutional monarch who governs in accordance with the Torah. He is forbidden to have standing cavalry or a harem, and he must himself study and obey the law. The priests are not to have any allotment of land, but they are to be

supported by the people through taxes. The prophets will not be sorcerers, diviners or soothsayers or practice any kind of magic. They will be, like Moses, men who truly and accurately transmit God's message to the Israelites. The portion concludes with laws concerning crime and welfare. They assure that personal rights are respected and human kindness is displayed, even during wartime.

Shabbat Services

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Saturday, August 31

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

Weekly Portion: Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Jeff Fleit, Rachel Geula, Gail Zahler,
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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 6:55 P.M.
Evening Service 7:57 P.M.
Havdalah 8:13 P.M.

Friday, September 6

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 7

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

Weekly Portion: Shofetim
Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 6:45 P.M.

Evening Service 7:45 P.M.
Havdalah 8:01 P.M.

Men's Club Planning a Busy Year

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led by our members followed by dinner, and a Lag B'Omer Celebration led by Rabbi Schweber. We distribute Yom Hashoah Yellow Yahrzeit Candles, and attend the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' annual luncheon, where we honor our outgoing president and two Waxman High School leaders.

For the community, the Men's Club sponsors an annual 9/11 Memorial Service on the Saddle Rock Bridge, two annual blood drives, a Second Night Seder led by Rabbi Schweber, the Rabbinic Dialogue with Rabbi Stecker and other Great Neck rabbis, and conduct a direct mail fundraising effort to support the Hatzilu Rescue Organization to help the Jewish poor and elderly in Great Neck. We are also hosting our fourth trip to Giants Stadium to see the New York Jets play the New York Giants. Included is round trip transportation, Section 249B tickets, and a Glatt Kosher tailgate barbecue.

At our Men's Club Executive Board meeting this past June, we elected Ezra Kassin and Michael Becker as our co-presidents, Dan Weinstein as treasurer, Steve Smolinsky and myself as co-program chairs, Harold Citron as corresponding secretary, Ken Kobliner as recording secretary and David Scherr as our liaison to the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We thank them and all of our past presidents and members for chairing and planning our programs and events.

Also, the Men's Club would like to sincerely thank our synagogue office staff and maintenance staff for the outstanding job they do in promoting, organizing and executing all of our meetings and events.

Watch for details about all of the Men's Club meetings and events on the Temple Israel website calendar, in the Shabbat flyers, emails and, of course, in The Voice. We look forward to seeing you!

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Devarim Saturday, August 10

We begin the Book of Deuteronomy in this portion. The entire book takes place while the Israelites are camped in the plains of Moab, on the banks of the Jordan River, ready to cross over into the Land of Canaan. At this point Moses is reaching the last weeks of his life and his ministry. He takes this opportunity to deliver three farewell discourses and two poems before he takes leave of his people. Since these people are not, for the most part, the ones who left Egypt, Moses begins his first discourse with a review of the events from the time of leaving Sinai to the present and the lessons to be learned from them. Thus, he does not merely recount history, he interprets it. Specifically, he emphasized that the people's fate depends on their

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Shabbat Services

Friday, August 9

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 10

Erev Tish'ah Be'Av

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

First Mourners' Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Devarim

Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:00 P.M.

Afternoon Service 7:45 P.M.

Fast begins 8:00 P.M.

Ma'ariv/Eikhah 8:30 P.M.

Friday, August 16

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 17

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah

First Mourners' Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Va'ethannan

Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 - 26

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:15 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:45 P.M.

Evening Service 8:18 P.M.

Havdalah 8:34 P.M.

Friday, August 23

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 24

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Weekly Portion: Ekev

Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 7:05 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:35 P.M.

Evening Service 8:08 P.M.

Havdalah 8:24 P.M.

Friday, August 30

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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