



## Temple Players Staging Musical Spectacular



A large turnout gathered for the Temple Players cast call earlier this week. Photo: Bob Lopatkin

Broadway is coming to Temple Israel in a new production featuring the largest cast ever of the Temple Israel Players.

The show, called "Forbidden Temple Israel," is an all-musical adaptation of the hit New York show "Forbidden Broadway." It will contain musical numbers from many Broadway hits, tied together with a unique script written by the show's producers and director.

"You'll be treated to several songs from many top 'forbidden' shows sung by duets, trios, and ensembles large and small, composed of a cast ages 8-80," said Eileen Putterman, one of the show's producers.

Musical numbers will come from "Chorus Line," "Hairspray," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Hair," "Jersey Boys," "Cabaret," "Chicago," "Gypsy," "La Cage aux Folles,"

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## Congregants to Lead Services Weekend of April 15-17

Organizers of the congregation's two successful member run *Shabbat* services—for women two years ago and for men last year—are now planning a weekend of services completely run by Temple Israel members.

The services, to be called *Shabbat Koleinu*, translated as "Our Voices," will take place on the weekend before Passover, April 15-17. "We are looking for men and women to make *Shabbat Koleinu* the most successful and enjoyable *Shabbat* ever held at Temple Israel," said Dr. Robert Lopatkin, one of the weekend organizers.

"We are looking for anyone who wants to learn to lead parts of the service and learn new parts." A first meeting of participants will be held at the Temple on Wednesday, January 12, at 8:15 P.M.

Planned for the weekend is a Friday evening service and dinner, *Shabbat* morning and evening service, and Sunday morning *minyan*, all led by lay members of the congregation. Dr. Lopatkin said participants in the previous services "built bonds learning together and shared a sense of great accomplishment. I am certain that will happen again."

The men's service conducted last year, called *Shabbat HaGever*, or "Men's *Shabbat*," consisted of a spirited weekend of all-male conducted services. A large number of men studied in-

tensively with Cantor Raphael Frieder in preparation for the weekend. They were led by Sam Husney, Marc Langsner, Dr. Lopatkin, Dr. Robert Panzer and Howard Spun.

The highly successful women's service weekend held two years ago was called *Kol Isha*, or "Voices of Women." The committee that organized it was led by Sherry Husney, Simone Kahen, Susan Lopatkin, Lori Oppenheimer, Rebecca Sassouni and Deanna Stecker.

"Under the leadership of Cantor Frieder, we have nurtured the skills of many congregants who can now lead all or part of various services," said Dr. Madelyn Gould, an organizer of the planned service. "It now becomes time for us to combine our skills in *Shabbat Koleinu*—our voices."

Cantor Frieder approached members of the *Shabbat HaGever* and *Kol Isha* committees about jointly conducting a service and inviting additional members of the congregation to join them.

They urge all members of the congregation to get involved with the planned service. For further information about *Shabbat Koleinu*, call the Temple office or e-mail Cantor Frieder at <rafri@aol.com>, Dr. Gould at <msg5@columbia.edu>, Sherry Husney at <shusney01@aol.com>, Dr. Lopatkin at <rlopatkin@optonline.net> or Dr. Panzer at <panzerwizaro@gmail.com>.

## Preparing for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah

By Marc Langsner

**Editor's Note:** Smoothly guiding Temple children and their parents through the *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* experience has been the job of Bar and Bat Mitzvah Committee Chairman Marc Langsner for the past 16 years. This Voice Guest Column contains a report to the congregation about the committee.

On Sunday morning, December 19, Rabbi Stecker, Cantor Frieder, Rabbi Klirs, Rabbi Adelson, Leon Silverberg, Mark

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Putter, and I presented the Temple's *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* program to the parents of children having their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* in 2013. The significance of the event, an explanation of the Torah/Haftorah lessons, the *D'var Torah* preparation, and the roles of the Religious School and the Temple Israel office were discussed.

Mark Putter, a member of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee, explained the usefulness of the recently instituted buddy and mentoring programs. The buddy system is

made up of members of the committee who will each periodically contact parents to answer their questions and help guide them through the process.

To help families feel more comfortable in the service, knowledgeable Temple Israel member mentors will sit down during a *Shabbat* morning service to provide explanations and guidance, and answer questions.

Both of these programs are aimed at enhancing the parents' role in their child's *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. Afterwards, I spoke about the revitalized Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee, and then distributed the Parents' Handbook, Mitzvah Projects Booklet and the 2013 *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* dates to parents.

The 20-page Parents' Handbook had been updated by the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee with the help of Rabbi Klirs. It is intended to guide parents through the program and answer many of the questions they will undoubtedly have. It includes a timeline

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FROM THE RABBI

## Bagels and Kavvanah

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

There are two features to the weekday morning *minyan* that we have recently added: bagels and a *kavvanah* for the day.

While it is comforting and cheerful to have a fresh bagel right after the morning *minyan*, along with the opportunity to schmooze for a minute or two with my fellow *daveners*, the *kavvanah* is the better reason to come to the *minyan*. A bagel you can have anywhere; nourishment for the soul is a little harder to find.

*Kavvanah* is understood as "intention," meaning the way in which you incline your heart during prayer, or the performance of any other *mitzvah*. It is a noun derived from the *shoresh* (trilateral Hebrew root) *kaf-vav-nun*, which yields words that are related to direction. *Kavvanah* is an internal direction, a way of turning your mind so it matches the direction of your body. Our morning *kavvanah* is offered at the end of the service, however, so it is, practically speaking, some-

thing to be taken into the day as we go about our business.

This is one primary reason for prayer. The Hebrew *lehitpallel* (to pray) means to judge oneself. As such, the one who prays

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should be fundamentally changed by prayer. Why should one bother to enter prayer to begin with, if not to be somehow changed

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## Our Rabbis

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

As the calendar year draws to a close and people are winding down their business affairs, we at Temple Israel are preparing to begin two new initiatives that I would like to share with you.

First, after several months of reflecting upon the educational structure at Temple Israel and the interrelationships among our three schools, we determined that we could function more effectively if there was an overall director of education in place, whose responsibilities would include the development and implementation of a joint educational mission for each of our schools and

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the synagogue. It is anticipated that the person who has these overall educational responsibilities will also be responsible for the Waxman High School and Youth House, so as to not create any additional expense to the synagogue by adding an employee to our rolls. It is expected that our active search for candidates to fill this position will commence in earnest shortly.

A second, much longer range initiative, is our formation of a Strategic Planning Committee, whose role it will be to look out over the horizon five or ten years from now at the larger issues, so that our synagogue can prepare itself for the world as it evolves. It is anticipated that this committee will operate for at least a year or two, and maybe longer, as it evaluates changes in how congregants currently relate to their synagogue and peoples' current expectations from organized religion generally. This list is not intended to be exhaustive or limiting in any way, but is merely intended to serve as a starting point for this committee.

I know that every generation thinks that theirs is the first to encounter significant change, but we know that is not correct. So, we will continue to look forward so that we will be prepared to meet those changes we cannot control and change those things we can control.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**LUIS LAPSKER**  
father of Rachel Epstein

**GEORGE GIMPEL**  
father of Elyse Kushel

**CAROL GRUBMAN**  
mother of Valerie Hirschbein

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mother of Rafael Sassouni

**FRANCINE CITRON**  
mother of Harold Citron

May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Flora and Faramarz Lalezarian** on the birth of their grandson, Miles Lalezarian.
- **Nina and Abner Ohebshalom** on the birth of their grandson, Miles Lalezarian.
- **Adele and Dr. Benjamin Gentin** on the birth of their grandson, Nathaniel Reuben Gentin.

## 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, Jan. 7	7:00 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Friday, Jan. 14	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 8	8:45 A.M.	4:05 P.M.
Sat., Jan. 15	8:45 A.M.	4:10 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, January 7.....	4:25 P.M.
Friday, January 14.....	4:32 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Jan.	8	"Shabbat Talk" with Rabbi Stecker	1:00 P.M.
	14-15	Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Shirah Celebration	
	16	Interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Service at St. Paul's AME Zion Church	3:30 P.M.
	20	Tu B'Shevat	
	20	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	27	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
Feb.	6	Men's Club World-Wide Wrap	
	10	Robotics Program with Dr. Amir Shapiro	8:15 P.M.

## *Celebrate Shabbat Shirah & Tu B'Shevat*

~ Friday Evening, January 14 ~

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## IN QUOTES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote is taken from "A Family Prayer," in the Observances for the Home Section of Siddur Sim Shalom. Send your favorite quote to the Temple Israel office, c/o The Voice.

*“ We pray that the peacefulness of Shabbat will refresh and inspire us so that the week ahead will be one of blessing and accomplishment for each of us. ”*

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



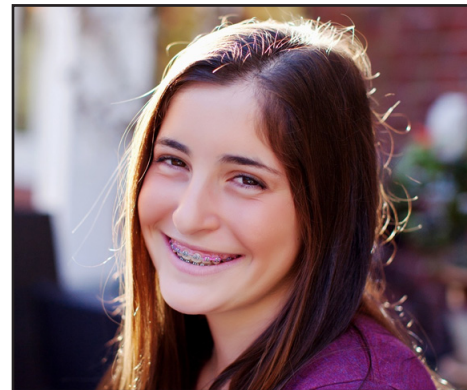
**Jamie Weber**

Jamie Weber will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on January 15. She is the daughter of Dana and Richard Weber, and has two older brothers, Jason, 20, and Alex, 17. Jamie is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is on the school's tennis team and enjoys baking. Jamie is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and is looking forward to visiting Israel with her family in the near future.



**Jonathan Perlman**

Jonathan Perlman will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on January 22. He is the son of Dr. Michal and William Perlman and has a sister, Lauren, 11. Jonathan is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. He participated in Hidon HaTorah 2010 in the Temple Israel Religious School. Jonathan is on his school's baseball and basketball teams and enjoys tennis and playing the clarinet in the school band. He is also studying Chinese and cartooning. Jonathan is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel with his family in the near future.



**Amanda Zeitlin**

Amanda Miriam Zeitlin will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on January 22. She is the daughter of Marcie Zeitlin, and Gina and Brian Zeitlin, and has three sisters, Hannah, 14, Shayna, 10, and Molly, 11 months. Amanda is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. She enjoys tennis, soccer, softball, skiing and snowboarding. Amanda is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and is now planning her first trip to Israel.

## Warm & Cozy This Winter? There Are Those Who Aren't!

Temple Israel's  
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is participating in the  
Second Annual  
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FROM THE WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL

## *A Chance To Re-live History*

By Moji Pourmoradi

**Editor's Note:** Waxman High School senior teacher Moji Pourmoradi will lead a group of Temple Israel teens in the March of the Living, this spring, and invites students to join the group in this school column.

As a teacher, there are lots of different approaches I have to take in order to get my lesson plan across. Let's face it, they are teenagers. I have to be creative. I might tell a story, or have them act one out. We may read a little Torah, study a *midrash* or have a discussion. All of these things can conceivably happen in one class (though honestly, it is pretty unlikely).

The best way to teach a teenager is to have them experience something firsthand. If you want something to resonate, they have to see it, feel it, taste it and smell it. I can talk about what the American immigrant experience was like at the turn of the century. It is a topic I feel confident about discussing. I know many facts and figures about that time period. But, when these teenagers get to actually walk up those dimly lit steps and into a tiny little room that slept eight to ten people, that is when connections are made and the opportunity for real learning happens.

What about when the topic is the Holocaust? How do we approach it? Of course, there are great books, pictures, and movies to teach with. Sometimes, we even have the gift of actually having them hear survivors speak to them. But what if there was the

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## TEMPLE LITES . . .

• **Lisa Weinblatt**, art instructor in the Temple Israel Religious School, is exhibiting artwork in the forthcoming Jewish Women Artists Network 2011 exhibition, "Sanctuaries in Time." The exhibit is at the Columbia/Barnard University Kraft Center for Jewish Life, 606 West 115th Street, New York, from January 18 – March 1.

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chance to do more? What if we had the opportunity to show our teenagers firsthand the depravity of what man was capable of doing not so long ago?

For over 20 years, the March of the Living has been doing that and much more. This year, on April 27, over 10,000 Jewish students from around the world will arrive in Poland. During that first week, they will visit five different concentration camps. On Yom HaShoah, they will share in a once in a lifetime experience when they march the three kilometers from Aushwitz to Birkenau. Alongside them will be survivors and many leaders in the Jewish community.

The next part of the trip is what they call "A Study in Contrasts." The richness and loss of our past is juxtaposed against the hope of our future. After witnessing the planned destruction of an entire generation of Jews, they will go to Israel. They will walk along the vibrant beaches of Tel Aviv, they will walk proudly through the ancient streets of Jerusalem, they will climb Masada. They will join together with all of Israel as they mourn their fallen soldiers on Yom Hazikaron. The next day, on Yom Ha'atzmaout they will celebrate Israel's independence with the whole country.

They return home from this incredible journey on May 11. High School students who will be in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades are eligible to participate. There will be a series of six to eight classes at the Waxman Youth House, given before the students leave, to prepare them for the journey. For those students who have AP exams that week, it should be noted that the College Board feels so strongly about the "March" that they allow any student who goes on the March of the Living to take their exams later with no penalty.

The kind of learning that happens through such an experience cannot be easily measured. The hope for the people who created "The March" is that these young adults will learn the lessons from our past and lead the Jewish people into the future with knowledge and compassion.

Registration is open for this year's "March" until the end of January. Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you might have or if you know of someone who would be interested in going. I can be reached at <mommymoji@aol.com>.

## Send Temple Students a Package From Their Home Congregation!

Sisterhood's College Mailing Committee sends packages from Temple Israel to the children of congregants away at college—and students love receiving them! It is a wonderful way for them to be in contact with the congregation.

A first mailing was sent in October, a "Welcome Back to College" care package with a *tzedakah* box filled with candy and a letter from the Rabbis suggesting that the box be used to save money for their favorite charity.

For Hanukkah, Sisterhood lovingly sent pretzels and Twizzlers, and made Magen David chocolates.

The Sisterhood thanks Iris Adler, Susan Smith and Elissa Rosengarten for working on this project. In addition, the committee also includes Marlene Handelman, Brenda Kopelowitz and Randy Navo.

There will be two more mailings, to be sent with packages relevant to Purim and Passover.

### Are you going away for the winter? Tell Temple Israel!

Going to be away for the winter months? Inform the Temple Israel office so you can continue to receive mail and news from your congregation.

Call the Temple office at 482-7800 with your temporary address and phone number.

## Players Staging Musical Spectacular

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"Les Miserables," "Lion King," "Sweet Charity," "West Side Story," "Mama Mia," "Man of La Mancha," and "Peter Pan."

A highlight of the production will be a troupe of Waxman High School students

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by it? And all the more so, since prayer can be accomplished alone, why bother coming to the *minyán* if not to experience something as a group?

And that is, in some sense, what the *kavvanah* does. Sometimes it spurs further conversation; sometimes merely nods of assent. But we as a group carry that intention into the world as we head in at least ten different directions and begin our day.

Join us. If not for the bagels, then at least for the *kavvanah*.

If you know of a student who would appreciate a package from Temple Israel, call Marlene Handelman at 570-0037 or Brenda Kopelowitz at 482-2787.

### Preparing for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah

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of instruction and important deadlines.

I am now in my 16th year as the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Committee chairman. I do want to take this opportunity to thank our current and past Executive Boards and Boards of Trustees for allowing me to continue in this role. I have learned a lot from and enjoyed working with our clergy and professional staff. I have gained many friendships from working with committee members and the parents of our *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* children. It has truly been a wonderful experience for me.

Lastly, and most importantly, I have been most impressed with our children. They take the learning seriously, chant their Torah portion and Haftorah extremely well, and do deserve to be recognized as an adult Jew following the ceremony. All of us involved in the preparation are delighted to share in the excitement of our Temple Israel children attaining the status of a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*.

who will perform with the school's Youth Activities Director, Joe Pearlman.

Temple Players producers Carol Smolinsky, Mark Putter and Eileen Putterman are pleased to welcome Barbara Spun, Howard Spun and Lois Sazer, who have joined them this season as producers of the show. "Their presence on stage, as well as in the production arena will enhance this unique presentation," Carol Smolinsky said.

More than 50 congregants auditioned for the show during two cast calls held last month—plus Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson and Cantor Raphael Frieder—all of whom passed the audition with success.

"The last time this type of production was done at Temple Israel was more than ten years ago," Mrs. Putterman said. "With a cast this large and so many uplifting musical numbers, this will be a show no one will want to miss."

The show will open on the Crystal Ballroom stage on Saturday evening, March 26, and be followed by a matinee performance on Sunday, March 27.

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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 December 11 was sponsored by Rachel and Howard Hershenhorn in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Michael. Contributions toward the *kiddush* were made by Jill and Firooz Nili in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Matthew, and Daniella Naim, daughter of Dalia and Samy Naim, and Susan and Dr. Arden Smith in honor of Dr. Smith chanting the Torah portion and *haftorah* on the 46th anniversary of his *Bar Mitzvah*.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on December 25 were made by Francine Spilke and Irving Epstein in honor of their *Auf Ruf*, and by Vivian and Yuval Brash in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their daughter, Lauren, and Adam Alter.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

**Bo**

**Saturday, January 8**

We continue the account of the ten plagues with the last three, in this portion. The plagues of locusts and darkness are described and then the account is interpreted in order to record a detailed set of instructions, which God gives to Moses and Aaron to prepare the Israelites for freedom. They are first directed to establish a calendar starting with the month of liberation, Nisan. The calendar is meant to provide social and religious cohesion as well as to symbolize the free man's ability, indeed responsibility, to make time. Then follow directions for offering the paschal sacrifice (to be eaten in haste) and for smearing blood on the doorposts and lintels so Israelite houses will be spared the final plague. God then passes over the land and kills all the first-born sons of the Egyptians, whereupon Pharaoh finally sends the Israelites out and they begin their journey toward Sinai. The Exodus is the key event in all of Jewish history, and the instructions given here are by way of assuring that we remember God's role as redeemer to eternity.

**Beshalah**

**Saturday, January 15**

In this portion we follow the Israelites' journey to the Red Sea, where they find themselves trapped by pursuing Egyptian forces. God affects the miraculous crossing of the sea and the destruction of the Egyptians, and the Israelites rejoice singing the "Song of the Sea." The journey to Sinai may now be resumed, but three challenges are immediately encountered. The people complain that they have no bread. In response, God provides manna and gives directions for gathering it during the week and for the Sabbath. They further complain that they have no water, and God provides it from a rock. Finally, when the people are attacked by the Amalekites, Joshua heads a band of soldiers who defeat the attackers while Moses holds up the staff of God to encourage the Israelites. These incidents all serve to highlight the difficulty of transforming slaves into free men who can rely on God, yet act on their own behalf.

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday, January 7**

Evening Service 4:30 P.M.

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**Saturday, January 8**

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Bo*

Exodus 10:1 – 13:16

*Haftarah:* Jeremiah 46:13 – 28

Sabbath Service Officers:

Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum and Dr. Laura Gal

*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

*Mincha Bat Mitzvah* 4:00 P.M.

HALLIE LIMAN

daughter of Judy and Michael Liman

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**Friday, January 14**

*N'Ranenah* / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Followed by a Congregational Tu B'Shevat *Seder*

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**Saturday, January 15**

*Shabbat Shirah*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Beshalah*

Exodus 13:17 – 17:16

*Haftarah:* Judges 4:4 – 5:31

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*Bat Mitzvah*

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