



Temple Israel Going for Laughs With the Return of Comedy Night

Comedians are heading back to Temple Israel!

For the seventh year in a row, the congregation will have an opportunity to see three rising Jewish comedians and enjoy a lavish dessert buffet when the popular Comedy Night returns to the Crystal Ballroom. This year's show will be on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 8:30 P.M.

It will feature deadpan comic Dan Wilson, "Last Comic Standing" star Dan Naturman and award-winning TV comedian Jim David.

"We are building on the success of past Temple Israel Comedy Nights to bring the best show yet to the congregation," said Dr. Robert Lopatkin. He conceived of the idea of bringing a variety of comedians to Temple Israel in 2004. "The first show was held in the midst of a blizzard, but that didn't stop everyone from having a great time.

"Over the years, the show has gotten funnier and funnier," he said. "People started asking me to set it up again this year right after last year's show."

Invitations will be in the mail shortly. Tickets to the show are \$60 per person if ordered by March 1. After that the price goes up to \$65 per person. Reservations can only be accepted through March 9 and can be made by credit card by calling Marion at the Temple office, 482-7800. No refunds can be made after March 6.

"The dessert buffet will include just about anything you can imagine," said Dr. Robert Panzer, the event co-chair. "You name it and this buffet will have it."

Included on the buffet will be a mini-meltaway grill, chocolate fondue, hot apple crisp and bread pudding, a waffles and ice cream sundae bar, an actual candy store, and full coffee service.

Dan Wilson

Comedian Dan Wilson is said to be one of those breezy, gentle types that hits you all at once. He is one of the great "class clowns" in the business, and presents good-time comedy, clean and inoffensive, and very funny.

Long a favorite on college campuses and the club circuit, he began to branch out with an appearance at Budd Friedman's American Comedy Convention, held at the Riviera in Las Vegas. He was then featured on a string of television appearances, including "Star Search," "Evening at the Improv," MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour," and "Comedy Central." His rubbery face and keen ear for voices earned him status as a recurring sketch performer on HBO's "Hardcore TV."

He has opened for Dana Carvey, Richard Lewis and Richard Belzer. His quirky style has been said to mix keen observations with outrageous physical humor, all delivered in a genial "I'm only trying to fix the world before it's too late" attitude.

Dan Naturman

Dan Naturman was one of the finalists on the television show "Last Comic Standing" and the pick of celebrity judges Drew Carey and Brett Butler. He began performing stand-up comedy several years ago while in law school. After graduation, he decided to devote himself to stand-up full time.

"Comedy," he discovered, was his true passion. "Besides," he said, "my grades were bad and nobody would hire me."

His charming combination of self-deprecation and outright grouchiness has had audi-



The comedians are coming to Temple Israel Saturday, March 12: Dan Wilson, top, Dan Naturman, center, and Jim David.

Continued on page 5

A Special Temple Feature: The Library

By Rona Lupkin

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's "Library Lady," Librarian Rona Lupkin, invites you to stop by and browse through the growing collection at the Temple Israel Library in this Voice Guest Column.

I would like to highlight one of Temple Israel's special features for you—its wonderful library. Created over 40 years ago by Temple member Eva Yarett, it was first situated in the attic of the "White House" (now torn down) and then moved into the Youth

*...you can stop by,
browse and
select a book...*

House when it was built the next year. The collection has grown from the original 200 to 300 books in nooks and crannies around the synagogue to a collection of more than 8,000 books, magazines and select video and audio collections now housed most conveniently in the lobby of the main Temple building.

Whenever you are in the synagogue, you can stop by, browse and select a book to take out or read in one of our extremely comfort-

able chairs. There is certain to be something of interest for you. We have the very latest Jewish fiction, biographies, history, cook-books, bible studies, Jewish magazines and art books, as well as history and politics. Chances are good that you can take home books for which there are long waiting lists elsewhere. Please check future issues of The Voice for featured new books and reviews available in the library. There will be a box with up-to-the-minute recommendations.

Our beautifully welcoming facility houses not only an astounding collection of classic Judaica, but the cream of the crop of current fiction and non-fiction as well. This is the place to polish that after-dinner speech you must complete, not to mention the place to find that book club novel you can't track down anywhere. Preparations for the holidays are a breeze with the help of the "experts" residing on our shelves. Friendly librarians are there to assist you.

— Continued on page 5

FROM THE RABBI

Lions and Tigers and Moms—Oh My!

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

On a recent *Shabbat* afternoon, a group of religious school parents and I discussed an article dealing with Amy Chua's controversial new book, "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother." Specifically, we explored Chua's approach to parenting as it relates to our own approaches.

All the parents felt that Chua was too draconian in her methods, which included giving back a birthday card that her then four-year old daughter made for her when she felt it wasn't good enough. But those present for the discussion were not unanimous regarding their own parenting goals. Some felt that their goals were by and large consistent with Chua's, but that they used different means to reach them. Others felt that their goals were significantly different from hers.

I suspect that all of us who have ever been concerned with the raising of a child, whether as parents, grandparents, aunts,

uncles or teachers, have wondered whether we are being too strict or too lenient, too involved or too laissez-faire. Guessing and second-guessing seem to be part of the enter-

*What are we trying
to accomplish
in the raising
of a child?*

prise, whether or not we let on about our occasional doubts.

But I question how often we stop to ask ourselves what our goals are. What are we trying to accomplish in the raising of a child?

The parents who discussed the article

— Continued on page 7

Waiting for Knishes

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

I am always urged by our Voice editor to use my column to keep our congregants informed about the progress of our caterer in completing the reconstruction of our ballroom. He always says that no one wants to hear my opinion on other things anyway!

Well, as you can see, the reconstruction has begun. I am told that all subcontracts for the various trades have been executed, materials have been ordered and long lead-time kitchen fixtures are being manufactured. As part of our agreement with the caterer, a bank account was funded with all of the money to be provided by the caterer, which can only be drawn upon by two signatures, the caterer's and mine.

After the account was initially funded, Laura Lederman, anxious to begin, appeared in my office with the first set of checks need-

*...as we
look forward
to the completion
of the ballroom,
we eagerly await
the little knishes...*

ing my signature. After reviewing the necessary paperwork, I happily co-signed the checks and placed them in the automatic feeder of my new copy machine. Guess what? One didn't come out! If looks could kill, the expression on Laura's face would have struck me down. I proceeded to take apart my new copy machine until I finally found the missing check nestled in the bowels of the automatic feeder. Was this a sign of what was to come?

Well, so far, so good. When I mentioned this story to Rabbi Stecker, he said he thought I was going to tell him that although the check didn't return, little knishes came out the other end of the copy machine! That probably wouldn't have been so bad except that Laura didn't have any more blank checks with her to replace the one that was lost.

So, as we look forward to the completion of the ballroom, we eagerly await the little knishes served by more conventional means.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

SYLVIA GOLDMAN
mother of Marilyn Schneider

DR. BARRY WEINBERG
husband of Leslie Weinberg
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

TEMPLE LITES . . .

• **Sam Fink**, a longtime member of the congregation and noted artist, will be the focus of an exhibit at the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, during the month of February. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, February 13, from 2-4 P.M. at the Library. He studied at the National Academy and the Art Students' League, worked for two decades as an art director at Young and Rubicam, and taught at the Pratt Institute. He has entertained and educated adults and children with vibrantly illustrated books, including "Exodus" and "The Gettysburg Address." His work has also been used as the covers of Temple Israel's tribute books to Rabbi Mordecai Waxman.

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.
Fri., Feb. 4	7:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Fri., Feb. 11	7:00 A.M.	5:15 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 5	8:45 A.M.	4:35 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 12	8:45 A.M.	4:45 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, February 4.....	4:57 P.M.
Friday, February 11.....	5:06 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	6	Men's Club World-Wide Wrap	9:00 A.M.
	10	Robotics Program with Dr. Amir Shapiro	8:15 P.M.
	12	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	12	Shabbat Talk with Cantor Frieder	
	17	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	24	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
March	12	Temple Comedy Night	8:30 P.M.
	13	Men's Club Blood Drive	8:00 A.M.
	17	Men's Club Seder Program	7:30 P.M.
	20	Purim	

WRAP & ROLL

Join the World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 6 -- 9 A.M.

Crystal Ballroom

Members of Temple Israel will join Conservative Jews from around the world in celebrating the *mitzvah* of putting on *tefillin*. Learn about the practice and tradition from Rabbi Howard Stecker and Cantor Raphael Frieder. Then have a bagel and lots more!

For further information, contact Marc Langsner at <mlangsner@sheldongraphics.com> or call the Temple office, 482-7800.

Sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Israel

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, submitted by Temple Israel Past President George Abrahams, is taken from Psalm 18, Verse 31. Send your favorite quote to The Voice, c/o the Temple Israel office.

“ As for God, His way is perfect;

The word of the Lord is tried.

He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him.”

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

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Name of the Game: Family Engagement!

By Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs



Allie Mirsky

Allie Rebecca Mirsky will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on February 12. She is the daughter of Lisa and Norman Mirsky, and has a brother, Ben, 19, and a sister, Emma, 16. Allie is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck South Middle School. She is on the school soccer and volleyball teams. Allie also enjoys singing and cooking. She is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and is looking forward to visiting Israel with her family in the near future.



Eric Sedaghat

Eric Zachary Sedaghat will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on February 12. He is the son of Mojgan (Debbie) and Alfred Sedaghat and has two brothers, Justin, 15, and Jake, 8. Eric is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is the captain of his school soccer team and also enjoys playing basketball and skiing. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on January 8 was made by Judy and Michael Liman in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Hallie.

Despite snowstorms and frigid weather, Temple families flocked to a host of exciting events in January. On *Shabbat* morning, January 8, the Dalet students led Junior Congregation, then impressed the entire congregation with their confident leadership of the concluding prayers. The next Friday night, January 14, dozens of parents and children joined the N'ranenah Service and the Tu B'Shevat *sefer* and *Shabbat* dinner. The next day, over 50 parents and children met at the Youth House in the afternoon for the first ever "Shabbat Game-a-Palooza" to play *Shabbat*-friendly games, nosh, relax with friends and celebrate a spirited Havdallah. Then on Sunday, January 16, another dozen Temple Israel families attended the annual community Martin Luther King commemorative service. A choir made up of Temple Israel children—another first—stole the show with their enthusiastic singing of "Hinei Mah Tov" and "Shalom, Shalom." And on the following *Shabbat* afternoon, January 22, we held another high-energy Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah program with family-friendly services, interactive programs for children, engaging learning for adults, a light meal and Havdalah.

In the Religious School, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat with an array of dried and fresh fruits, *seders*, and the kick-off of our annual JNF tree-planting campaign. In addition, the Vav students visited the Temple's museum to prepare for their special family education program, "The Living Museum," in which they will select a family artifact to research and present to the rest of the Vav students and parents. And, the Hay students and parents joined for the second *tallit* workshop, in which they learned about the meaning of the *tzitzit*, and finished their *tallitot* by tying the *tzitzit*.

What all these events have in common is family engagement. Each one of them has been planned thoughtfully and intentionally to involve parents and children together in authentic Jewish living, in attachment to deep Jewish values, and in connection to the synagogue, to the Jewish community and even to the broader community. Since the launching

of our new model of education in the fall of 2008, family engagement has been at the heart of nearly every educational program and new initiative at Temple Israel. The old model of parents dropping their children off at Religious School or at Junior Congregation, but remaining detached and uninvolved, is no longer tenable. Jewish educators and demographers have produced mountains of evidence showing that children raised in the old model are less likely to participate in Jewish life, join synagogues and contribute to the welfare of the Jewish community as adults. On the other hand, children whose parents consistently modeled these behavior patterns for them are far more likely to internalize and continue these patterns as adults.

Temple Israel is not alone in this realization. Across the country, and indeed, throughout the Jewish world, enormous resources and Herculean efforts are being committed to strengthen family engagement in Jewish learning and life. Like the Temple Israel Religious School, every single school that participated in Project ReImagine included some form of family engagement in their new school models. Every single school included in the recent and much-lauded study of "Schools that Work" by Dr. Jack Wertheimer included family engagement as part of their program. In the same vein, I am currently involved with three initiatives involving family engagement. Together with educators, clergy and lay leaders from synagogues across the denominational spectrum on Long Island, I participate in a monthly Family Education Network in which we share successes and challenges and gain new insights and practical ideas. I also participate in a nation-wide on-line family education discussion group sponsored by Behrman House (the largest publisher of Jewish textbooks) and Babaganewz (a cutting-edge Jewish educational Website). Recently, I made a presentation to the group about our successful and award-winning Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah program. If you would like to find fun, interactive and informative games and activities on Hebrew, Jewish holidays and Jewish values, I encourage you to explore these two Websites: <www.behrmanhouse.com> and <www.babaganewz.com>.

The third initiative in which I'm involved is the successor to Project ReImagine. It is called LOMED, Learners Outcomes and Measurement for Effective Educational Design. LOMED, which is jointly sponsored by the Experiment in Congregational Education, Hebrew Union College, JTS, the Jewish Education Project (formerly BJE-NY/SAJES) and the UJA-Federation of New York, is an intensive teacher-training protocol, designed to provide

—Continued on page 7

A Special Temple Feature: The Library

Every book in the library has been donated from our congregant's own Judaic libraries or purchased through contributions to a fund set up for this purpose. Members who wish to celebrate a *simcha* or memorialize a loved one might well want to make such a contribution to the Library Fund. The Library is also happy to accept books in good condition from your own library. Those that do not fit into our collection would be sold to enable the purchase of additional new books. There are always wonderful books for sale at the Library, with the majority selling for a dollar or less.

Library hours are Sunday, 9 A.M. to Noon, and Monday through Wednesday from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.

We would love to extend our hours to accommodate more congregant's schedules. If you have two or three hours to volunteer on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, or any time on Thursday, please contact me at 482-0049. If you would like to be included in the substitute librarian list for any day, I would appreciate you letting me know, as well.

I look forward to greeting you as you stop by to share our treasures.

TEMPLE LIBRARY PICKS OF THE WEEK

New York Times notable books 2010:

Fiction

- "To the End of Land" by David Grossman
- "Foreign Bodies" by Cynthia Ozick
- "Great House" by Nicole Krauss
- "Something Red" by Jennifer Gilmore
- "Super Sad True Love Story" by Gary Shteyngart
- "The Three Weissmans of Westport" by Cathleen Schine
- "Comedy in a Minor Key" by Haus Keilson
- "36 Arguments For the Existence of God" by Rebecca Newberber Goldstein
- "The Septembers of Shiraz" by Dalia Sofer
- "A Pigeon and a Boy" by Meir Shalev
- "The Visiting Storm" by Bert H. Wallace

Non-Fiction

- "The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time" by Judith Shulevitz

Next Voice Issue, Publication Deadline

The next issue of The Voice will be published on February 17. The deadline for that issue is Monday, February 7.

TEMPLE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Angela Jones



EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's dedicated staff helps shape the character of the congregation. This new regular Voice feature will profile many of the staff members.

By Marc Katz

Photo by Mickey Putterman

Angela Jones, the office staff's senior member, has held almost every position during her 11 years as an employee of Temple Israel. She currently oversees most communications with the congregation.

Hers is the voice you hear when you use the Temple's automated phone system and also the voice you hear when you receive automated calls from the congregation. Among her many responsibilities, she is the office liaison to The Voice, seeing to it that regularly appearing feature and informational stories are presented.

She also prepares the *Shabbat* service leaflet, pulpit announcements made by the president during *Shabbat* services, and *yarzheit* announcements made by the Rabbi during the service. In addition, she maintains the Temple website, sends e-mails to the membership and prepares the colorful flyers seen on the table outside the Sanctuary on *Shabbat*.

High Holy Day time is an especially busy season for her. She prepares the In Memoriam Book and sends out membership honors announcements. As if that weren't enough, she also serves as secretary to Associate Rabbi Seth Adelson.

On the staff, she is frequently the go-to person for questions about Judaism, quite an accomplishment for someone who is not Jewish. Before coming to Temple Israel, she worked for ten years as a secretary for a small Jewish congregation in Brooklyn Heights. That is where she initially picked up a great deal of knowledge about Judaism. "I like the traditions, customs and teachings of Judaism," she said. "There is a great deal of importance given to family and culture, and a deep emphasis on traditions and respect for elders." She said her favorite holiday is Tu B'Shevat, with its accent on the environment.

"I came from a background knowing nothing about Judaism and have learned so much," she said. "I enjoy it, accept it, and have learned a great deal."

Angela and her husband, Jared, have two daughters, Sarah, 15, and Haley, 5. She said she likes working at temples because of the family environment. "I have seen the familiar faces of Temple Israel families for so long, many seem like part of my family, too," she said.

Temple Israel Is Going for Laughs

—Continued from front page

ences howling from coast to coast and has earned him spots on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" in both seasons two and seven, "Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," as well as his very own "Comedy Central Presents...Dan Naturman" special.

Jim David

Jim David has performed on virtually every comedy show on television for years, including "The Friars' Club Roast of Rob Reiner," ABC's "The View," "New Joke City,"

NBC's "Comedy Showcase," A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour," "Evening at the Improv," VH1, Showtime and USA Live. In print, he has been featured numerous times in US magazine's "Fashion Police."

He has also won many awards for his work, including a Backstage Bistro Award "for outstanding excellence in comedy 1998" and the MAC Award as "Outstanding Comedian in New York City in 1998/99."

His outrageous biting comedy can be seen on his half-hour special, "Comedy Central Presents...Jim David," as well as Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn" and "USO Comedy Tour."

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND*In honor of:*

The marriage of Ian
Weston, son of Joyce and
Burton Weston, to Lisa
Neumann

Ronnie and Larry
Shatzkamer

The marriage of Nadja
Narotzky, daughter of
Fanny and Alfred
Narotzky, to Matt
Danciger

Marcia and Leonard
Weiss

In memory of:

Florence Becker
Dr. Robert
Rutkin-Becker

Dotty Katz
Louis Katz
Toby Katz

Joseph Katz
Ronnie and Larry
Shatzkamer

Abraham Schrager
Susan Brustein

Jenny Bachenheimer
Jules North

Bunny North

Sylvia Ashkenase
Donald Ashkenase

Anna Lillian
Mel Lillian

Bert Leventhal
Michael Leventhal

Philip Kramer
Noelle Parket

Sarah Fieman
Freda Queen

Gertrude Yares
Joan Schussheim

Shabatai Marcus
Segal Moshell

Ruth Scherr
Lillian Siegal

Suanne and David
Scherr

Bronia Rothbaum
Rose Bouer

Susan and Dr. Hal
Rothbaum

Barbara Horowitz
Marcia and Leonard
Weiss

Jack Weinberger
Grayce and Sidney

Falow
Maxine Vogel

Khanom Agha Emrani
Maryam Sassouni

Ellie and Farzin
Kimiabakhsh

Kate Kimelman
Samuel Kimelman

Martin Kimelman

From Generation to Generation



Temple Israel Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

Dorothy Jarow
Elaine Weiser
Dr. Steve Fakheri
Shelia Fakheri
William Oliver
Etta Achenbaum
Carol and William
Achenbaum
Morris Sosnow
Mindy Horowitz
Arlene Stein Wigler
Sophie Arlene Freudman
Lori and Dr. Paul
Freudman
Jack Mogilnik
Nina Mogilnik Gold
Louis Emanuel
Linda Emanuel
Arthur Nysenbaum
Barry Nysenbaum
Sara Shalom Rokhsar
Dr. Joseph Rokhsar
Morton Jacobson
Arlene Lurie
Edward Scheiner
Joyce Weston
Adele Fink
Sam Fink
Louis Gordon
Carol Goldberg
Emanuel Ebin
Dr. Eva Ebin
Elyahou Beroukim
Jacklin Youdim
Simon Indyk
Sherry Husney
Rose Kaplan
Elaine Malman
Philip Kramer
Sarah Kramer
Gloria Dember
Seymour Dember
Henrietta Geringer
Helen Ain
Rabbi Frank Zimmermann
Betty Zimmermann
Rosalynd Ullman
Muriel Hyman
Anna Choit
Dr. Harvey Choit
George Gimpel
Marcia and Leonard
Weiss

Willie Sherman
Peter Sherman
Dr. Herbert B. Rosenthal
Jane Salzberg
Sydell Sobel
Edward Sobel
Jesse Feingold
Dr. David Feingold
Rae Gordon
Carol Goldberg
Charles Baldinger
Malkah Schulman
Melvin Goldstein
Lolita E. Goldstein
Irving Matsil
Sherry Matsil
Barbara Lurie Hurwitz
David Lurie
Sonia Hersonsky
Rachel Hersonsky
Sara Pearlman
Sandra London
Jack Seskin
Dr. Leonard Seskin
Moosa Ohebshalom
Dr. Ebby Ohebshalom
Irene Harris
Dr. Alvin Harris
Irving Saks
Muriel Geller
Gail Dolgin
Seymour Schorer
Sandy and Walter
Rosen
Mildred Ortner
Melvin Ortner
Rita Cwern
Dr. Mark Cwern
Clara Kahn
Dr. Cyrus Kahn
Beatrice Baynash
Adele Gentin

TEMPLE MUSEUM FUND*In memory of:*

Daniel Smith
Gertude Gross

RITUAL KIDDUSH FUND*In memory of:*

Mirza John Khodadadian
Dr. Parviz
Khodadadian

**ANNE AND MILTON
SNITKOFF
EDUCATION FUND***In memory of:*

George Gimpel
Amy and James
Pearlman and family
Heather and Chip
Sander and family
The Bader family
Diane and Chuck
Kaufman
Mickey and Allan
Greenblatt
Amy and Richard
Greenblatt
Andrea Bernstein
Sea Cliff Sunshine
Committee
Jack and Lois Warren,
Daniel and Jonathan
Lisa and Howard
Klein
Marilyn and Robert
Stern
Barbara Ehrlich
Greenberg
The Swersky family
Frances and Dr.
Matthew Harris
Toby and Gary Noren
and family
Barbara Horowitz
Mickey and Allan
Greenblatt

PRAYER BOOK FUND*In honor of:*

William Ungar's birthday
Susan Tetove
David Tetove
Ruth and Michael
Zerin and family

In memory of:

Bronia Rothbaum
Paul Rothbaum
Sanford Wolf
Basami Ferber
Sabrina Monasebian
Shahnaz and Dr. Neil
Goldman
Herman Rothbaum
Paul Rothbaum
Charles Goltman
Rosalynd Ullman
Adele Warren

**ABRAHAM ROSENFELD
MEMORIAL FUND***In memory of:*

Aghahan Liviem
Khanom Agha Emrani
Maryam Sassouni
Barbara Horowitz
Roberta and David
Harounian

Lions and Tigers and Moms—Oh My!

—Continued from page 2

that Shabbat, as well as parents and grandparents who discussed it with me on a subsequent Wednesday morning, felt that the self-described “Tiger Mother” was focused on raising a successful and competitive child. They wondered if her goals included raising a compassionate child, or a child who could socialize and collaborate with others. They also wondered to what extent her interventions were inspired by selfish motives.

In order to add some perspective to the conversation, I shared with each group the following Talmudic passage: “A father is obligated to do the following for his son: to circumcise him, to redeem him if he is a first born, to teach him Torah, to find him a wife, and to teach him a trade. Other authorities include teaching him how to swim.” (Bavli Kiddushin 29a)

Interpreting the passage together, with recognition of its applicability, where appropriate, to women, we noted that the implicit goals are to raise a child who is financially independent, intellectually and emotionally engaged with the tradition, sustained by a loving relationship and connected to the community. Curiously, the passage says nothing about where the child needs to land in the academic or corporate hierarchy.

Often looking into our past can help us navigate the present. Passages like the one above aim to foster a well-rounded child, one who is independent, yet connected, intellectually stimulated but also emotionally engaged. I am sure that Amy Chua would find similar insights if she examined the vast treasure trove of centuries of Chinese wisdom.

Perhaps the pressures of the 21st century are skewing our vision. It may be time for us to widen the lens through which we view our goals for raising the next generation, time for us to balance our emphasis on cultivating qualities of mind and heart, independence and connection. And even if we aim in any fashion to be Tiger Moms and Dads, let’s not forget one thing. Tigers, after all, have excellent vision, close up as well as far away.

Name of the Game: Family Engagement!

—Continued from page 4

teachers with the tools to design and implement learning for the 21st century, which reflects the latest research about how students learn, and also underscores the importance of parent involvement. LOMED has guided our monthly faculty meetings over the past two years. Several times a year, LOMED congregations throughout the region send their Professional Leadership Teams to a large gathering in which they share their progress and are able to gain a broader perspective on the impact this program is having beyond their own congregations. Over and over again, we hear the story of increasing and deepening family involvement.

So, if you had suspected that Temple Israel’s schools and our myriad of Family Education programs all had an ulterior motive—to encourage families to increase their level of participation at Temple Israel and in Jewish life in general—you’d be right! If you haven’t been too involved yet, consider trying one new event in the near future.

Shabbat Morning Tefillot: The Whys & Wherefores

No matter how familiar you are with the Shabbat morning service, you might still wonder about some of the whys and wherefores. Join Rabbi Adelson on the first Shabbat of each month to both daven and learn. Seasoned and novice daveners are welcome.

Shabbat Mornings
10:30 A.M. • Blue Room
February 5, March 5,
April 2, May 7 & June 4

Sponsored by
Temple Israel Lifelong Learning

Honoring Memories. Celebrating Lives.

Riverside-Nassau North Chapel

- Funerals • Advance Funeral Planning
- Monuments & Inscription Services

www.riversidenassaunorthchapels.com

516.487.9600

55 North Station Plaza, Great Neck

Proactive Insurance Agency, LLC

*Specializing in
Group Health, Dental,
Life & Disability Insurance*

Nazy Torkan Solomon
(516) 208-4750

solomon@proactiveinsuranceagency.com

Great Neck Wines & Spirits

13 North Station Plaza
Great Neck
(across from LIRR)

516-466-7585

Shastone Memorials

~ 1904 A CENTURY OF SERVICE 2004 ~

MEMORIALS OF DISTINCTION ERECTED AT ALL CEMETERIES

112 Northern Boulevard • Great Neck, New York 11021

516-487-4600 • 1-877-677-6736 (Toll free outside NY)

www.ShastoneMemorials.com

Marvin Rosen - Laurel S. Rosen - Russell J. Rosen

CUSTOM DESIGN and SHOP AT HOME SERVICES

MONUMENTS - FOOTSTONES - PLAQUES - MAUSOLEUMS - CLEANING - REPAIRS

Planning a party?
Call us!

Carlton on the Bay
at Temple Israel of Great Neck

Lederman Events

Glatt Kosher International Cuisine

Phone: 516-829-6666

www.ledermanevents.com

TEMPLE ISRAEL VOICE

Marc Katz, *Editor*

Associate Editors:

Rabbi Marim D. Charry, Paula Charry, Angela Jones, Ronnie Katz

Photographers: Kitty Dadi, Dr. Robert Lopatkin, Milton Putterman

Advertising Representative: Lottie Blye

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK

108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023

Phone: 516 482-7800 • Fax: 482-7352 • E-Mail: info@tign.org

Web: www.TIGN.org

Published bi-weekly by Temple Israel of Great Neck, New York, from mid-August to mid-June. Periodicals postage paid at Great Neck, NY. Postmaster: Send address changes to Temple Israel Voice at address above. Publication No. USPS 078-740. Subscription \$5.00 per annum.

TEMPLE STAFF

Howard A. Stecker.....Senior Rabbi
 Raphael Frieder.....Cantor
 Seth Adelson.....Associate Rabbi
 Mordecai Waxman*.....Rabbi Emeritus
 Leon Silverberg.....Executive Director
 Rachel Mathless.....Director, Beth HaGan
 Rabbi Tracy Guren Klirs.....Director, Religious School
 Rabbi Seth Adelson.....Director, Waxman High School

OFFICERS

Hon. Richard Kestenbaum.....President
 Dr. Parviz Khodadadian.....Vice President
 Alan Klinger.....Vice President
 Alise Kreditor.....Vice President
 Cheryl Eisberg Moin.....Vice President
 Dr. Robert Panzer.....Vice President
 Gary Sazer.....Vice President
 Steven Shepsman.....Vice President
 Irving H. Lurie*.....Honorary President
 *Deceased

AFFILIATED WITH

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

TEMPLE
ISRAEL
OF
GREAT
NECK



VOICE

108 OLD MILL ROAD, GREAT NECK, NY 11023

Periodicals
Postage Paid
at Great Neck, NY

D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Terumah

Saturday, February 5

In this portion we find a description of the *Mishkan*, the portable sanctuary that was built in the wilderness to house the ark with the tablets of the Ten Commandments. The purpose of the *Mishkan* was to serve as a sign that God dwelt among His people. Moses is directed to gather from the Israelites a free will offering of all manner of precious metals, jewels, fine wood, fine materials and spices to use in constructing the *Mishkan* and its appurtenances. Specific instructions are then given for building the furnishings of the *Mishkan* and the special tent that housed them. The *Mishkan*, as a whole, was meant to be a symbol, a portable Sinai, reminding the Israelites of their journey through the wilderness and of their unique experience at the mountain. The *Mishkan* evolved by way of the Temple in Jerusalem into the synagogue, but the purpose remained the same. To this day, whenever we open the ark and look upon the Torah scrolls, we stand again at Sinai.

Tetzaveh

Saturday, February 12

We move from instructions for the creation of the physical *Mishkan* to details concerning the officiants in this portion. At the outset, Moses is directed to see to it that a light is kept burning in the *Mishkan*, a task that is to be performed by priests. He is then directed to appoint Aaron and his sons to the priestly office. There follows a detailed description of the vestments of the High Priest and the ordinary priests. Finally, the rituals of installation for the priests are laid out. The *Mishkan*, as sacred space, is differentiated from profane space by its design. In like manner, its officiants are to be distinguishable from the laity by their attire and insignia of office. In particular, the High Priest is to wear vestments, which symbolize his role as representative of the entire community, before God. The High Priest, who presided over sacrificial rites, evolved into the prayer leader of today's synagogue. That individual is still designated *shaliach tzibur*, the representative of the congregation.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, February 4

Evening Service 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 5

Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Adar I

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Terumah*

Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1–24

Sabbath Service Officers: Marc Langsner and Jose Nebro

Shabbat Morning Tefillot: The Whys and Wherefores? 10:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Machon Alone Service 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

B'nai Mitzvah

DEAN and PERRY SPECTOR

children of Drs. Daniela and Juval Spector

Friday, February 11

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 12

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Tetzaveh*

Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10 – 27

Sabbath Service Officers:

Rebecca Friedman-Charry and Dr. Robert Lopatkin

B'nai Mitzvah

ALLIE MIRSKY

daughter of Lisa and Norman Mirsky

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Waxman High School *Shabbat* Service 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.