



Temple Planning Israel Trip For Waxman School Teens

A record number of Temple Israel Waxman High School and Youth House teens are preparing to travel to Israel for a ten-day tour of the country next February, led by school administrators.

"This tour will build three things," said School Director Rabbi Seth Adelson. "It will build Jewish identity, understanding of the Jewish state and, in a wider sense, the Youth House and Temple Israel community that supports Israel."

The Youth House group is scheduled to leave for Israel on February 17 and return on February 27, led by Rabbi Adelson, Assistant Director of Education Itamar Futterman and popular Waxman High School teacher and Temple member Moji Pourmoradi.

"A trip to Israel was one of the goals of the Youth House leadership," said Mr. Futterman. "Our goals were to increase school

participation, increase the number of participants in the Youth House—and to have a trip to the State of Israel."

The group is scheduled to spend several days in Jerusalem, be hosted by a Masorti (Conservative) community in Ashkelon, visit Masada, see an army base where they will interact with Israeli soldiers, view Bedouin lifestyles, visit northern Israel and hike in the streams and valleys of the country.

"This trip will be a wonderful experience for the 34 teenagers who are joining us," Rabbi Adelson said. "They will have the opportunity to see features of Israel that few people do when traveling with family, and also some off-the-beaten-path places that larger tour groups cannot do."

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Temple Returning Iraqi Torah to Its Case

A Temple Israel Sephardi Torah is being returned to its upright case, called a *tik*, so that it can be read in the traditional style.

The Iraqi Torah, one of three purchased many years ago by former Senior Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, is written on deerskin. It had been removed from its silver *tik* for regular use by the congregation while a number of Temple Torahs were being repaired. Because of a lack of regular use, most Temple Torahs had become *pasul* (unfit for ritual use).

Five years ago, Temple Israel's Torah Res-

toration Committee began to have the congregation's Torahs cleaned, repaired and scanned for insurance purposes. At that time, it was decided to put the three Iraqi Torahs on wooden rollers, called *atzei chaim*, so that they could be more easily used during services, especially on the High Holy Days.

The Torah was returned to its original *tik* at the request of the clergy, who occasionally take it to the homes of Persian families celebrating the first time a boy puts on *tefillin*. The families pre-

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One of the congregation's Sephardi Torahs, left, was recently returned to its original case, or *tik*, by the Temple's Torah Restoration Committee. Part of its ornate case, at right, has the original dedication in Hebrew around the top of the case.



Midnight Running

By Dr. Robert Panzer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Vice President Dr. Robert Panzer, the author of this Guest Column, chairs the congregation's Midnight Run Efforts. He invites material and financial contributions, as well as participation in upcoming "Runs."

Each year Temple Israel participates in Midnight Run. Midnight Run is an organization started by Dale Williams, a formerly homeless person who has dedicated his life to helping those who find themselves without a place to live.

The Gemilut Chesed Committee of Temple Israel collects warm men's clothing,

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food and small-sized toiletries and delivers them to the homeless population of New York City.

The clothing items that are useful are pants, long-sleeved shirts, coats, gloves, knit

hats, and especially underwear, long underwear, white socks and sweatshirts. There is also often a need for blankets and bags, such as canvas bags or gym bags.

We prepare a large number of bagged meals for each "Run" and then follow a prescribed route to deliver the food, toiletries and clothing to the needy on the streets. We have always found the people we meet to be most grateful and thankful for our help. It has always been a safe experience and a very eye-opening experience for our Hebrew High School and Religious School students who have participated.

Our tentative dates for this fall and winter are December 11 and January 8. These are all Saturday nights. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Panzerwizardo@gmail.com or at 487-0515.

Donations of clothing and toiletries can be brought to the Temple office at any time. Financial donation to support this and other *chesed* activities can be made to the Gemilut Chesed Fund of Temple Israel.

FROM THE RABBI

Embracing the American Dream

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

I'll begin this column with two forthright questions. How comfortable are we regarding the ethnic and religious diversity that exists in our town? For that matter, how comfortable are we as Jews living in America?

While I consider these questions to some degree all the time, two recent events in particular pushed them to the forefront of my thinking. On the Monday evening proceeding Thanksgiving, we participated in the Great Neck Clergy Association's annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. A few days earlier, two teenagers were arrested for performing an anti-Semitic act at a local synagogue.

I'll describe them in the order in which they occurred. On Saturday, November 20, two teens were arrested for arranging chairs in the shape of a swastika in the parking lot of the North Shore Sephardic Synagogue. The synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi

Bakshi, noticed the swastika and notified the police. The teens were charged with first-degree aggravated harassment

Two days after the arrest, we enjoyed our town's annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, held this year at All Saints Episco-

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pal Church on Middle Neck Road. Present were members and clergy from various synagogues and churches in our community. We offered prayers and heard sermons celebrating diversity and yearning for peace. The ethnic, religious and racial diversity in the room was evident and the warm feelings

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Needing Each Other

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As many of you know, Irving Roth, a noted Holocaust educator, spoke at our synagogue recently. His message of vigilance and speaking out when confronted with anti-Semitism was highlighted by the parallels he drew between the world climate that existed in 1938 and the current de-legitimization of Israel as a world state. While this was disturbing enough, the message was brought home a week or two later by an unfortunate incident in our hometown of Great Neck.

A couple of weeks ago, a pair of youths from an adjoining community arranged a few dozen folding chairs in the form of a swastika in the rear of the North Shore Sephardic Synagogue in Great Neck. While their motives are yet unknown, their actions cut to the heart of what Irving Roth was saying: these types of events must be criticized loudly and the culprits brought to justice for committing a bias crime. Surprisingly, there was little press about the event and no community response that I am aware of.

I am sure that we can all agree that a louder response from the Great Neck Jewish community was indicated and should have been forthcoming. As history has proven, failure to address this behavior head-on is the wrong approach because next time it could occur in our backyard.

A second but additional way to deal with anti-Semitism is for the Great Neck Jewish Community to continue to engage non-Jews in productive interfaith dialogue. Coincidentally, one such opportunity presented itself last week, which was the annually held interfaith Thanksgiving service conducted by the Great Neck Clergy Association. If you were not aware that Great Neck is a religiously diverse community, attending this service would help clear up any doubts. These opportunities for all religions to pray together create an atmosphere that makes hate-mongering a more difficult sell. The stark contrast between a hateful act by anti-Semites and the interfaith service is striking. Our responsibility is to speak out loudly about both.

Rabbi Charry is the executive vice president of the Great Neck Clergy Association and has been active in that organization for many years. Rabbi Stecker and several Temple members also participated in the service. I think that all attendees see it as an opportunity to learn about each other and respect and celebrate our differences rather than be afraid of them.

We all need each other in the end. So, while we are speaking out about injustice against us, let's also speak out about injustice to others as well.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

ERIC ZIELENZIGER

husband of Dr. Ruth Zielenziger,
father of David Zielenziger
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mother of Michael Parnes

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May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Dec.	5	Congregational Hanukkah Party	5:00 P.M.
	11	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	12	Temple Israel Players Cast Call	1:00 P.M.
	13	Temple Israel Players Cast Call	7:00 P.M.
	15	Temple Israel Players Cast Call Backs	7:00 P.M.
	16	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
Jan.	14	Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder	7:30 P.M.

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Sunday, December 12 @ 1 P.M.

Monday, December 13 @ 7 P.M.

Wednesday, December 15 @ 7 P.M.

at the Waxman Youth House

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- Adults of ALL ages in the Spotlight

For further information, call the Temple office 482-7800

Temple Is Selling Cemetery Plots at Beth Moses, Prices Will Increase Soon

Temple Israel owns two sections within Beth Moses Memorial Park on Pinelawn Road in Farmingdale and sells cemetery plots to members, from one grave to multiple graves, for well below market price.

The congregation currently offers graves for \$1,500 each, which includes annual care of the grave. Beth Moses sells graves to the public for \$2,680, plus \$2,000 for perpetual care.

On January 1 the price of a single grave will increase to \$1,800 and there will be an additional charge for perpetual care of \$1,000 per grave. This is the first price increase in several years and was necessitated by the rising costs of maintaining the cemetery. If you have been considering such a purchase, this may be the right time to make it.

For additional information regarding the purchase of cemetery plots, call Temple Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800.

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 addition to the Amidah that is only recited during Hanukkah. What is your favorite quote? Send it to the Temple office c/o The Voice.

“*They set aside these eight days
as a season for giving thanks
and chanting praises to You*”

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IN OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shabbat Attendance Clubs Forming

By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs



Michael Hershenhorn

Michael Hershenhorn will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on December 11. He is the son of Rachel and Howard Hershenhorn and has a brother, Matthew, 16, and a sister, Sarah, 6. Michael is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He is on basketball and baseball teams. Michael also enjoys playing football and lacrosse. He currently attends the Waxman High School and Youth House and participated in the Hidon Ha Torah 2010. Michael visited Israel with his family and plans to return next year to celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* at the Kotel.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Vivian and Mark Kollenscher** on the marriage of their daughter, Talia, to Seth Grossman.
- **Shabnam and Farzad Tabaroki** on the birth of their son, Ethan.
- **Suzanne and Hon. Howard Weitzman** on the birth of their grandson, Max Aaron Weitzman.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, December 3.....4:10 P.M.
Friday, December 10.....4:09 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	7:00 A.M.	4:15 P.M.
Saturday	8:45 A.M.	3:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Editor's Note:

Even More Temple Members Were at METNY Convention

The last issue of The Voice inadvertently omitted Ofra Panzer's name in the picture caption of those attending the METNY convention, which appeared on page 1. We apologize for the omission.

"13 Mitzvot" and "Chai" Clubs: In an effort to encourage more children and families to attend *Shabbat* and holiday services at Temple Israel, we have established two exclusive membership clubs: all students in grades K-7 who meet the Temple's minimum requirement of attending eight services and five Family Education programs with their parents over the course of the year, are automatically inducted into the 13 Mitzvot Club. Those who attend at least five additional services—a total of 13 services and five Family Education programs—become members of the Chai Club. *Mazal Tov* to our first 13 Mitzvot Club Members: Aliza and Simona Fine; and to our first Chai Club Members: Josh and Scott Rothbaum, and Leila and Emma Sassouni!

We have a number of ways of honoring and recognizing those who make it into the 13 Mitzvot Club or the Chai Club. We put up a chart on the bulletin board outside the school office, where we list the names of all students who make it into either club. As an added incentive, I have been inviting members of the 13 Mitzvot Club to announce the winners of the bi-weekly "On Time Raffle" over the PA system, and to select the raffle prizes. This privilege has added quite a bit of luster to the prestige of the 13 Mitzvot Club! Periodically throughout the school year, we will also be publicly presenting Jewish star lapel pins to 13 Mitzvot Club members, and "Chai" key chains to Chai Club members. I will continue to include the names of club members in my Voice columns. Finally, on *Shabbat* morning, May 21, all Chai Club members will be called up to the *bimah* and honored with a beautiful certificate, presented by Rabbi Stecker.

Enrollment: Religious School enrollment has reached 259 students, making this the first time in a number of years that our enrollment has increased.

Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah: We are delighted that Temple Israel received a Family Education award at the recent Biennial Convention of the METNY (Metropolitan New York) District of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for our Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah program! Kudos to our creative curriculum writer, Rahel Musleah, and our indefatigable staff, led by Jennifer Khoda! Over 120 parents and children attended our last Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah program, on November 20. We started with participatory Minchah services, then moved to interactive activity sessions for students (at which all students received the much-coveted Jewish Silly Bandz) while their parents participated in a thought-provoking session on the con-

cept of *tikkun olam*, led by Dr. Eve Keller and Dr. Rob Panzer. Following that, everyone reconvened for *s'udah sh'lishet* (the "third meal" of *Shabbat*), and we concluded with a rousing Havdallah. We're looking forward to our next event, on *Shabbat* morning, December 18, from 10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M. Please come and join us!

Hanukkah Spirit: In the weeks before Hanukkah, the Religious School was bustling with activity. The sounds of Hanukkah songs and blessings could be heard coming from all the classrooms. The bulletin boards in the hallways were covered with brightly colored Hanukkah artwork made by the students. Students also made beautiful *chanukiot* and decorations to take home. The week before Hanukkah, the entire school was busy making Hanukkah cards for soldiers in the IDF. We had heard that an organization called Connections Israel was collecting cards and donations to be able to send Hanukkah packages to soldiers who are on duty during Hanukkah. We had very little notice about the project, so there wasn't time to send the cards by mail. Instead, our school administrator scanned close to 150 cards and sent them to the Connections Israel office via e-mail. Their staff printed out the cards and sent them to the soldiers. We hope the soldiers who receive these cards will also get the message that Jewish children in the U.S. know about them and care.

There was plenty of activity once Hanukkah began. Several classes held Hanukkah parties or family workshops. A number of them helped make latkes. The Parents Association provided dreidels and chocolate gelt to every student. And, during each night of Hanukkah, we are holding a school-wide candle lighting ceremony led by either Rabbi Stecker or Cantor Frieder, complete with the traditional *b'rachot* and songs.

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Hanukkah! A Simple How-To Guide



By Rabbi Seth Adelson

The Hanukkah candles should be lit after sundown, except on Friday night, December 3, when they are lit just before the *Shabbat* candles at 4:10 P.M.

1—Place candles in the *hanukkiah* (menorah) from the right side.

2—Light the *shammash* (the helper candle).

3—Sing or recite the following:

• *Barukh attah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Hanukkah.* Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukkah.

• *Barukh attah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem woazeman hazeh.* Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days and in this time.

• (first night only) *Barukh attah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-heheyanu vekiyemanu vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.* Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us life and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment

4—Light the candles, using the *shammash*, from left to right (i.e. the newest candle first).

5—Sing the old Jewish spiritual, *Ma'oz Tzur*:

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati, lekha na'eh leshabe-ah,

Tikon beit tefillati, vesham toda nezabe-ah,

Le-et takhin matbe-ah, mitzar hamenabe-ah,

Az egnor beshir mizmor hannukat hamizbe-ah (2x).

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Thy saving power
Thou amidst the raging foes, wast our shelt'ring tower.

Furious they assailed us, but Thine arm availed us

And Thy word broke their sword, when our own strength failed us. (2x)

6—To fulfill the commandment of publicizing the Hanukkah miracle, place the lit *hanukkiah* in the window.

7—Enjoy a hearty dinner of *latkes*! Here's my own recipe:

POTATO LATKES - Serves 6

6 large potatoes

1/4 cup flour

2 eggs

1 Tbsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 large onion, grated

4 scallions, including green part, chopped

1 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)

Ice cubes and water

Oil to cover bottom of pan

Grate potatoes into a bowl of ice water and chill for a couple of minutes. Drain the potatoes, removing the ice cubes and squeezing out all the water. Add all the remaining ingredients (except the oil) and mix thoroughly. Drop by rounded tablespoons into hot oil in frying pan and fry till golden brown on each side. Remove from oil and drain on paper towels. Add more oil to pan if necessary for subsequent rounds. Enjoy with apple sauce or sour cream.

Happy Hanukkah!

Temple Is Returning Iraqi Torah to Its Original Case

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fer a Sephardi-style Torah, which is easier to read on a small table.

The inscription in the Iraqi *tik* dates it to 22 Kislev 5680, December 14, 1919. The Torah was dedicated to Regina bat Rachel, the wife of Nissim Moshe.

Under the Torah Restoration Committee's

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

The Temple officers and Board of Trustees express appreciation to members who have generously sponsored and enhanced the Sabbath *kiddush*.

The congregational *kiddush* on November 13 was sponsored by the Ruth and Rabbi Waxman Memorial Lecture Committee in memory of Ruth and Rabbi Mordecai Waxman. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Karen and Kouros Torkan in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Daniel.

The congregational *kiddush* on November 20 was sponsored by Joyce and Burton Weston and Susan and Ed Neumann in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their children, Ian Philip Weston and Lisa Ann Neumann. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Drora and David Emanuel in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Maya.

direction, a special ventilated cabinet was recently constructed to hold the Temple's Torahs and other silver Torah ornaments. Now, each Torah has its own designated place when it is not in one of the Temple's arks for use during religious services. To ensure that all Temple Torahs are read from regularly, a use-rotation schedule is being established.

"We are grateful to Temple member Dr. Joseph Spector, whose very generous gift funded much of the Torah restoration work," said Dr. Edie Robbins, a member of the Restoration Committee. "We thank all the members of the Temple Israel family who have made contributions to the Dana Spector Kimmel Torah Restoration Fund." The fund was named for the late daughter of Dr. Spector and his wife, Janet.

"As with humans getting on in life," Dr. Robbins said, "some of our older Torahs occasionally require some check-ups and ex-

tra care. Even when we are careful, especially with some of our older Torahs, the seams between some of the 66 parchments that comprise each Torah open and must be sewn closed again."

The Torah Restoration Committee asks all those who are honored with *hagbah*, the lifting of the Torah after a reading is completed, to request instruction as to how to do it properly if they are unsure as to how it should be done. Many of the Temple Torahs are quite heavy and can be torn or the seams pulled apart, if they are lifted incorrectly.

The committee's next major task is to replace most of the Temple's worn High Holy Day and year-round Torah mantles. The committee has found many of the Temple's white High Holy Day mantles to be old and yellowed, and many of the year-round mantles to be beyond repair.

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"Furthermore," Rabbi Adelson added, "they will be spending one *Shabbat* with Masorti Conservative families and Israeli peers in Ashkelon, an experience that will be unique and positive."

Participation for Youth House students is being subsidized by the congregation's Khorshid Dina Harounian

Israel Education Fund, named in memory of the late mother of Temple members David and Lee Harounian. The fund, established following her death in 2007, is dedicated to "furthering the education of members of our synagogue, particularly the younger generation, by creating awareness of the State of Israel, its history and its people." Additional contributions to the fund are welcome.

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From the Rabbi: Embracing the American Dream

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were palpable. Toward the end of the service, we were all invited to donate money to help provide Thanksgiving meals for local needy families and individuals.

On the *Shabbat* following these two events, I told the congregation that I believe we run the risk of making two mistakes regarding our relationship with the non-Jewish world. One is that we become too complacent. Two young men depicting a symbol of hate on synagogue property reminds us that we are not immune to acts of hatred directed towards us, no matter how strong a Jewish community we establish.

The other mistake we can make is that we become too suspicious. If we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the possibility that others might harbor ill feelings towards us, we may steel ourselves against the po-

tential for engagement. That would be most unfortunate. It would deprive us of the kind of pleasure and uplift that we experienced Monday night as people from a variety of backgrounds prayed and gave *tzedakah* together. Far better that we transcend whatever resistance we might have so that we can enjoy Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Day and other communal events and so that we can reap their deeper benefits.

To put it bluntly, we should open our hearts, even as we remain vigilant against hatred directed toward us or anybody else. An open heart need not be a foolish heart, but it's far better than a closed heart. Open hearts are sometimes broken, to be sure. But closed hearts allows little possibility for individuals and communities to make genuine progress toward tolerance and, beyond that, collaboration.

One final thing became clear to me at

the Thanksgiving service. Jews are not the only people who struggle with some manifestation of the questions I raised at the beginning of this column. We are not the only people who seek to balance engagement with caution, who wonder how much to open our hearts.

As we now turn our attention to kindling the Hanukkah lights, I want to share some good news. I felt certain, upon leaving All Saints' that night, that we have allies here in Great Neck—people who, just like us, wish to maintain their distinctiveness even as they embrace the diversity around them. With the songs of that service still in my head, and with my awareness of the relationships I have formed through the Great Neck Clergy Association, I feel confident that there are many people in this town with whom we can pray, fight bigotry, feed the hungry and embrace the full American dream.

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Happy Hanukkah!



D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Miketz

Saturday, December 4

The Joseph narrative is continued in this portion, after two years. Pharaoh has two dreams, which no one can interpret. The cupbearer finally remembers Joseph, who is called from jail and interprets the dreams to mean that there will be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine. Joseph advises Pharaoh to store up food during the years of plenty, as a reserve for the famine. Pharaoh designates Joseph to implement such a plan. When the famine comes, Jacob sends his sons to Egypt for food. By way of testing their character, Joseph, whom they don't recognize, although he recognizes them, puts his brothers through a series of tests involving their father and youngest brother, Benjamin. In these episodes, we see the prediction of Joseph's dreams realized as God moves His plan inexorably forward through human agency.

Vayigash

Saturday, December 11

In this portion, the Joseph narrative is continued as Judah makes a moving appeal to Joseph, still unrecognized by his brothers, on behalf of his brother, Benjamin, who had been accused of stealing Joseph's goblet. Judah's words convince Joseph that his brothers have truly changed since they sold him. He reveals himself to them, inquires about his father's health and assures them that their action was part of God's plan to put him in a position to save lives. He invites the entire family to come to Egypt to live out the five remaining years of the famine. When Jacob arrives, Joseph presents his father at court and settles the family in a choice area of the land. In the following years, he continues his work and brings great benefits to the crown. Jacob's journey to Egypt connects him with Abraham, who also went to Egypt because of famine, but is also the first step in the transformation of the patriarch's family into the people of Israel.

*Worship at Temple Israel
This Shabbat*

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Friday, December 3

Evening Service 4:15 P.M.

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Saturday, December 4

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Miketz*

Genesis 41:1 – 44:17

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

Sabbath Service Officers: Helen Wrobel and Rebecca Sassouni
 Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

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Friday, December 10

Evening Service 4:15 P.M.

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Saturday, December 11

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayigash*

Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28

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