

## Temple Israel Players Staging 'My Fair Lady'



by Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel's theater troupe, the Temple Israel Players, is in rehearsals for its next production, "My Fair Lady," to be staged on Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7, in the Crystal Ballroom.

More than 30 congregants are participating on stage in the show, including 11 newcomers to the group.

The show features many well-known songs, including "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church On Time," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face."

"We always look for shows which contain lots of group numbers and songs that everyone in the audience will know," said Mark Putter, one of the show's team of producers. "In

over 40 years of Temple Israel Players' performances we have staged many classic musicals, but for some reason, amazingly, 'My Fair Lady' was never done." He said Temple Israel Players producers recently went to see a performance at New York's Lincoln Center, and were convinced that the show would be a hit at Temple Israel, as well.

Once the longest running Broadway musical of all time, "My Fair Lady" was adapted by the musical team of Lerner and Loewe from the George Bernard Shaw comedy "Pygmalion." In the musical, flower girl Eliza Doolittle, played by Kim Kaiman, meets linguistic expert Henry Higgins, performed by Mark Cwern, who bets his companion, Colonel Pickering, played by Jon Kaiman, that within six months he could transform Eliza into a "proper lady," teaching her proper English.

Julie Andrews originated the role of Eliza on Broadway in 1956. The movie version of the tale, featuring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison, won Oscars for best picture, best director, best actor, and five others, and is considered by many critics to be one of the all-time best movie musicals.

The Temple Israel Players cast includes George Abrahams, Robert Aizer, Debra Bykoff, Shoshana Cellers, Mark Cwern, Amy David, Barbara Eisenman, Judi Geizhals, Joan Greenspan, Marilyn Goldberg, Edith Goody, Jon Kaiman, Kim Kaiman, Abe Kanfer, Amy Kase and her daughter, Lily, Ron Klempner, Dara Koza, Judy Kugel, Kenneth M. Leff, Elizabeth Matalon, Nelly Mizrahi, Toby Nemiroff, Gary Noren, Ofra Panzer, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, Mickey Putterman, Diana Stein, Maxine Vogel, Debbie Volk, Dan Weinstein, and Melanie Weinreich.

Producers of the show are Ron Klempner, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, Lois Sazer, and Debbie Volk. JoJo Conley is the stage director and Debbie Tartell is the music director and vocal coach Alex Schoen is the set production manager, and Gary Cellers, Lisa Mattaway and Steve Tasch make up the backstage crew, with Bob Lopatkin overseeing set construction. Chris McKee is the piano accompanist, and Temple Israel members in the orchestra include Sharon Bernstein, Barbara Dicker, Dan Dicker, and Deanna Stecker. Sherry Modlin is in charge of scenery.

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## More Choice Than We Realize

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**From the Rabbi** by Rabbi Howard Stecker

The middle-schooler claims that he acted disrespectfully to a teacher because of peer pressure. The young adult alleges she avoided acting transparently in a professional setting because she believed it would increase her chances of promotion.

Often when we look back at decisions we have made, we justify cutting corners by saying some version of: "What choice did I have?"

Several sources from our tradition affirm that we generally have more choice than we realize. The Torah commands the children of Israel to choose justice irrespective of convenience. From Abraham's choice to argue with God over the ethics of collective punishment to Jewish leaders currently willing to risk political capital to advocate for what they believe to be right, there are multiple examples throughout our history of people choosing the ethical over the expedient.

I read recently of an ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) woman who is campaigning in Israel to represent the Labor party as a member of the Knesset. Michal Zernowitski, who grew up in Bnei Brak and identifies as Haredi, received a B.A. in Computer Science as part of the inaugural class of a college established to serve the needs of the ultra-Orthodox community. Her current political and economic views align with Labor ideology and she claims to represent hundreds of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews "who want change and who believe in equality, social justice and peace." (Haaretz, January 9, 2019)

I imagine that it takes courage for Ms. Zernowitski to depart from the views of the majority of members of her community. She could easily exclaim, "What choice do I have?" about a variety of issues, professional and political. And yet she has made choices that reflect her moral compass, even if they diverge from communal norms.

Of course, we can all claim that we are beset by professional and personal constraints that limit our ability to choose to act with conviction. Despite that, I urge us to think carefully about

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the issues that matter to us and to find the courage to act on them.

This could involve political activism regarding national issues or advocacy on the local level. Our Temple Israel Repair the World committee offers multiple opportunities throughout the year to participate in activities that

restore justice and make a difference in people's lives.

It could involve choosing how we will make Judaism meaningful in our own lives, even if our choices differ from the choices of those around us.

It could involve speaking up about an injustice we see in our own families or choosing to articulate our views on how family matters should transpire.

There are certainly times when we are victims of circumstance, when we have no choice regarding a situation. But our tradition teaches us that, generally speaking, we have more choice than we realize.

Let's do our best to assess each situation and ask ourselves, "What can we choose to do?" This is a profound and authentically Jewish question that can take us to great heights.

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## Trying New Things

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**From the President** by Rob Panzer

With Tu B'Shevat imminent, as of this writing, it's time to look forward to spring, with its promise of renewal as well as new growth. Purim will be following soon enough, and we will be having our usual array of events plus an addition this year: a murder mystery dinner for adults. Please check your email or our website for further information. This promises to be a fun event for all who attend, and another example of new and creative events that are being held by Temple Israel.

We approach all chagim with a healthy respect for our traditions, but more recently we've also come to view them as opportunities to try something new. Wouldn't it be wonderful to find ways to engage more people in different ways that would make Temple Israel more of a destination? We need to be mindful of our traditions and yet brave enough to be innovative.

Planning for the future or to make change takes effort, as difficult as that may be, but is imperative. Of great importance is an understanding that it is okay to try something new, not knowing what the result may be. So a willingness

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to try and not be afraid to fail is of paramount importance. Holidays will come around next year—we can always try something different.

Thanks to those who have suggested ideas for new events or ways to improve existing programs. Thanks for the creativity and willingness to try.

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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

### RALPH LEVIN

father of David Levin

### VIVIAN SHERMAN

mother of Nancy Sherman

### EVELYN PHILLIPS

mother of Malcolm Phillips

### BENJAMIN NAZEM YEHUDA

father of Orly Yehuda Hollander  
grandfather of  
Liel, Meran and Ori Hollander

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Daily Minyan Times

### Friday, February 1

7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

### Friday, February 8

7:00 A.M. 5:10 P.M.

### Friday, February 15

7:00 A.M. 5:15 P.M.

### Fri., Feb. 22 & March 1

7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.

### Sunday

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

### Mon., Feb. 4, 11 & 25 & March 4

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

### Monday, February 18

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

### Tuesday, February 5

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

### Tues., Feb. 12, 19 & 26 & March 5

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

### Wednesday, February 6

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

### Wed., Feb. 13, 20 & 27 & March 6

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

### Thursday

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

## Candle Lighting Times

### Friday, February 1

4:53 P.M.

### Friday, February 8

5:02 P.M.

### Friday, February 15

5:10 P.M.

### Friday, February 22

5:19 P.M.

### Friday, March 1

5:27 P.M.

## Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

### February 2

Temple Israel Film Series 7:00 P.M.  
Presents "Eyes Wide Open"

### February 3

Men's Club World Wide Wrap 8:15 A.M.

### February 4

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

### February 6

Beth HaGan Torah Science Fair 5:30 P.M.

### February 11-14

Beth HaGan Book Fair

### February 24

Men's Club Blood Drive

### February 26

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### February 28

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

### March 2

"Jewish and Female in 8:45 A.M.  
2019: What's Next" Featuring  
Susan Weidman Schneider

### March 3

Temple Israel Film Series 3:00 P.M.  
Presents "Above the Drowning Sea"

### March 4

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

### March 6

Sisterhood Luncheon and Noon  
Discussion: "Climate Change"  
Book Discussion 7:30 P.M.  
Featuring author Dalia Sofer and  
Temple Member Yas Rokhsar

### March 8

Pre-Purim Adult Murder 8:00 P.M.  
Mystery Dinner

### March 10

Family B'nei Mitzvah 10:30 A.M.  
Workshop

### March 11

Shoah Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M.

### March 18

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

## Men's Club To Conduct Services on April 5th, Dinner Speaker Talk: The Cosmos and Torah

Members of the Men's Club will lead Friday evening services on April 5, Shabbat HaChodesh.

"We would like to offer you an opportunity to again participate in what promises to be an enjoyable and fun evening for all of us," said Sam Husney, an organizer of the event. "I know that many of you have had a part in a previous Friday evening Shabbat HaChodesh program or a Shabbat HaGever service, so I'm sure this should be something you would definitely like to do again. You can try a new part, which we encourage, or do the same part again. Your kids or grandkids can join you as you do your part. There is plenty of time to practice and learn. We will shortly schedule a few practice sessions with Cantor Frieder or you can learn your part on your own."

Following the service the Men's Club will host a traditional Shabbat dinner with an interesting and informative speaker. The featured dinner speaker will be Alan Gersch, "a scholar to the

stars; not to Hollywood stars, but to the real stars in the sky," Mr. Husney said. Dr. Gersch combines his love of the cosmos and Torah by teaching how they relate. He has a Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Maryland and many years of yeshiva study and teaching experience.

To participate in the service, contact Mr. Husney at [SamHusney@gmail.com](mailto:SamHusney@gmail.com), Ezra Kassin at [Kassin.Ezra@gmail.com](mailto:Kassin.Ezra@gmail.com), or Harold Citron at [HaroldCitron@optonline.net](mailto:HaroldCitron@optonline.net).

## Mazal Tov To...

### • Eva and Carlos Bolanos

on their engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Samuel Fuchs.

### • Monika and Paul Bloom

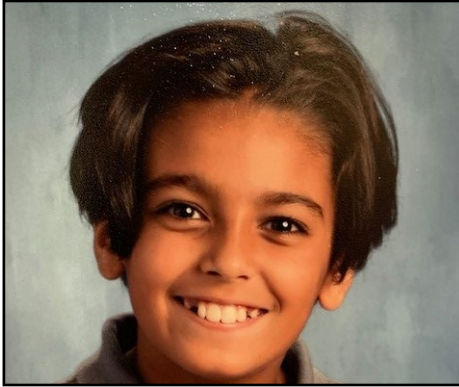
on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Isaac Bloom.

## Temple Lites...

### • Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni

was awarded the George M. Estabrook Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Hofstra University last month.

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



### Coby Rastegar

Coby Samuel Rastegar will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 9. He is the son of Desiree and Rodney Rastegar and has two sisters, Isabella, 14, and Sasha, 10, and a brother, Rex, 8. Coby is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where he is president of the Student Council and is on the honor roll. He enjoys playing basketball and tennis. Coby plans to visit Israel this summer and continue to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House.

## Temple Israel Hosts Kadima Shabbaton

From the Waxman High School and Youth House by Avi Siegel, Director

Last month, Temple Israel played host to 85 tweens from throughout New York for the METNY Region's Kadima Shabbaton. It was a weekend filled with learning, laughing, and connecting to Judaism, Shabbat and each other. It was amazing having our halls filled with middle schoolers that would now begin to associate the synagogue to more than just a place for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Kadima means forward in Hebrew and offers pre-teens grades 6-8 the opportunity to meet new people, have fun, stay engaged in Jewish life and learning, experience the joy of Judaism, and develop leadership and social skills. It has programs offered on the international (USY on Wheels), regional (METNY), divisional (Long Island), and chapter (Great Neck) levels. Some of the programs include bowling or craft nights, Jewish holiday celebrations, community service projects, weekend conventions, and Encampment (an end of summer sleep-away camp experience).

The weekend started by getting to know one another through games and ice breakers. Then we welcomed in Shabbat with a Kabbalat Shabbat service that were led by USY teen leaders who gave up their weekend to be here and make the event the best it could be for the tweens. We ate, sang, and played the night away, as the large focus of the weekend is to socialize with other Jewish teens and be in an environment that promotes disconnecting from the world—connecting with the people around you.

After an incredible 25-hours of Shabbat together, we had our own "Bar Mitzvah" party, turning the Crystal Ballroom into a laser tag arena, the Blue Room into an inflatable fun zone, and the Pine Room into an arts and crafts bazaar. Some of our own teens were amazed to see their own synagogue transformed into something so incredible. We said goodbye to the sixth and seventh graders Saturday night, and kept the eighth graders for a unique overnight experience. They had their own dance party, scavenger hunt and didactic encounters. We ended with a ceremony that welcomed them into the USY world. Some of our USYers spoke about their eighth-grade experience and the role it had on starting them down the path to become the leaders that they are today in USY.

The coming together of old friends and the opportunity to make new ones is what allows our community to grow. METNY Regional Director Daniel Koas was extremely appreciative of Temple Israel for hosting this event, as well as other events.

We will continue to build our USY and Kadima groups. Our teen board is developing programs including bowling, rock climbing, movie nights, and retreats. We hope that more teens will come and see for themselves the power that Judaism and the Waxman Youth House brings! If you would like more information about USY/Kadima, contact me at [asiegel@tign.org](mailto:asiegel@tign.org).

## Religious School Torah Troupe Readers



Religious School children in third through sixth grades (and sometimes second grade) are encouraged to read from the Torah once a month at a Shabbat Ha Mishpacha program or at Junior Congregation. They practice at home and during school hours, and many sign up for several Torah reading opportunities during the year. Interested? Contact Rabbi Amy Roth at [rabbiroth@tign.org](mailto:rabbiroth@tign.org) to find out which dates are available.

Recent Torah Troupe participants, shown with Rabbi Roth were, left to right, Abby Bernstein, Asher Ahdoot, Max Covitt, Harrison Albin, Sam Bagon, Elliot Ganjian, Zach Dorf, and Liana Kase.

# A Temple Israel Scrapbook



## Great Neck Teens Come Together At Waxman Youth House to Learn Lessons About Bias and Identity

Temple Israel's Waxman Youth House was packed with area teens on Martin Luther King Day, when the congregation teamed with the First Baptist Church of Great Neck, Temple Beth-El, and SHAI for ADL discussions on bias and then to pack more than 300 lunches to be distributed to the needy through the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Presenting a united front on the topic were area clergy, at right, including, left to right, Minister Jermaine Rucker Poole of the First Baptist Church, Temple Israel's Rabbi Howard Stecker, Rabbi Meir Feldman of Temple Beth-El, and Rabbi Yamin Levy of Beth Hadassah Synagogue.



Great Neck teens listened intently to ADL speakers discussing anti-semitism, identity and bias.



The event organizers, left to right, Bari Ziegel of UJA, SHAI President Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Temple Israel Vice President Veronica Bisek Lurvey, Adrienne Vaultz of First Baptist Church of Great Neck, Jordana Levine of Temple Beth-El, and Tiffanie Gentles of First Baptist Church.

# Learn, Volunteer, Mingle with Men's Club

A Voice Guest Column by Ezra Kassin

EDITOR'S NOTE: Men's Club Co-President Ezra Kassin invites you to take part in the long list of activities the group sponsors in this Voice Guest Column.

The Temple Israel Men's Club is much more than just a social organization. We are committed to working together with the entire congregation and the clergy to benefit the community, our synagogue and each other's lives. We do this through avodah (service and prayer), kehillah (community participation) and tzedakah (charity). We strongly encourage you to join us!

What does the Men's Club actually do?

- Work on and expand projects to support the congregation,
- Offer programming (not just for men),

- Enhance Jewish observance at the synagogue and at home,
- Increase involvement in the Jewish community,
- Provide social and recreational

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the value the Men's Club  
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activities that create camaraderie and ruach,

- Enhance an understanding of world Jewry and its problems, and
- Support the development of our youth.

## Women in Judaism Program March 2, Discussion Topic: 'Jewish and Female'

Susan Weidman Schneider, editor-in-chief of L'ilith Magazine, will explore some of the ways the modern women's movement has changed the expectations and cultural behaviors of both Jewish women and Jewish men at a special two-part Shabbat program on March 2.

"Each generation of Jewish Women face new challenges—in the world at large and within our own Jewish community,



L'ilith Editor Susan Weidman Schneider

and in our personal and professional lives," said Toby Katz, an organizer of the program. "Each generation must find its own relevant responses."

In part one of the program, during the morning service, Ms. Weidman Schneider will speak on "Some Feminist Insights from a Jewish Perspective."

In the second part of the presentation, at a Shabbat Talk following kiddush, she will focus on "New Challenges Facing Jewish Women and Men in 2019." The question and answer session following her talk will allow the congregation an opportunity to share thoughts.

Ms. Schneider is the author of three books, including "Jewish and Female: Choices and Changes in Our Lives Today." She was a member of Temple Israel from 1983-1997.

The presentation is sponsored by Jonathan and Veronica Bisek Lurvey, Sassan and Rebecca Sassouni, Martin and Bracha Werber, the Sisterhood of Temple Israel and the Stanley and Lillian Schiowitz Fund.

What do we have planned for the near future to try and enhance avodah, kehillah and tzedakah in our community? It's almost too numerous to list, but here are some highlights:

A Tu B'Shevat seder/celebration of environmentalism with Cantor Frieder; Several dinner meetings with guest speakers; a blood drive (February 24); and a World Wide Wrap event where we mentor synagogue youth in the wrapping of tefillin and a Shachrit service.

Regional Men's Club luncheon honoring an adult and a youth member of our congregation; a "Scotch and Seder" event run by Rabbi Stecker; a community second night seder hosted by Rabbi Schweber; and a Yom Hashoah Yahrzeit Candle packing/distribution event.

A Great Neck Rabbinic dialogue and breakfast featuring clergy from Temple Israel, Great Neck Synagogue and Temple Beth-El; a Lag B'Omer event hosted by Rabbi Schweber; and a Texas hold'em and backgammon night.

A September 11th memorial service; High Holy Day seat labeling event; annual football game trip and tailgate party; and a "Vodka and Latke" event.

The Men's Club also works throughout the year with the Hatzilu Rescue Organization, a group dedicated to helping the Jewish poor and elderly in Nassau County. Hatzilu was founded by our own Temple Israel Men's Club in 1974 and now maintains the largest kosher food warehouse on Long Island.

If you have not been to our meetings or events, come and experience the value the Men's Club holds for you. You will feel the camaraderie with new friends, have a structured way of giving back to your community, learn something new from our esteemed speakers, and celebrate Jewish customs and values with our clergy in a new and refreshing way that you can bring back to your own friends and family.

Please come see what the Men's Club is all about.

# One Week in March: Thinking of Ourselves and Others

## by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

At the very beginning of our prayer books, during the early morning service, is a short, poignant and important declaration and meditation: "I hereby accept the (daily) obligation of fulfilling my Creator's mitzvah: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Even as we remove the sleep from our eyes and care to our own daily physical, mental and spiritual needs, we are commanded to turn our focus toward others. Self care and compassion for others go hand-in-hand.

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, is a great sage and humanist. He has devoted great energies teaching about self care and compassion. One publication of his is called "The Compassionate Life." (Excerpts can be found at <https://www.lionsroar.com/living-the-compassionate-life/>)

The Dalai Lama teaches that it should be our goal to cultivate a universal idea of compassion. All living people, all living beings, he writes, can feel pain and happiness. If we work toward this goal of universal compassion we can overlook and transcend the minor and external differences that distract us.

We are proud of the many program and initiatives offered at Temple Israel. Our calendar is full of opportunities to engage with ourselves, others and our sacred wisdom and textual tradition. Through coincidence mostly, Temple Israel and partnering organizations have filled up the first week of March with several great opportunities. What follows is a brief summary of the offerings in chronological order. We hope you will join us for as many as possible.

- Saturday, March 2 during and after services: "Jewish and Female in 2019: What's Next?" For our third annual Women in Judaism program we are pleased to have Susan Weidman Schneider, founder and editor-in-chief of Lilit Magazine. Ms. Weidman Schneider founded Lilit Magazine in 1976 with the mission of "fostering discussion of Jewish women's issues and putting them on the

agenda of the Jewish community, with a view to giving women—who are more than 50 percent of the world's Jews—greater choice in Jewish life." Drawing on more than 40 years as a leading Jewish feminist, Ms. Weidman Schneider will discuss the issues and challenges men

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and women face with regard to allowing women a voice and hearing them.

- Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. - Screening of 'Above the Drowning Sea' with the Great Neck Chinese Association - During World War II, Ho Feng Shan was the Chinese consul in Vienna. As Jews desperately tried to find sanctuary in any country, Ho Feng Shan defied the Nazis and his own government and issued travel visas to Shanghai. The film tells the story from the point of view of the refugees and the Chinese people who sheltered them. We are screening this inspiring poetic tale about two peoples who found common cause and dignity in a world in chaos with our Chinese brothers and sisters from the Great Neck Chinese Association.

- Monday, March 4 at 7pm at Beth

## Sisterhood Discussing Climate Change At Membership Luncheon on March 6th

Climate change is real and is already happening, according to many authorities. What will our community, our country and our planet look like in five years or ten—or in our children's lifetime? Most damage is man-made, authorities have said, but is there still time to slow it down or possibly reverse the damage? What can individuals do?

A Sisterhood luncheon on March 6 at Noon will address the subject in a program titled "Report on Climate Change." Guest speaker J. Bret Bennington, chair of the Department of Geology, Environment and Sustainability at Hofstra University, will analyze the impact of climate change on weather systems, looking at hotter summers, warmer winters, and less snowfall, as well as the oceans, with fewer fish and disappearing coastlines. He will discuss agriculture and the food supply, including drought and shifting growing seasons, the shrinking supply of fresh water, and the impact on the world economy, migration patterns, and even the ability to maintain current lifestyles.

The luncheon, which begins at Noon is free for paid-up Sisterhood members and \$18 for guests. Advance reservation is required by February 29. Reservations can be made by contacting Karen at 487-3048 or Laura at [laurab44@optonline.net](mailto:laurab44@optonline.net).

Hadassah Synagogue: "What can the history of the Persian Jews Tell Us About the Future of Persian Jews in America?" - We are pleased that SHAI has asked Temple Israel to be a co-sponsor in bringing Professor Saba Soomekh to share her expertise in Persian Jewry, both past and present. Dr. Saba Soomekh is the assistant director of interreligious and intercommunity affairs at AJC-LA and a lecturer at UCLA. Dr. Soomekh teaches and writes extensively on world religions, women and religion, and the geo-politics of the Middle East. Professor Soomekh is the editor of the book Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in America (Purdue University Press, 2016) and the author of the book From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women between Religion and Culture (SUNY Press, 2012).

- Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at a private home: Author Dalia Sofer discusses "Septembers of Shiraz." Dalia Sofer was born in 1972 in Tehran. Her family couldn't flee Iran until 1982, which meant she experienced a few years of post-revolutionary Iran. Though 'Septembers of Shiraz' is a work of fiction, it provides vivid details of what life was like for Jews and others after the revolution. Ms. Sofer will also tell us about a new novel she is about to publish.

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for the purpose of writing down the specific details. Thus, the freedom gained at the Exodus has now been confirmed

## Service Schedule

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### Saturday, February 23

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

Weekly Portion: Ki Tissa  
Exodus 30:11 – 34:35  
Haftarah: I Kings 18:1 – 39

Sabbath Service Officers and  
Greeters: Lynn Weitzman, Daniel  
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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 5:00 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 5:30 P.M.  
Evening Service 6:04 P.M.  
Havdalah 6:20 P.M.

### Friday, March 1

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

### Saturday, March 2 Shabbat Shekalim

Shaharit Morning Service  
Guest Speaker: Susan Weidman  
Schneider 8:45 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Vayakhel  
Exodus 35:1 – 38:20;  
Exodus 30:11 - 16  
Haftarah: II Kings 12:1 – 17

Sabbath Service Officers and  
Greeters: Lisa Goodwin, Burton  
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Stein, and Deanna Stecker

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
"Shabbat Talk" 12:45 P.M.  
"New Challenges Facing Jewish  
Women and Men in 2019"  
Afternoon Service 5:05 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 5:35 P.M.  
Evening Service 6:12 P.M.  
Havdalah 6:28 P.M.

and institutionalized in law. The next step will be to create a physical institution that will serve as the embodiment and reminder of the experience at Sinai.

### Terumah Saturday, February 9

We find a description of the Mishkan, the portable sanctuary which was built in the wilderness to house the ark with the tablets of the Ten Commandments in this portion. The purpose of the Mishkan was to serve as a sign that God dwelt among His people. Moses is directed to gather from the Israelites a free will offering of all manner of precious metals, jewels, fine wood, fine materials, and spices to use in constructing the Mishkan and its appurtenances. Specific instructions are then given for building the furnishings of the Mishkan and the special tent that housed them. The Mishkan, as a whole, was meant to be a symbol, a portable Sinai, reminding the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness of their unique experience at the mountain. The Mishkan evolved by way of the Temple in Jerusalem into the synagogue, but the purpose remained the same. To this day, whenever we open the ark and look upon the Torah scrolls, we stand again at Sinai.

### Tetzavveh Saturday, February 16

In this portion we move from instructions for the creation of the physical Mishkan to details concerning the officiants. At the outset, Moses is directed to see to it that a light is kept burning in the Mishkan, a task that is to be performed by priests. He is then directed to appoint Aaron and his sons to the priestly office. There follows a detailed description of the vestments of the High Priest and the ordinary priests. Finally, the rituals of installation for the priests are laid out. The Mishkan, as sacred space, is differentiated from profane space by its design. In like manner, its officiants are to be distinguishable from the laity by their attire and insignia of office. In particular, the High Priest is to wear vestments which symbolize his role as representative of the entire community before God. The High Priest, who presided over sacrificial rites, evolved into the prayer leader of today's synagogue. That individual is still

designated as the shaliach tzibur, the representative of the congregation.

### Ki Tissa Saturday, February 23

We find the final details of the instructions for building the Mishkan, the portable wilderness sanctuary, in this portion. The reading actually begins with directions for conducting a census of those of military age by collecting a poll tax of half a shekel. The money was to be used for the maintenance of the Mishkan. A reminder to keep the Sabbath serves as an indication that the sanctification of time is more important even than building a sanctuary. At this point, we read that the Israelites panic over Moses' protracted absence on Mt. Sinai and demand that Aaron make a god they can see. The outcome is the golden calf. When Moses sees this egregious breach of the covenant, he breaks the tablets of the Ten Commandments. God, for His part, wants to destroy the people. Moses punishes the people and manages to assuage God's anger. Moses then returns to Sinai to rewrite the tablets. With the covenant renewed, the construction on the Mishkan can proceed.

### Vayakhel Saturday, March 2

In this portion we return to the account of the building of the Mishkan. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the Ark. This is meant to highlight the symbolic nature of the Mishkan: its purpose is to focus the people's attention constantly on the covenant with God. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings in the proper practical order. Accordingly, we find that the tent, itself, was constructed with two chambers—the inner Holy of Holies and the outer Holy Place. Outside the tent was a courtyard constituting the third area of the Mishkan. The building of the furnishings is described in descending order of holiness. First came the Ark, to be put in the Holy of Holies. Next came the table, the menorah and the altar of incense, to be put in the Holy Place. Finally, the altar of burnt offering and the laver are built, to be placed in the outer court. The descriptions of the actual building repeat exactly the instructions given in previous portions to indicate that the final product emerged precisely as God had designed it.

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# D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

## Mishpatim Saturday, February 2

In this portion we find details of the covenant entered into between God and Israel. Since the relationship is all-inclusive, we find rules pertaining to social conduct, morality, ethics, civil and criminal law, and ritual concerns. Like the Ten Commandments, the source of these rules is divine. The legal material set forth here is not a code in the strict sense, since there are significant subjects not touched upon. (These subjects are, however, dealt with elsewhere in the Torah.) On the other hand, the material does make clear that God's demands of His people cover matters of conscience as well as matters usually subject to juridical control. The portion concludes with an account of the ratification of the covenant, and Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to remain there for 40 days and nights

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Evening Service 5:00 P.M.

### Saturday, February 2

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Weekly Portion: Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 – 24:18; 30:11-16

Haftarah: II Kings 11:17 – 12:17

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Afternoon Service 4:35 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:05 P.M.

Evening Service 5:38 P.M.

Havdalah 5:54 P.M.

### Friday, February 8

Evening Service 5:10 P.M.

### Saturday, February 9

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Weekly Portion: Terumah

Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 – 6:13

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

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Afternoon Service 4:40 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:10 P.M.

Evening Service 5:47 P.M.

Havdalah 6:03 P.M.

### Friday, February 15

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

### Saturday, February 16

Shaharit Morning Service/ 8:45 A.M.

Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah

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

Weekly Portion: Tetzavveh

Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10 – 27

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Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Services 4:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 5:20 P.M.

Shabbat Evening Service 5:55 P.M.

Havdalah 6:11 P.M.

### Friday, February 22

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

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