

Temple Israel Reflects On a Legacy: 75 Years of Conservative Leadership

Journal Dinner Dance Marking Anniversary October 28th

By Sam Husney

Temple Israel is marking its 75th anniversary with a gala commemorative dinner dance on Saturday, October 28. It will celebrate the congregation's milestone year by reflecting on all that has transpired in Temple Israel's historic past while looking to the future.

The roots of Temple Israel can be traced to 1941, when ten families shared a commitment to creating a home for Conservative Judaism in Great Neck. In August 1947 Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, z"l, came to Temple Israel beginning what would ultimately be more than a half-century of service. He and his wife, Ruth, devoted themselves to synagogue and community affairs.

Over the years, Temple Israel evolved into a vibrant and proud egalitarian Conservative synagogue celebrating the diversity of the members of the congregation, both Ashkenazi and Sephardi, who have roots all over the world. Members come from Europe, Iran, Syria, South Africa, as well as many other countries.

Thirty years ago Mrs. Waxman served as the editor and wrote for Temple Israel's former magazine, *The Light*. An article she wrote, titled "I Remember," was about the early days at Temple Israel. She wrote: "I was the first woman in our Synagogue to chant a Haftarah and get an aliyah. My birthday fell out on a Shabbat during the month of October in 1978. As it occasionally happens, there was no youngster slated for a Bar Mitzvah on that day. After much persuading, I convinced the chairman of the Ritual Committee to let me

celebrate it in that way. We had already started counting women to a minyan and giving them some honors, so that my appearance on the bimah was not a total novelty. And remarkably, the chandeliers did not sway nor did the walls tremble. When I had finished the haftarah and concluding blessing, I added the sheheyanu. Nobody needs to say it today."

Fast forward to the present and Moji Pomouradi, a current member of the Board of Trustees whose family is from Iran, said: "In a synagogue that owes its robust and active membership to the cultural diversity of its congregation, there was a moment in last year's Rosh Hashanah service that stood out as somewhat historic. On the first day of

Rosh Hashanah all of the Torah readers were Persian women. The idea that the Torah and Haftarah were read by women would, on its own, have stood out in many synagogues. But, the fact that all of these women were Persian made it even more historic. "I was one of those women. The others were Simone Kahen, Rebecca Sassouni and Sima Taied. We made history together as a congregation because in all of our hearts, we, the members of Temple Israel, embody Tradition and Change." Their experience was an extraordinary milestone for them, as well as for the congregation. Temple Israel has been the site of other extraordinary events, including a performance in 1965 by internationally known opera star and Temple Israel member Richard Tucker, and speeches by former Presidents Gerald Ford and then Vice President George H.W. Bush. The congregation will be looking back at its rich history during this

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Rabbi Waxman: Trailblazer

A Voice Guest Column by Rabbi Jonathan Waxman

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Friday, August 25, corresponds to the 15th yearzeit of Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, z"l, who passed away August 10, 2002, 3 Elul 5762. This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts of reflections on Rabbi Waxman by his son, Rabbi Jonathan Waxman, of Temple Beth Sholom in Smithtown.

In the fall of 1937, a recent graduate of the University of Chicago presented himself for consideration to the dean of admissions of the Harvard Law School. The dean pointed out that the semester had already begun. The young man pointed out that he had earned his undergraduate degree in three and a half years and was sure that he would catch up quickly. The dean was as impressed by his chutzpah as by his academic achievement. When the dean did accept him, the young man then asked for financial aid; his father was a professor in Chicago and didn't have the resources to fund a law school education. Apparently, this request, too, was granted.

And then the young man changed his

mind, and instead began rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary. It was the law's great loss, but ultimately the rabbinate's gain. But why had he toyed with law school in the first place? His

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father, a 1913 graduate of the seminary, had served three pulpits within a span of four years and his mother's view was: become a rabbi and see the US of A.

The young man, my father, did travel through much of America but not

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Facing the Moment

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

In his book, "The Liberated Bride," renowned Israeli author A. B. Yehoshua explores relationships among Israeli Jews and Arabs. In one pointed scene, an Israeli Arab observes to a Jewish acquaintance forever traveling to the

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airport to pick up and drop off relatives that Jews are always "coming and going."

Coming and going is not just a Jewish phenomenon; it's universal. We are often dissatisfied with where we are geographically and temporally. We wish we could be somewhere else. We wish we weren't facing whatever moment we are facing. But our tradition urges us to face the moment. We must face reality as it is, even if it is painful and ugly.

Right now our nation is mired in ugliness that we can't ignore. The recent white supremacist neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Virginia, resulting in the killing of one person and the wounding of at least 19 others, cannot be ignored. The racist, anti-Semitic marchers were carrying confederate and Nazi flags and chanting, "the Jews will not replace us!" and "Sieg Heil!"

The images of the marchers are chilling on many levels. And while it is tempting to turn aside because it's just so painful, or because we are preoccupied with many other things, we know all too well the price of ignoring hatred. Fortunately we have concrete opportunities to oppose hatred and bigotry and to urge our leadership to do the same. The ADL offers ten practical suggestions for how we can take action. (<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/10-things-you-can-do-to-combat-hate>)

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Marking 75 Years

From the President
by Rob Panzer

Saturday evening, October 28, will be a time of celebration at Temple Israel. As this is our 75th anniversary, we will be honoring our first 75 years and looking forward to our next 75.

We're going to try something different this year as well. We will be highlighting the experiences of some members at our synagogue, but it will really be a time to celebrate so much of what has happened in these years: a time to celebrate our diversity, our strength, our youth and a time to honor those who have served in

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the past, continue to serve now, and those who will serve as the future unfolds.

It will also be an opportunity for everyone to tell their individual stories in our gala journal—which this year will be more of a message book—by writing anecdotes, histories, or placing pictures along with their stories. As this is one of our largest fundraising events, we look forward to everyone's participation in what will be a night of fun, food, dancing, and even some laughs.

Thanking Rabbi Eckstein

On a different topic, Temple Israel thanks Rabbi Abraham Eckstein for making a very generous gift in memory of his beloved wife, Adele, that will be used to incentivize children of our members to attend Camp Ramah for the first time and to participate in USY Israel programs, as well as to fund bringing speakers to our congregation.

As always, I can be reached at
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Congratulations To Temple Israel's
Winner of the Vacation in Mexico Raffle:
ADELE WARREN
She won a week
at Club Regina Los Cabos, Mexico.

In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

TOURAN AMIRIAN

mother of Parvaneh Khodadadian
grandmother of Moji Pourmoradi
and aunt of Nader Ohebshalom,
Dr. Ebby Ohebshalom
and Dr. Robert Ohebshalom

BEHROOZ KHODADADIAN

brother of Dr. Parviz Khodadadian
and uncle of Moji Pourmoradi

TZIPORAH BORZIKOWSKY

wife of Rabbi Isaac Borzikowsky

BERT KOVACS

father of George Kovacs

May their memories be for a blessing.

Daily Minyan Times

Friday

7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Sunday

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

Monday, August 28 & September 11

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Monday, September 4

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

Tuesday & Wednesday

7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Thursday

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, August 25

7:21 P.M.

Friday, September 1

7:10 P.M.

Friday, September 8

6:59 P.M.

Mazal Tov To . . .

Ellen and Mark Birnbaum

on the marriage of their son, Jonathan,
and Lauren Haffer.

Fran and Marc Langsner

on the birth of their granddaughter,
Penny Miriam Langsner.

Helene Schachter

on the birth of her great-grandson,
Wesley Lozada.

Upcoming Events

August 27

Synagogue office re-opens on
Sundays
Community Connection Program
at Steppingstone Park 3:00 P.M.

August 29

Sisterhood Lunch and Read Noon

September 5

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Waxman High School Registration
and BBQ 5:30 P.M.

September 6

Combined Sisterhoods
Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Beth HaGan Parent
Orientation 7:30 P.M.

September 7

Men's Club Meeting 7:30 P.M.

September 10

First Day of Sunday/Tuesday
Religious School Classes
Shoah Committee Opening
Breakfast 10:00 A.M.
Family Fun Fair 11:45 A.M.

September 11

9/11 Memorial Service at the Saddle
Rock Bridge 7:00 P.M.
First day of Beth HaGan
Nursery School

September 14

Waxman High School and
Youth House Open House 5:30 P.M.

September 16

Selihot Program 8:45 P.M.

September 17

Welcome Back BBQ Noon

September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah

September 21-22

Rosh Hashanah

September 25

Sisterhood Luncheon Noon

September 27

Waxman Youth House/
USY Event 7:00 P.M.

September 28

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

September 29

Kol Nidre

Save the date for

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

a celebration of our members, our history, our families, our Judaism, our journey...

Saturday, October 28, 2017

8 o'clock in the evening

invitation to follow

Temple Israel will mark the tragedy of September 11, 2001

with a special memorial service and prayers
at the Village of Saddle Rock's 9/11 Memorial Bridge.
Join the Great Neck community
for a Men's Club Memorial Service
on Monday, September 11 at 7 P.M.

Members of the congregation
will gather in the synagogue lobby at 6:45 P.M.
and will walk to the bridge together.

B'nai/B'not Mitzvah In Our Temple Israel Family



Joseph Harounian

Joseph Harounian will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 2. He is the son of Jacqueline and Maurice Harounian and has a brother, Aaron, 25, and two sisters, Tamara, 21, and Delilah, 17. Joseph is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing tennis, hiking, kayaking and traveling. Joseph will be visiting Israel and celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his extended family at the Kotel this summer.



Chloe Roofeh

Chloe Roofeh will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 9. She is the daughter of Dalia and Mozaffar (Matthew) Roofeh and has two brothers, Josh, 28, and Jonathan, 16, and a sister, Natalie, 24. Chloe is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys playing sports and is the recipient of basketball, field hockey and softball awards. She plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Reuben Doustan

Reuben Doustan will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on September 4. He is the son of Debbie and Mehran (Mike) Doustan and grandson of Karen and Donald Ashkenase and has a brother, Micah, 7. Reuben is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and using the computer. He is attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and plans to visit Israel with his grandparents, parents and brother in the near future.



Kate Tehrani

Kate Sara Tehrani will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on September 9. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Farzeen (Frank) Tehrani and has a brother, Brian, 20, and two sisters, Brenda, 19, and Chanel, 9. Kate is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys singing, acting, running, and swimming and is the recipient of the Dare to Care Spirit Award. Kate plans to visit Israel in the near future.

Facing the Moment

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Our annual Jack Stein Symposium this upcoming Yom Kippur will feature an address by Jacqueline Murekatete, a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide in 1994. Jacqueline was 9-years old when her parents, all six of her siblings, and much of her extended family were murdered. Upon hearing the story of the late Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman in 2001, Jacqueline was motivated to share her own story. Since that time, she has advocated for human rights and genocide prevention throughout the United States and Europe. There is much that we can learn from her story and her advocacy.

As Jews we appreciate the value of the past and we are always yearning for a better future. Our past surely reminds us that we need to face current reality unflinchingly. It is our action in the moment that increases the likelihood of a better future.

The United States is a work in progress and, as American Jews, we are called upon to take part in our nation's evolution toward "liberty and justice for all." We can't stand by and we can't wait. As the New Year is about to begin, we must resolve to face even the most unpleasant realities of the moment.

Soon, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will pray the words: Hayom t'gadleinu. Make us great today. Hayom t'varkheinu. Bless us today. As partners with God in the unfolding creation of the world, we need to work toward greatness. We need to work toward blessing. And we need to do it each and every day.

I pray that the upcoming New Year will be a time of growing awareness and healing, a time of increased justice and reconciliation, a time when our country will move closer to the celebration of diversity and the realization of freedom for all, a time when Jewish people and all people will live without threats, without violence.

In order for all this to happen, we need to face the challenges of the moment with courage and resolve. With our efforts and with God's help, may 5778 be a better year.

Waxman High School Enrollment Begins With a BBQ—And New Director—Sept. 5th

By Marc Katz

Waxman High School registration kicks off with a "Welcome Back Barbecue" on Tuesday, September 5, from 5:30-7 P.M. It provides students with an opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones, find out about course offerings, and meet new school Director Avi Siegel.

Registration is now going on for a variety of classes on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 P.M. beginning September 12. "Judaism will be made immediately relevant to life as a teen," Director Siegel said.

Core classes for eighth grade students include "Jews In the Media," which will explore how the media portrays Jews and Jewish life. From TV to movies to the news, when is it stereotyping and when is it accurate? The course will navigate through it all.

A high school core class, "Jews Around the World," will discuss Jewish communities around the world, including from India, Africa, Australia, England, Argentina, Iran, and Eastern Europe. Guest speakers will share personal stories and experiences from their home countries.

Workshops include the "Rabbi's Roundtable," which will feature discussions with Rabbis Howard Stecker and Daniel Schweber as they explore important teen questions such as peer pressure, identity, stereotypes, social media, relationships, family and friends.

"Jewish (Super) Heroes," another workshop, will explore who Jewish superheroes are, what it takes to make a difference in the world, and how to follow in their footsteps.

The "Adopt-a-Survivor" program returns, giving students an opportunity to learn survivors' stories and how to have them become a part of their life, so not only the story is passed on, but a legacy is shared.

To help 9-12 grade teens become counselors and youth leaders,



Holiday craft projects are part of Youth House activities.



Waxman Youth House students bond over social events.

the T.I.L.T. (Temple Israel Leadership Teens) program gives students a chance to create fun, social and meaningful events for other Jewish teens in Great Neck while developing leadership and program creation skills. It meets monthly on Sundays from 4-6 P.M.

GNUSY, a 9th-12th grade USY youth group, meets monthly from 7-8:30 P.M. on Wednesdays. Lounge nights will allow students to eat dinner together and have a program that engages socially with friends. Other events include game nights, pool parties, bonfires, and outdoor adventures.

Kadima, a youth group for 6th-8th graders, has fun social programs giving younger students a taste of USY. Planned are fiesta nights, gaga tournaments, laser tag, dinner parties, and more. The group meets monthly on Thursdays from 6-7:30 P.M. A Rosh Hodesh group for girls meets monthly at the home of teacher Moji Pourmoradi, developing a community of strong, confident and caring young Jewish women. It provides an opportunity to make good friends and bond with old ones, make awesome arts and crafts, and enjoy good food.

A group for guys discussing Jewish masculinity led by Avi Siegel, Shevet Achim, brings to every session open dialogue, honest answers, challenging activities, and good food with good friends.

Family Shabbatot allows families to experience all aspects of Shabbat together, including Family Friday Night Shabbat, a Shabbat Day Program, and a Saturday evening Havdalah ceremony.

For further course details, a brochure describing all courses and activities, and enrollment information, contact Mr. Siegel at 482-0331 or asiegel@tign.org.

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because he changed pulpits. In fact, aside from his first pulpit after ordination in 1941—a year in Niagara Falls—he served only one congregation, for 55 years. He died...three weeks short of what would have been his formal retirement from Temple Israel of Great Neck.

Mordecai Waxman was born in 1917 in Albany, New York, to the rabbi of Ohav Shalom Congregation, Meyer Waxman, and his wife, Sarah. My grandfather, after leaving the pulpit and obtaining a doctorate from Columbia University, moved to Chicago.

In 1942, after his ordination from the seminary, my father returned to Chicago where he helped establish Congregation Shaare Tikvah, which still exists. In Chicago he dated Ruth Bilgray, whose family was part of a small coterie of Hebraists in Chicago that included the Waxmans. Though the Bilgrays were members of Anshe Emet and my father's father favored davening at the yeshiva, they were united in their love of Hebrew. My father took Ruth, a classically trained pianist with a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Chicago, to basketball games and double feature movies and somehow still managed to woo her. They were married in December of 1942. Soon called into service as an army chaplain, my father got as far as Fort Dix, New Jersey.

On his discharge he returned to his congregation in Chicago but soon began exploring other options. Youngstown, Ohio, was one; a large, urban congregation had a certain appeal. But both of my parents were taken by the smaller membership and more interesting people of Temple Israel in Great Neck, still meeting in a converted house... That was a fateful decision. Within a short time, the large estates of Great Neck were carved up and the war-time building limitations were lifted. The peninsula became flooded with new housing and many young Jewish couples flowed to this easily accessible suburb of Manhattan. Temple Israel's new neo-colonial building, dedicated in 1949, was soon bursting at the seams.

One of the first challenges my father faced was that of Jewish education for young women. My mother had had an excellent Jewish education, earning a degree from the College of Jewish Studies along with her university degrees. One of his first efforts was to eliminate the Sunday school track for girls; boys and girls at Temple Israel would all have to go to Hebrew school. He introduced the Bat Mitzvah, albeit on Friday nights when the young women read the Haftarah.

Under his watch, in the late 1950s, the "Malitzky minyan" emerged at the youth house, ...where USY and Hebrew high school programs took place. Supervised by Harold Malitzky, the school program director, this was an egalitarian service where ten young adults constituted a minyan. Both girls and boys were expected to participate equally: girls serving as chazanim, as ba'alot kria (Torah readers), haftarah readers, and as rabbis, which meant they not only announced pages but had to give sermons. This innovative service was written up a half a century ago in *The United Synagogue Review*.

It is little wonder then that in the mid '70s, as the issue of women's

participation began to percolate in the Conservative movement, Temple Israel moved to offer women aliyot. I am sure that there was a lot of lobbying and heated meetings of the Ritual Committee. To ensure that this change would slide down more easily, my father selected a woman whose Jewish educational credentials were impeccable. My mother would be the first adult woman to chant a Haftarah on Shabbat morning, after receiving the Maftir aliyah in honor of her birthday. The walls didn't come tumbling down, though I remember a couple of the regulars walking out only to return after she was done.

My parents held court every Shabbat afternoon. It was a salon featuring interesting conversation with interesting people—a core of regulars, supplemented by people my father invited over during kiddush. It always featured my mother's baked goods. The Shabbat afternoon salon was a tradition my father maintained to the end of his life, even after my mother passed away in 1996.

The interesting people in Great Neck included people whom my father encouraged to become involved in United Synagogue, perhaps most notably Jack Stein, who would become president, (and) went on to serve as chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations during the Yom Kippur War.

In the mid '50s my father was selected to edit "Tradition and Change." The title—seen as emblematic of the movement's approach to Jewish law and life—was my mother's. The anthology introduced Conservative Judaism's theology and halakhic decisionmaking to the larger community.

In 1968, my father was invited to an international conference of religious leaders in India, which stimulated his interest in interfaith relations. He went on to represent the Rabbinical Assembly in this newly emerging area, which began to blossom after the Second Vatican Council, particularly between Catholics and Jews.

(Rabbi Waxman's) speech to the pope was just one highlight of my father's lengthy engagement in interfaith dialogue between Jews and the Catholic church, as well as with some of the Protestant and Orthodox churches. His work was on both the national and international stages, with meetings around the globe. As a result of his involvement, my father was the first rabbi ever to be knighted by the Catholic Church. In a formal ceremony, held in 1998 in Baltimore and presided over by his friend Cardinal Keeler, he became a knight commander of Saint Gregory the Great.

In his remarks accepting his knighthood, my father acknowledged that in his 25 years of involvement in Catholic-Jewish dialogue, he had "had a brush with history. There can be no greater privilege than that." After his death, my brothers and I debated long and hard about what to inscribe on his footstone and we chose the final verse of the Book of Esther. "For Mordecai the Jew...was highly regarded by the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brethren; he sought the good of his people and interceded for the welfare of all his kindred."

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High Holy Days Services

Wednesday, September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 21

First Day Rosh Hashanah
Shaḥarit 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

“Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Poetry” 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Tashlikh (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M.
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Friday, September 22

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Shaḥarit begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6
Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1-19

“Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Imagery” 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 23

Shabbat Shuvah
Shaḥarit 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1- 52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
Andrew Bloom, Audrey Itzkowitz, Leonard Schultz,
Elenaor Askari and Andi Katz

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Services 6:15 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 6:45 P.M.
Evening 7:20 P.M.
Havdalah 7:34 P.M.

Friday, September 29

Kol Nidre
Afternoon Service 3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 30

Yom Kippur
Shaḥarit 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

“Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Music” 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Jack Stein Memorial Symposium 3:00 P.M.

“The Reality of Hatred and Our Obligations”

Guest speaker: Jacqueline Murekatete
founder and president of Genocide Survivors Foundation

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

Afternoon Service 4:15 P.M.

Neilah 5:35 P.M.

Evening Service 6:54 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

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

Havdalah & Shofar Blowing 7:22 P.M.

Youth and Family Programs

All programs are held on both days
of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Preschool (ages 2-4) Services 10:30 A.M.-Noon

Room 13 & 15 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.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade BONIM Service 10:30 A.M.-Noon

Multipurpose Room, led by Donna Lefkowitz

A fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing.

3rd-4th Grade Chaverim Service 10:30 A.M.-Noon

(2nd graders welcome too!) *Blue Room*, led by Dr. Geoff Epstein. This 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 miniatures (on Rosh Hashanah only).

5th-6th Grade MACHON Service 10:30 A.M.-Noon

In the Chapel, led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah.

A service that's just right for middle schoolers, including real davening, Torah reading, and plenty of interactive activities.

Parents and other family members welcome!

Teen Service 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Youth House Well, led by innovative educator and former Youth House Director Danny Mishkin. A participatory service for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities. Noon-1:00 P.M. Snacks (on Rosh Hashanah only) and socializing in the Youth House.

Interactive K-6 Family Program 2:15 P.M.-1:15 P.M.

Multipurpose Room, for grade school aged children and their parents led by Danny Mishkin, featuring games, snacks and creative activities. At least one parent must attend per family.

Kol Nidre Family Experience Friday, September 29

For grades 3-7. Meet on the *third floor Room Aleph (Room 301)* at 5:45 P.M. Participants continue with activities in the Youth House while parents attend services.

Special Parking Regulations for Rosh Hashanah And Yom Kippur

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 as follows:

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

- **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.

Parking in The Temple Israel Parking Lot:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 20
Rosh Hashanah, September 21-22

Parking in the lot 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 29
Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 30
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 the synagogue office. No cars will be permitted to enter or leave the parking lot, except those containing handicap permits.

Temple Israel Museum Receives Rare Dedication, Will Be Open for Visitors On High Holy Day

An unusual French pewter pidyon haben (for redemption of the first-born) plate from the 19th century has become part of The Temple Israel Museum's permanent collection.

The important plate has Aaron wearing the breastplate at the top, with the Holy Ark with cherubim, the sacrificial altar, and the menorah, around the periphery. The center is engraved in Hebrew: Aaron Cohen Ha-Gadol (Aaron the high priest). The open area was used for placing the five silver coins used in the Pidyon Ha-Ben ceremony.

This rare piece was dedicated in memory of Dr. Sylvan Art Schotz.

Museum Open On High Holy Days

The museum will be open following services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and between 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. on Yom Kippur.

On view will be many objects relating to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot,



The latest Temple Israel Museum dedication: a rare breastplate

including shofars, charity boxes, kiddush cups and numerous silver etrog boxes. They span the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. All museum objects have been selected according to authenticity, significance and esthetic value.

Annual Journal Dinner Dance Will Mark Temple Israel's Anniversary October 28th

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milestone year and this journal dinner dance.

Rabbi Howard A. Stecker joined Temple Israel as Senior Rabbi in 2003. Under his leadership Temple Israel has entered a new era, with members joining in every age category. His family has become an integral part of the community, and members have come to rely on him for all lifecycle events. "This upcoming dinner dance will give us all a chance to celebrate the many ways that Temple Israel has impacted our lives," Rabbi Stecker said. "We will share stories about the past and we'll dream about our future. We will also share great food, great music and a great time with our Temple Israel family. I hope everyone will join us."

Today, Temple Israel is the spiritual home to more than 840 families, providing services and activities that cater to long-standing members, young families, and children of all ages. With a rich history and an exciting future, Temple Israel continues to carry out the vision of its original founders and stands out as one of the premier congregations in

the Conservative movement.

This year's 75th anniversary gala will mark this milestone. Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to record their experiences at Temple Israel in a journal—a message book—and celebrate together as a congregational family, and be a part of a continuing legacy.

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D'var Torah

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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.

Ki Tetse Saturday, September 2

In this portion part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found. 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.

Ki Tavo Saturday, September 9

We conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse in this portion. 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.

Sabbath Services

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Bat Mitzvah: Chloe Roofeh
daughter of Dalia and Mozaffar
(Matthew) Roofeh

Bat Mitzvah: Kate Tehrani
daughter of Elizabeth and Farzeen
(Frank) Tehrani

Havurah Service	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	6:40 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	7:10 P.M.
Evening Service	7:42 P.M.
Havdalah	7:57 P.M.

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Shofetim Saturday, August 26

We continue the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land in this portion. 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 a 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

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Friday, August 25

N'Ranenah/Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 26

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Shofetim

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

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Afternoon Service 7:00 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 7:30 P.M.

Evening Service 8:05 P.M.

Havdalah 8:20 P.M.

Friday, September 1

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 2

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.

Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ki Tetse

Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10

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Bar Mitzvah: Joseph Harounian

son of Jacqueline and Maurice Harounian

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Service 6:50 P.M.

8:05 P.M.

8:20 P.M.

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Se'udah Shelishit 7:20 P.M.

Evening Service 7:54 P.M.

Havdalah 8:09 P.M.

Monday, September 4

Bar Mitzvah: Reuben Doustan, son of
Debbie and Mehran Doustan 9:45 A.M.

Friday, September 8

N'Ranenah/Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 9

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.

Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.

First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22

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