



*Silver Polishers*

An ad hoc committee of Temple Israel women polished Torah silver in anticipation of the High Holy Days. At work were, left to right, Rebecca Cohenmehr, Sherry Husney, Alicia Lev, Rebecca Sassouni, and Suanne Scherr. Temple Israel thanks the Salit family, which polished the congregation's silver for over two decades.

**Recalling the 9/11 Tragedy**

September 11, 2001: the memories of that eventful day will be remembered on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at a special memorial service for the congregation and community at the Village of Saddle Rock's 9-11 Memorial Bridge, sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Israel.

As has been done each year since the terrorist strikes, members of the congregation will meet in the Temple Israel lobby at 6:45 P.M. and walk to the bridge, which had a commanding view of the World Trade Center as well as the disaster which struck it 12 years ago. The marchers will take turns carrying a Temple Israel Torah to the bridge, to be used in the memorial service, which will begin at 7 P.M. The marchers will receive a Nassau County Police escort, and the bridge will be partially closed to traffic during the service.

Rabbi Howard Stecker will lead the clergy, beginning the service with "God Bless America" and the "Prayer for Our Country." Other appropriate prayers and readings will be added

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**SHABBAT & HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

**Saturday, August 24**

Morning Service 9:00 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: *Ki Tavo*; Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8  
*Haftarah*: Isaiah 60:1 – 22

*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 7:05 P.M.  
*Havdalah* 8:23 P.M.

**Friday, August 30**

*N'ranenah* / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, August 31 - Selihot**

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
Weekly Portion: *Nitsavim-Vayeilekh*; Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30  
*Haftarah*: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

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*Bat Mitzvah*

LEILA SASSOUNI

daughter of Rebecca Yusefzadeh Sassouni and Sassan Sassouni  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 6:55 P.M.  
*Havdalah* 8:12 P.M.  
*Selihot* Service 10:15 P.M.

**Wednesday, September 4**

*Erev Rosh Hashanah*

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

**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 and New Friends in the *Ma'hazor*" 10:00 A.M.  
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

A discussion for college students, recent grads & young adults led by Professor Eve Keller 10:30 A.M.

*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.

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## Kol Nidre 5774

By Susan and Dr. Arden Smith

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Susan Smith is a former treasurer, financial secretary, and member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Israel and has served as treasurer of the Sisterhood for more than 20 years. She is also a former chair of the congregation's Finance Committee. Dr. Arden Smith is a former trustee of Temple Israel and a past president of the Men's Club. He has been the chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal since its inception. Dr. Smith is a member of the Advisory Board of The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College.

Come in close, we want to let you in on a little secret.

Come closer.

Guess what? We have a budget of close

*...we again call on  
each member of our  
Temple Israel family  
to support  
this year's efforts...*

to \$5.5 million and only 40 percent of it is covered by dues!

And do you know what else? Our

energy costs, insurance, maintenance costs, payroll, and other fixed expenses, some of which we cannot control, tend to increase each year.

After close to 20 years of writing our Kol Nidre Appeal, it has become harder and harder to come up with new stories and new ways to say that the funds raised by our Kol Nidre Appeal help achieve our goals of supplementing the synagogue's finances and help the congregation achieve a positive cash flow; and that this in turn allows for the continued quality of services that we offer.

It is important for you to know that our congregation invests almost \$1,000 towards the religious education of each of

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## USCJ and Us

By Alan Klinger

Much has been written in the popular Jewish press about the state of Conservative Judaism. In this regard, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) has a renewed focus to assist synagogues to meet current challenges. This column will speak to two ways USCJ is working to further our (and its) interests and how you can participate in these endeavors.

On a general level, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of our movement. USCJ will mark this Centennial with a major gathering in October at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel/Baltimore Inner Harbor with a *Shabbaton* on October 11-12 followed by speakers and workshops on October 13-15.

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USCJ states as its mission interacting with synagogue clergy and lay leaders to teach, inspire and motivate Conservative Jews to live lives increasingly filled with Jewish learning, ethical behavior, spirituality and *mitzvot*. The celebration will feature programs and speakers geared towards accomplishing these goals. Topics range from "heavy" ones, such as Abraham Joshua Heschel's vision of theology, spirituality and ethics to practical ones such as how busy Jewish parents can best raise their children to be Jewish, to fun ones such as the world of Sholem Aleichem. Much of the focus will be geared towards improving synagogue outreach to its various constituencies. For *Shabbat* there will be a choice of services ranging from traditional to Carlebach to (their term) innovative and dynamic. In sum, there will be something to capture everyone's interest (additional information is readily available on the USCJ website). A number of our congregants already have signed up for some or all of the days (partial participation is welcome). Please contact the clergy or me should you have interest in attending this significant forum to chart the future of Conservative Judaism.

On a more specific level, USCJ sponsors programs aimed at developing leadership for discrete elements of the synagogue. One such program is Sulam (Ladder) for

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FROM THE RABBI

## 28 Rabbis Together in Jerusalem

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

What do you get when you engage 28 rabbis in creative Jewish learning and programming in the heart of Jerusalem? For nearly four weeks, I participated in the first stint of the fifth cohort of the Rabbinic Leadership Initiative (RLI), an intensive program sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute. Our cohort consists of rabbis spanning at least 25 years in age and representing a broad ideological spectrum.

Among the group are several Jewish Renewal rabbis as well as members of the faculty of Yeshivat Maharat, which describes itself as "the first institution to ordain Orthodox women as spiritual leaders and halakhic authorities."

In the coming months, I will be writing and speaking further about what I've learned so far through RLI. At this point, I want to give some highlights and initial impressions as an introduction to the scope and depth of the program.

I thoroughly enjoyed learning in *havruta*, study pairs, with my rabbinic colleagues. This summer, we examined classical and

modern texts in order to illuminate the relationship between Judaism and ethics. We wrestled with Talmudic passages about the impact of ethics on communal policy and considered Maimonides' take on the relationship between belief in God and interpersonal behavior.

A highlight for me was an exploration of passages from Kabbalah, Jewish mys-

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ticism, that suggest what ethical criteria qualify a person to join a mystical cohort. Two outstanding instructors exposed us to some fascinating passages in the Zohar that most of us had not seen before.

All of this learning, in pairs and in larger groups, took place during the day. In the evenings, we were treated to

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## Special Temple Israel Parking Regulations On High Holy Days

Members of the congregation are asked to observe parking regulations which are in effect this year during the High Holy Days. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck has agreed to ease parking restrictions for the High Holy Days:

- Time limit restrictions will not be enforced, and no summonses will be issued for overtime parking on the streets adjacent to the Temple.

- Other parking restrictions will be enforced including violations of prohibited parking, such as in front of hydrants, in front of driveways, "No Parking This Side," and "No Parking Here to Corner." Congregants are reminded that the streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

### Regarding the Temple Israel Parking Lot:

**Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 4,  
first and second days of Rosh Hashanah,  
September 5 and September 6:**

Parking on Rosh Hashanah will be limited to members with State issued Handicap Permits only. Have your seating ticket to identify yourself, should you be asked to do so by a staff member stationed in the lot.

**Kol Nidre-Yom Kippur Overnight Parking  
Kol Nidre, Friday, September 13,  
and Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 14:**

Members of the congregation who wish to leave their cars in the parking lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah must first obtain a pass from Executive Director Leon Silverberg. No cars will be permitted to enter or leave the parking lot, except those containing handicap permits.

Your cooperation is needed to make things move smoothly during the High Holy Days period. Temple Israel strongly suggests carpooling whenever riding is necessary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Aug.	29	Waxman High School and Youth House Geniza Day	
	31	Selihot (see Page 8)	
Sept.	3	Waxman Youth House Registration Barbeque	
	3	Beth HaGan Parent Orientation	7:00 P.M.
	4	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
	5-6	First and Second Days of Rosh Hashanah	
	7	<i>Shabbat Shuvah</i>	
	9	Beth HaGan Nursery School Classes Begin	
	10	Religious School Sunday / Monday Classes Begin	
	10	Waxman High School Classes Begin	
	11	Religious School Tuesday / Wednesday Classes Begin	
	11	9/11 Memorial Service	7:00 P.M.
		at the Saddle Rock 9/11 Memorial Bridge	
	13	Kol Nidre	
	14	Yom Kippur	
	14	Break-the-Fast following the blowing of the shofar	
		Sponsored by the Men's Club	
	15	Welcome Back Barbeque	12:30 – 2:30 P.M.
	15	Sukkah Building Workshop Led by Rabbi Adelson	2:00 P.M.

Join us as we dance the night away . . . .

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

*Saturday, December 7, 2013*

. . . .details to follow.

## 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, suggested by Dr. Arden Smith, is taken from Deuteronomy, 15:11 . What's your favorite quote? Send it to The Voice, c/o the Temple Israel office.

*“ You shall surely open your hand  
to your brother, to your poor,  
and to your destitute in your Land. ”*

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



### Leila Sassouni

Leila Sassouni will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on August 31. She is the daughter of Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni and Sassan Sassouni and has two sisters, Sophia, 16, Emma, 11, and a brother, Cyrus, 16. Leila is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where she received the Dare to Care Award. She is also the recipient of the Temple Israel Religious School METNY Keter Torah Award. Leila enjoys playing the violin in her school orchestra. She has visited Israel and plans to return. Leila will continue her Jewish studies at the Waxman High School.

### MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Sherry and Sam Husney** on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Jonathan Saat.
- **Stanley Goldfarb** on the birth of his great-grandson, Vaughn Venditteli.

### DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 24	9:00 A.M.	7:05 P.M.
Sat., Aug. 31	8:45 A.M.	6:55 P.M.
Sat., Sept. 7	8:45 A.M.	6:40 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, August 23.....	7:25 P.M.
Friday, August 30.....	7:14 P.M.
Friday, September 6.....	7:02 P.M.

### Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of *The Voice*, covering Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simhat Torah, will be published on Thursday, September 12. The deadline for that issue is Friday, August 30.



You're invited to . . .

## Temple Israel's Welcome Back BBQ

Meet new members, greet old friends!

### Sunday, September 15

12:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Free of charge to Temple Israel families

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Even Vegetarian Options!

Your Hosts & Cooks:

The Temple Israel Officers and Board of Trustees

RSVP to 516-482-7800

### Temple Israel In Action



### Bonded!

TI Bonds, Temple Israel's newest social group, held its first event—a casual but chic catered barbeque—on Thursday evening, August 1. TI Bonds is geared to enhance the bonds of parents of school-aged children in Beth HaGan through the Waxman High School, but all are welcome to the group's events.

Despite rain moving the event indoors from the courtyard, more than 75 people enjoyed an evening of meeting friends new and old, as well as great food.

Maggie Goldberger, the event chair, transformed the Crystal Ballroom into a hip lounge, with significant help from professional party planner Margaret Hutzel.

The group plans to hold two additional events this year. For further information about TI Bonds, contact <[tignbonds@gmail.com](mailto:tignbonds@gmail.com)>.



## TEMPLE ISRAEL 5774 HIGH HOLY DAY YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS



All programs are run both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:  
 September 5 & 6 and September 14, 2013 

Preschool (ages 2-4) Service: 10:30-12:00 in Room 13 and Family Supervised play area in Room 12. Early childhood educators celebrate the holidays through song, stories and games. One Parent is required to accompany children. Open to the public.

Kdg.-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade BONIM Service:\* 10:30-12:00 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.

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade MACHON Service:\* 10:30-12:00 in the 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: 10:30-12:00 in the Youth House Well, led by Youth House Director, Danny Mishkin and YH teacher Diana Ziskin. Join Danny and Diana for a participatory service for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities. From 12:00-1:00 there will be snacks (on Rosh Hashanah only) and Socializing in the Youth House.

Interactive K-6 Family Program:\*\* 12:15-1:15 in the Blue Room, for grade school aged children and their parents, led by Danny Mishkin, Youth House Director. There will be games, snacks and creative activities. **\*\*At least one parent must attend per family.**

### **NEW THIS YEAR:**

***Grades 3- 12: Kol Nidre Family Experience with Danny Mishkin. Meet on Friday, September 13 in Room Alef (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) at 6:00PM. Students continue with activities in the Multipurpose Room while parents attend services.***



**CALLING ALL  
COLLEGE STUDENTS,  
RECENT GRADUATES  
AND YOUNG ADULTS:**

Temple Israel of Great Neck invites you to join us  
for an exciting two part discussion  
on the High Holy Days.  
Led by Professor Eve Keller!

**What?** People of the Book(s)  
Jews are often called the People of the Book, but there are actually quite a lot of books that matter in our tradition: the Torah, the Mishnah, the Talmud, books of commentary, prayer books. And at this time of year, we might be thinking about the Book of Life. Maybe we should be called the People of the Books. In these discussions we'll explore two aspects of this important concept.

**When?** Part one: Sefer ha-Torah/The Book of Torah  
Rosh Hashanah – Thursday, September 5 at 10:30 am

Part two: Sefer ha-Hayim/The Book of Life  
Yom Kippur – Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 pm

**Where?** Room Alef on the third floor.

Temple Israel of Great Neck  
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*"...You shall surely open your hand..."*

Deuteronomy 15:11

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*May He who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, 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 **\$35/adult set** and **\$30/child set**.

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9:50 P.M.

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## Congregation Thanks Its 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*.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on July 20 were made by Brenda and Michael Gutkin on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Demers, and Carol and Steven Smolinsky in honor of the *AufRuf* of their son, Matthew, and Allison Leeds.

### Temple Israel Office Extended Hours

The Temple Israel office will be open on Sunday, September 1, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. for last minute dues payments and tickets.

## Remembering 9/11

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to the evening *minyan* service.

"It is important that we remember this tragedy," said Men's Club Co-President Jeffrey Fleit. "And, what more fitting way to remember September 11th than with prayers said along with members of our congregation and community. I urge everyone to attend this moving service and to bring family, friends, and neighbors."

Those who do not wish to make the walk can still attend the service. There will be ample parking near the bridge, seating for all and police protection for the marchers and those participating in the service. Arrangements for the service are being coordinated with Saddle Rock Mayor Dan Levy.

The program was first held by the Men's Club in 2002. It has been repeated in subsequent years with even larger turnouts. Further information about the service is available by calling Temple Israel at 482-7800.

## USCJ and Us

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Emerging Leaders, and we have been accepted into this fall's program. The goal here is to build a "leadership pipeline." Rather than teaching traditional leadership skills, this program features a six-session interactive course which includes Jewish text study, values exploration and analyses of synagogue needs done in *chevruta* style, all designed to show the relevancy of Judaism to today's community. There will be a one-day training session in New York City, with the remaining sessions occurring in Great Neck. Clergy will be involved in the training. We're looking for 15 or so people to be part of this important endeavor. Please let Vice President for Programming Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni or me know if you'd be interested in participating.

Hope the rest of the summer is enjoyable and look forward to seeing you during the upcoming Holy Days.

## Guest Column: Kol Nidre 5774

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our Religious School students, above and beyond what their families pay in Religious School tuition. Tuition covers only about 40 percent of the actual cost of educating our children. The subsidy is even higher for our special education program, Shalav, with its emphasis on individual education. In the Waxman High School, tuition covers an even smaller portion of expenses. Here, each student is subsidized by more than \$1,500 per year. While this may seem expensive, most of us would agree that it is an important investment in our high school students, our future leaders, to continue their religious education. Our entire cutting edge school program is fundamental to building a foundation for the next generation of Jews.

Our *shul* provides education for adults

*The success of our  
Kol Nidre Appeal  
and your participation  
has been vital in helping  
Temple Israel maintain  
its financial stability...*

as well as our children through our innovative and invigorated Temple Israel Lifelong Learning (TILL) Program and our affiliate organizations, such as Men's Club, Sisterhood, Shalom Club, EmptiNesters, and TI Bonds. We provide daily and holiday worship services. We are a setting and a resource for observing lifecycle events as well as a caring community when a member is stricken with ill health or grief and sorrow. Temple Israel is there to serve our needs at all times. Your support makes this all possible.

The leadership of Temple Israel and the work done by many of our committees help to monitor and control the cost of maintaining our large physical plant, personnel expenses, and other operating needs. We take pride in

the quality of our clergy, our educators, and in our administrative and support personnel. We strive to be the best and to continue our position as a leading congregation in the Conservative Movement. There is a cost to maintaining excellence and our members have always been there to ensure it.

There is no new and "catchy" way to stress the importance of the Kol Nidre Appeal. It accounts for more than 10 percent of our income budget and without it we could never be the congregation we are.

Thanks to your participation, there has been consistent and progressive growth in our Kol Nidre Campaign. Last year we raised almost \$600,000. This year our needs are even greater and we hope our members once again rise to the challenge of supporting those needs. The success of our Kol Nidre Appeal and your participation has been vital in helping Temple Israel maintain its financial stability as well as meeting the varied needs of our diverse congregational family. Temple Israel will continue to serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our congregation as well as enable us to transmit our tradition to the next generation.

So, we again call on each member of our Temple Israel family to support this year's efforts and hope for an even stronger commitment than last year. We ask you to invest in yourselves.

We and our officers and trustees ask each of you to consider the vital role of our synagogue in sustaining Jewish life (what Rabbi Waxman *z"l* used to call "normative Jewish life") in our community and to respond generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal. We thank you for your generosity and extend best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling new year.

*L'shana tova u'metuka.*

**Attention**  
**High School & Religious School**  
**students who blow shofar!**  
E-mail Rabbi Roth at <aroeth@tign.org> if you would like to blow the shofar in the children's services on Rosh Hashanah.

## D'VAR TORAH

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### Ha'azinu

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.

**Saturday, September 7**

# From the Rabbi: 28 Rabbis Together in Jerusalem

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discussions on contemporary issues facing the Jewish communities in Israel and North America. We heard Anat Hoffman and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin give their opinions about the treatment of Women of the Wall and their prescriptions for how the religious leadership of the Kotel ought to define the parameters of worship there. Surprisingly, there was very little difference between their suggestions.

MK Tzipi Livni spoke eloquently one evening about how Jewish values motivate her in her negotiations with Palestinians leadership. At the graduation ceremony for the previous RLI cohort, MK Dov Lipman captivated the audience with a description of his involvement with Yesh Atid, an Israeli political party that includes religious and secular Jews. Another evening, Professor Khalil Shikaki, a Palestinian pollster, analyzed recent research that he has done among Palestinian residents of the

West Bank. He concluded, based on discussions with Israeli pollsters, that Palestinians and Israelis are more willing to make concessions toward an agreement than either side imagines regarding the other.

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Some of the most enjoyable moments of the program were informal, like when we imposed ourselves *en masse* on unsuspecting restaurants downtown or when we

shared poignant or humorous experiences about our rabbinic work. One *Shabbat* afternoon, a group of us sat together in a local garden, schmoozing and singing as the sun set, concluding with Havdalah.

When I was in rabbinical school, Rabbi Gil Rosenthal offered the graduating class a profound insight based on a well-known verse in Deuteronomy. He chose to read a statement about the Jewish future as a question and answer. When will redemption come? When the leaders of the people gather themselves together.

I have no inside track when it comes to redemption, nor am I convinced that it will come at a single point in time. But the immediate and subsequent impact of Jewish leaders crossing boundaries to learn, debate, sing, and joke together is undeniable. It's what you get when you bring 28 rabbis together. I look forward to the next chapter of the program and to sharing more reflections about this unique opportunity.



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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Ki Tavo

Saturday, August 24

In this portion we conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse. In the final details, the Israelites are instructed that when they enter the Promised Land and settle it, they are to bring an offering of first fruits. In accepting the offering, the priest is to recite a brief history of the people, from Abraham's and Jacob's wanderings to the occupation and possession of the land. Moses begins a third discourse, which deals with enforcement of the laws. Upon crossing the Jordan, the people set stones on Mt. Ebal on which they will inscribe the laws that Israel is to obey. This activity is to be followed by a dramatic recitation of the blessings that will accrue from obedience to God's word and the curses that will follow upon failure to obey. The passage of curses (known as *tochechah*, or warnings) is much longer and more detailed than the passage of blessings, indicating the difficulty of convincing the people that it is in their best interest to live by God's law.

### Nitsavim-Vayelekh

Saturday, August 31

We conclude Moses' third discourse on the enforcement of the law in this double portion. Moses tells the Israelites that they stand before God in their totality to conclude their covenant. That covenant is not only made with them, but also with those not present. All Israelites are to be bound to the covenant for all times. Moses predicts a future rebellion of the people against the covenant and the evils that will follow, including exile, but he also foresees the people's repentance and their return to the land. He points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. The closing chapters of Deuteronomy speak of the last days of Moses and the actions with which he concludes his ministry. He bids farewell to his people, presents them with Joshua, his successor, writes down the Torah and hands it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read it in a public assembly every seven years. This reading is to affirm that the way to God lies only through following His Torah, and Torah is necessary to maintain and protect the people.

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## SHABBAT & HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

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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: Marc Langsner 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*

Morning Service begins in the Main Ballroom 9:00 A.M.  
 Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11  
*Haftarah*: Isaiah 57:14-58:14  
 "Meeting Old Friends & New Friends in the New Mahzor" 10:00 A.M.  
 A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry  
 Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.  
 Sefer ha-Hayim/The Book of Life – Part II 1:00 P.M.  
 A discussion for college students, recent grads & young adults  
 led by Professor Eve Keller  
 Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.  
 Symposium 3:00 P.M.  
*Minhah* 4:45 P.M.  
 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.  
*Havdalah* & Shofar Blowing 7:49 P.M.