



Temple Will Honor Its Shoah Survivors At Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration



A photo taken 18 years ago shows many members instrumental in establishing the Shoah Remembrance Committee, left to right seated, Jerry Yarett, Anne Hirsch, Manny Bardash and Tina Tito, and standing, Rabbi Marim D. Charry, Sam Levitt, Dr. Jack Levine and Steven Markowitz.

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel's *Shoah* survivors will be acknowledged at the congregation's Yom HaShoah service, to be held Sunday, April 11, at 7 P.M. in the Sanctuary. In addition, Shoah Remembrance Committee Chair Jack Levine will be recognized for having chaired the committee for the past ten years.

"These people have been an inspiration to all of us," said Joan Mandel, who had chaired the Temple Shoah Remembrance Committee for many years. "We have the unique opportunity to honor our own witnesses to the *Shoah*, our own legacy of living history." She said at one time Temple Israel had more than 30 survivors as members, believed to be more than any other U.S. congregation.

"The survivors have been role models," Mrs. Mandel said. "They have maintained

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Rabbis In 'Dialogue' April 11 at Great Neck Synagogue

A new rabbi will join the annual exchange of views between the clergy of Great Neck's largest congregations this year, when Rabbi Meir Feldman of Temple Beth-El joins the two veterans of the "dialogue," Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue and Rabbi Howard Stecker of Temple Israel.

The program, widely attended by members of the Reform, Orthodox and Conservative congregations, will this year be held at Great Neck Synagogue on Sunday, April 11. A complimentary breakfast will begin the program at 9:15 A.M.

The rabbis have selected a topic for this year's exchange: "Three Rabbis. One Story. Three Opinions." The clergy plan to share their perspectives on a controversial story from Jewish tradition as a window into their approaches to complex current

issues. Copies of the story will be made available in advance from the Temple website <www.tign.org> and from the Temple office.

Rabbi Feldman, who came to Temple Beth-El last year, shares the pulpit with his wife, Rabbi Tara Feldman, "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to become a member of and to serve in this historic community," he said. "Twenty years ago, I was an associate at a Wall Street law firm and 15 years ago I was a lawyer, a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles. If someone had told me then what my life would be like 15 years later, I would have never believed it."

Rabbi Polakoff is in his 23rd 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 Cau-

cus 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. Earlier this year he was elected as an officer of the New York Board of Rabbis. He has also served as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau. Rabbi Stecker has been the co-chair of the High School Education Committee of the Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island.

The program is sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Israel, The Men's Club of Great Neck Synagogue and the Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El.

Get a Ph.D. with the Shalom Club

By Mickey Putterman

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Shalom Club has matured, along with its members, through more than four decades at Temple Israel, as reported in this Voice Guest Column by its president, Mickey Putterman.

This is unique, this is special, this is the Shalom Club.

It is a Ph.D. in people, personality and passion, in heritage and happenings, and finally in dynamic discourse. It is an ongoing encounter with the people of "the Book,"

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with us as
we will take you
on a group tour.*

Jews and the community of all people with whom we live.

If you take a moment and think about four and a half decades of involvement, you must also think about those whose lives we

might have touched during this living process. Between us at any given time, we parented well over 100 children, influenced well over 100 families of in-laws, became grandparents of well over 150 grandchildren whose significant others today represent all races, religions and ethnic backgrounds which we influence simply by being here. It is an awesome responsibility and we do take it very seriously. It is probably the longest Ph. D. program on record. We believe that being part of a Shalom Club venture at Temple Israel should be ongoing and replicated. We really think we got it right and hope that future generations of men and women will look to our organizational process as an inspirational lifestyle!

Come along with us as we will take you on a group tour. The group is the Shalom Club, which began over 45 years ago in our dining room. Seated at the table noshing on — — *Continued on page 6*

FROM THE RABBI

MORE

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

With the Passover *seders* behind us and hopefully some good leftovers to enjoy, we have some time to reflect on our own *seder* experiences. Who was at our *seders*? What was the dynamic like? Who said what and who didn't talk much at all? What situations and perspectives were reflected around our *seder* tables?

In some respects, each *seder* experience is a microcosm of the broader Jewish community. When we consider the diverse ages, viewpoints and circumstances represented around our tables, we gain insight into the opportunities and challenges facing the Jewish people overall.

I'm optimistic about our future, but only if we present Judaism appropriately to the next generation. I have four suggestions which, in keeping with the rabbinic tradition of acronyms, spell out the word MORE, as in more commitment to Judaism by more of our children and grandchildren, more of the time.

"M" is for modeling. It's not enough for

us to provide our children and grandchildren with a Jewish education. They need to see that it matters so much to us that we learn and participate ourselves. A few weeks ago, a group of adults chanted Torah and *Haftarah* following more than two years of inten-

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sive study in our Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah program. Their children, grandchildren, spouses and friends were inspired by their example. Wow! Mommy did this. My husband did this. My good friend did this. It must really be important.

"O" is for an open heart. We need to live and teach Judaism with love. Threats and curses don't work in the long run, if at all. The *kohanim*, when they ask God's blessing for the people, need to do it *b'ahava*, with love. Aaron,

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Give Us a Try!

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

The *seders*, which you have just attended, are a link in the chain of Jewish tradition retelling events that happened more than three thousand years ago. The mere fact that our *seder* is so similar to that of our great-grandparents attests to the unique endurance of our heritage.

We are a synagogue of many "wise" children. We have engaged, interested members who are curious and probing. Your participation and your willingness to be open to learn and discuss new meanings of our heritage and our lives will keep the chain of history unbroken.

As we see it, it is the responsibility of organized Judaism to keep that experience relevant today. Our synagogue provides the venue and the comfort zone for this type of thought. Whether it's listening to a meaningful sermon on *Shabbat*, attending a class or just feeling a part of something larger than

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yourself, your participation with us will help you recognize the beauty of Judaism, its intellectually challenging nature and its potent contemporary relevance.

None of this can exist in future generations without strong synagogues fostering communal prayer. Every week I read articles, reports and studies about how we can help synagogues remain financially strong and engaging to our members. Although there is not one answer and solutions will evolve over time, the feeling of being welcome is supreme. One little effort we instituted in this regard is a new seating area and coffee machine in the lobby. It isn't much, but it's a physical message that you should come, have a seat, chat with your friends and check out what's going on. There is much to engage you, give it a try.

Happy Passover!

Next Voice, Voice Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Thursday, April 15. The deadline for that issue is Friday, April 2.

The following issue, the Shavuot issue, will be published on Thursday, April 29. The deadline for that issue is Friday, April 16.

In Memoriam

Rabbi Morris Shapiro

Temple Israel is profoundly saddened by the death of a distinguished colleague and close friend, Rabbi Morris Shapiro.

Rabbi Shapiro served the South Huntington Jewish Center for many years. Upon his retirement, he was invited by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman to teach an evening Talmud course at Temple Israel.

His warm personality, brilliant scholarship and love of teaching endeared him to his students. When Rabbi Shapiro felt that the trip to Great Neck at night was too much for him, Rabbi Waxman arranged for him to switch to Thursday mornings and add a Talmud session to Rabbi Charry's History Seminar. During the many years that he taught that course, he created a group of close friends and devoted disciples.

Aside from his fund of stories of his own life as a student in Poland and Holocaust survivor, and his refreshing and challenging views on Jewish life and values, his students fondly remember the seemingly endless stock of stories about the Kotzker Rebbe which only he could tell. Above all, his class marveled at his deep devotion to Temple Israel and the class, which was expressed most strikingly when, upon returning on the red eye flight from a visit to Israel, he would come directly to class before going home.

His profound wisdom, gentle character, deep love of everything Jewish and boundless love for all will be missed by many. He was truly a unique personality.

Lives are immeasurably enriched for having known him and learned from him. May his memory ever be a blessing and inspiration.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April	10	"Shabbat Talk" with Zoe Oppenheimer	1:00 P.M.
	11	Yom HaShoah Service	7:00 P.M.
	11	Rabbinic Dialogue at Great Neck Synagogue	10:00 A.M.
	15	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	17	Temple Israel Players production of "The Pajama Game"	9:00 P.M.
	18	Temple Israel Players production of "The Pajama Game"	2:00 P.M.
	19	Yom Ha'atzmaut	
	25	Adele Eckstein Memorial Library Dedication	3:00 P.M.
	29	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
May	2	Lag B'Omer	

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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 the story of the exodus in the Passover Haggadah. What is your favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o the Temple office.

*“ This is the bread of affliction
which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt;
let all who are hungry enter and eat thereof...”*

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



Alana Farkas

Alana Farkas will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on April 10. She is the daughter of Beth and Larry Farkas and has a sister, Lauren, 9, and a brother, Matthew, 7. Alana is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School where she was named a "Star Student." She is on the school soccer and basketball teams and travel soccer team. Alana plays bass in the school orchestra. She also plays the piano. She enjoys skiing, scuba diving and tennis. Alana will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Jonathan Zuckerbrod

Jonathan Zuckerbrod will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on April 10. He is the son of Linda and Edward Zuckerbrod. Jonathan is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is a three time All-County clarinetist and was also chosen to represent his school in the Statewide Middle School Honor Band in Syracuse. Jonathan was a participant in the Temple Israel Religious School *HaTorah* competition last year. He is a member of his school's Debate Club and enjoys writing for the school newspaper as well as playing baseball and basketball. Jonathan will be marking his *Bar Mitzvah* by visiting Israel in early July.



Aaron Rastegar

Aaron Rastegar will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on April 17. He is the son of Nazila and Joseph Rastegar, and has two brothers, Justin, 14, and Ilan, 6, and a sister, Ella, 10. Aaron is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where he was named a "Student of the Month." He enjoys skiing and playing tennis and basketball. Aaron will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following his *Bar Mitzvah* and plans to visit Israel again in the near future.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

School Sets Up 'Living Museum'

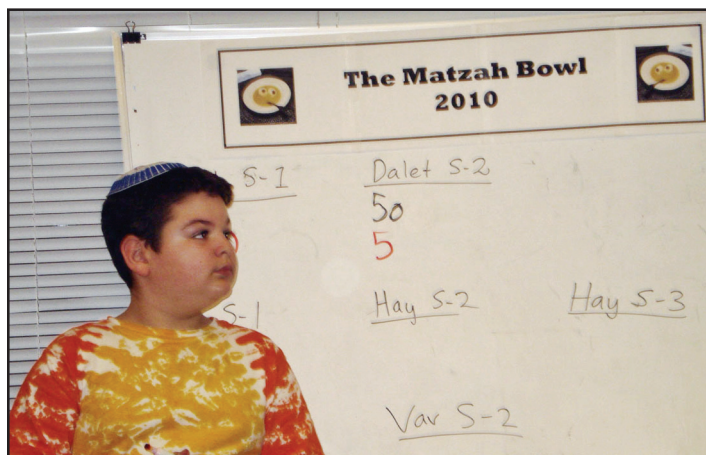
By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs, Director

Vav Living Museum: On March 7 our Vav (6th grade) students set up and narrated a "Living Museum" with a variety of artifacts that have Jewish significance for their families. The artifacts ranged from Jewish ritual objects such as *chanukiot*, *kippot*, *tallitot*, *kiddush* cups and candlesticks to medallions, commemorative art, a *ketubah* and passports and other official documents from Europe and Latin America. One of the most unusual exhibits was a student's grandmother's first grade report card from her childhood Jewish day school in Germany. Another was a tiny medical book handwritten in Farsi by a student's great-grandfather, who had been a well-known physician in Iran.

Students had researched their artifacts in advance, interviewing older family members to gather information, and had created informational labels with a photograph of the object, which were displayed at the event. Many of the parents attended. The labels and photographs are now on display in the school wing for the rest of the congregation to enjoy.

Introducing the Matzah Bowl! This year we introduced a new pre-*Pesach* activity for our Dalet-Vav (4th-6th grade) students: The Matzah Bowl. This no-holds-barred Passover battle of wits was held on March 23 and 24. Students crammed for 2 weeks in advance to learn the answers to more than 80 *Pesach* trivia questions for the high-stakes quiz show. The big prize? A pizza party after *Pesach* for the winning class.

On-Time Raffle: The "On-Time Raffle," instituted at the beginning



Religious School Vav student Jonathan Perlman keeps score at the "Matzah Bowl" *Pesach* trivia contest held earlier this month.

of the school year to improve the punctuality rate, continues to be highly popular with the students. Students who arrive by the bell all receive raffle tickets, which they fill in with their name, date and class. The tickets are collected, and every two weeks there's a drawing for prizes. Three tickets are drawn from the Sunday and Tuesday students and one from the Monday and Wednesday students. The winners from January-March are:

January 12/13:
Matthew Farkas, Noah Hanover, Jordan Harouche, Eric Shirian
January 26/27:
Ethan Citron, Juliet Eshaghoff, Jacob Leventhal, Brenda Tehrani
February 8/9:
Mikaela Lipp, Charlie Goodwin, David West, Amanda Zeitlin

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some nuts was Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, who made a *shidach* everlasting between a group of young marrieds and Temple Israel, which remains strong in form and content to this very day.

We were new to each other and to Temple life. We were eager to explore our heritage, seeking choices of how to experience our future together. Rabbi Waxman and his wife, Ruth, were to be our role models, our progressive partners. Together, we created this new environment, within Temple Israel, of learning, socializing, defining our Jewish roots, seeking our Jewish future in a beautiful American suburb for ourselves and our families. Quickly, we established ourselves as an “arm” of the Temple, taking responsibility for its needs, its growth and its administration. Seven presidents of Temple Israel are members of the Shalom Club—Manny Bardash, Allan Greenblatt, William Ungar, Mordecai Gabriel, Jacob Stein, Eileen and me! Additional Shalom Club members were elected to the Board, served on the Education Committee, House Committee, The Temple Israel Players, and as fund-raisers. You name it, they were there.

Our programming, then and now, gave us the opportunity to listen to great speak-

ers, to create panel discussions on topics of current interest, to take trips to places of Jewish interest at home, around America, in Europe and Israel, to spend a weekend each year on a *Shabbat* retreat, and to participate in all areas of Jewish communal, educational and organizational life.

Our children were enriched by the involvement and pleasure we took in being part of this unique group. Rabbi Waxman and Ruth opened door after door of tolerance, of understanding, of creativity, of awareness of the glorious world of Judaism—a joyous and wondrous place for our children and ourselves to become a part as we slowly wended our way through a labyrinth of Conservative Jewish choices. There were no “musts” and “shoulds” for us. We were guided by the dictates of our own growing intellect, our individual goals and spiritual needs. We were free to explore and were given the opportunity to listen to great thinkers of varying persuasions. Most of our children did attend the Religious School and graduated from the Waxman High School learning about who they were, from young Seminary students who brought the sweet air of freedom of thought to the classroom, and respect of multi-diversity that has given us exceptional strength, meshed together by Conservative

Jewish education at its after school best!

The Shalom Club has survived more than four decades precisely because family by family, couple by couple, each woman and each man came to a mature awareness of being a Jew in a most personal and sensitive manner. Each individual was treated to a warm and welcoming environment. It is a formula that worked then and continues to work now in a cooperative, pro-active community, for the benefit of the synagogue. Our diversity has given us the opportunity to share in ongoing creative activities and enriched special moments. Shalom Club still maintains its share of responsibility by directing their fund-raising to the children in the school, contributing to the Temple Library’s Shalom Club Library Shelf Fund and Jewish needs at home and abroad. Its members continue to be heavily involved in the life of Temple Israel.

I was honored to be the first president of the Shalom Club and was newly re-elected as president three years ago. Eileen has been by my side serving as program chair. The tour is ongoing and continues to take us into new and uncharted trails. Yes, we still walk side by side, but never in lock step, one behind the other. Our programs are still thoughtful and innovative, our thirst for new frontiers of Jewish interest is still unquenchable, and our understanding for each other’s lifestyle as Jews forever respectful.

We, as a group, hope that the Conservative Movement will continue on the trail of the Shalom Club. I am very proud of our longevity, and of the shared experience with so many devoted friends. We have found the formula to success and wish all our next generation of Temple members the opportunity to share in the Shalom Club experience. We welcome each of you to become a member of the Shalom Club, or promote for yourselves a reasonable facsimile. It would be our pleasure to help make it happen for each one of you.

Today under the respectful, articulate and inspirational leadership of our Rabbi Howard Stecker, Cantor Raphael Frieder and Rabbi Seth Adelson we can continue to enjoy and reap as we continue to sow (or sew) Jewish values into the daily fabric of our unfinished Ph.D.

Shalom.
The Shalom Club 2009-10 officers include Mickey Putterman, president; Naomi Schulman, vice president; Dr. Milton Rosen, treasurer; and Dr. Ellen Rosen, secretary. Members of the Board are Betty Lager, Renee and Elliot Fleischer, Estelle Nadler, Bela and Mel Schoenfeld, Bill Ungar, Sol Schulman, Elinor and Dr. Mordecai Gabriel, Shirley and Philip Perlman, Eileen Putterman, and Jane Desaritz.

From the Rabbi: MORE

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Moses’s brother, was famously described as loving human beings and bringing them closer to Torah. We’ve all seen too much righteous indignation expressed in the name of Judaism, and religion in general. Better we should welcome people with an open heart.

“R” stands for reasons. Often we don’t take enough time to discuss the “why’s” of Jewish tradition. I know from my experience teaching our Religious School students that it’s easy to focus on imparting skills, sometimes at the expense of discussing the significance behind prayers and rituals. Skills are important. They allow children and adults to participate more confidently in communal services. But skills without understanding do not provide a stable foundation for a lifetime of commitment. To the extent that we want to nurture a generation of lifelong engaged Jews, we need to have deep conversations about why we do what we do and the range of possibilities for what our central prayers, texts and rituals might mean.

Lastly, “E” stands for ethical. Religious communities worldwide are reeling from the

effects of the unethical behavior of their leaders and constituents. When so-called religious people act unethically, they give their religious traditions a bad name, thereby making it less likely that a new generation will want any part of the whole enterprise. The rabbis had an expression for someone who stays within the letter of the law but acts inappropriately, *naval bir’shut hatorah*, a boor within the confines of the Torah. They understood that Torah needs to be interpreted ethically and that adherence to the commandments should refine a person’s character. We must do everything we can to demonstrate that commitment to Judaism ideally leads to ethical behavior.

The four children described at the *seder* may have different perspectives, but they have several things in common. They’re all part of the family, they’re all sitting at the table and they’re all watching carefully what goes on.

For their sake, and for the sake of the adults they will become, we need to provide MORE Judaism—Judaism that we model with an open heart, with full exploration of its reasons and rationale and forthright commitment to the ethical behavior it demands.

School Sets Up a 'Living Museum'

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March 2/3:

Alexandra Ahdoot, Jacob Landerer, Kayla Monahemi, Jaden Weisser

March 16/17:

Katrina Itchkow, Ari Lissack, Michelle Sabetfard, Levi Weisser

Zoe Oppenheimer's Shoah Education Project:

Former Religious School and Waxman High School student Zoe Oppenheimer, will be meeting with the Vav and Zayin students in March and April to share with them a book she recently completed, entitled "From Darkness into Light." The book was written in response to very powerful personal experiences of visiting the sites of concentration camps in Eastern Europe and two trips to Israel. It is a compilation of pictures, poetry, memoirs, speeches and research papers concerning the darkness of the *Shoah* and the luminescence and promise of the modern State of Israel. Zoe feels a strong connection to the *Shoah* through her late paternal grandparents, who were survivors. She hopes to be able to impart to our students some of the lessons and understanding that she has developed. Zoe will meet separately with the Zayin students at the Youth House and with the Vav students in the Religious School. The many hours of work she devoted to creating her book, and subsequently sharing her book and meeting with our students, will earn her the very highest honor bestowed by the Girl Scouts—the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Introducing the Alef Hebrew Name Program:

We're delighted to be able to introduce a brand-new milestone Family Education program for our Alef students, which will take place on Sunday, April 18. The Alef students have been practicing printing their Hebrew names, and on April 18, together with their parents, they will learn all about their namesakes and create colorful wooden name plaques. A letter was sent home to the Alef parents asking them to gather information about their child's namesake, including stories and a photograph, so that they can share these with their child during the Alef Hebrew Name program.

The Hay Life Cycle Program will be held Sunday, April 25. During this program students in our Hay classes will re-enact three important stages of the Jewish Life-Cycle: birth, with mock *Brit Milah* and *Brit Bat* ceremonies; *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*—during which students will wear the *tallitot* they made earlier this year and read the first few verses from the book of *B'reisheet* (Genesis) in the Torah; and a Jewish wedding, complete with *chuppah*, *ketubah* and the *sheva b'rachot* (Seven Blessings).

This is always a wonderful event. Come join us if you can!

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Annual celebration commemorating Israel's fallen soldiers

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Festive service for Israel Independence Day,
followed by a dessert reception

Tuesday, April 21 - 7:30 P.M.: Leil Shirah

A cabaret style evening of Israeli song with Temple clergy,
complete with traditional Israeli refreshments

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their faith, kept their allegiance to Judaism and Israel, and have participated fully in the Temple Israel community. Their moral heroism, fortitude and hope sustain us all."

Under Chair Jack Levine, a founding member of the Shoah Committee, the committee has regularly published the *Zachor* Book, listing relatives of congregants who perished in the *Shoah*; planned the *Kristallnacht* program and *Yom HaShoah* observance; began a *Third Generation Witness* Program; instituted a summer picnic for *Shoah* survivors; and has brought survivors to Temple classrooms for interactive discussions with students.

Temple Past President Manny Bardash, the first chair of the Shoah Committee, recently came across an early photo depicting committee members (shown on front page). In a note to Committee Chair Levine along with the photo, he said: "Thanks, Jack, for maintaining and nurturing what we started a while ago and is now a well established tradition at our *shul*."

Rabbi Howard Stecker said that he wants to acknowledge the significance of the collective message behind the individual stories of the survivors. "At this service we will acknowledge the contributions our survivors have made towards advancing *Shoah* education." He said his talk at the service would focus on "the contributions our survivors have made and the legacy they impart by sharing their life stories with us. By sharing their stories, they have demon-

strated the authenticity of their experiences, which is especially important in light of recent attempts to deny the *Shoah* on various levels. They also have displayed great heroism during their experience of the *Shoah* and subsequent to it, as they rebuilt their lives.

The service will include musical selections by Rabbi Stecker's wife, Deanna, on flute, and Anna Samouki, Gachelet's musical director, on piano. Children from the Gachelet School will perform three songs under the direction of Ms. Samouki.

Looking at future *Shoah* observances, Rabbi Stecker said his presentation will reflect on "how we as a Jewish community might commemorate the *Shoah* long-term." He said it would take time "to determine how we will observe the *Shoah* and what lessons we want to learn from it. We should look at how we will apply those lessons within the Jewish community as well as toward the challenges humanity faces overall. We will have to think long and hard about how to deal with the powerful legacy of the *Shoah*."

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

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., April 3	8:45 A.M.	6:40 P.M.
Sat., April 10	8:45 A.M.	6:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, April 2.....	7:02 P.M.
Friday, April 9.....	7:09 P.M.

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Friday, April 2
Hol Hamoed

Morning Service 6:45 A.M.
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 3
Shabbat Hol Hamoed

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Waxman High School Students
will lead the service in the Sanctuary

Exodus 33:12 - 34:26
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

Sabbath Service Officers:

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Mincha-Maariv 6:45 P.M.
Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah Service 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 4
Hol Hamoed

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 5
Seventh Day of Pesach

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
Mincha-Maariv 7:15 P.M.

Tuesday, April 6
Eighth Day of Pesach

Early Morning Service 6:30 A.M.
Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Prayers
and

Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Mincha-Maariv 7:20 P.M.

Friday, April 9

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 10

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Shemini*; Leviticus 9:1-11:47; *Haftarah*: Samuel II 6:1-7:17

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Shemini

Saturday, April 10

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, Hadab 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 specific 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*. *Kashrut* serves to help make the basically animal function of eating, something uniquely human.