



Temple Teen Tells of 'Unbelievable' Holocaust Family Survival Struggle on Yom HaShoah

By Marc Katz, Editor

An unbelievable—but true—story of hiding for two-and-a-half-years to escape Nazi terror and almost certain death, followed by rescue and the eventual thriving of a Jewish family, will be told by one of the youngest members of that family, 14-year old Shari Oginski, whose parents belong to Temple Israel.

She will relay the story and, in particular, the amazing life of her grandmother, Miriam Oginski, who literally hid under the feet of Nazi troops in a tiny bunker during the war. Shari will be the featured speaker at this year's Temple Yom HaShoah Service, to be held on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:30 P.M.

The service begins with a procession into the Sanctuary by the Temple's *Shoah* survivors, as their names and hometowns are announced from the *binah*. Students from the Temple's Religious School and Gaheret School will sing during the service.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation will be invited to light yellow memorial *yahrzeit* candles and place them on the Temple's *Shoah* memorial, located on the lawn outside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Published in coordination with the service is the Temple's Yom HaShoah Zachor Book, which lists the names of relatives of members of the congregation who perished in the *Shoah*. Kaddish is recited during the service in memory of the martyrs of the *Shoah*.



The story of survival from Nazi terror of Miriam Oginski, right, who as a young girl hid from German troops for two-and-a-half years in a tiny crawl space, will be told by her granddaughter, Temple teen Shari Oginski, shown in front of her grandmother when she was five years old. With them are her father, Gerald, and her brother, Joseph.

In addition to the service, an extraordinary exhibit will be on display in the Blue Room for viewing before and after the service. It features Shari's multi-faceted comprehensive documentation of her family's survival.

The service and exhibit is organized each year by the Temple's Shoah Committee, which is dedicated to remembering the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis.

Shari Oginski, the daughter of Dr. Wendy Fried Oginski and Gerald Oginski, a student at the Waxman High School and Youth House and a freshman at Great Neck South High School, is a graduate of the Beth HaGan Nursery School and the Temple Religious School.

Her neighbor, longtime Religious School music teacher Ruthe Golden, heard the jaw-dropping account of her grandmother's miraculous survival and brought it to the attention of Shoah Committee Chair Dr. Jack Levine. He and former Chair Joan Mandel invited her to tell the story to the congregation at the service.

For the past few months, Mrs. Mandel has been working closely with Shari, helping her prepare the presentation. It details the lives of the family members before, during and after the Holocaust.

Feeling that survival under the invading Nazi forces was unlikely in their small town in Poland, Shari's great-grandparents went into hiding with three of their daughters—the youngest being Shari's grand

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Building Lifelong Friendships

By Daniel Wotman, Esq.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Couples Club is planning a busy season of activities for couples, as well as their children, as described in this Voice Guest Column by the group's president, Daniel Wotman.

We invite you to join the Couples Club to make new friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. Our membership includes Temple Israel couples with school-age children, as well as couples without children.

The Couples Club has been an integral arm of Temple Israel for over 50 years, where

...make new friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime.

successive generations of Temple couples and their children have developed lifelong friendships and participated in each other's life cycle events. Members of the Couples

Club over the years have had the joy of watching their children grow from exploratory toddlers to flourishing young adults. The Couples Club currently conducts activities in a number of areas in order to cultivate an atmosphere where Temple couples and their children can continue to develop these friendships.

The Couples Club sponsors social activities for adults, such as dinner parties at local kosher restaurants, wine and cheese tasting, bowling, and theater nights, as well as social activities at the Temple. The Couples Club recently had a fun and challenging round-robin Whist Card Game Tournament with wine and cheese, where two couples tied for first place. Rabbi Seth Adelson and his wife, Judy, along with their beautiful baby, attended and many couples enjoyed talking with the Rabbi and Judy while playing cards. Childcare was provided

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Points of Entry

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As I wait with anticipation for the Temple Israel Players' production of "Anything Goes," I think back to how I first got involved with the Temple in a meaningful way. The story is a little embarrassing, but I'll share it anyway.

Almost a dozen years ago, the Temple Israel Players were holding auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof." One of my neighbors and my only friend at the Temple at that time, Arlene Levine, invited me to accompany her to the tryouts. My compromise was that I would just sit in the back and watch, but would not try out for a part. Well, person after person approached the piano player, sheet music in hand, ready to perform a well-rehearsed song for the producers and directors.

All you have to do is take that first step...

When they got to me, I swear I told them that I was only there to watch, but they wouldn't take "no" for an answer. So, they persuaded me to come up to the piano and sing a song. At that point, I was so nervous that I couldn't remember the words of any song except "Happy Birthday," so that's what I sang! Unfortunately for me, I passed the test, was given the part of Lazar the Butcher and, as they say, "the rest is history." Many of my close friendships at the Temple were made during those many rehearsals.

As the holidays rolled around the following September (I don't remember if they were early or late), I now felt connected to a larger group of people at the Temple—more friendly faces and a much warmer sense of belonging than before.

I don't expect everyone to be as foolish as I was and rush out to join our troupe for the next production, but there are many other points of entry into our synagogue from which one can begin to feel connected and enjoy a sense of belonging. All it really takes is recognition of more faces and openness to accepting an ownership in the synagogue. This is your synagogue! We want you to feel welcome and at home.

We, as your lay leaders, together with our clergy, continue to try to offer compelling prayer and programming to attract you. All you have to do is take that first step in and be open to meeting new people or sharing deeper experiences with those you already know. Give us a chance and the magic will happen. Who knows, the next step could be Broadway!

FROM THE RABBI

Yes to Israel

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

A man is sitting on an EL AL flight and the stewardess informs him that it's time for dinner. "What are my choices?" the passenger asks. "Yes or no," replies the stewardess.

Life in Israel has never been especially easy. Those who lived through the establishment of the State of Israel and the years immediately thereafter remember particularly harsh conditions. Israel's economic achievements over the last several decades have eased the lives of many of her inhabitants. But huge challenges remain on the economic and social fronts, in addition to the ongoing threats to Israel's security.

At Temple Israel, we are commemorating Israel's 60th Anniversary in a variety of ways that celebrate her accomplishments and underscore the need for our continued support.

Our Lunch and Learn series in Manhattan, which I kicked off with a discussion about Israel-Diaspora relations, will continue to explore Israel-related themes. Ira Wolff's class on the origins of modern Zionism and the Arab-Israeli conflict began sev-

eral weeks ago, and will continue on selected Mondays in the spring. We continue to offer several levels of Hebrew classes. All of these programs, in addition to several films that feature Israel-related themes, are sponsored by TILL (Temple Israel's Institute for Lifelong Learning).

...we are commemorating Israel's 60th Anniversary...

At a Temple Israel Concert on May 8 in Jonathan Ielpi (Grace Avenue) Park, Cantor Frieder will be joined by other talented singers and a choir of Temple Israel children. Our Religious School children will be presenting a Zimriah (song festival) in Israel's honor on

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

ROWENA STECKER
mother of Rabbi Howard Stecker

ARNOLD SHEIDLOWER
husband of Ellyn Sheidlower and
esteemed member of Temple Israel

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father of Bilha Sheffy

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father of Sofia Sohayegh

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father of Michael Belmont

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brother of Murray H. Cohen

May their memories be for a blessing.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

• Louise and Dr. Yosef Soleymani on the birth of their grandsons, Jack Joseph Badner and Jacob Soleymani.

• Jeanette and Nader Ohebshalom on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Soleymani.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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Friday, April 11.....7:12 P.M.

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Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., April 5	8:45 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
Sat., April 12	8:45 A.M.	6:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April	5	Temple Israel's Players present "Anything Goes"	8:00 P.M.
	6	Temple Israel's Players present "Anything Goes"	2:00 P.M.
	9	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	12	Annual Temple Journal Dinner Dance	9:00 P.M.
	17	First Born <i>Siyum</i> and Breakfast	6:30 A.M.
	18	Congregational Pre-Pesach Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	19	Erev Passover	
	20-27	Passover	
	30	Temple Yom HaShoah Observance	7:30 P.M.
May	1	Yom HaShoah	
	8	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Concert	7:00 P.M.
	15	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

*Just Before Passover,
Have Dinner at Temple Israel!*

Friday, April 18

following the Friday Evening Service
N'ranenah Service begins at 6:30 P.M.

This year, Passover begins on a Saturday evening, requiring all *hametz* to be removed from homes by Friday. To accommodate Passover preparation and to bring the Temple Israel community together at the start of the observance, the congregation is offering a traditional *Shabbat* dinner in the Crystal Ballroom following the Friday evening N'ranenah Service. The cost is only \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Temple office at 482-7800.

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 is from L'kha Dodi, recited during *Kabbalat Shabbat*. What is your favorite quote? Send your suggestions to The Voice, in care of Temple Israel.

*“Come, my beloved, with chorus of praise;
Welcome Shabbat the Bride, Queen of our days.”*

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Sun., April 20, Sat. & Sun., April 26 & 27

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



Melissa Powsner

Melissa Powsner, daughter of Laura and Dr. Daniel Powsner, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on April 12. Melissa is a seventh grade student at Great Neck South Middle School. She is on the school soccer team and participates in Community Access Television Broadcasting. She plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Noah Silverstein

Noah Silverstein will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on April 12. He is the son of Ellyse and Gary Silverstein and has a sister, Shoshana, 15, and a brother, Philip, 9. Noah is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and the piano. He will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel with his family in the near future.

FROM BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Beth HaGan Celebrates Purim

By Rachel Mathless

Purim Day at Beth HaGan dawned bright and exciting.

Children dressed in beautiful hand-made costumes and headdresses, clowns, queens and kings, jesters and villains. We had a lively masquerade parade and a sing-along hosted by "The Purim Boys" band from Brooklyn, and Yoni the Clown, who really knows how to kick up his heels. Yoni also read the Megillah for us, and our groggers and boos at Haman's name really reverberated around the school.

Because Purim was on Friday, *Erev Shabbat*, we returned to our classrooms to have an *Oneg Shabbat* and our daily *Tefillah*. After snacking on challah and hamantashen, we adjourned to the Crystal Ballroom, where we were joined by Beth HaGan alumni, who were invited to their own Purim celebration in the Blue Room. There, all the Beth HaGan "grown ups" were treated to a sing-along by our very own "Mr. Shabbos," and a juggling act by "Daniel of the Lions Den." Then "The Purim Boys" played so kids and movers of all ages could dance and join

in the Purim spirit. A light brunch was served.

Allyn Goowin, of "Goowin's Balloowins," then entertained the two groups in the Crystal Ballroom with his modern day version of the Purim Story, told with costumes made totally from balloons.

All children participated in the four special mitzvot of Purim, listening to the Megillah, sending *mishloach manot* to friends, giving *matanot le'evyonim*, *tzedakah* to the poor, and partaking of a special Purim meal.

It was a fun packed Purim Day and a good time was had by all.

I am happy to report that the Beth HaGan family is finally reunited at the Youth House, and we are back on track continuing to grow cognitively, socially and emotionally.

I would also like to thank everyone who has been so kind to us in helping us adjust to our new home, and to those who have donated toys, books and games to the school. A special thanks goes to the members of the PTA, who are always available to service the needs of the Beth HaGan children.



Purim at Beth HaGan!



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 23 was made by Zehavit and Dr. Michael Terrani in honor of the baby naming of their daughter, Natalie, and the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Ariel.

The congregational *kiddush* on March 1 was co-sponsored by Lori and Murry Shapero in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jonathan, and by Flora and Frank Lalezarian and Nina and Abner Ohebshalom in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Maya.

The congregational *kiddush* on March 8 was sponsored by Laura and Eyal Ginor in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their daughter, Maya.

The congregational *kiddush* on March 15 was sponsored by Anne Summers in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of her son, Max, and Eileen and Mickey Putterman in honor of their grandson, Max.

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mother—in a two-and-a-half foot high crawl space under the home of gentile friends. Increasingly sparse food was passed down to what grew to be nine Jews hiding under the house.

The situation became dramatically worse when Nazi troops took the house as their regional headquarters. The couple that owned the house successfully begged the soldiers to allow them to care for it, which also allowed them to continue to look after the extended family in hiding underneath.

Years later, the owners of the house were internationally recognized as "Righteous Gentiles" for saving so many lives.

Although Miriam Oginski died several years ago, one of her sisters, a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey, will come to Temple Israel to hear her great-niece tell of the family's travails.

Mrs. Golden originated the concept of "Third Generation Witnesses" when working with Religious School students. "This is a most important endeavor and we encourage all students whose relatives were affected by the *Shoah* to join this sacred commitment to keep their stories alive," she said.

Mrs. Mandel and Mrs. Golden, members of the Temple's Shoah Committee, have been instrumental in nurturing a group of *Shoah* "Third Generation Witnesses" in the Temple schools. They are working with Religious

School students to help them understand the importance of remembering the *Shoah*.

Mrs. Mandel called "Third Generation Witnesses" "an exciting new movement in *Shoah* education and an opportunity for all Temple Religious School students."

"Third-generation witnesses ensure that the *Shoah* will never be forgotten," said former Temple Israel President William Ungar, a Holocaust survivor and member of the Shoah Committee. "It is comforting to know that the chain of who we are will not be broken."



Temple member Gerald Oginski and his daughter, Shari Oginski, who will be the featured speaker at the Temple's Yom HaShoah Service on April 30.

TEMPLE TEACHERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a new regular feature, The Voice will be publishing profiles of the teachers in Temple Israel's three schools, the Beth HaGan Nursery School, Temple Israel Religious School and Waxman High School. This issue features a Religious School and Beth HaGan teacher.

Meet Morah Elizabeth Khakshouri

Morah Elizabeth Khakshouri is a veteran teacher at both the Temple Religious School and Beth HaGan Nursery School. Morah Elizabeth is in her 20th year at Temple Israel. Morah Elizabeth has a background in child psychology and teaches the younger grades of *Aleph* and *Bet*. She says she enjoys watching her students learn about their heritage, and tries to make Hebrew school fun and exciting for them. Her enthusiasm and high-spiritedness are contagious, according to Religious School Director Rabbi Tracy Klirs.



Yes to Israel

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May 11. Of course, we hope to have a record turnout for the Salute to Israel Parade on June 1.

Rabbi Daniel Gordis, a well-known educator and author living in Israel, used the first line of a popular Israeli song to convey the simple necessity of the existence of the Jewish State: *Ein li erez acheret*, "I have no other land." For Jews the world over, there's something stark but true about that statement. Our comfortable existence in the United States is a huge blessing that gives us the influence with which to support important causes like Israel.

But for us Jews, Israel is the quintessential land. The stewardess was right. While the complexities that confront Israel demand careful thought and reasoned response, our essential choice boils down to "yes or no." Let us all see to it that our exploration and celebration of Israel during her 60th year will send waves of affirmation across the Atlantic, to the only Jewish land we have.

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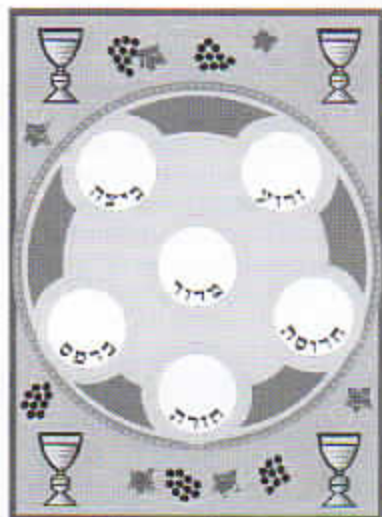
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Passover Beginning With Service for the First Born Siyum and Breakfast on Thursday, April 17th

The Board of Trustees and officers express thanks once again to Emily and Isaac Taitz for their generosity in sponsoring the annual *Siyum* and breakfast following the Service for the First Born on Thursday, April 17.

Because the first-born Israelites were saved during the Tenth Plague, all first-born Jewish males are required to fast on *erev Pesach* until the *sefer* (this fast is called *Taanit Bechorot*). However, the fast is not required when one performs a *mitzvah*, such as a *siyum*, the completion of a portion of study. It is then customary to celebrate with a *seudat*

mitzvah, a meal that accompanies an important religious duty. It is customary to study some aspect of Talmudic teaching on this morning. Rabbi Stecker will be conducting a *siyum*, with passages from the Talmud. This will be followed by a breakfast. Because Passover this year begins Saturday night, the fast is moved to the preceding Thursday.

The service is, of course, not limited to the first-born alone. All children are welcome, together with their parents. Adults without children are also welcome to attend.

The service begins at 6:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

PESACH D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

The readings for the eight days of Pesach are taken from four different books of the Torah. They consist of passages dealing with various aspects of the festival.

First Day - Exodus 12:21-51 Sunday, April 20

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

Second Day - Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Monday, April 21

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

Hol Hamoed 1 - Exodus 13:1-16 Tuesday, April 22

The reading describes *matzah* and *tefillin* as two symbols which recall the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt.

Hol Hamoed 2 - Exodus 22:24-23:19 Wednesday, April 23

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

Hol Hamoed 3- Exodus 34:1-26 Thursday, April 24

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

Hol Hamoed 4 - Numbers 9:1-14 Friday, April 25

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

Seventh Day - Exodus 13:17-15:26 Saturday, April 26

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

Eighth Day - Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17 Sunday, April 27

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

On each day, a portion from Numbers 28 detailing the special offerings to be brought on the festival is read from a second Torah.

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17 (Fast of the First Born)

Morning Service, *Siyum* and Breakfast 6:30 A.M.

Friday, April 18

Morning Service 7:00 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv and Congregational Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 19 - *Shabbat Hagadol*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 7:15 P.M.

Sunday, April 20
First Day of *Pesach*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 21
Second Day of *Pesach*

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 7:30 P.M.

Hol Hamoed
Tuesday, April 22
Wednesday, April 23
Thursday, April 24

Morning Service 6:30 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 8:00 P.M.

Friday, April 25 - *Hol Hamoed*

Morning Service 6:30 A.M.
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 26
Seventh Day of *Pesach*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Waxman High School Students
will lead the service in the Sanctuary
Mincha-Maariv 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 27
Eighth Day of *Pesach*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Prayers
and Dedication of Memorial Plaques
Mincha-Maariv 7:40 P.M.

Pesach: Is it all about the food?

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Passover is, ostensibly, a festival of freedom. As we have traditionally understood it, *Pesach* commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, when (as the beloved Maxwell House Haggadah told my family year after year) God brought forth the Israelites from the house of bondage with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. The sacrifice offered by the Israelites prior to their departure from Egypt was the Paschal lamb, or in Hebrew, *qorban Pesach*; we indicate this sacrifice with the roasted bone placed on the *seder* plate.

Or maybe it is the festival of spring, *Hag ha-Aviv*. After all, *Pesach* coincides with the full moon in the middle of the month of *Nisan*, biblically known as *Aviv*, and also marks the beginning of the spring harvest (which is why we start counting the *omer*, the barley sheaves, at the second *seder*). Several of the symbols of the *seder* plate are about spring and the beginning of the fertile period of the agricultural cycle.

Or maybe it is the festival of unleavened bread, *Hag ha-Matzot*, when we are not only compelled to eat the ill-conceived, over-baked, cardboard-like cousin of bread, but also to eliminate from our diets all products made of the five species of *hametz* (and, for *Ashkenazim*, a few other staples, just to make sure that we don't have too much fun). *Oy*. Such a festival we need? My digestive tract is already girding itself. As a vegetarian, I can assure you that *Hag ha-Matzot* is an even greater challenge than the parting of the Red Sea.

So what is Passover about? Freedom? Spring? Matzah? There is only one common theme to each of these sub-holidays, and that is food. At the *seder*, we read in the Haggadah the statement from the Mishnah that each of us should see ourselves as if we personally had come forth from Egypt. But the real reason that we gather is to dine; the *seder* plate brings together the disparate symbols of the season to remind us that a sumptuous repast is waiting in the kitchen, so enough with the plagues already. Let's eat!

Yemenite Haroset

(from www.jewishrecipes.org)

Yield: 24 servings

- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 1/2 cup dried apricots
- 8 dried figs, quartered
- 2 tsp. ground coriander
- 2 tsp. lime or lemon rind, finely grated
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 3 to 4 tbsp. sweet white wine (kosher for Passover, of course!)
- 2 tbsp. sesame seeds, toasted

Process almonds and apricots coarsely in food processor. Transfer to small bowl. Process figs to fine consistency. Stir into almond apricot mixture. Add coriander, rind, honey and enough white wine to bind ingredients. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Roll into balls, 1" in diameter, roll in the sesame seeds and place each in miniature paper cups, or shape into a pyramid and press sesame seeds into sides.

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**Temple Israel of Great Neck
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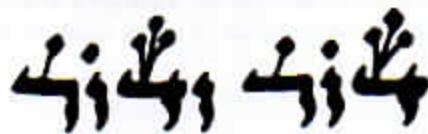
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with fun activities for the younger children in a playroom nearby. As part of our series of dinner parties at local kosher restaurants, we had a delicious, sumptuous dinner party, for adults only, at Chatanooga, the Middle Eastern restaurant right here in Great Neck.

The Couples Club also continues to conduct activities for parents and their children together, including an annual family picnic and *Shabbat* dinners with singing and storytelling for the children. We are planning our first family bowling tournament party on a Sunday afternoon in May. Watch for further details about this fun afternoon.

Over the past several years we have had a variety of well attended Couples Club events including family *Shabbat* dinners at the Temple, participation in the Mitzvah

Marathon by giving food to the needy, outdoor picnics at Steppingstone Park with fun games for children and a large Sukkot dinner party that have brought Temple Israel couples and their children together to meet and become friends.

One of the most important and mean-

*We invite you
to join
the Couples Club.*

ingful experiences we have each had since joining Temple Israel has been the strong

sense of being a part of a large and welcoming community of all ages. The cohesiveness that we have found at the Temple has greatly enhanced not only our holiday and *Shabbat* celebrations, but also has enriched our lives with new-found friendships. We are proud to have helped in spearheading the Temple Israel's Couples Club. Historically, the Couples Club has always been an important arm of our synagogue.

The membership of the Couples Club includes parents with newborns through high school age children. We also welcome couples without children. Annual dues are \$36 per couple. If you are interested in planning or assisting with any of the events mentioned in this article, or have an idea for a get-together, please contact me at 829-2427.

We hope you will join us!

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tazria Saturday, April 5

This portion and the next deal with laws of ritual purity. Such purity is conceived as a prerequisite for the pursuit of *kedusha*. Furthermore, because the *mishkan* (sanctuary) was located within the camp of the Israelites, great care had to be taken to ensure its purity. The portions deal with specific physical conditions which give rise to impurity. The first is childbirth. The next is a complex of diseases known as *tzaraat* (translated "leprosy," but clearly not the modern disease). The priests are charged with the task of determining the nature of the ailment when it appears in humans or in fabrics and leather and the method of purification. Since all the Israelites were obligated to strive to be *kadosh*, holy, in accordance with God's demand, the matter of maintaining a state of purity was of great significance.

Metzora Saturday, April 12

We continue with the presentation of the laws of ritual purity. In particular, the priests are instructed as to the purification rites for a person determined to be afflicted with *tzaraat* as described in the previous portion. Instructions are also given for dealing with *tzaraat* in building stones (some kind of mold, blight or rot that showed up in the plaster). Finally, procedures are set forth which are required when an Israelite, male or female, experiences discharges from the sexual organs. The Torah here seems to be classifying illness and disease as forms of impurity. Thus, they are placed in the realm of religious concern. All these impurities threatened, directly or indirectly, the purity of the sanctuary, which was located within the area of settlement. Therefore, for all Israelites, maintaining a state of purity was of great importance.

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Friday, April 4

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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Saturday, April 5
Shabbat Hahodesh

Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
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Weekly Portion: *Tazria*
Leviticus 12:1-13:59; Exodus 12:1-20
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

Sabbath Service Officers: Bracha Werber and Ossie Spector

Machon Family Service	10:30 A.M.
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Friday, April 11

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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Saturday, April 12

Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
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Weekly Portion: *Metzora*
Leviticus 14:1-15:33
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

Sabbath Service Officers: Alan Klinger and Dr. Ronald Golden

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daughter of Laura and Dr. Daniel Powsner

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son of Ellyse and Gary Silverstein

Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
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