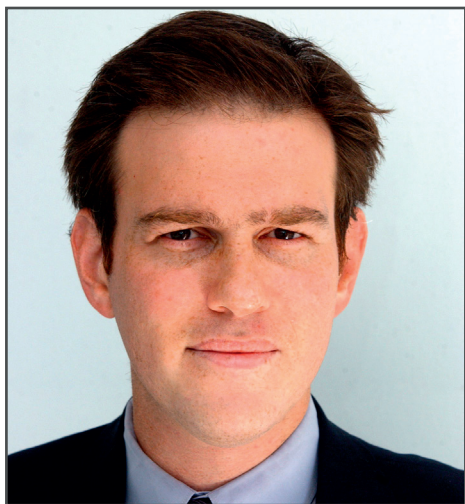


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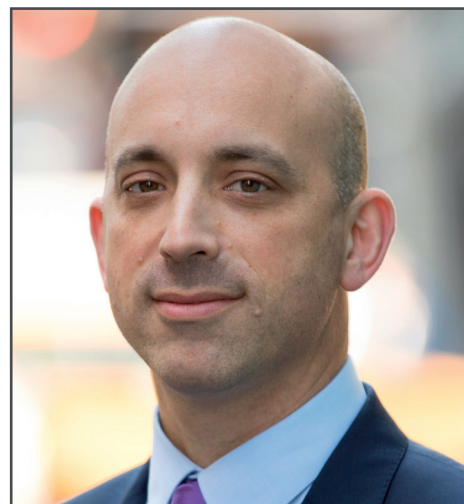


New York Times Columnist Bret Stephens

Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times columnist Bret Stephens will speak at Temple Israel on April 29 in conversation with Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO and national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Mr. Stephens, widely respected for his “contrarian twist” on issues, will discuss a wide range of domestic and foreign topics with Mr. Greenblatt, a leader of one of the most respected civil rights organizations. They will then open the program to questions from the audience.

The presentation, made possible  
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ADL National Director Jonathan Greenblatt

## Temple Israel Holocaust Survivor Vera Eden Speaking at Yom Hashoah Service On April 11th

by Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel member Vera Eden—who survived the horrors of the Holocaust—will tell of her experiences and those of her family members at the congregation's annual Yom Hashoah service, to be held Wednesday, April 11, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

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

The service, in commemoration of the

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

Performing at the service for the first time will be members of the new Shireinu Choir of Long Island, a non-denominational group of singers who explore Jewish heritage through music and song. The group is led by Temple Israel members Anne Hirsh and Sherry Husney and Musical Director Debbie Tartell.

They will perform a song called Yeish Kochavim, with text from a Hannah Semesh poem. Soloists are Lori Freudman and Ava Steiner. The poem, a lovely memorial, tells of stars so far

away that their light can only be seen after the stars are gone. It says it is the same with loved ones who have passed. Their memories and the lessons that they have taught remains forever. “These lights are particularly

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Holocaust survivor Vera Eden

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## The Benefits of the Seminary

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**A Voice Guest Column** by Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel Sisterhood President Karen Ashkenase asks for your support of their Torah Fund Campaign to support the Jewish Theological Seminary in this Voice Guest Column.

My dear Temple Israel family, very soon you will be receiving a letter from Sisterhood, asking for your support of our Torah Fund Campaign. I hope

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**I hope you will take the time to think about how your family has benefited from the Jewish Theological Seminary...**

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you will take the time to think about how your family has benefited from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the many leaders who came from the Seminary background.

Remember people who influenced your life—rabbis, cantors, teachers, Camp Ramah counselors, youth leaders, and

the list goes on. Our support is needed to make sure that the next generation of Conservative Jewish leaders will be there for all of us and for future generations.

So when you receive the letter, please be generous. Our contributions are not only to support students at the Seminary, but it is in support of what we believe in and what we want to guarantee for the future.

I want to thank Ellen Cooper, a longtime active Sisterhood member, who for well over 20 years has been the Torah Fund Campaign chair for the Temple Israel Sisterhood. Her devotion and dedication to teaching us about

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## The Best Place In the World

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**From the Rabbi** by Rabbi Howard Stecker

In 1986 I spent my junior year of college studying in England. I used one of the vacation breaks to visit my friend who was spending the year in Israel and we had a wonderful time. On the way back to the airport, I listened to the cab driver complain incessantly about living in Israel. He expressed frustration with the government, the cost of living, the high level of stress. You name a topic and he complained about it. As we were pulling up to the airport, he asked me, "So when are you going to make aliya?"

I was a little surprised. I said to him, "You spent the last hour complaining about everything having to do with Israel and you want me to come live here?" I'll never forget his answer. "Forget all that. Israel is the best place in the world."

Israel was ranked 11th in the most

recent Global Happiness Index, an annual ranking which measures well-being in areas that include education, environment, emotions and citizens

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**Israel is, in many ways, an impossible country.**

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engagement. Israel scored higher than the United States and the United Kingdom. Considering all of the internal and external challenges that Israel faces, this is truly remarkable.

As Israel prepares to celebrate the 70th anniversary since her establishment as a modern state, we at Temple Israel are doing a number of things to mark the occasion. On the evenings of April 16, 23 and 30, Rabbi Schweber and I will be teaching a mini-series entitled "Israel at 70," focusing on some of the major milestones in Israel's history.

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## Our History

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**From the President** by Rob Panzer

My wife and I recently visited Greece. On a Jewish tour of Thessaloniki, the second largest city in the country, we learned a new term. Our guide, Hela, comes from a family that has resided in Thessaloniki for generations, and the stories of how her parents survived the war are at once fascinating and horrifying. What she emphasized, though, was that the Jewish community, rather small now, is fighting what she termed "memocide."

The Jewish community of Greece, numbering 85,000 prior to the war, currently numbers in the several thousands at most. In Athens, the only acknowledgement of their history seems

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to be a small Holocaust memorial, out of the way and easy to miss. It is periodically defaced, so perhaps those who want to find it are able to do so. The memorial in Thessaloniki, a small object near the port, took decades of lobbying on the part of the community to create and have dedicated.

Hela's contention, and I think it hard to dispute, is that there is an effort to re-write history, as evidenced by the recently enacted law in Poland regarding responsibility for the Holocaust, the lack of responsiveness of the Greek authorities, and other such situations.

As Passover is upon us, and Yom Hashoah soon to follow, our responsibility is to tell the stories, over and over. As we say at the seders, we must act as if we, too, came forth from Egypt. On Yom Hashoah as well, it should be as if we survived and lived to tell about it. Only with our passing along history can we fight the effort to re-write it, deny it, and eradicate it.

My family joins me in wishing all a sweet Passover. Chag Sameach.

## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**SYLVIA IONESCU**

mother of Lynn Frankel

**DIANA ALBERT**

mother of David Albert

**ANNA RUBIN**

esteemed member of Temple Israel

**ADELE LICHTENSTEIN**

sister of Rabbi Abraham Eckstein

**RONI SAZER**

mother of Gary Sazer

**AARON J. BRODER**

esteemed member of Temple Israel

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, March 30**

6:59 P.M.

**Friday, April 6**

7:06 P.M.

**Friday, April 13**

7:13 P.M.

**Friday, April 20**

7:21 P.M.

**Friday, April 27**

7:28 P.M.

**Friday, May 4**

7:35 P.M.

## Upcoming Events

**March 30**

Erev Pesah

**March 31 – April 7**

Pesah

**March 31**

Second Night Seder 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

**April 2**

"Israeli and Palestinian 8:15 P.M.

Poems and Short Stories"

**April 9**

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

**April 11**

Yom Hashoah Service 7:30 P.M.

**April 12**

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

**April 15**

Blood Drive 8:30 A.M.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

Federation of Jewish 12:30 P.M.

Men's Clubs' Dinner

**April 16**

"Israel at 70! Milestones 8:15 P.M.

and Meanings" Class

**April 17**

Yom Hazikaron Service 8:00 P.M.

at Temple Beth-El

**April 19**

Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert 7:30 P.M.

**April 22**

Annual Rabbinic Dialogue 10:00 A.M.

at Temple Beth-El

**April 23**

"Israel at 70! Milestones 8:15 P.M.

and Meanings" Class

**April 26**

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

**April 29**

Bret Stephens in Conversation 6:30 P.M.

with Jonathan Greenblatt

**April 30**

"Israel at 70! Milestones 8:15 P.M.

and Meanings" Class

**May 3**

Lag B'Omer

**May 4**

Shabbat in the Park 4:30 P.M.

**May 7**

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

**May 8**

Last Day of Tuesday Waxman

High School Classes

**May 10**

Last Day of Thursday Waxman

High School Classes

**May 16**

Beth HaGan Torah Literary 5:30 P.M.

Art Fair

**May 17**

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

# Temple Israel Is Celebrating Israel's 70 Years of Independence, Yom Ha'atzmaut, with Song and Celebration On April 19th

**by Alise Kreditor**

Temple Israel will celebrate Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The holiday this year marks the 70th anniversary of the reading of Israel's Declaration of Independence by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in 1948.

The evening will be filled with music, song and celebration featuring outstanding soloists and three local choral groups. Among the choirs performing is the Voices of Virtue, a gospel youth choir under the direction of Rachel Blackburn. The group made its international debut when it performed in Vienna, and they were subsequently invited to compete in the International Choral Competition in Verona, Italy.

Joining Cantor Raphael Frieder in an uplifting repertoire of songs will be Cantor Elizabeth Shammash of Temple Tiferet Bet Israel in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Cantor Shammash, who studied with Cantor Frieder, has served as Cantor at Teferet Bet Israel since 2007 after holding positions with several other congregations in the Northeast. She is also a celebrated opera singer and has performed with such prestigious orchestras as the Berlin Philharmonic; the Israel Philharmonic; the China National Symphony; Mostly Mozart, and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, among others. Ronn Yedidia, a renowned pianist and composer, will be the evening's musical director and accompanist.

The newly formed Shireinu Choir of Long Island, a mixed adult choir that celebrates Jewish culture and heritage through music and song, will also participate in the concert with a combination of English and Hebrew songs. The choir is under the direction of Temple Israel member Deborah Tartell. Recently the choir performed alongside Voices of Virtue at Great Neck's Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service.

Opening the concert will be the Temple Israel Children's Choir, which will set a celebratory mood with some favorite Israeli songs.

The concert is free and open to the public, invite family and friends.



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



**Ashley Aminzadeh**

Ashley Aminzadeh will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 21. She is the daughter of Mersedeh and Farid Aminzadeh and has a brother, Ryan, 14, and a sister, Celine, 4. Ashley is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School and enjoys playing sports. Ashley plans to visit Israel in the near future.



**Leila Hawa**

Leila Hawa will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 5. She is the daughter of Shirley and Eli Hawa and has a brother, Yoel, 17. Leila is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing the violin and tennis. Leila will continue her studies at the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel.

## RABBINIC DIALOGUE

**Sunday, April 22**  
Breakfast: 9:15 A.M.  
Program 10 A.M.  
Temple Beth El

## Men's Club Is Honoring Two Waxman High School Students at Annual Dinner



**Clara Goldberger**



**Brian Volk**

Temple Israel's Men's Club will honor two very active Waxman High School students at the annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs dinner, to be held Sunday, April 15, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury. To be named the Men's Club's "Youths of the Year" are Clara Goldberger, daughter of Maggie and Daniel Goldberger, and Brian Volk, son of Deborah and Judd Volk.

The dinner, which begins with a cocktail hour at 12:30 P.M., includes a silent auction. The cost of the dinner is \$95 per person and includes an open bar. Prices in a journal, being published in coordination with the event, range from \$36 for a name listing to \$1,200 for a gold page and three tickets. Dinner reservations must be made by April 9 and journal ads must be received by April 5. Reservations can be made by going to [www.wizadjournal.com/nymfjmc2018](http://www.wizadjournal.com/nymfjmc2018).

Clara Goldberger, a senior at Great Neck South High School, has been extremely active at Temple Israel. She has participated in Tot Shabbat, the Israel Day Parade, Tefillah Enrichment Program, the Waxman Youth House trip to Israel, the Rosh Chodesh women's group, Midnight Run, bringing aid to those affected by Superstorm Sandy, and she has interacted with elders at local assisted living facilities. Last summer she participated in the Ramah Israel Seminar, traveling and living in Poland for ten days and Israel for the next 40 days. Clara was one of more than 100 Ramahniks to serve as a student delegate to this year's AIPAC Policy Conference.

She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and serves as co-president of her school's Robotics Team, is vice president of the Girls' Varsity Club, and is a three-season Varsity Scholar athlete in a number of sports. She is also an avid skier and cyclist. Clara will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall, where she intends to study engineering physics and mechanical engineering for a dual degree in Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Engineering.

Also a senior at Great Neck South High School, Brian Volk has participated in multiple Waxman Youth House Midnight Runs and dinners for children with special needs. He is also involved with Shevet Achim, a group which meets to discuss current issues related to Judaism and society. For three years, he has served as a student teacher in the Temple Israel Religious School, reading Torah on Yom Kippur and reading from the Megillah on Purim.

Brian is an AP scholar with honor and is involved in many school activities and clubs. He has played on several school teams and is currently the co-captain of the Hot Lunch Improv Troupe, the co-president of the school's Model Congress Club and vice president of the DECA Club. Brian has also been involved in a number of Theatre South productions and this year will direct a one-act play.



# A Taste of Israel in Our Schools

**From the Religious School** by Rabbi Amy Roth

While Israel's 70th birthday is figuring into a lot of the programming throughout this spring, the Religious School and Waxman Youth House actually have an up-close and personal "taste" of Israel every week: our shinshinim (literally, a young person performing a year of national service prior to entering the IDF).

Eden Elfasi, spends Tuesdays in the Religious School and Guy Landa spends Thursdays in the Youth House. Thanks to funding in part from the Israel Affairs Committee, our children continue to develop connections with these young Israelis.

Both Eden and Guy work with eight different Jewish institutions in Nassau County. Eden, who hails from a small town in the Jezreel Valley called Ahuzat Barak, rotates throughout the school and therefore visits each class about once a month. When it is their turn for an "Eden activity," the children know to expect a taste of Israel through a game, activity or contest. If you were to enter a room while Eden is running an activity, here is what you might see: children gathered in a circle on the floor or in a corner of the room; they might be in groups or teams and they are definitely concentrating and focused on the pictures of key places in Tel Aviv, or Hebrew slang words, or Israeli

foods, or a larger map of Israel. Sometimes the children are quiet, since they are listening to our young friend tell a story or explain something about life in Israel, and other times they are laughing or loudly competing in one of Eden's contests.

"I already knew another Jewish community since I had been at a Jewish camp in the Midwest, so I knew that it was important for Israelis and American Jews to make connections," Eden explains. "I think that this is the case especially with younger kids, so that they will grow up with Israel as a part of their Jewish identities." Now that she has been working on Long Island since September, she says that she was initially "surprised to find out that the Temple Israel kids really know a lot about Israel. They are so curious and so much fun—they have tons of questions and always ask." Eden brings Israel to us in a constant, fun and real way. And when the entire school community gathers for Rosh Hodesh or a holiday, they greet her with cheers, "E-den, E-den, E-den!"

Guy Landa is the "guy" who runs programs with the seventh grade, hangs out with the kids and eats snacks with them. Guy is from Har Adar, a small community near Jerusalem. He brings an Israeli perspective to his activities and interactions with seventh graders. He has become part of the Thursday Youth House "gang."



Guy Landa gives Waxman High School students a "taste" of Israel.

Guy decided to apply to this extremely selective program because "I wanted to do something meaningful before I went into the army. I thought it would be a good experience for me and this would be a good project to strengthen the idea of Israel and its connection to Americans." At this point in the year, Guy is emphatic that his experience working with American Jewish youth has surpassed his expectations. He feels that he is having a stronger impact than he ever thought possible. And, of course, he is learning a lot about American Jewry. "This has been an important learning experience for me," Guy said, "I have an increased awareness of Jews outside of Israel. Sometimes I feel that their special connection to Israel is maybe even stronger than our own, or at least in a different sort of way."

This is the second year that Temple Israel has participated in the "shinshin" program through the Sid Jacobson JCC, and it has been remarkable for our children, as well as for our teachers. The shinshinim live in host homes throughout Nassau County, and I know that the Center for Israel at the JCC is still looking for more homes for this spring and summer. We are looking forward to further participation in this program as it continues to grow and develop in our community.



Shinshinim Eden Elfasi leads activity with Religious School students.

# Temple Israel Museum Is Featuring Special Passover Exhibit

A collection of antique Passover items is on exhibit throughout the Temple Israel Museum to mark the holiday.

A large silver seder compendium from late 19th century Hanau, Germany is of round shape with two doors that open to reveal three plates inside to hold the ritual matzos. The entire piece is embossed with foliate garlands and

fruit designs, with a pierced gallery on top; all set on four round embossed feet. The top has Hebrew inscriptions for the order of the seder.

A favorite of many visitors to the museum is a set of six genre figures in silver from Germany, each with the applied word carpas, maror, betzah, zeroah, charoset, or chazeret to hold the ritual item.

A Passover silver Kiddush cup from Poland, circa 1900, depicts the exodus from Egypt, while a silver plate from Germany, circa 1890, has at its center a family seder scene.

A bronze 19th century Dutch matzah "radel" has on one end a toothed cutting wheel for perforating the matzah dough, while the other end is a hatted Dutch baker

## Passover Services

**See Additional Service Times on Back Page**

### Friday, March 30 - Fast of the First Born

Morning Service, Siyyum and Breakfast 6:30 A.M.

### Saturday, March 31 - First Day of Pesah

#### Sunday, April 1 - Second Day of Pesah

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon and Evening Service 7:15 P.M.

#### Monday, April 2 - Hol Hamo'ed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.

Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

#### Tuesday, April 3 - Hol Hamo'ed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.

Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

#### Wednesday, April 4 - Hol Hamo'ed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.

Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 P.M.

#### Thursday, April 5 - Hol Hamo'ed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.

Festival Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

#### Friday, April 6 - Seventh Day of Pesah

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Waxman High School Students will lead the service

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon and Evening Festival Service 6:30 P.M.

#### Saturday, April 7 - Eighth Day of Pesah

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Prayers and Dedication of

Memorial Plaques

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

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Jack Yachbes,

Diana Stein, and Marjorie Hoffman

Afternoon Service 6:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:15 P.M.

Evening Service 7:51 P.M.

Havdalah 8:07 P.M.

## Pesah D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

The readings for the eight days of Pesah are taken from four different books of the Torah. On each day a portion from Numbers 28 detailing the special offerings to be brought on the festival is read from a second Torah.

### First Day - Exodus 12:21-51 Saturday, March 31

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

### Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Sunday, April 1

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

### Hol Hamoed 1 - Exodus 13:1-16 Monday, April 2

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

### Hol Hamoed 2 - Exodus 22:24-23:19 Tuesday, April 3

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

### Hol Hamoed 3 - Exodus 34:1-26 Wednesday, April 4

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

### Hol Hamoed 4 - Numbers 9:1-14 Thursday, April 5

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

### Seventh Day - Exodus 13:17-15:26 Friday, April 6

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

### Eighth Day - Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Saturday, April 7

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



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# Unity Helped Birth Israel, Unity Will Strengthen Israel

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by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

On Purim, Temple Israel hosted an “Israeli Heroes Convention” and we were graced with the presence of four great heroes: “Theodore Herzl,” “David Ben-Gurion,” “Golda Meir,” and “Moshe Dayan.” As to be expected on Purim night, the crowd was raucous, joyous and loud. A great time was had by all.

The highlight of the evening was the singing of Hatikvah with our “guests.” The room was still noisy when we announced the anthem. Then “Golda” played Hatikvah’s introductory chords on the piano and the room immediately fell into a hush. The crowd stood at attention and sang Hatikvah in unison with pride and awe. A few young children in the front waved the Israeli flag.

This was a holy moment celebrating the dreams, visions, blood, sweat and tears of greats like Herzl and Ben-Gurion and thousands of others who made the State of Israel a reality that has turned into the thriving nation that it is today on its 70th birthday.

Unfortunately, it is not guaranteed that the present generation of children will grow up loving Israel. The polarization and division in Israel and among the Jewish people as a whole is taking its toll. Groups of Jews who strongly disagree with each other, focus on their differences. We refuse to acknowledge our common goal for the State of Israel to be a place where Jewish culture thrives and Jews are truly free.

I strongly believe that we can overcome today’s polarization

and division because we have done it before. At the Zionist congresses that met at the beginning of the 20th century the various parties and groups could not disagree more about very important issues. There were religious Zionists who envisioned a country governed by the dictates of the Jewish law system. There were ardently secular Zionists who rejected Jewish ritual entirely but wanted a place for Jews to be safe and for secular Jewish culture to thrive. One party advocated for the rejuvenation of Hebrew while another party wanted Yiddish to be the Zionist language. There were socialist Zionists seeking to build an economically egalitarian society. There were Zionists who envisioned the Jewish country as a European country for Jews.

Part of what made Theodore Herzl the hero and great person we still honor today was his ability to rally the different groups of Zionists together to work for the common cause and the common dream.

I strongly believe that the common cause and dream is just as alive today as it was in Herzl’s time. I felt the dream when we sang Hatikvah on Purim night. Moments like this should strengthen our resolve to support and connect with the State of Israel and its citizens. We have to do everything in our power to make sure those flag-bearing children grow up loving Israel like we adults did.

On the streets of Israel, Purim night and Yom Ha’atzmaut night are similar. Young people walk the streets in pure joy sharing laughs and high fives with strangers. We should rejoice on Yom Ha’atzmaut as much, if not more, than we rejoice on Purim.

## Vera Eden Speaking at Yom Hashoah Service On April 11

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bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind.”

Also bringing song to the service will be Temple Israel’s Children’s Choir, conducted by Cantor Raphael Frieder. While still in formation, participants include Sophia Aminzadeh, Elissa Becker, Juliana Dayani, Leah Eshaghoff, Elliot Ganjian, Daniel Goldberg, Alex Gottlieb, Emet G., Brandon Reed, Jessica Tamari, Melanie Weinreich, and Olivia Yachbes.

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

Mrs. Eden, along with her first cousin, Eva Ebin, also a Temple Israel member, grew up together in a large, close-knit family in Munkacs, Czechoslovakia. A year apart in age, they lived on the same street and attended Hebrew day school together. In March 1944, when the girls were ages 16 and 17, the Germans invaded Munkacs. All the Jews were herded into a ghetto and from there the two women and 80 members of their extended family were sent into the unknown.

They were deported to Auschwitz, a place that they had never known to exist, and miraculously endured daily “selections.” They and two other close cousins survived seven months in the concentration camp. In November 1944, the Germans moved them and their two cousins again, this time to Lenzing, a labor camp. On May 4, 1945, they were liberated by the American Army.

After the war was over Mrs. Eden joined

Aliya Bet, a group fostering illegal immigration to what was then Palestine. The group, including Mrs. Eden, walked through the snow at night from a displaced persons camp in Germany to another in Italy. They then boarded a boat for Palestine that broke down on the way. It was intercepted by the British and sent to Cyprus. Almost two years later they arrived in “The Promised Land.” In Israel Mrs. Eden met her husband, Joseph, also a survivor from Munkacs who fought in the Czech army. He later became the director of social services for the State of Israel. In 1987 they moved to Great Neck and joined Temple Israel. Mrs. Eden served as a Hebrew educator for more than 50 years.

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

# Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Bret Stephens Will Speak with ADL's Jonathan Greenblatt April 29th

—Continued from front page through a generous contribution from Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein in memory of his late wife, Adele, begins at 6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. While there is no charge for the program, tickets are required for admission. They can be obtained online by going to: <https://templeisraelofgreatneck.thundertix.com/events/125589>.

"We at Temple Israel embrace diversity of opinions—especially now at this time in our deeply polarized country—and are proud to model a dialogue anchored in respect and openness," said Temple Israel Vice President Lynn Weitzman, who was instrumental in securing Mr. Stephens' presentation.

Temple Israel Vice President Veronica Lurvey, who also played a key role in arranging for the program, said she wanted to bring Mr. Stephens to Temple Israel because "he is insightful about so many issues. We have a highly intelligent, knowledgeable community which values someone who takes the time to be thoughtful. I think everyone will find this to be a fascinating presentation."

Mr. Stephens began his career at The Wall Street Journal as an op-ed editor. He later worked as an editorial writer for the Wall Street Journal Europe, in Brussels. In 2006, he took over the paper's "Global View" column and in 2009 was named deputy editorial page editor.

For almost three years he served as editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post. He is also a frequent contributor to Commentary magazine and a political analyst for NBC.

He won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary, recognizing his 2012 columns for The Journal for "incisive columns on U.S. foreign policy and domestic politics, often enlivened by a contrarian twist."

"America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder," a book he authored in 2014, presents the case that the U.S. has been

retreating from its role as the "world's policeman" in recent decades, which will lead to ever greater world problems.

He has made several short videos for the conservative education website Prager University focusing on American foreign policy in the Middle East.

His foreign policy opinions have been characterized as neoconservative, advocating the use of military force abroad, particularly in the Middle East, as a way of promoting democracy there.

He argued strongly against the Iran nuclear deal and its preliminary agreements, arguing that they were a worse bargain than the 1938 Munich Agreement with Nazi Germany.

An ardent supporter of Israel, he says that "it remains vitally important that support for Israel remains fully bipartisan, not simply for the sake of Israel itself, but also for the moral health of both Democratic and Republican parties."

During the last presidential campaign he was part of the "Stop Trump Movement," regularly writing Wall Street Journal articles opposing candidate Donald Trump.

"I have heard Bret Stephens speak on a number of occasions and he is always riveting and enlightening," said Rabbi Howard Stecker. "We are thrilled that he will be appearing at our synagogue in conversation with the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, Jonathan Greenblatt."

Mr. Greenblatt, the chief executive of the ADL, leads all aspects of one of the most respected civil rights organizations in the country. Since taking the position in 2015, he has modernized the organization while re-focusing it on the dual mission it has had since its founding in 1913: to fight the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. Under Mr. Greenblatt, ADL has worked in new and expanded ways to combat and uncover anti-Semitism—online and offline,

in the United States and around the world, cementing longstanding relationships and building new partners.

As just one part of his effort to modernize ADL, he has made identifying and countering the growing threat of cyber hate a priority for the organization. In 2017, Recode named him to "The Recode 100," a list of the top 100 people in tech, business, and media, for his work trying to shut down extremists online.

Mr. Greenblatt has been vocal in criticizing the use of boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against the State of Israel. He also led ADL's creation of the #50StatesAgainstHate initiative pushing for strong hate crimes laws in every state after nine members of an African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina, were murdered by a white supremacist. Meanwhile, under Mr. Greenblatt, ADL continues its close collaboration on hate crimes with the FBI and law enforcement agencies coast to coast.

Prior to joining the ADL, he served in the White House as special assistant to President Obama and director of the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation. He came to that role after a long career as a serial social entrepreneur and corporate executive, starting and scaling businesses focused on creating economic value and social good. He co-founded the business that launched Ethos Water, the premium bottled water that helps children around the world access clean water. Ethos Water pioneered the idea of linking cause to consumption and was acquired by Starbucks Coffee Company in 2005.

Rabbi Stecker said "Temple Israel respects and celebrates diversity in multiple realms, including ideological and political perspectives. Given our diversity, we are uniquely positioned in our community to present a range of thoughtful approaches to the most pressing issues of the day. In this regard, the evening with Bret Stephens and Jonathan Greenblatt will continue an important Temple Israel tradition."



# From the Rabbi: The Best Place In the World

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On Thursday evening, April 19, Cantor Frieder will present an extraordinary concert in honor of Israel. He will be joined by Cantor Elizabeth Shamash, Shireinu Choir of Long Island, and Voices of Virtue, a Hempstead-based gospel choir for teens and young adults. The concert, sponsored by members of our congregation, will be free of charge and open to the community. It promises to be a joyous, uplifting celebration.

We are thrilled to be hosting award-winning journalist Bret Stephens in conversation with National Director and CEO of the ADL Jonathan Greenblatt on Sunday evening, April 29. Bret Stephens, currently on the staff of the New York Times, previously wrote for the Wall Street Journal and served as editor in chief of the Jerusalem Post. A gifted speaker and writer with a wide range of expertise in foreign and domestic issues, he will be addressing topics that include the Israel-U.S. relationship, the Republican-Democrat divide, the Iran nuclear threat, and prospects for peace in the Middle East. Due to the gracious sponsorship of Rabbi Abraham Eckstein, in memory of his beloved wife Adele, the program is free and open to the community. Tickets are required, however, and Temple Israel members have been given the first opportunity to obtain them before we open the event to the community at large.

As always, we will be marching in the annual Celebrate Israel Parade on June 3. This year's theme, most fittingly, is "70 and Sababa," which means "70 and Awesome."

In David Grossman's novel, "To the End of the Land," the protagonist, a woman named Ora, embarks on a long, complicated journey in order to try to avoid receiving bad news about the fate of her soldier son. At one point, beset by anxiety, she refers to Israel as "this impossible country" and wonders aloud how much longer things can go on as they are.

Israel is, in many ways, an impossible country. The countries that scored higher than Israel on the Happiness Index are not surrounded by enemies, not beset by trenchant conflict, not racked with deep questions about identity. Israelis, despite all of these challenges and more, have a deep sense of well-being that defies odds and expectations.

Israel's challenges cannot be ignored, but they shouldn't be allowed to eclipse her many accomplishments in so many realms, accomplishments that are disproportionate to Israel's size and a model and inspiration for the rest of the world.

Please join us as we learn about and celebrate Israel, a very real place and an absolute miracle. Impossible in so many ways and yet, in so many ways, the best place in the world.

## Guest Column: The Benefits of the Seminary

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the Seminary, and urging our support, has been endless.

She has spent many hours keeping wonderful records, writing these Voice articles and sending out solicitation letters. We have refused to accept her resignation many times. But, we decided now to give her a chance to

relax without any Sisterhood obligation. So Ellen, from the bottom of my heart and with all the good wishes from our Sisterhood Board, I thank you for years of commitment to the Torah Fund Campaign, The Jewish Theological Seminary and Temple Israel Sisterhood. On behalf of Ellen's work and the efforts of our

Sisterhood, I thank each and every one of you for helping us continue to provide the necessary funds to keep The Jewish Theological Seminary the leader in and the center for Conservative Judaism.

I hope you will take the time to think about how your family has benefited from

the Jewish Theological Seminary

### Memorial Plaques To Be Dedicated Saturday, April 7

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son of Joy and Stewart Scharfman

**EUGENIA STARK**

mother of Garry Stark, Igal Stark and Rhoda Ilich

## Daily Minyan Times

**Friday, March 30 (Erev Pesah)**

6:30 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Friday, April 6 (Pesah – Day 7)**

9:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Friday, April 13, 20 & 27 & May 4**

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

**Sunday, April 1 (Pesah – Day 2)**

9:00 A.M. 7:15 P.M.

**Sunday, April 8, 15 (Rosh Hodesh ), 22 & 29 & May 6**

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

**Monday, April 2, 9, 16, 25 & 30 & May 7**

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

**Tuesday, April 3 (Hol Hamoed 4)**

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 17 & 24, May 1 & 8**

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

**Wednesday, April 4 (Hol Hamoed 5)**

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

**Wednesday, April 11**

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

**Wednesday, April 18 & 25 & May 2 & 9**

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

**Thursday, April 5 (Hol Hamoed 6)**

6:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, April 12, 19 & 26 & May 3**

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

## Sabbath and Passover Services

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Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Adam Covitt, Lisa Goodwin, Alise Kreditor, and  
Rebecca Sassouni

Bat Mitzvah: Ashley Aminzadeh

daughter of Mersedeh and Farid Aminzadeh

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder	following kiddush
Shabbat HaMishpacha	6:00 P.M.
Afternoon Service	6:30 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	7:30 P.M.
Evening Service	8:06 P.M.
Havdalah	8:22 P.M.

**Friday, April 27**

Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, April 28 - Shabbat Parah**

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

Weekly Portion: Aharey Mot-Kedoshim  
Leviticus 16:1 – 20:27; Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 15

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Moji Pourmoradi, Marjorie Hoffman, Leonard  
Schultz, Deanna Stecker, and Debra Bykoff

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

5th and 6th Grade Family Service	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	7:10 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	7:40 P.M.
Evening Service	8:13 P.M.
Havdalah	8:29 P.M.

**Friday, May 4**

Shabbat in the Park 4:30 P.M.  
Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, May 5**

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

Weekly Portion: Emor; Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Audrey Kent Itzkowitz, Ezra Kassin,  
Susan Brustein, Irene Tannenholtz,  
and Deanna Stecker

Bat Mitzvah: Leila Hawa  
daughter of Shirley and Eli Hawa

Shabbat HaMishpacha	10:30 A.M.
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	8:20 P.M.
Havdalah	8:36 P.M.

### Worship at Temple Israel This Shabbat!

## D'var Torah

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and forbidden quadrupeds, fish, birds and insects. The reason given for these proscriptions is that since God is kadosh (holy) and Israelites are His people, so they also must be kadosh.

However this is understood, kashrut serves to help make the basically animal function of eating, something uniquely human.

**Tazria-Metsora**

**Saturday, April 21**

This double portion deals with laws of ritual purity. Such purity is conceived as a prerequisite for the pursuit of kedusha.

Furthermore, because the Mishkan (sanctuary) was located within the camp of Israelites, great care had to be taken to ensure its purity. The specific physical conditions dealt with in these portions which gave rise to impurity are childbirth, skin diseases (called leprosy), fungus or some other growth on garments and walls (also called leprosy) and bodily secretions. The priests are charged with the task of determining the nature of the condition and the method of purification.

Since all Israelites were obligated to strive to be kadosh in accordance with God's demand, the matter of maintaining a state of purity was of great significance.

**Aharey Mot-Kedoshim**

**Saturday, April 28**

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



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## D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Shemini Saturday, April 14

We conclude the laws of the sanctuary in this portion. The reading opens with a description of proceedings through which the priests begin their duties. In the midst of this, we find an account of two sons of Aaron, Madab and Abihu, who take it upon themselves to bring some kind of unprescribed offering to the altar and are summarily struck down. Their death becomes the occasion for God to issue specific warnings to Aaron and all the priests to take special care in carrying out their duties. The remainder of the Book of Leviticus deals with the laws of daily life and provides rules and regulations whose purpose it is to raise every aspect of human life to the level of kedusha (holiness). The first matter to be dealt with is kashrut (the dietary laws). Details are provided of permitted

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## Sabbath and Passover Services

### Friday, March 30

Erev Pesah  
Festival Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, March 31 - Pesah - Day 1

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

Torah Reading: Exodus 12:21 - 51;  
Numbers 28:16 - 25  
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5 - 7; 5:2 - 6:1, 6 - 27  
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Barbara Levy, Rebecca Friedman-Charry,  
Ellen Birnbaum, and Brent Greenspan

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon and Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

### Friday, April 6 - Pesah - Day 7

Morning Services 9:00 A.M.  
led by Waxman High  
School Students  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 7 - Pesah - Day 8

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

Yizkor Memorial Prayers  
and Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17;  
Numbers 28:19 - 25

Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32 - 12:6  
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Jack Yachbes, Marjorie Hoffman,  
and Diana Stein

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 6:45 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:15 P.M.  
Evening Service 7:51 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:07 P.M.

### Friday, April 13

N'Ranenah/Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 14

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

Weekly Portion: Shemini

Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47  
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 - 42

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
Jeffrey Fleit, Sima Taeid, Mark Birnbaum,  
Lori Oppenheimer, and Ellen Birnbaum

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 6:55 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:25 P.M.  
Evening Service 7:58 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:14 P.M.

### Friday, April 20

Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, April 21

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

Weekly Portion: Tazria-Metsora  
Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33  
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3 - 20

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