

## High Holy Days Services

### Sunday, September 29 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

### Monday, September 30 - First Day Rosh Hashanah

Shaharit begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10

"What Are Sins of Responsibility? — Avinu Malkenu"

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry 10:00 A.M.

Tashlikh (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

### Tuesday, October 1 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shaharit begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1-19

"What Are Sins of Responsibility? - Al Het"

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry 10:00 A.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:35 P.M.

### Tuesday, October 8 - Kol Nidre

Minhah 3:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 5:45 P.M.

### Wednesday, October 9 - Yom Kippur

Shaharit begins in the Main Ballroom 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11

Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14

"Music of Teshuvah"

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry 10:00 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Jacob Stein's Memorial Symposium 3:00 P.M.

Featuring: Marjan Keypour Greenblatt, founder and director of the Alliance for Rights of all Minorities

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## Temple Israel Is Planning Extensive High Holy Days Services and Observances

### Yom Kippur Symposium Will Feature Human Rights Activist Marjan Keypour Greenblatt

**By Marc Katz, Editor**

Temple Israel's wide array of services for the High Holy Days period are in place, beginning with erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 29, followed by innovative scheduling for services on both days of Rosh Hashanah, September 30 and October 1. Yom Kippur will be observed beginning with Kol Nidre on Tuesday evening, October 8, and all-day services beginning at 9 A.M. on Wednesday, October 9.

A highlight of the Yom Kippur day of services will be the Jack Stein Memorial Symposium, beginning at 3 P.M. in the Sanctuary, which this year will feature noted human rights advocate Marjan Keypour Greenblatt, in discussion with Rabbi Howard Stecker.



Yom Kippur Symposium Speaker  
Marjan Keypour Greenblatt

This year Temple Israel will open its services to the community at no-charge on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Temple Israel will also offer a full range of children's services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, open to the community, although advance registration for non-members is recommended.

The congregation's experienced High Holy Days clergy team, including Rabbi Howard Stecker, Rabbi Daniel Schweber, Rabbi Marim D. Charry, and Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein, and Cantor Raphael Frieder, will this year be joined by two Israeli cantors, Israel Singer and Yakov Zingboim. They were selected by a committee headed by Sima Taid and Bob

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## Kol Nidre Appeal: Please Respond Generously

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A Voice Guest Column by Arden Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Arden Smith is a former trustee of Temple Israel and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception 23 years ago. He is a member of the Advisory Board of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College and the president of the Maspeth Jewish Center.

The story goes that in a great wine making town in Eastern Europe or Northern Iran near the Caspian Sea, word came that the grand rebbe 'the chachum gadol' was coming to the town the following year. The town's

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**...every contribution counts and every contribution helps and all of the contributions add up.**

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elders and Torah sages decided to collect the best of each vintner's production every week before the Sabbath. They fashioned a great vat and a sturdy set of steps leading to the top of the vat. Each week every vintner would pour a goatskin flask full of his wine into the vat.

One "reb yid," whose name is not important and whose wine wasn't the best nor the worst, decided that he could fill his skin with water and no one would know the difference.

At the end of the year, the grand rebbe, 'the chachum gadol,' came. He ascended the steps with a crystal goblet created for the occasion, he scooped the goblet into the vat and held the glass high over his head for all to see. And there, gleaming in the sun was a crystal clear glass of water. There must have been quite a few "yidlach" whose names were "not important."

We are a very large congregation. It is often too easy to feel like we can get  
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## Why You Should Join Us for Shtisel

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From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

On September 12, Temple Israel will host the cast and writer/co-creator of Shtisel, the blockbuster Israeli drama featured on Netflix that depicts a haredi (ultra-Orthodox) family living in Jerusalem. While many unique aspects of haredi culture impact the decisions and life trajectories of the characters, the success of the series actually has little to do with its depiction of haredi life.

To be sure, many people start to watch the show because they're curious about the ultra-Orthodox community. But they continue to watch because it's outstanding television and because it touches on universal themes of love, loss and yearning.

The characters are unique, with distinctive personalities, facing their own specific circumstances. They operate within the confines

of communal norms but ultimately make their own choices. Shulem, the strong-willed patriarch of the family, is constantly and inconveniently reminded of the recent death of his wife. His son

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Akiva, a sensitive artist, looks for love in healthy and unhealthy places. His daughter Giti devises a plan to sustain her family after her husband abandons them. His mother, known by the family as Bubbe, seeks emotional connection by watching soap operas in the senior home where she resides.

The writing and acting are brilliant. Pauses and silence convey at least as much as words. Yearning for the  
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## The Three R's

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From the President by Burton Weston

While the three R's conjure up "back-to-school," the High Holy Days are defined by three other R's, a bit less concrete, but equally instructive: restoration, reflection and rejuvenation. They call upon us to look inwardly and outwardly, take stock of what we have and what we need, what we have done and what we could do better, and calculate how to re-energize, reset and embark on making the coming year successful, however defined. While it's an exercise each of us should explore individually, it is an equally important task for the lay leadership to go through.

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We started early, beginning the internal and external assessment of the synagogue, setting priorities to address immediate and longer term needs and outlining a vision to build upon an already vibrant Temple Israel community.

We have started to "restore" the house we live in, with plans to repaint the front, doing a bit of landscaping and adding color to the entryway, re-staining the outdoor overhead cover that leads from the parking lot, repairing the stone work on the rear patio and installing new lighting. We are working to map the building to maximize Wi-Fi and cell coverage and will be installing new routers to accomplish that over the next few months. We are doing systems work that might not be visible, but will improve our comfort and ensure the building's integrity. And perhaps most importantly, we are enhancing security measures throughout the synagogue to better protect everyone visiting our campus.

We are going through a "reflective" process, exploring how to enhance the synagogue's relevance to the different  
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## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**MANUCHEHR KALIMIAN**  
brother of Minu Ohebshalom  
and Elias Kalimian

**MOSHE LEVY**  
father of Vivi Jaspan

**TOUBA RAHIMIAN**  
grandmother of  
Elham (Ellie) Kimiabakhsh

May their memories be for a blessing.

## Mazal Tov To...

- **Shahnaz and Jack Sassouni**  
on the birth of their grandson,  
Samuel Judah Nitka.
- **Vivi and Herbert Jaspan**  
on the marriage of their son, Oren,  
to Rebecca Elbaum.
- **Linda and Brent Greenspan**  
on the marriage of their son, Brandon,  
to Leah Bloom.

## Temple Lites...

• **Francine Spilke-Epstein** is presenting a series of programs sponsored by the Great Neck Park District called "Grandparent Power." The presentations, on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 P.M., at Great Neck House, are free and open to the public. On September 24 the topic will be "Going Through the Transitions of Mid-Life and Beyond." On October 29 the discussion will center around "Emergency 911" and discuss who, what, when, and how to make an emergency call. On November 5 the topic is "Nutrition and Exercise: What You Need to Know to Stay Out of the Doctor's Office." The presentation on November 12 will feature New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and North Hempstead Town Councilwoman Lee Seeman discussing what the state and town are doing to protect the aging population. On November 18 the topic is "The Sexual Revolution in Our Grandparents Generation." The final talk, on November 26, is called "What Grandchildren Would Like to Have from Their Grandparents." Further information is available by calling Ms. Spilke-Epstein at 487-7446.

## Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

<b>September 12</b> Waxman High School and Youth House Registration and BBQ Shtisel Cast and Writer Program	4:00 P.M.  7:00 P.M.	<b>September 23</b> Sisterhood Program: "A Jewish Wedding" featuring Rabbis Levy and Charry	Noon
<b>September 15</b> Men's Club Opening Breakfast Dining at Ben's to Support Temple Israel's Green Committee	9:15 A.M.	<b>September 26</b> Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
<b>September 19</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.	<b>September 29</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah	
<b>September 20</b> Pre-School Shabbat Sing-along at Grace Avenue Park	4:00 P.M.	<b>September 30 – October 1</b> Rosh Hashanah	
<b>September 21</b> Selihot Program featuring Cantors Frieder and Dardashti	9:15 P.M.	<b>October 6</b> Shoah Remembrance Committee Opening Breakfast	10:00 A.M.
<b>September 22</b> EmpTI Nesters Trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage Park Clean-Up and Plant-a-Tree Day	11:00 A.M.  3:30 P.M.	<b>October 8</b> Kol Nidre	
		<b>October 9</b> Yom Kippur	
		<b>October 13</b> Erev Sukkot	
		<b>October 14 – 20</b> Sukkot	
		<b>October 17</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
		<b>October 18</b> Congregational Sukkot Dinner	6:30 P.M.

## The Congregation Is Invited To the... Men's Club Opening Breakfast Sunday, September 15



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



### Ethan Dayani

Ethan Dayani will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on September 14. He is the son of Farsima and Nader Dayani and has four sisters, Simona, 25, Isabella, 16, Angelina, 14 and Juliana, 11. Ethan is an eighth-grade student at Great Neck North Middle School, where he is the recipient of the Three Sport Award. Ethan enjoys running and ornithology and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



### Ethan Bloom

Ethan Bloom will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 21. He is the son of Ronda and Andrew Bloom and has a brother, Matthew, 16. Ethan is an eighth-grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is on his school soccer and volleyball teams, as well as the Great Neck soccer travel team. Ethan attends Camp Ramah and will continue to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following his Bar Mitzvah.



### Justine Khadavi

Justine Khadavi will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on September 28. She is the daughter of Pargol and Steven Khadavi and has a brother, Kevin, 15, and a sister, Jillian, 8. Justine is an eighth-grade student at Great Neck North Middle School, where she is the vice president of the Student Council. She currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House and looks forward to participating in the Rosh Hodesh Circle. Justine has visited Israel and plans to visit again in the near future.

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## PARK CLEAN-UP & PLANT A TREE

Temple Israel Green Committee,  
the Great Neck Chinese Association & Temple Beth-El

will join together to clean up and plant a tree at  
**WHITNEY POND PARK**  
981 Northern Blvd, Manhasset, NY 11030  
Sunday, September 22  
3:30 PM – 5:00PM

To sign up please contact Jennifer at [jmarks@tign.org](mailto:jmarks@tign.org) or (516) 482-7800.

### CALLING SILVER POLISHERS!

Temple Israel is looking for volunteers to help polish silver religious objects before the High Holy Days. This rewarding project is ideal for groups of friends. To volunteer call Jennifer at Temple Israel, 482-7800.

### Daily Minyan Times

**Friday, September 13, 20 & 27**

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

**Friday, October 4**

7:00 A.M. 6:25 P.M.

**Sunday, September 8, 15, 22**

& October 6

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

**Sunday, September 29**

(Erev Rosh Hashanah)

8:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Monday, September 16, 23 & Oct. 7**

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

**Tuesday, September 10, 17 & 24**

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

**Tuesday, October 8 (Kol Nidre)**

7:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

**Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 18 & 25**

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

**Wednesday, October 2**

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

**Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26, & October 3 & 10**

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

### Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

A contribution towards the kiddush on July 13 was made by Jacqueline Shirian, in memory of her husband, Said Shirian.

The congregational kiddush on August 3 was sponsored by Maxine Bernstein in honor of Terry Bernstein's special birthday.

The congregational kiddush on August 17 was sponsored by Shahnaz and Jack Sassouni in honor of the birth of their first grandson, Samuel Judah Nitka.

## Shoah Committee Holding Their Opening Breakfast October 6th

Members, prospective members and friends of the Temple Israel Shoah Remembrance Committee are invited to their opening breakfast on Sunday, October 6, at 10 A.M. The annual gathering presents an opportunity to casually meet with the congregation's Shoah survivors and supporters of the committee.

The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Jennifer at Temple Israel at 482-7800 or [jmarks@tign.org](mailto:jmarks@tign.org) by Thursday afternoon, October 3.

For further information about the breakfast or to request a ride to the event contact Committee Chair Lori Oppenheimer at [shoahcommitteeign@gmail.com](mailto:shoahcommitteeign@gmail.com) or 448-2084.

### AN INSPIRATIONAL SELIHOT SERVICE featuring Ashkenazi & Sephardi Traditions and Melodies

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**  
**8:30 PM – Refreshments (Blue Room)**  
**9:15 PM – Selihot Service (Sanctuary)**

We are privileged for the fourth year in a row to have Cantor Raphael Frieder share the pulpit with guest *hazzan*, Cantor Farid Dardashti. Temple Israel's Teen Singing Group will be participating. Join us as we usher in the 5780 High Holy Day season with melodies, prayers and *piyutim* (liturgical poems) from around the world.



Cantor Raphael Frieder



Cantor Farid Dardashti

Cantor Dardashti holds the distinction of being the first Iranian-born international concert artist and *hazzan* in the western world. He comes from a long line of classical Iranian vocal artists. His father, known as the "Nightingale of Iran," was internationally acclaimed.

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Lopatkin, and included Madelyn Gould, Sherry Husney, Neda Sedgh, Brent Greenspan, Harold Citron, Abe Kanfer and Howard Spun. Both cantors were recommended by Cantor Frieder.

Cantor Singer, a tenor, who is also a rabbi, comes from a long line of rabbis and cantors and has two cousins who currently serve as cantors at congregations in New Jersey. Mr. Singer had previously served as the cantor at the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, New York; the rabbi and cantor at the Western Arch Synagogue, London; and the cantor at a 1,600-family synagogue in South Africa. Chazan Zingboim, also part of a family of cantors, has led worship at congregations in Israel, France, Canada, Hong Kong, Sweden, Houston, Denver, and locally at Temple Israel of South Merrick.

“What Are Sins of Responsibility?—Avinu Malkenu” will be the topic of a discussion led by Rabbi Charry at 10 A.M. on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. On the second day his discussion topic at 10 A.M. is “What Are the Sins of Responsibility?—Al Het.” On Yom Kippur he will conduct another discussion, this time titled “Music of Teshuvah.” All are invited to attend.

Services conclude on Yom Kippur with the shofar blowing at 7:08 P.M.

## **SYMPOSIUM TOPIC: HUMAN RIGHTS**

Symposium speaker Marjan Keypour Greenblatt is the founder and director of the Alliance for Rights of all Minorities, a non-profit global network of activists which promotes human rights in Iran. As a former refugee from Iran who escaped discrimination in the Middle East and Europe, she has focused her career on advocacy for human rights and the advancement of democratic ideals. She has led advocacy and educational efforts on behalf of women, LGBT groups, and religious and ethnic minorities in the United States and Iran. She has collaborated with law enforcement, religious and grassroots leaders to prevent and respond to hate

crimes and bias-motivated incidents. She has advocated for Iran’s minorities at the White House, U.S. Congress, the State Department, and the European Union. Her writings have appeared in media outlets including Voice of America, IranWire and the Huffington Post. She holds a B.A. from UCLA and an M.A. from Harvard University.

Rabbi Stecker invited her to speak at Temple Israel because, he said, he has seen her work and “thought the congregation would find it interesting to learn how she became involved with human rights in Iran, how her own life experiences led her to this work, and how her thinking prompted her to take on human rights advocacy.”

He said this work “relates to Jewish values, and Jewish tradition. Marjan’s efforts do not necessarily impact Jewish groups. She will address questions



about immigration to the United States from a human rights perspective, balancing human rights and national security, and the increasing ideological polarization in this country.”

Rabbi Stecker said it is important for the congregation to have this discussion—particularly on Yom Kippur—because this speaker has unique insights into national and international affairs, and because she exemplifies how we all can use Jewish values to make a positive impact on the world. “Her presentation as well as her life’s work is consistent with Yom Kippur themes of self-reflection and responsibility.”

## **SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

According to Temple Israel President Burton Weston, the officers and Board of Trustees have agreed to invite the community to experience Temple Israel High Holy Days services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. “Members can

also invite family and friends to join them for our second day services,” he said. “All that is necessary is for guests to contact Temple Israel Executive Director Jamey Kohn at 482-7800 or jkohn@tign.org to request tickets.

In addition, Temple Israel will offer a Yizkor Service open to the community at 3:00 P.M. on Yom Kippur. No advance tickets are necessary to attend. Further details about the service are available by calling the Temple Israel office.

## **CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

Services for children of all ages are being offered on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All are free and open to the community.

A pre-school service for children ages 2-4 will be conducted from 10:30 A.M.-Noon, celebrating the Holy Days with song, stories and games. A family-supervised play area is included. A parent is required to accompany their child.

Services for kindergarten to second grade children will be held from 10:30 A.M.-Noon. The interactive service blends familiar prayers and stories, discussion and singing. A parent is required to accompany children.

A teen service will be held from 10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Waxman Youth House led by High School Director Avi Siegel for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, discussions, and creative activities.

A teen social gathering at the Waxman Youth House will be held from Noon-1P.M., giving teenagers a place to hang out following their service. Snacks and games will be available on Rosh Hashanah.

A college teen program will be held at the Waxman Youth House on Yom Kippur from 12:15-1:15 P.M. Director Avi Siegel will lead a discussion about Jewish life on campus titled “How Can We Craft Our Jewish Identity When Away from the Nest.”

For further information about all children’s services, call Director of Education Rabbi Amy Roth at 482-7800.

## Special Parking Regulations Set for High Holy Day Worshippers

Members of the congregation are asked to observe parking regulations which are in effect this year during the High Holy Days. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck has agreed to ease parking restrictions for the High Holy Days as follows:

- Time limit restrictions will not be enforced, and no summonses will be issued for overtime parking on the streets adjacent to the Temple.
- Other parking restrictions will be enforced, including violations of prohibited parking, such as in front of hydrants, in front of driveways, "No Parking This Side," and "No Parking Here to Corner." Congregants are reminded that the streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

### Parking in the Temple Israel Parking Lot

Parking on Rosh Hashanah will be limited to members with State issued handicap permits only. Have your seating ticket to identify yourself, should you be asked to do so by a staff member stationed in the lot.

Members of the congregation who wish to leave their cars in the parking lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah must first obtain a pass from the synagogue office. No cars will be permitted to enter or leave the parking lot, except those containing handicap permits.

Your cooperation is needed to maintain a safe environment and make things move smoothly during the High Holy Days period. Temple Israel suggests carpooling whenever riding is necessary.

## Men's Club Invites You to Wrap-Up Yom Kippur at Annual Break-the-Fast

To end Yom Kippur on Wednesday evening, October 9, the Men's Club is hosting its annual Break-the-Fast at the Waxman Youth House and the congregation and their guests are invited.

"This has been a most successful event for many years," said Charles Adler, the chair of the event. "Enjoy a traditional dairy dinner prepared by Bagel Mentch with family and friends."

The cost is only \$25 per person and \$8 for children under eight-years of age. There is no additional charge for more than two children under age eight in the same family. The cost for non-Temple Israel members is \$30 per person. Only advance reservations paid in full will be accepted. Make checks payable to the Men's Club of Temple Israel and mail or bring it to the Temple office no later than Friday, October 4. Include the number of adults and children attending and a contact telephone number.

"The communal togetherness and pleasurable atmosphere are a wonderful way to end this most solemn day," Mr. Adler said. "Come and enjoy!"

For further information about the Break-the-Fast contact Mr. Adler at 482-4421 or [ciadler.ca@gmail.com](mailto:ciadler.ca@gmail.com)

## Temple Israel Museum Is Marking the High Holy Days With Special Exhibits

To mark Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, the Temple Israel Museum front case will have special pieces relating to the High Holy days.

The exhibit includes rare esrog boxes and several shofars from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Many other objects can be seen within the museum, which will be open on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah following services, and on Yom Kippur from 1 to 3 P.M.

Several special pieces are available for dedication to honor a special occasion or person. For further information about museum dedications contact Executive Director Jamey Kohn at 482-7800.

### Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, September 6**

7:03 P.M.

**Friday, September 13**

6:51 P.M.

**Friday, September 20**

6:39 P.M.

**Friday, September 27**

6:28 P.M.

**Friday, October 4**

6:16 P.M.

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Community Yizkor Service

3:00 P.M.

Minhah

4:15 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20

Neilah

5:35 P.M.

Ma'ariv

6:40 P.M.

Havdalah and Shofar Blowing

7:08 P.M.

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## D'var Torah

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the incident and utterly blot out the memory of Amelek. The contrast between the national character of a people living under God's laws and that of the Amelekites based on glorification of military power is a statement that in God's plan, right prevails over might.

### Ki Tavo

**Saturday, September 21**

We conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse in this portion. In the final details, the Israelites are

instructed that when they enter the Promised Land and settle it, they are to bring an offering of first fruits. In accepting the offering, the priest is to recite a brief history of the people, from Abraham's and Jacob's wanderings to the occupation and possession of the land. Moses begins a third discourse which deals with enforcement of the laws. Upon crossing the Jordan, the people set stones on Mt. Ebal on which they will inscribe the laws that Israel is to obey. This activity is to be followed by a dramatic recitation of the blessings that will accrue from obedience to God's word and the curses that will follow upon failure to obey. The passage of curses (known as tochechah, or warnings) is much longer and more detailed than the passage of blessings, indicating the difficulty of convincing the people that it is in their best interest to live by God's law.

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## Shabbat Services

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Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service	6:10 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	6:40 P.M.
Evening Service	7:10 P.M.
Havdalah	7:26 P.M.

### Friday, October 4

Evening Service	6:25 P.M.
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### Saturday, October 5 Shabbat Shuvah

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

Weekly Portion: Vayelekh  
Deuteronomy 31:1 - 30  
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Micah 7:18 - 20

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Deborah Volk,  
Adam Covitt, Ofra Panzer, Lisa Mattaway, and  
Joyce Weston

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service	5:55 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	6:25 P.M.
Evening Service	6:58 P.M.
Havdalah	7:14 P.M.

**Worship With Your Family  
At Temple Israel  
This Week!**

### Nitzsavim

**Saturday, September 28**

In this portion we conclude Moses' third discourse on the enforcement of the law. Moses tells the Israelites that they stand before God in their totality to conclude their covenant. That covenant is not only made with them, but also with those not present. All Israel—past, present and future—is bound to the covenant for all times. Moses predicts a future rebellion of the people against the covenant and the evils that will follow, including exile, but he also foresees the people's repentance and their return to the land. In a striking statement of the nature of God's commandment, Moses asserts that the Torah isn't in heaven, or far from the people; it is now theirs to do with what they will. They must observe, study, interpret and apply it. As a peroration to the three discourses of Deuteronomy, he points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. In choosing to obey God's commandments, the people choose life and will be able to enjoy the land that God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### Vayelekh

**Saturday, October 5**

We begin the final section of the Book of Deuteronomy, which treats of the last days of Moses in this portion. This is the shortest portion in the Torah, consisting of only one chapter of 30 verses. Moses' mission is almost completed. There remain only a few details to finish before his death. These consist of bidding farewell to his people, presenting his successor, Joshua, to them (with some words of encouragement to him), writing down the Torah up to this point, and handing it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read from it every seven years at a public assembly. This reading is not to be for the purpose of teaching the people the basics of law, but rather to achieve a special purpose. It is to take place on Sukkot, at the start of agriculture and business following the year of release, when all Israelites are assembled in the central sanctuary. The reading is thus to affirm that in every area of ordinary life, the way to God lies only through His Torah and Torah is necessary to maintain the unity of the people and provide for its protection.



## Kol Nidre Appeal: Please Respond Generously

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lost in the crowd, "nobody will know the difference...my contribution won't make a difference..." Well, every contribution counts and every contribution helps and all of the contributions add up. And, we need your help! Our Kol Nidre Campaign is counted on to help pay for the day to day operating expenses of our synagogue. Our Kol Nidre Campaign is not for the future; it is to help us pay our bills now!

We have a large and aging physical plant that is costly to run. We have a large payroll—professional, administrative, educational and maintenance—that we have to meet. Families count on us for their livelihoods. We have a large school, where tuition alone does not cover our operational expenses. We have a huge fixed overhead. We have growing security demands. But, all of that overhead is OK. It is what a synagogue like ours should have in order to serve its diverse membership and properly deliver the many services that our congregation both deserves and has come to expect. Temple Israel is here to serve you, your religious, social, cultural, and spiritual needs, but it costs money and the bills have to be paid.

If you have been generous to us in the past, we thank you and we ask you to continue. If you have never contributed to the Kol Nidre Appeal, we ask you to think of the cost of dinner at a local restaurant when you go out with your family. Please at least "have dinner with us" now.

We need your help and every contribution counts and makes a difference! Let's not get lost in the crowd. Let's not have clear water when we open and tally the pledge cards!

I, our officers and our trustees ask each of you to consider the vital role of our synagogue in sustaining Jewish life in our Temple Israel community and to respond generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal. L'shanah tovah u'metuka.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT: The Three R's

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generations we serve, how to expand our footprint as demographics change, and how to create and enhance relationships among our members. We have started a new membership initiative aimed at young families whose children have not reached school age. We are looking at various membership and dues models that address different needs of different age groups. And we are looking to create affinity groups of folks that share common interests where people can learn together, share ideas and simply make new friends.

Finally, we are working hard to "rejuvenate" and "reenergize": adding programming that will have a broader appeal to members and the larger surrounding community, developing ways to have people experience synagogue offerings hoping one day they become part of our synagogue life, creating a vision that will make Temple Israel truly a center of Conservative Judaism on the North Shore of Long Island.

As we go through the process of the three R's that define the Jewish New Year, let me extend my wishes and the wishes of the entire lay leadership for a healthy and sweet year to come.

L'Shana Tova.

## FROM THE RABBI: Why You Should Join Us for Shtisel

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future and regret over the past hover relentlessly within and between the characters.

If you haven't seen the show, I encourage you to start watching. If you do, you will likely get hooked. There are so many memorable moments in the series. Here are just two. In one episode, Akiva asks his father if he and his now-deceased mother ever said "I love you" to one another. Shulem says he doesn't remember. He subsequently describes how his wife used to get up early every day and take the butter out of the fridge so that by the time Shulem got back from services, the butter would be soft enough for him to spread. Toward the end of the episode, the widowed Shulem is sitting at the table and sticks his knife into the butter. The butter doesn't budge.

In another episode, Akiva launches a tzedaka effort of offering electric heaters to people in need. Elisheva, a woman he likes whose son is one of his students, shows up at his family's apartment looking for a heater. In keeping with communal norms, they don't make physical contact. However, after Akiva plugs in the heater to test it, the two of them watch as the heater bursts into a warm glow and then look wordlessly at one another.

Time and again, the unspoken and barely spoken speak volumes. The characters' lives unfold in ways that are familiar to anyone who has ever loved and lost and lived with what Thoreau famously called "quiet desperation."

I am excited that Temple Israel is hosting this event and that I will be serving as the moderator of the discussion with Neta Riskin (Giti), Doval'eh Glickman (Shulem), Ayelet Zurer (Elisheva) and Ori Elon (writer and co-creator). We will have a rare opportunity to get "behind the scenes" of this extraordinary show about ordinary people.

Please join us for what will surely be a memorable evening.

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## D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Ki Tetse Saturday, September 14

In this portion part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found. These chapters contain a wide variety of laws dealing with domestic life and interpersonal relations. In contradistinction to previous sections of the law code which dealt with broad areas of community structure, the focus here is on the countless details that make-up the daily life of the average Israelite. The Torah is making clear that every facet of every individual's life is governed by the covenant. The concluding verses of the portion remind the Israelites of the dastardly attack by the Amelekites on the rear-most stragglers of the camp shortly after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people are commanded to remember

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<p><b>Friday, September 13</b></p> <p>Evening Service 6:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 14</b></p> <p>Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M. First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.</p> <p>Weekly Portion: Ki Tetse Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 - 10</p> <p>Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Seth Horowitz, Marjorie Hoffman, Toby Katz, Neal Picker, and Diana Stein</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Dayani son of Farsima and Nader Dayani</p> <p>Havurah Service 10:00 A.M. Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Afternoon Service 6:30 P.M. Se'udah Shelishit 7:00 P.M. Evening Service 7:34 P.M. Havdalah 7:50 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Friday, September 20</b></p> <p>Shabbat Sing-a-Long in the Park 4:00 P.M. Shabbat HaMishpacha 6:00 P.M. Evening Service 6:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 21 - Selihot</b></p> <p>Shaharit Morning Service/ Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 8:45 A.M. First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.</p> <p>Weekly Portion: Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22</p> <p>Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Desiree Rastegar, Susan Brustein, Andy Katz, Laura Gal, and Leonard Schultz</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Bloom son of Ronda and Andrew Bloom</p> <p>Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Afternoon Service 6:20 P.M. Se'udah Shelishit 6:50 P.M.</p>	<p>Evening Service 7:22 P.M. Havdalah 7:38 P.M.</p> <p>Selihot Service 9:15 P.M. with Cantors Raphael Frieder and Farid Dardashti</p> <p><b>Friday, September 27</b></p> <p>Evening Service 6:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 28</b></p> <p>Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M. First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.</p> <p>Weekly Portion: Nitzsavim Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9</p> <p>Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters: Patty Schneider, Lori Oppenheimer, Michael Becker, Mark Putter, and Lisa Mattaway</p> <p>Bat Mitzvah: Justine Khadavi daughter of Pargol and Steven Khadavi</p>
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