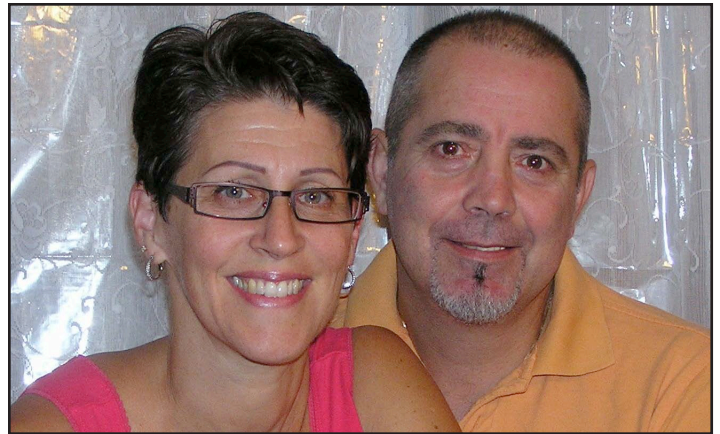
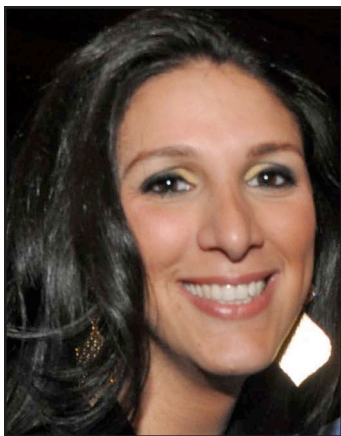




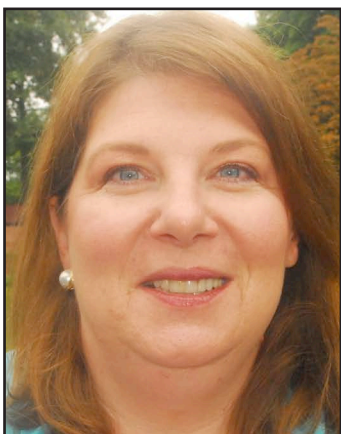
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Temple Honoring Six Members on Simhat Torah

By Marc Katz, Editor

Temple Israel will present six members of the congregation with its highest religious recognition—naming them Simhat Torah honorees—when they will be called to the *bimah* to participate in the holiday observance on Friday, October 1.

Selected to be honored at the service, which begins at 8:45 A.M., will be long-time members Ingrid and Jack Elefant, *Chatan V'Kallat Torah*, who will be called to the reading of the concluding verses of the Book of Deuteronomy; active Beth HaGan parents Joanna Eshaghoff and Dr. Laura Gal, *Kallot Bereisheet*, who will be called to the reading of the opening verses of Genesis; and Karen Bardash and Jose Nebro, *Chatan V'Kallat Maftir*, who will be called upon to chant the Haftarah from the Book of Joshua.

Immediately following the service, the entire congregation is invited to greet the honorees at a *kiddush* in their honor, to be held in the Crystal Ballroom.

Ingrid and Jack Elefant

Ingrid and Jack Elefant joined Temple Israel 20 years ago and say they immediately found a second home. They initially experienced the Temple through the daily *minyan*, when Mrs. Elefant was saying Kaddish, and quickly became enamored with the clergy, the congregation and the range of extensive learning opportunities. The couple continues to regularly attend *Shabbat* and holiday services.

Mrs. Elefant, a child Holocaust survivor, testified as a “Witness to the Shoah” in 1997 as part of the congregation’s Yom HaShoah observance. She has participated in the Temple’s Adopt-a-Survivor program at the Waxman High School and regularly speaks to both students and adults about the Holocaust.

She has taken trope lessons with Cantor Raphael Frieder, eventually becoming a regular Torah and Haftarah reader. Mrs. Elefant annually reads from Megillat Esther on Purim and chants Torah on Yom Kippur. A retired clinical social worker, she spent the first part of her career working to prevent the neglect and abuse of children and the latter part working clinically with older adults. Currently, she has a private practice, working with adults and couples in psychotherapy. She has trained Sisterhood Yad b’Yad volunteers in visiting the sick and bereaved with sensitivity and compassion.

Mr. Elefant, who is deeply interested in Judaic literature, is a regular user of the Temple Library. He has been a member of the Bereavement Committee, leading *shiva minyanim* for several years. He attends many Temple classes, including the Advanced History Seminar conducted by Rabbi Marim D. Charry. He has read from the Torah on *Shabbat* and chanted Haftarah. A retired electrical engineer, he

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Waste Not, Want Not

By Alex Schoen

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alex Schoen, the chair of the Temple's Green Committee, urges congregants to be more careful with their recyclables as they start the New Year.

Sukkot is a holiday that connects us to the earth, so it's a perfect time to report on some of the "green" initiatives that have been taking place at Temple Israel.

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Jewish experience.*

At the end of Sukkot last year, we composted all of the vegetables and fruits that were hanging from the roof of the Sukkah. We also saved the wire hangers to re-use this year. Essentially, the entire struc-

ture will be re-used each year, so the *yirakot* from this year will be composted again. The compost has been used for educational purposes in the Temple schools and also in Rabbi Adelson's garden. The bins are located behind the youth house.

Re-using items and not wasting are nothing new in the Jewish experience. Man was placed (and Woman after) in *Gan Eden*, to "till and tend" it. It was part of the grand design to have people involved in the workings of the earth, not just to take from it. Recycling can bring us a bit closer to that original ideal. It is also interesting to note that God commands that an army-laying siege to a city must not destroy its fruit trees, but leave them to continue bearing fruit. Non-fruit trees can be used for the war effort, but not those that provide sustenance. We need to protect the earth and trees that provide life for us, so by recycling and be-

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FROM THE RABBI

Klopping and Clapping

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

It would be difficult to identify two holidays more different in mood than Yom Kippur and Sukkot. After a day of introspection and some denial of the body's basic needs, we prepare for over a week of feasting and joy. Or, to put it differently, on Yom Kippur we "klop," striking our chests to indicate recognition of wrong-doing; on Sukkot, and especially on Simchat Torah, we clap, as we sing in the Sukkah and dance with the Torah scrolls.

On the one hand, it seems abrupt to go from solemn introspection to robust celebration in the mere five days between Yom Kippur and Sukkot. And yet, so often in our own lives, we make even quicker emotional transitions. Or, perhaps more likely, we live in multiple emotional places simultaneously. We inhabit living tapestries of anxiety, excitement, sadness and exultation with many knots hidden from view and some that show.

I propose that we use the special days on the Jewish calendar as an ancient, communal backdrop to our own tapestries. Whatever the mood of the day, let's get into it, inviting a wordless conversation between

an ageless tradition and our own current mindsets. Let's use Yom Kippur to achieve self-awareness both exhilarating and painful. Let's use Sukkot and Simchat Torah as an extended energy boost and an invitation to appreciate the bounty of nature, Torah and community.

On Wednesday night, September 22, we'll have our annual congregational dinner in the

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Sukkah. I'm always delighted at what a relaxed, inter-generational event that turns out to be. On Saturday, September 25, we'll enjoy our fifth annual Sukkah Hop, where we go from one Sukkah to the other, sampling a multi-course lunch.

On Simchat Torah evening, we will dance joyously to express the centrality of

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Yom Kippur Report

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple President Richard Kestenbaum presented a report to the congregation during Rosh Hashanah services. Excerpts from that address are this issue's President's Column.

Rosh Hashanah is a time for serious introspection about the past year and a time for new beginnings. For your lay leadership, it is a time to look forward to the coming year and the opportunities presented to us.

Synagogues play many roles in the lives of their congregants, but they have respon-

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sibilities to the broader Jewish community as well. In addition to providing a site for compelling prayer experiences, Temple Israel is a place to teach and to practice Jewish values from a Conservative perspective, a place to inspire Jewish youth and a site to continue to develop leaders for the Jewish community who will hopefully make a difference in the Jewish world. These roles do not conflict, and when properly harmonized they will help to ensure a secure future for Temple Israel and the larger Jewish world.

The Conservative movement, after honest recognition of its failures, is continuing to regain its footing as the religious center of Judaism. We intend to be part of that process by continuing our participation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and its New York Region, METNY, as well as the Jewish Theological Seminary, and by having Temple Israel engage in honest discussion among ourselves of contemporary issues involving Jews and Judaism. We are poised to provide a laboratory for such discussion of contemporary issues, as we are a diverse, highly educated and interested community that should be adding our voice to the larger issues.

However, for Jewish values to endure, we must continue to perpetuate Jewish knowledge for future generations. It is our descendents to whom we are most responsible, as our ancestors were to us. It is our responsibility to teach the next generation the wisdom and insights of the past.

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

CAROLINE SIMON

wife of Paul Simon and
esteemed member of Temple Israel

FLORENCE GOULD

mother of William Gould

KALINA KLEINBERG

mother of Loni Barokas

May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	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.
	26	Shalom Club Opening Meeting and Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	30	Shemini Atzeret	
Oct.	1	Simchat Torah	
	5	Sisterhood's Lunch and Read	Noon
	7	Presentation by AAJC Director David Harris	8:15 P.M.
	20-21	Beth HaGan Nursery School Book Fair	9:00 A.M.
	21	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

Simchat Torah Celebration *Thursday Evening, September 30*

6:30 P.M. - For School-Aged Children, Teens & Adults

Mincha, Ma'ariv and Hakafot

Parading, Singing and Dancing with the Torahs in the Sanctuary

Led by Rabbis Stecker and Adelson and Cantor Frieder

6:30 P.M. to 7:15 P.M. - For PreSchool & Kindergarten Children

Interactive Service for PreSchool and Kindergarten Children and their Parents

in the Crystal Ballroom

Stories, Songs, Torah Parade and a Special Snack!

Led by Rabbi Klirs

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 a closing Yom Kippur prayer. What's your favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o the Temple office.

“*Open for us the gates, even as they are closing.*

The day is waning, the sun is low.

The hour is late, a year has slipped away.

Let us enter the gates at last.”

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Sept. 17.....6:44 P.M.
 Friday, Sept. 24.....6:32 P.M.
 Friday, Oct. 1.....6:19 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 17	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Friday, Sept. 24	9:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Friday, Oct. 1	8:45 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 18	9:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 25	8:45 A.M.	6:10 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 2	8:45 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

A Name On Every Seat!

Every year a group of dedicated members of the Men's Club come to the Temple to label all of the High Holy Day seats and make sure that Kol Nidre Appeal cards are in the proper place.

They work hard throughout several evenings, placing labels with a congregant's name on each seat. It is truly backbreaking labor, yet they persevere as they work in each service room.

This year's group of volunteers was Dr. Charles I. Adler, William Blye, Jeffrey Fleit, Sidney Friedman, Sam Husney, Marc Langsner, Larry Levy, Dr. Robert Lopatkin, Dr. Robert Panzer, Gary Sazer, Dr. Arden Smith, Howard Spun and Ken Yellin, as well as an "honorary" member of the group, Susan Wagner.

"*Yasher koach* to one and all," said Mr. Spun, the annual organizer of the volunteers.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED

Thursday, September 30 - Shemini Atzeret

MARK BALABAN
 Husband of Shari Balaban

SHAMCY ESHAGHPOUR
 Wife of Yaghoub Bahman Eshaghpour
 Mother of Hilbert Eshaghpour,
 Hilda Azizi and David Eshaghpour

BARBARA GOLDFARB
 Wife of Stanley Goldfarb
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 Husband of Dr. Shirley Nochomovitz
 Father of Kayle Marcus
 and Yigal Nochomovitz

PHYLLIS PANZER
 Mother of Dr. Robert Panzer,
 Barbara Panzer, Carol Panzer
 Sister of Rene Sloane

FREDA PAVA
 Wife of Dr. Yale Pava
 Sister of Evelyn Schwartz

SEYMOUR SCHWEBER
 Husband of Laura Schweber
 Father of Kenneth H. Schweber

VICTOR SHAGALOV
 Husband of Valentina Shagalov
 Father of Anna Zuzolo
 and Anatole Shagalov

CAROL WEINSTEIN
 Wife of Donald Weinstein
 Mother of Dr. Daniel Weinstein

MARVIN WEISS
 Husband of Irene Weiss

ADI J. ZIPPOR
 Brother of Ofra Panzer
 Son of Sylvia Zippor

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



Eric Delafraz

Eric Delafraz will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on October 2. He is the son of Farnaz and Shahram Delafraz, and has two sisters, Shauna, 17, and Elana, 15. Eric is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys skiing, ATV riding, hiking, biking, white water rafting and playing tennis and basketball. Eric participates in many charitable activities. This past July, Eric celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Robinson's Arch at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.



Aaron Shirazi

Aaron Levi Shirazi will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on October 2. He is the son of Sharona and Dr. Moshe Shirazi and has a brother, Arriel, 12, and a sister, Amanda, 9. Aaron is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School, where he received an All Sports Award for being on the soccer, swimming, wrestling and lacrosse teams. He enjoys snowboarding, mountain climbing, fishing and biking. Aaron celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* in Israel this past summer.



Sarah Kaplan

Sarah Kaplan will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on October 9. She is the daughter of Anna and Darren Kaplan, and has a sister, Taylor, 11. Sarah is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing soccer and gymnastics. Sarah celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in Israel last year. She plans on attending the Waxman High School and Youth House this fall.

Sukkot: A Holy DIY Opportunity

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

If, like me, you love to “do it yourself,” then Sukkot is the holiday for you! Here is an opportunity to take a ritual commandment and make it tangible, fun, and fashionable.

Allow me to quote from Leviticus (23:42-43): “You shall live in sukkot (booths) seven days...in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt...”

OK, so it may not be so easy or comfortable to live day and night in a sukkah. But this holiday is a simply fabulous way to hone your building and decorating skills—a healthy, holy family activity.

Here are a few halachic guidelines for building and using your sukkah:

- The sukkah must be built in the open air, not under a roof or a tree.
- It must have at least 2.5 walls, of which one may be a part of a permanent building (i.e. your house).
- The sukkah must be a temporary structure.
- It must be covered with materials that grow from the ground (called *sekhakh*), although not things like leaves and grass that might shrivel and fall off, and nothing that has an offensive odor.
- The *sekhakh* must be loose enough so that you can see the sky from inside the sukkah, and yet dense enough so that the shadow it casts on the ground exceeds the light thrown by the sun.
- The walls may be constructed of any material, but they must be strong enough to withstand ordinary winds.
- You may use some kind of covering when it rains, but you must remove it when it stops raining.
- It is a good idea to decorate your sukkah and give it some kind of aesthetic appeal.
- Enjoy dining in the sukkah whenever possible! If you like the idea of camping out, try that as well.
- The *berakhah* that one says when fulfilling the obligation of sitting in the sukkah is as follows:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu leshev ba-Sukkah.

Hag Sameah! Enjoy!

Klopping and Clapping

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Torah in our lives. On Simchat Torah morning, we will dance some more, complete and then begin the reading of the Torah, and honor six deserving members of our congregation.

I believe that we should be at least as keen to share happy Jewish moments with our loved ones as we are to share the solemn ones. The Jewish historian, Salo Baron, opposed the prevailing approach of his time that regarded Jewish history primarily as the tale of successive persecutions. “Surely,” he wrote, “it is time to break with the lachrymose theory of pre-Revolutionary woe, and to adopt a view more in accord with historic truth.” (Menorah Journal, 1928).

Likewise, it is important for children and adults to understand that there are more days of joy on the Jewish calendar than there are days of solemnity and sadness. When we experience all of these days in their proper places, we will hopefully have a balanced perspective, tipped, if anything, toward the direction of affirmation.

I hope to see everyone during these days of klopping and clapping, hopping and dancing. Our rabbis taught that God’s presence comes to dwell on a joyful heart. Let’s hope that our collective joy will create a comfortable space for God’s presence, however we understand that, and for our own.

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YOM KIPPUR SABBATH AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, September 17

Kol Nidre

Mincha	3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre	6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur

Morning Service (begins in the Grand Ballroom)	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 16; Numbers 29:7-11	
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14	

Abridged Service for Adults (welcoming to children)	9:30 A.M.
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.
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Wednesday, September 22

Leil Sukkot

Mincha and Maariv followed by a Congregational Dinner	6:30 P.M.
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Thursday, September 23

First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44; Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16	
Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21	
Mincha and Maariv	6:45 P.M.

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D’VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Beresheet

Saturday, October 2

In this portion, we begin the reading of the Torah anew. The creation of the world is described in two accounts. The first account focuses on the creation of all of the elements of the physical universe, including humanity, and comes to a climax with the establishment of a day of rest. The second account focuses on the creation of humanity and comes to a climax with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. As a result of transgressing, a strict prohibition on eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve are banished from the Garden. God proclaims that henceforth they will get their food by hard toil and women will bear children in pain. Adam and Eve have two sons, Cain and Abel, who become a farmer and a shepherd, respectively. As a result of anger when God accepts Abel’s offering, but not his own, Cain kills his brother. Adam and Eve have a third son, Seth, from whom Noah descends.

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It is our intention that our Waxman High School and Youth House be at the center of our efforts to reach our teens at whatever point along the Jewish continuum they are. It is going to take some rethinking on our part to meet our responsibilities to children of all families who belong to Temple Israel, whether or not those children currently participate in our high school program. It will also take our imagination to find ways of reaching all Jewish youth in Great Neck, all of whom we have a responsibility to, even if they are not members of our synagogue. We cannot expect the teens of Great Neck to go off to college knowing who they are and what their obligations are to Judaism, unless they are grounded with substantive Jewish values and compelling Jewish social experiences.

We have persuaded Rabbi Adelson to act as the interim high school director and to undertake a first crack at this very large responsibility of redirecting the Youth House to larger purposes. He has agreed to act in this capacity with my personal assurance that we would provide him with all necessary resources to meet our

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

• **Simon Fink** on the birth of his twin grandsons, Rory Dylan and Jordan Blake Fink.

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goals. I personally thank him for stepping up to this role, and Rabbi Stecker for restructuring their joint responsibilities to our congregation.

Lastly, we intend to encourage frequent travel to Israel together and to find new and better ways of answering Israel's political and

financial needs in order to meet the ever-increasing challenges to its existence.

So, as we pray to have our names inscribed in the Book of Life for a good and sweet year, please join us on our journey of *teshuvah*—change in ourselves, *tefillah*—prayer and reflection, and *tzedakah*—righteousness and kindness.

L'shana tova—may you have a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Waste Not, Want Not

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ing environmentally responsible we are—in a way—returning the favor. That is one reason we have a holiday to celebrate the harvest.

Coinciding with Sukkot this year will be the Temple's Welcome Back BBQ. Normally, it takes place before the holidays, but given their early arrival this year, the date is set for Sunday, September 26. The BBQ will take place in its normal location, near the Youth House, but the Sukkah will be available for your dining pleasure.

At this year's BBQ, another change will be taking place. Instead of single serve cans of soda and bottles of water, large bottles of refreshments will be provided, much like at the *Shabbat kiddush*. We will be using disposable cups, but that is better than the expense and waste of single serve items. We will also work to eliminate use of single serve containers at other Temple events that have historically had them, as well.

The Green Committee, in collaboration with the Chesed Committee, is working to determine the best way to "re-purpose" the excess unserved food that invariably accumulates at many congregational functions. It is a shame to throw it away when so many people who are less fortunate need food.

There are many opportunities for involvement. Please contact for more information at <tigngreen@gmail.com> or <chesedtign@gmail.com>

Temple Honoring Six Members on Simhat Torah

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worked on the lunar rover and on radar for the 1969 moon landing.

Mrs. Elefant has sung in the Great Neck Choral Society for more than 30 years. Six years ago she was one of the three founders of Na'aleh, the Jewish Women's Chorus.

Mr. Elefant has two children, Steven and Karen, and Mrs. Elefant has two daughters, Dr. Wendy Epstein and Ellen Cohen Johnstone. She also has four grandchildren, Wendy's children Sarah, 23, and Joshua, 19, and Ellen's children, Jason, 23, and Stephanie, 19.

Joanna Eshaghoff and Dr. Laura Gal

Both Joanna Eshaghoff and Dr. Laura Gal have been at the helm of the Beth HaGan PTA for a number of years.

They have just completed highly successful terms as president and vice president, respectively, of the school's parent organization. They coordinated many holiday related events, funded educational programs, and raised funds to purchase playground equipment, among many other projects.

During their term, the PTA ran two major fundraising events. One helped a school security guard in need; the other helped support a charity in Cambodia founded and run by the uncle of a Beth HaGan student. The two drives raised more than \$9,000.

Mrs. Eshaghoff, now in her third year as a member of the Temple Board of Trustees, says she now hopes to become more involved with other areas of the congregation, including the Religious School Education Committee. She works with her husband, David, in the family

business, Eshco Real Estate of Great Neck.

The Eshaghoffs, truly a family of Temple Israel, were married at the Temple in December of 2000. Rabbi Howard Stecker officiated at his first baby naming at Temple Israel for the Eshaghoff's oldest daughter, Hanna, born in 2003. The *bris* for their son, Joseph, was held at the Temple in 2005. The baby naming for their daughter, Lea, was also held at the Temple, in 2008. Hanna, who completed Beth HaGan in 2008, is now a *bet* student in the Religious School and in the second grade at Saddle Rock Elementary School. Their son, who completed Beth HaGan this past June, is now a Nitzanim student in the Religious School and entering kindergarten at Saddle Rock. Lea has just begun her first year at Beth HaGan.

Laura Gal grew up in Great Neck, married, and returned to the community with her husband, Robert, eight years ago. The couple has four children, Hannah, 11, Joshua, 10, Emily, 7, and Sophia, 5. All of their children graduated from Beth HaGan and now attend the Temple Religious School.

In addition to the Beth HaGan PTA, Dr. Gal has served on the Beth HaGan Bridge Committee, the Religious School Education Committee and the Chesed Committee. For the past two years, she has participated in the Adult Bat Mitzvah class, marking her *Bat Mitzvah* last spring.

She has participated in the PTA at both the Lakeville and Parkville schools and has been the co-president of the Lake Success Camp Board for the past four years.

As a pediatrician, she worked in a faculty practice at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York.

Now that her children are older, she hopes to return to pediatric work in the near future.

Karen Bardash and Jose Nebro

Karen Bardash and Jose Nebro are another true Temple Israel family. Ms. Bardash, the daughter of former Temple President and Men's Club President Manny Bardash and former Sisterhood President Laura Bardash, and Mr. Nebro were married at the Temple in 1985. They just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by reading Torah in the Sanctuary, joined by two of their children, Marina and Marcus.

Marina and Marcus, along with their sister, Malka, have all attended Temple schools. The children regularly attend Temple services, along with their parents and grandparents.

Ms. Bardash has been a member of the Religious School Education Committee, treasurer of the Religious School Parent Association, co-chair of the Education Vision Team, and a founding member of the Re-Imagine Project. A Great Neck teacher for the past 20 years, she is currently teaching Spanish at Great Neck North Middle School.

Mr. Nebro, a member of the Temple Board of Trustees, also serves on the House Committee and is co-chair of the Technology Committee. He is a regular attendee at the Sunday morning *minyán*. As the senior vice president of Fastrack Healthcare Systems, Inc., he develops software for the home healthcare industry.

Ms. Bardash, who marked her *Bat Mitzvah* at Temple Israel in 1972, said: "Temple Israel of Great Neck has always been an important part of the Bardash and Nebro families. It is a tradition we hope to pass on to our children."

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YOM KIPPUR, SABBATH AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

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Friday, September 24 - Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44; Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16
 Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21
 Mincha and Maariv 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 25 - Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26; Maftir: Numbers 29:17-22
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16
 Sabbath Service Officers: Dr. Laura Gal and Miriam Kobliner
 Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
 Chag Ha-Mishpachah Service 10:15 A.M.
 Maariv 6:10 P.M.

Sunday, September 26 - Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28
 Mincha 8:00 P.M.

Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28 Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.
 Torah Readings: Numbers 29:23-31; Numbers 29:26-34
 Maariv 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 29 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Service 6:15 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34
 Leil Shemini Atzeret
 Mincha and Maariv 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 30 - Shemini Atzeret

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
 Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1
 Haftarah: I Kings 8:54 - 66

Yizkor Memorial Services - Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Leil Simhat Torah

Mincha, Maariv and Hakafof in the Grand Ballroom 6:30 P.M.
 For school-age children, teens and adults
 Celebration in the Crystal Ballroom 6:30 P.M.
 For pre-school and kindergarten children and their families

Friday, October 1 - Simhat Torah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
 Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3
 Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1
 Haftarah: Joshua 1:1 - 18
 Mincha and Maariv 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 2

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
 Weekly Portion: *Beresheet*; Genesis 1:1-6:8
 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10
 Sabbath Service Officers:
 Dr. Madelyn Gould and Dan Goldberger
B'nai Mitzvah
 ERIC DELAFRAZ
 son of Farnaz and Shahram (Mike) Delafraz
 AARON SHIRAZI
 son of Sharona and Dr. Moshe Shirazi
 Mincha and Maariv 6:00 P.M.