



**SABBATH AND  
HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

**NOTE: Some times and dates have been revised from the schedule previously printed in The Voice.**

<b>Friday, September 3</b>	
Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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<b>Saturday, September 4</b>	
<b>Selichot</b>	
Morning Service	8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: <i>Nitzavim-Vayelekh</i> Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30 <i>Haftarah</i> : Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9 Sabbath Service Officers: Alan Klingler and Hilbert Eshaghpour <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> ALEXA KIMIABAKHSH JONATHAN KIMIABAKHSH children of Elham and Farzin (Daniel) Kimiabakhsh	
Selichot Service	10:15 P.M.
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<b>Wednesday, September 8</b>	
<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	
Mincha and Maariv	6:30 P.M.
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<b>Thursday, September 9</b>	
<b>First Day Rosh Hashanah</b>	
Morning Service (beginning in the Sanctuary)	8:15 A.M.
Havurah Style Family Friendly Service	9:30 A.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6 <i>Haftarah</i> : I Samuel 1:1-2:10	
Tashlich (Xeriscape)	5:45 P.M.
Mincha and Maariv	6:15 P.M.
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<b>Friday, September 10</b>	
<b>Second Day of Rosh Hashanah</b>	
Morning Service (beginning in the Sanctuary)	8:15 A.M.
Abridged Service for Adults (welcoming to children)	9:30 A.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6 <i>Haftarah</i> : Jeremiah 31:2-20	
Mincha and Maariv	6:30 P.M.

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**AJC Director David Harris  
Speaking at Temple Oct. 7**

American Jewish Committee Executive Director David A. Harris will deliver a special address to the congregation on October 7, titled "The Jewish Condition Today: Hope Versus Fear."

Mr. Harris is said to be one of the Jewish people's foremost leaders and most eloquent spokesmen. The AJC has been described by the New York Times as the "dean of American Jewish organizations," and by French President Nicolas Sarkozy as one of the "most effective, influential and respected" American Jewish groups.

"If you would like to hear a leading light of our generation share his insights into a host of complex current issues, come to this presentation," said Rabbi Howard Stecker.

"I'm delighted that our congregation will be hosting David Harris, a brilliant analyst of the contemporary Jewish scene and a passionate advocate for the Jewish people."

The presentation, which begins at 8:15 P.M. in the Sanctuary, is free and open to the community. It is sponsored by the Temple's Israel Affairs Committee and TILL, Temple Israel Institute for Lifelong Learning, the adult education program.

The program was arranged by congregant Mitchell Koeppel, a former member of the Temple Board of Trustees. He said he had heard Mr. Harris speak recently and thought his message was one the congregation should hear.

"Mr. Harris is enlightening," Mr. Koeppel said. "He is very neutral when it comes to political expressions, but very pro-Israel."

He was centrally involved in the emigration of over one million Jews from the Soviet Union and was described by the Washington Post as "one of the leading spokesmen" for the Soviet Jewry movement. In the course of his work, he was twice



**David A. Harris**

detained by Soviet authorities and once expelled from the country.

He was a key figure in the successful 16-year struggle to repeal the infamous "Zionism is racism" resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1975, only the second time in UN history that a resolution was actually repealed. Mr. Harris was also involved in a behind-the-scenes role in the rescue of the Ethiopian Jewish community in the early 1980s.

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## Kol Nidre Appeal 5771-2010

By Susan and Dr. Arden Smith

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Susan Smith was the treasurer, financial secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel and has served as treasurer of the Sisterhood for 21 years. She is also a former chair of the Temple's Finance Committee. Dr. Arden Smith is a former trustee of the Temple and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chair of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception 16 years ago. Dr. Smith is a member of the Advisory Board of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College.

And so the story goes...

In a great wine-making town in East-

*Our Kol Nidre  
Campaign is not  
for the future;  
it is to help us  
pay our bills now!*

ern Europe word came that the grand *rebbe* was coming to the town in the following

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

One "*reb yid*," whose name is not important and whose wine wasn't the best nor the worst, decided that he could fill his skin with water and no one would know. At the end of the year, the grand *rebbe* came. He ascended the steps with a crystal goblet created for the occasion; he scooped the goblet into the vat and held the glass high over his head for all to see. And there, gleaming in

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FROM THE RABBI

## Eyes on Our Prize

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Two Jewish stories from different eras convey the same theme. The first, a *midrash*, tells of a couple who were among the group of Israelites crossing the Sea of Reeds on their way toward the Promised Land. While they were walking across the seabed, they were complaining about their muddy feet and noting their marital dissatisfactions. They hardly realized that a miracle was taking place around them.

The second story, written by the Nobel Prize winning author, S. Y. Agnon, concerns a young man attending Yom Kippur services in his grandfather's synagogue. He is distracted by a variety of things, including his search for his *tallit*. At the end of the story, the young man observes that the saddest thing is that for him, this Yom Kippur came and went "without a prayer, without anything."

It's so easy for all of us, and I fully include myself, to get preoccupied by all kinds of details during the High Holy Days. Am I sitting in a good seat? Is my *tallit* slipping off my shoulder? Do I have the honor I want? Is it too hot or too cold?

I have no intention of discounting the importance of any of these considerations. But

the outcome can be, if we aren't careful, that we fail to appreciate the magic of these moments.

Here we are, having lived through a year and looking forward to another year. Here we are, singing familiar prayers with family and friends. Here we are, heirs of a glorious tradition of words, music and customs that give contour and direction to our

*To be Jewish  
is a gift.  
To be human  
is a gift.*

lives. Here we are, part of a vibrant and nurturing congregation. Here we are, challenged by our Creator and by each other to find the strength to begin to heal hurting relationships. Here we are, possessing the uniquely human capacity to reflect on our lives and to

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## Our Challenges

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As Rosh Hashanah approaches and I reflect on the past year at Temple Israel, I thought I would take the opportunity to recognize our accomplishments during the last 12 months.

Although like all synagogues we faced serious financial challenges, we met our challenges with determination and thoughtful innovation. Wherever change was necessary, we proceeded cautiously in order to ensure a secure future for Temple Israel.

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While living within a balanced budget, we were still able to institute new programs, continue our course of development of our professional staff and successfully accomplish the completion of a few large renewal projects.

Our revitalized House Committee, under the leadership of Marty Werber, helped solve many pesky building problems as well as improve the maintenance of our building and grounds.

Our new Technology Committee is making several important changes in how we interact among ourselves and with the outside world, all of which will serve to make us more efficient and better communicators.

However, what I am most proud of is that the process of change involved all constituents. There was input and cooperation from our members, our maintenance and office staffs, our lay leaders and our clergy, before decisions were made. We tried to be thoughtful in recommending change so as not to do things twice and to ensure that the change was evolutionary and not revolutionary. I think that we have accomplished these objectives.

During the Rosh Hashanah holiday, I will speak about the coming year, particularly the goals we hope to achieve both in the short term and long term.

I look forward to the opportunity to greet each of you as we share discussions about our future together.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**JULIAN ULLMAN**

husband of  
Past President Rosalyn Ullman  
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

**RUTH SCHWARTZ**

mother of Fran Spilke

May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Laurie and Gary Damast** on the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay, to Michael Sondak.
- **Ronnie and Arnold Pollard** on the marriage of their daughter, Lisa, to Eric Rogoff.
- **Larisa and Dr. Aaron Davidson** on the birth of their son, Asher Jeremy Davidson.
- **Harriet Rosenbaum** on the birth of her granddaughter, Shoshana Yari Seigel.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

*Attend the Daily Minyan!*

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 4	8:45 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 11	8:45 A.M.	6:35 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, September 3.....	7:07 P.M.
Friday, September 10.....	6:56 P.M.

## 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 taken from the section entitled, "Reflections" in the Mahzor for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Send your favorite quote to The Voice, c/o the Temple office.

“ ...Repentance, prayer and good deeds have the power to change the character of our lives. Let us resolve to repent, to pray and to do good deeds so that we may begin a truly new year. ”

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	4	Selichot	
	7	Waxman High School BBQ and Registration	4:00 P.M.
	7	Beth HaGan Nursery School Orientation	7:30 P.M.
	8	Erev Rosh Hashanah	
	9-10	Rosh Hashanah	
	16	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	17	Kol Nidre	
	18	Yom Kippur	
	19	Sukkah Building Workshop with Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.
	21	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	22	Erev Sukkot	
	22	Congregational Sukkot Service and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	23-29	Sukkot	
	25	Sukkah Hop	
	26	Temple Welcome Back BBQ	1:00 P.M.
	26	New Member Sukkah Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	30	Shemini Atzeret	
Oct.	1	Simchat Torah	

*As the High Holy Season begins, join in a unique  
**SELICHOT PROGRAM**  
featuring community learning and moving prayer.  
**Saturday, September 4***

**8:30 P.M.** Coffee

**8:45 P.M.** "The Power of Forgiveness"

A documentary about the dynamics of forgiveness in various situations across religious and cultural lines. A discussion will follow the film, including references to traditional Jewish approaches to forgiveness.

**9:45 P.M.** Refreshments

**10:10 P.M.** Havdalah

**10:15 P.M.** Selichot Service in the Sanctuary

*Led by Cantor Raphael Frieder*

*Accompanists: Ronn Yedidia, piano; Yonah Etzion, cello*

# Voice High Holy Day Guide

## Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Children and Family Programs

**Kindergarten-2nd Grade Bonim Service:**\* 11 A.M.-Noon in the Multipurpose Room  
*Morah* Donna Lefkowitz leads a fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing. Features the Shofar Squad.

**3rd-4th Grade Chaverim Service:**\* 10:30 A.M. - Noon in the Blue Room  
Dr. Geoff Epstein's services include lots of group and individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course, plenty of Hershey's kisses (on Rosh Hashanah only). Features the Shofar Squad.

**5th-7th Grade Machon Service:**\* 10:30 A.M. - Noon in the Chapel  
Led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah., this is a service that's just right for middle-schoolers—including real *davening*, Torah reading and plenty of interactive activities. Features the Shofar Squad.

*\*Parents and other family members welcome!*

**Teen Service:** 10:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. in the Youth House Library  
Led by Youth House Religious Activities Director Itamar Futterman. Join Itamar for a participatory service for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities.

**Pre-school Program:**\*\* 12:15-1:15 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room  
For preschool children and their parents, led by Donna Lefkowitz. This is a fun, lively service for the pre-school set and their parents, filled with sing-a-long songs, games, stories and snacks. Get ready to get that "Yom Tov Feeling All Over You!"

**Interactive K-6 Family Program:**\*\* 12:15-1:15 P.M. in the Blue Room  
For grade school aged children and their parents, led by Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs. Featuring games, snacks and creative activities. No two programs are ever the same!

*\*\*At least one parent must attend per family.*

NEW: Service attendance credit will be given to all children in grades K-6 who attend any of the above services, or any adult service, with a parent or grandparent! Seventh graders will receive credit whether they attend Machon or an adult service with a parent, or the Youth House service alone. All you need to do is bring one of the special tickets with your child's name that will be sent to you in a separate mailing, and give it to anyone at the security table at the entrance to the Temple. You will receive six tickets for each child—one for each daytime and one for each evening service during the High Holy Days. Simply present the appropriate ticket for each child on each day that you bring your child.

## Break-the-Fast

Immediately following the shofar blasts on Yom Kippur, September 18, join family and friends in the Waxman Youth House for a delicious dairy meal prepared by Bagel Mentch and sponsored by the Men's Club.

Only \$18 per person  
\$6 for children under 8  
\$25 for non-Temple members

**RESERVATIONS  
ARE A MUST BY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

For further information  
and reservations, call  
Dr. Charles I. Adler at 482-4421

## Feed the Hungry for Yom Kippur!

### Join Temple Israel's High Holy Day Food Drive

Bring cans and unbreakable packages of kosher non-perishable food to Temple Israel any time from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur and place them in the collection bins in the lobby. All foods should be commercially packaged and non-perishable.

**The food will be donated to Hatzilu, an organization which feeds the Jewish poor.**

## Special Parking Regulations For High Holy Day Worshippers

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

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

### Temple Parking on Erev Rosh Hashanah and the First and Second Days of Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, September 8 Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10:

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

### Kol Nidre-Yom Kippur Temple Overnight Parking Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18:

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

Your cooperation is needed to make Temple operations move smoothly during the High Holy Day period. The Temple administration strongly suggests that you consider carpooling whenever riding is necessary.

## The Sweat Lodge of Tishrei

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Five years ago, I was the Jewish Environmental and Nature Education Fellow at Camp Ramah in New England. Through this fellowship, I received a week of specialized training in nature education at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in California, and at the conclusion of our training, our instructor, Dr. Gabe Goldman, created a sweat lodge. This is a Native American tradition, a small enclosure in which large, heated rocks are placed, and the participants gather inside for a ceremonial purification that may involve silence, chanting or drumming, and (as you might expect) lots of sweat. It was, in fact, a very moving experience, and the culmination of a hard week of learning and preparation.

Inside the sweat lodge, it felt something like a sauna: hot and humid. But it was also pitch-black. I could not see my neighbors, but I could feel them on either side of me. We sat in silence for what seemed like a long time, although I think it was less than ten minutes. It was unpleasantly hot, and uncomfortable as well, as we were seated on the hard ground. When we emerged, we did indeed feel lighter, more open, and cleansed, but also closer to one another, since we had shared such a unique experience.

Yom Kippur is not unlike a sweat lodge. We pray, meditate and atone while going without food or drink or other good times for a full 25 hours, which in our Twitter-based world is nearly an eternity. The Torah instructs us to “afflict our souls” on this day, and so we do. The goal, similar to that of the sweat lodge, is purification through an intense physical challenge. (One might make the argument that if it only takes ten minutes in a sweat lodge, then why 25 hours of fasting? Ten minutes of fasting, however, would surely not qualify as an intense physical challenge. Furthermore, going to “the *shvitz*” is a popular pastime for many Jews, and not necessarily understood as a means for achieving atonement.)

And so we suffer through Yom Kippur together, packed together side-by-side in emotional, if not physical prostration before the Almighty. We emerge from this self-affliction cleansed, and closer to one another for having accomplished it together. This communal bonding, like the sweat lodge experience, keeps us together as Jews. We fast together, we confess our sins together, we hear the moving sounds of the shofar together; this is one reason that Judaism is one of the world’s most enduring religious traditions.

As Jews, we sanctify time rather than space. Unlike a sweat lodge, which is holy for some Native American tribes, the synagogue is not a holy place; we make it special by using it for our holiest moments, which inevitably come around again, year after year. The cycle is renewing itself right now, as we enter the month of Tishrei, which hosts the most sacred days of the year. Join us in the sweat lodge of Tishrei, but please leave the towel (and cell phone) at home.

May 5771 bring new sweetness and purity into all of our lives. *Shanah tovah.*

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# WELCOME BACK BARBECUE

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Temple Israel would like to invite all Temple Israel members and their family to a welcome back barbecue to help us all transition from summer and as a way to simply say hello to old friends and new.

Please join us on **Sunday, September 26, 2010**  
**1-3 PM**  
in the Temple parking lot  
for a nosh and lots of friendly chatter.



So that we may order the right amount of food, please fill in the bottom half of this sheet and return it to the office or email the information to Susan Mundhenk at [SMundhenk@tign.org](mailto:SMundhenk@tign.org).

We look forward to seeing you all on September 26. And by the way, this is our gift to you – there is NO CHARGE for this event!

*Richard Kestenbaum, Parviz Khodadadian, Alan Klinger, Alise Kreditor, Cheryl Eisberg Moin, Robert Panzer, Gary Sazer, Steven Shepsman, Shahram Delafraz, Barbara Erlich, Joanna Eshaghoff, Hilbert Eshaghpour, Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Laura Gal, Daniel Goldberger, Madelyn Gould, Lawrence Greengrass, Seth Horowitz, Samuel Husney, Robert Kahen, Ronald Klempner, Miriam Kobliner, Marc Langsner, Robert Lopatkin, Jose Nebro, Zina Rutkin-Becker, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Steven Smolinsky, Bracha Werber, Helen Wrobel, Brian Zeitlin, Michael Ziegelbaum.*

RSVP must be received no later than September 21, 2010.

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# Sukkot 5771

Holiday Service and Dinner!

**Wednesday evening, September 22, 2010**

**Join us for  
Sukkot services  
in the  
Sanctuary at 6:30 P.M.  
Followed by dinner  
in the Temple Sukkah.**

**Cost: \$22/adult & \$15/child**

**Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, September 20 to Kathy in the  
Temple office at 482-7800 ext. 1109.**

**Space is limited!**



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# Guest Column: Kol Nidre Appeal 5771-2010

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the sun, was a crystal clear glass of water. There must have been quite a few *yidlach* whose names were “not important.”

We are a very large congregation. It is often too easy to feel like we can get lost in the crowd—“nobody will know the difference, my contribution won’t make a difference.” Well, every contribution counts and every contribution helps. And, we need your help! Our Kol Nidre Campaign is counted on to help pay for the day-to-day operating expenses of our synagogue. Our Kol Nidre Campaign is not for the future; it is to help us pay our bills now!

We have a large physical plant that is costly to run. We have a large payroll—professional, administrative, educational and main-

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

If you have been generous to us in the past, we thank you and we ask you to continue. If you have never contributed to the Kol Nidre Appeal, we ask you to think of the cost of dinner at a local restaurant when

you go out with your family. Please at least “have dinner with us” now.

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

We, our officers, and trustees, ask each of you to consider the vital role of our synagogue in sustaining Jewish life in our Temple Israel community and to respond generously to this year’s Kol Nidre Appeal.

*L’shanah tovah u’metuka.*

## Eyes on Our Prize

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try to do better this year than we did the last.

To be Jewish is a gift. To be human is a gift. To be alive altogether, perhaps the most profound and mysterious gift of all.

*Hayom t’gadleinu!* We will sing those words together as part of the High Holy Day service. Today You enlarge us! Today we look through a different lens than usual. Today we regard our own potential and that of our family and friends in the most inviting way. Today past, present and future commingle.

Deanna and I wish the entire Temple Israel family a year of satisfaction and accomplishment. Let’s all appreciate the profound blessings that emerge by virtue of our being together as a sacred community. We will continue to cross seas, and even oceans, together. When Yom Kippur is over, and well into the year, we’ll know that something significant has begun to occur.

## AJC’s Executive Director Harris to Speak at Temple Israel October 7th

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He has been invited to speak at some of the world’s most prestigious forums. He was the first American Jewish organizational leader to address the World Economic Forum, at a session chaired by Tony Blair. Mr. Harris has testified before Congress on several occasions on matters related to the Middle East, NATO, Russian and Soviet affairs and anti-Semitism, as well as before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the French Parliament.

He has been honored by the govern-

ments of Bulgaria, France, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Ukraine for his many international activities.

Mr. Harris graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania and pursued his graduate studies in international relations at the London School of Economics. He then spent a year as a Junior Associate at Oxford University. He is the author of eight books and has written hundreds of articles, op-eds, letters and reviews in leading newspapers and magazines. Since 2001, he has had a regular spot on the CBS Radio Network.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

*Nitzavim - Vayelevk*

Saturday, September 4

In this double portion we conclude Moses's third discourse on the enforcement of the law. Moses tells the Israelites that they stand before God in their totality to conclude their covenant. That covenant is not only made with them, but also with those not present—all Israelites bound to the covenant for all time. Moses predicts a future rebellion of the people against the covenant and the evils that will follow, including exile, but he also foresees the people's repentance and their return to the land. He points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. The closing chapters of Deuteronomy speak of the last days of Moses and the actions with which he concludes his ministry. He bids farewell to his people, presents them with Joshua, his successor, writes down the Torah and hands it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read it in a public assembly every seven years. This reading is to affirm that the way to God lies only through following His Torah, and Torah is necessary to maintain and protect the people.

*Hazinu*

Saturday, September 11

In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

## SABBATH AND HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

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Saturday, September 11

*Shabbat Shuvah*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Ha'azinu*

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

*Haftarah:* Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

Sabbath Service Officers:

Alise Kreditor and Miriam Kobliner

Friday, September 17

*Kol Nidre*

*Mincha* 3:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 18

*Yom Kippur*

Morning Service (beginning in the Grand Ballroom) 9:00 A.M.

Abridged Service for Adults (welcoming to children) 9:30 A.M.

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

*Haftarah:* Isaiah 57:14-58:14

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

Symposium 3:00 P.M.

*Mincha* 5:00 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18

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

Shofar Blowing 7:42 P.M.