



Great Neck Marking Tenth Anniversary of September 11th With Varied Memorial Services

Events that unfolded on the morning of September 11 ten years ago will be remembered in Great Neck this September 11 at three widely varying observances.

- Temple Israel will hold a memorial service for members of the congregation during the Mincha and Ma'ariv service, which will be held on the Village of Saddle Rock's 9-11 Memorial Bridge, Bayview Avenue, beginning at 7:15 P.M. The bridge provided area residents with a commanding view of the destruction of the Twin Towers and has been the setting for the congregation's memorial service since that time. Participants are scheduled to walk from Temple Israel to Bayview Avenue, and then to the bridge, where the service will be led by Rabbi Howard Stecker. The congregation is invited to participate in the service, which is sponsored by the Men's Club. Further information about the service is available by calling the Temple office, 482-7800.
- Daniel Frankel, son of Temple Israel members Laurie and Van Frankel, will lead the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" at a memorial service sponsored by The Great Neck Clergy Association

at 2:30 P.M. at Jonathan Ielpi Firefighters Park on Grace Avenue. Na'aleh, the Jewish women's chorus which includes of a number of Temple Israel members, will perform at the service. It will feature a keynote address by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli of Great Neck and a presentation by Anne Marie Ielpi Holleran, sister of Jonathan Ielpi, a New York City firefighter and Great Neck Vigilant fireman who was killed in the World Trade Center attack. Temple Israel is a member of the Great Neck Clergy Association.

- The Village of Saddle Rock will hold a morning ceremony on the 9-11 Memorial Bridge. The observance will also pay tribute to the village's late mayor, former Temple Israel member Leonard Samansky, who supervised Nassau County's emergency services at the time of the attacks. He preserved pictures and messages that were left on the bridge after the attack and included them in a documentary he put together shortly before his death, called "We Remember." Copies of the DVD will be distributed to participants at the observance.

Performing Arts Committee Presenting Musical Programs

The newly formed Performing Arts Committee is announcing two exciting programs taking place at Temple Israel this fall. On Thursday, September 15, Mark Kreditor returns to continue his study of Jewish songwriters, this time focusing on popular love songs, and on Sunday afternoon, October 16, celebrated Klezmer musician Yale Strom will perform with his group, Hot Pstromi.

The September concert features pianist Mark Kreditor, whose program "Jews of the American Songbook," has played throughout the United States at synagogues, churches and retirement homes. This will be his fifth concert at Temple Israel, and this year it will feature an overview of the evolution of popular love songs by Jewish songwriters. Included will be recognizable tunes from Rodgers and Hart, Adler and Ross as well as Carole King, Gerry Goffin and Neil Diamond. As usual, audience participation will be welcomed.



Entertainer Mark Kreditor

The next program will be an unforgettable concert of Klezmer music on October 16 with deep ties to Temple Israel. Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi will present "Dave Tarras: The King of Klezmer." Tarras is considered the most influential klezmer musician of the

20th century—often called "the Benny Goodman" of the klezmer clarinet—and is the grandfather of Temple Israel member Dr. Marc Tarras. "We are thrilled to be able to share my grandfather's music with the

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The Way Jews Camp

By Dan Goldberger

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the best ways to show children a Jewish life-style, while building long-term friendships, is through the Conservative movement's Ramah Program, as described in this Voice Guest Column by congregant Dan Goldberger.

Jews don't camp. So sings David Buskin in his, camp ditty about our tribe's stereotypical preference for air conditioning and fine dining over natural atmospherics and not-so-fine dining. (As he intones: "If it hasn't got a lobby, I don't want it for a hobby"). Far be it from me to challenge the

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wisdom of a folk singer, but Jews DO camp. And our Conservative movement has been camping for over 60 years with Camp Ramah.

On Sunday morning, September 18, a

bit of Camp Ramah will come to Temple Israel at 9:45 A.M. in the Blue Room (after Religious School drop-off). Parents of camp-age children (and those whose kids will be ready for camp in a couple of years) can hear firsthand about Camp Ramah in the Berkshires from one of its directors, Rabbi Paul Resnick or Rabbi Amy Roth. Also on hand to share their experiences will be current Ramah campers, parents of current Ramah campers and our most senior summertime "Ramahnik," Rabbi Stecker. Because Jews do nosh, there will, of course, be bagels and coffee along with a presentation about why Conservative Jewish children (and the movement in general) can benefit from a month or two spent on 299 bucolic acres on the shores of Lake Ellis in Wingdale, New York.

The Ramah camping program was conceived by the Jewish Theological Seminary

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FROM THE RABBI

It's Up to Us

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

After hearing much hype, I decide to read "*God is Not Great*," a critique of religion by self-proclaimed atheist Christopher Hitchens. He makes the following claims against religion: It is dangerous, a source of centuries of violence and abuse. It is frequently untrue, based on founding myths that are mutually contradictory and often downright ridiculous. It belongs to the infancy of our species and, like all infancies, should be abandoned in order for maturity to be attained.

As you might imagine, I was particularly sensitive to Hitchens' critiques of Judaism. But truth be told, his attacks on Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism were at least as vociferous.

What do I make of his arguments? Frankly, it's hard to deny that religion has inspired much pettiness and divisiveness, not to mention violence and humiliation. And while I'm not convinced that religion has made things worse than they otherwise would have been, it's clear that religion has often aided and abetted the darkest of hu-

man impulses. Furthermore, who can deny the problematic reality that many advocates of contradictory traditions do battle against one another, each claiming access to absolute truth?

However, it disturbs me that Hitchens sets religion up as a straw man, referring only to those expressions of religion that are

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fundamentalist in nature. Again and again, he hammers away at those religious leaders whose claims of theological certainty led them to suppress and harm others.

As we prepare to enter a New Year, I want us to consider the following. To invoke a popular Hebrew expression, when it comes

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A Clergy Review

By Alan M. Klinger

Most of us know from our work lives that process is important. In our continuing effort to involve the congregation in synagogue affairs, your lay leadership would like to apprise you, and make you part, of a new initiative involving clergy review.

As a preliminary matter, to allay any concerns, this has not been recommended to the Board of Trustees because of any specific occurrence. Rather, the contracts of Cantor Frieder and Rabbi Adelson expire this coming June 30th. And, while our Clergy have significant talent and stature, it has come to be an accepted "best practice" in the not-for-profit world, joining that of corporate enterprises, to engage in performance assessments often on periodic bases, but certainly in anticipation of possible new contract

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periods. Indeed, we already have engaged in such reviews of our school directors to significant positive effect. We now intend to extend the appraisal approach to the clergy, an undertaking recommended by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism as evidenced by guidelines it prescribes for such efforts.

Our Personnel Committee, comprised of Jeffrey Englander, Sam Husney and Seth Horowitz, together with Ritual Committee representatives, have been tasked with developing a process particular to the clergy by which the synagogue community will have an opportunity to express their considered thoughts on Cantor Frieder and Rabbi Adelson. Recent Executive Committee members Cheryl Eisberg Moin and Alise Kreditor have agreed to serve as point persons for the process, with Cheryl taking responsibility for Cantor Frieder and Alise for Rabbi Adelson. They will schedule sessions with various relevant arms of the synagogue, including the Ritual Committee, Men's Club and Sisterhood, our executive and schools directors, B'nai Mitzvah Committee, and, as applicable, participants in congregational *Shabbatot* and social action groups, along with, of course,

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

DR. WARREN HECHT

husband of Gilda Hecht and esteemed member of Temple Israel

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father of Brian Smith

PHELIA GILLMAN

mother of Dr. Eugene Gillman

DR. ALAN J. MAZEL

father of Geoffrey R. Mazel

SEYMOUR MOIN

father of Seth Moin

May their memories be for a blessing.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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Friday, August 26.....7:19 P.M.

Friday, September 2.....7:08 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

Mon., Aug. 29 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Mon., Sept. 5 8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tues. & Wed. 7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Thur. 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Friday 7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Sat., Aug. 27 8:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

Sat., Sept. 3 8:45 A.M. 6:50 P.M.

Sunday 8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the Rosh Hashanah issue, will be published on Thursday, September 8. The deadline for that issue is Monday, August 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept. 1	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
11	Temple Israel 9/11 Memorial Service	7:15 P.M.
12	Israel Trip Information Session	
13	Temple Israel Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
15	Mark Kreditor Performance	8:15 P.M.
18	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
18	Camp Ramah Information Meeting	9:00 A.M.
18	Temple Israel Welcome Back Barbeque	
24	Selichot	
28	Erev Rosh Hashanah	
29-30	Rosh Hashanah	

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Thursday evening, October 6

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Saturday, October 15

To host or donate food,
contact Sukkah Hop Chair Eleanor Askari
at easkari123@aol.com or call 906-7337.

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 from Psalm 146. What's your favorite quote? Send it to "The Voice," Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

*“ Put no trust in the powerful,
in mortals who cannot save.*

*Their breath departs, they return to dust,
and that is the end of their grand designs. ”*

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

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A Summer of Prep

— Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs



Ariana Farajollah

Ariana Farajollah will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on September 10. She is the daughter of Ramin and Navid Farajollah and has two brothers, Brandon, 9, and Justin, 6. Ariana is an eighth grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She is the recipient of the "Big Hand Big Heart" Award from the Waxman High School and Youth House. Ariana enjoys basketball and gymnastics, as well as playing the piano, baking and reading. She will continue to attend the Waxman High School following her *Bat Mitzvah* and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Yael Lissack

Yael Lissack will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on September 10. She is the daughter of Cathy and Yaron Lissack and has a brother, Ari, 8. Yael is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School, where she is the recipient of a writing award. She enjoys gymnastics and traveling, as well as reading and writing. Yael will be attending the Waxman High School following her *Bat Mitzvah* and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

As I write this article, there are only two weeks of summer left, and the time is flying by. There is so much to do over the summer to prepare for the opening of school in the fall—interviewing and hiring new teachers, sending out teacher contracts, inventorying, ordering and unpacking books and school supplies, creating the calendar and the "Passport to Jewish Family Life," revising the "Parents' Handbook," the "Teacher's Manual," the many fliers, letters, schedules, etc. that are sent out to parents and faculty, preparing for the Faculty Orientation and the monthly teacher's professional development sessions, preparing for *Yom Ha-Mishpachah* / Welcome Back Family Day, preparing for all the High Holy Day Children's and Family services and programs, preparing class lists, making revisions to the curriculum, finding new ways to engage families and innovate, and on and on and on.

So, when people ask me if I had a restful summer, I need to explain that aside from a brief vacation at the beginning of summer, I've been busy working. Evenings and weekends, I do enjoy the pool, the many wonderful outdoor concerts, street fairs, etc., that Great Neck offers over the summer, but during weekdays, I'm in my office. You'll see the fruits of all those summer hours very soon as Religious School and all of our regular programming start up again!

Parents, here are some important dates to put on your calendars:

- The first day of school for students on the Sunday / Tuesday schedule is Sunday, September 11.
- The first day of school for students on the Monday / Wednesday schedule is Monday, September 12.
- The first Shabbat *Ha-Mishpachah* of the year is Friday, September 16, with a family-friendly service at 6 P.M. followed by *Shabbat* dinner.
- The first Machon Family Service of the year is *Shabbat* morning, September 24.
- *Yom Ha-Mishpachah* / Welcome Back Family Day will be on September 25 and 26. Family education credit will be given if at least one parent attends from the family.

Here are some of the exciting new things you can look forward to this year:

- I'm pleased to welcome a new Alef, or first grade, teacher to our staff. Many of you already know Jennifer Khoda, our wonderful *Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah* coordinator and co-leader of the Bonim cohort. Jennifer also helped prepare many of our *b'nai mitzvah* students to write their *divrei Torah* this year. We know she'll be a great addition to our faculty.
- I'm delighted to welcome aboard Tina Glassberg as our new Children's Librarian and Resource Specialist.
- We're adding several new Family Education opportunities this year, including giving families credit for participating in the Interactive K-6 Family programs on the High Holy Days, adding one more Shabbat Game-a-Palooza, and adding new events for the *Nitzanin* and *Dalet* classes.
- All the students who made it into the 13 Mitzvot Club or the Chai Club this past year, but who didn't yet get their turn to select and announce the on-time raffle winners, will be given a turn during the first semester this year.
- Did you know that our Religious School made a professional video about our new school model? We're going to be showing it on *Yom Ha-Mishpachah*. It's called "The Joy of Belonging" and is really inspirational. You won't want to miss it!

Finally, if you're reading this and somehow forgot to send in your child(ren)'s registration, please get it in right away so we can finalize our class lists! If you can't find the form that was mailed to you, just go onto the Temple Israel website: <www.tign.org>, click on the "Education" tab on the left side, select "Religious School" and scroll to the bottom of the Religious School page to find the current registration form. See you soon!

Many Religious School Students Receive Awards

Many Religious School students have earned special school recognition as the last school year drew to a close. Following is a partial list of award winning students, as reported by school Director Rabbi Tracy Klirs. Others were listed in the last issue of The Voice.

Sherut/Community Service

For completion of the Vav (6th Grade)

Mitzvah Project

Michael Dadi, Ashley Epstein, Cyrus

Eshaghoff, Julia Eshaghpour, Leila Eshaghpour, Jonathan Farkas, Hannah Gal, Delilah Harounian, Noah Harouche, Delilah Harounian, Allyson Hendler, Elliot Horowitz, Jillian Horowitz, Taylor Kaplan, Tyler Khani, Leah Klempner, Jacob Leventhal, Rachel Linden, Michelle Mirjani, Benjamin Newman, Scott Rothbaum, Sophie Saidmehr, Victoria Sedgh, Jacob Seidenberg, Ethan Shaktman, Leila Shirian, Jesse Smith,

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Religious School Presents Awards For Community Service, Attendance

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Rubin Smith, Jamie Spiel, Joseph Taied, and Matthew Weinstein.

Outstanding Attendance

Students who attended 90 percent of Religious School classes

Alexandra Ahdoot, Benjamin Ajodan, Jonathan Ajodan, Ashley Aminzadeh, Natalie Aminzadeh, Nicole Aminzadeh, Ryan Aminzadeh, Aaron Asherian, Alexis Asherian, Sophia Askari, Jared Astrof, Zachary Astrof, Cara Becker, Lily Becker, Samantha Becker, Jeremy Bernstein, Rebecca Bernstein, Matthew Bloom, Ashley Chaman, Samuel Chiche, Emily Citron, Michael Cohenmehr, Ashley Epstein, Cyrus Eshaghoff, Hanna Eshaghoff, Joseph Eshaghoff, Juliet Eshaghoff, Jonathan Farkas, Brett Figelman, Aliza Fine, Simona Fine, Emily Gal, Hannah Gal, Joshua Gal, Sophia Gal, Aaron Geula, Alexander Geula, Benjamin Goodwin, Eli Goodwin, Emily Greiff, Eric Hakimi, Kayla Hakimi, Aaron Harouche, Jessica Harouche, Jordan Harouche, Delilah Harounian, Joseph Harounian, Leila Hawa, Yoel Hawa, Ashley Hedvat, Gabriella Hedvat, and Mikayla Hendzadeh.

Also Jillian Horowitz, Spencer Horowitz, Nathaniel Hyman, Roger Hyman, Daniel Itzkowitz, Michael Kahen, Jared Kaiman, Solly Kasab, Talia Katz, Kevin Khadavi, Gabriella Khorshad, Zoe Khorshad, Jonathan Kirshner, Leah Klempner, Benjamin Kobliner, Joshua Kobliner, Sarah Kobliner, Jessica Lalehzar,

Michelle Lalehzar, Gabriel Lefkowitz, Elizabeth Lev, Martin Lev, Jacob Leventhal, Talia Levy, Mikaela Lipp, Ari Lissack, Natasha Mahfar, Zoe Mahfar, Karina Makhani, Limor Makhani, Daniel Mayeri, Jake Mehdyzadeh, Dylan Meirowitz, Harry Meirowitz, Malka Miller, Michelle Mirjani, Talia Mirjani, Hannah Nahavandi, Jessica Nahavandi, Rebecca Nahavandi, Jason Nejat, Matthew Nejat, and Benjamin Newman.

In addition Eli Newman, Alexis Noghreh, Chloe Noghreh, Emanuel Nysenbaum, Aaron Ohebshalom, Adam Ohebshalom, Ashley Ohebshalom, Daniella Ohebshalom, Jared Ohebshalom, Allison Parnes, Samantha Parnes, Lauren Perlman, Alexandra Pour, Dayna Pourmoradi, Amanda Putter, Joshua Putter, Isabella Rastegar, Ryan Rokhsar, Jared Rosenbaum, Jonathan Rothbaum, Joshua Rothbaum, Scott Rothbaum, Jonathan Sasson, Emma Sassouni, Leila Sassouni, Harry Scheidt, Nancy Schoen, Jared Schwartz, Daria Scolnick, Alexandra Sedgh, Daniel Sedgh, Victoria Sedgh, Nathan Shahkahi, Ethan Shaktman, Sally Shamouilian, Jordan Shavolian, Matthew Shavolian, Kimberly Shokrian, Sam Silberg, Jesse Smith, Rubin Smith, Dylan Solomon, Jaren Solomon, Matthew Somekh, Maya Somekh, Alexander Tabaroki, Jasmine Tabaroki, Maya Tabaroki, Benjamin Taied, Joseph Taied, Kate Tehrani, Lauren Victory, Brian Volk, Matthew Weinstein, Jaden Weissner, Elliot Weissman, Sophie Weissman, and Gabriella Wright.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Nomy and Edy Zingher** on the marriage of their daughter, Tally, to Avi Milikovsky.
- **Linda and Leonard Abrams** on the birth of their grandson, Brighton Lee Piechota.
- **Parvaneh and Dr. Parviz Khodadadian** on the birth of their grandson, Elias Avery Khodadadian.
- **Susan and Joel Poretsky** on the birth of their granddaughter, Phoebe Summer Hoffman.
- **Rachel Mathless** on the birth of her grandson, Avraham David Mathless.

A Clergy Review

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Rabbi Stecker. However, we also want to capture the views of congregants who may not have a current home in organized Synagogue activity—though a separate goal is to reduce the number that fall into that category. Accordingly, as part of the review, we encourage all interested members to reach out to Cheryl <cremesq@aol.com> and Alise <afkkmc@aol.com> through email or more old-fashioned ways to schedule time to share your thoughts. Cheryl and Alise are charged with synthesizing the comments received for presentation to the Executive Committee and, ultimately, the Board for consideration. Should you have any general questions in this regard, please contact me <aklinger@stroock.com> or any member of the Executive Committee. We look forward to a meaningful and constructive process—few among us could not benefit from such review—and urge your participation.

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Performing Arts Committee Will Present Programs

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Temple Israel family, and many of the melodies you will hear have never been published or recorded before,” comments Dr. Tarras. Dave Tarras’ influence was so great that bebop artists such as Charlie Parker and Miles Davis traveled to the Catskills to study the technique of this complex and compelling virtuoso.

The Performing Arts Committee oversees the cultural arts programming at Temple Israel. Serving on the committee is Anne Hirsh, Sherry Husney, Elaine Paris, Lois Sazer, Carol Smolinsky, Cantor Raphael Frieder and Alise Kreditor, chairperson. “Last May’s Yom Ha’atzmaut concert featuring Cantor Raphael Frieder and Galeet Dardashti was a tremendous success, attracting a diverse audience from Great Neck and beyond. We are confident that upcoming programs will have just as much appeal,” said Ms. Kreditor. The committee is always interested in ideas for future programming and welcomes additional members to the committee. Email her at <afkmc@aol.com> with questions, comments or to join the committee.

“Jews of the American Songbook” on September 15 will begin at 8:15 P.M.; and “Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi” on Sunday, October 16 begins at 4 P.M. Both are free and open to the public.

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to manifestations of religion, *yesh v’yesh*, “there are these and there are those.” Not every religious approach typifies the phenomenon that Hitchens critiques. Within each religious tradition, Judaism included, there are certainly fundamentalist strains. We’re right, we know; you’re wrong, you don’t know. We are quite familiar with the unpleasant outcomes of such thinking.

But that’s not the full story for religion in general and for Judaism in particular. There are Jewish trends, steeped in our tradition, that embrace passionate engagement between people who hold diverse viewpoints, rather than religious imperialism. Moreover, Judaism, like other faith traditions, has been an inspiration for compassion and peace, not just violence.

Up at Camp Ramah, where I’ve spent time teaching children and adults, I asked for some reactions to Hitchens’ arguments in formal and informal conversations. The reactions basically boiled down to this. Whether religion in general, and Judaism in particular, is a source of violence or peace,

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Teachers’ Institute with the mission of reconnecting Jewish youth with Jewish life, and cultivating American-born Jewish leadership. JTS opened the first Camp Ramah in Conover, Wisconsin, in 1947. There are now seven additional Camp Ramah overnight camps around the country, including our friendly neighborhood Camp Ramah in the Berkshires (established in 1961), and the newest Ramah camp, Ramah Outdoor Adventure (which opened last year), located on 360 acres of ranch land in the Colorado Rockies, and specializing in an array of spectacular activities from hiking to horseback riding to climbing to mountain biking to river rafting.

Ramah also operates Ramah Programs in Israel and day camps in the Philadelphia area, in Nyack, New York (where some of our Temple Israel Religious School alumni have been counselors) and in Chicago. In total, more than 9,000 campers and staff annually attend and are enriched by Ramah programs. Rising 12th graders culminate their Ramah experience with Ramah Israel Seminar, a six-week travel program in Israel in which the Ramah style of informal education takes place through field trips, source book study, meetings with Israelis, debates, street interviews and other activities. Ramah camping also provides for a natural lead-in to (and instant friends in) the Conservative movement’s USY and Koach youth groups.

Ramah Berkshires’ motto, “where every

moment is elevated,” plays on its beautiful location in the foothills of the Berkshire mountain range and on its Jewish-infused programming, which organically combines the spiritual activities of Jewish observance and Jewish learning (including a bit of Hebrew language instruction) with the incredibly fun activities of a camp with fantastic facilities and *madrichim*. As an example, our daughter, Clara, has read Torah on *Shabbat* twice this summer (does this mean we can convince her that she’s already had her *Bat Mitzvah* and that she and her friends already had a party?), but she also enjoyed twice-daily swimming and boating in the *agam* (the lake), intensive sports programs on Ramah’s impressive regulation soccer, frisbee and softball fields, tennis and basketball courts, high and low ropes and climbing courses (including zip-lines), and informal games of “gaga” and tetherball outside of the bunks. She also had the opportunity to take cooking courses, receive archery instruction, hike on Mount Ramah, create ceramics in Arts and Crafts, go outside of camp for mini-golfing, ice-skating, bowling, movies and ice cream trips, and, last but not least, braid about 1,000 different lanyards and bracelets (we’re thinking about adding an addition to our house to store them).

Both Rabbi Stecker and Rabbi Adelson grew up at Camp Ramah (Rabbi Stecker in the Berkshires and Rabbi Adelson at Camp Ramah New England), and Rabbi and Deanna Stecker both spend part of their summer on staff at Ramah Berkshires. JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen encapsulated the Ramah experiment perfectly when he said recently: “Ramah is one of the most successful endeavors the Conservative movement has ever created, because at Ramah we can create Jewish time and Jewish space, without interruption from general society. We need to take the lessons and patterns of Ramah and extend them to many other aspects of our movement, to inspire more commitment, more passion, and more Jewish pride.”

Come join us on September 18, where you can hear about how Jews most certainly do camp and how your child can have a transformative Jewish experience in a beautiful and safe setting, surrounded by life-long friends and nurtured by spirited role models. You can also visit Ramah Berkshires online at <www.ramahberkshires.org> and learn about the national Ramah movement at <www.campraham.org>.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Re'eh

Saturday, August 27

We conclude the section of Moses' second discourse, in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Sinai, in this portion. He lays before the Israelites two possibilities: obedience to God which would bring blessing, or disobedience, which would bring a curse. The choice is theirs to make, but it is clear that in order to possess the land they must choose to follow God's laws. The next section of the discourse comprises a detailed listing of the laws that are to govern the lives of the Israelites in the Promised Land. The first area dealt with its religious institutions and worship, including, among other things, directions for the establishment of a central sanctuary, rules for maintaining distinctiveness in worship, warnings against the heathen rites and religious seducers, and regulations concerning permitted and forbidden foods, tithes and the year of the release. The portion ends with laws detailing the observance of *Pesach*, Shavuot and Sukkot, indicating that time also is to be sanctified.

Shofetim

Saturday, September 3

In this portion, we continue the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land. The focus here is on social organization, and consideration is given to defining the status and responsibilities of four different types of leaders: judges, the king, priest, and prophets. Judges are admonished that justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial. If there is to be a king, he must be a native Israelite and a constitutional monarch who governs in accordance with the Torah. He is forbidden to have a standing cavalry or a harem, and he must himself study and obey the law. The priests are not to have any allotment of land, but they are to be supported by the people through emoluments. The prophets will not be sorcerers, diviners or soothsayers or practice any kind of magic. They will be, like Moses, men who truly and accurately transmit God's message to the Israelites. The portion concludes with laws concerning crime and welfare. They assure that personal rights are respected and human kindness is displayed, even during wartime.

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Friday, August 26

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

Saturday, August 27

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Re'eh*

Deuteronomy 11:26 – 6:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minhah 7:00 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:07 P.M.

Havdalah 8:22 P.M.

Friday, September 2

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 3

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Shofetim*

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

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