

Vol. LIV, No. 22

July 19, 2012

29 Tammuz 5772

## A New Ark for the High Holy Days



lemple Israel's new ark, above, a gift of the Khodadadian family, will be used on the High Holy Days in the Grand Ballroom. Details on the ark are shown in photos at right.





Temple Israel's High Holy Day services in the Grand Ballroom will be enhanced this year by the addition of a magnificent antique mahogany ark, a contribution to the congregation.

The ark—known as an *aron kodesh* by Ashkenazi Jews and as the *hekhál* amongst most Sephardim—comes originally from Eastern Europe. It was discovered in a warehouse in Buenos Aires with other 19th century French furniture by a buyer for a New York City based antique furniture dealer and shipped to his Manhattan showroom more than 20 years ago.

For many of those years it was admired by Temple Israel Vice President Parviz Khodadadian and his wife, Parvaneh. When they heard that the congregation's ark, used in the Grand Ballroom for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, was beyond repair, Dr. Khodadadian said he had the answer.

He offered to donate the ark to Temple Israel in memory of his late parents and in honor of his family. The Executive Committee accepted his suggestion and plans are now underway to restore the ark and transport it to Great Neck.

"I love the piece," Dr. Khodadadian said. "I am very happy that it is going to be in the right place."

Alan Wachman, the owner of Charles Cheriff Galleries of Manhattan, said: "When the ark arrived in our New York showroom from South America it was in very good condition."

His firm, which restores antique furnishings, is making a base for the ark to give it stability, adding a shelf inside of it, polishing it, and converting the inside for electricity. "Structurally, it is in great shape," he said.

He said the ark would be shipped to Temple Israel in pieces and assembled by his staff in August. Mr. Wachman dates the ark's construction to about 1900 "in an Eastern European style." He said Argentina has a large Jewish population, which dates to about that time. Some European Jews may have traveled to South America, taking their ark with them, he said.

—Continued on page 5





### Shabbaton with Shalom

#### - By Mickey Putterman

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Shalom Club, one of Temple Israel's arms, has held a Shabbaton at a resort or encampment for many years, but this year the group has just concluded a "Shabbaton at Home," as reports Shalom Club President Mickey Putterman.

Members of the Shalom Club spent a weekend at Temple Israel recently for a "Shabbaton at Home."

On Friday night the group held their own inclusive service. Members were asked to bring their own candles to light for *Shabbat*, sing *Kiddush* together and dine

...we are still laughing, loving, and learning together in the special world called Shalom Club.

together, followed by some table talk and *z'mirot*. The group left together—spiritually and physically—prepared to join together on the morrow for *Shabbat* services, our own special luncheon, followed by a

#### FROM THE RABBI -

dynamic discussion. This year's topic was "The Freedom of Jews in America and How It Has Changed Your Life." The Shalom Club has never shied away from discussion or disagreement and hopefully never will.

On Saturday evening we met for a Havdalah service. Frequently the annual service has been in our home. This year, Rabbi Tracy Klirs agreed to lead us in the Havdalah service, which was most appreciated by the many Shalomnicks present. With song sheets in hand, we sang accompanied by the Klirs guitar, told stories, shared memories of so many beautiful years together, and recalled the contributions of so many beloved members no longer among the living.

We drank wine, ate fruits, and cookies and cakes, and sipped coffee and tea while the warmth of each and every member filled our hearts with a satisfying love and under ——Continued on page 4

Why We Should Fast on Tisha B'Av

- By Rabbi Seth Adelson

As I write this, the State of Israel faces a coalition-busting threat by the Kadima party to leave the government over the breakdown of a committee addressing the Tal Law. This law has, since Israel's inception, enabled certain groups to be exempted from being drafted into the Israel Defense Force, in particular the Haredim (so-called "ultra-Orthodox" Jews, although I am not fond of that term; ask me why at Shabbat kiddush). While I cannot speculate right now regarding how this crisis will be resolved, I must admit that the likelihood of going to new elections is a distinct possibility. Although every coalition dances a delicate hora, it is good to know that Israeli democracy thrives.

Meanwhile, we enter the month of Av, about which the Mishnah tells us "From the time that we enter Av, our joy decreases." The summer heat brings on the all-day fast of Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of said month, when we commemorate the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, 2598 and 1942 years

ago respectively. This is a fast which is, due to the summer heat, the late concluding hour, and the absence of the liturgical focal point, far worse than Yom Kippur; perhaps this is one reason why it is far less widely observed. But the fast is, in some ways, just

### Loss is an essential part of who we are as Jews.

as important, even in a day in which the existence of the State of Israel has enabled us to return to our Promised Land and many of our holy places. Commemoration of the loss of the Temple still speaks to us across the millennia.

A colleague of mine recently published an opinion piece about why, when we have the modern state on our ancient land, we ———Continued on page 5

-2--

### Learning In Russia

#### By Alan Klinger

Susan and I just returned from a UJA-Federation Mission to Moscow and St. Petersburg. Together with some 40 people from the New York metropolitan area, we met with leaders of the Russian Jewish community as well as representatives of the Russian and Israeli foreign ministries.

We were presented with programs aimed at understanding the current economic, political and cultural situation in Russia, and were introduced to an amalgam of social service agencies, including the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, that are improving the daily lives of Russian Jews (e.g., home visits to

if...you could have a re-birth of Jewish identity in the younger generation, why couldn't that happen here...

the elderly), and outreach entities like the Jewish Agency for Israel, that assist those desiring to make aliyah (Russian Jews comprise a large, educated segment of those who have re-located to Israel). These organizations are striving to re-introduce Jewishness to a population of hundreds of thousands. Much discussion was had among their representatives and trip participants concerning whether the emphasis should be on teaching Jewish identity or Jewish religion, or, for that matter, whether you could have one without the other. (Since Rabbi Stecker is in St. Petersburg this week on a similar UJA-Federation mission of rabbis, we will await his return for further discussion of this topic.)

We also visited historic synagogues (as well as a new progressive one in St. Petersburg) and, befitting the White Nights season, took a 10 P.M. cruise in broad daylight. Yet, the most amazing part of the trip was seeing the re-emergence of Jewish life in the 20-30 year old population. Time and again, we heard stories of kids first learning they were Jewish. Their parents, brought up in Soviet times, hid the fact they were Jewish. Only with the loosening of societal restrictions did the parents feel that their children could publicly and safely <u>—Continued on page 7</u>

IN MEMORIAM Temple Israel extends condolences

to the families of:

**MURRAY PLITT** father of Lois Plitt Warren

LELAH FLEISCHER wife of Steven Fleischer and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

### **I**EMPLE LITES...

Several members of the congregation were elected to the Board of Trustees in their respective villages during recent balloting. David Harounian was elected to the Board in the Village of Kings Point, Mark D. Birnbaum was elected to the Board in the Village of Great Neck, and Fred Handsman and Howard Boris were elected to the Board in the Village of Lake Success.

### Mazal Tov To . . .

• Drs. Nicole and Gary Mazer on the birth of their son, Brandon Alexander.

• Louise and Dr. Yosef Soleymani on the birth of their twin grandsons, Zachary and Aaron Soleymani.

• Jeanette and Nader Ohebshalom on the birth of their twin grandsons, Zachary and Aaron Soleymani.

• Joan and David Mandel on the birth of their grandson, Eli Bhaskar Mandel.

• Susan and Dr. Dennis Brustein on the birth of their grandson, Alexander Justin Firestone.

• Susan and Dr. Dennis Brustein on the engagement on their son, Evan, to Rachel Wolff.

• Susan and Dr. Joel Abrahams on the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Sophia Feldman.

• Daryl Schulman on the engagement of her daughter, Jana Hope, to Todd Adam Jacobson.

### 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 the Shema prayer. What is your favorite quote? Send it to the "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might...

-3-

IIPCO	OMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISPAN	ET
22	Shoah Committee Picnic and Meeting	5:00 P.M.
28	<i>Erev</i> Tisha B'Av	
29	Tisha B'Av	
31	Sisterhood "Sizzling Summer Luncheon"	11:30 A.M.
16	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
23	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	For College Grads and Friends	
30	Waxman High School and Youth House	2:00 P.M.
	Geniza Project	
4	Waxman High School and Youth House Barbeque	4:00 P.M.
8	Selichot	
9	Temple Israel "Welcome Back Barbeque"	
	22 28 29 31 16 23 24 30 4 8	<ul> <li>28 Erev Tisha B'Av</li> <li>29 Tisha B'Av</li> <li>31 Sisterhood "Sizzling Summer Luncheon"</li> <li>16 Board of Trustees Meeting</li> <li>23 Men's Club Meeting</li> <li>24 Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends</li> <li>30 Waxman High School and Youth House Geniza Project</li> <li>4 Waxman High School and Youth House Barbeque</li> <li>8 Selichot</li> </ul>

Join the Sisterhood for Its

Annual Sizzling Summer Spectacular:

An afternoon of Swimming, Schmoozing, Relaxing, Noshing & Catching up with Friends

> Tuesday, July 31 (Rain Date: Wednesday, August 1)

11:30 a.m. Harbor Hills Pool (lots of shade) 2 Shorgeliff Place

Pot Luck Lunch: Share your favorite dish & bring the recipe to be copied for everyone to enjoy!

RSVP to Karen at 487-3048 by Monday, July 23 Let her know what you'll be bringing so there won't be many duplicates.

×	<i>&gt;</i>
	X
	Ŷ
	$\diamond$
	ð
	Х
	Y.
	$\diamond$
	Ô
	x
	X
	$\diamond$
	Ô
	x
	x
	$\diamond$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	¥
	$\diamond$
	$\diamond$
	Х
	Y
	$\diamond$
	ð
	x
	Ŷ
	$\langle \rangle$
	Q,
	Y
	$\sim$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	$\diamond$
	$\Diamond$
	ð
	x
	$\diamond$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	x
	$\Diamond$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	x
	$\diamond$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	¥
	Ŷ
	$\diamond$
	ð
	x
	Ŷ
	$\langle \rangle$
	Q,
	x
	$\diamond$
	$\diamond$
	ð
	Y
	Ŷ
	$\diamond$
	ð
	x
	Ŷ
	$\diamond$
	x
×	S.
	•

### *Temple Israel Sends Computers* To Sister Congregation in Israel



Temple Israel recently donated two computers to its sister congregation, Kehillat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon, Israel.

The computers were greatly appreciated, according to the Israeli congregation's overseas coordinator, Terry Davis, and childen from Kehillat Netzach Israel went right to work on them. During the school year, students from Temple Israel's Religious School Skyped with their counterparts in Israel. They also exchanged greeting cards and raised funds for the Israeli school.

The computers sent to Israel were purchased with funds contributed to Temple Israel's Israel Solidarity Fund.

In August Rabbi Howard Stecker will lead a contingent of Temple Israel members on a trip to Israel, including a visit to the congregation in Ashkelon.

In addition, Kehillat Netzach Israel children sent Temple Israel a Rosh HaShanah greeting expressing their gratitude and hope that the congregations can continue to broaden and deepen their connection with Temple Israel of Great Neck.

### Voice Guest Column: Shabbaton with Shalom

#### Continued from page 2

standing of how very fortunate we are to know these beautiful people who continue to challenge and push, share and prod, agree with a smile or argue with elegance, while all hold hands together in song.

"Shalom, shalom, you'll find shalom the nicest people to know; it means adieu, salud or skol, buttwice as much as hello; it means a million lovely words like peace be yours, welcome home. And even when we say good-bye, we say good-bye with shalom."

Our "Shabbaton at Home" came about after many, many years of a Shabbaton Retreat held at Camp Kinderling or other similar places. We checked in for the weekend, brought our own Torah, prayer books, and in some cases our own pillows, held services, wore Shalom Club t-shirts, had campfires, and sang Jewish Indian songs, davened together, wrote cheers, and gave gifts to the winning teams in ping pong, rowing, poetry, and identification of flora and fauna. We laughed and loved and learned.

Though a bit difficult for all of us to travel, we are still laughing, loving, and learning together in the special world called Shalom Club of Temple Israel. Please consider joining us. For further information, call me at 482-6527.

P.S. Thank you always to Ruth and Rabbi Mordecai Waxman *z"l*, for making this unique group happen 48 years ago!

### D'VAR TORAH

#### Continued from back page

the Land of Canaan. At this point Moses reaches the last weeks of his life and his ministry. He takes this opportunity to deliver three farewell discourses and two poems before he takes leave of his people. Since these people are not, for the most part, the ones who left Egypt, Moses begins his first discourse with a review of the events from the time of leaving Sinai to the present and the lessons to be learned from them. Thus he does not merely recount history, he interprets it. Specifically, he emphasizes that the people's fate depends on their response to God's commands and promises. The original command to proceed to the Promised Land was disobeyed when the Israelites took the negative advice of the ten scouts. This led to the wilderness wandering. The second command to proceed to the Promised Land is about to be obeyed.

Vaethanan

#### Saturday, August 4

This portion opens with Moses concluding his historical review by recounting how he entreated God to relent and allow him to go into the land with his people. God's response is that Moses will be permitted to see the land, but only from afar. Moses now ends his first discourse with an exhortation to obey God's laws. In his second discourse, which constitutes the bulk of the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses communicates a body of laws to the Israelites in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Some of these laws repeat laws given earlier in the Torah, but many of them are found only here. Before presenting the laws, Moses delivers a prologue describing the historical circumstances under which God gave them to him for transmission to the people. This section includes a repetition of the Ten Commandments, with some notable differences from the Exodus version. In addition, Moses offers a preamble, presenting the ideological basis for the laws and appealing for their observance. This section includes one of the most famous passages of the Torah: "Shema Yisrael, Adonai elohenu Adonai ehad." Ekev

#### Saturday, August 11

We continue the section of Moses' second discourse in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Mt Sinai in this portion. He reminds the Israelites that during the entire period of the wilderness wandering, they enjoyed God's care as witnessed by the fact that their clothing did not wear out or their feet swell and they were provided with manna for food. Moses cautions the people about what is likely to happen to them when they come into the good fruitful land that they are about to enter. He reminds them that they must never assume that it is by virtue of their own hands that they will enjoy the produce of the land, but it is God who gives it to them. Moses then returns to history and recalls to the Israelites all their acts of defiance: the making of the Golden Calf, the complaints about lack of food and water, and the incident of scouts. He points out that it is only because he interceded for them with God that they are able to enter Canaan. Re'eh

#### Saturday, August 18

In this portion we conclude the section of Moses' second discourse in which he sets forth the religious foundations of the covenant at Sinai. He lays before the Israelites two possibilities: obedience to God, which would bring blessing, or disobedience, which would bring a curse. The choice is theirs to make, but it is clear that in order to possess the land they must choose to follow God's laws. The next section of the discourse comprises a detailed listing of the laws that are to govern the lives of the Israelites in the Promised Land. The first area dealt with is religious institutions and worship, including, among other things, directions for the establishment of a central sanctuary, rules for maintaining distinctiveness in worship, warnings against the heathen rites and religious seducers, and regulations concerning permitted and forbidden foods, tithes and the year of the release. The portion ends with laws detailing the observance of *Pesach*, *Shavuot* and *Sukkot*, indicating that time also is to be sanctified.

### Why We Should Fast on Tisha B'Av

#### ——Continued from page 2

should consider abolishing the fast days of Tisha B'Av and its partial-day fast precursor, the 17th of Tammuz. His argument was that these days commemorate destruction, and since we have a rebuilt Jerusalem and a nation of our own, the ancient reasons for mourning no longer apply. He was roundly criticized by commenters on the online site (yes, I know that the comments on these sites seem to feature only the most radical opinions, but I found myself agreeing with some of them), who argued that just because we have a modern state does not mean that we should not mourn what was lost at the hands of the Babylonians and the Romans.

The entire institution of Jewish religious practice, after all, is not based on contemporary realities, but rather on our relationship to history. We mark the Exodus from Egypt, the receiving of the Torah, the creation of the world, and so forth throughout the Jewish year. Although the destruction of the Second Temple was an essential element in the creation of what we today call Judaism, it may still be understood as a calamity, one that speaks to our relationship with history as well as a cautionary tale for the future: what we have today might be lost tomorrow. We cannot only celebrate the joyous moments of our history, because that would be an inaccurate reading; we must also commemorate the bad times.

As such, Tisha B'Av will continue to serve as a day of mourning, a day of loss. And it is healthy for us to do so. Loss is an essential part of who we are as Jews. Today's coalition crisis might turn into a scramble to pick up the political pieces tomorrow, and while I would not recommend commemorating all of Israel's failed coalitions with fast days of their own (We might never eat!), the Jewish calendar affords us a day to wallow in one of our greatest losses.

### Congregation Says Thank You To Many 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 May 26 was sponsored by Mitra and Nader Damaghi in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Dylan.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on June 2 were made by Robin and Kevin Portnoy in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jacob, and Omid and Moji Pourmoradi in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Rachel.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on June 9 were made by Nancy Bader and Michael Leventhal in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jacob, and Helene and Kenneth Horowitz in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Jillian.

The congregational *kiddush* on June 16 was co-sponsored by Kim and Hon. Jonathan Kaiman in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jared, and Temple Israel in honor of Rabbi Tracy Klirs.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on June 23 was made by Claudia and Bruce Newman in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Benjamin.

### DAILY MINYAN TIMES

#### Attend the Daily Minyan!

Monday & Thursday	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tuesday & Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, July 21	9:00 A.M.	7:45 P.M.
Saturday, July 28	9:00 A.M.	7:35 P.M.
Saturday, August 4	9:00 A.M.	7:30 P.M.
Saturday, August 11	9:00 A.M.	7:20 P.M.
Saturday, August 18	9:00 A.M.	7:10 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

### Observe TISHA B'AV

Commemorating the Destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE and the Second Temple in 70 CE in Jerusalem, and the exile of the Jewish People.

This solemn day reflects the greatest tragedies of Jewish history including the Holocaust, but also serves as a reminder that the Jewish tradition of renewal is alive in Israel and in America.

### SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 28

The Fast begins at 8:00 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit (light meal) at 7:15 P.M. Mincha, Ma'ariv and the reading of Eikhah (the Book of Lamentations) 8:00 P.M. Rabbi Howard Stecker, Cantor Raphael Frieder and members of the congregation will lead the service. Participants will join in readings from the Book of Lamentations and other selections.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 29

Shacharit 8:15 A.M. (without tallit & tefillin) Including Torah reading and kinot (special liturgical poems for Tisha B'Av) Minchah 1:00 P.M. (with tallit & tefillin) Ma'ariv 8:00 P.M. Fast ends at 9:00 P.M.

# New Ark for Temple Israel's High Holy Days Observances

—Continued from front page

-5

Mr. Wachman, who is the fourth generation of his family in the business, said he had never sold an ark before. "When our buyer told me what he found in Argentina, I said we had to have it even though I had no idea if we would ever sell it. How could I not take something like that?" he said.

"As a businessman, we love to make a profit," he added, "but as a Jew I just couldn't leave it sitting in some warehouse. When it came to New York, we were awed. It is truly a one-of-a-kind unique item. I knew it would have to find the right home, and I am glad that it finally did."

#### **TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND**

In honor of: Sandy and Steve Seltzer's 50th wedding anniversary Ellen and Martin Rosenman The engagement of Seth Greengrass, son of Nancy and Larry Greengrass, to Cara Band The birth of Julie Elyse Axelrod, granddaughter of Judy and Warren Axelrod Joyce and Burton Weston and family

In memory of: Nanette Raab Patty Schneider Fay Leff Beverly Katzenberg Paul (Parviz) Ohebshalom Jamileh Nazarian Dr. Ebby and Rachelle Ohebshalom Max Lattner Saul Lattner Stuart Sylvan Dr. James Sylvan **Irving Pearlstein** Audrey Levine Joseph Littman . Franklin Littman Rena Safir Vicky Mouallem Eugene Ferkauf Linda and Steven Moss Martha Feingold Dr. David Feingold Phillip Bourne Harry P. Bourne Morris Danzig Carole and Arthur Anderman Rosalind Hopp Robert Hopp Herman Scherr David Scherr Louis Siegal Suanne Scherr Max Rosenthal Ruth Rosenthal Nochem Zwierankin **Raine Silverstein** Samuel Lefkowitz Lawrence Lefkowitz Mark Reisfeld Carmella Mandon **Emery Lauber** Dr. Victor Mandon Lani Hopp Sylvia Salzberg Dr. David Rothbaum Dr. Hal Gerstein and family Dr. David Gerstein and family

### From Generation to Generation

# لمزيلان مرزيل

#### Temple Israel Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

Boris Guten Liba Shagalov Chaia Rivkin Valentina Shagalov Rose Rochman **Toby Gorelick** Ronni Fink Dr. Simon Fink Joel Robert Broder Alice and Aaron Broder Jack Bauman Martin Bauman Harvey Schefren Joyce and Melvin Paradise Susan and Steven Solomon Anita Bernard Joan and Marty Sider Martin Bauman Beth Denburg Susan Yellin Robert Schechter Joni Shames Max M. Miller Muriel Hyman Helen Gabbayian Amir Gabbay **Beverly Weston** Andrew Scheiner Abraham Altman **Joyce and Burton** Weston Svlvia Okun Bernstein Allen Bernstein Mollie Unger Bernice Katelansky Irving Schwartz Jay Schwartz Marta Bronheim Gary Bronheim Simone Wolf Rita Ortner Dr. Murray S. Frogel Marjorie Weinberg Berman Harry Silberglait Barbara Dicker Yousef Ohebshalom Pouran Ohebshalom Abner Ohebshalom

Andrew D. Scheiner Emma Scheiner William Weiser Mel Weiser Rose Goldberg Dr. Allan Goldberg Abraham Rosenberg Seymour Bag Elaine Schwartz Paul Schwartz Alter Yust Barbara (Bobby) Dor Ilse Kadden Harvey Kadden Rose Fried Dr. Allan Fried Oskar Oppenheimer Susan Rossman Norbert Weinberg Effie Apelast Weinberg **Julius** Dember Seymour Dember Barbara Weinrod The Schloss family Celia Saks Muriel Geller Samuel Zelin Helen Davis Alfred Bromberg Mildred Bromberg Morris Forgasch Hon. Susan Lopatkin Ethel Freiman Dr. Susan Cwern Dr. Emil Queen Fredi Queen Roslyn Gingold Jane Townley Rebecca Warren Willard Warren Louis Yaretzky Eva Yarett Eva Kawalek Fanny Narotzky Steven Jay Schachter Lillian Schachter

#### SHALOM CLUB LIBRARY SHELF FUND

In memory of: Murray Cohen Shirley Kobliner

#### YAD B'YAD FUND

In memory of: Abraham Altman Betty Lager Iris and Dr. Charles Adler

#### TORAH FUND

In honor of: Susan Wagner on her recent graduation from the Jewish Theological Seminary Sherry and Sam Husney Nancy and Robert Barbach and family

#### PRAYER BOOK FUND

In honor of: Steve Shepsman's special birthday Hon. Susan and Dr. Robert Lopatkin Rabbi Howard Stecker Evelyn and Robert Braunschweig and family The engagement of Jana Hope Schulman, daughter of Daryl Schulman, to Todd Adam Jacobson Barbara and Howard Spun Dr. Karen Siegel becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah Kenneth M. Leff

In memory of: Marcia Solomon Susan Jarolem Ella Cramer Sykes Tad Bieberstein Evelyn and Robert Braunschweig and family Eva Sheidlower Ellyn Sheidlower Jack Choit Dr. Harvey Choit

#### BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

In honor of: The birth of Andrew Evan, great-grandson of Ruth Adise Basami Ferber Thelma and Jack Sahn

#### BEN ZION ALTMAN SENIOR MITSVA GROUP FUND

In memory of: Helen Altman Ben Zion Altman Dr. Renee A. Fleischer

### Learning In Russia

#### ——Continued from page 2

know they were Jewish. This freedom, however, could not in short order lead to a return to Jewish life, for most of these parents themselves know little of Judaism or Jewish tradition or culture. Many of their parents either accepted the Soviet disdain for religion or were understandably too fearful to practice it.

The goal of the trip was to see the progress being made in the Former Soviet Union (FSU) and, in no small part, to spread the word so that people can see what social agencies are accomplishing and generate greater personal involvement in UJA-Federation committee efforts and financial support for their projects. (This column hopefully serves part of this objective.) But, for me, the transformative realization was if in the ultimate post-assimilation society of the FSU you could have a re-birth of Jewish identity in the younger generation, why couldn't that happen here in the United States?

Just recently, we faced the sobering UJA-Federation report on the state of Jewish affiliation in the New York metropolitan region. While there has been some debate— and probably more wringing of the hands—as to precisely what the study shows, it does not present a rosy picture of active affiliation in the non-Orthodox world. But, this is where we can learn from our counterparts in Russia, from groups that exist in large part because of our financial support. They are concentrating on grass-root efforts, trying to reach people through a diverse range of innovative approaches to awaken Jewish identity. They are teaching project management skills; they are training Hillel representatives and summer camp counselors; they are investing in JCCs and nursery programs. They are developing programs both within the synagogue and without that reach out to people in their daily lives. They are not afraid to take chances. We can learn much from their efforts.

### Next Voice Issues and Deadlines

With the next issue of The Voice, the regular every other week schedule is resumed. The next issue, the Selichot and Rosh Hashanah issue, will be published on August 30. The deadline for that issue is August 17.

The following issue, the Yom Kippur and Sukkot issue, will be published on September 13. The deadline for that issue is August 31. Enjoy the rest of the summer!



Honoring Memories. Celebrating Lives.

### Riverside-Nassau North Chapel

Funerals • Advance Funeral Planning
Monuments & Inscription Services

www.riversidenassaunorthchapels.com

**516.487.9600 55** North Station Plaza, Great Neck

### SABBATH SERVICES

Continued from back page

Friday, August 10	
Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
•	
Saturday, August 11	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.
Weekly Portion: <i>Ekev</i>	
Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25	
<i>Haftarah:</i> Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3	
Havurah	10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:20 P.M.
Havdalah	8:40 P.M.
•	
Friday, August 17	
Friday, August 17 Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
	6:30 P.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18	6:30 P.M.
Evening Service	
Evening Service Saturday, August 18	6:30 P.M. 9:00 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh	9:00 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17; Numbers 2	9:00 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh	9:00 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17; Numbers 2: Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24 Junior Congregation	9:00 A.M. 8:9 - 15 10:30 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17; Numbers 2 Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24 Junior Congregation Toddler Service	9:00 A.M. 8:9 - 15 10:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service Saturday, August 18 Rosh Hodesh Elul Morning Service Weekly Portion: Re'eh Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17; Numbers 2: Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24 Junior Congregation	9:00 A.M. 8:9 - 15 10:30 A.M.

### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!* 

Friday, July 20	
Friday, July 27	
Friday, August 3	
Friday, August 10	
Friday, August 17	
111aay, 11aGust 17	



35 Years Travel Planning Expertise Corporate & Leisure



516.507.8899 eparistravel@gmail.com

## Shastone Memorials

MEMORIALS OF DISTINCTION ERECTED AT ALL CEMETERIES 112 Northern Boulevard • Great Neck, New York 11021 516-487-4600 • 1-877-677-6736 (Toll free outside NY)

www.ShastoneMemorials.com

Marvin Rosen - Laurel S. Rosen - Russell J. Rosen CUSTOM DESIGN and SHOP AT HOME SERVICES MONUMENTS - FOOTSTONES - PLAQUES - MAUSOLEUMS - CLEANING - REPAIRS

-7---



Marc Katz, Editor Associate Editors:

Rabbi Marim D. Charry, Paula Charry, Angela Jones, Ronnie Katz Photographers: Kitty Dadi, Dr. Robert Lopatkin, Milton Putterman Advertising Representative: Lottie Blye

#### TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREAT NECK

108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023 Phone: 516-482-7800 • Fax: 516-482-7352 • E-Mail: info@tign.org Web: www.TIGN.org

Published bi-weekly by Temple Israel of Great Neck, New York, from mid-August to mid-June. Periodicals postage paid at Great Neck, NY. Postmaster: Send address changes to Temple Israel Voice at address above. Publication No. USPS 078-740. Subscription \$5.00 per annum.

#### TEMPLE ISRAEL STAFF

Howard A. Stecker	Senior Rabbi	
Raphael Frieder	Cantor	
Seth Adelson	Associate Rabbi	
Mordecai Waxman*	Rabbi Emeritus	
Leon Silverberg	Executive Director	
	Director, Beth HaGan	
Rabbi Tracy Guren Klirs	Director, Religious School	
	Director, Waxman High School	
OFFICEDS		

OFFICERS		
Alan M. Klinger	President	
Seth Horowitz	Vice President	
Dr. Parviz Khodadadian	Vice President	
Dr. Robert Lopatkin	Vice President	
Dr. Robert Panzer	Vice President	
Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni	Vice President	
Gary Sazer	Vice President	
Steven Shepsman	Vice President	
Irving H. Lurie*	Honorary President	
*Deceased	-	
AFFILIATED WITH		
THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE IUDAISM		

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

#### Mattot-Mase

Saturday, July 21

Havdalah

With the double portion Mattot-Mase the Book of Numbers concludes. The sedrot deal with a variety of laws and occurrences revolving around the conquest of the Promised Land. The "cities of refuge" expresses the Biblical theological postulate that the divine presence cannot abide in a land so polluted by murder; the offense leads to pollution of earth and abandonment by God of His sanctuary and people. Thus homicide and asylum are mentioned here, as issues and institutions regaining attention on the eve of entering the Promised Land. Asylum was necessary because of the prevalence of blood vengeance in the ancient Near East. The narrative of the sedrot is preoccupied with the final events preceding the entering of the Promised Land. The Israelites have to defeat the Midianite foes, slaving the Midianite men, as well as those women implicated in the apostasy at Baal-peor. Spoils are divided and Trans-Jordan is occupied. This is problematic, because the Tribes of Gad and Reuben wish to settle there, rather than passing the national goal of occupying and settling in the Promised Land. Moses accepts a compromise: in return for the privilege of settling in Trans-Jordan, they will serve as shock troops for the forthcoming conquest. Finally, Israel turns its attention to the conquest and apportionment of Canaan. The Divine instructions to Moses are clear and logically sequential: conquest and apportionment of the land, definition of precise boundaries, designation of chieftains, the appropriation of 45 towns for the Levites, and six towns as cities of refuge. As religious functionaries, the Levites always received special dispensation, in this case receiving no permanent property, but permanent residences and pasturage for their livestock, via towns and their surrounding fields.

#### Devarim

#### Saturday, July 28

We begin the Book of Deuteronomy in this portion. The entire book takes place while the Israelites are camped in the plains of Moab, on the banks of the Jordan River, ready to cross over into -Continued on page 4



108 OLD MILL ROAD, GREAT NECK, NY 11023

SABBATH SERVICES Friday, July 20		
N'ranenah/Evening Service	6:30 P.M.	
•		
Saturday, July 21		
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.	
Weekly Portion: Mattot-Mase; Numbers 30:2	2 – 36:13	
<i>Haftarah:</i> Jeremiah 2:4 – 28; 3:4		
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.	
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.	
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:45 P.M.	
Havdalah	9:02 P.M.	
•		
Friday, July 27		
Evening Service	6:30 P.M.	
•		
Saturday, July 28 - Shabbat Hazon - Erev Tis	sha B'Av	
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.	
Weekly Portion: Devarim; Deuteronomy 1:1	- 3:22	
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 27		
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.	
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.	
Mincha, Ma'ariv and the Reading of Eicha	8:00 P.M.	
Havdalah	8:56 P.M.	
•		
Friday, August 3		
Evening Service	6:30 P.M.	
•		
Saturday, August 4 - Shabbat Nahamu		
Morning Service	9:00 A.M.	
Weekly Portion: Va'ethanan; Deuteronomy 3:	23 – 7:11	
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 – 26		
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.	
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.	
Mincha and Ma'ariv	7:30 P.M.	

8:48 P.M.

-Continued on page 7