



# Temple Partnering with JCC to Bring Wide Range of Social Services to Congregation

By Marc Katz, Editor

A broad spectrum of social services is becoming available to Temple Israel members as the result of a new partnership the congregation has formed with the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, East Hills, called UJA/Federation's Partners In Caring.

The program makes available individual, group counseling, interactive workshops and parlor meetings on lifecycle issues, including bereavement, caregiving, empty nesting, and the "sandwich generation."

Another focus, childhood and adolescent issues, covers relationships between children, parents, teachers and friends. It also focuses on a child's changing family through loss, divorce, separation and newly merged families.

Marital issues are another center of attention, with support groups discussing separation and divorce, and the strengthening of relationships.

Still other support is offered to improve relationships, cancer wellness, and mental health short-term counseling. Referral information is available for children with special needs, gay and lesbian relationships, substance abuse, and health issues.

Temple Israel becomes the 15th north Nassau County congregation to join the Partners In Caring program, and by far the largest. The program has been in existence for seven years, and is growing by two to three congregations per year. Funded largely by the UJA Federation of New York, the program is open to all congregations regardless of their size or Jewish movement affiliation.

The Partners In Caring staff recently made a presentation to the Temple Board of Trustees, which endorsed the con-

gregation's participation. Congregations pay \$3 per member family to participate.

"We've always worked hard at Temple Israel to support one another," said Rabbi Howard Stecker. "Through Yad b'Yad, Bikur Cholim, the Pastoral Committee and the efforts of the clergy, we have tried to be present for one another so that none of us has to feel alone, particularly during stressful times. Now we are adding major resources to our efforts. As a Partners In Caring congregation, we will strive even further to ensure that none of us has to face life's challenges alone."

Member congregations, in addition to Temple Israel, include The Community Synagogue, Port Washington; Congregation Tifereth Israel, Glen Cove; Lake Success Jewish Center; Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation;

Port Jewish Center, Port Washington; Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Roslyn; Temple Beth Israel, Port Washington; Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn; Temple Isaiah, Great Neck; Temple Judea, Roslyn; Temple Sinai, Roslyn Heights; Temple Tikvah, New Hyde Park; The Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore, Manhasset; and the Woodbury Jewish Center.

A licensed social worker, Audrey Bernstein, is specifically assigned to work with members of Temple Israel. She is at the Temple regularly and is available to meet members at the Temple, the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center or at their home. Ms. Bernstein is part of a staff of social workers, each with their own area of

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## Temple Presenting 'Yiddish and Kids' Program with Great Neck Arts Center

Yiddish will be introduced to young children through an innovative new program coming to Great Neck through The Great Neck Arts Center, and co-sponsored by Temple Israel in March.

Called "Yiddish and Kids," the fun family show consists of six performers of varying ages who introduce the audience to Yiddish through humor and song. The program is appropriate for all ages and a great family activity.

The "Yiddish and Kids" show is a musical funfest for families, as the group explores everyday themes in a comical mix of Jewish folk traditions and pop culture. According to Temple President Richard Kestenbaum, "Temple Israel is thrilled to help sponsor the upcoming "Yiddish and Kids" event as it is not only a great way to introduce children to a part of their heritage in a fun and engaging way, but it also brings the community together at an intergenerational event."

"Yiddish and Kids" will be held at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, March 6. The hour-long program begins at 1 P.M. (doors open at 12:30 P.M.), and all are invited to a dessert reception following the show. As part of the Temple's sponsorship of the event, a limited number of tickets will be available at no charge on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a maximum of three per family. Additional tickets are available for purchase at \$10 each for children and \$20 each for adults.

For additional information and tickets, call the Temple office at 482-7800.

## A Shalom Club Invitation

By Mickey Putterman

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Shalom Club President Mickey Putterman invites you to "make it happen" by attending club activities, in this Voice Column.

"What I remember most was the intimacy, jocularly and sheer pleasure of being with the Shalom Club. What remains over the years is the essence of the human encounter. Therefore, to share in general how unique

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and fulfilling the Shalom Club can be today easily comes to mind."—Wilbur Stein, z'l, past president of the Shalom Club.

Come along as we take you on a group tour. The group is the Shalom Club of Temple Israel, which began over 48 years ago in our dining room. Seated at the table, noshing on some nuts, was Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, who made a *shidach* everlasting between a

group of young marrieds and Temple Israel, which remains strong in form and content to this very day.

We were new to each other and to Temple life. We were eager to explore our heritage, seeking choices of how to best experience our future together. Rabbi Waxman and his wife, Ruth, quickly became our role models and progressive partners. Together we created this new environment within Temple Israel of learning, socializing, defining our Jewish roots, seeking our Jewish future in the beautiful American suburbs for ourselves and our families. Quickly we established the Shalom Club as an arm of the Temple Israel family, taking responsibility for its needs, its growth and its administration.

Shalom members have served on the Religious School Education Committee, the Adult Education Committee and the House Committee. They became chairs of the fund raisers, performers and producers of the Temple Israel Players, chaired the Mitzvah Group, were elected to the Board of Trust-

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FROM THE RABBI

## The Trip of a Lifetime

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

By the time this column appears in print, I will be in Israel with 39 teenagers, members of our community in 8th through 12th grades. At this very moment we might be praying in the eternal city of Jerusalem, pounding the streets of Tel Aviv, hiking through the Jilaboon stream in the Golan, on top of Masada, or learning about the mandate-era British immigration blockade in Atlit.

To me, however, the high point of this trip is not the touristy stuff, the things that everybody does on their ten-day tour of Israel. Rather, it is the experience that the group will have on the second *Shabbat* that we are there, when we will be hosted by families that belong to the Masorti (that's the name of Conservative Judaism outside of North America) synagogue in Ashkelon, a city on the Mediterranean coast. There we will celebrate *Shabbat* together with teens from the Israeli equivalent of USY, spend

time in the homes of our Israeli hosts, and thus experience (if only for a day and a half) something that most visitors to Israel never experience—a slice of Israeli life as peers. This is unique, and our teens will never forget it. I am reminded of a well-known

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poem by Jerusalemite Yehuda Amichai (*zikhrono livrakha*), "Tourists," in which he identifies the problem with tourism in Israel: that is, seeing the ancient rocks rather than the living, breathing inhabitants.

"Once I sat on the steps by a gate at David's Tower; I placed my two heavy

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## Moving Forward

By Hon. Richard Kestenbaum

The word consolidation, as it has been applied to local governments, has been a lightning rod for difficult discussions. We see consolidation in a more positive light that will serve to enhance Temple Israel's stature in the years to come.

For many reasons, including our size, the intellectual nature of our Temple community, as well as our geographic location, we have the capacity to act as a center of Jewish life. It is our intention, through our Institute for Lifelong Learning and our revi-

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sioned Waxman Youth House, to reach out to the greater Jewish community from teens to seniors, in Great Neck and beyond, to provide opportunities to learn, to socialize and to otherwise live a fulsome Jewish life. There is a wealth of programming that already exists and that is being developed by us and others that will allow us to accomplish this.

It is our intention to work collaboratively with other temples and Jewish institutions so that successful programs developed elsewhere can be presented at Temple Israel for the benefit of the entire Jewish community. This consolidation of sorts will have us partnering with others where it is advantageous to our membership in order to provide more for less cost. It is our hope that our cooperative spirit and our intention for everyone to benefit will be accepted by others as it is intended.

We are fortunate to be in a position to help bring together the Jewish community in appropriate, non-controversial ways that will strengthen each of the participant groups. We will be the beneficiary of further prominence in the Jewish world and enjoy feelings of pride that will come from moving the Jewish community forward in positive ways.

## Next Voice Issue, Publication Deadline

The next issue of The Voice will be published on Thursday, March 3. The deadline for that issue is Monday, February 21.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**DR. HOOSHANG RAHIMIAN**  
father of Elham Kimiabakhsh

**SHERRY MATSIL**  
esteemed member of Temple Israel

**ANITA HAAS**  
mother of Diane Glasner

**JACOB POURMORADI**  
brother of Parviz Pourmoradi

**SIDNEY FARKAS**  
father of Jeffrey and Larry Farkas

May their memories be for a blessing.

## Passover Wine Sale Raising Temple Funds

Melting snow and warming temperatures are here. Can spring and *Pesach* be far behind? Now is the time to plan for your 2011 Passover wines! Everyone needs delicious kosher wines for Passover—for the four cups and for *kiddush* during *Pesach* and also for *kiddush* and house gifts throughout the year. All profits from the Wine Sale go to Temple Israel.

Wonderful kosher wines are now available from Israel, the United States, Australia, France and Italy. The Shalom Club is once again managing the annual Temple Israel Passover Wine Sale. Wines will be delivered to your door.

A great selection of exceptional and prize winning reds and whites are on the wine list, as well as several traditional sweet sacramental wines and kosher for Passover brandy and vodka. Special requests can be accommodated.

It's easy! Watch for the order form in The Voice soon, fill it out and return it with your check to the Temple office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	24	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
March	2-3	Beth HaGan School Book Fair	
	4	Temple Israel "Shabbat Across America"	6:30 P.M.
	7	"An Evening With Meir Shalev" Sponsored by Temple Israel Life Long Learning and Sisterhood	8:15 P.M.
	12	"Shabbat Talk" with Rabbi Adelson and Waxman High School Students about their Israel trip	
	12	Temple Israel Comedy Night	8:30 P.M.
	13	Temple Israel Blood Drive Sponsored by the Men's Club	8:00 A.M.
	17	Men's Club Seder	7:30 P.M.
	20	Purim	
	24	Temple Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

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**Reservations must be received in the Temple office by March 9**

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## IN QUOTES

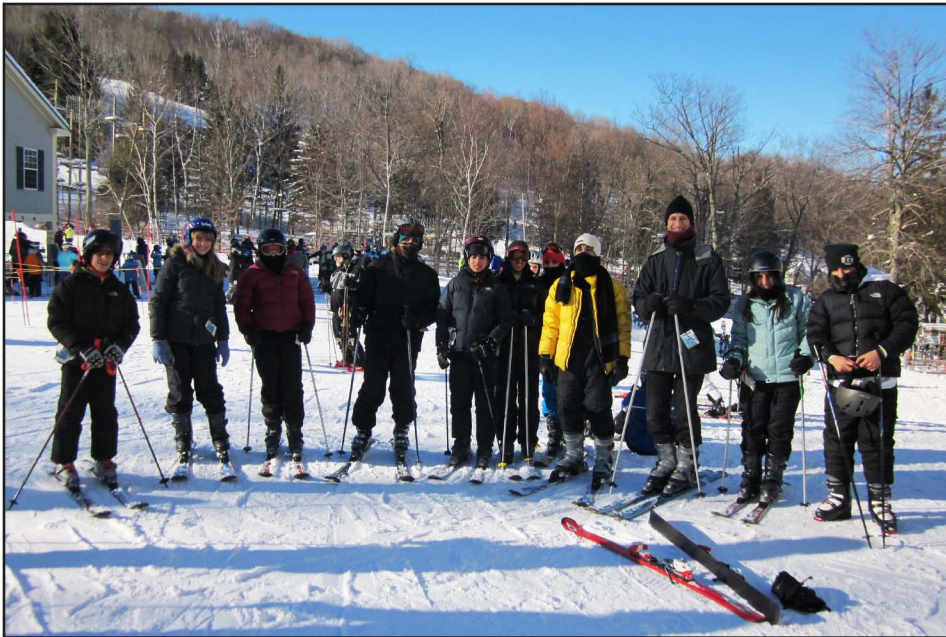
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote, is part of the Kaddish prayer. What is your favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“*Let there be abundant peace from heaven,  
with life's goodness for us and all Israel.*”

## Skiing With the Youth House

By Rabbi Seth Adelson



Waxman High School students got much more than an enjoyable time out of their recent ski trip.

Over the Martin Luther King weekend, I took a group of Youth House students to ski at Jiminy Peak in the Berkshires. Jiminy Peak is one of two mountains where I used to ski regularly when I was in high school, since I grew up just a few miles away in rural Williamstown, Massachusetts. It was a thrill for me to return to my home turf (snow?), but even more so to bring such a wonderful group of kids with me to share the excitement of downhill skiing. Waxman High School senior teacher Moji Pourmoradi and I boarded a bus in Great Neck with 11 teens and a whole bunch of food and headed north.

There was a range of skiing ability in the group, and after getting tickets and renting equipment, a few of us went for a skiing lesson immediately after arriving. Some with extensive skiing experience immediately headed for more challenging terrain, and I took the more tentative skiers to a novice slope for a few practice runs. Moji parked herself with all the kosher snacks in the ski lodge, and the first day began.

A few hours later it was getting dark, and it was time to head to the motel. We stayed at the illustrious Springs Inn and Resort, where the owner let us reheat our pasta dinner in his oven. We dined in the lobby, and when the motel's DVD player failed to deliver, we played cards. Everybody was exhausted, so we all turned in early (that is, early for teenagers).

The second day began with *tefillot*, for

which I had brought my guitar and a few extra sets of *tefillin*, although almost everybody who needed them had their own. We had a quick breakfast and were back on the slopes by 9:30 A.M., when the lines for the lifts were virtually non-existent. Our novices felt that they needed a little more practice, so I gave them a lesson (something

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for which neither rabbinical school nor cantorial school prepared me). The second day brought sunshine and good times for all, and by the afternoon we were heading back to Long Island.

Skiing is an exercise in control—your balance, your center of gravity, the position of your knees and your shoulders. And, skiing is a perfect metaphor for Jewish life. The great musical sage, *Reb* Tevye of Anatevka, describes our lives as relying on tradition for balance. "Without our traditions," says he, "our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof." It is our tradition that balances us. We skied, we *davened*, we enjoyed ourselves. That is, I think, a nice summary of the Youth House.

## Temple Represented At Jewish Educators Philadelphia Conference

The Jewish Educators Assembly, the professional organization of educators in the Conservative movement, recently completed its 59th Annual Conference at the Westin Mount Laurel Hotel, outside of Philadelphia. Temple Israel's Religious School Director, Rabbi Tracy Klirs, a JEA board member, was among those in attendance. The four-day gathering brought together congregational school principals, heads of Solomon Schechter Day Schools, early childhood directors, bureau and agency personnel and family and informal educators from all across North America and Israel.

The theme of this year's conference was "From Sinai to Cyberspace: Exploring the Impact of Technology on Jewish Education." Lisa Colton and Caren Levine of Darim Online, Deborah Nagler, an independent technology consultant, and David Bryfman of the Jewish Education Project, New York, served as featured speakers and anchored the multi-faceted program. Collectively they addressed hardware and the many options technology presents, software and the multitude of programs and educational materials available, social networking and their implications for how we communicate and see ourselves as a community, as well as the ethical challenges and issues associated with technology, ranging from cyber-bullying to copyright laws.

Innovative Technology Theatres gave conference participants the chance to see and touch various programs and technologies up close and get a better understanding of what could be implemented in their schools. Attendees enjoyed seeing how to use Smartboards, learning how to tweet and discover how to better use online resources to enrich their teaching on subjects ranging from Holocaust studies to Hebrew reading to Bible study and Israel, to exploring our Jewish roots. There even was a classroom "Jeopardy" game that can be programmed with Jewish content questions! Connecting with Israel is always a fundamental part of JEA work. It was exciting to meet young Israelis who are running a technology summer camp in Israel for children from all over the world.

The conference was able to use the Greater Philadelphia area and its many resources as a classroom. Early Childhood Educators enjoyed a visit to Gratz College for some in-depth study with Lyndall Miller. Another group of educators visited the Kellman Brown Academy, a Solomon Schechter Day School in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. A special treat was a visit to the new

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# TEMPLE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Jacob Stein

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Many Temple Israel members have distinguished themselves within the congregation, as well as within the community and the greater Jewish world. This new regular Voice feature will profile many of those congregants.

**By Marc Katz, Editor**

The walls of most of the rooms in Temple Israel Past President Jacob Stein's Harbor Hills home are completely filled with photos and mementos of a remarkable life.

They tell the story of time spent with presidents, prime ministers, generals, ambassadors, Mother Theresa—and even the Pope.

But, his many years in the public eye began simply enough, when he and his beloved wife, Jean, joined Temple Israel of Great Neck 68 years ago.

"I was saying Kaddish for my father when we moved to Great Neck," Mr. Stein recalled. "I was looking for a *minyán* at a Modern Orthodox or Conservative synagogue. We discovered Temple Israel, which was founded the year before, and soon became the young congregation's 35th member family."

He said the Conservative Movement was in its earliest stages of development. "The movement was fragmented. The distinctions between it and the other branches of Judaism were not very clear. But here we were, at Conservative Temple Israel of Great Neck.

"In a congregation that small, it is easy to become involved and move up quickly," Mr. Stein said. He became chairman of the Education Committee, Temple vice president, and then the seventh president of the young congregation.

The presidency introduced Mr. Stein to the larger sphere of Jewish involvement. He became active in what is now



Temple Past President Jacob Stein points to a photo showing him with world leaders.

*Voice Photo by Mickey Putterman*

the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the organization of Conservative congregations, first as president of METNY, its New York region, and then as international president.

His election to that position was not without controversy, though. It was the same controversy rocking Temple Israel, too. Both the congregation and the Conservative Movement were wrestling with issues that would define the rapidly growing branch of Judaism: participation in the *minyán* and the service by women, the degree of religious education to be afforded girls, the type of service to be conducted for *B'nai* and *B'not Mitzvah* and the format of the *Shabbat* service, among many others.

The questions facing the movement were debated into the wee hours of the morning at Temple Board of Trustees meetings, Mr. Stein recalls. "The congregation was a microcosm of the issues facing the Conservative Movement," he said.

"I felt I had something to offer the Conservative Movement," Mr. Stein said. He became the only person to challenge the recommended slate of officers in the organization's history. In 1969 he became president of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

As a strong proponent of the National

Enrollment Plan for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, he traveled the country urging Conservative congregations to participate. The plan called for temples to add a \$10 per person fee to their dues to fund the Seminary, the prime source of Conservative rabbis, cantors and educators.

The Yom Kippur War broke out during his term as chairman of The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Seeking to put American Jewry in the best possible light, he came in frequent contact with the then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and members of the Nixon administration. He participated in meetings with President Richard Nixon and Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and played a significant role in having American munitions shipped urgently to Israel to enable it to fight off the then encroaching Arab armies.

He and Mrs. Stein became friendly with the then ambassador to the United Nations, George H.W. Bush, and his wife, Barbara. They worked closely together to lobby for the release of four Israeli soldiers being held prisoner by Syria. When Mr. Bush became vice

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## TEMPLE LIBRARY PICKS OF THE WEEK

Here are some Temple Israel Library selections by Librarian Rona Lupkin. The library is open Sunday, 9 A.M.–Noon, and Monday through Wednesday, 2 P.M.–6 P.M.

- Philip Roth's newest book, "Nemesis"
- Naomi Ragen's cutting edge novel, "The Tenth Song"
- Eishes Chayil's shocking, "Hush"
- Anita Diamant's tale of women in a refugee camp, "Day After Night"
- Susan Isaac's latest story, "As Husbands Go"
- Joan Nathan's cookbook, "Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous"

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baskets at my side. A group of tourists was standing around their guide and I became their target marker. 'You see that man with the baskets? Just right of his head there's an arch from the Roman period. Just right of his head.'

'But he's moving, he's moving!' I said to myself: redemption will come only if their guide tells them, 'You see that arch from the Roman period? It's not important: but next to it, left and down a bit, there sits a man who has bought fruit and vegetables for his family.'

This may, in fact, be the holiest work that I have done as a rabbi. Having visited Israel for the first time at age 17, I know that placing Israel on the radar of a Jewish teen during the key period of one's identity formation is essential. This trip will help the participants understand Jewish nationhood, our connection as Diaspora Jews to the Jewish State, and the outgrowth of Zionism as the newest branch of Jewish civilization.

But beyond that, there is even more here. As I have stated for the record numerous times in the past year, the continuation of our children's identification with Jewish institutions after *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* is crucial. This trip is not only about Israel; it is also about building strongly-identified, Jewishly-knowledgeable adults, who will some day hold the reins of the Jewish community. They will return with new perspectives on Judaism and Jewish life, which will strengthen not only these teens as individuals, but also the Youth House and Temple Israel. And, they will not only have dipped in the Dead Sea and cried at the Kotel; they will have also met the man who has bought fruit and vegetables for his family.

Many thanks go to the Khorshid Dina Harounian Israel Education Fund and several other donors who made this trip possible.

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ees, etc. You name it, they were there. Seven members of the Shalom Club became presidents of Temple Israel: Jacob Stein, Allan Greenblatt, William Ungar, Dr. Mordecai Gabriel, Manny Bardash, Eileen, and me!

Our children were enriched by the involvement and the pleasure we took in being part of this unique group. They attended the Religious School and graduated from the Waxman High School, learning about who they were from young Jewish Theological Seminary students who brought with them the sweet fresh air of Jewish freedom of thought and respect of multi-diversity that has given them exceptional strength, meshed together by egalitarian Conservative after-school education at its absolute best!

The Shalom Club has survived more than four decades precisely because family by family, couple by couple, each woman and man came to a mature awareness of being a Jew in a most personal and sensitive manner. Each individual was treated to a warm and welcoming environment. It is a formula that worked then and continues to work now in a cooperative, pro-active community, for the benefit of our beloved Temple Israel.

Our diversity has given us the opportunity to share in ongoing creative activities and enriched special moments. Extraordinary Hanukkah parties, each with creative themes like "The East Side" circa the "twenties" with pushcarts selling eye glasses, shoes, aprons, pots, pans, knishes, Charlotte Russe, and Jewish newspapers. All members were costumed in the period, singing songs of the day, both Yiddish and American pop. There were meetings devoted to political activism both in Israel and the U.S., annual *Shabbaton* retreats at summer camps or at home, visits to Jewish theaters, museums, and bus trips to places of Jewish interest in the tri-state area as well as Philadelphia, to see Temple Rudolph Sholom, built by the renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Our remarkable program "Growing Up Jewish," found its way into synagogues all over the nation. There were "Eye to Eye with the Rabbi" debates on topics of political interest, hands on involvement in the egalitarian movement, and serious concerns of drugs and teens in the '60s which culminated in another national program, "No, Not My Child!" We took trips to Israel and trips to Spain, each with memorable experiences of important people we met and places of interest to see.

I was honored to be the first president of the Shalom Club 48 years ago and was re-elected again three years ago. Eileen has been by my side as a program chair, working to-

gether with so many of our devoted members. The tour is ongoing and continues to take us into new and uncharted trails of maturity. Yes, we still walk side by side, but never in lock step, one behind the other. Our programs remain thoughtful and innovative, our thirst for new frontiers of Jewish interest still unquenchable, and our understanding for one's lifestyle as Jews forever respectful. We have found the formula to success and with Rabbi Stecker we know that the next generation of Temple Israel members has the opportunity to share in the Shalom Club Experience.

We welcome each of you to become a member of the Shalom Club or to promote for yourselves a reasonable facsimile. It would be our pleasure to help make it happen for each one of you!

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National Museum of American Jewish History on Independence Mall, where the educators were among the first visitors to this fabulous new national treasure.

The conference was also filled with music and laughter. It began with a *zimriyah*, or song festival, with choirs from nine local schools. On Sunday, there was a celebration of "20/20," honoring 20 emerging leaders of the Jewish community with a dessert reception and concert by the David Morgan Band. Following the Monday evening program, a magnificent concert by a choir made up of members of the Delaware Valley Cantors Assembly was held, and the late night program on Tuesday brought the house down with a side-splitting performance by young Jewish comedian and author Joel Chasnoff, and a soul-stirring song session with folk rocker Rick Recht.

More than 30 vendors and exhibitors displayed the latest in textbooks and classroom materials, media and computer programs, curriculum initiatives and study and enrichment opportunities both here and in Israel. A great deal of networking took place with participants sharing ideas and information over meals and get-togethers.

The JEA/Behrman House Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to JEA Past President Dr. Michael H. Halzel, a long-time head of both Schechter and congregational schools. The beautiful tribute to Dr. Halzel was given by none other than Temple Israel's own Rabbi Marim D. Charry, also a former recipient of this significant award.



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president, he would, on occasion, call upon Mr. Stein for guidance on matters relating to Israel and the American Jewish community. Mr. Stein was appointed a special advisor to President Ronald Reagan, serving in the White House during that administration. His calm and thoughtful demeanor and sage advice made him a valued advisor to President Reagan during battles over the sale of AWACS military aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

During his first year in the Reagan administration, Mr. Stein hosted the first Hanukkah party ever held at the White House.

In 1986 he visited Israel with Vice President Bush as a member of the "Gang of Eight," a group of Jewish supporters who encouraged presidential candidate Bush to reach out to Jewish voters.

Imagine the surprised *Bar Mitzvah* boy when Mr. Stein brought Vice President Bush to Temple Israel to join the congregation during a *Shabbat* service. The vice president sat in the sanctuary, listening intently as Rabbi Mordecai Waxman delivered his *Shabbat* sermon.

During the Bush presidency, Mr. Stein was appointed a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. He also served as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland, and as a member of the Defense Policy Advisory Committee on Trade.

His book, "Days of Challenge, The Making of a Modern American Jewish Leader," was published in 2004 by Eshel Books.

"There is no question that the strength of all that developed following my joining the congregation all those years ago reflects on my roots with Temple Israel and with Rabbi Waxman. He was, has been and is the source of my strength," Mr. Stein said.

His involvement in Jewish matters on a world stage kept his wife, the late Jean Stein, very busy back home. For many years she served on the Temple Sisterhood Board and

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expertise, providing services for Temple Israel members. The staff is coordinated by Stuart Botwinick, the program director.

"We are selective as to which synagogues participate in the program," Mr. Botwinick said. "We want clergy and synagogue membership who get the concept of what it is that we provide. We believe that Partners In Caring can help be a valuable asset to the caring community at Temple Israel."

For further information about services available, call Partners In Caring at 484-1545 ext. 196 or the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

co-chaired the Torah Fund, which raises Temple funds for the Seminary. She also worked closely with Sy Kleinman, who produced many of the early productions of the Temple Israel Players. In addition, Mrs. Stein served on the Board of the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

A tour of the Stein home includes walls of framed certificates of appreciation from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin "for distinguished service to the State of Israel," from President Ronald Reagan "for serving as special advisor to the White House," and from his "dear friend," President George H.W. Bush. Another wall contains a ceremonial sword originally belonging to a Syrian general, presented to him in appreciation by Israel's 22nd Brigade in the Golan Heights in December 1973.

Pictures line the walls showing Mr. Stein with Presidents Reagan, Bush, Nixon, Carter and Clinton, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israeli Prime Ministers Golda Meir and Menachem Begin, Israeli General Moshe Dayan, Mother Theresa, and with Rabbi Waxman and Pope John Paul, among many others.

Also on his wall is a certificate presented by the U.S. Congress, through the efforts of Congressman Gary Ackerman, containing remarks made by the Great Neck representative on the floor of Congress in 2008. "I use today to seek Congressional recognition of the lifetime of achievement of Jacob Stein," it says. "During his distinguished career, Jacob, or Jack as his friends refer to him, has made a lasting impact on our community

and our nation. As a public, religious, civic and moral leader, his lifetime of achievement deserves both recognition and appreciation."

Temple Israel named the annual Yom Kippur Forum in Mr. Stein's honor in 2010 in recognition of his serving as the host of the popular program since it was established. Rabbi Stecker, Temple President Richard Kestenbaum and Vice President Alan Klinger presented him with a certificate. It reads, "To the extraordinary Jacob Stein, past president of Temple Israel, for his love of Judaism and as an ongoing inspiration, the entire family of Temple Israel wishes to honor him by designating this annual Yom Kippur event, to be known as the 'Jacob Stein Yom Kippur Symposium.'"

At the conclusion of the Forum, Rabbi Howard Stecker presented Mr. Stein with a silver *yad* for "pointing the way for the congregation" for so many years.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, February 18.....5:14 P.M.  
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## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

*Attend the Daily Minyan!*

Mon., Feb. 21	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Mon., Feb. 28	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
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Friday	7:00 A.M.	5:30 P.M.
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Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## Upcoming Partners In Caring Programs

Partners In Caring, the social services program that Temple Israel has joined, brings a wide variety of programs to members of affiliate congregations.

An example of their varied programs—available at no cost to Temple Israel members—is being presented in March. A program intended for congregation leadership titled "Volunteer and Leadership Development: The Intersection Between Relationships and Caring Community Building," is being held on Thursday, March 3, at 7 P.M., at Temple Beth Israel, Port Washington. For further information, contact Temple Israel Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800.

The volunteer and leadership development program will discuss understanding why people get turned on and turned off to synagogue involvement, what a successful culture of volunteerism and caring looks like, and concrete steps and short term goals and ideas for long range planning. It will be led by Margie Miller, international vice president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The program is free, but advance registration is required.

Another, called "The Anatomy of Success," is a networking event being held Sunday, March 6, between 10 A.M. and Noon, at Temple Sinai, Roslyn Heights.

The networking event will help participants make valuable professional contacts and strengthen their network. It will also help you connect with other business people in the Long Island Jewish community.

A pre-event professional development workshop, entitled "Preparing for the Interview and Questions," will be led by Stan Broitman, certified career, retirement and re-career coach, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

To register for the event, visit <[www.sjcc.org/pic](http://www.sjcc.org/pic)>.

## Give Blood Again: The Men's Club's Blood Drive Is On Sunday, March 13th

The community blood supply is not something most of us think of as we go about our daily lives. The need for blood is something we would all like to think of as "for the other guy." The reality is that not one of us knows when that need will be very personal and very urgent. And, the last thing anyone needs to worry about is whether blood will be there when it is needed.

Long Island Blood Services requires nearly 800 donations a day to meet the life-saving transfusion requirements of patients in 50 area hospitals. LIBS relies on the generosity of volunteer donors to meet the demand and replenish the community blood supply on a daily basis.

One of the greatest *mitzvot*, our rabbis tell us, is to save a life. Giving a pint of your blood can do just that. "...If any one man saves a single soul, it is as though he had saved a whole world." That is what the Temple Israel Men's Club Blood Bank is all about. By donating blood you will insure that blood will be available for the entire congregation, if needed.

The Men's Club is asking all congregants to donate blood on Sunday, March 13, 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom. Every donor is urgently needed. Donors must be between 16 and 75 years old (16-year olds need parental permission, over 76 with a doctor's note), at least 110 pounds, and in basic good health. Every donor is given a mini-physical to make sure it is safe for him or her to give blood.

Of course, there is no danger of contracting any disease from donating blood because everything that is used is brand new, sterile and used only once. Very careful screening procedures have been instituted for all donors. ID with a photo will be required.

Donating blood is a very tangible way of expressing our generosity of spirit. Although appointments are not necessary, they will expedite blood donations. To make an appointment or for further information about the blood drive, call Dr. Charles I. Adler at 482-4421. The safest blood supply in the world will only be there if each one of us takes the time to give the gift of life.

Speaking of generosity, the Men's Club would like to express its thanks to the Mazur family for donating a quart of soup to every blood donor to help replenish the pint of blood they donated and Bagel Mentch for their generous contribution of bagels for the Blood Drive.

## 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**  
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**March 5, April 2,**  
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## Time to Order Shalah Manot Baskets And Cards for Purim from Sisterhood

The joyful holiday of Purim is almost here. It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people from extermination at the hands of Haman Harasha. It is considered a *mitzvah* to give *shalah manot* to family and friends on Purim.

For many years, the Sisterhood of Temple Israel has been offering the opportunity to observe this *mitzvah*. The Sisterhood makes beautiful gift baskets filled with assorted food items such as juice, dried fruit, cookies, chips, candy and, of course, hamentashen. Families who are receiving *mishloach manot* baskets from more than one family will still receive one basket, but it will be made more elaborate depending on the number of families involved.

Sisterhood is even offering the service of delivering the baskets provided ten or more are being ordered. Unfortunately, they cannot deliver to apartment buildings without a doorman. The baskets are \$10 each.

But Sisterhood needs your help. The baskets are being assembled in the Crystal Ballroom on Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 9:30 A.M. If you can spare any time during the morning, please come and assist. We have a great time," said Iris Adler, who is

coordinating the project. "There is such a feeling of camaraderie and accomplishment."

Help is also needed delivering the baskets. This is a wonderful and especially rewarding family activity that parents and children can share. Children attending the Religious School will receive one family education credit for delivering five baskets and two credits for delivering ten or more. The *mishloach manot* baskets can be picked up Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday, and delivered until Sunday evening, March 20 (except on *Shabbat* of course).

The deadline for basket orders is Friday, March 11. Unfortunately, no orders can be accepted or changed after that date. Please observe the deadline so that the proper quantities of items to be put into the baskets can be purchased.

Call Iris Adler at 482-4421 or e-mail her at <ciadler@aol.com> if you can assist with this project.

Sisterhood is also offering beautiful Purim cards for \$5 each with the proceeds going to Yad B'Yad. Orders of five or more cards will even be mailed out for you. Contact Rita Ortner at 487-9828 to order cards.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

*Kee Tissa*

**Saturday, February 19**

We find the final details of the instructions for building the Mishkan, the portable wilderness sanctuary, in this portion. The reading actually begins with directions for conducting a census of those of military age by collecting a poll tax of half a shekel. The money was to be used for the maintenance of the Mishkan. A reminder to keep the Sabbath serves as an indication that the sanctification of time is more important even than building a sanctuary. At this point, we read that the Israelites panic over Moses' protracted absence on Mt. Sinai and demand that Aaron make a god they can see. The outcome is the golden calf. When Moses sees this egregious breach of the covenant, he breaks the tablets of the Ten Commandments. God, for His part, wants to destroy the people. Moses punishes the people and manages to assuage God's anger. Moses then returns to Sinai to rewrite the tablets. With the covenant renewed, the construction on the Mishkan can proceed.

*Vayakhel*

**Saturday, February 26**

In this portion, we return to the account of the building of the Mishkan. It is significant that the original instructions call for building the furnishings before the structure, and the list begins with the Ark. This is meant to highlight the symbolic nature of the Mishkan: its purpose is to focus the people's attention constantly on the covenant with God. Here, however, we are told that Bezalel and the artisans built the structure before the furnishings in the proper practical order. Accordingly, we find that the tent, itself, was constructed with two chambers, the inner Holy of Holies and the outer Holy Place. Outside the tent was a courtyard constituting the third area of the Mishkan. The building of the furnishings is described in descending order of holiness. First came the Ark, to be put in the Holy of Holies. Next came the table, the menorah and the altar of incense, to be put in the Holy Place. Finally, the altar of burnt offering and the laver are built, to be placed in the outer court. The descriptions of the actual building repeat exactly the instructions given in previous portions to indicate that the final product emerged precisely as God had designed it.

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday, February 18**

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

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**Saturday, February 19**

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Kee Tissa*

Exodus 30:11 – 34:35

*Haftarah:* I Kings 18:1-39

Sabbath Service Officers:

Robert Kahen and Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

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**Friday, February 25**

Evening Service 5:30 P.M.

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**Saturday, February 26**

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Vayakhel*

Exodus 35:1 – 37:16

*Haftarah:* I Kings 7:40 – 50

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*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.

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