

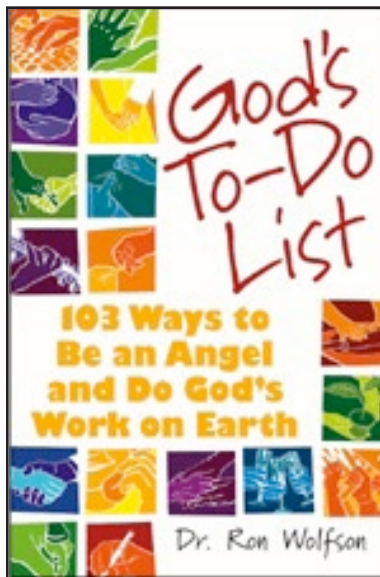


Noted Jewish Educator Ron Wolfson Will Speak at Temple Israel May 4-6

Dr. Ron Wolfson—a highly inspiring and entertaining Jewish educator—will be the featured speaker at Temple Israel’s “Weekend of Learning,” from Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6.

The weekend, titled “Renewing Ourselves: Building a Community of Meaning, Purpose and Blessing,” will include a Friday night *Shabbat* dinner and presentation, called “God’s To-Do List,” a *Shabbat* morning talk titled “Building Good Tents: Envisioning the Synagogue of the 21st Century,” and a Saturday evening presentation for families called “Blessings and Kisses: The Power of Jewish Family Life.” On Sunday morning, Dr. Wolfson will lead an interactive workshop for members of the Board of Trustees, committee heads, and other key volunteers, called “Building Good Tents: Creating an Ambience of Welcome and Quality Service in Our Congregation.”

Rabbi Seth Adelson said he has been “very much inspired by Dr. Wolfson. He brings a



The title of Ron Wolfson’s popular book will be his Friday evening topic.

strong devotion to helping synagogues raise the bar in terms of spiritual engagement by making them more welcoming.

“Over the course of this weekend,” Rabbi Adelson said, “Dr. Wolfson will share many ways that we can not only develop stronger connections, but build our community so that we can reach out more effectively. He is a consummate educator and a truly amazing speaker.”

Dr. Wolfson is the Fingerhut Professor of Education at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1975. He has also served as dean of the Fingerhut School of Education, and vice president and founding director of the Whizin Center for the Jewish Future and the Whizin Institute for Jewish Family Life.

He most recently authored “The Seven Questions You’re Asked in Heaven,” “The Spirituality of Welcoming: How to Transform

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Reading Jewish Books: Goal of New PJ Library Program

Publicity about Temple Israel’s PJ Library is just about everywhere—invitations to enroll in the program have been included in Temple Israel’s weekly e-mail updates, a poster and rack of sample PJ Library books are in the lobby, and flyers are available to the congregation.

But, just what is PJ Library?

According to the PJ Library website, “PJ Library is a Jewish family engagement program implemented on a local level throughout North America. We mail free, high-quality Jewish children’s literature and music to families across the continent on a monthly basis. PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. ...All families raising Jewish children from six months of age through eight years are welcome to enroll.”

Enrolling in the program is simple. Visit <www.pjlibrary.org/ny/templeisraelofgreatneck> and click on “enroll in this community,” then fill out the registration form and submit. If you have any other questions, contact Jodi Engel at <jenjel@tign.org> or call the synagogue office and ask for Jodi at ext. 1105. PJ Library is being generously underwritten in part by the Men’s Club, Sisterhood and the Educational Resource Fund of Temple Israel.

“Reading stories and listening to music with your child are among the most powerful and nurturing early childhood learning experiences,” according to the PJ Library brochure. “PJ Library transforms these moments into Jewish moments. Research indicates that Jewish experiences in a child’s earliest years establish the basis of a strong Jewish sense of self. Through PJ Library, parents can create a special time with their children to learn and appreciate their Jewish heritage.”

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Supporting the Torah Fund

By Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's Sisterhood supports the Jewish Theological Seminary in a big way through its Torah Fund. Sisterhood President Karen Ashkenase speaks of the success of the fund in this Voice Guest Column.

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel is proud to support the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign. Please join us in supporting The Jewish Theological Seminary and its many projects through Torah Fund. A contribution can be sent to our chairperson, Ellen Cooper, c/o Temple Israel, payable to The

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Jewish Theological Seminary. I thought you would like to hear directly from a student benefiting from our Torah Fund efforts.

"Thank you! Karen Ashkenase, President, Sisterhood

FROM THE RABBI

It is not possible for me to adequately sum up my gratitude in words. Because of your enormous generosity, I am able to attend the school of my dreams, List College. From the first day I began applying to colleges, I knew that the joint program with Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary was the only program for me, and thanks to you, my dream has become a reality. The Women's League Torah Fund Scholarship has allowed me to pursue the kind of higher education that I have always wanted.

I am able to pursue the intense Jewish education that I want at JTS, while also pursuing another passion of mine, psychology at Columbia University.

My interest in *tikkun olam* (from my active days in USY) has continued taking on a leadership role on both campuses.

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Look to the Living

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Howard Stecker delivered the following remarks at Temple Israel's recent *Yom HaShoah* commemoration. This year, Denise Stern, daughter of Jerry and Bill Ungar, shared some reflections written by her daughter, Danielle, regarding the impact of the *Shoah* on her and her family, elegantly bringing the thoughts of three generations of the Ungar family to the congregation, exemplary in so many ways.

On Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the creation of the world. We say the words *hayom harat olam*, today the world was born, because we associate creation with the beginning of the New Year.

But who can come to terms with the creation of the world? It's too vast, too elusive. So we read from the Torah, not about the creation, but about a family. We read about Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Ishmael. We consider their challenges and accomplishments and, curiously enough, that gives us a window into even the most mysterious aspects of creation.

When we gather on *Yom HaShoah*, we acknowledge the tragedy and legacy of the *Shoah*.

But who can come to terms with the *Shoah*? Its scope is too vast and it eludes us on multiple levels.

So we at Temple Israel have devoted our commemorations to the stories of individuals and families. Their stories give us a window into the tragedy and legacy of the *Shoah*.

*...Jerry and Bill
have
inspired us...*

Bill and Jerry's children and grandchildren were influenced immeasurably by them. This is partly because of the experiences they each had in the *Shoah* and the establishment of the State of Israel and partly, perhaps mostly, due to the integrity and fortitude that Bill and Jerry have dem-

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Transitions

By Alan Klinger

Our tradition is replete with accounts of transitions: from Moses to Joshua, David to Solomon and Elijah to Elisha. Each presented its own challenges and opportunities. At Temple Israel, we, too, face our own moments of transition, including two now before us.

First, the certain one. We are pleased to report that Rabbi Amy Roth will be joining us in a new position as Director of Congregational Schools. As mentioned in this space previously, we determined some two years ago that the synagogue would benefit from having better coordination of our three school programs, Beth HaGan, the Religious School and the Waxman High

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School and Youth House. Our overarching goal is to develop a comprehensive vision for fostering the next generation of Conservative Jews. We want to increase the percentage of students who remain with us from one program to the next, with curricula that would build to enhance the education of our children. We looked last year but did not find someone we thought appropriate to meet the needs of the new position. We were fortunate to find Danny Mishkin to head the Youth House and have made major strides to rejuvenate activities there.

Though each of our schools this year were certainly operational, we determined that we wanted more for our children. Miriam Kobliner headed a search committee that considered resumes from literally dozens of candidates, interviews were had with many of those and a group of five were selected for more intensive contact. Rabbi Roth, who received both Rabbinic Ordination and an M.A. in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary, emerged as the clear favorite. Rabbi Roth has spent the past dozen years in educational programming and financial administration at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, with her most recent position being Associate Director, and is well known to many in our congregation. The Ramah model has been a bright spot in Jewish student learning and many of its practices are being incorporated into school programs throughout the country. Rabbi Roth's duties will include being

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the family of:

LOUISE RASTEGAR
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and Joseph Rastegar

May her memory be for a blessing.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

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Sat., April 28 8:45 A.M. 7:10 P.M.

Sat., May 5 8:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

April	28	Waxman High School and Youth House Monte Carlo Night	8:45 P.M.
	28	"Jewsical the Musical" A performance by the Temple Israel Players	8:45 P.M.
	29	"Jewsical the Musical" A performance by the Temple Israel Players	2:00 P.M.
May	1	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Club	Noon
	3	Men's Club Meeting and Texas Hold 'Em Night	7:30 P.M.
	4-6	Weekend of Learning with Dr. Ron Wolfson: "Renewing Ourselves: Building a Community of Meaning, Purpose and Blessing"	
	6	Beth HaGan 50th Anniversary Celebration Presenting "Cirque du Oy Vey"	12:30 P.M.
	10	Lag B'Omer	
	12	Shalom Club <i>Shabbaton</i> Weekend	
	14	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	16	Combined Sisterhoods of Great Neck Event	10:00 A.M.
	17	Waxman High School and Youth House Graduation and Dinner	4:00 P.M.
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	18	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	18	Adult <i>Bat/Bar Mitzvah Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	18-20	Waxman High School and Youth House Spring Retreat	
	22-23	Religious School <i>Zimriya</i> and Closing Assemblies	4:30 P.M.

Second Annual Great Neck Sisters' Project

Wednesday, May 16 at Temple Israel

Sponsored by the Sisterhoods of Temple Israel, Great Neck Synagogue and Temple Emanuel

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11:30 A.M. Luncheon

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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.

To mark Yom Ha-atzma'ut, this issue's quote is taken from the "Prayer for the State of Israel." Send your favorite quote to "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“ Bless the State of Israel,
with its promise of redemption. . .
Bless the land with peace,
and its inhabitants with lasting joy. ”

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



Ashley Epstein

Ashley Epstein will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on May 5. She is the daughter of Rachel and Dr. Geoffrey Epstein and has two sisters, Stephanie, 17, and Debbie, 14. Ashley is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. She plays tennis, volleyball, basketball and lacrosse. Ashley also plays the piano and flute. She will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following her *Bat Mitzvah*. Ashley visited Israel last year and plans to visit again in the near future.



Michelle Mirjani

Michelle Mirjani will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on May 12. She is the daughter of Elena and Babak Mirjani and has two sisters, Talia, 10, and Cayla, 6. Michelle is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing tennis, swimming and painting. Michelle is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House. She recently celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah* in Jerusalem and plans to return again in the near future.



Levi Monahemi

Levi Monahemi will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 12. He is the son of Sepideh and Elyas Monahemi and has two sisters, Jessica, 14, and Kayla, 9. Levi is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. Levi enjoys sports and is on his school's soccer, swimming, lacrosse and wrestling teams. He will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* in Israel this summer.

Temple Israel's Israel Affairs Committee is sponsoring a tee shirt logo design contest for Religious School students attending the Salute to Israel Parade.

Submissions must be on 8-1/2 x 11 unlined white paper only and must include this year's parade theme:

Israel Goes Green. Artwork should also say: Temple Israel of Great Neck. The student's name and Religious School class should be on the back of the sheet.

The deadline for entries is Monday, May 7. Submissions should be sent to the Religious School office. Winning student's class will receive an ice cream party!

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Your Congregation Into a Sacred Community," and "God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be An Angel and Do God's Work on Earth." "A Whizin Anthology of Jewish Family Education," which he co-authored, won the 1999 Jewish Book Award.

A pioneer in the field of Jewish family education, he has authored "The Art of Jewish Living" series of books. Three of the titles, "Shabbat," "Passover" and "Hanukkah," are designed to enrich the celebration of Jewish holidays and "A Time to Mourn, A Time to Comfort" provides a

guide to Jewish bereavement and comfort.

Past President Richard Kestenbaum and his wife, Elise, are hosting the Friday night dinner, and Eleanor Askari is the hostess of the Saturday evening family program. Reservations are required for the dinners. Friday night is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, and Saturday evening is free, but reservations are required. To sign up, contact the Temple Israel office at 482-7800. Further information on the Temple Israel Weekend of Learning is available on the congregation's website, <www.tign.org>, or by contacting Rabbi Adelson at 482-7800, or at <rabbiadelson@tign.org>.

Reading Jewish Books: Goal of PJ Library Program

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"By sharing timeless stories of Jewish traditions, values and heritage, PJ Library and Temple Israel are helping to build a stronger Jewish people, and promoting the love of reading, one book at a time" according to Mrs. Engel. "Both the Religious School and Beth HaGan are busy planning PJ 'launch' events to further publicize this free program and encourage families to enroll."

Beth HaGan will be holding a celebration on Sunday, May 6, to mark its 50th anniversary. The program will include a retrospective of Beth HaGan over the years, entertainment, a fundraiser, and a PJ Library element. The celebration chair is Joanna Eshaghoff. For further information, contact her at 487-5551 or <joannaesh@optonline.net>.

The Religious School will be holding a Yom Yerushalayim picnic on May 20, open to children of all ages, along with a PJ Library focus, at Allenwood Park. A committee is being formed for the picnic as well as a Fall PJ Library launch event chaired by Religious School parent Harriet Picker. It will target families with children in kindergarten through second grade. For further information or to volunteer to assist, contact Ms. Picker at 917-826-0080 or <hspitzer.picker@gmail.com>.

Look to the Living

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onstrated throughout their lives.

Bill has always emphasized the importance of behaving like a *mensch* in every aspect of life, personal and professional. He also brings to bear the best values of his Jewish heritage, including the notion of *matana baseter*, giving without concern for recognition.

Jerry, *aleha hashalom*, was universally loved. She was insightful and accepting and she had an indefatigably optimistic spirit. She urged her loved ones, even in times of loss, to "look to the living."

If I had to distill one dimension of the legacy that the *Shoah* might impart to us, it would be expressed by those words.

We remember those who died during the *Shoah*, to be sure. We memorialize those who have no appropriate memorials other than what we provide.

But primarily, we need to look to the living. We look to those who survived and their descendants. To those who embrace the survivors and their descendants. To the children here with us who accompany the survivors up the aisle and who inspire us with their beautiful singing.

To those who, more than 60 years after the *Shoah* has ended, still suffer the effects of bigotry, persecution and genocide.

To those who, more than 60 years after the *Shoah* has ended, have not yet learned the importance of tolerance.

Following in the tradition of Sarah and Abraham, Jerry and Bill have inspired us far beyond the parameters of their own family.

Out of the ashes of the *Shoah*, they forged a life of commitment, laughter and love.

With their example, and the examples set by the many survivor families at Temple Israel, we will continue to look to, and to influence, the living. The success of our efforts will constitute a portion of the legacy of the *Shoah*.

Supporting Torah Fund

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Again, I cannot thank the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign enough for the generosity that has allowed me to pursue the college experience that I have always wanted and to go forward with my life in a way that will only positively impact my future and the good I want to do in the world.

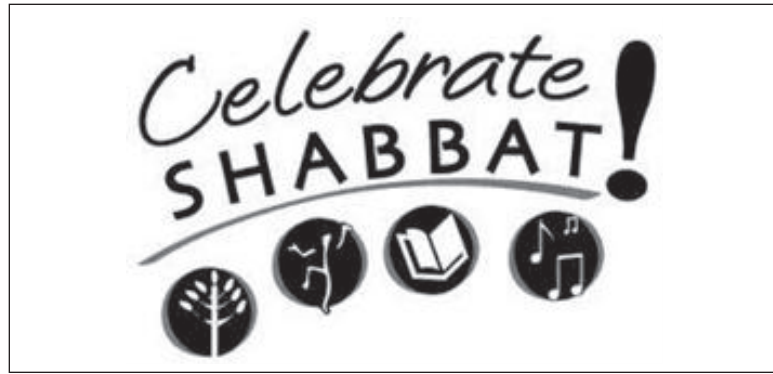
Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sperber

P.S. (from Karen) If you want to hear first-hand stories about the Seminary and the good your contribution will make, just ask Rabbis Stecker, Adelson, Charry and Eckstein.

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From the President: Transitions

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Director of the Religious School, as well as overseeing the entire spectrum of education from preschool, directed by Rachel Mathless, to high school, directed by Danny.

We are most thankful to Rabbi Tracy Klirs, our outgoing Religious School head, for the many years of dedicated service she has given to our students and to the larger synagogue *kehillah*. She has introduced new programming and worked tirelessly to bring more family education activities to our synagogue. We wish her well in her next professional setting and will be recognizing her accomplishments officially in the weeks ahead.

Next, the potential one. As also discussed here previously, Rabbi Adelson's contract expires this summer. An understanding has been reached with him on a subsequent agreement. We have known, however, that Rabbi Adelson's professional aspirations also included the possibility of having his own pulpit. Rabbi Adelson recently spoke with Rabbi Stecker and me to let us know that he wanted to be considered for the position of senior rabbi at Sutton Place Synagogue, a Conservative *shul* in Manhattan. Rabbi Adelson made it clear that he was not unhappy being at Temple Israel—indeed, he and his family have become well-integrated into our community and made great strides in stepping up adult education and numerous other activities here (not to mention rescuing the Youth House in the year before Danny came on board). Rather, the opportunity to lead his own congregation in the New York area was an opportunity he felt he had to consider. He is not engaged in a general job search, but has confined his interest to this one position. Rabbi Adelson offered to step aside if we needed to move forward differently in light of his being considered elsewhere. In consultation with relevant groups here, we of course determined not to force that kind of choice, but to afford him the chance to apply with the understanding that if he were not selected, he would then wrap up the successor contract with us.

At this point, Rabbi Adelson has moved to the final round of candidates and we wish him well. We do need to plan for the possibility of his moving on. To that end, we started a search committee that is being headed by Eve Keller and former president Richie Kestenbaum. We posted a "conditional application" with the Rabbinic Assembly, which sets out the need for an assistant rabbi and plainly sets out the circumstances: that a person is to be selected if Rabbi Adelson achieves the new position. We already have a number of applicants, whose resumes are being vetted by the committee and interviews set up. We will keep the congregation apprised of developments.

Transition is a part of life, and synagogues are no exception. As we move forward, we are confident that Temple Israel will make the most of these transitions for the benefit of our entire congregation.

MAZAL TOV TO...

- Carol and Steve Smolinsky on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Bennett.
- Thelma and Jack Sahn on the birth of their great-grandson, Brett Nathan Sahn.

Congregation Thanks Many Recent 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 March 10 was co-sponsored by Drs. Laura and Robert Gal in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Hannah, and Susan Glasgall and Jerry Schlessel in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Jason Schlessel, and Amy Heck. A contribution toward the *kiddush* fund was made by Shohreh Naim and Joe Shavolian in memory of their mother, Hoori Shavolian.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tazria-Metzora

Saturday, April 28

This double portion deals with laws of ritual purity. Such purity is conceived as a prerequisite for the pursuit of kedusha. Furthermore, because the Mishkan (sanctuary) was located within the camp of the Israelites, great care had to be taken to ensure its purity. The specific physical conditions dealt with in these portions which gave rise to impurity are childbirth, skin diseases (called leprosy), fungus or some other growth on garments and walls (also called leprosy) and bodily secretions. The priests are charged with the task of determining the nature of the condition and the method of purification. Since all Israelites were obligated to strive to be kadosh in accordance with God's demand, the matter of maintaining a state of purity was of great significance.

Ahare-Mot Kedoshim

Saturday, May 5

We conclude the laws of ritual purity and begin the section known as the "Holiness Code" in this double portion. The readings open with a description of the ritual of Yom Kippur. This ritual, with its distinctive rites of riddance, including the symbolic transferral of the transgressions of the Israelites and their priests onto a goat (the scapegoat) which is driven into the wilderness, never to return, is the climax of the laws of purification. In the Torah, Yom Kippur is an annual ritual of purification of the Mishkan (sanctuary.) In later Judaism, however, the emphasis shifts to atonement for the sins of the people. The laws of the "Holiness Code" serve to implement the idea that the Israelite people are collectively obligated to seek to achieve holiness in order to be like God, who is holy. The Code begins with consideration of the family and details forbidden sexual unions. Whereas purity and impurity pertain to states of being, holiness has to do with interpersonal relationships and modes of behavior.

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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, April 27

N'Ranenah/Evening Service 6:30 P.M.
Waxman High School Family Service and Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 28

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Tazria-Metzora*; Leviticus 12:1 –15:33

Haftarah: II Kings 7:3 – 20

Sabbath Service Officers: Ron Klempner and Dr. Laura Gal
Bar Mitzvah

JOSEPH TAIED

son of Marjan and Shahram Taied

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 7:10 P.M.
Havdalah 8:30 P.M.

Friday, May 4

Kabbalat Shabbat/*Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.
Followed by a Congregational Dinner

Saturday, May 5

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Ahare Mot-Kedoshim*; Leviticus 16:1 –20:27

Haftarah: Amos 9:7 – 15

Sabbath Service Officers: Steve Shepsman and Sam Husney
Bar Mitzvah

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Waxman High School *Shabbat* Service 10:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Mincha and *Ma'ariv* 6:30 P.M.
Followed by *Se'udah Shelishit* (light family meal)
Family-Style Havdalah 8:37 P.M.