



## New Temple Israel Discussion Series Focusing On Issues of Contemporary Conservative Jewish Life

*Topics Include Truthfulness, Medical Ethics, Behavior, the Environment*

When is it OK to tell a little white lie? The question will be explored at the first part of a new Temple Israel Lifelong Learning discussion series beginning next Tuesday, February 4.

Titled "You Look Great and Other Lies With Good Intentions," the presentation will be led by Rabbi Seth Adelson beginning at 8:15 P.M. The program kicks off a series called "Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: Facing the New Challenges of Our Time." It is based on the book "The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews," a compendium serving as a guide to modern Conservative Jewish life. The book explores the development of Conservative Jewish practice and attitudes since Rabbi Mordecai Waxman's landmark work, "Tradition and Change."

"Most people see Judaism that relates to ritual," Rabbi Adelson explained. "But that is less than half of the picture. The rest is a way of life discussed in this book in a very comprehensive and readable style. We will discuss Jewish law as a comprehensive set of principles that can guide us in everything that we do."

From the "white lie" of an undeserved compliment to withholding information from a terminally ill loved one, the book discusses the guidance that Judaism offers. "The guidance is more complicated than just saying 'you should never lie,'" Rabbi Adelson said. "Often we must consider the needs and feelings of the other party. There are concerns that must be considered."

The series continues with a wide variety of topics selected from chapters in the book. "A Modesty Proposal," the next discussion on February 11, will focus on the chapter Rabbi Gordon Tucker wrote about "Public Appearance and Behavior." Rabbi Howard Stecker will cover topics including cross-dressing, piercing the ear and other body parts, tattooing, language, profanity, as well as nudity and violence in the artistic setting.

On Saturday, February 15, the series features a "Shabbat Talk" following the Sat-

urday morning service with Dr. Fred Smith, a bioethics educator at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, in conversation with Rabbi Stecker. Their discussion, titled "The Final Path: Treatment of the Terminally Ill," will cover end of life issues. The presentation was arranged by Dr. Jerry

Schlessel, a member of TILL, the adult education committee.

"Being Jewish and Green: Tradition's Wisdom About the Environment" will be the following discussion, led by Rabbi Adelson on February 25. The Conservative

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The Beth HaGan Dolphin Class, at work on their Torah Science Fair exhibit.

### Beth HaGan Students Creating Torah Science Fair Projects for the Congregation

Stories in the Torah will be related to science in massive, creative projects by students in Temple Israel's Beth HaGan Nursery School next week, when all school classes will participate in the school's 13th annual Torah Science Fair.

"Teachers and students have explored a connection between a concept in physical or social science and a theme in the Torah and Jewish practice," said School Director Rachel Mathless. She invited the entire congregation to "come and see the amazing projects the students have been working on." The fair begins at 5 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom.

Among the exhibits by the Toddler Class is "Noah's Ark and What Floats," exploring buoyancy and water displacement. The Ducks Class is learning about *Kiddush* and rituals involving wine (or in their case, grape juice). The children are squeezing grapes and observing the fermenting process. Nursery classes are researching how the Macca-

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## Founding the Temple Israel Library

By Eva Yarett

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A plaque was recently dedicated in the Temple Israel Library in honor of Eva Yarett, the congregation's founding librarian, in a ceremony made possible through a generous contribution by her children, Debee and Richard Slater and Susan and Jordan Yarett. This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts from her comments at the ceremony.

In the beginning, it was Ephraim Warshaw, a past Hebrew High School director, who envisioned a Temple library to be part of the new Youth House, which was in the planning. At the time, classes were being held in the old "White House," now the location of the playground.

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With my library experience and good Judaic background, he asked if I would be willing to undertake this project. I quickly agreed, and it truly became a labor of love.

My first thought was to check the Temple's nooks and crannies, and I found some 100-or-so suitable books in good condition. The attic in the old White House became my temporary work place. Next, I visited other

Judaic libraries in order to determine what system would be best suited for our library.

By 1971, the Youth House was ready and a lovely spacious room was set aside for the library. A Temple Library Fund was quickly established, and I am happy to say that the donations coming into the Fund supplied the monies needed to keep the library growing. So much so, that in just five short years, in 1976, we received the coveted "Citation" from the Jewish Book Council.

In 1991, I needed someone to take over (due to my husband's illness), and I was very fortunate to find Rona Lupkin, in whose most capable hands the library has continued to grow and prosper.

And finally, in gratitude to my wonderful children, Debee and Richard Slater and Jordan and Susan Yarett, whose generosity made this happen, I would like to recite the *Shehecheyanu*.

FROM THE RABBI

## God Can Wait

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

I believe this is what God wants.

How many times have we heard some variation on that claim in support of a particular action? How often do we hear individuals, communities and nations invoke Divine support for something they've done or intend to do?

This may sound strange coming from a rabbi, but I think we would often do well to back away from that claim, at least until we have carefully weighed the ethical implications of our actions or action plans.

Better that we carefully consider, before we invoke God, whether or not our intentions are ethical. Though there are many criteria that one can use to determine that, I'm hard-pressed to think of a more compelling litmus test than the one-liner that Hillel the Elder delivered to a heathen who asked the sage to teach him the entire Torah while he stood on one foot: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor."

Imagine if we used that measure to help us consider a variety of questions, in-

cluding: Whether or not to wage a particular war. Whether to allow full rights to people regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation. Whether to advocate for a livable minimum wage and accessible health care for everyone. How to respond to environmental

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disasters wherever they might occur.

Rabbi Donniel Hartman, director of the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, has taught and written extensively about the need to consider ethical issues apart from belief in God. His upcoming book is entitled "Put God Second: Saving Religion from Itself."

As a participant in the Institute's Rabbinic

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## Key Initiatives

By Alan Klinger

While the snow and cold has curtailed some of our scheduled events, the wintry blasts have not prevented our moving forward on initiatives important to the success of our synagogue. This column will brief you on our progress. Please reach out to the clergy or members of the Executive Committee should you have thoughts to share on these topics.

One area important to meeting the needs of current and future members is our physical space. We have a group reflecting a cross-section of our congregation which has reached out to various segments to solicit views as to what would enhance their involvement with the synagogue. Armed with this information, they are working with a prominent local architect, Mark Stumer, to examine possible new uses. And, while

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these matters remain in the formative stage, matters being considered include devising better handicap access to the Sanctuary and an enlarged and more attractive Chapel; the Crystal Ballroom doubling as a basketball court to enhance children and family use; having the third floor re-designed to allow for more comfortable space for meetings along with incorporating the benefits of modern technology; and a re-freshening of the Youth House. Other changes are being discussed to better align space with function. We hope to have a set of plans ready to present in the coming months.

We also continue to examine the nature and goals of our prayer services. Our Tefillah Rethink Committee spent the better part of a year learning about the intended structure of our services and has now broken into sub-groups to consider whether aspects should be modified to allow for more meaningful worship. The group is certainly mindful of the value of tradition, and changes in this area will be considered with care. But that doesn't translate into all aspects being fixed in stone, particularly with the challenges involved in attracting the next generation of Conservative Jews. Accordingly, in partnership with the clergy, aspects are being assessed ranging from whether more participatory practices

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Temple Israel extends condolences  
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**May their memory be for a blessing.**

## Mazal Tov To . . .

- **Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour** on the marriage of their daughter, Nicole Shamcy, to Ariya Mayer Waxman.
- **Shohreh and Hillel Waxman**, on the marriage of their son, Ariya Mayer, to Nicole Shamcy Eshaghpour.
- **Leslie and Dr. Martin Handler** on the marriage of their daughter, Jenny, to Josh Glade.
- **Mitchell Koepfel** on the engagement of his daughter, Meredith, to Andrew Schwed.
- **Karen and Roger Hollander** on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Leah.
- **Jessica and Christopher Hackel** on the birth of their son, Isaac Julian.
- **Jessica and Dr. Michael Noghrei** on the birth of their daughter, Jillian.

## 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.
Fri., Jan. 31	7:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Fri., Feb. 7 & 14	7:00 A.M.	5:15 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 1	8:45 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 8	8:45 A.M.	4:40 P.M.
Sat., Feb. 15	8:45 A.M.	4:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, January 31.....	4:52 P.M.
Friday, February 7.....	5:01 P.M.
Friday, February 14.....	5:10 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Feb.	2	Men's Club World-Wide Wrap	9:30 A.M.
	4	Sisterhood Lunch and Read: "The Lord is My Shepard"	Noon
	4	Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: "You Look Great! and Other Lies"	8:15 P.M.
	6	Sisterhood Luncheon Guest speaker: Professor Stanislaw G. Pugliese, Ph.D.	Noon
	6	Beth HaGan Torah Science Fair	5:00 P.M.
	9	TILL Movie Night: "The Gate Keepers"	7:30 P.M.
	10	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	11	Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: "A Modesty Proposal - Guided by Jewish Law"	8:15 P.M.
	15	"Shabbat Talk" Featuring bioethicist Dr. Fred Smith	12:30 P.M.
	16	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	20	Sisterhood Evening Book Discussion: "The Red Tent"	7:00 P.M.
	25	Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: "Being Jewish and Green"	8:15 P.M.
	27	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	28	Waxman High School Family Friday Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	Mar.	2	Family <i>Benei Mitzvah</i> Workshop Led by Cantor Frieder
2		Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: "Torah Guidance for the Modern Family"	10:30 A.M.
2		TILL Movie Night: "No Place on Earth"	7:30 P.M.
3-6		Beth HaGan School Book Fair	
6		Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
9		Israel Defense Forces Orchestra in Concert	4:00 P.M.
10		Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
11		Sisterhood's Brave New World Series Part II and Luncheon	Noon
11		Tradition and Change in the 21st Century: "Sex, Relationships and Single Jews"	8:15 P.M.
15		Purim	

## Next Presentation In Temple Israel's Movie Night Series Is February 9th

Another Jewish film is coming to Temple Israel's popular "Movie Night" on Sunday evening, February 9. "The Gatekeepers," a

documentary about Israel's war on terror, will be followed by an audience discussion moderated by Rabbi Seth Adelson.



Rabbi Howard Stecker, right rear, led a lively discussion about the film "The Other Son" following its presentation at Temple Israel. The next film, *The Gatekeepers*, will be shown February 9.

The film series, free of charge for members of the congregation, began with a showing of "The Other Son" earlier this month. A large crowd saw the film and participated in the discussion which followed about two boys, one Jewish and the other Palestinian, who were switched at birth and raised with the other's family.

In "The Gatekeepers" six former heads of the Shin Bet, Israel's secret service, share their insights and reflect publicly on their actions and decisions. The film validates the reasons that each man individually and the six as a group came to reconsider their hard line positions and advocate a conciliatory approach toward their enemies based on a two state solution.

The third film in the series, "No Place On Earth," tells the true story of the experience of 38 Ukrainian men, women and children, ages 2-76, who go into hiding in an underground cave to escape the Nazis. They emerge after 511 days, blinded by a sun some forgot existed, but despite all odds they survived. Their experience wasn't discovered until the 1990s, when an American stumbled upon their cave. It will be shown on March 2.

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



**Ashley Chaman**

Ashley Chaman will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on February 8. She is the daughter of Angela and Omid Chaman and has two younger brothers, Dylan, 7, and Blake, 4. Ashley is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys dancing, singing, cooking and playing soccer. Ashley will be attending the Waxman High School and Youth House following her *Bat Mitzvah* and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



**Aaron Geula**

Aaron Geula will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on February 22. He is the son of Rachel and Kiumarz Geula and has a brother, Alexander, 11, and a sister, Rena, 8. Aaron is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is a recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award and is on the Hidon HaTorah Team at the Temple Israel Religious School. Aaron is on the Great Neck travel soccer team and his school's soccer team, a percussionist for the Great Neck Rotary Club Band, and an avid tennis player. He plans on attending the Waxman High School.

## From the Rabbi: God Can Wait

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Leadership Initiative, I've had the opportunity to learn directly from Rabbi Hartman in this area, as well as others.

Hartman believes that we can all too easily use God to justify all sorts of things, some of which are problematic and even downright malicious. The dangers of what he calls "God-manipulation" are all too common.

I propose an analogy. Whoever has done weight training knows the value of proper form. In order to help achieve that, experts often recommend that the individual first practice lifting the bar without added weight. Once proper form has been achieved, you gradually add an appropriate amount of weight.

Perhaps as we consider an ethical dilemma or possible course of action, we should first ask Hillel's question. If it passes that test, then we can carefully, humbly "add weight" by framing the matter in theological terms.

It's not full-proof, but it strikes me as a decent method to consider. First ask if we ourselves could live with whatever outcome

we're proposing for others. Then consider what, if anything, God has to do with it.

At his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln urged the nation to finish the work of tending to soldiers and their families with the following charge: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness

in the right as God gives us to see the right."

Notably, his sentence begins with a humanistic ethical imperative and concludes with a humble acknowledgment of our limited sense of God's will. The sequence and proportion strike me as spot on and worthy of our emulation.

## Beth HaGan Students Creating Torah Science Fair Projects for the Congregation

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bees hid out in the mountains surrounding Jerusalem to be taught by Judah Maccabee on how to wage war, how to survive the cold and heat, and how to forage for food.

Another class is learning about the principles of fire, and fire safety in conjunction with the "Amudai Aish," the pillars of fire, which guided the Jews during their sojourn in the desert for 40 years. A class of three-year old students is presenting the science of sound and connecting that to all of the musical instruments mentioned in the Bible.

One class of four-year olds took on the project of studying felines, all you ever wanted to know about lions and the story of faith and courage, "Daniel in the Lion's Den." As a special feature, a guest rabbi will delight children with the making of mezuzahs, complete with parchment, quills and ink. The toddler classes have already created many different mezuzahs, which they will display.

There are 12 exhibits in all, creatively demonstrating the exciting work the students have been working on for the past month. All exhibits are interactive, with a hands-on component for all children to see, observe, experiment and explore, according to Mrs. Mathless.

"The fair is open to the public, but specifically to the young at heart," she said.

## SABBATH SERVICES

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**Friday, February 14**

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

**Saturday, February 15**

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Kee Tissa*

Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

*Haftarah*: I Kings 18:1 - 39

Sabbath Service Officers: Lynn Weitzman and Gary Noren

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

"*Shabbat Talk*" featuring bioethicist Dr. Fred Smith 12:30 P.M.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 4:50 P.M.

*Havdalah* 6:11 P.M.

## D'VAR TORAH

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***Kee Tissa***

**Saturday, February 15**

In this portion we find the final details of the instructions for building the Mishkan, the portable wilderness sanctuary. The reading actually begins with directions for conducting a census of those of military age by collecting a poll tax of half a shekel. The money was to be used for the maintenance of the Mishkan. A reminder to keep the Sabbath serves as an indication that the sanctification of time is more important even than building a sanctuary. At this point, we read that the Israelites panic over Moses' protracted absence on Mt. Sinai and demand that Aaron make a god they can see. The outcome is the golden calf. When Moses sees this egregious breach of the covenant, he breaks the tablets of the Ten Commandments. God, for His part, wants to destroy the people. Moses punishes the people and manages to assuage God's anger. Moses then returns to Sinai to rewrite the tablets. With the covenant renewed, the construction on the Mishkan can proceed.

## Congregation Thanks 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 October 26 were made by Lisa and Oded Daskal in honor of the *B'not Mitzvah* of their daughters, Arielle and Noa, and Vivian Brash for the *yahrzeit* of her father, Joseph Katz.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on November 2 were made by Ellen and Dr. Babak Nahavandi in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Hannah, and Alfred Sedaghat and Fariba Lalehzar for the *yahrzeit* of their father, Mansour Sedaghat.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on November 9 were made by the 2013 Adult *Bat/Bar Mitzvah* Class and Ellen and Martin Domnitch in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their daughter, Shayna, and Matthew Angrist.

The congregational *kiddush* on November 16 was sponsored by Jodi and David Harouche in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Aaron. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Ruth and Ahron Haspel in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Lee, and Ariella Fierman.

The congregational *kiddush* on November 23 was sponsored by Dr. Ellen Morris and Joseph Farber in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Andrew, and Melissa Schoffer.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on November 30 was made by Elizabeth Atkins in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of her son, Samuel Chiche.

## MEN'S CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 30  
8:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
Crystal Ballroom

For further details,  
contact Dr. Charles Adler  
at 482-4421.

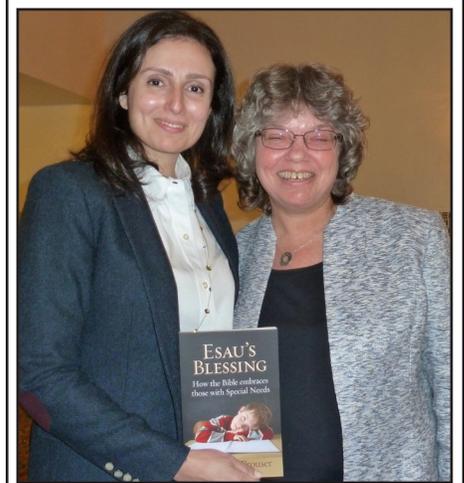
## Discussion Series Focus: Conservative Jewish Life

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movement's official take on responsibility to the environment will be covered by Rabbi Adelson as he discusses energy consumption and nuclear power, biodiversity, climate change, and food issues.

Additional programs scheduled include "Torah Guidance for the Modern Family" with Rabbi Daniel Nevins, dean of the JTS Rabbinical School on March 2; "Sex, Relationships and Single Jews" with Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky of Congregation Anshe Chesed on March 11; and "Interfaith Relations" with Rabbi Stecker on March 18.

The initial programs in the series, on January 21 and 28, were postponed. Plans call for them to be rescheduled at a later date.

"The Observant Life," the basis for the series, is available through the Rabbinical Assembly at <[www.rabbinicalassembly.org](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org)> and is also available for the Kindle and the Nook.



Jewish children with special needs was the topic of a discussion last week featuring, Ora Horn Prouser, right, the author of a book on the topic. She was welcomed by the chair of the event, Neda Sedgh.

*Voice Photo by Ofra Panzer*

## Key Initiatives

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would enhance congregants' experiences, to whether sections of the service should be condensed to allow for the inclusion of new material or practices, to whether alternative services could be offered to allow for more experimentation for those so interested. The clergy and lay leadership would also be interested in your views as to whether the occasional re-configuration of the Sanctuary is enhancing your experience. Again, we will reach out to discuss any new approaches with the congregation before matters are finalized.

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## College Grads and Friends Getting Together January 31

College grads and their friends are invited to free monthly *Shabbat* dinners at Temple Israel. The next get-together, on Friday, January 31, begins with a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at 7:30 P.M., followed by a glatt kosher dinner. The gatherings, for ages 21-30, are now marking their third year. To attend, e-mail <smundhenk@tign.org> or call Susan at 482-7800.

## D'VAR TORAH By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Terumah

Saturday, February 1

In this portion we find a description of the Mishkan, the portable sanctuary, which was built in the wilderness to house the ark with the tablets of the Ten Commandments. The purpose of the Mishkan was to serve as a sign that God dwelt among His people. Moses is directed to gather from the Israelites a free will offering of all manner of precious metals, jewels, fine wood, fine materials and spices to use in constructing the Mishkan and its appurtenances. Specific instructions are then given for building the furnishings of the Mishkan and the special tent that housed them. The Mishkan, as a whole, was meant to be a symbol, a portable Sinai, reminding the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness of their unique experience at the mountain. The Mishkan evolved by way of the Temple in Jerusalem, into the synagogue, but the purpose remained the same. To this day, whenever we open the ark and look upon the Torah scrolls, we stand again at Sinai.

### Tetzaveh

Saturday, February 8

We move from instructions for the creation of the physical Mishkan to details concerning the officiants, in this portion. At the outset, Moses is directed to see to it that a light is kept burning in the Mishkan, a task that is to be performed by priests. He is then directed to appoint Aaron and his sons to the priestly office. There follows a detailed description of the vestments of the High Priest and the ordinary priests. Finally, the rituals of installation for the priests are laid out. The Mishkan, as sacred space, is differentiated from profane space by its design. In like manner, its officiants are to be distinguishable from the laity by their attire and insignia of office. In particular, the High Priest is to wear vestments, which symbolize his role as representative of the entire community before God. The High Priest, who presided over sacrificial rites evolved into the prayer leader of today's synagogue. That individual is still designated *shaliach tzibur*, the representative of the congregation.

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## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, January 31 - *Rosh Hodesh Adar I*

Evening Service 5:00 P.M.  
*Kabbalat Shabbat* Service and Dinner for College Grads 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 1 - *Rosh Hodesh Adar I*

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Terumah*; Exodus 25:1 – 27:19; Numbers 28:9–15

*Haftarah*: Isaiah 66:1 – 24; 66:23

Sabbath Service Officers: Robert Kahen and Marc Langsner

*Bar Mitzvah*

ELLIOT WEISSMAN

son of Diane Weissman and Ian Weissman

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 4:30 P.M.

*Haodalah* 5:54 P.M.

Friday, February 7

Evening Service 5:15 P.M.

Saturday, February 8

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Tetzaveh*; Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

*Haftarah*: Ezekiel 43:10 – 27

Sabbath Service Officers:

Rebecca Friedman-Charry and Rachel Geula

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ASHLEY CHAMAN

daughter of Angela and Omid Chaman

*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Shabbat HaMishpachah* 4:00 P.M.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 4:40 P.M.

*Haodalah* 6:02 P.M.

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