



## Return of Artwork Stolen During Holocaust Is Topic of Special Presentation On May 20th



Guest Speaker Charles A. Goldstein

By Marc Katz, Editor

Artwork stolen by the Nazis during the Holocaust will be the subject of a special presentation at Temple Israel on Tuesday, May 20, at 8:15 P.M. in the Blue Room. The program, presented by the congregation's Lifelong Learning program, TILL, will feature Charles A. Goldstein, counsel to the Commission for Art Recovery and a recognized leader on the subject of restitution of Holocaust looted art.

Rabbi Howard Stecker urged the congregation to attend "this illuminating program about this important part of our history, which is still being written."

The Commission, chaired by Ronald S. Lauder, was established to spur efforts to return art that was seized, confiscated, or wrongfully taken as a result of the policies of the Third Reich and the devastation of the Holocaust. The Commission deals with governments, museums, and other institutions to help, through moral persuasion, to bring some justice into the lives of families whose art was lost. The art collections taken from Jews represented an important aspect of the cultural lives of their owners and the communities in which they lived. Many family collections were assembled and treasured over several generations.

Mr. Goldstein continues the work begun by the Monuments Men, whose story was

the subject of a recent major Sony Pictures film starring George Clooney. The movie told the story of a group of volunteers, men and women from 13 nations in the newly created Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives section of Allied Forces. Their job was to save as much of the art culture of Europe as they could during the combat, and their efforts had a mandate from President Roosevelt and the support of General Eisenhower.

Mr. Goldstein, as counsel to the Commission, is responsible for all government affairs and litigation arising out of its activities. He is a recognized leader on the subject of restitution of Holocaust looted art and has supervised claims, negotiations and litigation involving stolen art in several countries.

"As we know, the Nazis tried systematically to destroy the lives and loot the property of Europe's entire Jewish population," Rabbi Stecker said. "To a large degree, un-

fortunately, they were successful.

"Any steps that can be taken to restore justice should be acknowledged and celebrated as a victory against the Nazis and their ultimate aims."

The topic is particularly timely because of the noted recent death of Cornelius Gurlitt, and the fate of his late father's collection of art stolen during the Nazi era. The program was the suggestion of congregant Jerrold Schlessel, who brought the topic to the attention of TILL Committee Chair Rebecca Friedman-Charry. They contacted noted art dealer Louis Stern of Louis Stern Fine Art of West Hollywood, California, who made the connection to the Commission for Art Recovery.

There is no charge for the program, but reservations are recommended. They can be made by contacting the Temple Israel office at 482-7800 or <aJones@tign.org>.

### *Editor of The Jewish Daily Forward To Speak on Ethnicity on Shavuot*

Temple Israel will mark Shavuot with a presentation by Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward, the legendary newspaper begun in 1897 as a Yiddish language publication. The program begins with *Mincha* at 7 P.M. on the first night of Shavuot, Tuesday, June 3.

Speaking on trends in ethnicity, the program will focus on Jews in the community of different ethnic backgrounds. Her presentation will be supplemented by a panel discussion featuring members of the congregation with different ethnic backgrounds. The discussion will be moderated by Rabbi Seth Adelson.

Ms. Eisner, a pioneer in journalism, assumed her position at the Forward in 2008, the first woman to hold the post. Under her leadership, the Forward has won numerous regional and national awards for original journalism, both in print and on-line. She also serves as host of "The Salon," the first-ever women's program produced by The Jewish Channel. She is the author of "Taking Back the Vote: Getting American Youth Involved in Our Democracy."

The presentation, sponsored by TILL, Temple Israel Lifelong Learning, is dedicated in memory of Malek Beroukhim Yousefzadeh by her family on this, her first *yahrzeit*.

## Visit the Temple Israel Library

By Rona Lupkin

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Head Librarian Rona Lupkin invites you to explore the many treasures at the Temple Israel Library in this Voice Guest Column.

I would like to highlight one of Temple Israel's special features for you—its wonderful library. Created over 40 years ago by Temple member Eva Yarett, it was first situ-

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of interest for you.*

ated in the attic of the "White House" (now torn down) and then moved into the Youth House when it was built the next year. The collection has grown from the original 200 to 300 books in nooks and crannies around the synagogue to a collection of more than 8,000 books, magazines, and select video

and audio collections now housed most conveniently just off the main lobby.

Whenever you are in the synagogue, you can stop by and browse, and select a book to take out or read in one of our extremely comfortable chairs. There is certain to be something of interest for you. We have the very latest Jewish fiction, biography, history, cook-books, bible studies, Jewish magazines and art books, as well as history and politics. Chances are good that you can take home books for which there are long waiting lists elsewhere. Please check future issues of The Voice for featured new books and reviews available in the library. There will frequently be a box with up-to-the-minute recommendations.

Our beautifully welcoming facility houses

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FROM THE RABBI

## The Stories Live On

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rabbi Stecker shared the following remarks at Temple Israel's Annual Yom HaShoah commemoration.

A little over a decade ago, the author Nathan Englander wrote a story called "The Twenty-Seventh Man," based on the following historical occurrence: In 1952, Joseph Stalin ordered that a group of Jewish writers be arrested and brought to prison on the same day. His goal was to destroy them and, along with them, their stories.

We know, of course, that the stories survived; Not just the stories of the famous authors that had been written previously, but also the story of what happened to them on that fateful day.

What makes human beings unique in the animal kingdom is that we tell stories about our lives, stories that help us understand what we've experienced and help others learn from our experiences.

This evening, Diana Albert, born Doba Drezner, was gracious and courageous enough to share her story with us. It is a poignant story, tragic but also hopeful. It is a story that is part of the narrative of her personal family and, from this point forward, her extended family at Temple Israel.

Storytelling is uniquely human and

Jews have a unique penchant for storytelling. We make sense of the world by telling, retelling and retooling our stories. Sixty-two years ago, Joseph Stalin tried to squelch the stories of over 20 Jewish authors. But their stories survived, as did the story of what happened to them and, moreover, that event launched the career of a young man

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who is one of the great storytellers today.

Over 70 years ago, the Nazis tried systematically to wipe out the Jewish people along with our story. Sure, there were plans for a museum to document the history of an extinct nation, but the Nazis were determined that there would be no more living, dynamic, Jewish story. But they did not succeed. Today, we still tell the stories of those who perished. And those who survived tell

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## Time to Register for Next Year's Classes At the Religious School

As one school year comes to a close, Temple Israel prepares for the next!

Registration for the Temple Israel Religious School for the 2014-15 school year is underway! The school has made it easy for returning families to register: forms already have names and addresses. All that is needed to do is to provide any information that is significant to your child and to designate your session of preference.

The school is already planning for another fun-filled year of learning, creating and growing. Help to properly plan and put together the best learning groups—send in your registration today.

Questions? E-mail or call Cathy Gewanter in the Religious School office at <cgewanter@tign.org> or 482-7800.

## Congregation Thanks Kiddush Sponsors

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

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on March 1 were made by Mitchell Koeppl in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of his daughter, Meredith, and Andrew Schwed, and by Alina and Richard Hendler in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their niece, Lianne Gourji, and Alexander Leventhal, by Susan and David Hanover in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Noah, and by Yuval Brash in memory of his father, Fred Brash.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on March 8 were made by Shirley and Eli Hawa in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Yoel, by Joseph and Eileen Unger in honor of the *Auf Ruf* of their son, Matthew, and Melissa Torban, by Maryvonne Cohen in honor of the baby naming of her granddaughter, Gianna Deni Higgins, and by Shirley and Eli Hawa in memory of Mr. Hawa's father, Nadji Hawa.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on March 15 were made by Karen and Roger Hollander in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Eitan, and by Malvina and Jeff Kirshner in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jonathan.

The congregational *kiddush* on March 22 was sponsored by Sharona and Moshe Shirazi in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Amanda.

The congregational *kiddush* on March 29 was sponsored by Serina and Marlon Rosenbaum in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Eric.

## IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences  
to the families of:

### EDWARD HOROWITZ

husband of Beverly Horowitz,  
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May their memories be for a blessing.

## MAZAL TOV TO . . .

- **Susan and Howard Weitzman** on the birth of their grandson, Morris Lazer Weitzman.
- **Lilly and Dr. Iraj Nejat** on the birth of their grandson, Ariyeh Nejat.

## TEMPLE LITES . . .

- **Temple Israel Religious School Vav students Emma Sassouni, daughter of Rebecca and Sassan Sassouni, and Sophie Rokhsar, daughter of Jasmine and Arman Rokhsar,** placed second with a video entry in the Town of North Hempstead's Earth Day contest titled: "Slow the Flow, Save H2O." The girls are in the sixth grade at Great Neck North Middle School. They were honored at Town Hall earlier this week.
- **Paula Tartell, daughter of Deborah and Jay Tartell,** has been named a Nassau County Scholar Artist for May. The president of her class and the chorus at Great Neck North High School, the talented pianist is a member of many school music-related school organizations and has performed with the All-County Chorus and Band.

## DAILY MINYAN TIMES

*Attend the Daily Minyan!*

Mon. & Thur.	6:45 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues. & Wed.	7:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:00 A.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., May 17	8:45 A.M.	7:30 P.M.
Sat., May 24	8:45 A.M.	7:35 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

*Kindle the Sabbath Lights!*

Friday, May 16.....	7:48 P.M.
Friday, May 23.....	7:54 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

May	16-17	Vav Family Retreat		
	18	Lag B'Omer		
	18	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.	
	19	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.	
	20	Last Day of Waxman High School and Youth House Classes		
	20	Last Day of Religious School Sunday/Tuesday Classes		
	20	Waxman High School Celebration of Teen Engagement and Graduation Dinner	7:30 P.M.	
	20	TILL Program: "Recovery of Jewish Art Confiscated During the Holocaust" Presentation by Dr. Charles A. Goldstein	8:15 P.M.	
	21	Last Day of Religious School Monday/Wednesday Classes		
	22	Men's Club Kosher Wine Tasting with Rabbi Adelson	7:30 P.M.	
	29	Beth HaGan Nursery School Art Fair	5:30 P.M.	
	June	1	Celebrate Israel Parade in New York City	
		2	Beth HaGan Nursery School Truck Day	
		3	<i>Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i>	
4-5		Shavuot		
8		Men's Club Outing to North Fork Vineyards	10:30 A.M.	
11		Beth HaGan Nursery School Graduation		
12		Last Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School		
16-20		Beth HaGan Nursery School Transition Week		
16		Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.	
19		Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.	
20	45+ Singles Group <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.		
22	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.		
23	First Day of the Beth HaGan Summer Program			

## Temple Israel to Show Pride In Israel By Marching In 'Celebrate Israel Parade'

"Celebrate Israel Parade" participants will be able to take a free bus to the parade on Sunday, June 1, and march with congregants behind a large Temple Israel banner, or cheer as fellow members walk up Fifth Avenue in support of the State of Israel.

"This parade speaks to the power of living in a free country with the ability to do what we can to show public support for the State of Israel," said Rebecca Sassouni, the Temple Israel parade chair. "We should be grateful for our rights to support the State of Israel."

The Israel Affairs Committee will sponsor at least two busses, which will leave from the Temple Israel parking lot at 11:30 A.M. to get participants to the marching point in time for their 1 P.M. start. The line of march will be along Fifth Avenue, from 57th Street to 74th Street. The Temple Israel marchers will assemble at 52nd Street, between Madison and Fifth Avenues.

Members of Gahalet will march with the Temple Israel contingent and will be joined by SHAI.

Participants will receive red tee shirts with white lettering, identifying them as members of the Temple Israel group, and are urged to wear dark blue or black pants. Tee shirts will be given out beginning at 10:30 A.M. in the Temple Israel lobby.

The transportation and tee shirts for the congregation are underwritten by the Israel Affairs Committee and the Israel Solidarity Fund. Contributions to the funds are used to support this activity, as well as others that reflect the congregation's support for Israel.

In addition, a contest to design tee shirts for marchers is being sponsored by the Religious School and Waxman High School. Students must create a short video titled "Why I Want You To March With Me." The student presenting the winning entry will receive a Shavuot ice cream party for their entire class, donated by Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Sassouni and her family. Judging of entries will be done by members of the Israel Affairs Committee.

Ms. Sassouni said she recalls marching in the parade as a young child and is thrilled to now be able to march with her own children. "The Celebrate Israel Parade is a wonderful way for parents to show by example their love of the State of Israel to their children," she said. For further details about Temple Israel's participation in the parade and to make bus reservations, contact Ms. Sassouni at <RebeccaSassouni@gmail.com> or call the Temple Israel office, 482-7800.

## Putting Jewish Values into Practice

By Rabbi Amy Roth



### Joshua Rothbaum

Joshua Rothbaum will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 24. He is the son of Susan and Hal Rothbaum and has a brother, Scott, 14. Joshua is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is the recipient of the Judaic Scholar Award from the Temple Israel Religious School. Joshua is also his school's Geography Bee Champion, Science Olympiads Medalist, Long Island Math Fair Medalist, and All-County clarinetist. He enjoys playing tennis, fencing, playing the clarinet and baking. Joshua has previously visited Israel with his family and plans to return in the future. He will be attending the Waxman High School.



### Daniel Itzkowitz

Daniel Itzkowitz will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on May 31. He is the son of Audrey Kent Itzkowitz and Eric Itzkowitz and has a brother, Jake, 21, and a sister, Isabel, 18. Daniel is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He was selected for the All-County Band for playing the French horn and is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is also a member of his school's 2013 award-winning Lego Robotics Team. Daniel enjoys playing tennis, basketball, biking, and sailing and is a member of his school's swim and track teams. Daniel will attend the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

What do you get when you put a group of 11 year olds together in a room with a group of Jewish seniors and add some games, food and entertainment? You get Jewish values and living in action! Specifically, our children were able to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *hachnassat orchim* (welcoming guests) as they hosted guests into our school.

If you happened to wander into the Religious School several weeks ago, you would have witnessed a moving sight: approximately 40 fifth graders were in the Multipurpose Room. They were sitting at tables with seniors from our community, playing cards, Connect Four and Scrabble, among other games. They were chatting, telling jokes and yes—snacking together.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of parent Jackie Einstein Astrof and her crew of terrific volunteers, our intergenerational afternoon was relaxed, fun and meaningful. Part of the magic of the afternoon was that it became a multi-grade educational experience. Original invitations had been created by the *Dalet* children and were

distributed to various communities by our parent volunteers. *Hay* children also invited seniors in their own families. The children of the *Alef* classes, who have worked hard all year learning the Hebrew alphabet, baked special cookies in the shapes of Hebrew letters. (I think that they may have “tested” them, as well!) The *Alef* children visited the Multipurpose Room and presented our guests with platters of the “Hebrew” cookies. And after the requisite snack, chat and games, it was time for the entertainment! Our *Bet* children came into the Multipurpose Room and treated our guests (and *Kitah Hay* hosts) to a beautiful concert. Since the *Bet* children have worked so hard to read Hebrew and have learned so much about the Torah and holidays this year, their mastery of so many new Hebrew songs was quite impressive.

This Intergenerational Day was truly a group effort—many different areas of the school community participated in the *mitzvah* of welcoming our guests and saw the value in connecting with different members of our community.



**Intergenerational Day at the Temple Israel Religious School brought students and Great Neck area senior citizens together recently for a variety of shared experiences.**



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## Temple Israel Museum Marking 50th Anniversary, Open Sunday, June 8

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Temple Israel Museum. It is one of the premier synagogue museums in the country and founding curator Gertrude Gross is now serving as its senior curator.

The museum will be open on Sunday, June 8, from 1 – 3 P.M. so that visitors can have an opportunity to view the exhibits leisurely; a curator will be available to answer any questions.

There are several pieces available for dedication. If you wish to honor a loved one, to mark a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*, a special birthday, or anniversary, speak to a curator. Several people may jointly dedicate pieces.

For further information about the museum, call 482-7800.

## New Singles Group Holding Wine and Cheese Night

Temple Israel's new group for older singles is off and running. Now called Jewish Singles Connection of Temple Israel, the newly formed organization is planning an initial wine and cheese night this Saturday evening, May 17.

"All singles age 45 and over are welcome to attend," said Cindy Pross, an organizer of the group. The wine and cheese night will be held at a member's Great Neck home beginning at 9 P.M. For details about the event, contact Ms. Pross at 498-9556 or by e-mail at <seestarry@gmail.com>.

The Singles Connection is also holding a planning meeting to schedule future events on Sunday, June 22, at 10 A.M. All are invited to help set-up a series of activities.

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their stories to their children and grandchildren and at gatherings such as this one. Because of their courageous storytelling, the world knows that Jews survive and thrive, that we bring light and love to the world.

I want everyone here, children and adults, to remember Mrs. Albert's story, to remember that a young woman lived with courage and hope during the desperate

times and went on to live and love and raise a family.

A little over a week ago, at the seder table, we repeated the phrase, "The more we tell the story of leaving Egypt, the better it is." The Jewish impulse to tell stories—the more the better, the deeper the better—cannot be suppressed.

In every generation, we will continue to tell our stories. And, we will continue to bring light and love to the world.

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not only an astounding collection of classic Judaica, but the cream of the crop of current fiction and non-fiction, as well. This is the place to polish that after-dinner speech you must make or that research paper you must complete, not to mention the place to find that book club novel you can't track down anywhere. Preparations for holidays are a breeze with the help of the "experts" residing on our shelves. Friendly librarians are there to assist you, too.

Every book in the library has been donated from our congregant's own Judaic libraries or purchased through contributions to a fund set up for this purpose. Members who wish to celebrate a *simcha* or memorialize a loved one might well want to make such a contribution to the Library Fund. The library is also happy to accept books in good condition from your own library. Those that do not fit into our collection would be sold to enable the purchase of additional new books. There are always wonderful books for sale at the library with the majority selling for a dollar or less.

Library hours are, Sunday, 9 A.M.-Noon, and Monday through Wednesday from 2 P.M.-6 P.M.

We would love to extend our hours to accommodate more congregants' schedules. If you have a few hours to volunteer Monday, through Wednesday mornings, or any time on Thursday, please contact me at 482-0049. If you would like to be included in the substitution list for any day, I would appreciate you letting me know.

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## D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Behukkotay

Saturday, May 17

This portion concludes the Book of Leviticus. 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*. Offerings may be made in silver equivalent to the value of a person, and a scale of equivalents is provided. Offerings may also be made in the form of animals and property. Finally, provision is made for tithes. 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.

### Bemidbar

Saturday, May 24

We begin the Book of Numbers in this portion. For about a year, the Israelites had been camped at the foot of Sinai, where they witnessed the revelation, built the *Mishkan* and were instructed in its operation. Now they are ready to resume the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. The people are organized into a military camp to enable them to undertake a march through hostile environments, both natural and human. The first order of business is a census of all males over 20, except Levites. The tribes are then assigned positions in a square surrounding the *Mishkan*. Finally, the Levites are assigned special duties in connection with the *Mishkan* and numbered separately. The physical arrangement of the camp will serve to remind the people on the march of the monumental events they have recently experienced. The *Mishkan* will become a "mobile Sinai," and its location at the center of the camp will provide focus for the Israelites on their journey.

Worship at Temple Israel this Shabbat!

## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, May 16

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 17

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Behukkotay*

Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

*Haftarah*: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

Sabbath Service Officers: Seth Horowitz and Zina Rutkin-Becker

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* 7:30 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 8:00 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 8:34 P.M.

*Havdalah* 8:49 P.M.

Friday, May 23

*N'ranenah* / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 24

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: *Bemidbar*

Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

*Haftarah*: Hosea 2:1 - 22

Sabbath Service Officers: Rebecca Friedman-Charry and Ofra Panzer

*Bar Mitzvah*

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*Havurah* Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

*Minhah* 7:35 P.M.

*Se'udah Shelishit* 8:05 P.M.

*Ma'ariv* 8:40 P.M.

*Havdalah* 8:55 P.M.