

Three Couples Being Honored On Simhat Torah

Will Be Recognized at Service October 22



Simhat Torah honorees Ronnie and Marc Katz



Simhat Torah honorees Parviz and Parvaneh Khodadadian



Simhat Torah honorees Ofra and Rob Panzer

Temple Israel's highest religious recognition will be presented to three couples when they are called to the bimah to participate in the congregation's Simhat Torah observance on Wednesday, October 22.

To be honored at the service, which begins at 9 A.M. in the Sanctuary, are Marc and Ronnie Katz, Hatan v'Kallat Torah, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy; Rob and Ofra Panzer, Hatan v'Kallat Bereshit, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis; and Parviz and Parvaneh Khodadadian, Hatan v'Kallat Maftir, who will be called upon to chant the Haftarah from the Book of Joshua.

Immediately following the service, the congregation is invited to greet the honorees at a kiddush in their honor in the Grand Ballroom.

Ronnie and Marc Katz

Ronnie and Marc Katz have long been active in Temple Israel life. Their involvement with the congregation began in the 1980s, when they joined the Couples Club, and later served as the group's president for five years. They went on to both serve on the Board of Trustees, chair a Temple Israel Dinner Dance, and be honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

This year marks the 30th year that Marc has served as the editor of *The Voice*. Under his leadership the newsletter has won a number of METNY and United Synagogue national awards. He has been a Temple Israel Dinner Dance honoree and has served as president of the Men's Club. He actively participates in the Shoah Remembrance Committee and the Communications Committee. Marc has served as a vice president of METNY, the United Synagogue organization of New York area Conservative congregations, and has been a member of their board for many years.

Ronnie has been leading the popular Shabbat toddler service, which she helped create, for the past 31 years. She has chaired the Waxman High School Education Committee and served on the Religious School Education Committee and the Ritual Committee. She is proud to have been in the last adult Bat Mitzvah class conducted by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman.

In the community, Marc is a member of the board of the Great

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We Need Each Other

A Voice Guest Column by Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts from Rabbi Stecker's moving Rosh Hashanah sermon.

Recently I was sitting with a group of parents in our Religious School and I asked them what qualities they want to instill in their children. I made a list of the responses, which included hard work, honesty and compassion. One quality that made it high up on the list is independence. Parents

**As a New Year begins...
I want us to consider...
how much we need each other.**

unanimously indicated that they want their children to grow up to be independent.

Independence is an important quality, obviously. However, we also understand, when we reflect honestly, that none of us is fully independent. We rely on others all the time, for all kinds of reasons. I believe it is more accurate to say that we are interdependent. In Hebrew, it is *areivim zeh*

bazeh. In other words, we need each other.

As a New Year begins, following a year in which we often have felt polarized and pulled apart from one another, I want us to consider how much we are interdependent, how much we need each other.

When people are looking for romantic partners, they generally emphasize what they will bring to a relationship, rather than what they need from a relationship. Of course, this is understandable. However, considering the extent to which every romantic partnership, including longterm marriages, is based on interdependence, I wonder if we wouldn't be better off admitting, at the outset, not just what we bring but what we need.

Romantic partners, parents and children, siblings, friends, all need one another.

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Being Present in the Present

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

It's fun to dream about the future and it can be illuminating to reflect on the past, but not to the extent that we fail to appreciate whatever moment we are in. Often we find that our anticipation and anxiety over the future and our regret over the past prevent us from being fully present in the present.

When I was a child, I couldn't wait to get older, couldn't wait to be able to ride my bike, then drive, then move out of my parents' home. When I was dating, I couldn't wait to meet someone. Once I met the right person, I couldn't wait to get engaged, couldn't wait for the wedding, couldn't wait to have our first child. Once all three arrived, I yearned for the day I wouldn't have to bathe them all together and once they were all in school, I imagined the day I wouldn't have to worry about them getting their homework done.

Now I miss when our children were little and all fit in the bathtub. I miss the constant, sometimes heated, exchanges we had when they were teens. I surely miss having my parents around to enjoy it all.

Recently we read the Torah portion containing the list of consequences, some would say curses, that God

**Stop and say the word
"Shehehyanu."**

threatened would happen to the children of Israel if they didn't obey God's commands. Among these is the following statement which I have reflected on from time to time:

"In the morning you will say, 'if only it were evening' and in the evening

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A Bissel Shtisel

From the President by Burton Weston

On a warm summer-like evening last month, Israeli stars descended upon Temple Israel in a beautiful display of color and brilliance. That is, the "stars" of the Israeli (and Netflix) series "Shtisel," about an inter-generational ultra-orthodox family facing the same issues of life and modernity we all struggle with.

Part of the group included Ori Elon, one of the writers and co-creators, who has brilliantly woven a tapestry that humanizes the Haredi community. Three actors from the series, Dov Glickman (Shulem Shtisel), Ayelet Zurer (Elisheva

**The stars glittered and
Temple Israel shined
on that fine evening.**

Rotstein), and Neta Riskin (Giti Weiss), described how they created credible and sensitive portrayals of their characters.

Temple Israel, which co-sponsored the program with The Jewish Week and UJA, welcomed more than 900 guests, the majority of whom came from outside the synagogue. The "Shtisel" program was part of Temple Israel's continuing commitment to bring together Long Island's larger Jewish community to enjoy thought provoking and entertaining programs. It was a unique opportunity for us to open our doors and show a large audience a bit of synagogue life at Temple Israel. And by all measures, it was an immense success.

Our own Rabbi Stecker served as an excellent moderator. He delved into how each of the actors came to the program, how, as secular Jews they immersed themselves in the lives of the ultra-orthodox and how they saw and developed their characters. In addition, they shared some of the more humorous parts of their behind-the-scenes experiences. He was able to draw out fascinating reflections from each of the actors and a unique behind-the-scenes view of the immensely popular series.

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In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

ANNA ERLICH
mother of Scott Erlich

BETTY POLLACK
mother of Eli Pollack

FAY BALTON
mother of Joan Begun

FARANG SHAHERY
mother of Frank Shahery

May their memories be for a blessing.

Congregational Meeting Nov. 4

A meeting of the membership of the congregation will be held on Monday, November 4, at 8:15 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom.

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

October 13

Erev Sukkot

October 14 – 22

Sukkot

October 17

Cantor Frieder's Sukkah Party 7:15 P.M.

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

October 18

Congregational Shabbat 6:30 P.M.

Dinner in the Sukkah

October 19

Lunch with the Schwebers 1:00 P.M.

Dessert with the Steckers 1:30 P.M.

Sukkot Family Celebration 8:00 P.M.

October 21

Shemini Atzeret

October 22

Simhat Torah

October 24

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

October 29

Sisterhood Lunch 12:00 P.M.

and Read Program

November 3

Kristallnacht Commemoration 7:00 P.M.

November 4

Waxman Youth House 7:30 P.M.

Midnight Run

Congregational Meeting 8:15 P.M.

November 10

Men's Club Trip to a Jets Game

November 14

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

November 17

Men's Club Blood Drive 8:30 A.M.

November 21

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

Temple Israel Member Fanny Narotzky Will Tell of Her Family's Holocaust Ordeal at Kristallnacht Observance November 3rd

Temple Israel member Fanny Narotzky was a young child when the Nazis invaded her hometown, Borszcow, a small village in the Galicia region of Poland. She and her mother joined others in hiding in a bunker under the barn of a gentile for 18 months. Living conditions were primitive and difficult,

and they lived in constant fear of being discovered.

She will relay her miraculous story of survival at Temple Israel's annual Kristallnacht observance, to be held in the Blue Room on Sunday, November 3, at 7 P.M.

age of 16 were sent to concentration camps, all a harbinger of the even greater horror to come during the Holocaust.

Further information about the Temple Israel observance is available by calling 482-7800.



Fanny Narotzky, as a young child in Poland, shortly before her family hid from the Nazis.

"Her first-hand account personalizes the experiences of a Temple Israel family we know well," said Lori Oppenheimer, chair of the Temple Israel Shoah Remembrance Committee and organizer of the Kristallnacht program. She said "the story that Fanny will tell is fascinating to hear."

Temple Israel marks Kristallnacht each year with a solemn program and featured speaker. Kristallnacht, known as "The Night of Broken Glass," was a pogrom against the Jews by the Nazis in Germany on November 9-10, 1938. Nazi thugs smashed the glass storefronts of Jewish-owned businesses and the windows of synagogues and homes, and burned and tore down and ransacked Jewish-owned buildings throughout Germany and Austria. Jewish men over the



Temple Israel Kristallnacht speaker Fanny Narotzky, with her husband, Alfie.

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



Cecilia Albin

Cecilia Albin will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on October 12. She is the daughter of Ariel and Scott Albin and has a brother, Harrison, 10. Cecilia is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys cooking, baking, making clay pieces, the arts, and dance. Cecilia will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House in the fall as well as Camp Ramah next summer.



Joshua Picker

Joshua David Picker will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 19. He is the son of Harriet Spitzer-Picker and Neal Picker and has a brother, Ari Zachary, 16. Joshua is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where he plays the trumpet in the school band and is a finalist in his school's spelling bee contest. He is on his school baseball and swim teams. He will continue to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following his Bar Mitzvah.



Elliot Tabaroki

Elliot Tabaroki will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on October 26. He is the son of Michele and Farshad Tabaroki and has two sisters, Maya, 18, and Jasmine, 16. Elliot is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys break dancing and track and field. Elliot marked his Bar Mitzvah in Israel this past summer and plans to visit again in the near future.



Valerie Tabaroki

Valerie Tabaroki will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 26. She is the daughter of Shabnam and Farzad (Frank) Tabaroki and has two brothers, Alexander, 15, and Ethan, 8. Valerie is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is the recipient of the Four Sport Award and enjoys all sports. Valerie plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Noah Scheidt

Noah Scheidt will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on November 2. He is the son of Joni and Peter Scheidt and has two brothers, Harry, 14, and Brian, 11. Noah is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where he is in the honors English class. He is on his school track and field and football teams. Noah plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Zachary Lipp

Zachary Lipp will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 9. He is the son of Sharona and Alan Lipp and has a sister, Mikaela, 16, and a brother, Evan, 15. Zachary is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and is an avid sports fan. Zachary enjoys travelling and has visited 13 countries. He plans to visit Israel in the near future.

High School Begins Year with New Courses

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

After an amazing summer of camps, travel and USY, the Youth House is gearing up for another incredible year. Riding the success of all of our programs last year, we are very excited to offer some of our award-winning favorites as well as some new opportunities to the mix. As always, the Waxman Youth House is your place to connect to friends, Israel, tradition, and community. Our vision is to be a place where everyone is fully welcome to discover the power of Judaism's ability to bring blessings to our lives and to our world.

We have an extensive offering of weekly, monthly, and stand-alone programs which allow you to be a part of our Jewish teen community.

Being a member of the Youth House takes on many different shapes and forms. We have an extensive offering of weekly, monthly, and stand-alone programs which allow you to be a part of our Jewish teen community to whatever degree you would like. We believe in the three pillars that our sages taught: Torah, avodah and gimilit chasadim. We find richness in tradition, the beauty in prayer service, and the impact in meaningful acts from the heart to improve our community. Join us in building gardens, trips to Manhattan for a Midnight Run, salons that help us thoughtfully advocate for Israel, boys' and girls' groups that build identity and confidence, and a leadership program that helps our community grow and make a difference.

Highlights of this year's program include:

- New Monthly Rosh Brodesh Groups: Our incredible guys' program is expanding to another group. If you have a teen boy in 9th or 10th grade, then have them come and discover what it means to be a Jewish "Man."
- Seminar workshops: We have three new seminar workshops that we are rolling out this year. They will meet three times during the year to delve

into topics including "Jewish Life on Campus and Beyond," "Madrachim Leadership Development," and "Relevant Judaism of Today." For those who want a focused finite learning experience, this is it.

- Civics Fluency: Our weekly classes will dive into what our political climate currently is. In addition, teens will learn about their responsibilities to ensure the liberties and democracy we hold dear.
- Hebrew Language: Want to learn Hebrew? Come to our Café Ivrit during the winter months for some hot chocolate and fun.

Please see our brochure for more information and many other offerings. We have an amazing year ahead of us and I am sure you do not want to miss out on what we do. For more information contact me at asiegel@tign.org.

Save the Date!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Temple Israel Men's Club Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, November 17** from **8:30 A.M.-1 P.M.** in the Crystal Ballroom.

For further information contact Charles Adler at ciadler.ca@gmail.com

Midnight Run

8th – 12th graders join us on

Monday, November 4th, 2019

7:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M.

**Great Neck Public Schools are closed the following day for Superintendent Day*

Midnight Run is an organization that is dedicated to helping the homeless.

We are collecting!! Please bring all donations to the YOUTH HOUSE

- Warm coats. Dark colors are preferred.
- Durable pants & belts men's and women's.
- Socks rolled in pairs, New preferred.
- Underwear and thermals men's and women's.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts, long-sleeve shirts, T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts
- Hats and gloves for winter,
- Shoes and boots; men's sizes 9 through 12 and above, women's size 7 through 11.
- Blankets, washcloth
- Soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, razor, shaving cream (travel size)
- Backpacks
- Sleeping Bags
- Lip balm or moisturizer.
- Feminine hygiene products.
- **No Candy!** Candy in toiletry kits (it's happened) yields soap-flavored chocolate.

RSVP is required since spots are limited. Volunteers are needed to drive to the city. To RSVP & volunteer please contact Avi Siegel: asiegel@tign.org



OUR RABBIS
CORDIALLY INVITE
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
to their
OPEN SUKKAH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Light lunch at the home of
Sarah & Rabbi Daniel Schweber
98 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY
1:00 PM

Dessert at the home of
Deanna & Rabbi Howard Stecker
5 Polo Road, Great Neck, NY
1:30 PM



Temple Israel of Great Neck
Where Tradition Meets Change



Temple Israel of Great Neck
invites you to
Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Friday evening, October 18, 2019

Join us for services in the
Sanctuary at 6:00 PM
followed by a festive dinner
in the Temple Sukkah at **6:30 PM**

(dinner will be held indoors in the event of bad weather)

Cost: \$25/adult & \$10/child (6-12 years old)
\$70/household maximum

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, October 16 at Noon to Jennifer in the
Synagogue office at 482-7800 or JMarks@tign.org

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Sukkot Family Celebration

Saturday, October 19
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Crystal Ballroom

Dessert in the Sukkah
FREE OF CHARGE

Fun for all ages!

Jester JIM

**Juggling
Beatboxing
Comedy**



RSVP required so that we know how much dessert to order. Contact Jodi at
(516) 482-7800 ext. 1105/JEngel@tign.org by Wednesday, October 16.

Temple Israel Religious School Invites You to a Family Education Program:



PIZZA IN THE HUT!

Wednesday, October 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Join us in the Temple's Sukkah for
a pizza dinner, featuring singing & musical
fun with Jacob "Milk" Sandler



RSVP forms and payment must be returned to the Religious School office by
Thursday, October 10th. Please note – this is a popular event and fills up quickly.
Space is limited and will be reserved on a **FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS**.
A completed form and payment are required to reserve a spot.

The _____ Family is coming to Pizza in the Hut on Oct. 16th!

_____ adults 12 and above X \$10 = _____
_____ children 3-11 X \$ 8 = _____
_____ children 2 and below (no charge) = _____
Total = _____

(cash, credit card, or check payable to Temple Israel)

CC #: _____ Exp. _____

Do you need Gluten Free or Dairy Free? If so please call Karel 516-482-7800 x 1134

On Sukkot We Are All Connected to the Land

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

On September 22, during a gorgeous afternoon, Temple Israel, Temple Beth-El and the Great Neck Chinese Association helped beautify Whitney Pond Park. We broke into three teams. One team raked wood chips for a brand new nature trail. Another team trimmed the trees by the pond and the third planted four new trees.

At the end, we gathered back together to rest and admire our handiwork. The pond view is no longer blocked by overgrowth and we all vowed to come back in the spring to see the new trees and enjoy the nature trail.

Israel's Green Team leader, Morgan Kurpiel, I semi-seriously remarked that we should use the trimmings for the skach roof of the sukkah. I felt a special connection to the land so close to home. For a couple of hours at least, we got to experience the kind of connection farmers feel all of the time.

The holiday of Sukkot is also an opportunity for all of us to feel connected to the land. We make shaded booths to mimic the harvest huts farmers used to build. We rejoice with the lulav and Etrog, symbolizing the botanical diversity of the Land of Israel and we give thanks for the bountiful harvest.

Canaan, God literally took them on a tour of the land and promised the land to their descendants. Thus started a perpetual love affair between the Jewish people with the Land of Israel in particular, and the entire earth in general. We are commanded to care for the earth as we would care for family.

Sukkot is an opportunity for those of us with green thumbs who like working the land—and those of us with black thumbs—to connect to the land around us and to Israel. In this age of climate change, the land is calling out to us. Let us go out to the sukkah to rejoice, reconnect and find ways to care for the land.

I was assigned to trim trees with Temple

When Abraham and Sarah arrived in

Chag Sameach

Sukkot, Simhat Torah and Shabbat Services

Sunday, October 13 - Leil Sukkot

Evening Services 6:00 P.M.

Monday, October 14 - First Day of Sukkot

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Services 6:10 P.M.

Tuesday, October 15 - Second Day of Sukkot

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Services 6:15 P.M.

Havdalah 6:58 P.M.

Wednesday-Thursday, October 16-17 - Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Morning Service 6:30 A.M.

Wednesday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:17-25

Thursday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

Evening Services 8:00 P.M.

Friday, October 18 - Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

Saturday, October 19 - Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot

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Sunday, October 20 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Services 8:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34

Leil Shemini Atseret

Evening Services 6:00 P.M.

Monday, October 21 - Shemini Atseret

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

Haftarah: I Kings 8:54 - 66

Yizkor Memorial Services - Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Leil Simhat Torah

Evening Services and Hakafot in the Sanctuary 5:45 P.M.

for school-age children, teens and adults

Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:00 P.M.

for pre-school and kindergarten children and their families

Tuesday, October 22 - Simhat Torah

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

Haftarah: Joshua 1:1 - 18

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Services 6:05 P.M.

Havdalah 6:48 P.M.

Shabbat Services

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Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Shabbat HaMishpacha	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Niggun Circle with Cantor Frieder	following kiddush
Afternoon Service	5:25 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	5:55 P.M.
Evening Service	6:26 P.M.
Havdalah	6:42 P.M.

Friday, November 1

Evening Service	5:45 P.M.
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Saturday, November 2

Shaharit Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish	9:25 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Noah; Genesis 6:9 – 11:32	
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5	

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Ezra Kassin, Mark Putter, Barbara Levy, Susan Brustein, and Lynn Weitzman

Bar Mitzvah: Noah Scheidt
son of Joni and Peter Scheidt

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	6:17 P.M.
Havdalah	6:33 P.M.

Friday, November 8

Evening Service	4:30 P.M.
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Saturday, November 9 - Kristallnacht

Shaharit Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish	9:25 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Lekh-Lekha; Genesis 12:1 – 17:27	
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16	

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Neda Sedgh, Lila Bernstein-Schoen, Gail Zahler, Mark Birnbaum, and Andy Katz

Bar Mitzvah: Zachary Lipp
son of Sharona and Alan Lipp

Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	4:05 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	4:35 P.M.
Evening Service	5:09 P.M.
Havdalah	5:25 P.M.

D'var Torah

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to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

Bereshit

Saturday, October 26

We begin the reading of the Torah anew in this portion. The creation of the world is described in two accounts. The first account focuses on the creation of all the elements of the physical universe, including humanity, and comes to a climax with the establishment of a day of rest. The second account focuses on the creation of humanity and comes to a climax with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. As a result of transgressing, a strict prohibition on eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve are banished from the garden. God proclaims that henceforth they will get their food by hard toil and women will bear children in pain. Adam and Eve have two sons, Cain and Abel, who become a farmer and a shepherd, respectively. As a result of anger when God accepts Abel's offering, but not his own, Cain kills his brother. Adam and Eve have a third son, Seth, from whom Noah descends.

Noah

Saturday, November 2

In this portion we read of the destruction of the world by the great flood and the recreation of the world. By the tenth generation after Adam, human evil has sunk to such depths that God can no longer tolerate it and the world must be purged of its corruption. Noah and his family, alone of all mankind, are saved along with seven pairs (male and female) of all clean animals and one pair of unclean animals found on earth. The description of the flood is in many respects a reversal of the process of creation. When the waters subside and the occupants of the ark emerge on dry land, the narrative parallels the creation story. Noah is portrayed as a second Adam, but the world after the flood is a significantly different place. Although Noah's sons become the progenitors of a world full of people, the complete harmony of all creation is gone. This change is symbolized by the permission given to mankind to eat meat, albeit with the prohibition of eating the blood. God establishes the rainbow as a sign of His promise that the earth will never again be destroyed by flood. The account of the Tower of Babel shows how that unity is shattered by mankind's pride. God's plan is again thwarted, but this time He responds by narrowing His focus to one segment of mankind which will be the instrument of achieving His purpose. The reading concludes with an account of the line of Noah's son, Shem, which brings us—after generations—to Abraham.

Lekh-Lekha

Saturday, November 9

We meet Abraham, who, at 75, leaves his home in Mesopotamia, at God's command, and travels to Canaan with his wife, Sarah, and his nephew, Lot, to become the father of a great nation in this portion. Abraham meets a number of challenges which test his faith in God and his resourcefulness. He has a son with Hagar, Sarah's handmaid, since Sarah appears to be barren. He also enters into covenant (b'rit) with God which is symbolized by circumcision (b'rit milah), thus laying the ground for the development of the Jewish people and its special relationship to God.

Mazal Tov To...

Alieh (Lilly) and Iraj Nejat
on the birth of their granddaughter,
Meadow Iris Nejat.

Susan Jarolem
on the birth of her grandson,
Max Evan LeRea.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, October 11
6:05 P.M.

Friday, October 18
5:54 P.M.

Friday, October 25
5:44 P.M.

Friday, November 1
5:34 P.M.

Friday, November 8
4:26 P.M.

Daily Minyan Times

Friday, October 11
7:00 A.M. 6:15 P.M.

Friday, October 25 & November 1
7:00 A.M. 5:45 P.M.

Friday, November 8
7:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.

**Sunday, October 27
& November 3 & 10**
8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Monday October 28 & November 4 & 11
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, October 29
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 5 & 12
7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, October 23,
& November 6 & 13**
7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 30
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

**Thursday, October 24, 31
& November 7 & 14**
6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution towards the kiddush on
August 24 was made by the Berookhim
family in memory of Nejatollah Berookhim.

The congregational kiddush on August
31 was sponsored by Bitá and Pedram
Hendizadeh in honor of the Bat Mitzvah
of their daughter, Sophia.

G'mar Tov and Chag Same'ach to you all!

You are invited to come to my Sukkah
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Thursday, October 17th
between 7:15 and 9:15 PM.

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so we have enough Falafel balls for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Cantor Raphael Frieder

Being Present in the Present

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you will say, 'if only it were morning,'
because of what your heart shall dread and
your eyes shall see.' (Deuteronomy 28:67)

One way to understand this is that things
will be so bad that we'll want relief from the
present moment all the time. Another way
to look at it is that our attitude will prevent
us from embracing the moment. We will
eclipse the present moment by wishing for
the future or yearning for the past.

I'd like to recommend a spiritual
practice. Whenever you find yourself
distracted from the present moment by
anxiety over the past or the future, stop
and say the word "Shehehyanu."

Here I am bathing my young children.
Shehehyanu.

Here I am shopping for the holiday.
Shehehyanu.

It's admirable to acknowledge the
past, admirable to plan for the
future, admirable to wonder how we
can improve on ourselves and our
surroundings. But, not to the point where
we are not fully present in the present.

I leave us with a revised version of the verse
from the Torah I quoted earlier, an "inverse"
if you will, as a blessing for the New Year.

When it's morning, let us say, "good
that it's morning." When it's evening, let
us say, "good that it's evening." From
the joy our hearts feel and the bounty
that our eyes see.

Let 5780 be a year in which we are fully
present in the present, appreciating the
blessings that each moment brings.

A Bissel Shtisel

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The feedback received from those inside
and outside the synagogue has been
tremendous. The stars glittered and
Temple Israel shined on that fine evening.

We are hopeful of doing more of this
significant programming in the future.
If there are particular things you would
like to see, please drop me an email at
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parents of Lori Oppenheimer

Three Couples Being Honored On Simhat Torah

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Neck Historical Society, Great Neck Student Aid Fund and Great Neck Business Circle, and has served on the Great Neck Adult Education Advisory Committee and as a vice president of The Great Neck Arts Center. Ronnie, a past president of Great Neck Hadassah, is also a past president of the Great Neck Hadassah Lulav Group. For many years she edited the Great Neck Hadassah newsletter. For her work with Hadassah she was awarded the organization's Myrtle Wreath and Presidents' awards.

The couple are principals of a public relations and advertising firm, Katz Communications, and operate a Great Neck-based printing and invitation business, KC Graphics.

Their daughter, Amy, and her husband, Jonathan, have two daughters, Violet, and Mikayla, who had her baby naming at Temple Israel a few weeks ago. Their son, Jacob, and his wife, Amanda, are expecting their first child on Thanksgiving Day. Both Amy and Jacob were presidents of their Waxman High School Student Boards, and both went on to become USY officers.

Ofra and Rob Panzer

As the first couple of Temple Israel, Rob is the immediate past president of the congregation, having served for the past four years. Ofra has been deeply involved with congregational life, as well. Together, their involvement encompasses almost all aspects of Temple Israel life.

Before becoming president of the congregation, Rob was instrumental in the functioning of the Membership, Finance, Communications, Pastoral, Shabbat HaGever, and Shabbat Koleinu committees. He co-chaired Temple Israel's Jewish Theological Seminary Committee, Comedy Night, Golf Outing, and the Waxman Youth House Midnight Run. He has served as the treasurer of the Men's Club. For many years he has served as an usher in the Crystal Ballroom during the High Holy Days.

Ofra has been the congregation's Membership Committee chair since 2009. She is also the founder and co-chair of the Health Advisory Committee, a founding member of the Security/Safety Committee, and a member of the Communications, Religious School Education, Shoah, Chesed, and Green committees. She is a regular in Temple Israel Players productions and has participated in Kol Ishah and Shabbat Koleinu lay-led Shabbat services. Ofra is currently the chair of the METNY Board.

Rob has been an orthodontist practicing in Great Neck for 34 years. Ofra, a New York State registered nurse, has been a staff nurse at NYU Medical Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and North Shore University Hospital. She has served as the chair of the Health Education Committee of the United Parent-Teacher Council of the Great Neck Public Schools.

The Panzers have four children, Ari, Tamar, Samuel, and Aviva, who with her husband, Abraham Katz, have twins, Lilah and Eitan. Caring for their new grandchildren, the Panzers say, is their favorite role.

Parvaneh and Parviz Khodadadian

Parvaneh and Parviz Khodadadian have made a home for themselves at Temple Israel since moving to Great Neck in 1984. Not only have both become active in Temple Israel life, but so have their children.

The Khodadadians donated the majestic ark used by the congregation during the High Holy Days in the Grand Ballroom. Parviz is an organizer of the High Holy Days men's choir, which delights congregants at each of the Temple Israel Ne'elah services. "Our melodies bring everyone back to the times of their grandparents," he explains. The couple were the honorees at Temple Israel's 2000 Journal Dinner Dance.

Parviz served two terms as a vice president of the congregation and has been a member of an Associate Rabbi Search Committee and Cantor Search Committee. The couple also co-chaired a dinner dance for the congregation.

Parvaneh, a pharmacist, has been active in the Sisterhood. She was instrumental in organizing a small group of Iranian seniors 20 years ago, with the assistance of SHAI and an anonymous donor. The group has blossomed into 200 people, now part of the Great Neck Social Center, which meets three times a week for social activities, discussions, and kosher meals. She is also a member of the board of the Great Neck Student Aid Fund and the Great Neck Social Center and has served on the Great Neck Adult Education Advisory Committee. She has been named to the Town of North Hempstead Women's Roll of Honor, named "Woman of the Year" by the Great Neck Senior Center, and has received commendations for her work from the Nassau County Legislature and North Hempstead Town.

A principal of Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, Parviz helped to greatly expand the firm throughout Nassau County. He is a founder and past president of the Sephardic-American Medical Association.

The couple's daughter, Moji Pourmoradi, has been one of the most popular Waxman High School teachers during her 34 years as an instructor. She is married to Omid and the couple have four daughters, Amy, Rachel, Dayna, and Layla. Their other daughter, Lisa, is married to Robert Kalimi. They have two sons, Eric and Daniel, and two daughters, Rebecca and Sara. The Khodadadian's son, Jonathan, is married to Rachel Goldberg. They have two sons, Elias and Etai, and two daughters, Edith and Stella. Although Moji entered the Youth House in 11th grade and has never left, both Lisa and Jonathan served as presidents of the Youth House board during their days at the school.

Guest Column: We Need Each Other

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So why not own it? Why not admit what we need so that we can reap the benefits of relationships based on honesty, rather than pretense?

Moving on. Much has been written about the political and ideological polarization in our country and it is surely an issue within the Jewish community. The right vilifies the left and the left vilifies the right.

We forget sometimes that we are interdependent, and by this I don't just mean we have to live with each other. I also mean that in a larger sense we need each other because no group has a monopoly on truth or wisdom. We all benefit if we are in genuine conversation with one another and if we are prepared to learn from one another.

It would help us, for example, to challenge one another from the right and the left to find workable, humane economic models and workable, humane approaches to immigration.

I'm not suggesting that we hide or water down our basic leanings. I am suggesting that we try not to vilify each other and that we be open to the thoughtful challenges that others pose. We are interdependent, we need each other, not just because we live together, but

because we can actually help each other refine how we approach important matters.

We are interdependent as Jews which means, among other things, that an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. This past year, as we well know, there were horrific attacks on Jews in Pittsburgh, Poway and closer to home. It shouldn't matter whether the victims are Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or secular. We must protest anti-Semitism in a united fashion no matter the identity of the perpetrator or the victim.

Moving on. We are interdependent with everyone else on this planet. My grandfather left Tiraspol in Russia as a teenager, primarily in order to escape violence, but also to seek opportunity. His story is not so different from the stories of people trying to leave Central America or Asia or the Middle East to escape violence and seek opportunity. His story, and therefore my story, is interconnected with the stories of these people.

When seas rise nearby or on the other side of the world, they send ripple effects that impact communities near and far. As seas continue to rise we will have more refugees, not fewer. Mindful of our interdependence, our interconnection, how will we treat them? We are Jews, Yehudim, named after the Biblical Judah, Yehudah. We owe our knowledge of interdependence to Judah, who owes it

to his daughter-in-law, Tamar. She taught him the lesson of areivut, interdependence, accountability, and he used that lesson to help reunite his brothers in Egypt.

The author Mitch Albom wrote Tuesdays With Morrie about his relationship with Professor Morrie Schwartz. Morrie suffered from ALS, a debilitating disease, and toward the end of his life, he needed help to perform the most basic functions.

At one point Morrie says to Mitch, "In the beginning of life, when we are infants, we need others to survive, right? And at the end of life, when you get like me, you need others to survive, right? But here's the secret. In between, we need others as well."

As 5780 begins, I say to us, lover to lover, we need each other. Parent to child and child to parent, we need each other. Navigating the complexities of current events, we need each other. Protecting our people and protecting all people across the globe, we need each other.

We are interdependent. We need each other. We can't avoid it. It's a fundamental Jewish value and it's what makes us human.

So let's not deny our interdependence, our mutual need of one another. Let's use it to make life better for everyone.

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D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Ha'azinu Saturday, October 12

In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and

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Shabbat Services

Friday, October 11

Evening Service 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, October 12

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu

Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1 – 51

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:

Lila Bernstein-Schoen, Jeffrey Fleit, Neal Picker, Deanna Stecker, and Natali Matalon

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:45 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:15 P.M.

Evening Service 6:47 P.M.

Havdalah 7:03 P.M.

Friday, October 18

Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 19

Shaharit Morning Service/

Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 8:45 A.M.

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

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

Maftir: Numbers 29:26-31

Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 – 39:16

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Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 5:35 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 6:05 P.M.

Evening Service 6:36 P.M.

Havdalah 6:52 P.M.

Sukkot Family Celebration 8:00 P.M.

Friday, October 25

N'ranenah/Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 26

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

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

Weekly Portion: Bereshit

Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

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