



Forward Editor
Jane Eisner

By Marc Katz, Editor

How American freedoms influence the Jewish community will be the topic of a special address to the congregation by the editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward during Temple Israel's Shavuot celebration on Tuesday evening, June 3.

"Beyond the Melting Pot: Changing Values in a Changing World" is the title of the presentation by Jane Eisner, who in 2008 became the first woman to lead the famed newspaper. The talk, free and open to the community, will begin at 9:15 P.M. in the Sanctuary. The Shavuot celebration begins with *Minhah* at 6:45 P.M.

Ms. Eisner's focus will be on the findings of the Pew report, the first major study of the American Jewish community in the last ten years—undertaken at her urging—which last year interviewed more than 3,000 Americans Jews on their religious observance. The study found a significant rise in those who are not religious, marry outside the faith, and are not raising their children as Jews, resulting in rapid assimilation in every branch of Judaism except Orthodox.

"It is important for the congregation to hear where we are as Jews in America," said Rabbi Seth Adelson. "American Jews have not really thought about where we are as a community and where we are going. We finally have the freedom and the finan-

cial capital to control our own destiny."

Ms. Eisner was chosen to speak by the congregation's adult education committee, Temple Israel Lifelong Learning, or TILL. "Jane Eisner is at the center of the study of the American Jewish community," said TILL Chair Rebecca Friedman-Charry. "The study reflects on our heritage and the way we have adapted Judaism to American life. The report will serve as a blueprint for 21st century Jewish lives."

She said the TILL Committee began with the goal of finding someone who is an expert on emerging trends in the American Jewish community. Committee member Susan Wagner reached out to Ms. Eisner and "the committee was enthusiastic when she accepted our invitation," Ms. Friedman-Charry said. "She has her finger on the pulse of the

American Jewish community."

Before joining the Forward, Ms. Eisner held executive editorial and news positions at the Philadelphia Inquirer for 25 years. In 2006, she joined the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, where she served as vice president for national programs and initiatives, with responsibility for the Liberty Medal and the Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution.

Her book, "Taking Back the Vote: Getting American Youth Involved in our Democracy," was published in 2004. She serves as the host of "The Salon," the first women's program produced by The Jewish Channel.

Before she speaks, Rabbi Adelson will moderate a panel of congregants who came to Great Neck with different backgrounds.

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Shavuot Topic: 21st Century Jewish Life

Editor of *The Forward* Speaking at Temple Israel June 3

Celebrate Israel Parade Has Its Rewards!



Student Daria Scolnick, third from right, was responsible for her Temple Israel Religious School Vav class celebrating with an ice cream party recently. Daria created the winning entry in the "Celebrate Israel Parade" Video Contest. Her winning video can be viewed at www.tign.org and was screened to cheers at a recent Temple Israel Board of Trustees meeting. Temple Israel members can still register to march with the congregation. Contact the office at 482-7800 or Temple Israel parade organizer Rebecca Sassouni at rebeccasassouni@gmail.com to reserve your place and for further parade details.

A Sisterhood Thank You

By Karen Ashkenase

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's Sisterhood is wrapping up another successful year and the group's president, Karen Ashkenase, thanks those who made it possible in this Voice Guest Column.

I would like to use this column to publicly thank my Board members whose dedication to Sisterhood and devotion to Temple Israel should be recognized.

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- Iris Adler - Iris is our hardworking treasurer and our Purim chairperson, who spends literally months preparing for the wonderful Purim bags we all enjoy. I call upon her very often for good advice and she is always ready to help with any project. I rely on her tremendously.
- Laura Bardash - Laura has devoted countless hours purchasing, arranging, selling

and, unfortunately, cleaning up after fire and water damage to our Judaica shop. We really appreciate her commitment to the shop, Sisterhood and Temple Israel.

- Ellen Cooper - Ellen is our Torah Fund chairperson. Although she has held this job longer than any other Board member has held a position, we won't let her retire.
- Doris Delman - Doris is always available to sell Torah Fund cards to support the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is a strong supporter of all our programs.
- Rayma Feldman - Rayma is part of our Yad B'Yad Committee. She is always the first to volunteer for all our activities. We will miss her when she makes *aliyah* in August. But we wish her all the best as she moves to be near her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- Gert Gross - Gert is one of our most seasoned Board members, who over the years

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FROM THE RABBI

On Derekh Eretz and Being Refreshed

By Rabbi Seth Adelson

I lived in Texas for five and a half years, earning an M.S. at Texas A&M University (Go Aggies!) and then working in steamy Houston for a huge, multinational engineering and construction firm. When I returned to Dallas last week for the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international professional organization of Conservative/Masorti rabbis, I was flooded with memories of my time in Texas, and particularly that Texans love air conditioning, and prefer it to be blowing on them full blast at all times. So while the weather outside the Dallas Hilton was pleasant and not too hot, inside it felt like March in Iceland.

Nonetheless, the company was warm, and the material was hot. I had a few *shurim* with one of my beloved Bible teachers from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Dr. Walter Hertzberg, who laid out a stunning array of traditional commentaries for us to sample and draw on. I heard sessions on crafting new, engaging *tefillah* experiences (a particularly timely talk with respect to our process here in Great Neck), reaching

out to so-called "millennials" and "gen-xers," expanding adult learning options, and also participated in a stellar four-hour marathon examination of textual sources with Dr. Donniel Hartman of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem (where

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Rabbi Stecker is sabbatical-ing in July) on the tension between fulfilling God's word and moderating some of the extreme *halakhic* positions found in the Jewish canon. Maimonides, for example, notes in his *halakhic* compendium, the *Mishneh Torah* (Laws Pertaining to Acquisition 9:8), that while the Torah permits one to order your

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Helping Israel

By Rebecca Yusefzadeh Sassouni

EDITOR'S NOTE: Temple Israel's Board of Trustees has approved the inclusion of a voluntary contribution to the Israel Solidarity Fund on congregational billing statements, as explained in this Voice Guest Column by Vice President Rebecca Yusefzadeh Sassouni.

After significant deliberation, the Temple Israel Board of Trustees recently decided to include a voluntary suggested contribution of \$36 to the Israel Solidarity Fund on the congregational billing statements.

The Israel Solidarity Fund was established in order to set aside monies for Israel-related education and programming

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at Temple Israel. The Israel Solidarity Fund also enables the synagogue to continue to send monetary support to vital causes such as the Masorti Foundation, which supports the network of Conservative synagogues in Israel; our partner congregation in Ashkelon, Kehilat Netzach Israel; emergency contributions in times of war; and other charitable needs. Previously, the synagogue and the Israel Affairs Committee relied upon individual solicitations with mixed results.

Temple Israel will once again be marching in the "Celebrate Israel Parade" on Sunday, June 1. Some of the costs associated with registering, bus transportation, and t-shirts will be defrayed by the Israel Solidarity Fund, as well.

With each passing year, the importance of Masorti Judaism, as Conservative Judaism is known in Israel, continues to rise as the hunger for spirituality becomes more widespread among non-Orthodox Israelis. As efforts to delegitimize Israel increase, and as the Israeli government's own policies continue to subsidize the Orthodox rabbinate and minimize the Masorti (Conservative) denomination, our awareness and support of Masorti congregations and outreach becomes increasingly vital.

In addition, Temple Israel has established a mutually beneficial relation-

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IN MEMORIAM

Temple Israel extends condolences
to the families of:

WILLIAM PINCUS

husband of Elsa Pincus
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

JOSEPHINE PROPP LAITMAN

sister of Theodore Propp

MURRAY HYSEN

husband of Arlene Hysen
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

ESTHER ROSENFELD

mother of Roberta Harounian

May their memories be for a blessing.

Thanks Are Extended To Recent Shabbat 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*.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on April 5 was made by Ellen and Steven Rothbaum in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jonathan.

The congregational *kiddush* on April 12 was sponsored by Nancy and Manny Alani in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Yael Aviv Alani. Contributions toward the *kiddush* were made by Linda and Joshua Young in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Emma, and Shahnaz and Neil Goldman in honor of the baby naming of their granddaughter, Hallie Blair Goldman.

A contribution toward the *kiddush* on April 19 was made by Eileen and Mickey Putterman in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary.

Contributions toward the *kiddush* on April 26 were made by Sherly and David Aminzadeh in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Nicole, and Simone Kahan in memory of her mother, Jamileh Brookhim.

The congregational *kiddush* on May 3 was sponsored by the Membership Committee in honor of Temple Israel's longtime members.

Next Voice Issues, Deadlines

The next issue of The Voice, the graduation issue, will be published on Thursday, June 26. The deadline for that issue is June 13.

The Tisha B'Av issue, the following issue, will be published on Thursday, July 31. The deadline for that issue is July 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

June	1	"Celebrate Israel Day Parade"- Buses leave Temple Israel 11:30 A.M.	
	2	Beth HaGan Nursery School Truck Day	
	2	Congregational Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	3	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Program	6:45 P.M.
		Featuring Jane Eisner	
	4-5	Shavuot	
	8	Men's Club Outing to North Fork Vineyards	10:30 A.M.
	8	Temple Israel Museum Open	1:00 P.M.
	10	Sisterhood presents "Origins of Ancient Israel: What Would We Know Even If the Bible Didn't Exist?"	Noon
	11	Beth HaGan Nursery School Graduation	9:30 A.M.
	12	Last Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School	
	16	Sisterhood Board Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	16-20	Beth HaGan Nursery School Transition Week	
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	20	Jewish Singles Connection <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	22	Jewish Singles Connection Breakfast Meeting	10:00 A.M.
	22	Shalom Club Dinner and Meeting	6:30 P.M.
	23	First Day of the Beth HaGan Summer Program	
	26	Men's Club Meeting and Texas Hold 'Em Night	7:30 P.M.

Men's Club Holds Another Successful Blood Drive

Another successful blood drive was sponsored by the Men's Club recently.

"The gift of life is the single greatest gift one person can give to another," said Charles I. Adler, who chaired the event. "It is truly wonderful that we have people who feel the need to give something back to the community, to give a gift of such magnitude to people they may never meet."

The Men's Club thanks Dr. Adler, as well as Iris Adler, Leonard Katz, David Scherr, Robert Lopatkin, Dan Weinstein, Seth Moin, Brent Greenspan, Kenneth M. Leff, and Howard Spun for their efforts in making the event a success. They also thank Bagel Mentch for donating the bagels for blood drive participants.

The following people donated blood: Warren Axelrod, Michael Becker, Ellen Birnbaum, Debra Bykoff, Daryosh Chaman, Omid Chaman, Donald Citak, David Damaghi, Geoffrey Epstein, David Eshagoff, Renee Fleischer, Keyvan Frouzan, Ronald Golden, Carol Hacker, Susan Hanover, Edward Hartmann, Elias Hawa, Matthew Hoffman, Elizabeth Khakshouri, Kenneth Kobliner, Miriam Kobliner, Kenneth M. Leff, Stuart Lubert, Rona Lupkin, Seth Moin, Randy Navo, Rachelle Ohebshalom, Amy Pearlman, Rebecca Phillips, Neal Picker, Hal Rothbaum, Gary Sazer, David Scherr, Patty Schneider, Andrew Schultz, Walter Siegel, Richard Solomon, Jonathan Tillem, Andrea Weiner, Helen Wrobel, Irene Yachbes, Isaber Yomtobian and David Zielenziger.

Beth HaGan Visits the Kotel for Yom Ha'atzmaut



Beth HaGan Lambs students celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, recently in front of their version of the Kotel. For additional Beth HaGan news, see page 4.

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

FROM THE BETH HAGAN NURSERY SCHOOL —

Busy Days at Beth HaGan

By Rachel Mathless

Ever since the children of Beth HaGan returned from Passover break, they have been busy doing all kinds of fun and interesting activities.

Party Pets came and brought over 20 critters for the children to learn about and, in some cases, to touch and hold. Many children were able to overcome their fear and inhibitions and enjoyed the experience very much.

Our volunteer moms, headed by PTA President Amy Kalter, provided an exciting, well-rounded Yom Ha'atzmaut experience which delighted all the children. First we flew off in our private El Al flight to Ben Gurion Airport, where our passports were stamped. All passengers proceeded to Jerusalem to the Kotel to pray, sing and dance. Leaving there, they moved on to a *kibbutz*, to Tel Aviv, and to the artist colony in Safed, and from there to the beach in Eilat and a Bedouin tent for snacks. At each station the children were engaged in activities typical for the city they visited. Every child made a picture of himself or herself at the Kotel in a beautifully decorated picture frame as a memento of the day.

We had a fabulous Lag B'Omer picnic—and had ice cream for dessert.

Mother's Day *Shabbat* Tea was held on the Friday before Mother's Day, with a beautiful presentation by the children to honor their mommies. Gifts and desserts were prepared by the children to be delivered with love to every mom.

Our culminating spring event, the Annual Art and Literature Fair will take place on Thursday, May 29. Children and teachers choose their four favorite books, which some children can recite by heart, and present their visual narrative of these books. Our presentations will include: "The Crayon Box That Talked," by the Butterflies, a rhyming book that covers the message of working together through harmony. "Sunrise Sunset," which is, of course, adapted from "Fiddler on the Roof," is proudly displayed by the Giraffes and Tigers. All the children made "reasonable facsimiles" of themselves attending the wedding in Anatevka. The Lamps did, "Kind Little Rivka," a favorite of all the children at Beth HaGan, a story of kindness and compassion which has become a classic. The Ducks chose "Little Blue and Little Yellow," and learned about primary colors and mixing them to make new colors. They also chose another Beth HaGan favorite, which almost all the toddlers know by heart, called "Is It Shabbos Yet?," about a little girl who can't wait for the *Shabbat* to arrive. The Bears chose a seasonal book "Picture a Tree," which shows trees in different climates and how they survive the elements. The Gazelles chose "Quiet, There's A

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Kayla Bakhshi

Kayla Bakhshi will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on June 7. She is the daughter of Nazila and Daniel Bakhshi and has a brother, Kyle, 10, and a sister, Brooke, 8. Kayla is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School, where she was named "Student of the Year" in sixth grade. She is a cast member in the school play and is on her school swimming and lacrosse teams. She enjoys playing tennis, violin, reading, and singing. She will be attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel in the near future.



Jonathan Roofeh

Jonathan Roofeh will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on June 14. He is the son of Dalia and Mozaffar Roofeh and has a brother, Joshua, 25, and two sisters, Natalie, 21, and Chloe, 9. Jonathan is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball, football and lacrosse, and has received many sports trophies. Jonathan plans to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following his *Bar Mitzvah*.



Maya Tabaroki

Maya Tabaroki will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on June 14. She is the daughter of Michele and Farshad Tabaroki and has a sister, Jasmine, 11, and a brother, Elliot, 7. Maya is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. She enjoys hiking, skiing and dancing. She wishes to continue her Hebrew education by travelling with her family to Israel.



Chloe Noghreh

Chloe Noghreh will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on June 21. She is the daughter of Mojdeh (Kathy) and Arman Noghreh and has a sister, Alexis, 10, and a younger brother, Hunter, 3. Chloe is a seventh grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School where she was named "Student of the Year." She enjoys playing tennis, swimming and piano.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Under this heading, the next issue of The Voice will publish the names of the daughters and sons of congregants who will be receiving college or postgraduate degrees. To be listed, parents of students should complete the form below and return it to The Voice, "Congratulations, Graduates," c/o the synagogue office, by June 13.

Name of Graduate: _____

Son/Daughter of: _____

College: _____

Degree: _____

Awards: _____

MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED Second Day of Shavuot Thursday, June 5

HANNA B. and DAVID FARBER
Parents of Joseph Farber

MORRIS JACOBS
Father of Ellenmorris Farber

EMMA SCHEINER
Mother of Joyce Weston

ALBERT M. WARREN
Father of Jack Warren
Uncle of Richard Greenblatt
Brother-in-Law of
Micky and Allan Greenblatt

BEVERLY WESTON
Mother of Burton Weston

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The "Our Heritage" panel includes Eshagh Yousefzadeh, uncle of Temple Israel Vice President Rebecca Yousefzadeh Sassouni, who comes from Iran; Sam Husney, whose family comes from Syria; and Judit Szigeti, a recent emigrant from Hungary who grew up under Communist repression. The discussion begins at 7 P.M.

"We will look at what customs and traditions the panelists brought with them that influenced them as Americans," Rabbi Adelson said, "and how their ethnic background influenced what it means to be Jewish."

At the same time, Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin will lead a discussion about teen and adult issues titled "Keep Them Captive or Let Them Go." The discussion, for adults and their teens, will be held in the Youth House.

The Waxman High School and panel discussions will be followed by Ma'ariv at 7:55 P.M. and a free dairy dinner for members of the congregation at 8:15 P.M. The dinner charge for non-members is \$10. Reservations are required for the dinner, which can be made by calling 482-7800.

Rabbi Howard Stecker will deliver a rabbinic response to Ms. Eisner's presentation and a charge for the future, titled "Our Legacy," beginning at 10:15 P.M.

A late-night study session with the rabbi, looking at rabbinic texts, begins at 11 P.M.

The keynote presentation is dedicated in memory of Malek Beroukhim Yousefzadeh by her loving family on this, her first *yahrzeit*.

Observe Shavuot, Tuesday, June 3, With An Evening of Celebration and Learning

TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT

Generously sponsored by Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour

- 5:30 P.M. "Journey to Sinai" - Religious School Program for grades K - 6
- 6:45 P.M. Minhah
- 7:00 P.M. "Our Heritage" - A panel discussion featuring Eshagh Yousefzadeh, Sam Husney and Judit Szigeti in conversation with Rabbi Adelson
- "Keep Them Captive or Let Them Go" - A discussion about adult and teen issues featuring parents and teens in discussion with Youth Activities Director Danny Mishkin
- 7:55 P.M. Ma'ariv
- 8:15 P.M. Dairy Dinner (RSVP by May 30)
Followed by singing with Cantor Raphael Frieder
- 9:00 P.M. Waxman Youth House is open to children of all ages for snacks and Shavuot activities
- 9:15 P.M. "Beyond the Melting Pot: Changing Values in a Changing World"
Keynote address by Jane Eisner, Editor-in-Chief of the Forward
- 10:00 P.M. All Night Activities for High School Seniors
- 10:15 P.M. "Our Legacy" - A Rabbinic Response by Rabbi Stecker
- 11:00 P.M. Late Night Study with the Rabbis

The keynote presentation is dedicated in memory of Malek Beroukhim Yousefzadeh by her loving family, on this, her first yahrzeit.

Open to the public. No entrance fee.

Dinner: Free for Temple Israel Members; \$10 for Non-members (pre-paid only)
RSVP FOR DINNER A MUST by Friday, May 30 to Susan at 482-7800.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Tuesday, June 3

Erev Shavuot

(see above for celebration details)

Wednesday, June 4

First day of Shavuot

Festival Service	8:45 A.M.
Torah: Exodus 19:1-20-22; Numbers 28:26-31	
Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12	
<i>Minhah-Maariv</i>	8:15 P.M.

Thursday, June 5

Second day of Shavuot

Early Morning Festival Service (including <i>Yizkor</i>)	6:30 A.M.
Festival Service	8:45 A.M.
Torah: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31	
Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-19	
Plaque Dedication and <i>Yizkor</i> Memorial Prayers	
<i>Minhah-Maariv</i>	8:20 P.M.
<i>Havdalah</i>	9:04 P.M.

Calling Haftarah Readers and Those Who Want to Learn!

If you haven't chanted the Haftarah at Temple Israel in the past few years and would like to, contact Kathy Recckia at 482-7800 or <krecckia@tign.org>.

SHAVUOT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Tuesday, June 3 (*Erev Shavuot*).....8:03 P.M.
Wednesday, June 4.....after 9:04 P.M.
Thursday, June 5.....(*Havdalah*) 9:04 P.M.

A Great Day for a Parade!



It was a great day for Temple Israel members, who proudly marched behind the congregation's banner in last Sunday's Great Neck Memorial Day Parade. Photo by Alex Schoen

Busy Days at Beth HaGan

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Canary In the Library," a book about a young girl who imagines that she is a librarian and entertains a group of animals who read. The Dolphin class chose as one of their books, "Warthogs in the Kitchen," and made the most wonderfully colorful warthogs ever. Please come and be amazed on Thursday, May 29, at 5:30 P.M., in the Crystal Ballroom.

Shavuot celebrations will include a puppet show telling the story of "Matan Torah" at Mount Sinai. We will end the day with an ice cream party, another Beth HaGan tradition. All Beth HaGan students are once again invited to take part in the services in the Sanctuary for Shavuot on Wednesday, June 4, with Rabbi Stecker at 11:45 A.M. An ice cream party will follow.

Graduation for Beth HaGan will take place on Wednesday, June 11, at 9:30 A.M., in the Sanctuary.

On Derekh Eretz and Being Refreshed

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Canaanite slave to perform excruciating labor, it is more important to treat slaves justly and mercifully. Not that slavery today is permitted or encouraged in any way, but the wider point that Maimonides makes is that even within the letter of the law there is an obligation to treat others with respect and dignity, even if it may contradict the fundamental understanding of God's word. This wider message is essential for the work that we do in the Conservative movement: *hal-akhah* (Jewish law) is valuable and binding, but must also be moderated by *derekh erez* (respect).

The convention atmosphere was bullish on the future, and as we welcomed a new president of the RA, Rabbi William Gershon of Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas, speeches were made about the vitality of the Conservative movement and the bright spots that lay ahead despite the well-known challenges that we face. While my own optimism has been occasionally challenged by the relentless stories of the movement's decline that may be found in virtually any Jewish newspaper, I always find my spirits buoyed by fellowship with colleagues. To hear about the inspired work that my colleagues and Seminary buddies are bringing to their individual

congregations is always encouraging, and so I return with not only new insights to offer as *diorei Torah*, but also a list of hot new ideas that have succeeded in other communities.

Put succinctly, we're not dead yet. My rabbinic colleagues and I are still working to engage, inspire, and enlighten our *kehillot* (congregations), and to do it in a way that reflects our positions of moderation and *derekh erez*. I look eagerly to the future with a renewed sense of purpose.

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ship with Kehilat Netzach Israel, located in Ashkelon, Israel. Netzach Israel and Temple Israel have much in common: both face the challenges presented by polarities of Orthodoxy and secularism; are multi-generational; multi-ethnic; and feature schools serving preschoolers through high school. Since the Israeli government does not subsidize Kehillat Netzach Israel as it does Orthodox synagogues, Kehillat Netach Israel relies on support from congregations like ours to sustain it.

The suggested minimum contribution to the fund is \$36, but contributions of all amounts throughout the year are most welcome.

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has devoted many hours to Sisterhood and Temple Israel.

- Marlene Handelman - Marlene is always with a smile. She keeps us all connected and informed as our corresponding secretary and keeps our college students connected to Temple Israel with our college mailings.

- Toby Katz - Toby is new to our Board, but she has brought our programs to an exciting, informative and unusual level. Her many hours finding fantastic guest speakers is so greatly appreciated.

- Brenda Kopelowitz - If there is anyone I would call "Ms. Sisterhood," it would be Brenda. She is friends with everyone and caring for everyone as she chairs out Yad B'Yad Committee.

- Betty Lager - Betty is another seasoned Board member who has been active in all Sisterhood activities.

- Rona Lupkin - Rona and I have been working together since the days when our children were in Religious School. She is always ready to give good council, lend a hand, or chair anything. Rona has been my right hand partner.

- Leila Posner - Leila brings us fresh, new ideas which are always welcomed. She has chaired several exciting trips.

- Bunny North - Bunny never says "no" to any assignment. She is always available to help. Bunny will now be joining the Yad B'Yad team as she takes over as corresponding secretary.

- Helene Schachter - Helene is another valued long-time member bringing us history and practical ideas. She is a past member of the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

- Charlotte Zavon - Charlotte is always the voice of experience and history. Her wise council is valued by the entire Board. Charlotte is involved in all aspects of Sisterhood.

And a big thank you goes to Rena Horwitz, who behind the scenes has devoted many hours to our Judaica Shop.

We also appreciate the work of the women on the College Mailing Committee, Brenda Kopelowitz, Randy Navo and Elissa Rosengarten.

I love you all and can't begin to tell you how wonderful it is to work with each of you. You inspire me each and every day.

And to all the fabulous men and women who attend our programs, we really enjoy sharing these events with you.

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 31	8:45 A.M.	7:40 P.M.
Sat., June 7	8:45 A.M.	7:45 P.M.
Sat., June 14 & 21	8:45 A.M.	7:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

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Shelah

Saturday, June 14

In this portion, the Israelites approach the border of Canaan, and Moses sends 12 princes of the tribes to scout the land. Among them are Caleb and Joshua. The scouts' mission is to investigate the natural properties of the land and evaluate the strength of its people. After 40 days, the scouts return bearing a single cluster of grapes so heavy that it takes two men to carry it on a pole between them. They report that the land is bountiful, but it is inhabited by powerful people living in fortified cities. The scouts maintain that the Israelites are too weak to conquer the land, but Caleb and Joshua argue that, if the people have faith in God and His promise, they will be able to overcome the inhabitants. The people accept the majority report, thus incurring God's wrath. He decrees that they will spend 40 years in the wilderness, until an entire generation dies out and a free generation grows up.

Korah

Saturday, June 21

We find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron in this portion. The reading details the rebellion led 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 its destiny.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath Lights!

Friday, May 30.....	8:00 P.M.
Friday, June 6.....	8:05 P.M.
Friday, June 13.....	8:09 P.M.
Friday, June 20.....	8:12 P.M.

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Friday, June 13

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 14

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Portion: *Shelah*; Numbers 13:1 - 15:41 *Haftarah*: Joshua 2:1 - 24

Sabbath Service Officer: Seth Horowitz

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JONATHAN ROOFER

son of Dalia and Mozaffar Roofeh

MAYA TABAROKI

daughter of Michele and Farshad Tabaroki

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:54 P.M.

Havdalah 9:09 P.M.

Friday, June 20

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

Jewish Singles Connection *Shabbat* Dinner 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 21

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Portion: *Korah*; Numbers 16:1-18:32 *Haftarah*: I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22

Sabbath Service Officers: Eleanor Askari and Miriam Kobliner

Bat Mitzvah

CHLOE NOGHREH

daughter of Kathy and Arman Nogreh

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.

Minhah 7:50 P.M.

Se'udah Shelishit 8:20 P.M.

Ma'ariv 8:57 P.M.

Havdalah 9:12 P.M.

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Naso

Saturday, May 31

In this portion we continue the final preparations at Sinai for the resumption of the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. The numbering of the Levitical families and assignment of portage duties for the Mishkan is concluded. Several laws dealing with the purity of the camp and the family are then promulgated, including a trial by ordeal for a woman suspected of adultery. These are followed by a description of the restrictions incumbent upon any person who takes a Nazarite vow as an act of special piety. Nazarites must refrain from drinking wine or alcohol, from cutting hair and coming into contact with the dead for a specified period of time. Moses is then instructed to teach Aaron a special three-fold blessing which he is to use in blessing the people. The portion ends with a detailed account of the gifts brought by the princes of the tribes on the occasion of the dedication of the Mishkan. The gifts were identical, yet they had different symbolic meanings for each tribe. The offering of identical gifts by the tribes, regardless of their size, emphasized the equality of each tribe and each person before God.

Beha'alotekha

Saturday, June 7

The march to the Promised Land finally begins in this portion. Among the last details dealt with at Sinai are preparation of the lamps of the menorah, dedication of the Levites to their duties, observance of Passover on the 14th day of the first month in the second year after the Exodus and the making of two silver trumpets to be sounded as a signal to assemble, to break camp or to take note of other special occasions. As soon as the people began their march, they began to complain. In response to Moses' cry for help, God instructs him to gather 70 elders to assist him in leading the people. Miriam and Aaron then challenge Moses' role as prophet. God vindicates Moses by punishing Miriam. These incidents of selfishness, even in the faith of God's miracles, set a pattern that becomes a prominent theme of scripture—the struggle to raise man above himself.

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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, May 30 - Rosh Hodesh Sivan

Evening Service 8:30 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner For College Grads 7:30 P.M.

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Saturday, May 31

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Naso; Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 25

Sabbath Service Officers: Sam Husney and Robert Kahen

Bar Mitzvah

DANIEL ITZKOWITZ

son of Audrey Kent Itzkowitz and Eric Itzkowitz

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:40 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:10 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:46 P.M.
Havdalah 9:01 P.M.

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Friday, June 6

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

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Saturday, June 7

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha; Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

Sabbath Service Officers: Madelyn Gould and Laura Gal

Bat Mitzvah

KAYLA BAKHSHI

daughter of Nazila and Daniel Bakhshi

Shabbat Up Close & Personal/Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah 7:45 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 8:15 P.M.
Ma'ariv 8:51 P.M.
Havdalah 9:06 P.M.

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