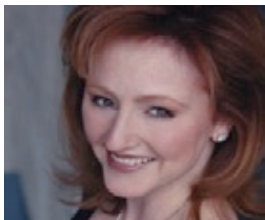




Comedy Night Is Making a Return Engagement



Comedians Sherry Davey and Brad Zimmerman



Comedy Night, Temple Israel's own popular showcase of rising comedians, is coming back on Saturday evening, March 3.

The creation of Temple Israel Vice President Bob Lopatkin, Comedy Night has played to packed rooms every year since its inception eight years ago.

"People love the opportunity to enjoy top comedians and great food with their friends, right here at Temple Israel," he said. "This year's show should be the best one yet."

The new show will feature Sherry Davey, recently voted one of the "Top Ten Comedians in New York City;" John Mulrooney, a regular on many major television shows; and Brad Zimmerman, a popular stand-up comic.

The 90-minute show, which begins at 8 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom, will be followed by a lavish all-you-can-eat dessert buffet provided by Lederman Caterers.

"The dessert buffet will include just about anything you can imagine," said Dr. Robert Panzer, the event co-chair. "You name it and the dessert buffet will have it."

A sampling of desserts to be included on the buffet will be a mini-meltaway grill, chocolate fondue, hot apple crisp and bread pudding, a waffles and ice cream sundae bar, an actual candy store, and full coffee service.

Reservations, required in advance, can be made now by calling the Temple Israel office at 482-7800. Tickets are only \$60 per person. Payment should be

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Comic John Mulrooney

Chesed Connection Helps Needy with Winter Clothing, Food

Members of Temple Israel's Chesed Connection, along with many volunteers, collaborated with North Shore Synagogue in Syosset for the Tikkun Alliance of the North Shore (TANS) Third Annual Campaign Against Hunger.

This year, volunteers were stationed at the Manhasset Economic Opportunity Center (EOC) for an extremely successful event. About 100 families and individuals came through and were supplied with produce, groceries, hard boiled eggs, brownies, and sandwiches. Coats and clothing were also available. "Recipients were so grateful," according to Dr. Laura Gal, one of the organizers of the Temple Israel effort. "One particular mother and her children came in hesitant. The mother was wearing a boys black jacket and the two-year old had on a grey *shmata* over her clothes. They were so happy to receive groceries, baby food, jackets, hats, gloves and boots. The two year old was beaming when she put on a bright pink jacket and picked out mittens, a hat and boots to match. The look on the faces of her and her mother was worth the effort of the entire event."

The Chesed Connection sends a special thank you to the Berman family, Dr. Gal said. "Spencer and Katie took this on as their Mitzvah Project. They picked up the donated shopping bags from Whole Foods in Manhasset, boiled 11 dozen eggs (and individually packaged each of them) and baked eight batches of brownies (and cut and packaged them individually). They also came on Sunday to prepare the grocery bags and serve at the EOC."

Dr. Gal said the Chesed Connection "looks forward to developing a stronger relationship with the EOC and to continue to assist our neighbors in need. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time at the EOC, contact <chesedtign@gmail.com>." "They are in dire need of volunteers after school to help with the children in their after school program," she said. Children are welcome to volunteer.



Members of Temple Israel's Chesed Connection, including, left to right, Past President George Abrahams, Board member Elizabeth Askari, and Ritual Committee Co-Chair Susan Wagner, helped pack food for the needy.

The Shalom Club and Temple Israel

By Mickey Putterman

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Shalom Club has a long history at Temple Israel, as relayed by Mickey Putterman, the arm's first president as well as its current president.

The Shalom Club built a community that you would like to join! And maybe, sitting there, you are wondering what in the world we do.

Though not really a part of the social network media of the day, most of us are comfortable with and are totally computer friendly. Additionally, we are inquisitive, argumentative

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and realistic. Our programs are outstanding, inclusive, seductive, and educational. We would like to share a few with you:

- "Growing Up Jewish" (by now organizationally used around the U.S.), developed by the Shalom Club by interviewing its own members it created an outstanding instructional program about Jews in 20th Century

America, and discussed the universities from which they graduated and the professions or businesses they were allowed to enter, who they married, and from whence they came. One of our members, Joe Boverman, grew up in Jerusalem under the British Mandate and saw the birth of the State of Israel! Bela Schoenfeld, who was born in Shanghai, later emigrated to Chile, while many of us were from the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, born of immigrant families whose entry through Ellis Island documented Jews seeking a safer, better place in which to live and raise their families, and many of us are "Yankee Doodles," who were first generation American Jews. Together, we are the product of this remarkable and colorful tapestry. Again and again, this fascinating migration of the Jews in 20th century America takes place in the Shalom Club, a microcosm of our people on the move.

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FROM THE RABBI

Setting Aside the Holy Moments

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

I was called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*, an inheritor of the Jewish tradition of 613 *mitzvot*, in 1983, and read from *parashat Aharei Mot-Kedoshim*. The latter half of that double *parashah* is known for the statement, "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). Over the last 29 years, I have struggled with the concept of holiness, and all the more so since modulating from engineering to rabbinics.

What makes us holy? What is holiness? What does it mean to seek holiness when we devote nearly all of our time to mundane pursuits: making a living, supporting a family, pickups and drop-offs and diaper changes and meals and paying bills?

The Hebrew word for holy is "*kadosh*," and all words that contain that root (*kof-daled-shin*) are related to being holy: *kiddush* is the *berakhah* that we say on holidays, usually over wine, that marks the holiness of the day. *Kaddish* is the sanctification of God's name. *Kiddushin*, the wedding rites, solemnize a couple's relationship as being holy. *Kedushah*, the third *berakhah* of every Amidah (in

which we physically elevate ourselves while reciting, "*Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh*"), is another take on sanctification of God. And so forth. Take a look at any page of any *siddur*, and you'll find a reference to holiness.

To be holy is to be set aside for a special purpose. Whenever we invoke those *kof-daled-shin* words, we are pointing to the

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"set-a-sidedness" of those things. How then, when much of our lives are filled with the everyday, do we allow for more of ourselves to be set-aside for holy purposes?

Holiness enters our lives where we let it in. In the *Mishneh Torah*, Maimonides tells us (*Hilkhot De'ot* 3:2) that even our commonplace actions become holy when we frame them as such. "A person should

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The Minyan Problem

By Alan Klinger

For this column, a little learning is in order, with the assistance of Rabbis Stecker and Adelson. The topic is our daily *minyan* and the need for greater support. While I understand the issue has befuddled us for years, that of course doesn't preclude new efforts to improve. In this approach, we start with the why for prayer.

As I learned, the Bible doesn't require us to pray daily; the requirement expressed there was for daily sacrifice in the Temple. Maimonides interpreted Exodus 23:25—"You shall serve the Lord your God"—to mandate daily prayer (three times a day). At Temple Israel, we have for decades offered both morning and evening

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services to facilitate congregants, and the community, being able to fulfill the obligation. Now, in the press of our daily activities, with family and work responsibilities, it is not easy to make getting to the Chapel at 6:45/7:00 A.M. or 8:00 P.M. a priority in our lives. Yet, as discussed below, we should.

It would be great if people were drawn to attend because of the beauty of the services. To that end, our clergy are trying to make the experience less rote, with a touch of teaching, while still recognizing that many worshippers need to get on with their day (or evening). That is, we recognize, a tall order. But others come to *minyan* for a less abstract reason, to say *Kaddish*. What is interesting—and this is not to dissuade attendance—is that, unlike the obligation to pray, saying *Kaddish* is not required by Jewish law, but is a (strong and meaningful) custom. Whether prescribed or not, many derive real comfort in saying *Kaddish*, with its prompting fond memories of deceased loved ones.

The next bit of learning: to fulfill the *mitzvot*, Jewish law commands that certain prayers be said as part of a community, defined to have a minimum amount of ten (Numbers 14:27, found that one on my own). Unfortunately, there are times, particularly in the winter, when we have difficulty reaching that figure. That prompts some to go elsewhere, which exacerbates

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

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wife of Dr. Gerard Moskowitz
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

LEON KAUFMAN
father of Amy Nathanson

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mother of Linda Friedman
and Alan Bogatch

PAUL TULLMAN
esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	16	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	23	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	27	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
March	2	<i>N'Ranenah / Shabbat</i> Across America Followed by a Congregational Dinner	6:30 P.M.
	3	Comedy Night	
	4	Waxman High School and Youth House Purim Carnival	12:00 P.M.
	5	Sisterhood Preparation of <i>Shalah Manot</i>	10:00 A.M.
	7	Temple Israel Purim Celebration	
	8	Purim	
	9	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Age Young Adults	6:30 P.M.
	10	Midnight Run	7:30 P.M.
	11	Men's Club Annual Rabbinic Dialogue	9:15 A.M.
	15	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Ann and Robert Fromer** on the birth of their grandson, Rowan James Mufson.
- **Dr. Shirley Nochomovitz** on her marriage to Dr. Martin Brownstein.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Feb. 10.....5:04 P.M.
Friday, Feb. 17.....5:13 P.M.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Attend the Daily Minyan!

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.	5:15 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 11	8:45 A.M.	4:45 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 18	8:45 A.M.	4:55 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadlines

The next issue of *The Voice* will be published on Thursday, February 23. The deadline for that issue is Monday, February 13.

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IN QUOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE: "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote is from "A Personal Meditation" in Siddur Sim Shalom. What's your favorite quote? Send it to "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“ May selfish pride not divide us;
may pride in one another unite us.
Help us to renew our love
for one another continually. ”

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



Aaron Young

Aaron Nathaniel Young will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* on February 25. He is the son of Linda and Dr. Joshua Young and has a sister, Emma, 10, and a brother, Noah, 8. Aaron is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys fencing, martial arts and acting. Aaron is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House.

Congregation Says Thanks To Recent Kiddush Sponsors

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

The congregational *kiddush* on November 26 was sponsored by Beverly and Isaac Saidmehr in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Sophie.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on December 17 was made by Alyssa and Michael Spiel in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Jamie.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on December 31 was made by Susan and Dr. Arden Smith in honor of Dr. Smith chanting the Torah portion Parashat Vayigash and the haftarah on the 47th anniversary of his *Bar Mitzvah*.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on January 7 were made by Fariba and David Lalehzar in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Michelle, and by Rebecca Friedman-Charry and Rabbi Marim D. and Paula Charry in honor of Joshua Charry being promoted to 2nd Assistant Chief of the Great Neck Vigilant Engine and Hook and Ladder Company.

FROM THE WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Preparing for Purim

By Danny Mishkin

The teens of Temple Israel love Purim. Please help us decorate and set-up for the Purim Carnival on Saturday night, March 3; run the actual carnival on Sunday, March 4 from Noon-2 P.M.; and volunteer as a *Megillah* reader for Wednesday, March 7.

Purim is a holiday about fun and stepping outside yourself. We wear costumes to hide our identity and we act differently than we usually do. Just because we have fun and act silly does not mean that the story is void of serious lessons. Quite to the contrary, we see Vashti sticking up for herself, the horrors of an irresponsible leader or king, and the bravery of Esther who finally admits her true identity.

For most of the story, Esther hides her

Jewish heritage. She wants to fit in with the crowd and be accepted into the palace. These are powerful forces for our teens, and the need to fit in or be in the popular crowd may cause them to act "unJewish." However, we should be confident that our teens are rooted in Jewish traditions and teachings. When the going gets tough, their sense of Jewish pride will guide them and their tradition will lead them towards righteous behavior and conscious decision making.

We invite all of our teens to celebrate Purim with us by participating in one or all of the above-mentioned programs. Please contact me for further information at <dmishkin@tign.org>.

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The "Aliyah hand" donated to the Temple Israel Museum by the Tepper family.

The Minyan Problem

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the problem. (We, of course, appreciate those who are called at the last minute and come over to make the tenth participant.) To address attendance, we asked Arden Smith and Terry Bernstein, members of the Ritual Committee, to lead a group to come up with ways to improve participation. Their ideas, centering on greater outreach, have been discussed with the clergy and the Board of Trustees, and steps are being taken to better publicize and popularize our program. We are working towards website capability where congregants will be able to register their attendance in advance and should give us a warning as to days where additional effort need be made. (Last-minute attendees will always be welcome.) Should you have suggestions, please share them with the clergy, Arden, Terry or me.

Great effort is being made for Conservative congregations to consider themselves foremost a *kehilla*, a community. Helping others to be able to say *Kaddish*, to aid in their grieving process, certainly should be part of our communal responsibilities. In that regard, we are one of the few, if not the only, egalitarian *minyan* that meets daily in the area; thus for women wanting to say *Kaddish*, our successful functioning is a must. So, particularly if saying *Kaddish* has been or is going to be important to you, make the effort to attend and reach out to others to join in this endeavor. Who knows, with greater exposure, perhaps more of us will gain intellectual and/or emotional satisfaction from the service to round out our Jewish experience.

Museum Receives Donation From Teppers

An "aliyah hand" from Hungary or Germany, circa 1880, has been donated to the Temple Israel Museum's permanent collection.

The hand was used in the synagogue at Sabbath services to call men to the *bimah* to read a verse of the Saturday morning services, in exchange for a small donation. The names were then slipped into slots on the pages, with the amount of the donation, and was collected the next day. Very few of these items have survived. They were probably left behind as the congregations moved or died off.

The items were donated by Marvin and Elise Tepper in loving memory of their parents, Leona and Paul Cricchio and Rebecca and Jacob Tepper.

Wine Sale Raising Funds For Congregation

Passover is early this year. Everyone needs kosher wine for Passover—for the four cups during each *Pesach seder*, for *Kiddush*, and for enjoying throughout the year. Now is the time to prepare your 2012 Passover wine order! The Shalom Club is once again managing the annual Temple Israel Passover Wine Sale.

Wonderful kosher wines are now available from Israel, the United States, Australia, France and Italy. A great selection of excep-

tional and prize-winning reds and whites, as well as several traditional sweet sacramental wines and kosher-for-Passover brandy and vodka are on the wine list. Special requests can be accommodated, as always. Wines will be conveniently delivered to your door in time for the first *seder*. All profits from the wine sale go to Temple Israel.

Watch for the order form in the Temple Israel Voice, fill it out and return it with your check to the Temple office.

Comedy Night Is Returning to Temple Israel March 3

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sent to Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023 or brought to the Temple office.

Sherry Davey

Comedienne Sherry Davey says she is the product of a mixed marriage. Her mother is English and her father is Hungarian. Her acid-tongued, quick-witted approach to life recently helped her be named one of the "Top Ten Comedians in New York City" by "Improv Magazine." She has also been honored as one of the "Magnificent Seven" by the "Hollywood Reporter." Her television appearances include Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," Fox News Channel's "The Full Nelson," and Nick at Nite's "Search for America's Funniest Mom II." In New York she regularly appears at all the top clubs, including The Comic Strip, Stand Up New York, Caroline's On Broadway, and the Duplex Cabaret.

John Mulrooney

Starting in 1980, John Mulrooney got his feet wet in television hosting "Comedy Tonight," the first syndicated television show to feature nightclub comedy on TV. In addition to his on-camera duties, he also wrote and did the studio warm-ups for more than 165 episodes. He was then invited to compete on "Star Search," and although he did not win he was asked to come back and work in the "Star Search" studio, writing and doing audience warm-up. He got his big break when asked to replace Joan Rivers as host of "The Late Show" on the Fox network. He was later asked by Fox to host another show that featured nightclub acts on television, "Comic Strip Live." He has appeared on many other TV shows, including "An Evening at the

Improv," "Hollywood Squares," "Comedy Central," "Showtime," and "HBO." He has also appeared as a guest host on "The Pat Sajak Show" on CBS.

Brad Zimmerman

A regular at New York's best comedy clubs, Brad Zimmerman appears at Caroline's On Broadway, and Stand Up New York, and recently made a splash at Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival. He frequently appears at The World Famous Friars Club and many casinos and resorts, including The Riviera in Las Vegas, The Tropicana in Atlantic City and Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut and regularly shares the stage with Joan Rivers, Brad Garrett, Pat Cooper, and the Smothers Brothers.

From the Rabbi: Setting Aside the Holy Moments

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direct his heart and the totality of his behavior to one goal: becoming aware of God. The way one rests, rises and speaks should all be directed to this end." If we accustom ourselves to the idea that all of our actions feed into the bottom line of getting closer to God, and access this *kaovannah* on a daily basis, then our relationship with the Divine rapidly expands from ritual contexts to the routine.

Furthermore, a reminder that God is a constant part of the everyday is also a bulwark against making inappropriate choices. If we measure everything that we do against Maimonides' meter stick, we have a better chance of reaching that set-a-sidedness that many seek. The way we interact with others, or eat, or sleep, or learn, or relax, all of these are potentially holy moments, laden with *kedushah*; we only need to set them aside.

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Guest Column: The Shalom Club and Temple Israel

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• The Shalom Club through the years took trips to places of Jewish interest, traveling together to Israel, Budapest and Spain, and as close as the nearby Holocaust centers in Glen Cove and at Queensboro College, to the library at Yale and Temple Beth Shalom in Elkins Park, Philadelphia, designed by the renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, along with several visits to the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the first Jewish cemetery on the east end of Long Island. We've had round-table discussions and debates on conversion, inter-marriage ("No, Not My Child!"), Jewish gangsters, "Why and Where to Contribute," "What are your Priorities?" Israeli politics, all conducted with our own moderators leading the discussion and presenting the conclusions to the club at large. We have held annual *Shabbaton* Weekend Retreats, which in recent years now continue as a *Shabbaton* weekend at home. We innovate, officiate and resonate our own service with ever satisfying results. Our programs have included amazing speakers like Howard Stoffer, getting to know more about our Iranian families following a personal appearance from Minu and Robert Ohebshalom. More than ten years ago, we held the first Black Jewish Dialogue. We celebrate Hanukkah at parties complete with personal stories of each menorah and the family to which it belongs, we run a raffle in which the proceeds go to a needy Jewish organization such as Lifeline for the Aged, Mogen David Adom, Meir Panim, or families of the IDF who have special needs. At the end of June a

final party complete with theme, costume and music gives everyone a chance to sing, to tell a story, to share a memory.

As involved and active members of Temple Israel you will always see a Shalom Club contingent at every *Shabbat* service, lectures, special events, dinner dances, and the daily *minyan*. We sell wine to the congregation at a pre-Passover sale (we buy it and drink it, too), while contributing all proceeds to the congregation.

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We have an active group taking part in the Temple Players since its inception. Stan Goldfarb and Eileen Putterman were early producers and performers and are still at it today, along with Mimi Rosenberg, Rusti and Al Rothstein, Marylin Goldberg, Maxine Vogel and a new member of the Temple Israel Players—me. Several Shalom Club members formed the Jewish Women's choir Na'aleh, among them Dr. Renee Fleischer, Dr. Ellen Rosen and Rabbi Tracy Klirs. They present concerts of Jewish mu-

sic to the public several times during the year.

Shalom Club member Dr. Ellen Rosen was elected to serve as a member of the 2012 Temple Israel Nominating Committee. We participate in the Adult Ed programs, serve on the Shoah Committee and Israel Affairs Committee which Shalom Club members Jerry Ungar, z'l and Bill Ungar championed with devotion and distinction. We sit on the Board of Trustees and have spawned several past presidents of Temple Israel, including Dr. Mordecai Gabriel, William Ungar, Allan Greenblatt, Manny Bardash, and the Puttermans. Our members have and will continue to serve the congregation with dedication, contribution and care.

We gather one Sunday evening a month for wine and some delicious nosh, a delightful dinner followed by dessert, and an exceptional program. Incidentally, we also serve expert camaraderie!

With honor, we pay tribute to our beloved Rabbi Mordecai Waxman and Ruth Waxman who cajoled, comforted and engaged us all with large doses of their wisdom and humor. We'd also like to remember our late members Abe and Edith Gross, Marvin Keller, Barbara Goldfarb, Fran Blazer, Sol Shulman, Irv Lager, Ken Rosenberg, Dr. Harold Rosenberg, Lillian and Charles Rabkin, all of whom added to our joy and the distinctive attributes that indeed were representative of the Shalom Club of Temple Israel, a young Couples Club.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Yitro

Saturday, February 11

In this portion we read of the greatest event in the entire history of the people of Israel—the revelation at Mt. Sinai. The portion opens with an account of the visit of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, to the Israelite camp just after they have crossed the Sea. Jethro suggests an administrative arrangement to Moses, which significantly enhances Moses' effectiveness as a judge. The people then proceed to the foot of Mt. Sinai where they engage in three days of purification in preparation for God's appearance. The proclamation of the Ten Commandments itself is accompanied by smoke and fire and the sound of the shofar. The effect on the people is overwhelming, so much so that they cannot bear to hear God's voice directly and Moses serves as an intermediary. The experience of Sinai establishes a covenantal relationship between God and Israel, which is to last to eternity and put its distinctive stamp on the entire future development of the people.

Mishpatim

Saturday, February 18

We find details of the covenant entered into between God and Israel in this portion. Since the relationship is all-inclusive, we find rules pertaining to social conduct, morality, ethics, civil and criminal law and ritual concerns. Like the Ten Commandments, the source of these rules is divine. The legal material set forth here is not a code in the strict sense, since there are significant subjects not touched upon. (These subjects are, however, dealt with elsewhere in the Torah.) On the other hand, the material does make clear that God's demands of His people cover matters of conscience as well as matters usually subject to juridical control. The portion concludes with an account of the ratification of the covenant, and Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to remain there for 40 days and nights for the purpose of writing down the specific details. Thus, the freedom gained at the Exodus has now been confirmed and institutionalized in law. The next step will be to create a physical institution that will serve as the embodiment and reminder of the experience at Sinai.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, February 10

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner 7:30 P.M.
for College Grads and Friends

Saturday, February 11

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Yitro*; Exodus 18:1 – 20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6; 9:5 – 6
Sabbath Service Officers:
Rebecca Friedman-Charry and Eleanor Askari
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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Shabbat Ha-Mispachah 10:15 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.
Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 4:45 P.M.
Havdalah 6:07 P.M.

Friday, February 17

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 18 - Shabbat Shekalim

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: *Mishpatim*; Exodus 21:1 – 24:18; 30:11 – 16
Haftarah: II Kings 11:17 – 12:17
Sabbath Service Officers:
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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
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Toddler Service 11:15 A.M.
Minhah and *Ma'ariv* 4:55 P.M.
Havdalah 6:15 P.M.