



TIKKUN LEYL
SHAVUOT

Saturday, May 26

First Night of Shavuot

An evening of Torah and food

“Soul Train: Inner Jewish Journeys”

Generously sponsored by Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour

- 7:00 P.M. *Minchah*
- 7:30 P.M. *Se'udah Shelishit*
(light meal followed by singing with Cantor Frieder)
- 8:15 P.M. **Study Session I: “Windows on our Worlds - An Open Conversation Among Our Clergy About Their Own Spiritual Journeys”** Rabbis Stecker and Adelson and Cantor Frieder will be featured on this no-holds-barred panel discussion of their own connections with Jewish tradition, God, prayer, and whatever else comes up!
- 9:00 P.M. *Ma'ariv*
- 9:30 P.M. **Study Session II - “Moses’s Journey Up the Mountain: A Close Encounter with Exodus 19-20”** Dr. Eve Keller leads a guided close reading with commentary, with the goal of working out what Cecil B. DeMille left out (which are, of course, the most interesting bits).
- 10:20 P.M. **Study Session III - “Perspectives on Ruth”** Learning led by the Waxman High School and Youth House students.
- 11:00 P.M. **Late Night Learning:** Maimonides’s *Hilkhot De’ot* – the Laws of Personality and Character Traits with Rabbis Stecker and Adelson.

(Teens are expected at the 10:20 P.M. session and then break off to the Youth House for special teen programs at 11:00 P.M.)

Dinner is free, but you MUST RSVP by Tuesday, May 22 to Susan at 482-7800

What a Show!

“Jewsical the Musical,” the most recent production by the Temple Israel Players, had large crowds singing along to the many numbers made famous by Jewish singers, musicians or lyricists. The show highlighted the musical talents of a large cast of congregants.



Photos by
Dr. Robert
Lopatkin



“I thought they were giving me the singing part!”

The Good Ol' Days at Beth HaGan

By Robert Aizer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel member Robert Aizer was among the first students in the young congregation's new nursery school, Beth HaGan. He looks back on those days in this Voice Guest Column.

As a student of its inaugural year, I am proud and privileged to write this article acknowledging the 50th anniversary of Temple Israel of Great Neck's preschool, Beth HaGan. Currently under the

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leadership of Rachel Mathless, Beth HaGan has been a cornerstone for Jewish learning for thousands of students over the past half century.

In celebration of this important milestone, an exciting celebration was

held last Sunday for the entire community entitled "Cirque du Oy Vey," (named by the very witty Rabbi Stecker). This event, chaired by Temple Israel Board member and past PTA President Joanna Eshaghoff, featured "The Twins From France," an amusing acrobatic duo.

Additionally, past and present Beth HaGan students, along with Temple members, are being offered the opportunity to have their names permanently etched onto Temple Israel's new playground fence. All proceeds will go towards enhancing the Temple's playground. Please visit <tign.org/bh50> or call 482-7800 for more details.

Now, I want you to try to imagine a different time, when things were just, well, simpler! I have attempted to incorporate in my memories some nostalgic references to

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FROM THE RABBI

Curious Minds

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

Last week, I asked the third and fourth graders in our Religious School to imagine that they could ask God a single question and that God would answer it. What might they ask? Here are a few of the questions they shared:

Who created you? Are you a boy or a girl? What happens after we die? Are there aliens somewhere on another planet? Will anything really sad happen to me? Can I have 50 more questions?

It didn't take long at all for our children to come up with these questions, which suggests that they had already been thinking about them.

We're a contemplative species, as our tradition has long recognized. Every morning we recite the words, "A person has many thoughts." In the words of Ecclesiastes (3:11), God puts eternity in our minds, "but without man ever guessing, from first to last, all the things that God brings to pass."

Some people say we shouldn't ask elusive questions, but I disagree. If nothing else, asking such a question stimulates further questions, as testified by the excited

buzz generated by our children in response to the thought experiment I posed.

Such thinking also affirms our humanity and our divinity. Not having certainty myself about how God is constituted, I tend to think that our capacity for contemplation is one of God's gifts, albeit a frustrating one. Our ability to ponder what's ultimately unknowable allows us to rise above the mundane and, perhaps, to gain some new

*Are you
a boy or
a girl?*

insights that we can use when we "return to earth."

I'm pleased that one child raised the question of God's gender, for example. That alone could lead to potentially useful conversation, as could questions about other worlds, in space and time.

A synagogue should be a place where these questions and others are raised and

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Our Diversity

By Alan Klinger

The first weekend of May saw tremendous activity within our congregation.

We enjoyed a scholar in residence weekend with Dr. Ron Wolfson, author of several works on how synagogues can create more welcoming environments. Dr. Wolfson spoke to various grouping of congregants, targeting his message, in entertaining fashion, to the audience involved. Regardless of the audience, however, the goal was consistent: the need to better focus on how to attract people of all ages into the *shul* and make them feel comfortable. While the point may be obvious, the means of achieving it is not, and I believe we benefitted from the highlighting of the issues involved. The success of the weekend will be not in the instruction, but in how we move forward to implement the learning.

That same weekend also saw part two of the celebration of Beth HaGan's 50th anniversary. The outdoor luncheon and festivities were enjoyed by a large group of current nursery school children and it was nice to see so many of the Beth HaGan teachers present. (For those whose children are long gone from the program, the montage of photos dating back decades proved quite an attraction.) We thank Joanna Eshaghoff for all her hard work in spearheading the anniversary celebration. And, there still remains time to purchase commemorative "stakes" for the new fence, embossed with the names of current attendees or graduates of the nursery school program, that hopefully will adorn a renovated playground. Please contact the office if you wish to support this effort to modernize the playground.

To finish the weekend, a number of us attended the regional Men's Club annual gala to support our honorees, Gary Sazer and Ari Panzer, for the work they've done in support of synagogue and Youth House activities. We were proud to see them receive their awards among those being recognized and thank them for the work they've done.

The diversity of the weekend's activities was striking and encouraging—different portals of interests for our congregants. There is, however, one element of overlap: the ability to support such activities with, and raise new amounts for, synagogue discretionary funds.

Few of us are likely aware of the breadth of "special funds" maintained by the synagogue and the range of events supported by them. Most know that each of the clergy has a discretionary fund that is utilized to better the lot of congregants and the synagogue community. (Few are probably aware that the president maintains a

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the family of:

ALBERT TAWFIK
father of Beverly Saidmehar

May his memory be for a blessing.

Membership Meeting Set for Monday, June 4

Congregants will vote on a slate of members of the Board of Trustees at the Annual Membership Meeting, to be held Monday, June 4, at 8:15 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom.

Also scheduled for a vote is a proposed operating budget for the congregation for the coming year.

Nominated for a first term of three years on the Board are Andrew Bloom, Brent Greenspan and Lynn Weitzman. Nominated for a second term are Eleanor Askari, Dr. Laura Gal, Daniel Goldberg, Brian Zeitlin and Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum.

The slate was recommended by a Nominating Committee, chaired by Jonathan Hoffman. Members of the committee included Rebecca Friedman-Charry, Robert Kahen, Marc Langsner, Barbara Levy, Ellen Rosen and Martin Werber.

According to the Temple bylaws, at least 20 members in good standing can nominate additional candidates, provided the names of the additional candidates are filed at least 20 days before the Membership Meeting.

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., May 12	8:45 A.M.	7:25 P.M.
Sat., May 19	8:45 A.M.	7:30 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, May 11.....	7:43 P.M.
Friday, May 18.....	7:50 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

May	14	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	16	Combined Sisterhoods of Great Neck Event	10:00 A.M.
	17	Waxman High School and Youth House Dinner and <i>Siyum</i> Ceremony	5:30 P.M.
	17	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	18	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service and Dinner For College Grads and Friends	7:30 P.M.
	18	Adult <i>Bat/Bar Mitzvah Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	18-20	Waxman High School and Youth House Spring Retreat	
	22	Religious School <i>Zimraya</i> and Closing Assemblies For Sunday and Tuesday Classes	4:00 P.M.
	23	Religious School <i>Zimraya</i> and Closing Assemblies For Monday and Wednesday Classes	4:00 P.M.
	23	Israel Bond Dessert Reception Honoring the Leaders of the Synagogues of Great Neck	7:30 P.M.
	24	Beth HaGan Art Fair	
	24	Men's Club Meeting and Beer Tasting with Rabbi Adelson	7:30 P.M.
	26	<i>Erev Shavuot</i>	
	26	<i>Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i>	7:00 P.M.
	27-28	Shavuot	
June	3	"Celebrate Israel Parade" in Manhattan	
	4	Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	5	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Club	Noon
	8	Last Day of Beth HaGan Classes	
	10	Men's Club and Sisterhood Bike Trip and Picnic	
	11	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.

A NEW COURSE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Revealing the Zohar: An Introduction to the Book of Splendor

Taught by

Rabbi Stecker and Rabbi Adelson

The Zohar is the primary work of Jewish mysticism, or *kabbalah*, composed in 13th century Spain by Rabbi Moshe de Leon. The course will be using Daniel Matt's translation and commentary to examine passages of this esoteric work, and also learn some of the basics of *kabbalah* and the historical context in which the Zohar emerged.

Tuesdays: May 22, 29, June 5, 12 • 8:15 P.M.

RSVP to Angela at 482-7800 ext. 1108 or ajones@tign.org

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 the "L'Kha Dodi." Send your favorite quote to "The Voice," Temple Israel, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023.

“Come, my beloved, with chorus of praise;
Welcome Shabbat the Bride, Queen of our days.”

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



Corey Rutkin

Corey Rutkin will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 19. He is the son of Dr. Maura Kates- Rutkin and Alan Rutkin and has a sister, Aviva, 21, and a brother, Bradley, 16. Corey is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He plays many sports, including travel hockey, MetPGA golf and is on his school's basketball, volleyball and baseball teams. Corey also plays the guitar and enjoys computer programming. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House and has traveled with his family to over 30 countries including Israel, which he plans to visit again in the near future.



Dylan Damaghi

Dylan Damaghi will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on May 26. He is the son of Mitra and Nader Damaghi and has two brothers, Danny, 27, and Jonathan, 24. Dylan is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys all sports, especially basketball and tennis. He is on his school's baseball team. Dylan also enjoys science and traveling. He is currently attending the Waxman High School and Youth House. Dylan celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* this past Passover with his family and friends in Israel.

FROM THE WAXMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrating a Year of Tikkun Olam, Torah, Trips, Tefillah, and Shul-Ins

By Danny Mishkin

On Thursday, May 17, the Waxman High School and Youth House will celebrate a wonderful year of teen programming. The final Thursday of our school year will be a reflection and look back at the fantastic events and experiences we shared. However, it will not be a graduation! Historically the high school holds a graduation ceremony for 11th graders, which honors their time at the high school. We should be exceptionally proud of our most active 11th graders who asked for graduation to be moved to 12th grade. These students are committed to learning, *tikkun olam*, and the success of teen programming at Temple Israel. They want to be active leaders next year and they felt strongly that 12th graders should be considered part of the Waxman High School and Youth House and that any type of graduation should be at the end of 12th grade.

It's not a graduation, but at the Youth House we have a lot to celebrate!

Mitzvah Corps

We applaud all students who participated in a weekly program that combines Jewish learning and Jewish action. This group of students volunteered 20 hours at a homeless shelter, animal shelter, environmental center, children's hospital, special needs residence, and senior's center. Each time, they learned how to represent themselves as Jews while performing these necessary *mitzvot*. We received many phone calls, e-mails, and notes of thanks for their mature behavior and eagerness to lend a helping hand.

Youth House Led Pesach Service

On the second day of *Pesach*, 16 of our outstanding teens led the congregation in prayer. After practicing for weeks with Cantor Frieder, our students not only led prayer with their words, they led prayer with their youthful spirit. It was spiritually satisfying to see these young adults enthusiastic about prayer, often swaying and laughing with one another. There was a youthful energy in the room—a morning that was captured by a frightful moment in which the Torah looked like it was about to fall, but several teens successfully rushed to its rescue! This teen service made our congregation proud and it prompted one congregant to say, "This is why I pay my dues." The teens recited prayers beautifully, respectfully, and enthusiastically.

Seventh Grade Yom HaShoah Ceremony

It was obviously difficult for a group of 7th graders to spend a semester learning about the most horrifying time in Jewish history. Our students maturely and intelligently studied the Holocaust as Jews, and they commemorated the catastrophe by leading a ceremony for their parents and the rest of the Youth House on Thursday, April 19. The ceremony was a collection of reflections on their semester and other selected readings. Each student honored someone who passed away by saying a few words about a person from their family or someone they researched before saying *Kaddish*. Six students told their family's story of sur-

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Waxman High School and Youth House teens worked with area senior citizens.

MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Ronnie and Larry Shatzkamer** on the engagement of their son, Adam, to Heather Rehns.
- **Ruth Kurtz** on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her great-granddaughter, Danielle.
- **Judy and Warren Axelrod** on the birth of their granddaughter, Jolie Elyse Axelrod.

TEMPLE LITES . . .

- **Karen and Don Ashkenase** have been selected as honorees at the Samuel Field Y's Fifth Annual Golf Classic and Cocktail Reception, to be held at the North Shore Country Club, Glen Head, on Monday, May 14.

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*.

The congregational *kiddush* on April 14 was sponsored by Robert Cooperman, in honor of his reading the haftarah on the *yahrzeit* for his father, Albert J. Cooperman. A contribution toward the *kiddush* was made by Jannette Meyrowitz in memory of her husband, Paul Meyrowitz.

Celebrating a Year

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vival. It was an inspirational ceremony capped off by Dr. Leo Slawin, father of Temple Israel member Brenda Greiff, telling his story of survival and raising a family.

Youth House Board

These teen leaders help us build community. The Youth House Board is an incredible group of students who organize events, make important decisions involving the teen community, and commit themselves to leadership. This was a fun year, which included, three Shul-Ins (the fourth is part of the Tikkun Leyl Shavuot), a trip to New York City, Laser Tag, and a Monte Carlo Night!

Trip to New Orleans

During February break, 22 Youth House teens traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi and then New Orleans, Louisiana for a *Tikkun Olam* vacation. Our students represented the synagogue and Jewish community admirably. They worked hard, built friendships, had fun, and opened their eyes to tragedy and the value of caring for others. It was an incredible experience, and many lives were changed because of this important journey, mostly ours.

As you can see, we have a lot to celebrate. Join us to learn about these experiences first-hand on Thursday, May 17, from 5:30-7:30 P.M. Please RSVP to <krecckia@tign.org> .

7th Annual Shavuot Family Adventure!

BIBLICAL SUPERHERO

SMACK-DOWN!!!!

ON THE 1ST DAY OF SHAVUOT:

SUNDAY, MAY 27

10:15AM-12:15PM

IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

Join us for an interactive Yom Tov service where we will meet a dozen **original Biblical Superheroes!** **Who is the GREATEST one of all time? YOU get to decide!**

Family Education and service credit given if at least 1 parent attends!

RSVP to Rabbi Klirs by May 24 – rabbiklirs@tign.org



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explored. We should bring the fullness of our hearts and minds to this sacred house no matter how old we are. In classes and services, at carpool and at *Kiddush*, we should gradually gain the comfort with each other that allows for such conversation.

And the conversation shouldn't be theoretical. It's even more effective when it emerges from our own experience. I'm reasonably certain that the questions our children asked stemmed from their own spiritual soundtracks, their curiosities and even fears. Likewise, our exploration of what lies above is rooted in what's happening to us in the here and now.

This year, we are dedicating our Shavuot Tikkun Evening of Learning to inner spiri-

tual journeys. For one of the sessions, Cantor Frieder, Rabbi Adelson and I will be sharing our thinking about these issues and answering questions from the congregation. The full program is described on the front page of this issue of *The Voice*. I hope you will join us for an evening of honest exploration and learning.

It may well be that the issues we will discuss on Shavuot are not so different from those raised by our children. That possibility reminds me of a comment attributed to Abraham Joshua Heschel. Apparently, before beginning a theology session with a group of rabbis, he said, "I'm sure all of you are confused about the larger questions. I hope that by the end of my session, you will be confused on a higher level."

Congratulations, Graduates!

Under this heading, an upcoming issue of *The Voice* will publish the names of the children of congregants who will be receiving college and postgraduate degrees. To be listed, parents of students should send graduation information to: *The Voice*, "Congratulations, Graduates," c/o the Temple office, by May 25.

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Remembering the Good Ol' Days at Beth HaGan

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a “time gone by.”

Many words we now use on a daily basis were around back then too, only with different meanings. A “nook” was something we sat in to eat. An “apple” was a snack. A “kindle” was something we did to get the barbecue fire going. We were “on-the-line” not “on-line” and “clicking” was something we did with our tongues. The “web” was where spiders lived and you could find a “mouse” scurrying in the basement. Today, cars now come with “GPS.” In my day we were grateful for FM radio! Televisions now come in HD. When I was a kid, “color” was considered manna from heaven and a “cell” was something

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discretionary fund as well!) Probably many know that we have a Building Fund to sustain the needs of our premises and a Prayer Book Fund to acquire and repair *siddurim*. But in addition to these, we have a number of funds that support adult education and other lecture activities (utilized in part for the Wolfson weekend); funds that support the activities of each of the three school programs, including financial assistance for those in need and to facilitate programming not able to be covered in the budget, funds that support *tzedekah* endeavors. A more complete list of funds will be included in the next edition of The Voice. Please peruse the list and see if any of the wide ranging opportunities are of interest. Your support is needed and would be put to good use.

we looked at under a microscope. I could go on for another 50 years.

My personal memories, which will be forever engraved, begin with a rabbit in the principal's office, which we visited every morning, and a veterinarian who made house (or should I say “*shul*”) calls. I remember the rabbit's exam being part of a class learning experience.

Eva Sussman, the first Beth HaGan director, was a no-nonsense lady. When she said to do something, you did it. Afternoon rest time was mandatory! I can remember watching her checking in on the classes to see how the day was progressing, and if she ever saw you in the corridor “unattended” she would get you back into your room in two seconds flat. I remember that part from personal experience.

Music class was held once a week around the piano with Miss Rose, who was a teller at the Whitestone Savings Bank when she wasn't singing with the kids. It was always fun to see your music teacher at the bank when mom was banking. We didn't have ATM machines or on-line banking back then, and banks always closed at the stroke of 3 P.M. I can still remember running countless times with my mother to make the closing.

Children at the time attended either the A.M. or P.M. session. The morning kids went home to eat lunch and continue their day while the afternoon children had lunch at home and then arrived for the afternoon. We would take the bus to and from school. The driver would pick us up or drop us off

at any friend's house that was on our route. All we had to say was “I'm going to Mark's house today” and it was good enough for the driver. Imagine that!

Friday was the day to prepare for *Shabbat*. Some things never change, nor will they. Time to make the challah! Back then though, we didn't have challah dough delivered to the school like we do today. We had to make it from scratch. One child was responsible for cracking and beating the egg, which was of course, before we knew about egg allergies. The dough was then divided among several kids to “neat” the dough, followed by each student braiding their own individual challah. I still remember the feel of the dough and the flour and that delicious smell of the dough baking. It was so special to leave school each *Shabbat* with our personal challahs to bring home to our families. My sister Vivian still remembers how good that challah was.

My fondest memories, though, were the faces of my friends who attended Beth HaGan with me for two years from 1963 to 1965. (The cat's out of the bag now, I guess!) I still see some of them around Temple Israel or town now and then, and have connected with some via social media. Sometimes when dropping off or picking up my teenage son, Noah, I'll pass by a house and remember playing there with my Beth HaGan friends 50 years ago, and a warm smile comes to my face. For all of you who have been through Beth HaGan, or are students there now, I hope you, too, will share that same warm smile a half-century from now. Here's looking at you kid!

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Emor

Saturday, May 12

The Holiness Code continues with laws concerning the maintaining of ritual purity by the priests, in this portion. In particular, we find laws regulating the marriages of priests, limiting their participation in funerals and specifying the blemishes, which may disqualify a priest from officiating. This section ends with an admonition not to profane God's holy name, but to hallow it among the Israelites. The Code then turns to the sacred seasons and presents a calendar of the festivals on which cessation from work is mandated. The list begins with *Shabbat* and continues chronologically from *Pesach*. Cessation from work is a crucial element in the account of creation and, by observing the festivals, the Israelites are led to emulate one of God's major characteristics and achieve holiness.

Behar-Behukotai

Saturday, May 19

With this double portion we conclude the Book of Leviticus. The Holiness Code continues with a group of laws that are to take effect when the Israelites enter The Promised Land. The people will be permitted to work the land for six years, but the seventh year is to be a sabbatical year of complete rest for the land. Further, after seven cycles of seven years, the 50th year is to be a Jubilee—a year of release for the land and all its inhabitants. There follow a series of laws concerning redemption of land and persons and an admonition to keep God's Sabbaths. The Holiness Code ends with a promise and a curse. If the Israelites follow God's laws and commandments, they will be blessed with peace, prosperity and security. If they do not obey, however, a long list of the most dire consequences will ensue. The final chapter of Leviticus deals with providing funding for the *Mishkan*. Thus, the entire description of the sanctuary, its functioning and the type of life it is supposed to engender in the Israelites concludes with the establishment of a pattern of generosity toward our places of worship, which continues down to our own time and becomes a basic element of community life wherever Jews settle.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, May 11

Evening Service / *Tefillah* Enrichment Program Students 6:30 P.M.
Followed by *Tefillah* Enrichment Program Dinner

Saturday, May 12

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Emor*; Leviticus 21:1 –24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 – 31

Sabbath Service Officers: Dan Goldberger and Larry Greengrass

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MICHELLE MIRJANI

daughter of Elena and Babak Mirjani

LEVI MONAHEMI

son of Sepideh and Elyas Monahemi

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minchah and *Ma'ariv* 7:25 P.M.

Havdalah 8:44 P.M.

Friday, May 18

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

Kabbalat Service & Dinner for College Grads & Friends 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 19

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Behar-Behukotai*; Leviticus 25:1 –27:34

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

Sabbath Service Officers: Robert Kahen and Dr. Zina Rutkin-Becker

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son of Dr. Maura Kates-Rutkin and Alan Rutkin

Shabbat Ha-Mishpachah / Honoring "Chai Club" members 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minchah and *Ma'ariv* 7:30 P.M.

Havdalah 8:51 P.M.