



**SABBATH, HIGH HOLY DAYS
& HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES**

Wednesday, September 28 - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 29 - First Day Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.
Havurah-Style Service 9:30 A.M.
Discussion for College Students & Recent College Grads 11:15 A.M.
Tashlich (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6
Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10

Friday, September 30 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6
Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1-19

Saturday, October 1 - Shabbat Shuvah
Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Haazinu*; Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27
Sabbath Service Officers: Dr. Madelyn Gould and Dan Goldberger
Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:00 P.M.

Friday, October 7 - Kol Nidre
Minhah 3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 8 - Yom Kippur
Morning Service begins in the Grand Ballroom 9:00 A.M.
Havurah-Style Service 9:30 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.
Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.
Symposium 3:00 P.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14
Minhah 4:30 P.M.
Neilah 5:50 P.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30
Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11 ; Micah 7:18-20
Havdalah & Shofar Blowing 7:09 P.M.

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**Congregation Is Beginning
Member Retention Program**

Through the generosity of a Temple Israel member family, a program has been established which provides a subsidy for former congregants who wish to rejoin the congregation.

The former members may have had strong and cherished ties to the Temple over the course of many years and may desire to regain their membership. Due to financial concerns, they may have been unable to remain members or were unwilling to seek relief from the Temple to waive or abate Temple dues or assessments.

To be eligible to participate in the program, a person need only to have reached the age of 68 and been a member of Temple Israel for 18 years or more. To participate in the program, all a qualified person needs do is to submit a signed statement certifying satisfaction of the eligibility requirements and request admission to the program. Involvement with the program is confidential and will continue as long as the individual wishes to retain membership.

It is hoped that the new program will provide the incentive for former members to return to their spiritual home at Temple Israel. The officers and Board look forward to welcoming back many members. If you know of any former members who are eligible for this program, or should you have any questions about it, contact Rabbi Stecker or Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800.

**Temple Hosting Klezmer
Concert October 16th**

A free klezmer concert with a Temple Israel connection is coming to the congregation next month.

Yale Strom, one of the leading klezmer artists, and the group Hot Pstromi, will perform the music of Dave Tarras, the "Benny Goodman of Klezmer," on Sunday, October 16, at 4 P.M.

Clarinetist Dave Tarras is considered the most influential klezmer musician of the 20th century. He is the grandfather of Temple Israel member Dr. Marc Tarras.

"We are thrilled to be able to share my grandfather's music with the Temple Israel family, as much of the music has never been heard publicly before," said Dr. Tarras.

Many of the Tarras melodies have never been published or recorded. Dave Tarras' influence was so great that be-bop artists such as Charlie Parker and Miles Davis traveled to the Catskills to study the technique of this complex and compelling virtuoso.

This is the second concert presented by Temple Israel's Performing Arts Committee in two months. In September musician Mark Kreditor presented a program of Jewish love songs.

Israel, Temple Israel and the New Year

By Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni

EDITOR'S NOTE: At this historic moment in Israel's history, involvement by members of the congregation is needed in the activities of the Temple's Israel Affairs Committee, explains Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni in this Voice Guest Column on behalf of the committee.

These are momentous times both in the Jewish calendar and in the secular world. The close of 5771 and beginning of 5772 coincide with dramatic events on the world stage following the Arab Spring and summer, leading to the gambit by the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, on September

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23rd to seek a unilateral declaration of statehood at the United Nations. Each of us watching these events can easily feel removed, perhaps overwhelmed, by the

FROM THE RABBI

Making Food Holy

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

I am teaching a class in the Waxman High School this fall called, "Food for Thought," an examination of issues surrounding food and how it is connected to Judaism. The most obvious connection between food and Judaism is that of *kashrut*, the dietary laws, but that is a secondary consideration of this class. There is so much more to talk about, like the following Torah commandments:

Bal tashhit

Do not waste

(Deut. 20:19-20)

Tza'ar ba'alei hayyim

Prevent cruelty to animals

(Deut. 22:6)

Lo ta'ashoq sakhir ani ve-eyyon

Do not oppress a poor and needy laborer

(Deut. 24:14-15)

The point of the class is to raise awareness of how these principles play out today. We are so far from where our food comes from that it is easy to forget that it does not appear magically in supermarkets, neatly bagged and shelved. The story behind

enormity of their import. Alternatively, we may feel ambivalent or numbed, inured by years of posturing by world leaders.

Within this fraught context, the members of the Israel Affairs Committee at Temple Israel try to take affirmative steps to maintain and strengthen our connection to the State of Israel as Jews living in the Diaspora. The committee, led tirelessly since its inception, by Chairperson Lee Harounian, has worked diligently to educate our congregation regarding Israel's history, and her cultural, business, medical and scientific achievements, and of course, her political, military and strategic concerns.

To that end, this past spring, members of the Israel Affairs Committee turned to the Board of Trustees and Executive

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the food, however, is an inextricable part of the meal. We will conclude the semester by producing a well-considered meal for the Youth House Banquet on December 13th.

Here is something that may alarm you: in 50 years, the world's population will be 9 billion people. In order to feed all those

*Are we not taught
that eating
is a holy act?*

people, we will need to produce 70 percent more food than we do today, on the same amount of agricultural land.

Already, we live in a world of mass production of food, where chickens are bred to be mostly breast and thigh, where tomatoes are picked green and artificially reddened, so that they will make it to the store shelf and still look good, and where the standard banana breed, the Dwarf

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Kindnesses

By Alan M. Klinger

Impersonal. Uncaring. Forbidding. Those were the words said by some when Susan and I were considering joining Temple Israel 20 years ago. As we progressively became more involved, we learned how unfitting those descriptions were. Synagogue leaders, both professional and lay, were not only receptive, but eager to embrace new people into the mix of congregational activities.

Two decades later, we unfortunately still on occasion encounter similar comments by those who have not become meaningfully involved in our community. While this column as well as those of the clergy and others have urged members to experience all we have to offer, these are, of course, just words. Several recent—and quite different—events evidence the ele-

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ments of caring that happen here week in and week out.

As reported in this issue of The Voice, one of our members (who wishes to remain anonymous) had grown increasingly concerned about the financial pressures placed on our older congregants, many of whom live on fixed (and now depleted) incomes. Although the synagogue is prepared to make adjustments for those in need, some individuals, for their own reasons, do not feel comfortable seeking such relief and they simply resign. Recognizing how unfortunate this is both for the synagogue and these members to have their ties cut, this member created a fund to subsidize membership dues for former congregants, age 68 and older, who had been members for 18 years or more. What a beautiful and caring gift from one congregant to others. And, we are pleased that many have already availed themselves of this opportunity. A simple, confidential form to engage in this program is available from Executive Director Leon Silverberg; once completed, the person is back, able once again to enjoy all the benefits of membership.

This caring nature extends to outside the synagogue community as well. Our Chesed Committee, joined by the Religious School and Waxman Youth House, are cur-

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

JEROME SLAVIN

husband of Jean Slavin and
esteemed member of Temple Israel

BURTON RUDMAN

esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, September 30.....6:21 P.M.

Friday, October 7.....6:10 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

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

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

Friday, Sept. 30 8:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Friday, Oct. 7 7:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 1 8:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

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

Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

The congregational *kiddush* on September
17 was sponsored by Sharon Kovacs Gruer
and Dr. George Kovacs in honor of the *Bat
Mitzvah* of their daughter, Eliana.

Next Voice Issue, Deadlines

The next issue of *The Voice* will be published on Tuesday, October 11. The deadline for that issue is Tuesday, October 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Sept.	28	<i>Erev</i> Rosh Hashanah	
	29-30	Rosh Hashanah	
Oct.	6	Celebration of Cantor Mordecai Sobol's 20th Anniversary at Temple Israel	8:00 P.M.
	7	Kol Nidre	
	8	Yom Kippur	
	8	Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast	
	9	Sukkah Building Workshop with Rabbi Adelson	1:00 P.M.
	12	Congregational Sukkot Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	13-19	Sukkot	
	15	Annual Congregational Sukkah Hop	
	16	"Dave Tarras: The King of Klezmer" A Concert with Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi	4:00 P.M.
	20	Shemini Atzeret	
	21	Simchat Torah	
	21	Congregational Simchat Torah Luncheon	
	23	Men's Club Opening Breakfast	9:00 A.M.
	27	Temple Israel Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

**Temple Israel Invites You
to a Great Family Education Program!**

**Build a Sukkah
with Rabbi Adelson**

No experience necessary!

Sunday, October 9

1:00-3:00 p.m.

98 Old Mill Road

Just to the east of Temple Israel; Park in the Temple parking lot.

Bring tools if you have them.

Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 6 to Angela

in the Temple office at ext. 1108 or ajones@tign.org.

Children need to be accompanied by at least one parent.

Family Education credit given.

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 the High Holy Day Companion for Neilah. What's your favorite quote? Send it to "The Voice," Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

*“ Open for us the gates
Even as the gates are being closed
The sun is low, the hour is late,
Let us come into the gates at last. ”*

Beth HaGan Beginning Its 50th Year

By Rachel Mathless

So, we're back up and running, energized and excited for a productive new school year. We began our Tiny Toddler class in September and have a class of 18-month olds who are slowly and successfully separating. We opened a third four-year old class, which speaks volumes about the quality of the staff and the program.

Despite dire economic forecasts, Beth HaGan is keeping every program and maintaining the high standard of excellence, which has become synonymous with our name. Additionally, we will be adding a new music program next month.

Toward the end of summer, teachers were involved with professional development on topics ranging from creativity to theories of play and discovery and self-awareness. We met with over 250 early childhood educators to discuss cutting edge "best

practices" to prepare for a successful school year. We purchased hundreds of dollars in new books and supplies to support the efforts of the teachers to implement the innovative ideas and concepts set forth in our conferences and workshops. Follow up workshops planned for staff will focus on how to implement these developmentally appropriate practices into the Judaic component of our program.

The PTA has already met and set a calendar of events to take place this year. The first, the Annual Sukkah Decorating Party, will take place on *erev* Sukkot, October 12. Our favorite puppeteer will be performing for us on *chol hamoed* Sukkot. The PTA performs an invaluable service in enriching the Beth HaGan experience for all children. Currently they are in the preliminary stages of a gala Temple-wide celebration in honor of Beth HaGan's 50th birthday.

Guest Column: Israel, Temple Israel and the New Year

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Committee of the congregation and collaborated to underscore the importance of our congregational support for the State of Israel. With the establishment of the Israel Solidarity Fund, Temple Israel of Great Neck's support for the State of Israel became a presumption on our annual statements, indicating our congregational commitment to support Israel in ways large and small.

Most recently, the synagogue Board of Trustees and Executive Committee have approved a partnership between the congregation and a Masorti congregation in Israel, Kehillat Netzach Israel. After researching several Masorti congregations, Board member Jackie Einstein Astrof and I identified Kehillat Netzach Israel, located in Ashkelon, as a suitable match: it boasts a cross-generational, multi-ethnic synagogue community, with active pre-school, elementary school and teen populations. (Coincidentally, teens on our Waxman Youth House trip to Israel this past February spent a *Shabbaton* there and have fond memories.)

Our school directors, Rachel Mathless, Rabbi Tracy Klirs and Danny Mishkin, have all agreed to participate in projects to foster relationships between our school communities and the Israeli students and families in Ashkelon. In addition, members of the congregation planning visits to Israel are encouraged to stop by in Ashkelon, too. Indeed, plans are underway for the upcoming congregational trip led by Rabbi Stecker

next August to include a visit to Kehillat Netzach Israel. For further information about this initiative, feel free to contact Ms. Astrof at <jastrof@optonline.net> or me at <rebeccassouni@gmail.com>.

Another indication of our congregation's support for the State of Israel is our increasingly robust attendance at the Celebrate Israel Parade in June. This year, in excess of 250 of our members, young and old alike, marched in the parade in support

This is the time for all Temple Israel members to get involved with the Israel Affairs Committee

for the State of Israel. The 2012 parade is already scheduled for Sunday June 3, so mark your calendars!

At the end of September, the Israel Affairs Committee and Rabbi Adelson held an information session explaining the implications of the developments of the Arab Spring and the motion by the Palestinians at the UN featuring speakers from AIPAC, the American Israel Political Action Committee. Committee member Joe Farber is an active member of AIPAC.

Coming up on Thursday, December 1, Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee teams up with SHAI to present Sergeant Antony

D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Haazinu

Saturday, October 1

In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

Benjamin, the founder of the non-profit Our Soldiers Speak. Sgt. Benjamin is currently a reservist in the Israel Defense Forces who made *aliyah* to Israel from Great Britain after a life-changing incident during his young adulthood. He is a riveting and eloquent presenter. The entire community is encouraged to attend.

"This is the time for all Temple Israel members to get involved with the Israel Affairs Committee," according to Committee Chair Lee Harounian. "Your involvement will insure that your voice will be heard when the committee speaks for Temple Israel and your contribution insures that the work of the committee can continue on behalf of the congregation."

Current members of the committee include Alfred Narotzky, Alise Kreditor, Bracha Werber, Cantor Raphael Frieder, Harold Citron, Dan Goldberger, Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum, Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker, Eileen Putterman, Mickey Putterman, Elham Kimiabakhsh, Eti Eliyahu, Gary Sazer, Ghalchi Niloufar, Helen Wrobel, Hercul Harounian, Hon. Richard Kestenbaum, Joseph Farber, Karen Ashkenase, Karen Covitt, Manny Bardash, Marc Langsner, Marc Katz, Moji Pourmoradi, Rabbi Tracy Klirs, Rabbi Marim Charry, Rabbi Seth Adelson, Rachel Blumenfeld, Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, Robert Hopp, Steve Markowitz, Van Frankel, Vivian Brash, Yuval Brash, and Barry Weinberg.

The next meeting of the Israel Affairs Committee will be on Monday, October 17, at 8:15 P.M. Please join us.



TEMPLE ISRAEL 5772 HIGH HOLY DAY YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



All programs are run both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:
September 29 & 30 and October 8, 2011

Kdg.-2nd Grade BONIM Service:* **11:00-12:00 in the Multipurpose Room**, led by Donna Lefkowitz. Morah Donna leads a fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing. Features the SHOFAR SQUAD.

3rd-4th Grade CHAVERIM Service:* **10:30-12:00 in the Blue Room**, led by Dr. Geoff Epstein. His services include lots of group and individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course, plenty of Hershey's kisses (on Rosh Hashanah only). Features the SHOFAR SQUAD.

5th-6th Grade MACHON Service:* **10:30-12:00 in the Small Chapel**, led by informal Jewish educator, Rahel Musleah. Come join Rahel for a service that's just right for middle schoolers – including real davvening, Torah reading, and plenty of interactive activities. Features the SHOFAR SQUAD.
***Parents and other family members welcome!**

Teen Service: **10:30-1:00 in the Youth House Well**, led by Youth House Director, Danny Mishkin and YH teacher Yael Munishor. Join Danny and Yael for a participatory service for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities.

Preschool Program:** **12:15-1:15 in the Multipurpose Room**, for preschool children and their parents, led by Donna Lefkowitz. This is a fun, lively service for the preschool set and their parents, filled with sing-able songs, games, stories and snacks. Get ready to get that "Yom Tov Feeling" all over you!

Interactive K-6 Family Program:** **12:15-1:15 in the Blue Room**, for grade school aged children and their parents, led by Rabbi Tracy G. Klirs. Featuring games, snacks and creative activities. No two programs are ever the same! **Family Education credit will be given if at least one parent attends!**
****At least one parent must attend per family.**

Service attendance credit will be given to all children in grades K-6 who attend any of the above services, or any adult service, with a parent or grandparent! 7th graders will receive credit whether they attend an adult service with a parent, or the Youth House service alone. All you need to do is bring one of the special tickets with your child's name that will be sent to you in a separate mailing, and give it to anyone at the security table at the entrance to the Temple. You will receive 7 tickets for each child – one for each service during the High Holy Days. Simply present the appropriate ticket for each child on each day of the holidays that you bring your children.

Sukkot 5772:

The Whole Shack Shimmies

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

Given that Sukkot is generally acknowledged to be the most joyous holiday of the year, and the only holiday (midrashically speaking, at least) that will continue to be celebrated in the Messianic age, it is curious that this festival centers around dwelling in a shack. We aim to eat, socialize, and perhaps even sleep in the sukkah, little more than a frame with tree branches on top. If we are truly meant to rejoice on this festival, then shouldn't we be able to dine in style in a more comfortable location with no bees, no rotting decorative produce, and at least a wee bit of protection from the rain?

Perhaps the message is that we need an annual reminder not to get too comfortable where we are, because no matter how successful or integrated with the wider culture, the Jews never spend too long anywhere. Life was good in Jerusalem until the Babylonian destruction in 586 BCE; Iraq was a haven for our people until the 10th century CE; the Golden Age for Spanish Jewry flourished for a couple of centuries, concluding with the Inquisition in 1492. The Holocaust virtually ended Jewish life in Eastern Europe, where the Jews had lived for at least six centuries.

And here we are in America, 357 years after the first Jewish arrivals, Dutch Sephardic merchants. The arc of Jewish history suggests that we should continue to ask ourselves, how much more time do we have?

The time of our greatest celebration is marked by the reminder that we are also always on a spiritual, if not a physical journey. Sukkot commemorates the back end of the Exodus, the part that takes place after the revelation at Sinai; the message is, "Have Torah, will travel." Enjoying a festive meal in our own shacks should take us back to that place and time, but should also help us with the internal movement that Jewish life engenders. Let that spiritual change permeate your soul during Sukkot, just as the rain falls through the *sekhakh*.

Hag sameah!

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Sukkot: A Holy DIY Opportunity

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

If, like me, you love to "do it yourself," then Sukkot is the holiday for you! Here is an opportunity to take a ritual commandment and make it tangible, fun, and fashionable.

Allow me to quote from Leviticus (23:42-43): "You shall live in sukkot (booths) seven days...in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt..."

OK, so it may not be so easy or comfortable to live day and night in a sukkah. But this holiday is a simply fabulous way to hone your building and decorating skills—a healthy, holy family activity.

Here are a few halachic guidelines for building and using your sukkah:

- The sukkah must be built in the open air, not under a roof or a tree.
- It must have at least 2.5 walls, of which one may be a part of a permanent building (i.e. your house).
- The sukkah must be a temporary structure.
- It must be covered with materials that grow from the ground

(called *sekhakh*), although not things like leaves and grass that might shrivel and fall off, and nothing that has an offensive odor.

- The *sekhakh* must be loose enough so that you can see the sky from inside the sukkah, and yet dense enough so that the shadow it casts on the ground exceeds the light thrown by the sun.

- The walls may be constructed of any material, but they must be strong enough to withstand ordinary winds.

- You may use some kind of covering when it rains, but you must remove it when it stops raining.

- It is a good idea to decorate your sukkah and give it some kind of aesthetic appeal.

- Enjoy dining in the sukkah whenever possible! If you like the idea of camping out, try that as well.

- The *berakhah* that one says when fulfilling the obligation of sitting in the sukkah is as follows:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu leshevo ba-Sukkah.

Hag Sameah!
Enjoy!

Kol Nidre Correction

The Kol Nidre insert in the last issue of The Voice contained incorrect information. This issue contains the correct 2010 Kol Nidre Appeal donors.

Temple Israel appreciates your continued support and extends best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

**Celebrate Sukkot
At Temple Israel
with a
Holiday Service
and**

**Dinner in the
Temple Sukkah**

**Wednesday,
October 12
6:15 P.M.**

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DEUTERONOMY 15:11

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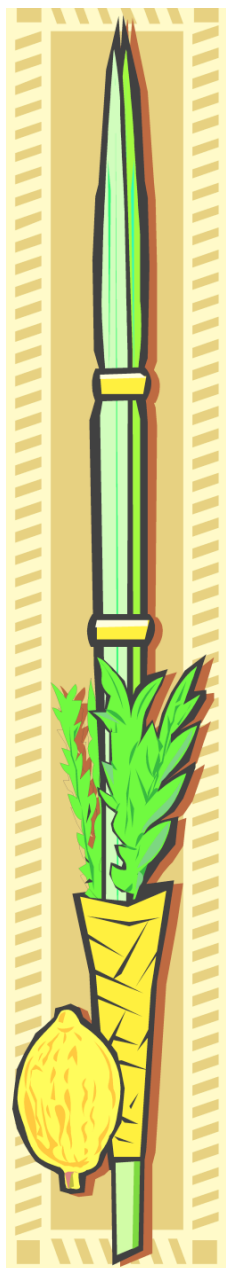
A prayer for our congregation. May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless this entire congregation, together with all holy congregations: them, their sons and daughters, their families, and all that is theirs, along with those who unite to establish synagogues for prayer, and those who enter them to pray, and those who give to funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor, and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of this community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One Praised be He reward them: may He remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May He bless them by prospering all their worthy endeavors, as well as those of the entire people Israel. And let us say: Amen.

סוכות

LULAV & ETROG for the holiday of SUKKOT

Every morning of the festival, (except *Shabbat*) we take the *lulav* and *etrog* and recite *brachot*, showing appreciation for God's goodness. We strongly urge every family to obtain a *lulav* and *etrog*. This will enhance your holiday celebration at home and enable you to participate in the processions during our Synagogue services.

This is the year to begin performing this beautiful *mitzvah*. We are able to provide *lulavim* and *etrogim* this year for \$30/adult set and \$26/child set. They may be ordered by returning the tear-off portion of this letter, or by calling the synagogue office at (516) 482-7800 ext. 1109 and speaking to Kathy. **Orders must be placed by Monday, October 10, 2011.**



Please reserve _____ \$30/adult set(s) and _____ \$26/child set(s) for my of *Lulavim* and *Etrogim* family.
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HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE 5772

Help fulfill the season's call for "*T'shuvah, T'fillah and Tzedakah*" by feeding the hungry in our midst!

Bring cans and unbreakable packages of *non-perishable* food to Temple Israel any time throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (until October 8th), and place them in the collection bins in the lobby. Items needed:



Canned Tuna Fish
Canned Fruit (or plastic jars)
Cooking Oil (plastic bottles)
Tomato Sauce
Breakfast Cereals
Crackers



Peanut Butter (plastic jars)

Canned Fruit Juices (or plastic containers)

Canned Salmon
Rice
Pasta
Nuts (packaged)
Dried Fruit (packaged)
Cookies
Fruit Jams and Jellies



All foods should be non-perishable and commercially packaged.
Hechsher (kosher certification) required on all items
except dried fruit, nuts and rice.

The food will be donated to Hatzilu, a volunteer organization founded by Temple Israel and other synagogues, devoted to assisting needy Jews in the area with food and money.

On Yom Kippur we read these words from Isaiah in the *Haftarah*:
**"THIS IS THE FAST THAT I DESIRE: ... TO SHARE YOUR BREAD
WITH THE HUNGRY ..."**!

This High Holy Day Season, help make your prayers more than words!

Come join us as we go on
TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK'S
6th Annual Sukkah Hop!

Guaranteed to be a fun afternoon!

**Rain or shine
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***Eating and schmoozing . . .
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From the Rabbi: Making Food Holy

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Cavendish, is in danger of being wiped out by an incurable banana blight.

Other food concerns that we are facing today include production by farmed cattle of greenhouse gases that cause climate change, contamination of groundwater from pesticide runoff, and the breeding of resistant bacteria from agricultural overuse of antibiotics.

As consumers and as Jews, what are our responsibilities vis-a-vis food production as we sail into an overpopulated, underfed future? Furthermore, since our tradition emphasizes the importance of food and its spiritual power, how can we as Jews respond to factory farms, or the over fishing of our seas, or the fact confirmed by law-enforcement officials in the State of Florida, that there is outright slavery taking place in the tomato plantations there? (Google "tomato slavery" if you don't believe me.)

Are we not taught that eating is a holy act? That food preparation requires adhering to a set of Jewish laws called *kashrut* that elevate our food? Do we not say *berakhot*/blessings before and after eating for that very purpose?

We have the ability to make choices for change. If we support a system that favors the bottom line at the expense of respect for God's Creation, we'll get what we deserve. However, if we make educated choices about consumption, and work within the system to produce positive change, then we may be able to honor the complexity of the natural order and still take on the challenges of feeding the billions of new

neighbors that will be joining us in the next few decades.

So how do we accomplish this?

1. Consider where your food comes from, how it was produced, how it was harvested. How far did it travel to get to your plate?
2. Strive to find sources that are sustainable, that minimize human impact on the Earth, that seek to lessen the collateral damage. When possible, buy fruits and vegetables in their proper seasons, when they come to you from nearby farms rather than from Mexico and China.
3. Remember also that while we all love low prices, that supporting sustainable growers costs more of our personal income, but lowers the cost to the world. Paying extra pays into the future, benefiting not only the people who grow and harvest our food, but also enables local, organic, and fair-

trade producers to expand their crops and compete with the conventional growers. The real cost of a tomato is far more than what we pay at the supermarket.

Quite literally, we have to put our money where our mouths are.

The holy moment of *berakhat*, before and after eating food, is intended to raise our awareness. *Hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz* - "Praised are You, God, who brings forth food from the Earth," this is a reminder that eating is not just about us. It's also about the partnership with God. And all the more so during this holiday season, when we will all have many festive meals. Seek the holy choices.

As the fall unfolds, I will be putting Web-based resources up on my blog (TheModernRabbi.blogspot.com) so that you can read and learn more about these issues. Watch for it.

From the President: Kindnesses

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rently engaged in a food drive that began with our Welcome Back Barbecue and will culminate with the conclusion of the High Holidays. Donations of non-perishable items may be made at the synagogue for Hatzilu. Plans are also underway for a winter clothing drive in connection with our Midnight Run and Tikkun Alliance of North Shore programs.

On a smaller, though still important, scale, with the imminent arrival of Tropical Storm Irene, it became known that some of our older congregants were concerned about the havoc the winds might play with outdoor lawn furniture. Images were had of chaises flying through porch windows. The synagogue arranged for assistance so that such furniture could be secured.

And, finally, some of our older congregants have expressed the need for aisle seating for the High Holiday services where it proves difficult for them to navigate through crowded rows. While we often hear about proprietary views of seat assignments, the office reports that they have contacted members who, having been informed of the need, have readily agreed to the switches. A small, but tellingly caring, response reflective of our values.

I, and your lay leadership, look forward to spending the holidays with you and your family. *Shanah Tovah*.

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Wednesday, October 12 - *Leil Sukkot*

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* followed by Congregational Dinner 6:15 P.M.

Thursday, October 13 - First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44; Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:15 P.M.

Friday, October 14

Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

Maftir: Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 15

Shabbat *Hol Hamoed Sukkot*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26; *Maftir:* Numbers 29:17-22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

Sabbath Service Officers: Sam Husney and Robert Kahen

Hag Ha-Mishpahah Service 10:15 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.

Ma'ariv 5:40 P.M.

Sunday, October 16

Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Service 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:20-28

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Monday, October 17

and Tuesday, October 18

Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Services 6:30 A.M.

Monday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:23-31

Tuesday Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26-34

Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 19

Hoshanah Rabbah

Morning Service 6:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 29:26 - 34

Leil Shemini Atzeret

Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 20

Shemini Atzeret

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

Maftir: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

Haftarah: I Kings 8:54 - 66

Yizkor Memorial Services - Dedication of Memorial Plaques

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.