

## Holocaust Survivor Telling Story of Escape March 11

by Marc Katz, Editor

Holocaust survivor Eric Lipetz will tell the harrowing story of his family's flight to safety from war-torn Europe at a special presentation in the Crystal Ballroom on Sunday, March 11.

The program, which begins at 10 A.M., is open to the congregation but reservations are required. To reserve a seat contact Karen Ashkenase at 487-3048 or Laura Bardash at laurab44@optonline.net. The presentation is jointly sponsored by the Sisterhood and Shoah Remembrance Committee.

Mr. Lipetz is the father-in-law of Melissa Lipetz, the daughter of Temple Israel members Iris and Charles Adler. He will also tell of his family's escape from the Nazis to sixth grade students at Great Neck South Middle School, which he also did last year. Ms. Lipetz is a science teacher at the school.

As the Nazis began to gather Jews from Belgium, the ordeal began for the Lipetz family. The elder Mr. Lipetz knew his family had to flee, but to get the necessary funds he had to withdraw diamonds from his safe deposit box. That meant craftily

getting them past Germans who controlled the bank.

The family tried to come to America, but was turned away because the "Jewish quota" had already been met. They spent several years in the Philippines, where a Japanese soldier took the part of Mr. Lipetz after a Nazi reprimanded him for making noise outside his house.

While travelling on a train, one of Mr. Lipetz's brothers accidentally kicked a man, setting off a hidden radio revealing that the man was a German spy.

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## Temple Israel Hosts 200 Teens at Regional USY Kinnus



Temple Israel played host to 200 teens from all over Long Island for the USY Ruach Divisional Kinnus last month. It proved to be the weekend that changed lives, brought a sense of unparalleled spirit, and fostered a larger sense of belonging for participating students, said Waxman Youth House Director Avi Siegel. "It was hands down the highlight of the year."

The weekend was called "Shevet Ruach" and the co-chairs of

the event said they planned "a weekend where the teens would come to find that when you bring together all the chapters on Long Island you create a powerful tribe." This was accentuated in the educational programs focusing on inclusion and how to be welcoming of others. The divisional president, Omer Neutra, said, "It doesn't matter if you live in Plainview, Huntington, Syosset, Merrick or Great Neck, we are all one family."

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## The Men's Club Welcomes You!

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**A Voice Guest Column** by Jack Guberman and Harold Citron

EDITOR'S NOTE: Men's Club Co-Presidents Jack Guberman and Harold Citron invite you to join the group in this Voice Guest Column.

The Men's Club of Temple Israel has a long-standing history and tradition of service to our synagogue. Members feel a deep commitment to Temple Israel and to the Men's Club.

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**If you have not been coming to our Men's Club, come and experience the value it has for you...**

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The Men's Club had many exciting events so far this year. Many of our events feature a guest speaker and a light dinner which may include Chinese food, pizza, salad, latkes, wine, beer, and soft drinks. It also includes an informative discussion and a D'Var Torah.

During the first half of our 2017/2018 club year we have sponsored the following events:

- An outing to a Long Island Ducks baseball game,
- The September 11th prayer service at the Saddle Rock Memorial Bridge, with Vigilant Chief Josh Forst speaking about the role his department played on 9/11 and the losses the department suffered related to the World Trade Center attack,
- An opening breakfast followed by a debate by the candidates for Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran and Jack Martins, moderated by Marc Katz and Steven Markowitz,
- Dr. Sharon Goldman, deputy director of AIPAC's Northeast Region, who

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## Thoughts and Prayers Are Not Enough

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**From the Rabbi** by Rabbi Howard Stecker

Judaism places great importance on prayer. When it comes to matters of life and death, however, prayer is not enough.

It's now several weeks since 17 students and faculty members were killed in a Florida high school by someone carrying a semi-automatic weapon.

Was he mentally unstable? It appears so. Was it hard for him to get hold of the weapon he used? Not at all.

Perhaps you've read the statistics. America has more firearms per person than any other country in the world: one per person. America has roughly ten deaths per 100,000 people per year due to firearms. The countries that have more include Honduras, Venezuela and Swaziland whereas countries that have stricter gun control laws, including Israel, have significantly fewer gun-related deaths.

You're probably aware of the responses of many political leaders. A Florida senator tweeted that this is "the day we all pray will never happen." Many other leaders

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**We have a moral imperative to take action.**

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indicated that their thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims.

When it comes to matters of life and death, our tradition is clear. "You shall not stand by the blood of your neighbor," the Torah teaches. When life is at stake we are commanded to take action, even if it means overriding ritual matters like the observance of Shabbat or kashrut.

Most Americans support stricter gun control laws as a way of significantly diminishing gun violence. Such laws would comport with the Jewish mandate of saving lives, a mandate

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## Making a Minyan

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**From the President** by Brent Greenspan

EDITOR'S NOTE: While Temple Israel President Rob Panzer is on vacation, his Voice column is being written by Vice President Brent Greenspan.

Few people would argue that a key part of Jewish life emphasizes focus on the community as a primary organizing structure. In the past as well as the present, Jews have established synagogues as well as communal organizations wherever they lived. As we know, a large part of Jewish life has been and continues to be focused around the synagogue. At our recent 75th Anniversary Gala we recalled the many roles Temple Israel has played in the Great

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Neck community. We were very proud to come together to celebrate with words and pictures what this congregation has done for us over these many years.

But, the goal of our 75th year celebration goes beyond recalling the past. The phrase "Join Our Legacy" was included as part of the event logo. The significance of those words cannot be overlooked. It serves as a reminder that our going forward mission is to build on the successes of the past and work to ensure that Temple Israel remains a welcoming place, keeping people connected through a shared interest in embracing Judaism and bringing fulfillment to their lives.

A key aspect of our going forward mission should be to address how Temple Israel, as a community, can ensure that we sustain a daily minyan. Communal prayer has always been a central component of Jewish life. Only when there is a minyan can the Torah be read publicly and Bar'khu, Kedushah and Kaddish can be recited.

As most are aware, the congregation

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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### HERB FREEDMAN

father of Alan Freedman

### SELMA RICHER

mother of Debra Shepsman

### SYLVIA RIEDERS

mother of Susan Kahn and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### SOLOMON GEMORAH

brother of Marsha Levin

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, March 9**

5:36 P.M.

**Friday, March 16**

6:44 P.M.

**Friday, March 23**

6:51 P.M.

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

6:59 P.M.

## Upcoming Events

### March 11

Holocaust Program 10:00 A.M.

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

Ice Skating with the Great Neck

Chinese Association 1:30 P.M.

Temple Israel Film Series  
presents "The Band's Visit" 7:00 P.M.

### March 12

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Women's Seder 7:00 P.M.

### March 14

Beth HaGan Pesah Workshop 9:30 A.M.

### March 15

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### March 16

Men's Club Shabbat

HaHodesh Service 6:30 P.M.

Dinner and Discussion with

Rabbi Mark Borovitz 7:30 P.M.

### March 17

Rabbi Mark Borovitz Speaks

During Morning Services 8:45 A.M.

### "Shabbat Talk"

with Rabbi Mark Borovitz 12:45 P.M.

### March 18

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

### March 19

Israeli and Palestinian Poems  
and Short Stories 8:15 P.M.

### March 24

Temple Israel Players present  
"Beauty and the Beast" 8:30 P.M.

### March 25

B'nei Mitzvah Workshop 9:30 A.M.

Pesah University 11:00 A.M.

Temple Israel Players present  
"Beauty and the Beast" 1:00 P.M.

### March 26

Israeli and Palestinian Poems  
and Short Stories 8:15 P.M.

### March 27

Men's Club Scotch and Seder 7:00 P.M.

### March 30

Erev Pesah

## Another Opening, Another Show!



A large cast of Temple Israel members are now busily rehearsing for the newest production by the Temple Israel Players, "Beauty and the Beast." The show will be staged on Saturday, March 24, at 8:30 P.M., and Sunday, March 25, at 1 P.M.

Tickets, starting at only \$10, are available by contacting Kathy at 482-7800 ext. 1109 or krecckia@tign.org.

The cast includes Robert Aizer, Meredith Bachrach and her daughter, Mia, Shoshana Cellers, Harold Citron, Lauryn Covitt and her children, Ella and Max, Mark Cwern, Amy

David, Daniel Frankel, Van Frankel, Marylin Goldberg, Jon Kaiman, Kim Kaiman, Abe Kanfer, Ron Klempner, Kenneth M. Leff, Elizabeth Matalon, Ofra Panzer, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, Mickey Putterman, Lillian Rokhsar, Al Rothstein, Rusti Rothstein, Lois Sazer, Diana Stein, Maxine Vogel, Debbie Volk, and Melanie Weinreich.

Orchestra members are Debbie Tartell, Deanna Stecker, and Sharon Bernstein. The producers of the show are Ron Klempner, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, Lois Sazer, and Debbie Volk.

## Religious School Lists Latest Troop of Its Torah Troupe Readers

Religious School Torah Troupe readers have an opportunity to read from the Torah on a Shabbat once a month.

Recent Torah Troupe readers, in top photo at right, include Raquel Landerer and Alex Victory, with Religious School Director Rabbi Amy Roth. Other readers, with Rabbi Roth in lower photo, include Elliot Kassin, Jackie Matalon, Natalie Schweber, Harrison Albin, Alexandra Schweber, Cecilia Albin, and Elizabeth Matalon.

Torah Troupe is open to Religious School students in grades two to six. For further information about the Torah Troupe program call Rabbi Roth at 482-7800.



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



### Ariel G.

Ariel G. will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on March 24. He is the son of Mar and Jonathan and has two brothers, Ilan, 14, and Emet, 8. He is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. Ariel has been playing soccer since the age of three. He plays the piano and has been playing the violin with his school orchestras since third grade. He has visited Israel twice and looks forward to his next trip. Ariel hopes to continue his Jewish education at the Waxman High School and plans to continue to attend Camp Perlman.

## Temple Israel Hosts Regional USY Kinnus

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“The weekend went by in a blur as we welcomed Shabbat with a teen-led Kabbalat Shabbat service, joining with the congregation, and ending with Havdalah, where each board member had a candle that they dedicated to the next generation of USYers to find their place in becoming leaders of tomorrow.”

On Sunday there was a dedication to Hannah Weiss, the USYer whose family was tragically lost on a New Year’s trip to Costa Rica. Each participant was then given a picture frame with her words on how to live life: “Bring out the good in your friends...You’re only a memory to some people. Try your best to be a good one.”

Over the course of the weekend the teens were given opportunities to share their own stories. Students from different chapters quickly became friends. Being the host chapter, Temple Israel had the largest delegation, 26. The Waxman Youth House students proudly were able to show-off Temple Israel.

The weekend would not have come

together without the help of many, including professional staff, the USY staff, the Waxman High School Education Committee which organized volunteers to welcome guests and chaperone activities, and all of the hosts who opened their homes to the teens.

“I should be the one thanking you for giving us the opportunity to open our home and heart to other teens,” one of the hosts said. “We were very happy to host. It was a great experience for my family. The boys we had and my boys spent some time together every night when they got back home and really bonded. They shared good stories and enjoyed each other’s company. Looking forward to hosting again.”

Mr. Siegel said, “We will continue to build our USY group and have local events like sleepovers and retreats. It all starts here and we look forward to hosting a kinnus again in the future.”

For further information about Temple Israel’s USY chapter, contact Mr. Siegel at [asiegel@tign.org](mailto:asiegel@tign.org)

# Beth HaGan's Torah Science Fair Draws Record Crowds

Beth HaGan students held their 17th annual Torah Science Fair in the Crystal Ballroom last month, drawing record crowds of onlookers.

Teachers and children decided on exhibit and study topics both from the Torah and science. They did research, read books, and experimented to test their hypothesis. Students made charts of what they learned and what they now know. They worked on myriad projects to demonstrate how knowledgeable they have become on the topics they selected.

The Giraffes class chose to examine the third day of creation and the study of plants, trees and flowers. They learned about many parts of trees and did bark rubbings to feel the texture of the bark and leaves. They planted many types of seeds and learned how trees fare in different seasons.

The Butterflies class learned the parshiot about Joseph and his brothers' jealousy over the coat. They then explored emotions, and from where they emanate. They learned about stimulus and response about the amygdala and the hippocampus. They explored their own feeling, including what makes them exuberant, shy, happy, remorseful, giddy or sad. They depicted the 12 tribes and Yaakov, their father, as "ecstatic" at the family reunion.

The Dolphins class learned about the Tower of Babel and built simple machines with levers and fulcrums. The Tiniest Toddlers class also participated. They presented "Celebrating Shabbat Through the Five Senses."

The Seals learned about the sixth day of creation, when God created Adam and Eve and then spent one month learning about the human body. A cardiologist and orthopedic surgeon visited to teach about the function of the heart.

The Kangaroos studied the fifth day of creation and learned about birds. They studied the habits and characteristics of five birds, including owls and humming birds. They learned how they fly and how they are different from little children.

The Ducks studied desert life and survival in the desert as the Jewish people sojourned there for 40 years. They learned about what grows in the desert and what animals live there. They created beautiful art work showing sunset and sunrise in the desert. All the projects were artfully displayed, some with interactive features.



## FACING THE REALITY OF ADDICTION: A Rabbi's Journey and Life's Work



Featuring

### RABBI MARK BOROVITZ

of Beit T'shuva, an organization he co-founded to guide individuals and families towards a path of living well, so that wrestling souls can recover from addiction and learn how to properly heal.

**Friday night, March 16 - 6:30 PM - Multipurpose Room**  
Men's Club Shabbat HaHodesh service followed by dinner at 7:30 PM in the Crystal Ballroom featuring Rabbi Borovitz as guest speaker. Dinner: \$25/adult ~ \$15/children 13 and under. RSVP A MUST ~ Contact Jennifer in the synagogue office (516) 482-7800 or [jmarks@tign.org](mailto:jmarks@tign.org).

**Saturday morning, March 17 - 8:45 AM - Sanctuary**  
Rabbi Borovitz will speak during services and at a "Shabbat Talk" following services at approximately 12:45 PM in the Blue Room.

*Rabbi Borovitz has offered to speak privately and confidentially with any individual or family who is struggling with addiction of any kind or has any related questions. If you would like to arrange to speak with him while he is here, please contact Rabbi Stecker or Rabbi Schweber.*

# Passover Service for the First Born March 30

The Board of Trustees and officers express thanks once again to Mahin Shahnaz Ohebsion and Jack Sassouni for their generosity in sponsoring the annual siyyum and breakfast following the Service for the First Born on Friday, March 30, in loving memory of Eli Sassouni.

Because the first-born Israelites were saved during the Tenth Plague, all first-born men and women are required to fast on erev Pesah until the seder. The fast is not required when a mitzvah is performed such as a siyyum, the completion of a portion of study. It is then customary to celebrate with a seudat mitzvah, a meal that accompanies an important religious duty. Rabbi Daniel Schweber will be leading the study session. The service, led by Cantor Raphael Frieder beginning at 6:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary is, of course, not limited to the first-born. All children are welcome to attend as well.

## 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, Marjorie Hoffman, and Joyce Weston

Afternoon Service 6:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:15 P.M.

Evening Service 7:51 P.M.

Havdalah 8:07 P.M.

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RSVP JENNIFER AT TIGN: (516) 482-7800 OR JMARKS@TIGN.ORG

## SCOTCH N' SEDER NIGHT

SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB



**Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM**  
**Blue Room**

Enjoy dinner, some single malt scotch and a discussion with Rabbi Howard Stecker!

Cost of dinner and drinks to be announced.

To make a reservation, please contact Jennifer in the Synagogue office at [JMarks@tign.org](mailto:JMarks@tign.org) or 482-7800, or Marc Langsner at [MLangsner@sheldongraphics.com](mailto:MLangsner@sheldongraphics.com).

## Selling Your Hametz?

For a form stop by  
the Temple Israel office  
or download it from [www.tign.org](http://www.tign.org)

## Passover University March 25

11 A.M. - Noon • Room 301  
Rabbi Schweber will share tips and tools  
for seder leaders and participants.  
All knowledge levels are welcome.

**Rabbis Stecker and Schweber  
are available to answer any questions  
you may have about Passover observance,  
leading a seder or participating in one.**

*They welcome your questions  
at 482-7800 and [rabbistecker@tign.org](mailto:rabbistecker@tign.org)  
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## A Celebration of Freedom SECOND NIGHT SEDER

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

*Sponsored by the Men's Club*

**Saturday, March 31  
7:30 PM**

**(Evening service, 7:00 PM, Chapel)**

**JOIN US FOR A "NO FUSS" KOSHER PASSOVER SEDER  
(catered by Middle Neck Glatt)**

**Members: \$45/adult and \$25/child (13 & under)  
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**TAKE A TABLE FOR TEN OR SHARE A TABLE WITH ANOTHER FAMILY**

For further information or to RSVP no later than Thursday, March 29,  
contact Jennifer in the Synagogue Office at (516) 482-7800 or [JMarks@tign.org](mailto:JMarks@tign.org).

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*Passover Second Night Seder—Saturday, March 31, 2018*

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## Passover Celebrates Spring, Rejuvenation —Even Resurrection

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

At the end of January I took a real day off and went skiing upstate with three friends. One of the friends got to do the driving while I and the two others got to look at the beautiful scenery on a sunny 40-degree day. All of the natural snow from earlier in the season had melted. The only snow we saw was machine-made. From the car, we saw brown and dry grass. Through the bare trees we saw the thinly dispersed houses tucked into the forest. At one point there was a family of deer grazing on one of the brown fields.

Though the view was gorgeous, I soon begin to contrast the wintry sight with my mind's images of summer. In the summer image the houses and deer disappear behind a fresh green canopy. The brown grass is replaced with a green carpet. And that change of views, the rebirth of the forest, will be complete by the end of April. The process has probably already begun deep inside the trees on that late January day.

One of the purposes of Jewish prayer is to give us the vocabulary and to teach us the myriad of different ways we can view and relate to God. In the second blessing of the Amidah, we think of God as the "One who brings life to the dead." All prayer is poetry. Regardless of one's views about the potential of human resurrection in future days, we can also see resurrection poetically as meaning the rebirth and renewal of spring.

Passover most certainly commemorates our liberation from slavery. Additionally, Passover is the festival of spring. The Torah tells us that Passover is to take place in "the month of Aviv" when the grain first starts to ripen. The counting of the omer between Passover and Shavuot marks the seven weeks of the harvest season. The rabbis set the calendar with leap years so Passover always falls in spring. The seder includes the springtime symbol of green karpas. The egg on the seder plate recalls both the Temple rituals and it is also a symbol of rebirth. Unleavened bread is also a symbol of newness like the newly harvested grain.

The winter was long. For too many of us, the winter involved illness of some form or another. It is our hope and prayer that springtime brings healing. And as we witness nature reborn, may this spring and Passover be a time of renewal for all of us.

Passover is a joyous festival. Too often we may get caught up in the preparations and the restrictions on eating chametz. I assure you it is possible to both observe the holiday and enjoy the holiday.

Wishing you and yours a sweet Passover.

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## Mazal Tov To...

**Madelyn and Robert Gould**  
on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Greta Gould.

### Daily Minyan Times

**Friday, March 9**

7:00 A.M. 5:45 P.M.

**Fridays, March 16 & 23**

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

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

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

**Sundays, March 11, 18 & 25**

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

**Sunday, April 1 (Pesah – Day 2)**

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

**Mondays, March 12, 19 & 26**

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

**Tuesdays, March 13, 20 & 27**

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

**Wednesdays, March 14, 21 & 28**

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

**Thursdays, March 15, 22 & 29**

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

## Holocaust Survivor Is Telling Story of Escape

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Mr. Lipetz, less than eight years old at the time of his escape, will tell these and other stories and answer audience questions during the program.

# Jack Guberman Is Being Honored As Men's Club's 'Man of the Year'

Jack Guberman, who has served as president of the Men's Club for the past two years, has been selected as the group's "Man of the Year." He will be honored at the Federation of Jewish Men's Club's 35th annual Chaverim Kol Israel dinner, to be held Sunday, April 15, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury.

He joined the congregation five years ago and said he has found a second home at Temple Israel. "The bonds of this community have been a great source of joy and friendship," he said.

The dinner, which begins with a cocktail hour at 12:30 P.M., includes a silent auction featuring autographed sports memorabilia. 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).



Men's Club President Jack Guberman

Mr. Guberman, a retired high school chemistry and general science teacher and pharmacist, is proud of a grant he was given to copyright a two-year curriculum for the New York City Board of Education. It is offered to students after taking a Regents chemistry course and is structured for students interested in a health career.

He and his wife, Madalyn, have two children, Josh and Leonard.

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Bar Mitzvah: Ariel G,  
son of Mar and Jonathan

Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder following kiddush	
Afternoon Service	6:30 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	7:00 P.M.
Evening Service	7:36 P.M.
Havdalah	7:52 P.M.

### 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,  
Susan Lopatkin, Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Ellen  
Birnbau, and Brent Greenspan

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon and Evening Festival Service	7:00 P.M.
Congregational Second Night Seder	
Sponsored by the Men's Club	7:30 P.M.

## Thoughts and Prayers Are Not Enough

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which requires us to take concrete measures to ensure maximum safety in every environment for which we are responsible.

I urge everyone to learn more about this issue and to advocate for the kinds of changes that will save lives. Programs such as the one hosted at Temple Sinai in Roslyn on March 8, appropriately titled "Do Not Stand Idly By," provide opportunities for education and advocacy.

Children and teens throughout our nation are demanding to know what steps adults are taking to ensure their safety. They should not have to go to school each morning wondering if it will be their last day.

How will we respond? Thoughts and prayers are often admirable. But our tradition teaches us that when it comes to matters of life and death, they are not enough. As Jews, as Americans, as human beings who value life and understand our responsibility to preserve life, we have a moral imperative to take action.

## From the President: Making a Minyan

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supports a daily minyan. However, this means that at the published times our clergy will ensure that someone or several people will be in attendance in the chapel who have the capability to lead a minyan, but this does not guarantee that we have a quorum of ten adults.

Currently there are too many situations where we fail to gather a minyan and as a result are unable to recite certain prayers, including Kaddish and read the Torah. Ensuring that we have a minyan is tied to our communal responsibilities, yet requires personal commitment. Prayer is a mitzvah, an act required by Halakah. Making the effort to enable a minyan represents an individual act of human kindness in keeping with Jewish law.

## D'var Torah

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recorded in equally great detail. Finally, the Mishkan is actually erected on the first of Nisan, thereby underscoring the idea that a new era in the life of the people has begun. With the Mishkan completed, it remains only to lay out the rituals and procedures which are to be conducted therein.

### Vayikra Saturday, March 17

We begin the Book of Leviticus in this portion. The last chapters of Exodus detailed the construction of the Mishkan, the portable wilderness sanctuary, and the designation of the priests who were to serve in it. Leviticus constitutes an instruction manual for the priests, as well as setting forth rules to achieve personal holiness and the sanctification of human life. The reading describes five main types of sacrifices that were to be brought: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering. For each type, details are provided on the circumstances under which it is to be brought, who brings it and of what it consists. The Hebrew word translated "sacrifice" or "offering" is korban, from the root k-r-v, "to draw near." The offerings were a

means of drawing near to God and, in a sense, drawing Him near to the offerer. Although we no longer offer sacrifices in the way our ancestors did, the goal of the system, to move one to a more Godly life, is still to be pursued.

### Tsav

Saturday, March 24

In this portion we find further details concerning the burnt offering, the meal offering, the guilt offering, and the peace offering, as well as details of the thanks offering. With the types of sacrifices fully described, we now move to a description of the institution of the service in the mishkan and the consecration of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood. The ceremonies consist of dressing the priests in their special vestments, anointing the mishkan and all of its furnishings with oil, offering sacrifices, and putting blood of the sacrifices upon the right ears, the right thumbs and the right toes of the priests. The aim of the entire proceedings was to highlight the special duties and responsibilities of the priests as representatives of the people before God. The pattern which is described here continued to be the manner of anointing the priests for over a thousand years.

# Guest Column: The Men's Club Welcomes You!

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brought in-depth insight into the current dynamics behind the U.S.-Israel relationship

- An unforgettable trip to a New York Jets game,
- Ira Dornstein's enlightening presentation on the origins and history of baseball,
- Vodka and latkes with Rabbi Schweber, talking about "the Miracles of Hanukkah." Plus an evening of Monday Night Football and poker,
- Leonard Schultz, CPA and attorney-at-law, reviewing New York State Tax Laws.

We have an exciting calendar of events for the second half of our 2017/2018 year, too, and it is still not too late to join us.

We will feature more guest speakers, a Rabbinic Dialogue with Rabbi Stecker and other leading clergy from Great Neck congregations, a Yom Hashoah Yellow Yahrzeit Candle Distribution Program, a second night Passover seder, and an additional blood drive. Other social events include a Scotch and seder program with Rabbi Stecker, a wine and beer tasting program with Rabbi Schweber, and a Texas Hold'em and backgammon game night. The Men's Club also works with the Hatzilu Rescue Organization, a group dedicated to helping the Jewish poor and elderly in Nassau County, which was founded by our own Men's Club.

The Men's Club not only operates as an extension of the synagogue, but

also as an extension of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Through this affiliation, we participate in local, national, and international Men's Club development. Each year, the Metro Region of the Federation holds an annual dinner at which we honor one of our members and students from the Waxman high school. Look for details about the dinner in this and the next issue of The Voice.

If you have not been coming to our Men's Club, come and experience the value it has for you: you will feel the camaraderie, have food and snacks to eat, learn our history, and celebrate the holidays with our clergy and discover something new from our speakers.

Please come, we welcome you!


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## D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Vayakhel-Pekudey Saturday, March 10

In this double portion we conclude the account of the building of the Mishkan and the Book of Exodus. The reading starts with a note on the Sabbath, again emphasizing the importance of the sanctification of time. Then follows a detailed and lengthy description of the builders of the Mishkan, stressing their God-given artistic skill, followed by a listing of all the elements of the structure and its furnishings, noting that each one was actually built exactly as God had commanded. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the ark. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings, in the proper practical order. The creation of the priestly vestments is also

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## Sabbath and Passover Services

<b>Friday, March 9</b> Evening Services 5:45 P.M.	<b>Friday, March 16</b> Men's Club Shabbat 6:30 P.M. HaHodesh Service	Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
<b>Saturday, March 10</b> Shabbat Parah Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M. First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.	Men's Club Shabbat 7:30 P.M. HaHodesh Dinner Featuring Rabbi Mark Borovitz	"Shabbat Talk" with Rabbi Mark Borovitz 12:45 P.M. Afternoon Service 6:25 P.M. Se'udah Shelishit 6:55 P.M. Evening Service 7:29 P.M. Havdalah 7:45 P.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel-Pekudey Exodus 35:1-40:38; Numbers 19:1-22 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38	<b>Saturday, March 17</b> Rosh Hodesh Nisan Shabbat HaHodesh Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M. Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah Guest speaker Rabbi Mark Borovitz First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.	<b>Friday, March 23</b> N'Ranenah/Services 6:30 P.M.
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Patty Schneider, Jeffrey Fleit and Ellen Birnbaum	Weekly Portion: Vayikra Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Numbers 28:9-15; Exodus 12:1 – 20 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 – 46:18	<b>Saturday, March 24</b> Shabbat Hagadol Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M. First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah: Eli Victor Newman son of Claudia and Bruce Newman		Weekly Portion: Tsav Leviticus 6:1 – 8:26 Haftarah: Malahi 3:4 – 24
Havurah Service 10:00 A.M. Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M. Afternoon Service 5:15 P.M. Se'udah Shelishit 5:45 P.M. Evening Service 6:21 P.M. Havdalah 6:37 P.M.	Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Andrew Bloom, Jerrold Schlessel, Seth Horowitz, Patty Schneider, and Jeffrey Fleit Shabbat HaMishpacha 10:30 A.M.	Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Susan Brustein, Debbie Volk, Shahram (Mike) Delafraz, Mark Birnbaum, and Joyce Weston

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