



Rabbi Stecker Becoming An Officer Of the New York Board of Rabbis

Temple Israel Senior Rabbi Howard A. Stecker has become the recording secretary of the New York Board of Rabbis, the organization representing rabbis of all Jewish denominations in the metropolitan area.

Rabbi Stecker—a former president of the Nassau-Suffolk Rabbinical Assembly—said he is honored to assume his new post. “The Board of Rabbis is one of the few places where the entire rabbinic spectrum comes together,” he said. “We all work together toward common goals.”

The organization, founded in 1881 and originally called the New York Board of Ministers, is a professional membership organization consisting of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis. According to their mission statement, they are rabbis who have “banded together for fellowship, religious camaraderie, educational enrichment and who are anxious to rise above partisanship, theological differences and varied views about Torah,”

Officers generally move up the ladder

of positions with the organization, eventually becoming president. Rabbi Stecker has served on the group’s Board for the past ten years and has been involved with the group since his ordination in 1992. The current president is Rabbi Yaacov Kermaier of The Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

The Board of Rabbis has two other Temple Israel associations. When Rabbi Stecker was the assistant rabbi at the Shelter

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Another Opening, Another Show!



It’s time for another Temple Israel show on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18. Temple Israel Players Producers Carol Smolinsky, Mark Putter and Eileen Putterman extend a hearty welcome to new co-producers Lori Freudman and Lois Sazer.

The cast includes Robert Aizer and his son, Noah, Amy Cantos, Mark Cwern, Lori Freudman, Marilyn Goldberg, Sherry Husney, Jon Kaiman, Kim Kaiman, Ron Klempner, Natie Kopelowitz, Kenneth M. Leff, Gary Noren, Ofra Panzer, Elaine

Paris, Mark Putter, Eileen Putterman, Mimi Rosenberg, Alex Rothstein, Rusti Rothstein, Gary Sazer, Lois Sazer, Carol Smolinsky, Howard Spun, Effie Apelast Weinberg and Ben Yellin. The show is directed by Linda Burson and the music director is Richard Bock.

Have your pajamas ready! The producers say this is bound to be an SRO smash hit.

Photo by Dr. Robert Lopatkin

This Is Sisterhood!

By Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sisterhood President Karen Ashkenase invites the congregation to join the Temple arm and participate in their many activities in this Voice Guest column.

If you receive a lovely *mishloach manot* bag for Purim—that's Sisterhood.

If you are attending our coffee house book nights—that's Sisterhood

If you received help from Yad B' Yad during a *shiva* period—that's Sisterhood

If you enjoyed the Tu B'Shevat *seder*

*...we are proud
of our synagogue
involvement.*

goodies—that's Sisterhood

If you have purchased beautiful items from the Judaica shop—that's Sisterhood.

Sisterhood is involved in these projects and many more. I dare say that just about every congregant has been touched by Sisterhood in some way. And, we are proud of our synagogue involvement.

We also pride ourselves on being multi-generational and multi-cultural. We are a family and as I have said before, we are a "sisterhood."

Our involvement, however, extends beyond the synagogue walls. Sisterhood supports the Masorti/Mercaz Movement in Israel. And, we are deeply involved in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary through Torah Fund, as Ellen Cooper, our chair, has written about in previous issues of The Voice.

Temple Israel's Sisterhood is part of the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism, concerned about the present and future of our movement.

We consider our work very important and our contributions worthwhile. So, join us.

Our next big project will be preparing *mishloach manot* packages. Iris Adler, our tireless chair, has been preparing for months. Join us on Thursday, February 25 any time from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the Crystal

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True Confessions

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As I was daydreaming about what to write in my column, I thought of a clever idea: "Confessions of a President's Wife." Suddenly, I was startled back to reality when I realized what Elise might say! So let me share with you what I hoped she would say if I gave her the chance.

First, she would tell you how often I have come home from a Temple meeting and said what a great group of people I have the opportunity to rely on. They are a chorus

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formed by many individual notes which, when heard together, form a symphonic sound. It is a lesson in democracy to participate in discussions at the Executive Board among several people with disparate opinions. Oftentimes the end result might be very different than I had expected, but a unified voice nonetheless.

Second, she would definitely say how surprised my Hebrew school (now called religious school) teachers would be to learn that I am a Temple president. I am not sure where they thought I would end up, but I am sure that they thought that it would be very far from a temple.

Then she might tell you how I went from attending *shul* three times a year to attending almost every *Shabbat* and how I now come home from services repeating parts of the Rabbi's sermon that she missed. She might add that although she and the kids still haven't figured out why, I actually enjoy going and miss it when I can't attend.

Finally, she would probably tell you that despite her reluctance to have me serve as Temple president for two terms (not that she is counting the days), she is very proud (actually added by Elise).

Next Voice Issues

The next issue of The Voice, the Pass-over issue, will be published on Thursday, March 4. The deadline for that issue is Monday, February 22.

The following issue, the Lag B'Omer issue, will be published on Thursday, March 18. The deadline for that issue is Friday, March 5.

FROM THE RABBI

Laughing and Loving on the Edge

By Rabbi Howard A. Stecker

When your parents are no longer alive, you feel especially vulnerable. In the past several weeks, a few people have made that observation to me about their own experiences and, unfortunately, I've felt it myself. Like many feelings, it's not rational. After all, we know that anything can happen to anyone at any time. But the death of one's parents, as one person recently put it, feels like the removal of a protective covering.

We have many experiences, large and small, that reinforce our sense of vulnerability. Some are universal; others vary from person to person. The words, "dust you are and to dust you will return," spoken by God to Adam before God sent him and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, express the fragile nature of the human condition.

Once a year, into our maelstrom of uncertainty, the holiday of Purim arrives. With the twists and turns of the story of Esther, the Bacchanalian revelry customarily observed and the emphasis on giving gifts to the needy, Purim offers joy and generosity

as responses to vulnerability. Knowing that the fate of our entire people was remarkably reversed, we sing, laugh and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Notwithstanding the wish expressed in the popular Hebrew song, *Ani Purim*, Purim only comes once a year. Yet, Purim's

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two-pronged emphasis on celebration and responsibility offers an inspiring pattern for us to face the vagaries of each new day. Often, we either forget to enjoy what we can or we forget to help those who need help. The Purim model reminds us to do both—it's a great Jewish response to life's invariable variables.

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

SEYMOUR FUCHSBERG

esteemed member of Temple Israel

MOUSSA KAHEN

father of Romina Pour and Robert Kahen

SEYMOUR SCHWEBER

husband of Laura Schweber,
father of Stephen Schweber
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

ELENORE HAZAN

mother of Meryl Rosenblum

May their memories be for a blessing.

From the Executive Director:

*We're Sending You
A Package!*

By Leon Silverberg

Please check your mail for a large envelope from Temple Israel. That envelope will have a number of items including a letter from Temple President Richard Kestenbaum informing you of the Trustee who has been designated as your contact; you are encouraged to communicate with that person any time you have a question or concern about Temple matters. Also enclosed will be a print-out of the information we have about you; we are asking you to review and update that information to keep our records current. And there will be some other informational requests about what committees you might like to join; how you would like to receive The Voice; your address and departure/return dates if you are a snowbird; and if you have relatives that are also members of the congregation.

Please return your updated information in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	20	"Shabbat Talk" led by Rabbi Howard Stecker	1:00 P.M.
	25	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	27	<i>Erev Purim</i>	
	28	Purim	
March	2	Sisterhood "Lunch and Read"	Noon
	2-3	Beth HaGan Nursery School Book Fair	
	4	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	6	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	8	Sisterhood Coffee House	8:15 P.M.
	12	Men's Club <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner Featuring Dr. Ernest Adams, JD, Ph.D.	6:30 P.M.
	13	Comedy Night	
	14	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:30 A.M.
	18	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

*Another in the Men's Club
Men's Health Series . . .*

**Thursday, March 4
7:30 P.M.**

*"Greater Health
the Natural Way"*

**Guest Speaker: Chiropractor
Dr. Scott Cavagnuolo**

Dr. Cavagnuolo is the director of the All Natural Healing Center. He specializes in family wellness and spinal corrective care. As a traditional chiropractor, his focus is on removing subluxations of the spine that may irritate and choke the nervous system, allowing the body to heal itself. Dr. Cavagnuolo is also an official USGA chiropractor.

*You Are Invited to the
Second Temple Israel . . .*

**COFFEE HOUSE
Monday, March 8
8:15 P.M.**

Featuring Author & Lecturer

Tova Murad Sadka

She will bring to life her
charming short story collection:

*"Farewell to Dejala:
Stories of Iraqi Jews
at Home and In Exile"*

~ Stimulating Entertainment ~
~ Rich Brewed Coffee ~
~ Fancy Desserts ~

**R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 4
to Rona at 482-0049**

No charge for Sisterhood Members
\$5 for Guests

Sponsored by the Sisterhood

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 recited before the reading of the Megillah. Do you have a favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o the Temple office.

*" Praised are You, Adonai our God,
who rules the universe, instilling in us
the holiness of mitzvot
by commanding us to read the Megillah. "*

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

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Commitments to Tzedakah and Mitzvot



Ronni Eyal

Ronni Eyal will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on March 6. She is the daughter of Helen Wrobel and Tal Eyal and has two sisters, Jordan, 18, and Elana, 17. Ronni is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys skiing and reading and is on the school swimming and basketball teams. Ronni will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House, has visited Israel many times and will return to celebrate her *Bat Mitzvah* in Israel this summer.

By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs

Tallit-Making Workshops: The Hay (5th grade) students have been busy making their own beautiful, hand-decorated *tallitot*. Together with their parents, they have attended two workshops: during the first they learned about the origins, meaning and purpose of the *tallit* and the significance of the *mitzvah* of *tzitzit*, and designed and decorated their silk *tallitot*. In the second workshop, they learned about the symbolism and hidden meaning behind the manner in which the *tzitzit* are wrapped and wound, and learned how to tie their own *tzitzit*. The finished *tallitot* are colorful, unique and ready to be worn. We're encouraging all our Hay students to begin wearing their *tallitot* when they attend morning services at the Temple, the Machon *tefillah* session on Sunday mornings, and the Hay Life Cycle program on April 25th.

Purim Events: Everyone's gearing up for Purim! We're starting the festivities with a special *Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah* Erev Purim program on Saturday evening February 27, from 5:30-6:30 P.M., including a brief service, some wacky Purim games and a light meal, before we head over to the Sanctuary for the Megillah reading. There will also be a separate preschool and kindergarten Purim service that night, from 6:45-7:30 P.M. On Sunday morning, February 28, and Monday afternoon, March 1, our Religious School students will celebrate with mini-Megillah readings, Purim Jeopardy, *mishloach manot* and other activities. Everyone is invited to the Temple's *Purim Seudah* (feast) on Sunday afternoon, February 28, from 4:30-5:30 P.M., followed immediately by a performance by master puppeteer and ventriloquist Jonathan Geffner!

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**Purim
Carnival
Sunday,
February 28
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.
in the
Waxman Youth House**

- Moonbounce
- Cotton Candy
- Lots of Games & Prizes
- Bagels & Drinks

Admission: Only \$10

**Temple Israel
3-In-1 PURIM FOOD DRIVE
From February 22 - March 4**

Bring unopened, unbreakable packages of non-perishable food to Temple Israel and you'll be able to fulfill three mitzvot at once:

- 1. Matanot La-Evyonim:**
Gifts to the Poor (one of the 4 special mitzvot of Purim)
- 2. Drowning Out Haman's Name:**
Use your "Macaroni Groggers" during the Megillah reading.
(See Below)
- 3. Clearing Out Your Chametz:**
A great opportunity to clean out your pantry before Pesach!

**On the Night of the Megillah Reading
February 27**

Bring a box of rice, macaroni and cheese or other pasta to use as a grogger. When the service is over, place your groggers in one of the food collection bins.

*All food will be donated
to a local food pantry.*

ITEMS NEEDED:
canned soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, juice boxes, powdered milk, tuna, cereals, pancake mix, raisins, granola bars

Purim 5770: It's Not Just for Kids!

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Neither a festival nor a fast, Purim is unburdened—no litany of strict laws to fulfill, no neurotic diet, no lengthy services or even Hallel. Just the requirement to have fun and read Megillat Esther. (True, there are a few other *mitzvoth*; more on that below.) We should have so much fun, the Rabbis tell us, that the over-imbibing of alcoholic beverages is actually encouraged. (Footnote 1)

Given that well-known custom, it is curious that the celebration of Purim has become a children's affair: most of us expect our kids to put on costumes, to sing along with the admittedly childish assortment of simple songs, to enjoy the traditional food of the day, the poor, misunderstood hamantash. (Footnote 2) But the reality is that parents are even more obligated than their children—not only to hear the Megillah read (and, ironically, some *halakhic* authorities actually discourage the presence of children at the reading, because they distract the adults from fulfilling their obligation), but also to send *mishloach manot*, to give charity to the needy, and to attend a festive meal (a *seudah*).

So how did Purim become what many of us perceive to be a child's holiday? Perhaps it has fallen victim to that malady that some of us refer to with a snicker as "pediatric Judaism," the over-emphasis on educating our children that yields a corresponding displacement of adult focus. Writes Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman of Hebrew Union College, "In our understandable anxiety to pass on Judaism as their heritage, we have neglected its spiritual resources for adults, leaving ourselves with no adequate notion of how we too might draw sustenance from our faith as we grow up and grow older."

The bulk of Jewish laws and traditions, however, are intended for adults, and this applies as much to Purim as to Yom Kippur. With that in mind, we are offering two new opportunities this year for those of us who are *B'nei Mitzvah* (i.e. over the age of 13) to showcase their commitment to Purim, and perhaps discover their inner child:

- The Adult Costume Contest—Here's an opportunity not only to demonstrate your creativity and embarrass your children, but also to win fabulous prizes in a variety of categories. Come in costume on Saturday night to the Megillah reading in the Sanctuary, and at the end our celebrity judges (i.e. the Executive Board) will reward the most deserving contenders.

- The Purim *Seudah*—Sunday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. will feature food, fun and shtick, followed by a ventriloquist performance for the whole family.

So fill up your flask, throw a costume together and come celebrate the Jewish victory over Amalek one more time. (And, don't forget the kids.)

Footnotes:

1. The Talmud (*Megillah* 7b) tells us that on Purim one should drink until one cannot discern the difference between "Blessed is Mordechai" and "Cursed is Haman." Later commentators, uncomfortable with the idea of encouraging drunkenness, suggested that one should drink only somewhat more than usual.

Another opinion, based on the observation that these two Hebrew phrases have the same numerical value, suggests that one should only drink enough as to make it difficult to arrive at that conclusion, which for most of us is probably a minimal amount of alcohol.

2. Widely interpreted as representing Haman's three-cornered hat, the "hamantash" is most likely a Purim-flavored corruption of the Judeo-German "*montash*," literally a poppyseed-filled pocket. In Hebrew, the pastry is called "*oznei haman*," Haman's ears.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK PRESENTS

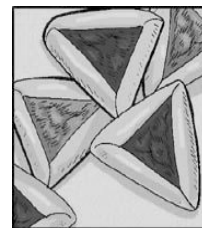


A PURIM CELEBRATION!

On Saturday night, February 27th, the following services will occur:

Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah Service & Pre-Megillah Program!

From 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Youth House there will be a special pre-Purim Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah program for families with children in grades K-7. This includes a light meal and crazy Purim games. **COME IN COSTUME!** This service will be led by Rabbis Adelson and Klirs.



Purim Pre-School and Kindergarten Service

From 6:45 PM to 7:30 PM there will be a service for Pre-Schoolers, Kindergartners and their families in the Crystal Ballroom. This service will be led by Rabbi Klirs and Donna Lefkowitz with singing and stories, followed by refreshments.



MEGILLAH READING

From 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM there will be a Megillah Reading in the Sanctuary. This service will be led by Rabbis Stecker and Adelson, and will include participation by students of the Waxman Youth House and a sing-a-long. Questions, answers and prizes!



Mincha, Ma'ariv and the Whole Megillah!

Mincha at 5:05 PM, followed by *se'udah shelishit*, with Ma'ariv at 6:15 PM, and a full Megillah reading from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Blue Room. Cantor Frieder will lead the service, with participation of students from the Waxman Youth House.



BRING A BOX OF RICE, MACARONI AND CHEESE OR OTHER PASTA TO USE AS A GROGGER! WHEN THE SERVICE IS OVER, THE GROGGERS WILL BE PLACED IN A COLLECTION BOX TO BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.



Following the Blue Room and Sanctuary services, there will be refreshments served and music provided by Cantor Frieder and the Temple Israel Band.

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK

presents

A Purim Seudah

And a special free performance by

Jonathan Geffner!

Attend either, or both!



We'll have a fun and festive dairy meal
with home-spun entertainment
FROM 4:30 PM TO 5:30 PM.

**AT 5:30 PM EVERYONE CAN ENJOY A SPECIAL
FREE PERFORMANCE IN THE SANCTUARY
BY**

JONATHAN GEFFNER

VENTRILOQUIST AND COMEDIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE!

EARLY BIRD DINNER REGISTRATION

***\$18 for adults / \$10 for children 12 and under if we receive
your paid reservation by Tuesday, February 23rd!***

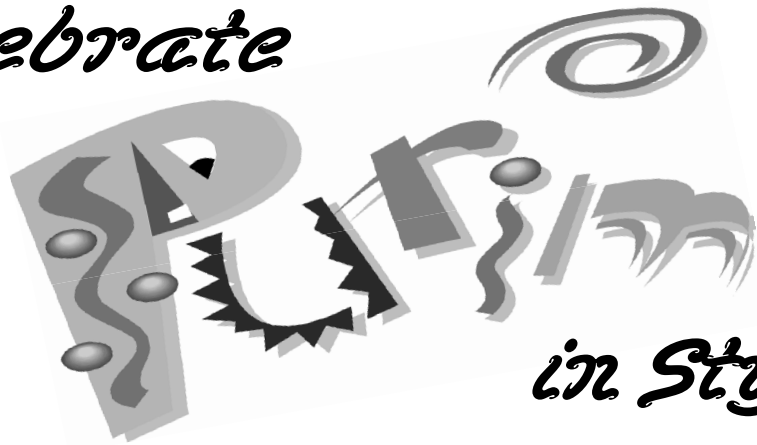
*(After this date, cost will be
\$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.)*

Cost for Jonathan Geffner: Free!

RSVP to Kathy at **516-482-7800 x 1109**



Ready to celebrate



in Style?

*Come to the **Costume Contest** for Adults held after the Megillah reading judged by our illustrious*

Executive Committee!

Categories will be as follows:

**Saturday
night,
February 27th!**



Happy Purim!!!

- ☆ Funniest Costume
- ☆ Most Purim-ish Costume
- ☆ Costume with the Most (Tasteful!) Chutzpah
- ☆ Best Couples Costume
- ☆ Most Original Costume
- ☆ Best Group Costume
- ☆ Best Purim Accessory
- ☆ Best Overall Costume

Learn Mishnah with

Rabbi Adelson!

Now available at
two convenient times

“Mishnah in Motion”

Thursday mornings:

Feb. 25 & March 4

On the 8:24 A.M. LIRR train
to Penn Station

Meet on the westbound
platform at the back end
of the train

“Mishnah after Minyan”

Sunday mornings:

March 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Blue Room

After morning minyan
and breakfast

Both sections will be studying
from Tractate Ta’anit

Passover Wine Sale All Set to Raise Funds for Temple

Now is the time to plan for your 2010 Passover wines! Everyone needs delicious kosher wines for Passover—for the 4 cups and for *kiddush* during *Pesach* and for *kiddush* and house gifts throughout the year. All profits from the Wine Sale go to Temple Israel.

Wonderful kosher wines are now available from Israel, the United States, Australia, France and Italy. The Shalom Club is once again managing the annual Temple Israel Passover Wine Sale. Wines are delivered to your door.

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

It's easy to order! Watch for the order form in the next issue of *The Voice*, fill it out and return it with your check to the Temple office.

Commitments to Tzedakah and Mitzvot

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Tzedakah Allocations/Grade-Level Mitzvah Projects: Each grade in Religious School is focusing on one *mitzvah*, or Jewish value, for the year, and participating in a yearlong *mitzvah* project reflecting their special *mitzvah*. Each grade is also dedicating the *tzedakah* money they collect to a specific organization whose work reflects that particular *mitzvah*. We are so proud of our students for their ongoing commitment to *tzedakah*! Below is a list of the *mitzvah* that each grade is focusing on, and the organization that they are supporting. I've also included links to the websites of these organizations, so that you can find out more about their work, and may consider them for your own *tzedakah* donations in the future.

- *Nitzanim* (kindergarten) classes are focusing on *kavod* (respect), and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to American Jewish World Service for Haiti disaster relief (www.ajws.org).
- *Alef* (first grade) classes are focusing on the general concept of *tzedakah* (justice, righteousness), and are also donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to American Jewish World Service for Haiti Disaster relief.
- *Bet* (second grade) classes are focusing on *emunah* (faith), and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to Tikva

Children's Home in Odessa, Ukraine, which provides educational, social, medical and other services to orphaned and/or abused or neglected Jewish children in Odessa (www.tikvaodessa.org).

- *Gimmel* (third grade) classes are focusing on *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to Temple Israel's Yad B'Yad program, which helps our own members in times of crisis.
- *Dalet* (fourth grade) classes are focusing on *k'lal Yisrael* (community, or unity of Israel) and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to Magen David Adom in Israel (Red Shield of David) for emergency medical equipment (www.afmda.org).
- *Hay* (fifth grade) classes are focusing on *bal tashkhit* (do not destroy or waste), which is the Jewish imperative to protect our environment, and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (www.aspni.org).
- *Vav* (sixth grade) classes are focusing on *kherut* (freedom), and are donating their first semester's *tzedakah* money to the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, which supports and advocates for the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel and Ethiopia (www.nacoej.org).

From the Rabbi: Laughing and Loving on the Edge

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I'm now coming up on my mother's second *yahrzeit*. She died on the Fast of Esther and was buried on Purim. That coincidence inevitably makes Purim a challenge for me, personally. At the same time, it reinforces for me the connection between the inevitability of loss and the importance of living with joy and love. Besides, my mother would be up-

set with me if I sat around moping on Purim (or any other day).

I hope we'll all let loose this upcoming Purim, February 27 and 28, children and adults together. I hope adults will take advantage of the costume contest. I hope we'll enjoy the *seudah* and show together. I hope our singing and dancing will be more spirited this year than ever before. I also hope that in keeping with the spirit of Purim, we'll bring some laughter and loving-kindness into each day.

We're not likely any time soon to discover the secret of literal immortality or to expunge life's uncertainties altogether. Therefore, for the indeterminate future, the spirit of Purim will come in quite handy. Let's apply it, individually and collectively, as best we can.

This Is Sisterhood!

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Ballroom. If you would like to participate in the *mitzvah* of delivering the packages, just give me a call and we will set you up in your local village. Bring the children and let them also be part of this *mitzvah*.

And, I welcome all to join the lively, dedicated members of our board at our monthly meetings. Please feel free to call me, Karen Ashkenase, president at 487-3048.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

• **Minu and Dr. Robert Ohebshalom** on the birth of their great-grandson, Eliayho Azatchi.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, February 19.....5:16 P.M.
Friday, February 26.....5:24 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.
Fri., Feb. 19	7:00 A.M.	5:30 P.M.
Fri., Feb. 26	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat, Feb. 20	8:45 A.M.	4:55 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 27	8:45 A.M.	5:05 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK
108 Old Mill Road - Great Neck, NY 11023

**MECHIRAT HAMETZ
SALE OF HAMETZ**

As you are aware, one of the commandments of Passover is that we rid ourselves of all the hametz in our possession. To observe Passover, every family should do their best to eliminate all hametz from their home. They should then sell any hametz they may have missed. We have, over the years, arranged for such a sale and will be happy to do so for you again if you will sign the attached form and return it to us no later than Wednesday, March 24th, 2010. If you wish you may sell the hametz in person after the *siyum* on Monday morning, March 29th, 2010 at the synagogue before 9:00 A.M.

It is customary before Passover to make a donation for *Maot Chitin*, so that everyone will have appropriate food for the holiday. Donations made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will be allocated to organizations that help those in need.

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CONTRACT

Be it proclaimed that I (we) _____ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Stecker to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession - wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbis Stecker has full authority to sell, dispose, and conduct all transactions as he deems fit and proper in accordance with the detailed terms set forth in the Hebrew contracts in his possession. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all the Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law and concur with the law of the State of New York of the United States of America.

To all the above I affix my signature _____

This ____ day of _____ in the year 2010.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to contribute _____ to help those in need for Passover.

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND*In honor of:*

Manny Alani
 Their marriage
 Ina Marcus Ross to Dr.
 Howard Brownstein

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Rabbi Stecker Becoming Officer of The New York Board of Rabbis

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Temple Israel Associations. When Rabbi Stecker was the assistant rabbi at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Shelter Rock Senior Rabbi Myron Fenster served as the group's president. Rabbi Fenster later became Temple Israel's interim senior rabbi. And Rabbi Gilbert Rosenthal, a former member of Temple Israel and member of the congregation's High Holy Days clergy team, once served as the Board's executive director.

The Board is perhaps best known for its New York area radio programs, a weekly commentary on WINS, "Perspectives in the News" on WOR, and "Religion on the Line" hosted by Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the group's executive vice president, on WABC.

"In many respects, the Board of Rabbis is the public face of Jewish leadership in New York," Rabbi Stecker said. He was also attracted to the group's interfaith work and

efforts on behalf of Jewish pluralism, he said. "In addition," he added, "I like the people. They are a creative and vibrant group."

Last year Rabbi Stecker participated in the Board's mission trip to Israel, joining fellow Orthodox and Reform rabbis, as well as fellow Conservative rabbis. In Israel, the participants met with former government official Natan Sharansky, a former Soviet Refusnik, and other government leaders.

"By seeking to rise above partisan bickering and factionalism, by working for the common good, by serving all Jews irrespective of religious orientation, the New York Board of Rabbis acts as an oasis of harmony in a wilderness of dissension," the Board says on its website. "It is a haven where rabbis learn there is more that unites them than divides them and where colleagues can agree to disagree agreeably. In a word, it teaches us that all Jews are colleagues and brothers and sisters."

Shabbat Talk Saturday, Feb. 20

with

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D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Terumah

Saturday, February 20

In this portion, we find a description of the *Mishkan*, the portable sanctuary that was built in the wilderness to house the ark with the tablets of the Ten Commandments. The purpose of the *Mishkan* was to serve as a sign that God dwelt among His people. Moses is directed to gather from the Israelites a free will offering of all manner of precious metals, jewels, fine wood, fine materials and spices to use in constructing the *Mishkan* and its appurtenances. Specific instructions are then given for building the furnishings of the *Mishkan* and the special tent that housed them. The *Mishkan*, as a whole, was meant to be a symbol, a portable Sinai, reminding the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness of their unique experience at the mountain. The *Mishkan* evolved by way of the Temple in Jerusalem, into the synagogue, but the purpose remained the same. To this day, whenever we open the ark and look upon the Torah scrolls, we stand again at Sinai.

Tetzaveh

Saturday, February 27

We move from instructions for the creation of the physical *Mishkan* to details concerning the officiants in this portion. At the outset, Moses is directed to see to it that a light is kept burning in the *Mishkan*, a task that is to be performed by priests. He is then directed to appoint Aaron and his sons to the priestly office. There follows a detailed description of the vestments of the High Priest and the ordinary priests. Finally, the rituals of installation for the priests are laid out. The *Mishkan*, as sacred space, is differentiated from profane space by its design. In like manner, its officiants are to be distinguishable from the laity by their attire and insignia of office. In particular, the High Priest is to wear vestments, which symbolize his role as representative of the entire community before God. The High Priest, who presided over sacrificial rites evolved into the prayer leader of today's synagogue. That individual is still designated *shaliach tzibur*, the representative of the congregation.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, February 19

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

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Saturday, February 20

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Terumah*

Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

Sabbath Service Officer: Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker

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Friday, February 26

N'Ranenah Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Waxman High School Service & Dinner 7:30 P.M.

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Saturday, February 27

Shabbat Zachor

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion:

Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2 - 34

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Mincha followed by *Seudah Shelishit* 5:05 P.M.

Maariv 6:15 P.M.

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