

High Holy Day Services

Wednesday, September 20 - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 21 - First Day Rosh Hashanah
Shaharit begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34;
Numbers 29:1-6 Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10
"Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Poetry" 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry
Tashlikh (Xeriscape) 6:00 P.M.
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Friday, September 22 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Shaharit begins in the Sanctuary 8:15 A.M.
Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24; Numbers 29:1-6
Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1-19
"Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Imagery" 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry
Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 23
See Sabbath Service Schedule on back page

Friday, September 29 - Kol Nidrei
Afternoon Service 3:00 P.M.
Kol Nidre 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 30 - Yom Kippur
Shaharit begins in the Grand Ballroom 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34; Numbers 29:7-11
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14
"Sensing the High Holy Days: Through Music" 10:00 A.M.
A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Charry
Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Jack Stein Memorial Symposium 3:00 P.M.
"The Reality of Hatred and Our Obligations"
Guest speaker: Jacqueline Murekatete

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.
Afternoon Service 4:15 P.M.
Neilah 5:35 P.M.
Evening Service 6:54 P.M.

Havdalah and Shofar Blowing 7:22 P.M.

Make Your History Part Of Temple Israel's History Journal Invites Members to Relay How Congregation Affected Them

Belonging to Temple Israel means different things to different people. And—as the congregation prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary—being part of the congregation has affected countless numbers of people.

The milestone anniversary will be marked at a gala dinner dance on Saturday evening, October 28. This year's journal will present a unique opportunity for congregants to relay what Temple Israel membership has meant to themselves and their family through ads in the journal. It will serve as a memory book, where congregants can share "their Temple Israel story."

An ad form is on page 5 of this issue of The Voice. The deadline for ads is Monday, October 2. The form should be returned to the Temple Israel office, or reservations can be made by calling 482-7800.

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Rwanda Genocide Victim Will Speak On Yom Kippur

When Jacqueline Murekatete was only nine years old she lost her parents, six siblings and most of her extended family in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

the United Nations General Assembly, where she regularly participates in high-level rights conferences."

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She was inspired to share her story of survival and hope after listening to a Holocaust survivor from Great Neck tell the story of his youth, so similar to her own. That survivor, the late David Gewirtzman, became a dear friend, mentor and speaking partner. She has delivered hundreds of genocide prevention and human rights presentations in many countries and before



Jacqueline Murekatete

Looking Towards the Next 75 Years

A Voice Guest Column by Barbara Levy and Marjorie Hoffman

EDITOR'S NOTE: This year's journal will be a "message book," allowing congregants to tell what Temple Israel has meant to them. Barbara Levy and Marjorie Hoffman, who are heading the ad campaign, explain their goals in this Voice Guest Column.

On October 28, the Temple Israel community will gather to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our congregation. Established in 1941, with a handful of families working together, Temple Israel of Great Neck was founded as a beacon of Conservative Judaism. The vision of the founding families forged our legacy, bringing us to where we are today: a vibrant, egalitarian, multi generational, multicultural community where families gather, friendships are nourished and memories are made. Temple Israel of Great Neck's community is central to our identity as Jews, serving a congregation based on a tradition and enlightenment, steeped in values we all share.

It is with pride and a commitment to continue our strong legacy that we

gather on the auspicious occasion of our 75th anniversary to celebrate, to share our stories of connection to Temple Israel and our connections to each other. Through our gala journal, our goal is to share our memories, to strengthen and

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reaffirm our bonds, and to celebrate the community, which we have created for our families and for our future.

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When We Love

From the Rabbi by Rabbi Howard Stecker

Deanna and I recently attended an interfaith gathering in New York City called "Yes to Love, No to Hate." The gathering was religiously, ethnically and racially diverse and several Jewish, Christian and Muslim clergy spoke.

A highlight for me was the passionate speech delivered by Reverend Brian Ellis-Gibbs of the Queens Baptist

**I call upon us to lead
with love, rather than fear**

Church. In the face of so much hatred burgeoning on the communal and national scenes, Pastor Ellis-Gibbs spoke about the power of love:

"When we love, we eradicate white supremacy. When we love, we destroy anti-Semitism. When we love, we decimate Islamophobia. When we love, we exterminate xenophobia. When we love, we obliterate homophobia. When we love, we see each other and no one is invisible.

"When we love, we strive towards acceptance and embracing each other. When we love, we transform the world. When we love, the kingdom of God becomes real. When we love, God is revealed."

The notion of God's kingdom and kingship has deep Jewish roots. We pray each day that the world will be perfected under God's kingdom. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we appeal to God as sovereign, Avinu Malkeinu. Maimonides believed that God urges us to love, that love is the cornerstone of our partnership with God to improve the world under God's sovereignty. Moreover, he believed that God prefers that we act out of love, rather than fear.

As we enter the New Year together, I call upon us to lead with love, rather than fear. There are many situations that we should fear and guard against. We know many people whose actions we

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Send a Message

From the President

by Rob Panzer

This month there is a special treat for those who attend morning minyan as I do every Friday. We get to hear Jim Levin blow the shofar for the weeks preceding Rosh Hashanah. It somehow seems more important this year given recent events evidencing the rise in anti-Semitism. The shofar provides a clarion call to each of us, letting us know that we have to be aware of what is going on around us and that we must show strength in the face of adversity.

Supporting strong and vibrant Jewish organizations is one way by which we can send a message. There are many ways we can support our strong and

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vibrant Temple Israel. Shortly we will be having our annual High Holy Day Appeal. If you have given in the past, we thank you for your contributions and ask that you consider increasing it this year. If you haven't participated in the past, here is an opportunity to join in.

Later this fall we will be having our gala, celebrating our first 75 years and looking towards our next 75. Consider participating in the journal. We are asking our members to tell their stories with words and pictures, and don't forget to attend the event on October 28.

There are other ways to support Temple Israel, as well. We have an Endowment Fund which supports synagogue activities and many programs are endowable as well. We are looking towards refurbishing portions of the building that need updating, showing the wear and tear of an active community for so many years. Please consider Temple Israel in your long-term planning. Legacy gifts are a wonderful way to leave a lasting gift.

Please accept our best wishes for a happy, healthy, meaningful, and peaceful year. L'shana Tova

In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends
condolences to the families of:

GERRI SHAPIRO-BERKMAN

wife of Mark Berkman
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

MILLY PAPILSKY

mother of Dr. Shirley Nochomovitz

MELVIN GELFARB

father of David Gelfarb, Kenneth Gelfarb,
and Rabbi Ruth Gelfarb

JOAN LITT

mother of Marty Litt and Craig Litt
and esteemed member of Temple Israel

May their memories be for a blessing.

Daily Minyan Times

Friday, September 8 & 15

7:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

Friday, September 29

7:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

Sunday

8:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Monday

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 13 & 27

7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 14 & 28

6:45 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, September 8

6:59 P.M.

Friday, September 15

6:47 P.M.

Wednesday, September 20

(Erev Rosh Hashanah)

6:39 P.M.

Thursday, September 21

(Rosh Hashanah)

7:37 P.M.

Friday, September 22

6:35 P.M.

Friday, September 29

(Kol Nidre)

6:24 P.M.

Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah issue, will be published on Friday, September 29. The deadline for that issue is Wednesday, September 13.

Upcoming Events

September 10

First Day of Sunday/Tuesday

Religious School Classes

Shoah Committee

Opening Breakfast 10:00 A.M.

Family Fun Fair 11:45 A.M.

September 11

9/11 Memorial Service at

Saddle Rock Bridge 7:00 P.M.

First day of Beth HaGan

Nursery School

September 14

Waxman High School and

Youth House Open House 5:30 P.M.

September 16

Selihot Program

8:45 P.M.

September 17

Welcome Back BBQ

Noon

Shalom Club Meeting

6:00 P.M.

September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah

September 21-22

Rosh Hashanah

September 25

Sisterhood Luncheon

Noon

September 27

Waxman Youth House/
USY Event

7:00 P.M.

September 28

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

September 29

Kol Nidre

September 30

Yom Kippur

Break-the-Fast 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by the Men's Club

October 2-4

Sisterhood Decorates the

Temple Israel Sukkah 10:00 A.M.

October 4

Erev Sukkot

Sukkot Service and Dinner 6:30 P.M.

October 5-11

Sukkot

October 8

Community Sukkot

Celebration 6:00 P.M.

October 11

Hoshanah Rabbah

October 12

Shemini Atzeret

October 13

Simhat Torah

October 15

Men's Club Opening Breakfast 9:00 A.M.

Shalom Club Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Temple Israel Will Mark The Tragedy Of September 11, 2001

with a special memorial service and prayers
at the Village of Saddle Rock's 9/11 Memorial Bridge,
sponsored by the Men's Club.

Join the Great Neck community
for a Men's Club Memorial Service
on Monday, September 11 at 7 P.M.

Members of the congregation
will gather in the synagogue lobby at 6:45 P.M.
and will walk to the bridge together. For those who prefer
not to walk, parking is available at either end of the bridge.
Seating will be provided on the bridge,
with a view of the Freedom Tower.

B'nai/B'not Mitzvah In Our Temple Israel Family



Jonathan Moalemi

Jonathan Moalemi will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 16. He is the son of Mojdeh and Steven Moalemi and has two sisters, Joy, 14, and Jolie, 8. Jonathan is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He is a participant in All County for trombone. He currently attends the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel in the future.

Mazal Tov To . . .

Diane and Martin Kanefsky

on the birth of their grandson,
Preston Meyer Kanefsky.

Carol and Steve Smolinsky

on the birth of their grandson,
Lexington Wells Smolinsky.

Madelyn and Robert Gould

on the engagement of their son,
Michael, to Helen Schnaper.

Ilana Lustig and Eugene Gillman

on the marriage of their daughter,
Jennifer, to Arthur Winer.

Make Your History Part of Temple Israel's History

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Journal advertising chairs Barbara Levy and Marjorie Hoffman explain the importance of participating in this year's journal in their Guest Column in this issue of The Voice on page 2.

Message ads in the journal range in price from \$360 to \$36,000 and all ads are welcome, according to the advertising chairs. "This year's Journal is a celebration of who we are. It is a celebration of our community, chronicled by each of you, one page at a time. This

Family Fun Fair Kicking Off School Year, and You Are Invited!

All openings are grand, including the opening of Temple Israel's Religious School. After a summer of relaxation and preparation, the school year begins with excitement, promise and celebration. Religious school resumes on Sunday, September 10, and this year the community will celebrate with a Family Fun Fair from 11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. The fair will also be a Religious School open house to discover all that Temple Israel has to offer. The fair, featuring live music, crafts, entertainment and food is free and open to the public.

Director of Congregational Schools Rabbi Amy Roth is leading the planning team. "The Family Fun Fair will be an opportunity for people who are not yet connected with a synagogue to come by, have fun, eat and chat with our clergy and staff and families in a relaxed environment. And, of course, it will be a celebration of the start of the school year."

Joining Rabbi Roth in the planning efforts are Rachel Geula, Amy Kase, Jennifer Khoda, Morgan and Seth Kurpiel, and Lauren Juceam, among others. Volunteers are needed to help during the fair.

For further information about the Fun Fair or to volunteer to help, contact Karel Tanenbaum at ktanenbaum@tign.org or 482-7800.

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celebrate our commitment to the strengthening of our Jewish community, to our diversity, to our traditions, and to our transformation.

We ask that each family who has special memories of Temple Israel to please share those memories with us. We encourage each of you who has a personal memory of our storied history to share your stories with us and take out an ad. We hope that you will include a short reminiscence, family or

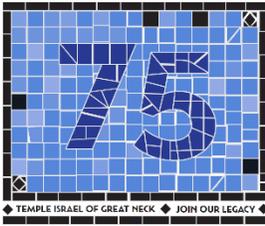
year we celebrate our commitment to the strengthening of our Jewish community, to our diversity, to our traditions, and to our transformation," they said. "We ask that each family who has special memories of Temple Israel, please share those memories with us."

Brent Greenspan, the journal dinner dance co-chair, said: "The journal is sure to be a keepsake, a part of Temple Israel's storied history, and each member's personal story should be part of Temple Israel's history."

event photos, and brief narratives that highlight your connections with Temple Israel. Our journal vision is to create a community story that tells of our connections, that weaves the fabric of our Temple Israel story.

Of special note, we take pride in the many multi generational families who are part of the Temple Israel community. If you are lucky enough to be one of these families, we ask that you join together to share your family's connections to synagogue life, tell us about your simchas, and consider sponsoring a more significant ad to share your story. Towards this end, we have created a new journal opportunity, a l'dor v'dor page. Please look for this option in the journal package you will receive in the mail and in the ad form in this issue.

As we embark on our journey for our second 75 years together, we ask you to use this opportunity to show your commitment to ensuring the strong, vibrant and continued future of what we represent. With your support, we can continue to serve our community and beyond in the decades ahead.



Temple Israel of Great Neck
Where Tradition Meets Change



75th Anniversary Gala, Saturday Night, October 28, 2017

With pride in our accomplishments and a commitment to continuing our strong legacy, Temple Israel of Great Neck marks its 75th Anniversary with a celebration of our community and a sharing of our stories. Please join our event on Saturday night, October 28, 2017. We hope that you will purchase an ad in our Journal so that you can share your Temple Israel story, or that you will demonstrate your support of our mission by placing an advertisement for your business. The purchase of an ad of \$900 or more will entitle you to two complimentary tickets to our Gala. With your participation, we can continue to serve our community and beyond in the decades ahead.

ALL ADS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017, accompanied by a check made payable to Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road, Great Neck, NY 11023. Major credit cards are also accepted.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Questions? Please call the Temple Israel Office at 516-482-7800.

Please check off your level of support:

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There will be a border around your ad.

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Please send all e-mails to JDD2017@tign.org

or complete the online ad form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TIGNJDD2017>

COMMUNITY SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 8

for all ages

6:00 PM
Catered Dinner

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Musical Café (adults)

Sing along to selections from favorite stars of all decades

"Sukkah under the Stars" Planetarium Experience

(children through grade 6)

Learn about the stars in a real planetarium

Pre-Teen Celebration (grades 6 - 8)

We will top off our meal with (parve) ice cream sundaes in the YH Sukkah

\$15/person covers the dinner and program

RSVP by Tuesday, October 3 to Jennifer at jmarks@tign.org

(516) 482-7800

Nighttime Waxman Youth House Program

Late Night Karaoke & S'mores

(grades 9 - 12)

RSVP to Avi Siegel

Special Parking Regulations for Rosh Hashanah And Yom Kippur

Members of the congregation are asked to observe parking regulations which are in effect this year during the High Holy Days. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck has agreed to ease parking restrictions for the High Holy Days as follows:

- Time limit restrictions will not be enforced and no summonses will be issued for overtime parking on the streets adjacent to Temple Israel.

- **Other parking restrictions will be enforced, including violations of prohibited parking, such as in front of hydrants, in front of driveways, "No Parking This Side," and "No Parking Here to Corner."** Congregants are reminded that the streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

Parking in The

Temple Israel Parking Lot:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 20
Rosh Hashanah, September 21-22

Parking in the lot on Rosh Hashanah will be limited to members with State issued Handicap Permits only. Have your seating ticket to identify yourself, should you be asked to do so by a staff member stationed in the lot.

Kol Nidre-Yom Kippur Overnight Parking

Kol Nidre, Friday, September 29
Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 30
Members of the congregation who wish to leave their cars in the parking lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah must first obtain a pass from the synagogue office. No cars will be permitted to enter or leave the parking lot, except those containing handicap permits.

Sukkot Service and Holiday Dinner

Wednesday evening, October 4, 2017

Join us for services in the
Sanctuary at 6:30 PM

followed by a festive dinner in the Temple Sukkah
at 7:00 PM

Early Bird Special

Cost: \$25/adult & \$15/child (6-12 years old)

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, September 18 to Jennifer in the
Synagogue office at 482-7800 or JMarks@tign.org

After Monday, September 18

Cost: \$30/adult & \$20/child (6-12 years old)

Reservations will not be accepted after 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, October 3

Ask the Rabbi: Belief In Magic on Kol Nidrei

Question: I heard that Kol Nidrei, which is recited at the very beginning of Yom Kippur is somehow related to magical beliefs and practices. Is this true? (Anonymous)

Discussion: Imagine for a moment, it is Yom Kippur night and the synagogue is full. Everyone has a serious expression on his or her face. The cantor enters the room. (Feel free to imagine Cantor Frieder!) The cantor is not wearing the white kitel and prayer shawl as is traditional. Instead the cantor is wearing a magician's hat and carrying a magic wand, the likes described in the Harry Potter series. The cantor goes up to the lectern and waves the wand in various directions. The cantor recites "I now absolve everyone and anyone of their broken promises." When the cantor finishes, smiles return to the people's faces. The bad energy caused by broken promises has been removed.

Today, the phrase magical thinking has a very negative connotation. At its core, magic refers to the realm of the unseen and non-empirical. The presence of magic and its power and energy is not imaginary for the believer. It is very real though its presence cannot be proven scientifically.

In ancient times, most people believed in the power of unseen energy. For some this energy was carried by spirits. For monotheists, this energy was another form like heat or light energy. Magic was the way to work with this energy.

Archeology reveals that magic rituals were practiced in Babylonia during the period called Late-Antiquity (300-700 CE); the same time period as the Talmud. One magical ritual was the creation of ceramic bowls with words written on them. The bowls were buried upside down in parts of the house. There was no hardwood or carpeted flooring yet. The purpose of the bowls was to catch the energy and/or spirits coming up from the ground. Some of the bowls discovered have phrases that are similar in vocabulary and structure to the Kol Nidrei chanted by the synagogue cantor. The word "Kol Nidrei" is even mentioned. There seems to be an idea that broken promises created a negative magical energy that needed to be purged.

The relationship between these bowls

and the synagogue Kol Nidrei service is unknown and subject to much debate. Despite the similarities, there are stark differences as well. The bowls were buried privately by individuals. In a synagogue, the words are chanted aloud with no mention of spirits or dark energy.

Regardless of one's opinion about the relationship between the buried magic bowls and the synagogue, the sentiments and thoughts involved are similar. In some ways, magic still exists even in the rational and monotheistic 21st century. Imagine you are by yourself and you recite a promise to do something. Perhaps you promise to clean your office (the author may or not be projecting his unfulfilled promises!) or to donate money to Temple Israel. Time passes and you have not yet fulfilled the promise. What do you feel? Do you feel guilt? Did your failure to fulfill the promise create some negative energy?

In some ways that guilt and negative energy could be called magical



energy. It is not something that we can empirically measure. But it affects how we live and we surely would like a way to get rid of it.

The recitation of Kol Nidrei is a way to help us with the guilt of not fulfilling our promises. The Torah teaches us that our words have power. Our vows and promises must be fulfilled. But we are human and many of us will fail. What do we do with the guilt? We recite Kol Nidrei once a year in essence declaring that none of our promises are really promises. In that way, we can never really break promises.



The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Temple Israel would like to invite all Temple Israel members and their families to a welcome back barbecue to help us all transition from summer and as a way to simply say hello to old friends and new.



Please join us on
Sunday, September 17
12:00 PM
in the
Temple Israel Courtyard
for a nosh and lots of friendly chatter.



So that we may order the right amount of food, please RSVP by Friday, September 15 by Noon to Jennifer at JMarks@tign.org.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 17.

And by the way, this is our gift to you – there is NO CHARGE for this event!

Robert Panzer, Rachel Geula, Daniel A. Goldberger, Brent Greenspan, Samuel Husney, Veronica Bisek Lurvey, Lynn Weitzman, Burton Weston.

Michael Becker, Andrew J. Bloom, Susan Brustein, Harold Citron, Adam Covitt, Jeffrey Englander, David Eshaghoff, Jeffrey Fleit, Lisa Goodwin, Jacqueline Harounian, Marjorie Hoffman, Audrey Kent Itzkowitz, Ezra Kassan, Andrea Katz, Toby Katz, Barbara Levy, Susan Lopatkin, Moji Pourmoradi, Mark Putter, Jerrold Schlessel, Neda Sedgh, Sima Taeid, Deborah Volk, Jack Yachbes

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE SHOFAR SOUNDS
ON YOM KIPPUR NIGHT...

JOIN FAMILY & FRIENDS
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE
FOR A TRADITIONAL
DAIRY MEAL
PREPARED BY BAGEL MENTCH
& SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB



\$20 PER PERSON
\$8 CHILDREN UNDER 8
\$25 non-Temple members
PAID IN ADVANCE

RESERVATIONS A MUST
by Monday, September 25

For further information and reservations
call Charles Adler: 516 482-4421
or email: ciadler.ca@gmail.com

From the Rabbi: When We Love

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should fear and oppose. But we miss opportunities when our fears paralyze us and prevent us from taking appropriate risks. We should take risks to forge new relationships and strengthen existing ones. We should take risks to find sacred partners with whom we can perform acts of kindness and justice. We should take risks to consider new ideas and new ways of facing old challenges.

Fear prevents us from taking risks. Love encourages us to take risks. On balance, with a proper dose of balance, we should learn to take appropriate risks. We should lean in the direction of love.

I wish us the following blessing as 5778 begins: May we find fruitful new partnerships and opportunities. May the cosmic balance shift from distrust to harmony. May we witness Malkhut shaday, God's just and compassionate sovereignty, increasingly embracing our world.

As each of us learns to lead with love.

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From Generation to Generation

Temple Israel Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Contributions

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Beth and Lewis Schwartz

The engagement of Jonathan Adam Sazer, son of Lois and Gary Sazer, to Yearit Izhak

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The engagement of Michael Gould, son of Madelyn and Robert Gould, to Helen Schnaper

The birth of Scarlett Avery Greengrass, granddaughter of Nancy and Larry Greengrass

The birth of Lexington Wells Smolinsky, grandson of Carol and Steve Smolinsky
Joyce and Burton Weston

The birth of their grandson, Preston Meyer Kanefsky
Diane and Marty Kanefsky

In memory of:

Estelle Baskowitz

Bobette Bergstein

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Fran and Marc Langsner on the birth of

their granddaughter

Carol and Steve Smolinsky

on the birth of their grandson

Parvaneh and Parviz

Khodadadian

In memory of:

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Joyce and Burton

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Receiving a High Holy Day honor

Annette Nager

In memory of:

Joseph Oberstein

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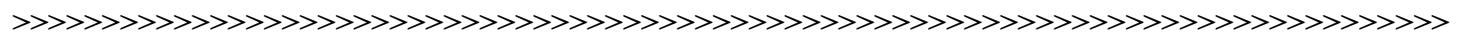
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D'var Torah

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the passage of blessings, indicating the difficulty of convincing the people that it is in their best interest to live by God's law.

Nitsavim-Vayeilekh **Saturday, September 16**

In this double portion we conclude Moses' third discourse on the enforcement of the law. Moses tells the Israelites that they stand before God in their totality to conclude their covenant. That covenant is not only made with them, but also with those not present. All Israelites are bound to the covenant for all times. Moses predicts a future rebellion of the people against the covenant and the evils that will follow, including exile, but he also foresees the peoples' repentance and their return to the land. He points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. The closing chapters of Deuteronomy speak of the last days of Moses and the actions with which he concludes his ministry. He bids farewell to his people, presents them with Joshua, his successor, writes

down the Torah and hands it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read it in a public assembly every seven years. This reading is to affirm that the way to God lies only through following His Torah, and Torah is necessary to maintain and protect the people.

Ha'azinu Saturday, September 23

In this penultimate portion of Deuteronomy (the last of the weekly readings), Moses gives a final message to his people in the form of a song. Just as Moses began his ministry with a song of triumph at the Red Sea, he concludes it with a hymn of joy on the banks of the Jordan, in sight of the Promised Land. The song begins

with praise of God for the special care He has given Israel. The people, however, have spurned God and His laws. Because of their unfaithfulness, they will suffer God's wrath, but ultimately He will show mercy and deliver the Israelites from their enemies. Moses adjures the people to take his words seriously and remember that the laws of the Torah are the essence of their lives. God then directs Moses to ascend Mt. Nebo and to look at the land promised to the Israelites. Moses is destined to die without entering the land, but he has successfully completed his mission of bringing the people through the wilderness. It will be for another leader to take them into the next stage of their lives.

Genocide Victim Will Speak On Yom Kippur

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Ms. Murekatete will tell her story as the featured speaker at Temple Israel's Jacob Stein Yom Kippur Symposium at 3 P.M. on Saturday, September 30. The symposium is named for the late Temple Israel president who, for many years moderated the mid-day Yom Kippur presentation.

Ms. Murekatete is the founder and president of Genocide Survivors Foundation, a New York based not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the crime of genocide and other forms of mass atrocity. The group raises funds to support survivors in the areas of education, economic empowerment and social services.

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Ki Tavo Saturday, September 9

We conclude the review of the law code and Moses' second discourse in this portion. In the final details, the Israelites are instructed that when they enter the Promised Land and settle it, they are to bring an offering of first fruits. In accepting the offering, the priest is to recite a brief history of the people, from Abraham's and Jacob's wanderings to the occupation and possession of the land. Moses begins a third discourse which deals with enforcement of the laws. Upon crossing the Jordan, the people set stones on Mt. Ebal on which they will inscribe the laws that Israel is to obey. This activity is to be followed by a dramatic recitation of the blessings that will accrue from obedience to God's word and the curses that will follow upon failure to obey. The passage of curses (known as tochechah, or warnings) is much longer and more detailed than

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Sabbath Services

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22
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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 6:40 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 7:10 P.M.
Evening Service 7:42 P.M.
Havdalah 7:57 P.M.

Friday, September 15

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 16

Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service
Shabbat Morning Group Aliyah 9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Nitsavim-Vayeilekh
Deuteronomy 29:9 – 31:30
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9
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son of Mojdeh and Steven Moalemi

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 6:25 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 6:55 P.M.
Evening Service 7:31 P.M.
Havdalah 7:46 P.M.

Friday, September 22 - Rosh Hashanah

Afternoon and Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 23

Shabbat Shuvah
Preparatory Prayers 8:45 A.M.
Shaharit Morning Service 9:00 A.M.
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10;
Micah 7:18 – 20; Joel 2:15 - 27
Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:
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and Andi Katz

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Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service 6:15 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit 6:45 P.M.
Evening Service 7:19 P.M.
Havdalah 7:34 P.M.

Worship with your family at Temple Israel this week!