

## High Holy Days Services

### Sunday, September 9 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

### Monday, September 10 - 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

"The Days of Awe and the Workaday World: 10:00 A.M.

Prayers That Connect Them" - Poetry

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Chary

Tashlikh (Xeriscap) 6:30 P.M.

Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:00 P.M.

### Tuesday, September 11 - 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

"The Days of Awe and the Workaday World: 10:00 A.M.

Prayers That Connect Them" - Prose

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Chary

Minhah and Ma'ariv 7:10 P.M.

### Tuesday, September 18 - Kol Nidre

Minhah 3:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 6:30 P.M.

### Wednesday, September 19 - 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

"The Days of Awe and the Workaday World: 10:00 A.M.

Prayers That Connect Them" - Music

A discussion led by Rabbi Marim D. Chary

Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 A.M.

Jacob Stein Memorial Symposium 3:15 P.M.

Featuring: Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World

Service inaugural Global Ambassador

Community Yizkor Service 3:00 P.M.

Minhah 4:45 P.M.

Neilah 6:05 P.M.

Ma'ariv 7:13 P.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30

Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11; Micah 7:18-20

Havdalah and Shofar Blowing 7:41 P.M.

## Temple Israel's Yom Kippur Jacob Stein Symposium Speaker: Ruth Messinger

### by Marc Katz, Editor

Ruth Messinger, the former president and CEO of the American Jewish World Service, will be the featured speaker at Temple Israel's Jack Stein Memorial Symposium on Yom Kippur.

American Jewish World Service is a non-profit international development and human rights organization that supports community-based groups in 19 countries. It also works to educate the American Jewish community about global justice. It is the only Jewish organization dedicated solely to ending poverty and promoting human rights in the developing world.



Symposium Speaker  
Ruth Messinger

Rabbi Howard Stecker has been involved with the organization, recently traveling with them to Guatemala as a Global Justice Fellow to promote human rights and see conditions in the country first-hand. On his trip, he got to know Ms. Messinger and her strong human rights vision. "I told her that her message and work regarding global justice are important for our congregation to hear about," Rabbi Stecker said. "And what better time than on Yom Kippur, the day that we reflect on how we might best fulfill our obligations toward others."

Ms. Messinger served as the head of American Jewish World Service from 1998 to 2016, but is still extremely active with the organization. The Forward newspaper named her to the top of its annual "Forward Fifty" list of the most influential Jewish Americans.

"I am so glad that Ruth Messinger will be speaking with our community on the holiest day of the year," Rabbi Stecker said. "I'm confident that her courageous leadership on behalf of human rights will inspire us to take our own steps toward ensuring that all human beings are treated justly."

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## The Day the Jewish State Became Orthodox

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**A Voice Guest Column** by Rabbi Mikie Goldstein

EDITOR'S NOTE: A few weeks ago, a Conservative/Masorti rabbi in Israel was detained by Israeli police for performing a non-Orthodox wedding. In protest, Rabbi Mikie Goldstein of Kehillat Adat Shalom-Emanuel in Rehovot and president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, wrote the following article which appeared in The Times of Israel blog and was submitted to the Voice by Temple Israel's sister congregation, Kehillat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon.

My mobile rings and I answer. The voice on the other end: "Hi, is this Rabbi Goldstein? My fiancée and I would like you to officiate at our wedding." The conversation

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continues. I make sure we're talking about two Jews. I get a bit of background.

When I ask the couple why they are not getting married through the state Orthodox rabbinate, I get various

answers, such as: "My foot will never step inside the Rabbinate," "We want a halakhic wedding that also respects the bride," or "We're looking for a rabbi who we can connect with," or that one of the couple "is from the former Soviet Union and the Rabbinate is asking us for proof of Judaism that is impossible to provide."

Many couples who approach a Masorti rabbi to officiate at their wedding are looking for an authentic, Jewish ceremony—often also knowing that our ceremonies meet all the requirements of halakhah (Jewish law). They find the Chief Rabbinate of Israel at best irrelevant, and at worst repellent.

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## Our Recent Journey

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**From the Rabbi** by Rabbi Howard Stecker

Perhaps it was the ruins of the mikveh in Girona recently discovered near a clothing store. Or the tiny synagogue in Barcelona, now used only for special occasions, that contained a sign proclaiming in Hebrew, Catalan and English: "the holy community in Barcelona prayed in this direction for more than a thousand years." Or the picture in Seville of Fray Luis de Leon, a Benedictine monk descended from conversos, who was brought before the Inquisition on charges that he preferred the Hebrew text of the Old Testament to the Latin version.

In reality it was the combination of such sites and photos that Deanna and I saw on our recent travels that made such a deep impression on us. What we witnessed overall were the stories of productive, resilient Jewish communities that lasted for centuries and then, due to expulsion and persecution, vanished nearly completely.

We had profound mixed feelings while viewing all of this. On the one hand, we were awed by the intellectual, medical and political accomplishments of these Jewish communities that included mystics, physicians, philosophers and ordinary people creatively maintaining

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**Deanna and I... shared a grateful moment of am yisra'el chai.**

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their traditions within the larger cultural context. On the other hand, we were saddened by the relative absence of Jewish life in these places today. Several guides from Lisbon to Girona observed how much vitality the wider communities lost in the centuries following the expulsion of the Jews.

Throughout our journey we pondered the sobering reality of just how

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## The High Holy Days

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**From the President** by Rob Panzer

With the end of summer near, it is time to turn our attention to the approaching High Holy Days season. We are fortunate this year to have our returning group of clergy. The rabbinical team will, of course, be led by Senior Rabbi Howard Stecker, ably assisted by Associate Rabbi Daniel Schweber, Rabbi Marim D. Charry, and Rabbi Abraham B. Eckstein. Our cantorial team will be led by Cantor Raphael Frieder, with Cantor Mordechai Sobol and Cantor Joseph Gole returning.

Once again, we ask that each household come to the Temple Israel office to pick up their tickets, as some

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seem to get lost in the mail each year. There will be more information about this soon, so please read your emails and open any hard copy mail we send. Not everything we send is a bill!

Our annual Yom Kippur Symposium, held during the afternoon on Yom Kippur, will feature Ruth Messinger, currently the first Global Ambassador for the American Jewish World Service. This promises to be a most interesting program and we are quite pleased that Ms. Messinger will be able to join us.

We will also be hearing about many of the goings on during the past year. There is much to do and much to participate in at Temple Israel.

My family and I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and meaningful High Holy Days season.

As always, I can be reached at [robpanzer18@gmail.com](mailto:robpanzer18@gmail.com).

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### Next Voice, Deadline

The next issue of The Voice, the Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah issue, will be published on September 13. The deadline for that issue is August 22.

## In Memoriam

Temple Israel extends condolences to the families of:

### MARVIN TEPPER

husband of Elise Tepper and esteemed member of Temple Israel

### SUSAN SMITH

wife of Arden Smith and esteemed member of Temple Israel

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Candle Lighting Times

**Friday, August 17**  
7:34 P.M.

**Friday, August 24**  
7:23 P.M.

**Friday, August 31**  
7:12 P.M.

**Friday, September 7**  
7:01 P.M.

**Friday, September 14**  
6:49 P.M.

## Upcoming Events at Temple Israel

### August 21

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### August 28

Sisterhood's Lunch and Read Program Noon

### September 1

Selihot Program 8:45 P.M.  
Featuring Cantors Raphael Frieder and Farid Dardashti

### September 5

Beth HaGan Nursery School Orientation 6:00 P.M.

### September 6

Waxman High School Registration and BBQ 4:00 P.M.

Men's Club Meeting 7:30 P.M.

### September 9

Erev Rosh Hashanah

### September 10-11

Rosh Hashanah

### September 12

First Day of Beth HaGan Nursery School

### September 13

Waxman Youth House 7th Grade Orientation 5:30 P.M.

### September 16

First Day of Religious School Welcome Back BBQ Noon

### September 17

Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 A.M.

### September 18

Kol Nidre

### September 19

Yom Kippur

### September 20

Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 P.M.

### September 20-21

Sisterhood Decorates the Congregation's Sukkah 10:00 A.M.

### September 23

Erev Sukkot

Beth HaGan Nursery School 10:00 A.M.

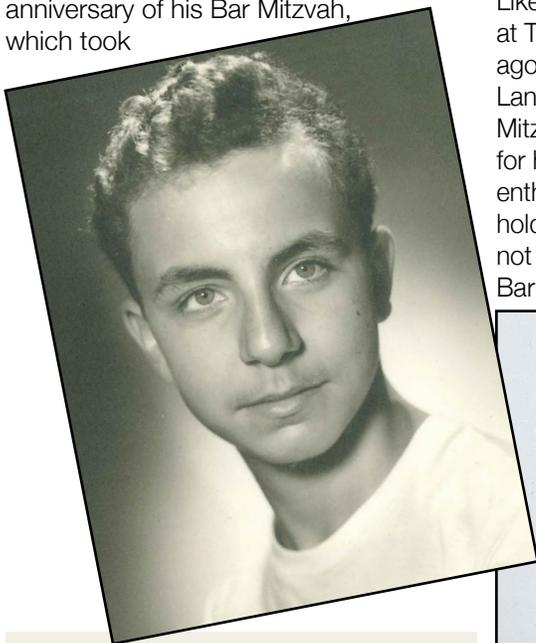
Sukkah Decorating Party

Temple Israel Sukkot Dinner 7:00 P.M.

## A Second Bar Mitzvah, 70 Years In The Making!

### by Alise Kreditor

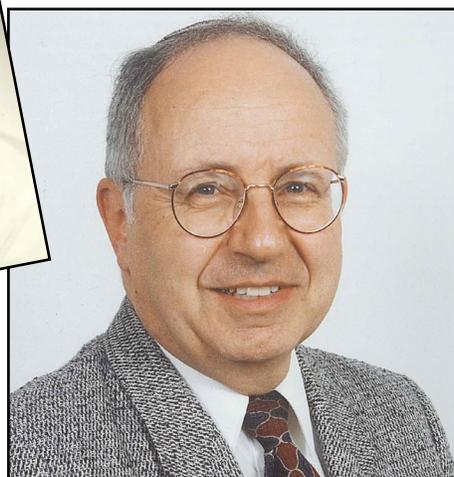
On Saturday, August 25, the congregation is invited to a special Bar Mitzvah. Rabbi Marim D. Charry will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, which took



Rabbi Marim D. Charry, around the time of his first Bar Mitzvah, above, and around the time of his second, at right.

place on September 18, 1948, at the Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia, where his father was the rabbi from 1942-1983.

Like all Bar and Bat Mitzvah parents at Temple Israel, more than two years ago Rabbi Charry reached out to Marc Langsner, the chair of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Committee, to reserve the date for his Bar Mitzvah +70. Marc responded enthusiastically, and said that he would hold the date, and that the Rabbi would not have to share the bimah with another Bar or Bat Mitzvah student that Shabbat!



Although many in the congregation have commemorated their own B'nai Mitzvah by participating in Shabbat services, reaching the 70th anniversary of one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah has special significance. "There is a verse in Psalm 90 (which is part of the regular Shabbat service on page 89 in Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals) which reads: 'Three score and ten our years may number, four score years if granted the vigor.' So the Biblical view was that 70 years was a lifetime. Therefore, if one is granted the strength to go beyond 70, it is considered as if starting over—hence, Bar Mitzvah at age 83," explains Rabbi Charry.

When asked about his original Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Charry recalls that due to the fact that he practically grew up in a synagogue, "It wasn't such a big deal, as I knew the congregation well and was truly at home on the bimah." He also shared that he actually learned his Torah portion in reverse, starting with the Maftir and going backwards, as his teacher never knew how much each student could master. (As it turned out,

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



### Joseph Eshaghoff

Joseph Eshaghoff will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 1. He is the son of Joanna and David Eshaghoff and has three sisters, Hanna, 14, Lea, 9, and Emma, 6. Joseph is an eighth grade student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys playing sports, including cross country, swimming, wrestling and lacrosse. Joseph will continue to attend the Waxman High School and Youth House following his Bar Mitzvah. He recently visited Israel, where he read his Haftarah at the Western Wall.

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## Youth House Is Back In Action

From the Waxman High School by Avi Siegel, Director

After an amazing summer of camps, travel, and USY, the Waxman High School and Youth House is gearing up for another incredible year. Riding the success of all of our programs last year, we are very excited to offer some of the award-winning favorites, as well as some new opportunities to the mix. As always, the Youth House is your place to connect to friends, Israel, tradition, and community. As our Youth House motto goes (on our beautiful new shirts): "I am BRAVE; I AM BOLD; I AM WHO I'M meant to be. THIS IS YOUTH HOUSE"

Being a member of the Youth House takes on many different shapes and forms. We have an extensive offering of weekly, monthly, and stand-alone programs which allow you to be a part of our teen Jewish community to whatever degree you'd like. We believe in the three pillars that our sages taught about: Torah, Avodah and Gimilut Chasadim. We find the richness in tradition, the beauty in prayer service, and the impact in meaningful acts from the heart to improve our community. Join us in building gardens, trips to Manhattan for a Midnight Run, salons that help us thoughtfully advocate for Israel, boys' and girls' groups that build identity and confidence, and a leadership program that helps our community grow and make a difference.

Highlights of this year's program include:

- **New Monthly Team Tikkun:** We are introducing an all new monthly experience dedicated to tikkun olam (repairing the world). Teens will have the chance to do hands on work that will impact the lives of people in need. It will culminate with a service project that the teens will create.
- **Elective Class on Israel:** All 9-12th graders will take one of three Israel seminars on history, figures and conflict. Each class will focus on an aspect of the relationship between the Jewish people and the land of Israel. Teens will learn the nuance and ask the important questions about the Jewish homeland. It will be a part of the curriculum that connects to our February-break trip.
- **Weekly Class on Debate and Decision Making:** Dive into the rich text known as Perkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors). Come and learn from what our ancestors thought were the most important values and ideas we should hold. There will be opportunity to debate/discuss in a fun and positive setting. There is no prerequisite for Hebrew in this class, but it will be used parallel to the English text.

**Youth Group 6-12th Grade USY Chapter:** Our award-winning local USY chapter (GNUSY) is being headed by our own TILT leaders to offer exciting teen events. We will have monthly weekend events and will be hosting a Kadima Weekend for all 6th—8th graders. All 7th grade students will automatically be a part of our Kadima group.

- **A trip to Israel during February break from February 13-24:** We are once again making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem! This will be a unique opportunity that both first timers (automatic scholarship) and repeaters (some scholarship) will have an incredible time. Highlights include: artist tours in Tel Aviv, view from the Golan Heights, tiikkun olam service projects, meeting local Israeli teens, snorkeling in Eilat, Shabbat in Jerusalem, Save a Child's Heart, and much more!!

Please see our brochure for more information or contact me at [asiegel@tign.org](mailto:asiegel@tign.org). We have an amazing year ahead of us. You do not want to miss out on what we do at the Youth House!

# A Temple Israel Scrapbook

Religious School Director Rabbi Amy Roth recently visited Temple Israel students attending Camp Ramah, bringing greetings from Great Neck. Welcoming her, at right, were Ethan Bloom, Mitchell Bloom, Cecilia Albin, Harrison Albin, Sigal Weitzman, Elliot Kasson, and Ella Covitt. Below, with Rabbi Roth, is Sarah Ostrow. Elizabeth Lev is with Rabbi Roth at bottom left. The guys were also glad to see Rabbi Roth. Elie Weitzman and Matthew Bloom, bottom right, were all smiles.



Members of the Men's Club visited Ben's Deli and Restaurant, Bayside, recently to hear about the history—and future—of New York delis from the company's

general manager, Hal Simon, left. And, what visit to a deli would not be complete without enjoying a buffet of kosher specialties.

## Selihot, An Evening of Prayer and Music, Begins the High Holy Days

The High Holy Days begin with Selihot, the evening of prayers which will be marked at Temple Israel on Saturday, September 1, when Cantor Raphael Frieder will be joined by noted guest Hazzan Farid Dardashti.

The inspirational service will feature both Ashkenazi and Sephardi melodies and prayers and the cantors will be joined in song by Temple Israel teens. The evening begins with refreshments in the Blue Room starting at 8:45 P.M., followed by the service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 P.M.

The service, co-sponsored by SHAI, the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc., has become a tradition at Temple Israel, said Rabbi Howard Stecker. "Once again we will enter the High Holy Days lifted up by liturgy and music that represents the unique diversity of our congregation," said Rabbi Howard Stecker.

Cantor Dardashti holds the distinction of being the first Iranian-born international concert artist and hazzan in the Western world. He comes from a long line of classical Iranian vocal artists, including his father who was known as the "Nightingale of Iran."

He is the hazzan emeritus of Beth El Synagogue Center, New Rochelle, where he served as the congregation's cantor for 14 years. As a teenager in his native Teheran he was the featured artist on a weekly TV show.

The beautiful special prayers recited on Selihot were composed by the greatest ancient and medieval poets to introduce the themes of the upcoming High Holy Days and intensify anticipation of their arrival. The word "Seliha" (the plural is Selihot) means forgiveness in Hebrew. Seliha means pleading for forgiveness for one's sins. In the plural, Selihot stands for a prayer service in which the participants ask for forgiveness for their sins.

## Temple Israel Museum Receives Contribution of Antique Shofar

The Temple Israel Museum is fortunate to have acquired another unusual shofar for its collection. The shofar is from 19th century Germany and has been donated in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Nadine Feingold by their children, Guy, Ross and Brooke. The Feingold family have been patrons of the Museum for over 35 years.

The traditional form shofar has a long neck with a carved mouth opening on one end, and a trumpet end carved in an undulating design. The entire bottom edge is carved as a series of pointed edges.

The entire Museum collection can be viewed on both days of Rosh Hashanah following services and on Yom Kippur from 1-3 P.M.



The Museum's newly acquired shofar, a gift of the Feingold family.

## Special Parking Regulations for Worshippers On High Holy Days

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 the Temple.
- 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." The streets in Strathmore are narrow and winding, and violations of parking restrictions in the Strathmore area are considered a matter of public safety.

### Temple Israel Parking Lot On Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

On Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 9, and the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11, parking 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.

On Kol Nidre, Tuesday, September 18, and Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 19, members of the congregation can leave their cars in the parking lot from Kol Nidre through Neilah, but 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.

Your cooperation is needed to maintain a safe environment and make things move smoothly during the High Holy Days period. Carpooling is strongly suggested whenever riding is necessary.

# How Do You Prepare for the High Holy Days When It's Summer?

by Rabbi Daniel Schweber

My father liked to say “the Jewish Holidays are either early or late, but never on time.” And then he would add “Of course Rosh Hashanah is 1 Tishrei and is always on time.” We live our day to day lives on the secular calendar making it natural to reference the Jewish holidays based on the secular calendar. This is especially true since the Jewish calendar changes relative to the secular one.

According to my father's adage, the holidays fall rather early this year with Rosh Hashanah beginning the evening of September 9. (Wikipedia says that Rosh Hashanah can fall as early as September 5 and as late as October 5). Celebrating Rosh Hashanah one week after Labor Day and just after school resumes actually makes perfect sense. The coming of September is a new year of sorts, as we begin again, often anew, a new routine after the summer season. When Rosh Hashanah comes closer to October, it can feel less natural since we are already busy with our autumn activities.

The challenge of an early High Holy Day season is that we have to prepare while still in summer mode. Ideally we don't just walk into the High Holy Days. Instead we spend the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, called Elul, to prepare ourselves spiritually and physically. The wonderful foods do not cook themselves!

The goal of the High Holy Days season is to help ourselves grow and change emotionally and relationally. Research shows that people continue to grow and mature emotionally all the way through older age. Emotional growth and the attainment of wisdom is truly a lifelong endeavor.

Spiritual growth and change takes work, effort and time. My summer vacation comes in August. Can I work on my sermons before going away? Can one think about holiday cooking while sitting by the pool? Can we make

time for spiritual reflection during the slower pace of the summer?

I think it is possible to prepare for the High Holy Days and still enjoy what we have left of summer. We could even contend that the more relaxed summer pace allows for more reflection than if we did our preparation in busier September.

The Internet is a treasure trove to help us in our spiritual work. There are videos, podcasts and many good articles on websites. Of course there are plenty of books.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and fulfilling 5779. Shanah Tova.

## High Holy Days Youth and Family Programs

*All programs are held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

### Preschool (ages 2-4)

**10:30 A.M.-Noon in Room 13 & 15 and Family Supervised Play in Room 12**

Early childhood educators celebrate the holidays through song, stories and games. One parent is required to accompany children. Open to the public.

### Kindergarten - 2nd Grade BONIM Service

**10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Multipurpose Room**

Morah Donna Lefkowitz leads a fast-paced interactive program blending familiar prayers and stories with props, discussions and enthusiastic singing.

### 3rd-4th Grade CHAVERIM Service

**10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Blue Room**

2nd graders are welcome too! Led by Geoff Epstein, this service includes lots of group and individual participation, a blend of traditional and innovative prayers and activities, great Torah discussions, and, of course, plenty of Hershey's miniatures (on Rosh Hashanah only).

### 5th-6th Grade MACHON Service

**10:30 A.M.-Noon in the Chapel**

Led by informal Jewish educator Rahel Musleah. Join her for a service that's just right for middle schoolers – including real davening, Torah reading, and plenty of interactive activities.

### Teen Service

**10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. in the Youth House Well**

On Rosh Hashanah join teen educator Rachel Barnehama and on Yom Kippur join Waxman Youth House Director Avi Siegel for a participatory service for 7th-12th graders, including Torah reading, shofar blowing, great discussions and creative activities.

*Noon-1:00 P.M. Snacks (on Rosh Hashanah only) and socializing in the Youth House.*

### Interactive K-6 Family Program

**12:15 P.M.-1:15 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room**

For grade school aged children and their parents, on Rosh Hashanah led by Rachel Barnehama, and on Yom Kippur led by Avi Siegel; featuring games, snacks and creative activities. At least one parent must attend per family.

### Kol Nidre Family Experience

**Friday evening September 18 grades 3-7.**

Meet on the third floor in Room Aleph (Room 301) at 6:45 P.M. Participants continue with activities in the Youth House while parents attend services.

# Guest Column: The Day the Jewish State Became Orthodox

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A 2017 survey found that 55 percent of Israelis believed that civil and non-Orthodox weddings should be available to all who want them. Around 3,000 couples a year decide to wed outside the Rabbinate—in non-state-recognized religious or civil ceremonies in Israel, or in civil ceremonies abroad. There are hundreds, if not thousands more, who decide simply not to tie the knot officially, but live together and set up their families.

Masorti and other rabbis have been

performing religious wedding ceremonies in Israel for tens of years. While the Rabbinate condemns these rabbis and their weddings, until now they have done little, if anything, about it. In 2013, after Modern Orthodox rabbis of the Tzohar movement threatened to start officiating outside the confines of the Rabbinate, the religious parties pushed for a change in the law, which already forbade Jewish weddings outside of the Rabbinate. Since the amendment, the law has carried a penalty of up to two years imprisonment for rabbis who officiate and couples who get married in a religious

ceremony outside the Rabbinate.

Thursday, at about 3 A.M., the Knesset voted on the contentious nation-state bill, which aims to curtail the rights of various minorities, including Jewish religious minorities. Just two-and-a-half hours later, Rabbi Dov Haiyun, a Masorti rabbi in Haifa, was detained for questioning for officiating at a wedding outside the Rabbinate—detained at the behest of the Haifa rabbinate.

That says it all: not only is the country Jewish, but specifically Orthodox. ...At the root of the issue is the fact that the state is insisting that it has authority over people's religious views and practices. The state is saying that if you want a Jewish wedding, it has to be our way or the highway. If you are Jewish, you have to be Orthodox. If you want a Jewish wedding, it has to be officiated by an Orthodox rabbi—and then, only one who is approved by the ultra-Orthodox rabbinate.

The State of Israel is the only country in the Western world in which a Jew is not at liberty to decide how to practice his or her Judaism. If you want to get married, it has to be Orthodox. You want to get buried in a public cemetery, Orthodox. Education in schools, Orthodox. Kashrut, Orthodox. The Western Wall, Orthodox. And so, the list goes on.

Thursday's illegal detention of Rabbi Haiyun should set off blazing red lights across the Jewish world. Israel cannot claim to be the home of the Jewish people (as the nation-state bill claims) if it does not allow non-Orthodox Jews to practice their Judaism according to their customs. Israel cannot claim to be a light unto the nations if it officially discriminates against its own minorities.

(Remember the recent) fast of Tisha B'Av, on which we recall the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Let us not forget the principle reason for the destruction of the latter: baseless hatred. In those last years of the Second Temple, the Jewish community was at such discord that internal strife led to the destruction more than the Roman attackers did. Let us ensure that such a catastrophe does not repeat itself.

## From the Rabbi: Our Recent Journey

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vulnerable the Jewish people have been throughout two millennia of exile. Following centuries of fruitful coexistence and often great personal and political strides, Jews time and again found themselves abandoned and exiled once contemporary rulers deemed that they had outlived their usefulness. When that happened the Jews were left with painful choices.

As if to broaden the lens further and to underscore the polarities of Jewish existence throughout our history, our month-long journey actually began in Israel and ended in Rome. Began in the place of Jewish sovereignty and ended in the place that upended Jewish sovereignty. Began in the seat of Jewish power past and present and ended with symbolic depictions of Jewish powerlessness.

Standing at the Arch of Titus, built to memorialize the sacking of ancient Jerusalem and the degradation of the Jewish people, Deanna and I recalled how we had recently come from Jerusalem and shared a grateful moment of *am yisra'el chai*. Thank God that our people are still alive. Thank God our people have returned to our land.

Our journey was an exciting and varied whirlwind of experiences and observations that I'll be reflecting on further in the weeks to come. For now I want to offer a few initial thoughts.

Given the realities of Jewish vulnerability for so long, the relentless “we've seen this film before” of arrival, accomplishment, persecution, and exile, we should be grateful for contemporary Jewish power and we shouldn't apologize for it. The power that we have in the United States and, more fundamentally, in Israel, allows us to shape our destinies in ways that our ancestors could scarcely imagine.

At the same time, our historical experiences should help us learn how to use our power. Knowing the perils of vulnerability, how should the Jewish people use its current influence to help ensure equal opportunity for all? If our experience of persecution at the hands of others doesn't sensitize us to the needs of others, then our power is self-serving at best.

The people who, after losing sovereign power, brought the Torah of light and life to places like Lisbon and Girona, Baghdad and Isfahan, Odessa and Berlin, miraculously have sovereign power once again. It is a power that increases our influence, not just in the State of Israel, but throughout the world.

Our recent journey, from Jerusalem to Lisbon to Rome and back to Great Neck, has reinforced something I've been thinking about for a long time. We can, and must, use our power, our influence, our Torah, to help improve life for our people and for all people. Only in this way will *am yisra'el* truly live and thrive.

# A Second Bar Mitzvah, 70 Years In The Making!

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he actually did Maftir, Shiv'ii, Shishi and Hamishi, but in the correct order!) Rabbi Charry also recalls having a party for his friends that evening which undoubtedly involved dancing, as the synagogue also offered teens a class in ballroom dancing!

One would imagine that becoming a Bar Mitzvah just after World War II would be according to strict Conservative Jewish tradition, where only the males would be counted and could participate. Not so in the Germantown Jewish Centre of Philadelphia, where Rabbi Elias Charry was very much ahead of his time. He counted women in a minyan, and they could be called to the Torah decades before it became the practice in most Conservative synagogues, and as Temple Israel's Rabbi Charry recalls, his own sister became a Bat Mitzvah in 1952. In speaking about his father, Rabbi Charry states, "My father was first and foremost an educator, and in fact when they broke ground for a new synagogue building it was the Hebrew school that was constructed first, followed by the sanctuary." His father also helped write the first textbooks for the Hebrew school, which were mimeographed pages and later became printed books. In addition to all the roles he held at the Germantown Jewish Centre, Rabbi Charry's father was chairman of the education committee for the Akiba Hebrew Academy, a Jewish Day School that opened in 1946 and which the junior Rabbi Charry attended among the first 20 students.

One of his first friends at the Academy, and one who remained a close friend for over 70 years, was Rabbi Leonard Cahan, z"l, with whom he also attended the University of Pennsylvania and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. Rabbi Charry will undoubtedly be thinking of his good friend on August 25, as he passed away in January of this year and last November also celebrated his second Bar Mitzvah.

"It is our honor to be able to recognize Rabbi Marim Charry's second Bar Mitzvah. To have had the Charry family with us for so many years has been of great benefit to the entire Temple

## Congregation Thanks Recent Shabbat Kiddush Sponsors

The congregational kiddush on January 13 was sponsored by Kim and Jon Kaiman in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Iyana.

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Israel family," said Temple Israel President Rob Panzer.

The congregation is invited to join Rabbi Charry at his Bar Mitzvah +70, when he will be called to the Torah to celebrate as he did 70 years ago.

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### Mazal Tov To...

- **Laurie and Gary Damast** on the birth of their grandson, Logan Dean Sondak.
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- **Stacy and Shaun Yafeh** on the engagement of their daughter, Paige, to Steven Soleimani.
- **Ossie Mogilnik and Douglas Spector** on the engagement of their son, Eric, to Amanda Blumstein.

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### Temple Lites...

- **Deborah Tartell**, director of the Shireinu Choir of Long Island, a mixed voice choir focusing on Jewish music, recently traveled to Israel with the Zamir Israel at 70 Chorale to perform and research music for the second season of the choir. Many members of the congregation participate in the choir. Anyone interested in joining the choir for the 2018-2019 season should email [info@shireinuchoirli.org](mailto:info@shireinuchoirli.org) for information about the September 5 tryouts.

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### Daily Minyan Times

#### Friday

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

**Sunday, Aug. 19 & 26 & Sept. 2 & 16**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 9 (Erev Rosh Hashanah)**

8:15 A.M. 6:30 P.M.

**Monday, Aug. 20 & 27 & Sept. 17**

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

**Monday, Sept. 3**

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

**Monday, Sept. 10 (Rosh Hashanah – Day 1)**

8:15 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, Aug. 21 & 28 & Sept. 4**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 11 (Rosh Hashanah – Day 2)**

8:15 A.M. 7:10 P.M.

**Tuesday, Sept. 18 (Kol Nidre)**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 22 & 29 & Sept. 5**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 19 (Yom Kippur)**

9:00 A.M. 4:45 P.M.

**Thursday, Aug. 23 & 30  
& Sept. 6, 13 & 20**

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

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 practice any kind of magic. They will be, like Moses, men who truly and accurately transmit God's message to the Israelites. The portion concludes with laws concerning crime and welfare. They assure that personal rights are respected and human kindness is displayed, even during wartime.

**Ki Tetse Saturday, August 25**

In this portion part of the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land is found. These chapters contain a wide variety of laws dealing with domestic life and interpersonal relations. In contradistinction to previous sections of the law code which dealt with broad areas of community structure, the focus here is on the countless details that make the daily life of the average Israelite. The Torah is making clear that every facet of every individual's life is governed by the covenant. The concluding verses of the portion remind the Israelites of the dastardly attack by the Amelekites on the rear-most stragglers of the camp shortly after the crossing of the Red Sea. The people are commanded to remember the incident and utterly blot out the memory of Amelek. The contrast between the national character of a people living

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under God's laws and that of the Amelekites based on glorification of military power is a statement that in God's plan, right prevails over might.

**Ki Tavo Saturday, September 1**

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 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 Saturday, September 8**

We conclude Moses' third discourse on the enforcement of the law in this portion. 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 Israel past, present and future is 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 people's repentance and their return to the land. In a striking statement of the nature of God's commandment, Moses asserts that the Torah isn't in heaven, or far from the people; it is now theirs to do with what they will. They must observe, study, interpret and apply it. As a peroration to the three discourses of Deuteronomy, he points out that it is up to the people to choose life and prosperity or death and adversity. In choosing to obey God's Commandments, the people choose life and will be able to enjoy the land that God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Vayelekh Saturday, September 15**

In this portion we begin the final section of the Book of Deuteronomy which treats of the last days of Moses. This is the shortest portion in the Torah, consisting of only one chapter of 30 verses. Moses' mission is almost completed. There remain only a few details to finish before his death. These consist of bidding farewell to his people, presenting his successor, Joshua to them (with some words of encouragement to him) writing down the Torah up to this point, and handing it over to the priests and elders with instructions to read from it every seven years at a public assembly. This reading is not to be for the purpose of teaching the people the basics of law, but rather to achieve a special purpose. It is to take place on Sukkot, at the start of agriculture and business following the year of release, when all Israelites are assembled in the central sanctuary. The reading is thus to affirm that in every area of ordinary life, the way to God lies only through His Torah and Torah is necessary to maintain the unity of the people and provide for its protection.

## Sabbath Services

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Weekly Portion: Nitsavim  
 Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20  
 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
 Moji Pourmoradi, David Eshaghoff,  
 Patty Schneider, Joyce Weston,  
 and Debra Bykoff

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	7:43 P.M.
Havdalah	7:59 P.M.

**Friday, September 14**

Evening Service	6:30 P.M.
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**Saturday, September 15**

Shabbat Shuvah  
 Shahrar Morning Service/Shabbat  
 Morning Group Aliyah 8:45 A.M.  
 First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Vayelekh  
 Deuteronomy 31:30  
 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10;  
 Micah 7:18 – 20; Joel 2:15 - 27

Sabbath Service Officers and Greeters:  
 Michael Becker, Lori Oppenheimer,  
 Veronica Bisek Lurvey, Diana Stein,  
 and Shahram (Mike) Delafraz

Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service	11:00 A.M.
Afternoon Service	6:30 P.M.
Se'udah Shelishit	7:00 P.M.
Evening Service	7:32 P.M.
Havdalah	7:48 P.M.

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Tryouts will be held on Thursday, September 6, at Temple Israel of Great Neck, beginning at 7:00 PM. Email info@shireinuchoirli.org with "Tryouts" in the subject line, and we will send you additional information and your time slot.

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## D'var Torah

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

### Shofetim Saturday, August 18

We continue the listing of the laws by which the Israelites are to live in the Promised Land in this portion. The focus here is on social organization, and consideration is given to defining the status and responsibilities of four different types of leaders: judges, the king, priest, and prophets. Judges are admonished that justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial. If there is to be a king, he must be a native Israelite and a constitutional monarch who governs in accordance with the Torah. He is forbidden to have a standing cavalry or a harem, and he must himself study and obey the law. The priests are not to have any allotment of land, but they are to be supported by the people through emoluments. The prophets will not be sorcerers, diviners or soothsayers or

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## Sabbath Services

### Friday, August 17

Evening Services 6:30 P.M.

Weekly Portion: Ki Tetse  
Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10

Weekly Portion: Ki Tavo  
Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60

### Saturday, August 18

Shaharit Morning Service/Shabbat  
Morning Group Aliyah 8:45 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

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Weekly Portion: Shofetim  
Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9  
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

Bar Mitzvah: Rabbi Marim D. Charry's  
Second Bar Mitzvah

Bar Mitzvah: Joseph Eshaghoff  
son of Joanna and David Eshaghoff

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:15 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:45 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:16 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:32 P.M.

Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.  
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 7:05 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:35 P.M.  
Evening Service 8:06 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:22 P.M.

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.  
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.  
Afternoon Service 6:50 P.M.  
Se'udah Shelishit 7:20 P.M.  
Evening Service 7:55 P.M.  
Havdalah 8:11 P.M.

### Friday, August 24

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Friday, August 31

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Friday, September 7

Evening Service 6:30 P.M.

### Saturday, August 25

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

Saturday, September 1 *Leyl Selihot*  
Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
First Mourner's Kaddish 9:25 A.M.

### Saturday, September 8

Shaharit Morning Service 8:45 A.M.  
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