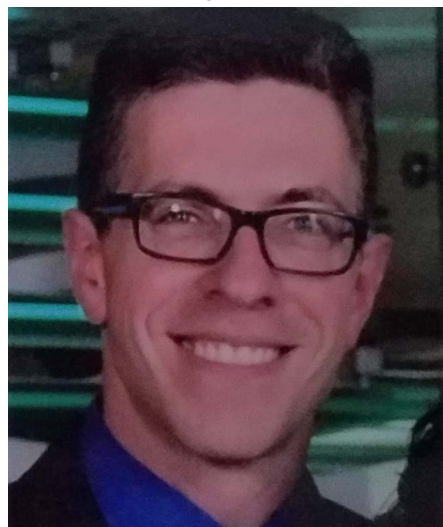


Meet the New Executive Director: Jamey Kohn



by Marc Katz, Editor

Jamey Kohn believes in making a congregation a destination. “You have to give people a reason to affiliate,” he explains.

Temple Israel’s new executive director, who assumes his position at the start of next month, said: “If you make a shul a destination, a place to hang out, along the way people will be exposed to interesting programs and activities.”

The philosophy has successfully guided his activities at the 700-member Merrick Jewish Center, where he has served as the executive director since 2010. In his current position, he has promoted the formation of “destination activities.” He said he likes to put congregational groups together, and has started a popular business-to-business networking group and a job placement service, and has personally

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Congregation’s Schools Conduct Ceremonies, Award Recognitions

Temple Israel’s three schools held closing ceremonies within the last few weeks, drawing a busy school year to a close.

The Waxman High School welcomed students, parents and professional staff to a celebration of the school year and to recognize students who are moving on. The evening at the Youth House late last month was a celebration of the unique identity of each student, according to the school’s director, Avi Siegel.

Two seniors, Molli and Sari Mamiye, received special recognition at the ceremonies “because of their incredible connection with the Youth House,” Mr. Siegel said.

Molli was the school’s senior intern and dedicated herself to making the Youth House run smoothly. She crafted programs for seventh grade students, helped teachers engage with the high school students and could regularly be found behind the office desk, welcoming people into the Youth House. “She is hardworking, dedicated and selfless,” Mr. Siegel said. “She was a Youth House treasure.”

Sari has been a champion of the school’s TILT program for more than three years and has continually stepped up to run the Purim Carnival. “Her energy, kindness and welcoming of others always put smiles on the faces of everyone she interacted with.” Mr. Siegel said. “She embodies the spirit of the Youth House.”

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Temple Israel’s many school teachers were recognized at a dinner reception in the Blue Room at the close of the school year. Joining them at the festivities were Rabbi Amy Roth, director of schools, seated at center, and Rabbi Howard Stecker, standing at the right rear.

My People

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Stecker offered the following introductory statement at the recent Rabbinic Dialogue in response to the question: How have last year's tragic events impacted your thinking regarding Jewish boundaries and identity?

Months after the shootings in Pittsburgh, a week after the shootings in Poway, following a year in which many people have been killed in various houses of worship, here is where I find myself regarding theology and identity, my connection to my colleagues here, and what this means for Jewish unity.

During Passover, I read an article about how the president of Union Theological

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Seminary was asked by a New York Times reporter if she believes literally in the resurrection of Jesus. She said that she doesn't think about it literally. What matters more to her is how the concept informs the way Christians live their lives and interact with the world. Reading about her comments, I thought about the possible overlap between her thinking and mine. When I think of the Torah's description of events at Sinai or the Sea of Reeds, the question of whether or not they literally happened is less important to me than the insight they offer for how we might face our lives and the world as Jews.

Now maybe some of my colleagues here are scratching their heads, wondering, who is this guy? Is he kosher? Is he destroying the Jewish people? Or maybe they've already made up their minds. And they may scratch their heads when I say that I believe in and advocate for the full participation of women in every aspect of Jewish leadership and ritual life. And when I say that I support the full inclusion and celebration of everyone regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation.

Regarding questions of marriage and religion that came up at last year's dialogue, leading to a painful exchange at the time, I want to emphasize the following: While I will not officiate at a wedding unless it involves two Jews, as defined by the traditional halakhic definition of who is a Jew, I do reach out to interfaith couples to offer input and support. I encourage conversion as a possibility for the partner of another faith. I recommend colleagues who will officiate at interfaith weddings, should conversion not be chosen. I also help the couples bring Jewish tradition into their weddings and into their lives beyond the weddings. Closing doors can lead to resentment and alienation. Leaving doors open, even with certain

This is my final Voice column as president of Temple Israel. I'm not going to give a roster of achievements or a list of thank yous. There will be a time and place for both. What I would like to focus on, one last time, is our future.

There are those I have heard romanticize our glorious past, wistfully wishing for it. The past is behind us. We must honor it, cherish it, learn from it, and move ahead.

The changing landscape of American Judaism, and more specifically the Conservative movement, require that we explore new options. There are different styles of education, of prayer, of membership, of synagogue affiliation. We do ourselves a disservice by not looking into all available options. We may discover that what we're doing is just right for us. We may also discover that change is needed, and recognize that change can be difficult.

boundaries set, provides an invitation that can bear fruit for everyone involved.

Sometimes I feel a strong connection with leaders of other faiths who share some of my values regarding theology, gender and identity and sometimes I feel frustration with Jewish leaders who don't share those values.

But here's the thing. When my mother died roughly 10 years ago, the president of Union Theological didn't come to pay a shiva call. (In her defense, we didn't know each other then, nor do we know each other now.) It was one of my colleagues sitting up here who showed up to my home at the beginning of the shiva. Likewise, when Temple Israel's ballroom burned down and we needed to rebuild much of the building, it was several of my colleagues up here who called immediately to say: "Tell me what you need." And when I want to talk with someone about the challenges of being a religious leader, these are the people

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Looking Back, Looking Ahead

From the President by Rob Panzer

Judaism is a religion of laws and questions. Each day we must ask, respectfully, why we do what we do, and can we do it better. If we don't

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strive to move ahead we are destined to fall behind.

With that, I will conclude this column as I ended my first. If you would like to speak with me, I can be reached at robpanzer18@gmail.com, or better, come to minyan Friday morning. I'll be sitting in the back and, on Shabbat morning, standing in the back of the Sanctuary each week.

L'hitraot.

In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

INA MARCUS ROSS

wife of Dr. Howard Brownstein
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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BEN MOSHE AND SARA

father of Mark Naim and Sam Naim

May their memories be for a blessing.

Mazal Tov To...

• Lillian and Jason Cohen

on the birth of their daughter, Daniela.

• Guity and Anoushiravan Rokhsar

on the birth of their granddaughter,
Daniela Cohen.

• Nancy and Lawrence Greengrass

on the birth of their grandson, Tyler
Mayer Greengrass.

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

June 14

Shabbat Children's Service 6:00 P.M.
Shabbat Service for all ages 6:30 P.M.
Both Services will be held at Saddle
Rock Park

June 17

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

June 17 – 21

Beth HaGan Transition Week

June 20

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

June 21 – 22

Shabbat Kol Ishah

June 23

Spring Concert 7:00 P.M.
featuring Cantors Raphael Frieder
and Elizabeth Shammash, Ilana
Davidson and the Shireinu Choir
of Long Island

June 27

Men's Club Texas Hold'em 7:30 P.M.
and Backgammon Night

July 1

Beth HaGan Summer Program Begins

July 18

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

July 19

Sisterhood Dinner Lecture 8:00 P.M.
"Shabbat in Romania" with guest
speaker Barbara Schultz

Temple Israel Office Closing Sundays for the Summer

*The Temple Israel office will be
closed on Sundays during the
summer and will reopen on
Sundays starting September 8.*

Two Cantors are Joining Cantor Frieder for a Concert Of Israeli and Jewish Music at Temple Israel June 23

by Alise Kreditor

Kick off your summer entertainment with a night of music at Temple Israel on Sunday, June 23. Cantor Raphael Frieder has crafted a program featuring selections from well-known operas as well as popular Jewish and Israeli songs and folk tunes.

Joining Cantor Frieder are mezzo Cantor Elisabeth Shammash and soprano Ilana Davidson. All three have successful singing careers both within and outside of synagogue life. The Shireinu Choir of Long Island, a recently formed mixed adult choir that celebrates Jewish culture and heritage through music and song, will also be participating in the concert.

Recently, Cantor Frieder was asked by the Vatican to perform in Rome to celebrate relations between Jews and Christians worldwide. Among the highlights of Cantor Frieder's career were performing the world premiere of Leonard Bernstein "Arias and Barcaroles" in Tel Aviv at the composer's request and performing at Notre Dame in Paris, which is believed to be the first time a Jewish performer sang in Hebrew

in the hallowed cathedral. His most popular role was playing the cantor in the movie "Keeping the Faith," starring Ben Stiller and Ed Norton.

Cantor Elizabeth Shammash of Temple Tiferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, a protégé of Cantor Frieder, has served as the cantor of her congregation since 2007. She is also a celebrated opera singer and has performed with prestigious orchestras and at Temple Israel.



Cantor Raphael Frieder

Soprano Ilana Davidson enjoys a busy schedule of opera, concerts and recitals, performing repertoire from the Renaissance and Baroque to the 20th and 21st centuries. She has been featured on several commercial recordings. She was recently awarded a BRIO award from the Bronx Council on the Arts, and received the first prize in the Mostly Mozart Competition of Philadelphia. She is also the artistic director of ClassicalCafe, a music series dedicated to bringing chamber music to intimate settings.

Beginning at 7:00 P.M., the concert, which is free and open to the public, will include selections from "Carmen" and "The Marriage of Figaro," among others.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, June 14

8:09 P.M.

Friday, June 21

8:12 P.M.

Friday, June 28

8:13 P.M.

Friday, July 5

8:12 P.M.

Friday, July 12

8:09 P.M.

Congregation Schools Conduct Closing Ceremonies

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Members of the class of 2019 include Nicole Aminzadeh, Sophia Askari, Kayla Bakhshi, Ethan Citron, Pellegria Cronin, Xena Fouladi, Aaron Geula, Juliet Eshaghoff, Rebecca Grunberger, Michael Cohenmehr, Yoel Hawa, Daniel Itzkowitz, Jacob Landerer, Jacob Lurvey, Limor Makhani, Samuel Ohebshalom, Joshua Rothbaum, Ilana Sherman, Amanda Shirazi, Maya Tabaroki, and Nicole Victory.

Religious School

The Religious School year-end festival, held May 21, was a celebration with much songs and warmth. Many students received recognition for their school activities.

Recognized for participation in the Chai Club were Noah Becker, Lilyanna Becker, Ian Bloom, Jacob Bloom, Matthew Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Pennia Charry, Molly Forst, Emily Forst, Elliot Ganjian, Jonathan Ganjian, Daniel Goldberg, David Goldberg, Shoshana Goody, Elliot Kassin, Aaron Kassin, Shira Khoda, Sarah Khoda, Riley Kurpiel, Benson Kurpiel, Alexandra Schweber, and Natalie Schweber.

Named Judiac Scholars were Samuel Bagon, Noah Becker, Abigail Bernstein, Ian Bloom, Jacob Bloom, Raphaella Covitt, Maxwell Covitt, Zachary Dorf, Molly Forst, Jonathan Ganjian, Shoshana Goody, Alex Gottlieb, Emet G, Lily Kase, Liana Kase, Elliot Kassin, Shira Khoda, Riley Kurpiel, Elizabeth

Matalon, Jacqueline Matalon, Solomon Matalon, Brandon Etan Reed, Julia Miriam Reed, Alexandra Schweber, Natalie Schweber, Jessica Tamari, Nathan Tashkisi, and Gabriel Weitzman. Members of the 13 Mitzvot Club were Samuel Bagon, Abigail Bernstein, Raphaella Covitt, Maxwell Covitt, Zachary Dorf, Alex Gottlieb, Ezra Juceam, Sarah Juceam, Lily Kase, Liana Kase, Elizabeth Matalon, Jacqueline Matalon, Solomon Matalon, Matthew Nysenbaum, Brooke Ohebshalom, Jacob Ohebshalom, Brandon Etan Reed, Julia Miriam Reed, Nathan Sarraf, Jessica Tamari, Nathan Tashkisi, and Gabriel Weitzman.

Students who read from the Torah during Junior Congregation or Shabbat Ha Mishpachah services include Asher Ahdoot, Jordana Ahdoot, Harrison Albin, Sam Bagon, Isaac Bakhchi, Noah Becker, Abby Bernstein, Jacob Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Ella Covitt, Max Covitt, Zachary Dorf, Molly Forst, Elliot Ganjian, Jonathan Ganjian, Alex Gottlieb, Liana Kase, Lily Kase, Aaron Kassin, Elliot Kassin, Shira Khoda, Riley Kurpiel, Raquel Landerer, Ethan Makhani, Elizabeth Matalon, Jackie Matalon, Solomon Matalon, Alec Moezinia, Amanda Moiezinia, Jacob Ohebshalom, Brandon Etan Reed, Julia Miriam Reed, Brian Scheidt, Natalie Schweber, Sean Shamooil, Jessica Tamari, Nathan Taskisi, Gabe Weitzman, Olivia Yachbes, Brayden Zeitlin, and Molly Zeitlin.

Adele Eckstein

Camp Ramah Scholarships

Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein has created a fund in memory of his beloved late wife, Adele, to encourage attendance at Camp Ramah, the summer camp of the Conservative movement. Any child attending Ramah for the first time for four or more weeks is eligible to receive \$1,000 towards camp tuition.

Current recipients include Elliot Kassin, Harrison Albin, Mason Ostrow, and Daniella Ostrow. For further information about the Eckstein grant contact Rabbi Amy Roth at rabbiroth@tign.org or 482-7800.

Rabbi Eckstein received a number of notes of appreciation from participating students. One recipient told him: "Thank you for your gift. My favorite place in camp is the agam (lake). I love swimming and boating. I also really love singing in front of the agam on erev Shabbat. I cannot wait to go back!" Another student said: "Thank you so much for helping me go to Camp Ramah. It was the best summer of my life. I loved all of the activities. I also loved the food in the hadar (dining hall). I can't wait for the summer!"

Beth HaGan Graduation

In ceremonies held in the Crystal Ballroom on June 12 the Beth HaGan recognized students moving on to the Religious School.

The Butterflies class, led by Morah Lean and Morah Nahid, included Eilam Alpert, Joshua Baharestani, Liam Eshagian, Cayla Ghassabian, Bradley Melamed, Levi Monasebian, Leandra Nassimi, Rebecca Nassimian, Stephanie Noghreh, Jillian Noghrei, Jonathan Omrani, Yasmin Robenzadeh, Mia Sharaf, and Olivia Zar.

Members of the Dolphins class, taught by Morah Chaya and Morah Rut, were Celine Aminzadeh, Liv Bakhsh, Alexa Eteessami, Jonah Eteessami, Julia Haghani, Theodore Hacohen, Adi Hakimi, Harper Hakimi, Ella Javidnia, Vera Kashimallak, Jayden Melamed, Anna Moheban, Liam Nassimiha, and Liam Sabi.

Shabbat Evening Service by the water

at Saddle Rock Park, Grist Mill Lane
Friday, June 14 • 6 P.M.

A service for all ages • All are welcome!

No park card required

Bring an optional picnic dinner for after the service!

Religious School Encouraging Torah Reading

Religious School students in third through sixth grades (and sometimes second grade) are encouraged to read from the Torah once a month at Shabbat Ha Mishpacha or 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 to find out which dates are available.

March Torah readers, top right, were Sam Bagon, Elliott Kassin, Max Covitt, Jacob Ohebshalom, and Ella Covitt.

In April the Torah Readers were, at center, Brandon Etan Reed, Zach Dorf, Olivia Yachbes, Abby Bernstein, Molly Zeitlin, Brayden Zeitlin, Jacob Ohebshalom, Julia Miriam Reed, Amanda Moezinia, and Alec Moezinia. Not in the picture was Asher Ahdoot.

May Torah readers, at bottom, were Jessica Tamari, Isaac Bakhchi, Jacob Ohebshalom, and Riley Kurpiel. Not in the picture: Ethan Makhani and Alex Gottlieb.



Sisterhood Invites You to Spend Shabbat In Romania

*A Look at the History and
Traditions of Romanian Jewry*

Friday, July 19

Shabbat Service 6:30 P.M.

Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Barbara Schultz

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Looking for the Perfect World

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

Mazal tov to all of our high school graduates and good luck in your future endeavors. Though we pray and dream that you will not encounter anti-Semitism on campus, we know that it is likely. We at the Youth House have taken efforts to educate and prepare you for such realities.

As anti-Semitism rears its ugly head yet again, we cannot help but notice that the same tropes from the past recycle themselves over and over again: Whether it is dual loyalty, the charge that Jews rule the world or that Jews have a disregard for the lives of non-Jews. It is the same material, just recycled and said by different people.

My People

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with whom I am likely to speak.

I am devastated every time I hear about a shooting in a house of worship. The shootings at the churches in Charleston and Sri Lanka and the mosques in Christ Church are horrific. The violence needs to stop and we need to take steps to try to stop it.

But there is some different degree of resonance that I feel in my gut when it involves synagogues. Not because the lives are more important—of course not. Every human being is created in God's image and is equally precious. I feel the resonance differently because there's more visceral familiarity, because the victims are part of my Jewish family.

When the Biblical Naomi tells Ruth and her sister to turn around, that they needn't follow her back to Judea, Ruth tells Naomi that she's not turning around. "Your people are my people, your God is my God."

Maybe the order of her comment is not coincidental. In some sense peoplehood precedes theology or, more precisely, it ideally provides the personal connection which makes respectful

In this vane, I tackle the so called dual loyalty trope that all Jews are more loyal to Israel and other Jews to the point of sabotaging their home country and fellow non-Jewish citizens.

Complex and multi-faceted identities are celebrated aspects of human life. I like to use the metaphor and image of a web. Like a spider web, we have closer and more distant relationships and they are interconnected.

The Torah teaches that we begin with the inside of the web and work our way outward. We have more active obligations to our kinsmen. We have to be more loyal and we have to be conscious of remaining united and supporting each other. We have to come to the mutual aid

theological conversation possible.

So to my colleagues, and to everyone else here, I say the following: We may disagree about God, about conversion, about gender, about politics. But you are my people. And for that I make the following theological statement: Barukh Hashem. Thank God.

Daily Minyan Times

Friday

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

Sun., June 16, 23, 30 & July 7, 14

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

Monday, June 17, 24 & July 1, 8

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

Tuesday

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

Wed., June 19, 26 & July 10

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thurs., June 20, 27 & July 11

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

Thursday, July 4

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

of those closer to us first.

And yet, the Torah is clear that we still have obligations of basic rights and basic aid. Universally, we are supposed to love everyone as ourselves. We cannot use difference or distance as an excuse to

All Jews are extended family bound together in a web of mutual aid and protection.

harm or discriminate against people. We cannot stand idly by any blood as no one's blood is more valuable.

Seven million of our brothers and sisters live in Israel. I believe we have an obligation to be connected to them. I know that the seven million Israeli Jews feel an obligation toward us. All Jews are extended family bound together in a web of mutual aid and protection.

We cannot afford to loosen the bond with Israelis, and with all Jews around the world. And contrary to anti-Semitic tropes, being bound to all Jews doesn't weaken our other loyalties—in this case to America. In fact, experience has demonstrated that we all are better off with a strong bond between America and Israel.

Additionally, our concern for fellow Jews doesn't weaken our care and concern for all humanity. We continue to strive and work for the messianic dream when there will be no more violence, no more bias and discrimination. However, until then, if others choose to threaten us Jews, we must protect each other.

In the Prayer for The State of Israel we describe it as "Reishit Tzmitchat Geulateinu," "The First Flowering Shoots of the Redemption." The Mission of The State of Israel is to do what it can to bring about an ideal redeemed world. We have realized our hopes and dreams of returning to Israel. Let us continue to hope and dream for the perfected world that we yearn for.

Yesh Tikvah L'shalom, there is hope for peace and wholeness.

Living in Fear, As Rockets Fly Overhead

A Voice Guest Column by Avigail Eilam

EDITOR'S NOTE: Avigail Eilam, a member of Kehillat Netzach Israel, Temple Israel's sister synagogue in Ashkelon, Israel, tells of a recent nerve-filled, scary night as she searched for her daughter while area settlements came under rocket fire in this Voice Guest Column. Currently underway is a new shelter for children three-months to three-years old. The existing shelter is too far away for young children. Members of Temple Israel can help by contributing to the congregation's Israel Solidarity Fund. For further information call 482-7800.

I told my daughter: "I put a pair of pajamas, a comb and a toothbrush in your little bag. Do you need anything else?" It was 4:45 on a Friday afternoon. We were on the way out of our house in Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, two km from Gaza, to pray and have a Friday evening dinner at the Netzach Israel Synagogue in Ashkelon. After praying and eating together, my daughter, Gali, planned to sleep with a friend who lives in Nativ Ha'asara.

It was a touching evening. We prayed, sang and ate in the community room together with other families, guests from Canada, Gustavo, the rabbi, and his family. Towards 9:30 P.M., we headed toward Nativ Ha'asara. We reached the settlement and Gali called her friend to open the gate. I began to feel a bit afraid, but I told myself that maybe I felt that way because it was dark, because we were waiting in front of a closed gate 100 meters from Gaza and because there was a soldier standing at the gate. We came in and

I prayed that the night would be peaceful and calm.

Gali got out of the car, gave me a hug, and said "good night." I remembered that moment on Shabbat morning.

I did not sleep most of the night. That always happens when Gali sleeps in Netiv Ha'asara. I prayed that the night would be peaceful and calm. At 7 A.M. we received a message at the kibbutz that the roads were closed. We were asked to stay in our houses. I felt myself falling apart and remembered the hug Gali gave me last night. I tried to call Gali, but there was no answer. She must be asleep, I thought to myself.

An hour later, Tzeva Adom sirens were



United under fire: Temple Israel sister congregation Kehillat Netzach Israel members Avigail Eilam and her daughter, Gali.

heard, there were shells, Kassam explosions, missiles, and interceptions by the Iron Dome. Because of their location, Yad Mordechai and Netiv Ha'asara hear everything, including the whistle of a missile sent towards Ashkelon.

I sat in the mamad (protected room), I tried to breathe slowly as we do with the children, and I thought as long as I have not heard anything bad, it's all good. I kept calling Gali and at 11 A.M. she answered.

"Mom! Everything is alright, I'm running to the mamad. I love you." A few minutes later, Gali called again. "Mom, I'm fine. The house next to us got hurt." As she finished talking, I decided that I had to bring her home. I did not know that a two-kilometer journey would take 40-minutes. Those would be the longest minutes of my life.

I ran to the car and started driving. There were no people in the kibbutz.

Everyone was in their homes, in their mamad. I constantly heard Tzeva Adom sirens and prayed that I would be able to reach Gal—and would be able to hug her again. A kilometer later I saw an Israeli army checkpoint.

"Madam, you cannot go forward," the soldiers told me. "My daughter is in Nativ Ha'asara, and I'll get there even if I have to walk. Help me," I said. The soldiers tried to direct me through the fields to get to the settlement. I got confused on the way for 20 minutes when I heard the sirens of red ambulances and police car.

I managed to enter the settlement, but the road to the house was blocked by police cars. I shouted for help and finally one of the policemen arrived and moved his car aside. I called for Gali and asked her to come out.

When I finally saw her, I held her tight and kissed her. I asked her to lie down on the floor of the car with her hands on her head. I drove back, and when we got home and we were in the mamad Gali allowed herself to cry. She did not sleep all night and hugged me tightly.

During the Sabbath and the following day we were unable to get out of the mamad for more than 15-minutes at a time. Gali took a shower, but had to rush out of it with shampoo in her hair because of the constant alarms. I could not cook, so we ate snacks and sandwiches in the mamad.

By Sunday night we felt exhausted. Gali fell asleep, but screamed in her sleep. I prayed: "God, I ask you to stop it, we can no longer live in fear and we can no longer live in the mamad,"

The next day there was a cease-fire.

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D'var Torah

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in blessing the people. The portion ends with a detailed account of the gifts brought by the princes of the tribes on the occasion of the dedication of the Mishkan. The gifts were identical, yet they had different symbolic meanings for each tribe. The offering of identical gifts by the tribes, regardless of their size, emphasized the equality of each tribe and each person before God.

Beha'alotekha

Saturday, June 22

In this portion the march to the Promised Land finally begins. Among the last details dealt with at Sinai are preparation of the lamps of the menorah, dedication of the Levites to their duties, observance of Passover on the 14th day of the first month in the second year after the Exodus and the making of two silver trumpets to be sounded as a signal to assemble, to break camp or to take note of other special occasions. As soon as the people began their march, they began to complain. In response to Moses' cry for help, God instructs him to gather 70 elders to assist him in leading the people. Miriam and Aaron then challenge Moses' role as prophet. God vindicates Moses by punishing Miriam. These incidents of selfishness, even in the faith of God's miracles, set a

pattern that becomes a prominent theme of Scripture—the struggle to raise man above himself.

Shelah

Saturday, June 29

The Israelites approach the border of Canaan, and Moses sends 12 princes of the tribes to scout the land in this portion. Among them are Caleb and Joshua. The scouts' mission is to investigate the natural properties of the land and evaluate the strength of its people. After 40 days, the scouts return bearing a single cluster of grapes so heavy that it takes two men to carry it on a pole between them. They report that the land is indeed bountiful, but it is inhabited by powerful people living in fortified cities. The scouts maintain that the Israelites are too weak to conquer the land but Caleb and Joshua argue that, if the people have faith in God and His promise, they will be able to overcome the inhabitants. The people accept the majority report, thus incurring God's wrath. He decrees that they will spend 40 years in the wilderness, until an entire generation dies out and a free generation grows up.

Korah

Saturday, July 6

In this portion we find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron. The reading details the rebellion led by Korah, a Levite, and two members of the tribe of Reuben, Dathan and Abiram. They accuse Moses and Aaron of unduly raising themselves above the community of Israelites, all of whom are holy. Moses tells the people that God will resolve the issue by accepting or rejecting an incense offering. He further declares that if the rebels die an unnatural death it will be a sign of vindication for him and Aaron. Following the test, Korah and his associates are swallowed up by the earth and fire destroys 250 of the rebels. Aaron is further vindicated in a test involving his staff which sprouts almond blossoms overnight. With the roles of Aaron, his sons and the Levites in connection with the Mishkan firmly established, a list of emoluments is granted to them in return for their work. Thus, the leadership of the Israelites is made secure at a time when the people are still struggling to define and determine its destiny.

Hukat

Saturday, July 13

We cover the 38 years of the wilderness wandering in this portion. The reading opens with instructions for the most peculiar ritual in the Torah—the slaughtered red cow whose ashes mixed with water are used to purify anyone who comes in contact with a corpse. In the purification process, people who are already pure and touch the mixture become impure and must themselves undergo a different process of purification. The reading skips over most of the events of the wilderness wandering without comment and continues in the land of Moab. The people again complain of lack of water, and God tells Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and produce water. Moses, however, strikes the rock with his staff. Water comes forth, but God declares that this action shows lack of faith, and neither Moses nor Aaron will be permitted to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites wage several battles and win, thus demonstrating that the new generation is ready to attempt the conquest of the land. However, the problems of obedience to God and understanding the responsibilities of leadership have still not been completely resolved.

Shabbat Services

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Saturday, July 6

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

Weekly Portion: Korah

Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	7:50 P.M.
Evening Service	8:56 P.M.
Havdalah	9:12 P.M.

Friday, July 12

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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Saturday, July 13

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

Weekly Portion: Hukat

Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

Haftarah: Judges 11:1 – 33

Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 1	1:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	7:50 P.M.
Evening Service	8:53 P.M.
Havdalah	9:09 P.M.

Meet the New Executive Director: Jamey Kohn

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conducted courses in membership development, social media, the use of Facebook and twitter, and instruction in the latest technology, including audio visual equipment, sound systems and smart televisions.

“The fastest growing Jewish group is not Orthodox, Conservative or Reform denominations,” he said. “It is the unaffiliated. These are the people we have to target.

“As executive director, you have to be warm, welcoming, happy, and upbeat—after all, you represent the congregation. I tell people I’m on their side, that they have a friend in me. You never know whom you will be dealing with. It just might be a major donor or a future congregation president. There is just no

point in arguing with people.”

Mr. Kohn has lots of experience with congregants. He is currently the vice president of the Hillcrest Jewish Center, a Queens Conservative synagogue, and plans on becoming president of the large, active congregation in two years. He has served as the Hillcrest Kol Nidre chair, Membership Committee chair, and on the Board of Trustees. For the past two years he has also served as president of the PTA of the Solomon Schechter High School of Queens. His wife, Raina, is the co-chair of their congregation’s Youth and Family Committee.

He and his wife met as freshmen at the University of Albany, where he majored in business administration and Japanese studies. He spent a year studying in Japan before graduating in 1997. He and his wife,

a nurse at North Shore University Hospital for the past 12 years, have two children.

His first job was as a fundraising consultant for a Great Neck-based firm that helped synagogues with capital campaigns. Working with lay leaders and executive directors, he assisted congregations with data base management, digital media and, of course, fundraising campaigns. Among the many congregations he assisted nationwide during a 12-year period was Temple Israel of Great Neck.

At Temple Israel he said he first wants to observe how the congregation operates. “I want to get involved with programming. I want to see what the Men’s Club and Sisterhood are doing. I want to help Temple Israel do outreach to the community. And most of all, I want to be a facilitator. I want to help the membership manage its programs. It could be help with a flyer, technical support or anything else, but an executive director should have a strong presence.

“I like to be of help; to get involved,” he said. “I need that. I’m always all in. To carry out this job properly you always have to be bubbly and enthusiastic. You have to be a cheerleader for the congregation.”

Temple Israel Museum Receives Plaque Donation

The Temple Israel Museum has received a donation of a small embossed copper plaque mounted on wood made at the Bezalel workshops in Jerusalem before 1929. This piece shows a bearded Moses holding the tablets of the law, and was donated in memory of Louis and Stella Segal.

On display in the front case of the museum are numerous objects relating to the upcoming holidays. Visits to the museum can be arranged by calling the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Naso Saturday, June 15

We continue the final preparations at Sinai for the resumption of the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land in this portion. The numbering of the Levitical families and assignment of portage duties for the Mishkan is concluded. Several laws dealing with the purity of the camp and the family are then promulgated, including a trial by ordeal for a woman suspected of adultery. These are followed by a description of the restrictions incumbent upon any person who takes a Nazarite vow as an act of special piety. Nazarites must refrain from drinking wine or alcohol, from cutting hair and coming into contact with the dead for a specified period of time. Moses is then instructed to teach Aaron a special three-fold blessing which he is to use

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Shabbat Services

Friday, June 14

Children's Service 6:00 P.M.
Evening Shabbat Service 6:30 P.M.
for all ages at Saddle Rock Park,
Grist Mill Lane

Saturday, June 15

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

Weekly Portion: Naso
Numbers 4:21 – 7:89
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Andy Katz, Brent Greenspan, Irene
Tannenholtz, Ofra Panzer, and Debra Bykoff

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 7:50 P.M.
Evening Service 8:54 P.M.
Havdalah 9:10 P.M.

Friday, June 21

Evening Service/Shabbat Kol Ishah 6:30 P.M.
Congregational Shabbat 7:30 P.M.
Kol Ishah Festive Dinner

Saturday, June 22

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

Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha
Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Daniel Goldberger, Susan Lopatkin,
Irene Tannenholtz, Patty Schneider, and
Jeffrey Fleit

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle following kiddush
Afternoon Service 7:50 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.

Evening Service 8:56 P.M.
Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

Friday, June 28

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 29

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

Weekly Portion: Shelah
Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 - 24

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Jeffrey Fleit, Edith Robbins
and Seth Horowitz

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 7:55 P.M.
Evening Service 8:57 P.M.
Havdalah 9:13 P.M.

Friday, July 5

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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