



## Beth HaGan Hosts 12th Annual Literary Art Fair



Record crowds attended the recent annual Beth HaGan Art Fair in the Crystal Ballroom. Parents, grandparents, and friends were wowed by the diversity, creativity, humor, talent and beauty of the exhibits. Each class' work was displayed to maximize the multi-dimensional component and the "artists" interpretation of the book they presented.

Each class chose four of their favorite books—one of which was Jewish themed—and presented their visual interpretive narration of the them. The Kittens, led by Morah Roni and Morah Talia, presented "Cows in the Kitchen," and made their own stove and refrigerator. They presented the "Havdalah" book and made spice boxes to celebrate the end of Shabbat, and "Ten Little Fish," a counting book. Their last book was the classic "From Head to Toe," by Eric Carle. The children posed and were photographed in the position of the animal. Their photos were colorfully displayed in frames they created.

The Kangaroos class, under the direction of Morah Mojdeh and Morah Yve presented a "lift-the-flap-book," an interactive activity of finding out what's hiding under the picture. "Dinosaurs on Shabbat," was a fanciful tale of the fun and mischief a dinosaur brings to a young boy's Shabbat. "I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean," brought forth a gigantic blue whale which towered high over the crowd. "A Circus of Colors," is a fun book exploding in a riot of colors, with all the circus animals in full regalia.

The Ducks class, under the director of Morot Nathalie, Shira and Helen, chose "Good Night Gorilla." The children made a big black gorilla behind a huge cage. All the zookeepers carefully hold the keys to the cages. Through the book "Before We Eat" the children learned the Brachot for all the food we eat each day. The colorful placemats and self-explanatory exhibits are the proof of how much children learned this year. "Firebears" is another Ducks favorite. The children built a real red fire engine and a fireman's outfit, hat and jacket. The fire department came to teach the children "stop,

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## New Congregation Committee To Help 'Get the Word Out'

A new Temple Israel committee, appointed by President Alan Klinger, will focus on all of the ways the congregation communicates with the membership as well as to the greater community.

"The way people communicate is rapidly changing," President Klinger said. "With the advent of Facebook, Twitter, websites and other forms of electronic communications, we as a congregation have myriad ways to get the message out about all that is happening within our community. This new Communications Committee will explore and coordinate these emerging forms of communicating, as well as our traditional avenues such as The Voice and mailings."

The committee is still in formation and congregants are invited to join by calling Executive Director Leon Silverberg at 482-7800.

The committee will be charged with conducting a communications audit of the traditional media the synagogue uses, exploring and making recommendations on opportunities for expansion of electronic interaction through website and e-mail, enlisting other committees for their input on identification and implementation strategies to improve communications, and providing a framework of strategies for a rollout of a cohesive and comprehensive communications plan.

Meanwhile, a task force has been working on revising the congregation's website. The new website, expected to be ready before the High Holy Days, will allow congregants to make payments and contributions, enroll in events, and reserve rooms for meetings, among other features. There will also be a "members' only" section, which will allow for retrieving and reviewing information intended only for the membership.

## On Meeting Mr. Obama

By Arnold Eisen

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor Arnold Eisen was invited to the White House to meet with President Obama, along with a small group of Conservative Jewish leaders. This voice Guest column is his report on the meeting.

I had the honor of sitting across the table from the President of the United States in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. President Barack Obama and his Chief

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of Staff, Jacob Lew, wanted to meet with Conservative Jewish leaders from around the country. Our group—which numbered about 20—wanted to hear them speak directly, and perhaps more candidly than is the case in public, about key issues on our minds.

It's hard to judge how our hosts felt about the meeting, though it was clear we had their full attention and engagement from start to finish. We, for our part, were pleased with the fact

of the meeting, with much of what was said, and with how it was said. There was no clowning, no cheap shots at political opponents, no pretense of easy answers to difficult questions, no demagoguery, not even much preaching to the choir. Speaking for myself, I wished I had the chance to talk regularly or like this with the leaders of my country, at my dining room table or theirs. I got the sense that the President and his chief deputy would be open to every hard question I would throw at them—once we got to know each other better. They would think about that question a lot, and would give good responses and reasons both when they agreed with me and when they did not. It was a worthwhile hour indeed.

The subjects discussed included Israel, Iran, the economy, immigration, the environment, the recent decision on same-sex marriage. I knew that my colleagues would be covering those issues, and knew

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FROM THE RABBI

## Help Us Welcome

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

"Welcome to Fantasy Island!" Courtesy of early 80s television, it's fun to recall Ricardo Montalban uttering those words as his guests descended from the plane into his lush tropical paradise.

Now try to imagine him greeting people on *Shabbat* morning at Temple Israel. Or, at least, try to imagine what we might learn from his welcome. It was elegant and gracious, though not without expectation of proper behavior displayed while "on the island."

Navigating our synagogue is not always easy, especially for a first-timer. I'm not just talking about the logistics, like finding out where the restrooms and the Sanctuary are. If you're new to the building, and even if you've been here with some regularity, it can be off-putting to enter the lobby and, moreover, to find one's geographical and spiritual place in the Sanctuary.

In keeping with the rabbinic dictum to accept the truth "from whoever utters it," we should learn from whomever we can how to

make people feel most warmly welcome in our congregation. There are churches and synagogues that have appointed greeters and ushers who welcome people into the building with a handshake and a smile, inform them where to find what they are looking for, and help them enter the

*Why not make the best impression we can...*

Sanctuary with comfort and confidence.

We have always had a team of ushers who extend a warm welcome as people enter our Sanctuary and we are looking to expand the size and scope of that group. Please let Leon in the office know if you are interested in joining our effort to improve the way we welcome people to Temple Israel on multiple levels.

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## New to the Board

By Alan Klinger

The synagogue's principal governing body is our Board of Trustees, which meets monthly and considers issues large (e.g., senior personnel hiring) and small (e.g., repair programs). (Small issues can, of course, transform into large ones.) Trustees form an important part of our volunteer group who perform significant service to the synagogue. Without these contributions, the synagogue would not be able to function on anything resembling its current budget. As we approach the end of the synagogue year, I would like to thank our three departing board members and welcome their successors.

We are indebted to Bert Eshaghpour, Jose Nebro and Helen Wrobel for their ef-

*Please welcome our new trustees...*

forts in Adult Education, Technology and Israel Affairs, to name just a few of the areas in which they participated. I personally benefited from their guidance in the operations of the synagogue and hope they continue to assist in our myriad activities.

Valuable as their contributions have been, we look forward to working with our new class of trustees. To "introduce" them to those segments of the congregation that may not be familiar with them, we thought it worthwhile to provide background information on each:

Andrew Bloom "re"-joined the synagogue when he returned to Great Neck in 2008. His parents had joined Temple Israel when they moved to Great Neck in 1976. Andrew and his two brothers attended our Religious School and were each involved in the Waxman High School, serving on its Board as well as being active in USY. Andrew attended Camp Ramah and also worked there on the swim staff for five summers. He met his now spouse, Ronda, during their first year on staff. They have two sons, Matthew and Ethan. Andrew served on the Director of Education Search Committee this past year, and he and his family are active participants in family education activities. Andrew serves as general counsel at a real estate private equity firm in New York City. Outside the office, he enjoys coaching his sons in soccer, baseball and basketball. It is anticipated that

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## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

**MARGOT GOLDMAN**  
mother of Monika Bloom

**MAXINE JOY KAPLAN**  
sister of Elaine Malman

May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Fereshteh and Eliahu Nir** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lielle May Dressler.
- **Dr. Monte Miller** on the marriage of his daughter, Rachel Ann, to Jesse Van Elkan.
- **Dr. Karen Lewkowitz and Dr. Monte Miller** on their engagement.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., June 23 & 30	8:45 A.M.	7:50 P.M.
Sat., July 7	9:00 A.M.	7:50 P.M.
Sat., July 14	9:00 A.M.	7:45 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, June 22.....	8:11 P.M.
Friday, June 29.....	8:12 P.M.
Friday, July 6.....	8:10 P.M.
Friday, July 13.....	8:07 P.M.

## Next Voice Issue, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the summer issue, will be published on July 19, just before Tisha B'Av. The deadline for that issue is July 9. Have a great summer!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

June	28	Men's Club Meeting	7:30 P.M.
	29-30	Shalom Club Shabbaton Weekend	
July	16	Sisterhood Summer Luncheon	Noon
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	22	Erev Tisha B'Av	
	23	Tisha B'Av	

## Be a part of **N'RANENAH!**

**Friday, July 20 at 6:30 P.M.**

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with light refreshments and  
socializing in the Crystal Ballroom*

## 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 taken from "Mah Tovu," recited upon entering the Sanctuary. What is your favorite quote? Submit it to the synagogue office c/o The Voice.

“*How lovely are your dwellings, people of Jacob,  
your sanctuaries, descendants of Israel.*

*As for me, O God,*

*Your great love inspires me to*

*enter Your house, to worship in Your sanctuary...*”

## SABBATH SERVICES

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<b>Saturday, July 7</b>		
Morning Service		9:00 A.M.
	Weekly Portion: <i>Balak</i> Numbers 22:2 – 25:9 <i>Haftarah</i> : Micah 5:6 – 6:8	
Junior Congregation		10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service		11:00 A.M.
Mincha and Ma'ariv		7:50 P.M.
Havdalah		9:10 P.M.
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<b>Friday, July 13</b>		
Evening Service		6:30 P.M.
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<b>Saturday, July 14</b>		
Morning Service		9:00 A.M.
	Weekly Portion: <i>Pinhas</i> Numbers 25:10 – 30:1 <i>Haftarah</i> : Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3	
Junior Congregation		10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service		11:00 A.M.
Mincha and Ma'ariv		7:45 P.M.
Havdalah		9:07 P.M.

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quest of the land. However, the problems of obedience to God and understanding the responsibilities of leadership have still not been completely resolved.

### Balak

**Saturday, July 7**

In this portion, Balak, King of Moab, becomes alarmed at the victory of the Israelites over the Amorites. Fearing that the Israelites are too powerful to defeat in battle, Balak sends messengers to the renowned prophet Balaam in Mestopotamia to summon him to Moab in order to curse the Israelites. At first, God instructs Balaam that he is not to go. Balak, however, sends a second set of messengers to plead with Balaam, and God agrees that the prophet can go to Moab on the clear understanding that he will only speak as God commands him. Once in Moab, Balaam blesses the Israelites three different times instead of cursing them. Balak is furious and sends the prophet home, but Balaam first prophesies the destruction of Moab and the neighboring countries. The future of Israel now seems bright indeed, but the promise is immediately dashed when the people are enticed to participate in the idolatrous cult of Baal-peor. The unique relationship with God is still not firmly enough established.

### Pinhas

**Saturday, July 14**

In this portion we read that Pinhas, the grandson of Aaron, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of *Baal-peor* by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time. We now turn to the preparations for the conquest of the Promised Land. Moses takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives Moses instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. Moses is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate Joshua as his successor. The reading concludes with a calendar of the Festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every *Shabbat* and Festival after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.

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Years after the fact, people remember the way they were first welcomed to a congregation. Did someone extend a hand or did they enter unacknowledged? Were they guided in their initial journey or did they have to fend for themselves? Were people rude or kind, dismissive or engaging?

Why not make the best first impression we can, and then build on it?

We are not Disneyworld or Fantasy Island. We actually have something far richer to offer, namely the full range of a sacred community in which one can connect profoundly with others while also engaging the intellect and the spirit.

All the more reason why our welcoming efforts truly matter. I want to challenge everyone to imagine what it might be like to enter Temple Israel for the first time. Now try to imagine how you might be able to help someone else's experience be as positive as possible. If you are at all interested in helping people feel comfortable in our sacred home, please let us know. You will be doing important and holy work.

One more thing I cannot resist writing. How much fun it would be, at the *kiddush*, to bring a new member over to the gefilte fish, point to the horseradish, and say, "The chrain! The chrain!" Alright, now I'm done.

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too that Obama and Lew would use the meeting to cogently restate the administration's enduring support for Israel and its position that Iran must not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. So I devoted my question to something else: the role and special responsibilities of religious leaders in America today.

The President himself had said a few words about this in his opening remarks, and I expected—based on his writings going back to "The Audacity of Hope"—that he'd have more to say on the subject this afternoon. I reminded him of his writing in that book that he would not let political opponent Alan Keyes claim a monopoly on the teachings of Christianity, which was his faith, too. I said that I had particularly identified with that concept, agreed with him that America remains a profoundly religious country, and asked if there were particular issues on which passionate moderates like those in the room needed to emphasize in his view—stewardship of God's Creation? Protection of human dignity? Tasks that we especially need to perform?

The ground rules of the meeting prohibit direct quotation, and I wanted to keep eye contact with the President rather than take notes on his response, but it is fair to summarize that he answered by stressing that sometimes process is no less important than outcome. Religious leaders need to stress the common good, and teach that we all need to be part of and serve the common weal and not just our own communities. He again stressed, clearly from the heart, the importance of religious communities making a difference in the lives of their members, and also in the lives of members of other groups and our country as a whole. Nothing I had not heard before. Nothing that surprised me—except that it was the old, inspiring Obama that one does not hear as much of on the campaign trail after three-plus years in office as in years past, when both he and the country seemed more prepared to confess idealism.

I did not get the sense that the President has given up on that agenda, or on the peace process, or on stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. The picture of Teddy Roosevelt's charging up the hill on one wall may give inspiration. So, too, may Franklin Roosevelt's portrait on another: he won not just a second term, but a third, and a fourth. It was a good meeting for this President, I think, and for Conservative Jewish leaders. He clearly cares what the Jews of America think of him. This has to be a good thing for us and for Israel; I believe it is also a good thing for America.

## Congregation Thanks Many Recent Kiddush Sponsors

The congregational *kiddush* on May 19 was sponsored by Dr. Maura Kates-Rutkin and Alan Rutkin in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Corey. Contributions toward the *Kiddush* Fund were made by Susie and Dr. Hal Rothbaum in honor of their children, Joshua and Scott, and Lynn and Dr. Gil Weitzman in honor of their children, Elie and Sigal, becoming Chai Club members and Kathrin Zelouf on the *yahrzeit* of her husband, Yousef.

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Andrew will concentrate in the finance, membership and Youth House areas.

Brent Greenspan joined Temple Israel in September 1999, upon moving to Great Neck from Encino, California. Brent and his spouse, Linda, have two children, Brandon and Amanda, who became *B'nai Mitzvah* at Temple Israel and are currently attending college. For the past 30-some years, he has worked as an information technology professional supporting global corporate accounting, financial reporting, enterprise resource planning, and customer relationship management applications. Brent is currently an executive at Citigroup in Manhattan. For the past several years, Brent has been involved in the development of some of the earliest versions of the synagogue's website. He has participated on the Social Media, Ritual, and Finance Committees and reads Torah and leads *minyanim* occasionally. It is anticipated that Brent will concentrate in the ritual and finance areas.

Lynn Weitzman joined Temple Israel in 2007, upon moving here from Manhattan with her spouse, Gil. Choosing Temple Israel for her was a simple choice. She grew up in the Conservative Movement in Stony Brook, where her parents were active board members of their synagogue. Lynn and Gil have three children, Elie, Sigal and Gabriel. Their two older children graduated from Beth HaGan and attend the Religious School; Gabriel will enter the nursery school this fall. Lynn is a leadership development consultant with a focus on government and nonprofit institutions. Prior to Lynn's work as a consultant, she was a policy analyst for the New York City Office of the Mayor and was director of board development at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Lynn was an integral part of the new Nitzanim Connection to better integrate our young families with the synagogue. It is anticipated that Lynn will concentrate in the development and communication areas.

Please welcome our new trustees and feel free to share with them your views of—and hopes for—the synagogue.

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drop and roll" and how to stay smart and safe during a fire.

The Lambs class, under the direction of *Morah* Dinah and *Morah* Ann, chose "Jack and the Beanstalk," and their ferocious Giant went straight to the ceiling of the ballroom. The goose and the golden eggs really enhanced the presentation. The children decided to depict the recent PJ Library selection "The *Shabbat* Box." Each child prepared a beautifully decorated box with many *Shabbat* artifacts. "Old Hat, New Hat," showed us just how creative the Lambs could be in decorating their many hats to display in this timeless classic.

The Tiny Toddlers, led by *Morah* Debbie and *Morah* Shirley, joined the fair this year with Bill Martin's all-time favorite, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?" The children love this book and can recite the text verbatim!

Among the selections of the Bears class, led by *Morah* Sarah and *Morah* Tziona, was a 3-D house from "A House For Everyone," and "When This Box Is Full," where a treasure box gets filled with special mementos from each passing month.

The Giraffes class, led by *Morot* Shari and Ety, greeted visitors at the door with two renditions of "Snowballs," by Lois Ehlert. One was a communal effort activity and then individual snowmen/snowwomen in seasonal sartorial splendor. The teachers extrapolated from Shel Silverstein's classic, "The Giving Tree," the concept of *tzedakah* which underscores the basic Jewish value by which all live. From this beautiful artistic depiction, the children raised over \$200 for the Feuerstein Institute in Israel, dedicated to serving children with special needs. The Giraffes also collaborated with the Tiger class on the age old classic "The Little Engine That Could," and each toy soldier was a Beth HaGan child.

The Seals class, led by *Morot* Cheryl and Elizabeth, loved the book "Aliens Love Underpants," and made the scariest aliens with the funniest underwear. "The Taxi That Hurried" brought forth a huge traffic jam of colorful cars, vans and busses on the city streets, but Bill, the taxi driver, gets mom and child to the train station on time.

The Tigers class, under the direction

of *Morot* Cheryl and Bitá, featured the famous stained glass windows of Marc Chagall. These fanciful, dream-like visions of life graced the ballroom and took everyone back to Israel and the Chagall windows. Watch out for the big "Fat Cat who Sat on the Mat." This book is a reading readiness pioneer which stresses sight words and ending sounds. Each child created his or her own "Fat Cat."

Soaring high above our heads were the Butterflies, led by *Morah* Rebecca and *Morah* Shulamid. "The Littlest Mountain" retells the story of why Mt. Sinai was chosen as the site for the giving of the Torah.

The Dolphins class, under the director of *Morah* Connie and *Morah* Hilda, presented "Green Wilma Frog in Space," replete with spaceship and huge frogs created from cereal boxes and paper mache. The 3D caves presented for "Bright Stanley and the Cave Monster" were so realistic, the shimmering sea horses reflected light dispelling darkness and fear as Stanley and his friends went exploring. "Jumping Jenny" is an old favorite of the class. Each child made a full size Jumping Jenny on her pogo stick. Jenny jumped 100 times to raise money for a *mitzvah* project for a school in Uganda.

The Gazelles, led by *Morah* Miriam and *Morah* Michelle, made 31 cakes for the book by the same title. The creative, exciting, unique cakes were made by Esti as a *tzedakah* bake sale. Each Gazelle authored and illustrated their own original story, bound it and presented it to their class library to be borrowed and enjoyed by all the members of the class. "On the Night you were born" is a beautiful lullaby from Israel celebrating all the magical and spectacular things that happened in the world on the exact moment each child was born. Children drew their baby pictures, documented the time of their birth and learned how special each new being truly is.

"This year's Fair is a tribute to the ingenuity and creativity of the children and teachers," said school Director Rachel Mathless. "The depth of understanding, the richness of materials, the conceptualization of ideas and the tangents into which the children wander made the 12th Annual Art Fair one of the most exciting yet. We look forward to continuing to explore new ways to showcase the work and the artistic growth of our students in the coming years."

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Korah

Saturday, June 23

We find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron in this portion. The reading details the rebellion lead by Korah, a Levite, and two members of the tribe of Reuben, Dathan and Abiram. They accuse Moses and Aaron of unduly raising themselves above the community of Israelites, all of whom are holy. Moses tells the people that God will resolve the issue by accepting or rejecting an incense offering. He further declares that if the rebels die an unnatural death it will be a sign of vindication for him and Aaron. Following the test, Korah and his associates are swallowed up by the earth and fire destroys 250 of the rebels. Aaron is further vindicated in a test involving his staff, which sprouts almond blossoms overnight. With the roles of Aaron, his sons and the Levites in connection with the Mishkan firmly established, a list of emoluments is granted to them in return for their work. Thus, the leadership of the Israelites is made secure at a time when the people are still struggling to define and determine their destiny.

### Hukkat

Saturday, June 30

In this portion we cover the 38 years of the wilderness wandering. The reading opens with instructions for the most peculiar ritual in the Torah: the slaughtered red cow whose ashes mixed with water are used to purify anyone who comes in contact with a corpse. In the purification process, people who are already pure and touch the mixture become impure and must themselves undergo a different process of purification. The reading skips over most of the events of the wilderness wandering without comment and continues in the land of Moab. The people again complain of lack of water, and God tells Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and produce water. Moses, however, strikes the rock with his staff. Water comes forth, but God declares that this action shows lack of faith, and neither Moses nor Aaron will be permitted to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites wage several battles and win, thus demonstrating that the new generation is ready to attempt the con-

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N'ranenah/Evening Service 6:30 P.M.  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner for College Grads 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 23

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Korah*

Numbers 16:1 – 18:32

*Haftarah*: I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

Sabbath Service Officers: Eleanor Askari and Rebecca Sassouni

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*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Mincha and Ma'ariv 7:50 P.M.  
Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

Friday, June 29

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 30

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Hukkat*; Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

*Haftarah*: Judges 11:1 – 33

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