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HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Saturday, August 31 - Selichot

Wednesday, September 4 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 P.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv

Thursday, September 5 - First Day Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10 "Meeting Old Friends & New Friends in the Mahzor" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tashlikh (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Friday, September 6 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Service begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1-19

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 7 - Shabbat Shuvah

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 2:15 - 27

Sabbath Service Officers: Jackie Astrof and Keyvan Frouzan *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:40 P.M.

Havdalah 8:01 P.M.

Friday, September 13 - Kol Nidre

Minhah 3:00 P.M. Kol Nidre 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 14 - Yom Kippur

9:00 A.M. Morning Service begins in the Main Ballroom

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11

Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14

"Meeting Old Friends & New Friends in the Mahzor" 10:00 A.M.

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M. Symposium

4:45 P.M.

Minhah Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20

Neilah 6:05 P.M. Ma'ariv 7:21 P.M.

7:49 P.M. Havdalah & Shofar Blowing

Temple Israel Is Ready For the High Holy I

The High Holy Days may be "early" this year, but Temple Israel is ready to observe them in a spiritually uplifting way for congregants of all ages.

As in recent years, the clergy for the services includes Senior Rabbi Howard Stecker, Associate Rabbi Seth Adelson, former Senior Associate Rabbi Marim D. Charry and Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein, who had served as the rabbi of the Little Neck Jewish Center for many years. The cantorial staff will be headed by Temple Israel's cantor, Raphael Frieder. He will be joined by Cantor Mordecai Sobol, who has thrilled the congregation with his renditions on the High Holy Days for more than 20 years.

New to the team this year is Cantor Ethan C. Goldberg, a first-year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary's H.L. Miller Cantorial School. He was selected following an extensive search by a committee headed by Howard Spun, which included Dr. Charles I. Adler, Cantor Frieder, Brent Greenspan, Dr. Madelyn Gould, Sherry Husney, Dr. Robert Lopatkin, and Lori Oppenheimer. "Hazzan Goldberg is not your typical first year student," Mr. Spun said. "The committee was extremely impressed with his ability to conduct a service as well as his magnificent, beautiful voice. We felt as a committee that his young, vibrant voice will reinvigorate the service."

As usual for Temple Israel, the clergy will rotate through three simultaneous main services. A detailed service schedule is in this and the next issue of The Voice, on the Temple Israel website, <www.tign. org>, and will be posted in the lobby throughout the High Holy Day period. Tickets, which will be required for admission to all adult services, will be distributed shortly to all members in good standing.

Adult Services

The most holy season on the Jewish calendar begins with Selichot on Saturday, August 31, which ushers in the High Holy Days on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is on Wednesday evening, September 4, and begins with Minhah and Ma'ariv starting at 6:30 P.M. Rosh Hashanah is on Thursday, September 5, and Friday, September 6. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah the morning service begins at 8:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Charry will conduct a special discussion for the congregation, titled "Meeting Old Friends and New Friends in the Mahzor" at 10 A.M. Also on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Tashlikh will be held at the Xeriscape, on the corner of Old Mill Road and Bayview Avenue, at 6 P.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv is at 6:30 P.M. on both days of Rosh Hashanah.

Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre on Friday, September 13, at 6:30 P.M. Yom Kippur services, on Saturday, September 14, begin at 9 A.M. in the Grand Ballroom. Rabbi Charry will repeat the

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New Beginnings

By Rabbi Gustavo Souraski

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Voice Guest Column, by the spiritual leader of Temple Israel's sister congregation in Ashkelon, Israel, Rabbi Gustavo Souraski, comes with High Holy Day greetings to the members of Temple Israel from the members of Kehillat Netzach Israel.

I'd like to suggest an exercise in the realm of science fiction.

A person is about to have an operation, a matter of life and death. Let's assume for a moment that the person is you. The surgeon turns to you and makes an interesting suggestion. "Today we will not anaesthe-

Good beginnings are important because they set the tone.

tize you. We'll operate on you internally, but you may wait outside. It is a long operation. You will have to wait several hours."

While your body is being operated on, you—that is, your soul—is sitting outside and waiting for the door to open and bring you news regarding the outcome of the operation.

How will you behave during those

long hours of waiting to know your fate?

Will you be serious or frivolous? Will you read magazines in the waiting room or check e-mails on your smartphone as you usually do while waiting for a routine dental appointment? Or, will you suffer from great anxiety and perspire?

I have no doubt that the answer is the second possibility.

Rosh Hashanah is a day of paradox.

On one hand, according to Jewish tradition, the Days of Awe will judge us regarding the coming year. So we should be anxious and very serious.

However, we wear festive clothes, and after the prayers (which certainly reflect the mood of the day), we return home and eat tons of honey (apple and honey, challah and honey, chicken in honey, and so on).

Interesting. We are being operated on inside and waiting outside for the verdict

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- By Rabbi Seth Adelson

FROM THE RABBI-

A Surprising Thank You

Prophets? What would Eliezer think?

I was in Israel briefly this week, and a curious thing happened at Ben Gurion International Airport. I had a couple of slices of greasy pizza at the kosher Pizza Hut in the departure hall, and then took my refuse to a nearby garbage can. After I deposited and started back to collect my bag, I heard an electronic voice say: "Thank you!" I whirled around to see something that I had not noticed earlier: a light near the top of the can suggesting that this was no ordinary receptacle.

Then something occurred to me. Why, in the Jewish state, where the primary language is Hebrew, did this garbage can not say, "Todah rabbah," or at the very least, "Todah"? Why, in the place where Eliezer Ben-Yehuda almost single-handedly brought an ancient, scholarly language back to life, to be spoken by poets and professors, custodians and car salesmen, did the programmers of this very friendly public service device choose to have it speak English? Why could it not deliver its acknowledgment of responsibility in the language of the Patriarchs, Matriarchs, and Certainly, one might make the argument that areas of an international airport are frequented by many who do not speak the local language, and so an English "thank you" would be more easily understood by a greater range of people. The choice was

...there is a lesson here about the bittersweet reality of contemporary Israel.

simply practical, and we Jews are fundamentally practical people.

But one might argue that this is indeed a lost opportunity for what people in my line of work often refer to as a "teachable moment." If you travel to a country where the spoken language is not your mother tongue, and you fail to learn how to say

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Meet the Officers

- By Alan Klinger

As we approach the new (Jewish) year, I thought it would be useful to introduce the four new members of our Executive Committee so that the congregation can gain a better sense of those who have stepped forward to assist in our activities. (By the way, referencing the last column, we are still accepting volunteers from the membership to help in our various committees and programs—let Executive Director Leon Silverberg or me know of your interest.)

We start with Shahram (Mike) Delafraz. Mike has been married to Farnaz for 28 years. They have three children, Shauna, Elana and Eric, all of whom were educated in our Religious School. Mike was born in Tehran, Iran, and moved to the United States in 1973. He and Farnaz have been members

...reach out to any of us to share your thoughts on how we can improve your experience...

of the synagogue for 15 years. Professionally, Mike is a mortgage banker and has also been involved with Israel Bonds and SHAI. His role on the Executive Committee will focus on development activities.

Dan Goldberger is the next new member. Dan grew up in Great Neck and has been married to Maggie for 19 years. They have two children, Clara and Eli, who attend our Waxman High School and Religious School, respectively, and also the Conservative Movement's Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. They've been members of Temple Israel for 15 years and have become increasingly involved in synagogue activities, including the new Temple Israel Bonds group. Dan is a real estate lawyer at Cooley LLP, involved in all aspects of leasing, construction, acquisition and development of real property. Dan will concentrate his committee activities in the membership and communications areas.

Maddy Gould joins the Executive Committee having been married to Dr. Robert Gould for 35 years. They have three sons, Douglas, Stephen and Michael, all of whom attended Temple Israel's Religious School. They have lived in Great Neck since 1985 and have been members of the synagogue since 1986. Professionally, Maddy is a professor of epidemiology and psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center in

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·In Memoriam ·

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

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mother of Richard Weber

May their memories be for a blessing.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

The Daily Minyan needs you! Mon. & Thur. 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M. Tues., Aug. 6 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M. Wed., Aug. 7 6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M. Tues. & Wed. 8:00 P.M. 7:00 A.M. Friday 7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. Sat., Aug. 3 9:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M. 9:00 A.M. Sat., Aug. 10 7:25 P.M. Sat., Aug. 17 7:15 P.M. 9:00 A.M. 8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M. Sunday

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, August	2	52	P.M.
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Mazal Tov To . . .

- Fran and Marc Langsner on the engagement of their son, Howard, to Lisa Friedman.
- Jill and Mitchell Friedman on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey, to Jessica Lane.
- Alana and Joshua Forst on the birth of their daughter, Emily.
- Wendy and Jeffrey Maurer on the birth of their grandson, Harry Evan Maurer.

Next Voice Issues And Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the Rosh Hashanah issue, will be published in three weeks, on Thursday, August 22. The deadline for that issue is Friday, August 9.

The following issue, the Yom Kippur issue, will be published on Wednesday, September 5. The deadline for that issue is Thursday, August 22.

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Aug.	6	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Program	Noon		
	15	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.		
	29	Waxman High School and Youth House Geniza Day			
	31	Selihot			
Sept.	3	Beth HaGan Parent Orientation	7:00 P.M.		
	4	Erev Rosh Hashanah			
	5	Rosh Hashanah			
	7	Shabbat Shuvah			
	11	9/11 Memorial Service	7:00 P.M.		
		at the Village of Saddle Rock 9/11 Memorial Bridge			
	13	Kol Nidre			
	14	Yom Kippur			
	15	Welcome Back Barbeque			
	15	Sukkah Building Workshop Led by Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.		

Temple Israel Raffle Prize: A Week's Mexican Vacation

Temple Israel is giving away a vacation stay in Mexico this December! A raffle will be held in October, with the winner receiving a week's vacation at Club Regina Los Cabos, Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico, from December 23-30.

Club Regina Los Cabos rises above the shoreline where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific Ocean. Every unit faces the ocean, where you can enjoy colorful sunsets and sunrises from your terrace. Whales are frequently seen playing in front of the resort. Club Regina is said to be a mecca for those seeking the best under the Baja sun, from championship golf courses to some of the best sports fishing in the world.

The drawing prize includes a one bedroom master suite with a king size bed, Jacuzzi, and bathroom, as well as a mini-kitchen with pullout couch and bath, and a terrace that sleeps four.

Los Cabos includes the cities of San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas. In the center of San Jose del Cabo there are art centers offering the works of both well-known and up and coming Mexican painters, sculptors and jewelry designers. Cabo San Lucas offers a wide variety of international and local culinary experiences, as well as incredible nightlife.

Raffle tickets, priced at only \$25 each or two for \$36, can be purchased from Susan at the synagogue's reception desk. The drawing will be held on October 7. Airfare is not included and the vacation voucher must be used during the designated week. For further information about the raffle, call 482-7800.

Break the Yom Kippur Fast at Temple Israel

Come with family and friends right after the shofar is blown to signal the end of Yom Kippur on Saturday, September 14 to a traditional dairy dinner at the Waxman Youth House prepared by Bagel Mentch and sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Israel.

Previous Break-the-Fasts have been immensely successful and this year's Break-the-Fast Committee promises to make this one just as great. Send reservations and checks as soon as possible.

The cost is only \$20 per person and \$8 for children under 8 years of age. There is no additional charge for more than two children under age 8. The cost for non-Temple members is \$25 per person. Indicate how many adults and children are in your party and make checks payable to the Men's Club of Temple Israel. They should be brought or mailed to the Temple Israel office by Monday, September 9.

Only paid in advance reservations will be honored. "The communal togetherness and pleasurable atmosphere are a wonderful way to end this most solemn day," said Dr. Charles I. Adler, the chair of the event. For further information call him at 482-4421.



Daniel Stecker (a third year counselor), Sarah Kobliner, Matthew Bloom, Eli Goldberger and Temple Israel Director of Congregational Schools Amy Roth spent a (hot) summer day at Camp Ramah recently. Missing are Ethan Citron (out of camp on a trip) and Zach Stecker (a first year counselor taking a day off.).

Fun in the (Jewish) Sun

By Rabbi Amy Roth, Director of Congregational Schools

What better place to visit during our infamous July heat wave than an outdoor summer camp? I had a wonderful return to Camp Ramah in the Berkshires on a warm (read hot) July day. Ramah, known as the flagship educational experience of the Conservative Movement, is a summer home to close to 700 Jewish children. Ramah is a place where they experience all of the classic summer fun, organically meshed with powerful Jewish experiences. I was thrilled to be able to spend time chatting with some of the Temple Israel campers, and I am particularly proud that the congregation has five new campers, five returning campers and two staff members! They told me about their friends, their activities (casually throwing around the Hebrew terms for the activities) and about the fun they were having. I know that one of the new campers has already signed up for camp during the summer of 2014! I am looking forward to hearing reports about our new second session campers whom I did not see in July: Elizabeth and Martin Lev and Elie Weitzman.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to hearing about everyone's summer adventures! *Shalom!*



Clara Goldberger, Emily Citron, Amy Roth and Sam Chiche at Camp Ramah.

Meet the Officers

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Manhattan, where she heads a research unit devoted to suicide prevention, and is also a deputy director of the Research Training Program in Child Psychiatry. Maddy will concentrate her efforts on aspects of *tefillah* and ritual.

Zina Rutkin-Becker is the fourth new member. Zina grew up in Brooklyn and has lived in Great Neck with her husband, Rob, for the past 20 years. They have two children, Ariela and Benjamin, both of whom attended Temple Israel's Religious School and Waxman High School. Professionally, Zina is a psychologist with a practice that focuses on adults, couples and families, and is also the director of Competent Kids, Caring Communities, a social-emotional learning program of the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York City. Zina will be concentrating her efforts in our education arena, working with Rabbi Roth to coordinate activities with the three school programs.

For the sake of completeness, members Seth Horowitz, Bob Lopatkin and Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni (along with myself) round out your Executive Committee. Seth's portfolio focuses on legal/administration, Bob's on finance, and Rebecca's on programming. While the synagogue is somewhat quieter during the summer months, this group remains actively involved with the clergy and professional staff in pushing forward the programs and initiatives needed to advance our goals. Please reach out to any of us to share your thoughts on how we can improve your experience with the synagogue.

D'var Torah

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Ki Tetse Saturday, August 17

Part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found in this portion. These chapters contain a wide variety of laws dealing with domestic life and interpersonal relations. In contradistinction to previous sections of the law code, which dealt with broad areas of community structure, the focus here is on the countless details that make up the daily life of the average Israelite. The Torah is making clear that every facet of every individual's life is governed by the covenant. The concluding verses of the portion remind the Israelites of the dastardly attack by the Amelekites on the rear-most stragglers of the camp shortly after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people are commanded to remember the incident and utterly blot out the memory of Amelek. The contrast between the national character of a people living under God's laws and that of the Amelekites based on glorification of military power is a statement that in God's plan, right prevails over might.

Voice Guest Column: New Beginnings

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Why do we mark our Judgment in this way? Nearly every good thing in life—in the beginning—has an aura of beauty and simplicity.

The first steps we take as infants are accompanied by smiles and applause. The first hours of marriage are accompanied by singing and dancing and are documented by a photographer.

That is because we know that beginnings are important; even critical, I would say. We know that much of the desire to study, to grow and progress, derives from the initial encouragement.

Good beginnings are important because they set the tone.

The Book of Joshua, the first of the books of the prophets, describes the conquest of the Land of Israel, which began in Jericho. As told in Chapter 6, Joshua declared Jericho a *cherem* city (a city doomed to destruction) and forbade taking any item from it. All the spoils were to be consecrated to God.

But we are told that one of the men of Israel, Achan, ignored Joshua's order and took something for himself, which greatly angered God. This anger was expressed when the Israelites wanted to conquer the city of Ai—after the conquest of Jericho— and suffered a terrible defeat.

The Gemara (Sanhedrin 44b) tells us that after Achan's disobedience, God decreed the destruction of the people of Israel. The only reason He took pity on the people was the merit of our father, Abraham.

We are told in Genesis 12:8 that when Abraham first entered the land of Canaan, he pitched his tent in the city of Ai area and "built an altar to God and prayed."

Why was Achan's act so terrible? Did it justify the destruction of the people of Israel?

Rabbi Isaschar Frand suggests the following answer: Achan's act was terrible because the battle of Jericho was the first battle. When Achan took of the spoils, he corrupted the beginning. He caused the people of Israel to start their journey into the Promised Land on the wrong foot and almost—according to the Gemara—caused the destruction of the people.

The people were saved by "the beginning before the beginning," Abraham's prayer in that place very many years before, when he took his first steps in the Holy Land.

These days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are fateful days for us all, according to our tradition. We do well to pray sincerely for a blessed new year and, in addition, to dine with our family, with our community, with love—and a lot of honey!

There is no contradiction between our singing outside, while our fate is being decided inside. That will determine the tone of the coming year; the optimism and the sweetness to be found within every beginning.

May we have a wonderful beginning and a good and productive year for us, for our families, and for our congregations.

Ketivah VeChatimah Tovah!

A Surprising Thank You

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"thank you," then shame on you! Even in the departure hall at the airport it's not too late to acquire a taste of a beautiful, ancient tongue. Do you suppose the French would tolerate an English-speaking garbage can?

Sure, it's just a talking garbage can, and who cares? But there is a lesson here about the bittersweet reality of contemporary Israel. Thank God Israel is no longer isolated, a few *kibbutzim* and archaeological sites cut off from the rest of the world by hostile neighbors. Israel now has a thoroughly global economy and thriving tourism. Although English and Arabic are both official languages of Israel, Hebrew is spoken by everybody (on my flight, I had the pleasure of translating English-language announcements into Hebrew for the Russian-born Israeli couple sitting next to me). But there is not the pressure today to speak only Hebrew as there was in the past; on the contrary, learning English is considered a primary educational goal for younger Israelis, and one sees ads for English language instruction all over Israel. Perhaps the garbage can is as much about teaching Israelis English as rewarding tourists for good behavior.

"Ivri, dabber Ivrit" ("Jew, speak Hebrew") was the Hebraist slogan of the early 20th century. Today, with the miracle of Hebrew's rebirth as a modern language complete, the fact that Israeli society can go along with international language trends speaks, in some sense, to the strength of Hebrew culture today. But I cannot help but wonder if the Jewish people have lost something greater—the pride in our holy tongue that has accompanied the building of the Jewish state.



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discussion he presented on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at 10 A.M. The Yizkor Memorial Service begins at approximately 11:30 A.M. A Community Yizkor Service, open to non-Temple Israel members, will be conducted at 3 P.M. The Jacob Stein Memorial Symposium, a traditional highlight of Yom Kippur at Temple Israel, begins at 3 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Minhah is at 4:45 P.M., Neilah is at 6:05 P.M., Ma'ariv is at 7:21 P.M., and Havdalah and Shofar Blowing is at 7:49 P.M.

Children's Services

A full array of services for children from pre-school through high school will be offered on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Details about all children's services will be announced by e-mail, in the next issue of The Voice and be posted throughout the school wing on the High Holy Days.

A Preschool Service for children ages 2-4 will be held from 10:30 A.M.-Noon in school room 13. Family supervised play for children this age will be held in room 12. A parent is required to accompany children in both rooms. A kindergarten-second grade Bonim Service will be held will be held from 10:30 A.M-Noon in the Multipurpose Room, led by Morah Donna Lefkowitz. Third-fourth grade students will have a Chaverim Service from 10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Blue Room, conducted by Dr. Geoff Epstein. The Machon Service, for fifth-sixth graders, will be held from 10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Chapel, led by Rahel Musleah. A Teen Service, held in the Waxman Youth House well for seventh-eighth grade students, will be conducted by High School Director Danny Mishkin and teacher Diana Ziskin. An Interactive Family Program, for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, will be led by Mr. Mishkin from 12:15-1:15 P.M.

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D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Re'eh Saturday, August 3

We conclude the section of Moses's 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 blessings, 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, August 10

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 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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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, August 2

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 3

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Re'eh; Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5

Shabbat Up Close and Personal 10:30 A.M. Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:30 P.M. Havdalah 8:51 P.M.

Friday, August 9

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 10

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Shofetim; Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M. Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:25 P.M. Havdalah 8:43 P.M.

Friday, August 16

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 17

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ki Tetse; Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M. Toddler Service 11:00 A.M. Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:15 P.M. Havdalah 8:33 P.M.