



## Great Neck Rabbis Discussing Prayer at 'Dialogue'



The rabbis of Great Neck's major congregations, left to right Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel and Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman of Temple Beth-El, will discuss similarities and differences in prayer at the annual Rabbinic Dialogue on Sunday, March 27, at Temple Beth-El.

Rabbis from Great Neck's three major congregations—Orthodox Great Neck Synagogue, Conservative Temple Israel and Reform Temple Beth-El—will meet to discuss prayer and faith at their annual Rabbinic Dialogue, this year being held at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, March 27.

Rabbis Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, Howard Stecker of Temple Israel and Meir and Tara Feldman of Temple Beth-El have agreed to discuss their personal issues and how they relate to their work as rabbis within their respective congregations and movements.

According to Rabbi Stecker, the clergy has agreed to address:

- What is the relationship between the words we pray and our own beliefs?
- How do our own personal issues around prayer relate to how we handle prayer on

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## Curtain Going Up On 'Forbidden Temple Israel'

"Forbidden Temple Israel," the latest production by the Temple Israel Players, is now in the final stages of rehearsal and almost ready for the Crystal Ballroom stage. The all-musical presentation will open on Saturday evening, March 26, and have a Sunday matinee on March 27.

The show features musical numbers from many popular Broadway musicals.

The large cast includes Noah Aizer, Robert Aizer, Eleanor Askari, Sophia Askari, Sharon Bernstein, Mark Birnbaum, Rebecca Cohenmehr, Mark Cwern, Stuart DeLott, Janet Eshaghoff, Juliet Eshaghoff, Daniel Frankel, Lori Freudman, Gwen Glaz, Marylin Goldberg, Stanley Goldfarb, Jackie Harounian, Anne Hirsh, Sherry Husney, Cyrus Kahn, Jon Kaiman, Kim Kaiman, Abe Kanfer, Andrea Katz, Jennifer Khoda, Ron Klemptner, and Kenneth M. Leff.

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"Forbidden Temple Israel," now in rehearsals, features a large cast of Temple members.

## The Men's Club Welcomes You

By Marc Langsner

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Men's Club Co-President Marc Langsner invites you to be part of this busy Temple arm in this Voice Guest Column.

The Men's Club, which has been in existence for over 60 years, has always been made up of members who are committed to making Conservative Judaism a living and growing force in our community. We accom-

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plish this by developing and implementing programs in religion, education, social activities and public affairs. Thankfully, our past presidents and trustees remain very active and continue to contribute to our programming and event planning. As the Men's Club supports our Temple, in return the Temple membership, our clergy and our office staff, support the Men's Club.

FROM THE RABBI

## Judaism is Not for Children

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Now that I've got your attention, I'd like to tell you what I really mean. My grandmother came to the synagogue for many reasons. But one thing she emphasized is that the stories the Bible tells are so evocative that they engaged her anew every time she read them, well into her latter decades. I've often felt that her comment should be extended to other aspects of Judaism. With apologies for the deliberately provocative title, I'll allow that "Judaism is not *just* for children" is a more precise descriptor.

The Purim story is a classic case in point. We tell the story to children, euphemizing carefully when we describe Haman's intentions to pre-schoolers. But the story of Esther and Mordecai has elements that children cannot fully grasp. It's about money, sex and influence. It's about the perils and power of hiding your identity and revealing your identity. It's about exile and sovereignty. It's about the hairline fracture between tragedy

and farce and the pervasiveness of politics and probably a whole lot more. During the year, the Men's Club sponsors many programs and events. In the fall, we begin with our annual opening breakfast, where we feature a guest speaker and invite the entire congregation to attend. Other annual events include the Yom Kippur Break-Fast, the Rabbinic Dialogue with Rabbi Dale Polakoff (Great Neck Synagogue), Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman (Temple Beth-El), and Rabbi Stecker, two annual blood drives, the World Wide Wrap, the Yom HaShoah Yellow *Yahrzeit* Candle Program, the second night Passover *seder*, and our annual Friday night service and dinner led by Men's Club members trained by Cantor Frieder.

The Men's Club supports the Hatzilu Rescue organization, helping the Jewish poor and elderly in Nassau County. We also label the seats, distribute the Kol Nidre pledge cards and provide ushers for the High Holy Days.

On every fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. we have a monthly membership meeting which starts off with a pizza and salad din-

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and farce and the pervasiveness of politics and probably a whole lot more.

Sure, it's important for children to enjoy the story and to claim it as their own. But it would be most unfortunate if adults missed the opportunity to engage a narra-

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tive that brilliantly wrestles with trenchant adult themes.

I recently discussed the Purim story in two settings—a session with parents during a recent *Shabbat Hamishpacha* program and a faculty learning session for our Religious

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## Speaking Up

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As many of you probably noticed, there were two anti-Semitic incidents in the news recently: one related to a famous Dior designer and the other related to the actor Charlie Sheen. While I have little patience for either of the offenders, and was pleased to learn that each is now unemployed as a result of their inappropriate comments, there was scant commentary in the news about either remark and little reaction by the Jewish community.

For some unknown reason, the Jewish community in the United States, as comfortable as it is in this country, is always hesitant to draw attention to itself. It often seems fear-

*Let's keep  
our voices  
heard.*

ful of disturbing its "hosts" or "rocking the boat." That attitude is getting old and should be replaced with more modern thinking.

While I am never in favor of overreacting, I am in favor of an appropriate reaction to obvious anti-Semitic slurs that should not go unnoticed. When remarks of this type are left unchallenged, more people will feel comfortable in making these types of comments in the future.

We should not be embarrassed to yell "foul." Failure to do so will eventually be harmful to us. One reasonable way to respond locally is through the Nassau County Holocaust Center. They continue to help educate the public about these hateful incidents. Another is through the Anti Defamation League. Let's not forget that Jews vote in proportionately greater numbers than other groups. Let's keep our voices heard when necessary, and not be afraid or embarrassed to speak up when appropriate.

*Save the Date*  
**Temple Israel's  
Gala Dinner Dance  
Sunday, June 12**  
*Watch for details!*

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### ARTHUR BUDICK

husband of Joanne Rubin  
father of Adina and Sylvie Rubin-Budick  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### SHIRLEY NEMEROV

mother of Wendy Maurer

### YOUNESS NEMAN

father of Jacqueline Neman Eshaghpour

### JACOB BOLTINO

esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

*Order Passover Wine Now,  
See Page 6 of This Voice!*

Now is the time to order your Passover wine. An order form for the Temple wine sale, sponsored by the Shalom Club, is on page 6 of this issue of The Voice. Simply fill out the form and bring or send it to the Temple office—and your wine order will be delivered right to your door.

Everyone needs delicious kosher wines for Passover. Wonderful kosher wines are now available from Israel, the United States, Austria, France and Italy.

There is a great selection of exceptional and prize-winning reds and whites on the wine list. There are also several traditional sweet sacramental wines, as well as kosher for Passover brandy and vodka. Special requests will also be accommodated.

The Shalom Club has conducted this wine sale for many years and each year donates all profits from the sale directly to Temple Israel.

## IN QUOTES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote, submitted by Temple Past President George Abrahams, is taken from Psalm 1. Submit your favorite quote to The Voice, c/o Temple Israel office.

*“ He is like a tree planted beside streams of water,  
which yields fruit in its season,  
whose foliage never fades,  
and whatever it produces thrives. ”*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March	19	Temple Israel Purim Celebration	
	20	Purim	
	24	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	26	Temple Israel Players Present "Forbidden Temple Israel"	8:30 P.M.
	27	Rabbinic Dialogue at Temple Beth-El	9:15 A.M.
April	27	Temple Israel Players Present "Forbidden Temple Israel"	2:00 P.M.
	31	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	2	"Shabbat" Talk	1:00 P.M.
	11	Men's Club Seder	7:30 P.M.
	19	Congregational Second Night Seder	



**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, June 5**

## **SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE**

**Join the Temple family as it marches up Fifth Avenue & shows the world that support for the State of Israel is unwavering! Tee shirts & transportation will be provided. Look for details about Temple Israel's tee shirt contest & raffle prizes.**

### **RAIN OR SHINE**

**For further information contact Rebecca Sassouni at <rebeccasassouni@gmail.com> or the Temple office, 482-7800**

# B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH IN OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Special Projects Keeping School Busy

By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs



**Ashley Yadidi**

Ashley Yadidi will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on April 2. She is the daughter of Niloofer and Payman Yadidi and has two brothers, Adam, 12, Aidan, 3, and a sister, Alexa, 1. Ashley is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys ice skating, swimming and cooking, as well as playing basketball and soccer. Ashley plans to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following her *Bat Mitzvah*.

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, March 18.....6:46 P.M.  
Friday, March 25.....6:53 P.M.

### DAILY MINYAN TIMES

*Attend the Daily Minyan!*

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., March 19	8:45 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
Sat., March 26	8:45 A.M.	6:35 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

### Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

Appreciation is expressed by the Temple officers and Board of Trustees to members who have generously sponsored and enhanced the Sabbath *kiddush*.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on February 19 was made by Lottie and Bill Blye in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

### Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the Pass-over issue, will be published on March 31. The deadline for the issue is March 21.

The following issue will be published on April 14. The deadline for that issue is April 1.

#### “Eyes on Success” Video Project

The Religious School has been continuing the work of educational innovation begun with Project ReImagine by focusing heavily on faculty development through LOMED. LOMED is a program sponsored by the UJA and The Jewish Education Project (formerly BJE-NY/SAJES), which was designed to further the goals of ReImagine. Recently the UJA and The Jewish Education Project offered all the schools participating in LOMED (known as the Coalition of Innovating Congregations) a grant to enable them to tell their “stories of success” through video. We are now participating in the “Eyes on Success” video project and have been busy videoing scenes in the school and interviewing parents, teachers, students, Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah leaders and the clergy. Our dynamic team consists of Eleanor Askari, Sheryl Fine, Miriam Kobliner, Bali Lerner and Ofra Panzer. They will be taking several hours of video, selecting the most cogent clips, transcribing them, and then sending the video and the video log to a professional production company which will render it all down into a short, but very powerful professional piece. The videos from all the participating schools will be made available to other synagogues interested in learning how to innovate or change their educational model. We will also be able to use our own video in any way we like—for recruitment, to publicize our school on our website, as a way to introduce new families to our program, etc.

#### Vav Living Museum

On Sunday, March 6, our Vav (6th grade) students participated in the Living Museum, which is the culminating event of a family history project in which the students select a family artifact that has been in their family for a generation or longer, and interview older relatives to gather information about the object, its significance, origins, usage, etc. The students measure, photograph and write up a descriptive label about their objects. On the day of the Living Museum, they displayed their objects with the labels, and with their parents (and sometimes grandparents), took turns telling the rest of the Vav students and their families what they had learned about their objects and their family’s history. This program was developed by the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and we have adapted it for our own needs. We launched the program by first taking our students to visit Temple Israel’s own outstanding museum so they were able to learn what an artifact is and how museums group and display their artifacts. We are grateful to Temple member and Museum Curator Gert Gross for agreeing to open the museum for our students.

#### Purim

Purim is being celebrated in the Religious School this year with an array of activities. The younger students will be making masks of the various Purim characters, and also making *mishloach manot*, which will be given to two groups of seniors—a group that meets at the Sid Jacobson JCC and another group that meets for a program led by Temple Israel’s own Parvaneh Khodadadian at the Great Neck Senior Center. The older students will be playing Purim Jeopardy, and everyone will get to hear a mini-*Megillah* reading led by Rabbi Adelson and Rabbi Stecker. And, of course, what would Purim be without hamentashen? The Sisterhood will once again generously provide hamentashen for the entire school and, in addition, has agreed to provide all the hamentashen for the *mishloach manot* that our students are making for the two seniors’ groups. So thank you, Sisterhood, for the treats, and for helping our students do a wonderful *mitzvah*! I also want to thank Jackie Astrof, the coordinator of the Religious School’s *mitzvah* projects, for making the arrangements with the Sid Jacobson JCC.

#### Hay Life Cycle Program

On Sunday, March 27, our Hay (5th grade) students will cap off their unit on the Jewish Life Cycle by re-enacting (or, in some cases, *pre-enacting*) the birth rituals of *Brit Milah* for a baby boy and *Simchat Bat* for a baby girl; *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*; and a wedding. *Morah* Diana Edalati’s Hay S2 students will perform the birth rituals (not to worry – they’ll be using baby dolls), *Morah* Michelle Landsman’s Hay M students will do a mock *B’nai Mitzvah* at which they will wear the beautiful *tallitot* they recently finished making, and chant the first few verses of *B’reisheet* (Genesis) from a real Torah scroll, and *Morah* Liora Ben-Harari’s Hay S1 students will enact a wedding, complete with *chuppah*, *ketubah* and live music. All the roles will be played by students. The event will conclude with a festive reception provided by the proud parents of the Hay students. Special thanks are extended to Cantor Suzy Mazel for her work in teaching all the Hay students Torah *trope*, and especially for working with the Hay M class to prepare them for this event.

## MAZAL TOV TO...

- **Bracha and Marty Werber** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Miles Ortner.
- **Rita and Mel Ortner** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Miles Ortner.
- **Rabbi Tracy and Dr. Elisha Klirs** on the birth of their granddaughter, Callie Rae Cridge.

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School teachers. In both, I emphasized how the story uses farce to engage very serious topics that adults grapple with their entire lives. I deliberately stressed this with adults who deal with children because I wanted to make the point that our goal in raising and teaching children ought to be sparking a life-long interest in Judaism. If we are successful, they will come back to the story of Purim year after year with new insights as they mature.

Another case in point involves our relationship with prayer. Naturally, we teach children the words and melodies of traditional prayers and encourage them to explore the prayers' possible meanings. But as children grow to be teens and adults, as their questions blossom and their life experience grows more complex, we hope that they will increasingly find prayer to be spiritually engaging.

Two upcoming events will help us explore both of these areas. On Purim night, we will experience the participation of StorahTelling, a group that brings Jewish texts to life for all ages. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Bracha and Marty Werber, two representatives of this group will be joining us for the *Megillah* reading in the Sanctuary.

This year's Annual Rabbinic Dialogue, hosted by Temple Beth-El on Sunday morning, March 27, will examine the themes of faith and prayer. The senior rabbis of Temple Beth-El, Great Neck Synagogue and Temple Israel will share their own thoughts on the challenges of faith and personal, as well as communal, prayer. We spend much time praying, but perhaps we don't spend enough time examining why we pray and what makes it difficult or exciting. I'm looking forward to hearing my colleagues reflect on their own perspectives and to giving the community an opportunity to explore these important issues.

Purim, prayer and a whole lot more are not just for children. In addition to providing them with their own age-appropriate experiences, let us show the children in our lives that our tradition is a source of life-long inspiration. That is probably the single best thing we grown-ups can do for the future of the Jewish people.

## TEMPLE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Mildred Lewis



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Many Temple Israel members have distinguished themselves within the congregation, as well as within the community and the greater Jewish world. This new Voice feature profiles these congregants.

When Mildred Lewis and her late husband, Max, moved to Great Neck in 1954, they decided to attend *Shabbat* services at area synagogues. Their first visit was to a Reform congregation, but when Mr. Lewis was told to remove his *yahmulka*, he knew that was not the right congregation for him.

Then they met Temple Israel members Jacob Stein and Norton Zavon, at the time the chairs of the Membership Committee. "They were quite a convincing pair," Mrs. Lewis recalls. "They took us to meet Rabbi Waxman and Cantor Siegel, and we immediately knew our choice was made. We were convinced we were making the right choice because of the level of intellect of the clergy and membership."

The couple quickly became active in Temple life. Mr. Lewis was a regular usher at the Temple's popular Friday evening service. In 1978, Mrs. Lewis became a member of the Temple's first adult *Bat Mitzvah* class. She said she recalls that many male members of the congregation walked out when the women ascended the *bimah*. The class held a reception to celebrate their achievement in the Grand Ballroom, the first event held in the just completed new facility.

Perhaps the most challenging and rewarding role Mrs. Lewis filled at Temple Israel was when she assumed the position of editor of *The Voice*. She held that job for eight years, just prior to current editor Marc Katz. "I was asked to take on the assignment by Executive Director Vivian Krasnov," she recalled,

"and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I felt I had a hand in something important to many people. Many members of the congregation only come to the Temple for the High Holy Days. In many ways, *The Voice* is their link to Temple Israel and to Judaism."

Mrs. Lewis, a Life Member of Hadassah, taught in a Glen Oaks elementary school for 28 years, then became the director of math instruction in District 26, which covers the area from Bayside to Little Neck. Mr. Lewis was an accountant in his own Manhattan firm until he retired in 1981.

The couple made regular trips to Israel with Temple related Jewish organizations, always spending two weeks in Israel and then another location. Their 15 trips hold many fond memories for Mrs. Lewis. "Once we went to Israel, we felt we didn't have to go anywhere else," she said.

The couple has one son, Alan, who lives in New Jersey with his wife, Lynn, and their three daughters.

Mrs. Lewis said she attends Temple services every *Shabbat* "and I always try to talk to different people at the *kiddush*. I am so glad to see that Temple Israel is welcoming people from all parts of the world.

"And," she said, "I love Rabbi Stecker. I never leave the *Shabbat kiddush* without greeting him.

"I've gotten to know many Temple Israel members in my 57 years as a member of the congregation," Mrs. Lewis said. "There are many wonderful people with surprising backgrounds. I have made many lifelong friendships."

"Next to my family," she said, "my Temple has become the constant in my life."

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Sacramental Sweet	1.5 L	\$13.00		
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**7:15 pm**  
**Crystal Ballroom**  
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*Details to follows.*

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# *Shabbat Morning Tefillot: The Whys & Wherefores*

with Rabbi Seth Adelson

No matter how familiar you are with the *Shabbat* service, you might still wonder about some of the whys and wherefores. Why do we bow? Why do we talk about rain in the second paragraph of the Shema? What's going on with the Kaddish?

**April 2, May 7 & June 4**  
**Shabbat Mornings at 10:30 A.M. • Blue Room**

## *The Men's Club Welcomes You*

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ner, followed by a short meeting mainly to discuss upcoming events and programs, and then a guest speaker who talks about various topics relevant to the needs and interests of our members. We usually follow the speaker with a question and answer session. Every year we also have a Scotch and Seder Night with Rabbi Stecker, a wine or beer tasting night with Rabbi Adelson and a Texas Hold'Em Night.

Besides being an arm of the Temple, we are also a major arm of organized Conservative Judaism through our affiliation with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We participate in local, national and international Men's Club development. Each year, the FJMC Metro New York Region, which we belong to, has an annual dinner. This year it is being held at the Park Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan. A member of our Men's Club and a student from our Waxman High School will be honored, along with those from other regional clubs.

Our upcoming events in March and April are:

- Sunday, March 27: Annual Rabbinic Dialogue at 9:15 A.M. (complimentary breakfast); 10-11:15 A.M. (dialogue). This year the Rabbinic dialogue will be held at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman, Rabbi Polakoff, and Rabbi Stecker will teach, analyze and discuss their perspectives on Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism.

- Sunday, April 10: Annual Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Packing in the Blue Room at 9:45 A.M. Contact Dave Scherr at <dsactuary@aol.com> for further information

- Monday, April 11: Men's Club Scotch and Seder in the Crystal Ballroom at 7:15 P.M.

Have some drinks and enjoy some discussion about Passover with Rabbi Stecker. The dinner and drinks are \$15 per adult. Contact Marc Langsner to make a reservation at <mlangsner@sheldongraphics.com>.

- Tuesday, April 19: Congregational Second Night Seder sponsored by the Men's Club in the Crystal Ballroom at 7:30 P.M. will be conducted by Rabbi Adelson. Contact Marc Langsner to make a reservation, at <mlangsner@sheldongraphics.com>.

- Friday, April 29: Men's Club *Shabbat* Service in the Multipurpose Room followed by the Men's Club Dinner in the Crystal Ballroom at 7:30 P.M. If you have participated in the past, we would like to invite you to participate again in this year's service. If you have not and are interested in leading or co-leading a prayer, parts will be given out and practice sessions will be scheduled with Cantor Frieder beginning in the near future. For more information, contact Sam Husney at <samhusney@aol.com> or Bob Lopatkin at <rlopatkin@optonline.net>.

Our Men's Club is a diverse group of men of all ages. Our primary objective is to have all Temple Israel members belong and attend our meetings and events. If you are not a member and/or are not on our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to <markputter@questinternet.net> or call the Temple office at 482-7800 and let them know you are interested in joining the Men's Club.

As I am completing my second year as co-president of the Men's Club of Temple Israel, I want to conclude by saying that it has been a most rewarding experience. Our Temple has given me the opportunity to work with some great people. I do want to thank Dan Weinstein, who I was co-president with last year, and Gary Sazer this year. Both have become very good friends.

## Great Neck Rabbis Discussing Prayer At Their Annual 'Dialogue' March 27

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the congregational level?

- How do we innovate when it comes to prayer?

The program, which runs from 10-11:15 A.M., follows a complimentary light breakfast in the Temple Beth-El Social Hall. It is sponsored by the Men's Clubs of Temple Israel and Great Neck Synagogue and the Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El.

Rabbi Meir Feldman and his wife, Rabbi Tara Feldman, jointly serve as the spiritual leaders of Temple Beth-El. As a rabbinical student, Meir Feldman served for one-year as a CLAL Intern, with Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform rabbinical students. In 2001, he started a bi-weekly Friday night *minyan*, called the Park Slope Minyan, and from 2002-2004 he served as a Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow at the Upper West Side's B'nai Jeshurun, known as "BJ." The Rabbinic Feldman then served in two separate associate rabbi positions at Temple Israel in Memphis, Tennessee. They left Memphis in 2008 and headed to Israel "for an experience of a lifetime." They came to Temple Beth-El in 2009.

Rabbi Polakoff is in his 24th year as the senior rabbi of Great Neck Synagogue. He recently completed a two-year term as president of The Rabbinic Council of America. He has been deeply involved in numerous communal causes, including the Orthodox Caucus and the Beth Din of America. Before coming to Great Neck Synagogue, he served as the assistant rabbi of a congregation on Manhattan's Upper East Side and as the rabbi of a fledgling *shul* in Morristown, New Jersey.

Rabbi Stecker has served as the senior rabbi of Temple Israel since the end of 2003. Last year he was elected an officer of the New York Board of Rabbis. He has also served as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau and as the co-chair of the High School Education Committee of the Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island.

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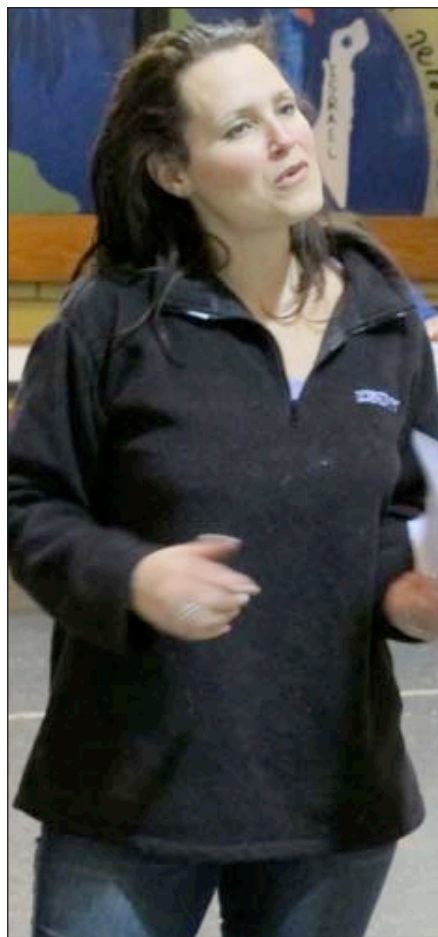
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In addition, Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson, as well as Cantor Raphael Frieder have all successfully passed the audition process and have a part in the production.

Patrons and sponsors will have their names listed in the program and are invited to a reception with the cast following the Saturday performance. Tickets for the Saturday show, which includes a post performance champagne party and reception in the Blue Room, are priced at \$50 for patrons and \$36 for sponsors. Other seats are \$25 and \$20. For the Sunday matinee, adult tickets are \$36 for patrons and \$24 for sponsors. Other seats are \$20 and \$10. Children tickets to the Sunday show are \$18 for patrons and \$12 for sponsors. All other children's seats are \$10.

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Temple Israel Players veteran Kim Kaiman.



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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Tzav

Saturday, March 19

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, in this portion. 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 proceeding 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.

### Shemini

Saturday, March 26

In this portion, we conclude the laws of the sanctuary. The reading opens with a description of proceedings through which the priests begin their duties. In the midst of this, we find an account of two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, who take it upon themselves to bring some kind of unprescribed offering to the altar and are summarily struck down. Their death becomes the occasion for God to issue special warnings to Aaron and all the priests to take special care in carrying out their duties. The remainder of the Book of Leviticus deals with the laws of daily life and provides rules and regulations whose purpose is to raise every aspect of human life to the level of *kedusha* (holiness). The first matter to be dealt with is *kashrut* (the dietary laws). Details are provided of permitted and forbidden quadrupeds, fish, birds and insects. The reason given for these prescriptions is that since God is *kadosh* (holy) and Israelites are His people, they also must be *kadosh*. However this is understood, *kashrut* serves to help make the basically animal function of eating, something uniquely human.

## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, March 18

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 19 - *Shabbat Zachor*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Tzav*; Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36

*Haftarah*: I Samuel 15:2-34

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led by Cantor Frieder

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led by Rabbi Klirs and Donna Lefkowitz

*Megillah* Reading 8:00 P.M.

led by Rabbis Stecker and Adelson

Friday, March 25

*N'Ranelah* / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 26 - *Shabbat Parah*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Shemini*; Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

*Haftarah*: Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

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