



Temple members were joined by METNY officials when receiving their awards at the convention. Left to right are Hon. Ronni Birnbaum, incoming METNY President Norman Korowitz, Miriam Kobliner, Dr.

Robert Panzer, incoming METNY Vice President Marc Katz, outgoing METNY President Sharon Steinberg, METNY Executive Director Rabbi Charles Savenor, Hon. Richard Kestenbaum and Alan Klinger.

Temple Programs Win METNY Convention Awards

Marc Katz Elected METNY Vice President

Temple Israel programs won three major awards at last weekend's convention of congregations belonging to METNY, the New York District of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

In addition, Temple member Marc Katz was elected a METNY vice president and Hon. Ronni Birnbaum, Hon. Richard Kestenbaum and Martin Werber were elected to various METNY boards and councils.

The congregation was represented by a sizeable delegation at the convention, held at Beth El Synagogue Center, New Rochelle. In attendance from Temple Israel were Ronni Birnbaum, Marc Katz, Richard Kestenbaum, Alan Klinger, Miriam Ko-

bliner, and Ofra and Dr. Robert Panzer.

Temple programs recognized for excellence by METNY were Midnight Run in the Social Action category, the Shabbat Hamishpacha Religious School Program for Family Education, and a Youth House program about veterans in the Special Programs category.

Norman Korowitz of the North Shore Hebrew Congregation, Commack, was elected METNY president, succeeding Sharon Steinberg of the Town and Village Synagogue, Manhattan.

The convention featured workshops, which the Temple delegation attended, including "Mission-Driven Motivation," "A

Can-do Culture," "People Focused Management," "Compelling Communications," "Active Outreach," and "Meaningful Involvement."

The workshops were followed by a panel discussion, "The Charismatic Kehillah (community)" featuring Jeremy Fingerman, executive director of The Foundation for Jewish Camp, Ruth Messinger, executive director of the American Jewish World Service, and Rabbi Alan Silverstein of Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell, New Jersey, the chair of the Masorti Foundation.

The Temple Israel representatives will give a detailed report on the convention to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming meeting.

Forgiving and Forgetting

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Temple Israel Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry delivered a moving sermon during the congregation's Rosh Hashanah service. Excerpts from that sermon is this Voice Guest Column.

I frequently get an invitation on the Internet to join one or another social network, such as Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn. In this connection, I was intrigued by an article in the New York Times Magazine in July: "The Web Means the End of Forget-

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ting," by Jeffrey Rosen, a law professor at George Washington University. He pointed out that anything posted on the Internet remains there forever, thereby "shackling us to everything that we have ever said, or that anyone has said about us, making the possibility of digital self-reinvention seem like

an ideal from a distant era." This makes it impossible to learn from mistakes and make a new beginning. It denies us a second chance.

Our Rabbis were aware of the danger of not being able to forget. In Pirkei Avot it is recorded that Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai characterized one of his outstanding disciples, Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrkanos, as "a lined cistern that doesn't leak a drop." We may marvel at Rabbi Eliezer's prodigious memory, but because he could not discard anything, he became rigid in his opinions.

Jewish tradition has a good deal to say about permanent records. In the Torah, God proclaims His attributes to Moses in these words: "The Lord, the Lord! a God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He does not remit all punishment, but visits the iniquity of parents upon children, and

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FROM THE RABBI

Building Community Every Morning

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

At a recent meeting of Temple Israel's Educational Vision Team, our internal think tank tasked with guiding the Temple's schools so that they are better aligned with our "Vision for Education." A fundamental question arose. The committee was discussing successful features of each school, and their contribution to, among other things, "building community."

Now this is, of course, something that I speak about all the time. But it occurred to me on that particular evening that, although it may be easy to throw this phrase around in sermons, it is not entirely clear what it means, or how to evaluate whether or not an activity builds community.

Is "building community" merely about bringing people together? Is it about social capital, making connections between people who might otherwise never cross paths? Does prayer build community? Does a sermon? Does a cantorial recitative? Does

bar/bat mitzvah? What about social action projects?

And what about the morning *minyan*, the short daily service that takes place

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to start your
weekday, and
we need your help.*

Sundays through Fridays at Temple Israel?

The rabbinic term for community is *tzibbur*, perhaps best known for its role in the phrase, "*sheliah tzibbur*," the term for one who leads prayer.* *Sheliah tzibbur* literally means, "the representative of the community," and

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Learning from Others

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

Several of us recently attended the Biennial Convention of the METNY District of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, held at a synagogue in New Rochelle. The theme of the convention was how to create *kehillah* (community). While each of us attended different workshops and will report on what we each learned to the Board of Trustees at a later date, I did want to share some observations, which occurred to me at the convention.

Interestingly, the framework for one of the workshops I attended was fashioned around a congregation, which was comprised of several *minyanim*, which existed in their neighborhood and were brought together under one roof to form one *shul*. Another talk was focused around a suburban

*We...all believe
we are on
the right track...*

congregation in New Jersey, similarly sized to ours, that was trying to break itself down to smaller units designed to reach more members, each trying to achieve the same goals from different directions. Of course, modern buzz words like collaborative leadership, social capital and social networking were thrown about, the goal of every *shul* present was to learn how to provide a compelling atmosphere for learning, spirituality and *chesed* (good deeds). Since each of us representing Temple Israel share and practice these goals, our mission was validated, but it was surprising to learn how few of the 50 congregations present followed these ideals in practice. In one workshop I attended, the facilitator expressed surprise that a collaborative form of leadership was practiced in any synagogue!

From what I have been reading in the news, these issues are not unique to Judaism, but rather endemic to organized religion of all "flavors." What is now clear is that people want something different than they expected 40 years ago. Of course, trying to tease out the needs of each community is a challenge, this is what is fulfilling about being a part of Temple leadership. We at Temple Israel all believe we are on the right track, judging by the responses we receive, but we are always looking in the rear-view mirror with one eye—just to make sure.

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TEMPLE LITES...

• Paula Charry, Ingrid Elefant, Renee Altman Fleischer, Rabbi Tracy Klirs and Ellen Rosen will perform with the Na'aleh Women's Ensemble as they begin their eighth season on Sunday, December 12, with a concert at Temple Israel beginning at 4 P.M. For tickets and further information, call Dr. Fleischer at 466-8428 or Dr. Rosen at 482-7480.

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, Nov. 19	7:00 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 26	7:00 A.M.	4:15 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 20	8:45 A.M.	3:55 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 27	8:45 A.M.	3:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, November 19.....	4:30 P.M.
Friday, November 26.....	4:15 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Nov.	22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sponsored by the Great Neck Clergy Association	7:30 P.M.
Dec.	1	Erev Hanukkah	
	2-9	Hanukkah	
	2	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	5	Congregational Hanukkah Party	5:00 P.M.
	11	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	16	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

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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.

With the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, this issue's quote is taken from "Thanksgiving" one of the Supplementary Readings in Siddur Sim Shalom.

*“ Let us share our bread with the hungry;
Let us not turn away from the needy.
Let us not take our blessings for granted.
Let us share them with others, with thanks. ”*

Preparing for the Holidays

By Rachel Mathless

Activities at Beth HaGan are centering on Thanksgiving and, of course, Hanukkah, which follows less than a week later.

Walk the halls of Beth HaGan and the pictures are worth thousands of words. Children are learning about the Pilgrims and the Mayflower and about religious freedom. All classes are making Thanksgiving costumes in preparation for our Thanksgiving feast, which will take place on Wednesday, November 24. Autumn colors and smells abound, classes are baking with pumpkins and cranberries and discussing all the many things and people for which we are thankful.

All classes have begun their exploration of Parshat Ha-shavuah. Every class enjoyed the story of creation and each group displayed their knowledge in a unique and visually beautiful way. It is amazing how many ways teachers can devise to make an ark. We learned how Noah and his family survived during the flood. We've moved on to the patriarchs learning about the "extreme kindness of Abraham," the sacrifice of Isaac, the birth of Jacob and Esau, and Rivka's generosity at the well. Teachers present difficult concepts in an age appropriate manner and the children look forward to Bible story time.

Tzedakah and awareness of the needs of others has been a major focus at Beth HaGan for many years. The month of November has been dedicated to a coat drive and to a toy drive for Hanukkah gifts for hospitalized children. It is a beautiful thing to watch children share with others, and to understand the concept of giving of themselves and their things. Hopefully, they will internalize this wonder-

ful *middah* (good quality) and the compassion and empathy they learn at Beth HaGan will become a tangible part of their lives.

Friday continues to be a magical time at Beth HaGan. From the moment the fresh dough arrives at school, until the last child leaves, the spirit of *Shabbat* permeates our building, inspiring and exciting the children. Parents who serve as *Shabbat* hosts look forward to coming and sharing. Everyone is welcome to come and experience the joy.



Beth HaGan toddlers, sailing away on the Mayflower, which they built when learning about the Thanksgiving holiday.



Beth HaGan toddlers working creatively on their parsha project, "Rivka at the well."

Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah

Saturday, Nov. 20

3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

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- **Minoos and Abraham Shaoul** on the birth of their twin grandchildren, Henry Abraham and Piper Esther Shaoul.

Congregation Thanks Many Recent Shabbat Kiddush Sponsors

Appreciation is expressed by the Temple officers and Board of Trustees to members who have generously sponsored and enhanced the Sabbath *kiddush*.

The congregational *kiddush* on October 30 was sponsored by Ossie and Douglas Spector in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sara.

The congregational *kiddush* on November 6 was sponsored by the Shoah Committee and the Temple Israel Institute for Lifelong Learning in honor of guest speaker Irving Roth. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Malvina and Jeff Kirshner in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Henry.

Building Community Every Morning

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suggests that *tzibbur* implies a group of people that are gathered together for a specific purpose, not merely a random crowd. Community requires intent, and of course a certain amount of commitment.

Furthermore, in Pirquei Avot, the tractate of the Mishnah that contains rabbinic wisdom about life and learning, we find the following words of the sage Hillel: “*Al tifrosh min ha-tzibbur.*” “Do not separate yourself from the community.” We need each other,

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says Hillel; our obligations here on earth require that we join with one another for both holy and mundane tasks.

And that is why the morning *minyan* is the most important piece of our community. Yes, it may serve an average of ten people every day—ten out of thousands of members. But those that come to the morning *minyan* are physically demon-

strating their love for God, community, and those who are grieving, all at once. A quick 40-minute jaunt (well, 55 minutes on Mondays and Thursdays) through the weekday *siddur* later, and something magical has happened: we have bonded in a way that only Jews can. We have made the magical, mystical quorum and the *Shekhinah*, God’s presence, has popped its head into the room. We have journeyed together through the eons spanned by Jewish liturgy, quietly mumbling, singing with gusto, and meditating in silent reflection, and completed this trip before the day has even officially begun.

We gather, we sing, and often we mourn. **The morning *minyan* is the most foundational of community-building activities found under the roof of Temple Israel, the very definition of gathering intentionally. It is the best way to start your weekday, and we need your help. *Al tifrosh min hatzibbur.* Come join us.

*The more familiar term “*hazzan*,” which does not appear in the Torah or Talmud, is actually derived from an Akkadian word for a military leader. It is not, as is often surmised, derived from the Hebrew word, *hazon*, meaning vision.

**And now, the *minyan* is new and improved, including a thought for the day and food afterwards. Join us!

Forgiving and Forgetting

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children’s children, upon the third and fourth generations.” In the Mishnah, Rabbi Judah the Prince teaches: “Know what is above you. ... An eye that sees, an ear that hears, and all your deeds recorded in a book.” And in our mahzor, the Zikronot section of the Amidah for Musaf begins: “You remember the deeds of the world and You are mindful of your creatures since the beginning of time. ... Nothing is forgotten in your awe-inspiring presence, nothing is concealed from your gaze.”

Yet we are called to do *teshuvah*—we can have a second chance! How so? A comment of the Talmud points to an answer. “Rabbi Judah says: ... be careful (to respect) an old man who has forgotten his knowledge through no fault of his own, for it was said: Both the whole tablets (of the Ten Commandments) and the fragments of the tablets were placed in the Ark.”

Each of us carries broken fragments of our past experiences with us. *Teshuvah* and forgiving must be tied to remembering the broken fragments. Forgiveness comes when I use my brokenness to help determine what my future will be; when I use my disappoint-

ments, failures, mistakes, missed opportunities and anger as learning experiences to help me do better. *Rav* Joseph Soloveitchik taught that the Jewish time sequence is not past, present, future, but rather future, past, present. We create a vision of the future, we look to what happened in the past and we use that memory to transform the present.

Each person is an Ark carrying fragments of broken tablets. Consider, for example, our patriarch Jacob. His encounter with the divine leaves him limping, and his name is changed to Israel. Throughout the rest of the Torah, he is called both Israel and Jacob (sometimes in the same verse!). We are always struggling between being Jacob (our broken tablets past) and being Israel, who we can be if we do sincere *teshuvah* and practice forgiveness.

To forgive is to replace hate and anger with love and amity. Our commentators offer several interpretations of the verse in Leviticus: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” One suggests that we can love (which includes forgiving) when we realize that our neighbor is just like us, struggling with broken fragments. May God open our eyes so we can see our neighbor with a full heart.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Vayishlah

Saturday, November 20

In this portion, we conclude the independent stories about Jacob. In the remainder of the Book of Genesis, his life is intertwined with the biography of Joseph. Jacob prepares to encounter Esau by dividing his camp as a safety precaution and sending a large gift of livestock to his brother. He wrestles all night with a mysterious assailant from whom he wrests a blessing at daybreak in the form of a change of name from Jacob to Israel. Following the successful meeting with Esau, Jacob travels on and settles down. His daughter, Dinah, is ravished by a local prince, and two of her brothers take fearful revenge. Other events serve to sever decisively the connection of the patriarchs with Mesopotamia. By the end of this portion, our focus is shifted from the lives of individuals to the emerging people of Israel.

Vayeshev

Saturday, November 27

The cycle of Joseph stories begins in this portion. Joseph, Jacob's favorite, angers his brothers by tattling and by recounting dreams in which he is clearly designated lord over his family. In retaliation, the brothers sell him into slavery and he is brought to Egypt. The story is interrupted at this point to recount an incident in the life of Judah. The narrative resumes with the account of Joseph's fortunes in Egypt. He is sold to a high official and becomes his major domo, but he runs afoul of his master's wife and is jailed. There, Joseph interprets the dreams of two fellow prisoners, Pharaoh's chief cupbearer and chief baker. The cupbearer is subsequently restored to his office, but he completely forgets about Joseph. The events of this story demonstrate the working out of God's carefully devised plan for His people and serve as the prelude to the drama of oppression and redemption which is the heart of the Biblical narrative.

*Worship at Temple Israel
This Shabbat*

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, November 19

Evening Service 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 20

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayishlah*

Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 - 21

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Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah 3:30 P.M.

Bar Mitzvah 4:00 P.M.

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Friday, November 26

Evening Service 4:15 P.M.

Saturday, November 27

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayeshev*

Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8

Sabbath Service Officer: Dr. Robert Panzer

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.