Yom HaShoah Service to Hear About Restoration of Polish Jewish Cemetery

Annual Remembrance Is This Sunday

By Marc Katz, Editor

When Temple Israel member David Albert’s niece was preparing for her Bat Mitzvah two years ago, she decided to research her grandparents’ Polish roots to find an appropriate Bat Mitzvah project to honor their lives.

The research led to contact with North Hempstead Town Board member Lee Seeman, who is also a member of the United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad. The commission restores cemeteries and other locations important to the U.S. Through the commission’s efforts, Jewish cemeteries have been restored in Latvia, Estonia, and Poland, in addition to other countries throughout Europe. Councilwoman Seeman had identified the cemetery in Serock where her grandmother, Diana Albert, was from and where she hid from the Germans when they invaded and terrorized the community in 1939.

Mrs. Seeman was aware of the Jewish cemetery in Serock, a suburb of Warsaw, where graves had been desecrated by the Germans and subsequently by the Poles, because Congressman Gary Ackerman had informed her about the condition of the tombstones. The congresswoman’s mother was also born in the town and he was aware of the desecration of the cemetery. Tombstones were used for a walking path and the cemetery turned into a public park. Over the years the stones were collected and arranged in a pile on a nearby hillside. Through the fundraising efforts of Mrs. Seeman and the commission, the cemetery has been restored and a granite monument will be unveiled in August, partially composed of some of the displaced tombstones.

The dedication plaque reads: “This area comprises the Jewish cemetery of Serock. Jews were buried here from the 16th century until 1939, when Nazi German forces ordered that all traces of the cemetery be obliterated. For many years, the gravestones on this wall were piled up on a nearby site. This memorial pays tribute to a once vibrant Jewish community and honors those citizens of Serock who were murdered in the Holocaust solely because they were Jewish.”

The Albert family, including Dr. Albert’s mother, Diana, who left Serock when she was a young child, will return to Poland for the dedication of the cemetery monument. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Seeman and former Congressman Gary Ackerman, among others, who contributed to the cemetery restoration.

“This is the first time my mother has gone back to Poland since she left in 1949,” Dr. Albert said. “This is the first time she has had a reason to go back.” Mrs. Albert, who left Poland when she was 16, was the only Shoah survivor in her entire family.

Dr. Albert and his mother will tell of her life as a child and —Continued on page 4
Holocaust Memorials at Temple Israel

By Dr. David Feingold

EDITOR’S NOTE: Dr. David Feingold, a curator at the Temple Israel Museum, reviews some of the congregation’s Holocaust memorials at Temple Israel in this Voice Guest Column.

Temple Israel has several moving memorials to the Holocaust.

As you enter the outer back lobby, on the right hand side, is a glass case with a burned and torn sefer Torah. The description reads: “This Torah was saved after being burned at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust (1933-1945).” Members Helga and Werner Stein presented the Torah to the congregation.

To the left side of the doors to the Blue Room is a bronze plaque with an abstract man, woman, and child super-imposed on a Star of David. The plaque reads “Memorial to the six million,” and “The incredible number was 6,000,000. Forty percent of the Jewish population of the population of the world…all killed senselessly by the Nazis because they were Jewish…keep their memory alive forever…” This work, by the sculptor Irwin Hyman (1968), was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pollack.

The Temple Israel museum currently has on display three aluminum coins from the Litzmannstadt (Lodz, Poland) ghetto, dated 1943. They are of 5, 10, and 20 mark denominations, and were produced by the Nazis to prevent Jewish trade outside the ghetto.

A very stirring memorial is the bronze sculpture on a black marble base entitled “Into Darkness” by Hanah Gerber (1988), on the front lawn. It depicts men, women and children going into a cavernous abyss, while the letters of the Torah ascend to heaven. The base is inscribed “In Remembrance of the Holocaust 1938-1945. The parchment burns but the letters soar.” The late Goldie Damast donated this heart-rending piece in memory of her husband, Murray (1915-1987), a past-president of Temple Israel.

FROM THE RABBI

Memory is Not Just About the Past

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Many were horrified to hear, several weeks ago, that Jews in Eastern Ukraine were handed leaflets requiring them to register with the local authorities. According to David Fishman, a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary who directs its “Project Judaica” program in the former Soviet Union, the pamphlet campaign was almost certainly the work of Russian extremists whom Putin has used in his effort to destabilize and discredit the Ukrainian government.

I was recently forwarded a link to one of the first articles that appeared about the issue, along with a brief introduction to the effect of, “here we go again.” The introduction, of course, referred to similar injunctions against Jews in the middle of the last century which, tragically, gained widespread traction in Nazi Germany.

I have little doubt that the provocateurs behind the pamphlets intended to spark this association. At the same time, we should not apologize for noting it, or for speaking out against such an action, whether the work of a few isolated extremists or backed by a national government.

For Jews, memory is not just about recalling the past. We remember the ancient Exodus from Egypt, for example, not only to understand the past, but because it helps us to confront adversity within and beyond the Jewish community in our own time. The recollection of the experience of a group of liberated slaves thousands of years ago is meant to impact how we view the world today.

Why do we elicit and record the experiences of survivors of the Shoah? Why

Food Allergies

By The Health Advisory Group

EDITOR’S NOTE: Temple Israel has formed a Health Advisory Committee. This Guest Column, by the committee chairs, outlines their initial plans.

Researchers estimate that there are 15 million Americans with food allergies and that 1 in 13 children have this deadly disease. Many children have more than one food allergy and living with this affliction requires vigilance to avoid the serious medical consequences that can occur.

As the safety of our members, from young to old, is important to our community a new initiative has been launched: the Temple Israel Health Advisory. Co-Chairs

Our first priority is to propose safety guidelines and plans for our students with severe food allergies.

Laura Gal, M.D., Ofra Panzer, R.N. and Harriet Spitzer-Picker, A-EC M.A., have made food allergy awareness their first goal. Laura is a pediatrician with emergency room experience. One of her four children has a severe food allergy. Ofra is past chair of the Great Neck Public School’s United Parent Teacher Council Health Education Committee and has a child with severe food allergies. Harriet is a Certified Asthma Educator and food allergy coach and has children with severe food allergies.

Our first priority is to propose safety guidelines and plans for our students with severe food allergies. We have already trained staff in how to recognize and manage a food allergy reaction and identified food allergies by classroom. We hope to create an organized partnership between teacher, parent, and school directors so that accommodations can be made for all students to have something appropriate to eat when food is offered. We don’t want to see a child uncomfortable or not able to participate in a model seder because of an allergy. We want to make sure that all classes will attentively plan ahead to include options for children with allergies.

We hope to provide food options for all individuals in all the settings in which food is offered. We also hope to have label

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

**JACQUELINE ADLER**
mother of Stacee Bernstein

**DR. YALE PAVA**
estemed member of Temple Israel

**DAVID PERNICK**
father of Jill Friedman

May their memories be for a blessing.

**DAILY MINYAN TIMES**

*Attend the Daily Minyan!*

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**CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, April 25............................. 7:26 P.M.
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**TEMPLE LITES...**

- **Juliet Freudman**, a senior at Great Neck North High School and the daughter of Lori and Paul Freudman, wrote an essay for a contest sponsored by the Jewish Week’s “Fresh Ink for Teens,” as an answer to the question “What Do You Want Jewish Community Leaders To Know About Teens Today?” Her essay was the runner-up in the contest and was featured both in print in the Jewish Week and also on the Fresh Ink website.

**Author of New Holocaust Book**

**Speaking April 30**

“Humanity, Not,” a new book by Dr. Ari Babaknia, will be the subject of a presentation sponsored by Temple Israel’s Shoah Committee, Israel Affairs Committee and TILL, the adult education program, on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:45 P.M.

The book takes an in-depth look at the emotions of the victims, perpetrators, bystanders, and survivors of the Holocaust, told in their own words. It also features 300 paintings on emotions of the Holocaust by renowned Iranian artist Ardeshir Mohasses.

The program is free and open to the community.

**Upcoming Events at Temple Israel**

**April**
- 27 Temple Israel Bonds Annual Wellness Event 9:45 A.M.
- 27 Family B’nai Mitzvah Workshop 10:30 A.M. with Rabbi Adelson
- 27 Yom HaShoah Remembrance Service 7:30 P.M.
- 28 Yom HaShoah
- 28 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.
- 30 TILL Program: “Humanity, NOT” with Dr. Ari Babaknia 7:45 P.M.

**May**
- 2 TEP / Shabbat HaMishpachah Service and Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- 3 Shabbat Service Honoring Longtime Members 8:45 A.M.
- 3 “Shabbat Up Close and Personal” 10:30 A.M.
- 4 Family B’nai Mitzvah Workshop 10:30 A.M.
- 5 Yom Hazikaron
- 5 Israel Bonds Musical Performance and Dinner 7:30 P.M.
- 6 Yom Ha’atzma’ut
- 6 Sisterhood “Lunch and Read” Noon
- 9 Beth HaGan Mother’s Day Shabbat Luncheon
- 9 Shabbat HaGever Service Followed by Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- 10 Shabbat HaGever Congregational Service 8:45 A.M.
- 11 Family B’nai Mitzvah Workshop 9:30 A.M.
- 13 Sisterhood Lunch and Discussion: “New York and Slavery: Time to Teach the Truth” Noon
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

**Sisterhood of Temple Israel is honoring Toby Katz**

at the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s Woman of Achievement Dinner Gala

Wednesday, May 28 at 5:45 p.m.

Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Roslyn

Couvert $72 - RSVP by May 7

For further information and to make reservations, call Karen Ashkenase at 487-3048

**Men’s Club to Tour Long Island Wineries**

A tour of Eastern Long Island wineries and the entire congregation is invited.

On Sunday, June 8, participants will take a luxury coach bus leaving from the Temple Israel parking lot at 10:30 A.M. The group will visit two North Fork vineyards, each with live music, participate in wine tastings at each, stop for a provided box kosher lunch from Great Neck Glatt, and visit a farm stand on the way back to Great Neck, if time allows.

The first stop, at about Noon, will be at Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyards, where there is entertainment available in addition to the wine tasting. The second stop, at 2:30 P.M., will be at Jason’s Vineyard, which will also include live music. The bus will return to Temple Israel at 5:30 P.M.

The cost of the trip, including lunch, is $34 per person. The wine tasting at Baiting Hollow is four for $10 or six for $14. At Jason’s the tasting is five for $9. Wines will also be available for purchase at each vineyard.

Reservations and payment must be made by May 28 at the Temple Israel office or by calling Susan at 482-7800.

**Author Dr. Ari Babaknia**
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adolescent during the Shoah and her return to a “normal” life in a Jewish orphanage in Poland from 1946-1949, before emigrating to the United States, at Temple Israel’s Yom HaShoah observance, to be held in the Sanctuary this Sunday, April 27, at 7:30 P.M. The annual service, held for many years at Temple Israel, honors members of the congregation who are Shoah survivors. Each year a survivor is invited to tell their story of struggle and survival against insurmountable odds.

Each year the service recognizes the congregation’s survivors, who enter the Sanctuary in a candlelight ceremony, escorted by children from the Temple Israel Religious School. Both Councilwoman See man and former Congressman Ackerman are expected to attend this year’s service. The service concludes as participants silently leave the Sanctuary, carrying yellow Yahrzeit candles, and place them on the congregation’s Holocaust memorial on the front lawn, facing the Sanctuary entrance.

Both before and after the service, congregants are invited to view an exhibit in the Blue Room featuring items about Mrs. Albert’s Holocaust story, as well as books and other material about Temple Israel’s Shoah survivors.

The federal commission was established by Congress to ensure the preservation and protection of significant historic sites in 22 Central and Eastern European countries, including Jewish synagogues, cemeteries, and Holocaust sites. Mrs. Seeman, a longtime Great Neck resident, was appointed to the commission in 1995 by President Bill Clinton and reappointed by President George W. Bush.

“I was very impressed with Dr. Albert’s niece, Hannah Champness,” Mrs. Seeman said. “She is a lovely girl who did a wonderful thing to preserve the life stories of her grandparents, Diana and Oscar Albert.” Partially through her efforts, more than $22,000 has been raised to restore the cemetery in Serock, once a center of Polish Jewry.

Temple Israel’s Shoah Remembrance Committee is composed of volunteers who plan the annual Yom HaShoah service, a Kristallnacht commemoration, as well as a number of other events designed to honor Temple Israel’s Shoah survivors and educate the public about the lessons of the Holocaust.

Mazal Tov To...

• Bobette and Martin Bergstein on the birth of their grandson, Mack Bergstein.

New Group for Older Jewish Singles Forming

Jewish singles 45 and over, are invited to a meeting of a new group forming at Temple Israel this Sunday, April 27.

The yet to be named group will have a planning meeting and breakfast at 10 A.M. in the Pine Room, according to Cindy Pross, L.C.S.W.-R., an organizer of the new organization. “We will meet to organize, to plan, and to hear ideas,” she said. “I thought this would be a fun thing to do. I hope the group will build camaraderie among singles in the community.”

She said members of the group might want to have dinners, movie nights, discussions, or day trips together. But, she invited singles to bring their ideas and be part of the planning.

Further information about the group is available by calling 482-7800 or e-mailing Ms. Pross at <cindypross18@yahoo.com>.

From the Rabbi: Memory Not Just About the Past

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the systematic effort to share a deep understanding of the Shoah with as wide an audience as possible? To be sure, we want to honor the experience of the survivors as well as the memory of the victims. But the phrase, “never again,” so integral to Shoah awareness, suggests our strong desire that such awareness will diminish the likelihood that genocide will be perpetuated successfully against any group in our own day.

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah this year, we are hearing from Diana Albert, born Doba Drezner, about her experiences during the Shoah and their larger significance. In addition, several days later, Dr. Ari Babaknia will speak about his book, “Humanity, Not,” and his effort to raise Holocaust awareness.

In “Everything is Illuminated,” Jonathan Safran Foer wrote that Jews have six senses: touch, taste, sight, smell, hearing and memory. I would argue that, similar to the five conventional senses, memory allows us to introduce the past to the present. We see ourselves being liberated in every generation. And we resonate with the harbingers of slavery and destruction in every generation.

I hope that our sense of memory will do more than illuminate the past. I hope that it will ultimately motivate us to work toward a better future.

D’var Torah

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but the seventh year is to be a Sabbatical year of complete rest for the land. In order to provide sufficient food, God promises that the crop of the sixth year will yield enough for three years. Further, after seven cycles of seven years, the 50th year is to be a Jubilee—a year of release for the land and all of its inhabitants. There follow a series of laws concerning redemption of land and persons. The basic principle of land redemption is that all land belongs to God, and human owners possess it only as land holding. It is not the owner’s right to dispose of as they wish, and it cannot be permanently alienated. As for persons, if one had to indenture himself to work off debt, he was not to be abused and was to be redeemed as quickly as possible. The portion ends with a prohibition against idolatry and an admonition to keep God’s Sabbaths.

Sabbath Services

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Friday, May 9
Evening Service / Shabbat HaGever
Shabbat HaGever Dinner
Saturday, May 10
Morning Service / Shabbat HaGever
Weekly Portion: Behar
Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6 - 27
Sabbath Service Officers: Dan Goldberger and Andrew Bloom
Havurah Service
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Planning ‘Shabbat Consciousness’

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Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

A contribution toward the kiddush on January 25 was made by Michelle and Golan Landener in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob.

A contribution toward the kiddush on February 1 was made by Diane Weissman and Ian Weissman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Elliot.

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A contribution toward the kiddush on February 22 was made by Rachel and Kiumarz Geula in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron.

Great Neck Congregations Planning Community-Wide Celebration of Shabbat

A steering committee is in formation for a Great Neck-wide community “Shabbat Consciousness” to take place on October 24 and 25. The first meeting to plan the event included phone-in representation by Ira Wolff of Young Israel, as well as, left to right in rear above, Maggie Dror, Babylonian Jewish Center and Young Israel of Great Neck; Talin Sarraf, Temple Beth-El; Cindy Hodkin, Great Neck Synagogue; Lori Oppenheimer, Temple Israel; and Asal Sarah Rabizadeh, Cherry Lane Synagogue. In front, left to right, are Farnagiss Sedaghatpour, Great Neck Synagogue; Zina Rutkin-Becker, Temple Israel; and Rebecca Sassouni, Temple Israel.

Many others have expressed interest in helping to plan and participate in the event. Interested individuals and congregations can receive more information at <greatneck-shabbatproject@gmail.com>.

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The birth of Yael Alani, granddaughter of Nancy and Manny Alani
The engagement of Elisabeth Covitt, daughter of Karen and Daniel Covitt, to Andy Field
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Temple Israel Museum Will Be Continuing Its Passover Exhibit

The Passover exhibit in the front case of the Temple Israel Museum will continue through May.

Featured is a large rare silver seder compendium with three compartments for matzah and a seder plate on top. The beautiful hinged doors embossed with garlands and fruit designs open to reveal the tiers for matzah. This piece is from Hanau, Germany, circa 1880.

A pewter matzah meal container from France is heavily engraved in Hebrew, and the lid is stamped: “Medallion D’or, Paris 1888.”

A rare and whimsical bronze matzah radel (for making the perforations in matzah), from 19th century Holland, has a hatted Dutch baker with matzah dough hanging over a roller.

Other Passover related pieces could be seen in other cases within the museum. For museum hours or to make an appointment to visit the museum, call 482-7800.
D’VAR TORAH
By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Kedoshim  Saturday, April 26

In this portion the Holiness Code continues with laws concerning interpersonal relationships and modes of behavior. Some of these laws echo the Ten Commandments and deal with such matters as reverence for parents, the Sabbath, idolatry, stealing and deceitful conduct, false oaths and the identification of God as the redeemer from the slavery of Egypt. Other laws of secular and religious nature touch upon agriculture, testimony, social ethics and certain rituals connected with sacrifice. In the second part of the portion, the Torah reiterates its concern with the family in a religious context and reformulates rules previously stated concerning incest and forbidden sexual activity. Here, however, the rules are presented from a slightly different perspective. The portion concludes with an admonition that possession of the land of Israel will be dependent upon faithfully observing these laws of holiness.

Emor  Saturday, May 3

The Holiness Code continues with laws concerning the maintaining of ritual purity by the priests, in this portion. In particular, we find laws regulating the marriages of priests, limiting their participation in funerals and specifying the blemishes, which may disqualify a priest from officiating. This section ends with an admonition not to profane God’s holy name, but to hallow it among the Israelites. The Code then turns to the sacred seasons and presents a calendar of the festivals on which cessation from work is mandated. The list begins with Shabbat and continues chronologically from Pesah. Cessation from work is a crucial element in the account and, by observing the festivals, the Israelites are led to emulate one of God’s major characteristics and achieve holiness.

Behar  Saturday, May 10

In this portion, the Holiness Code continues with a group of laws that are to take effect when the Israelites enter the Promised Land. The people will be permitted to work the land for six years, —Continued on page 4