

Celebrating Shavuot— From a Distance!



Everyone celebrates Shavuot with dairy foods, but the Covid pandemic brought some strategic difficulties to the observance at the Temple Israel Religious School. School Director Rabbi Amy Roth did not let the unique situation stop the festivities, however. She organized an ice cream drive-by, where students in cars driven by their parents formed a caravan in the Temple Israel parking lot. They were greeted by Rabbi Howard Stecker, and Rabbi Daniel Schweber in lower photo, as well as Rabbi Roth, and then given ice cream—at the end of a pole—by the congregation’s executive director, Jamey Kohn.

Photos by Karel Tannenbaum

It’s a Unique Year, So Temple Israel’s Schools End School Year Uniquely

By Marc Katz, Editor

This year will be remembered for many atypical events. One of them is the way Temple Israel’s three schools—The Waxman High School, Religious School and Beth HaGan Nursery School—will be wrapping up their school year.

Waxman High School Director Avi Siegel said he is preparing a personalized, private send-off to graduating seniors. “Temple Israel will always be their home, and regardless of where they end up this fall, they are welcome at the Youth House.” He said even in this time of distancing he is committed to giving this year’s graduates the recognition and blessings they deserve.

This year the Waxman High School honors graduate Emma Sassouni, the daughter of Rebecca and Sassan Sassouni, “for her incredible achievements, dedication and character,” Mr. Siegel said. “She graduated from all three Temple Israel schools and Judaism plays a key role in her life. Being a regular at *Shabbat* services, she finds comfort in both the prayer space and the action.” She is an active member of the Youth House teen leadership and has guided her high school’s student government as class representative for the past three years. She is an active member of the Youth House girls Rosh Hodesh Program. She is a varsity athlete in tennis, cross-country, basketball, and softball and has been a sports columnist for her school newspaper, *The Guide Post*, for the past four years.

When not at school she takes on volunteer projects. She has gone on Midnight Runs with the Youth House and volunteers at homeless shelters and hospitals. Emma is passionate about playing the trumpet and has performed at Carnegie Hall. She is a member of the All-County Concert Band, Long Island Music Hall of Fame, —Continued on page 6



Waxman High School
graduate Emma Sassouni

Life With Coronavirus

A Voice Guest Column By Van J. Frankel

Editor's Note: This Voice Guest Column contains excerpts of a message by Temple Israel member Van Frankel, who serves as the chaplain for Zucker Hillside Hospital and is a member of Northwell's Long Island Hospice Care Volunteer Angel Team.

Our entire world is currently gripped by the global pandemic Corona, which has wrought destruction on many levels. Not only are thousands sick or

...cherish the gift of life every single day.

dead or confined to quarantine, but global economies are in turmoil. Millions have lost their jobs as companies shut down or contract; family celebrations and gatherings have been canceled; grandparents are scared of hugging, kissing, even sitting together with their own grandchildren. Fear is driving the proverbial bus as we ponder "what will come next?" "When will it end?" "How will we—how can we—ever return to life as normal?"

Nevertheless, there is a message of spiritual uplift if we adopt a new perspective. We may project on this crisis that life can always begin anew. No matter where you may be holding up, no matter how dark or dangerous the road ahead may seem, there's always room for hope and optimism. We stumble, but we rise and go on. We suffer, but we grit our teeth and refuse to succumb to the pain.

This quality of faith is vividly and visibly conveyed to us through the medium of the moon. It has its period of decline, to be sure, but it always will return in ascendance, symbolizing our eternal rise from tragedy to triumph. And the
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Dedication, Day After Day

From the Rabbi By Rabbi Howard Stecker

A few summers ago, Deanna and I were living in Jerusalem while I participated in a rabbinic program at the Shalom Hartman institute. That summer, I brought an envelope filled with prayers written by our Religious School children to be placed in the Kotel. On the very last morning I took the folder, left the apartment, and walked briskly to the Kotel.

The Kotel was fairly quiet at that hour. Some people were praying, some were chatting. I inserted the notes with the prayers into the cracks of the Kotel, took a few moments to offer my own prayer, and walked back to our apartment.

But, I left out part of the story. On my way to the Kotel I passed the small grocery store on our corner and saw the people who own and work in the store setting up for the day. I got to chat with these people a fair amount

during the summer. I can't quite explain it, but as I greeted them on our last morning in Israel that summer, I got a little emotional. On some level I thought to myself, soon I'll be at the Kotel, which is powerful and important. But the reality of these people waking up

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each day and running their store is also powerful and important.

We speak a lot about special places and festive days, but we should also recognize the importance of regular places and ongoing dedication day after day. We celebrate places like the Kotel and occasions like the holidays and the milestones in our lives, but we also need to celebrate opening the store, showing up at school and meeting our
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New Opportunities

From the President by Burton Weston

As we get deeper into the pandemic experience, and are more apt to get mired in "quarantine fatigue," there are ways and means to "change the energy" and actually take advantage of opportunities we might otherwise not be able to enjoy. While the time and obligations of some are consumed by work and other responsibilities, many of us have at least a little, and in some cases a lot more time to tackle those projects we have long put off or never had time to invest in. Reach out to old

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friends and relatives even in faraway places which virtuality allows you to visit with; undertake a challenge or learn something new that you long thought about doing; organize, clean out, and bring some more order to your life; take life down a notch, breathe and be grateful where you can. My suggestion is to be driven by one overriding factor—what you invest in should put a smile on your face. You are entitled!

While "virtuality" is no replacement for "physicality," the platforms we have come to rely on offer some workable advantages—many of which the synagogue has exploited well. *Shabbat* services "from the convenience of your own home" consistently attract more than 125 persons and families weekly. We continue to tend to the needs of those requiring a daily *minyan*. We have programs to feed the soul, the mind and the belly (a cooking class here and there). Access them, enjoy them, learn something you haven't had time to enjoy before, study poetry, sing, and share stories and experiences.

Organize your life and your home. You will undoubtedly find things you haven't seen in years, evoke memories and perhaps turn up a hidden valuable or
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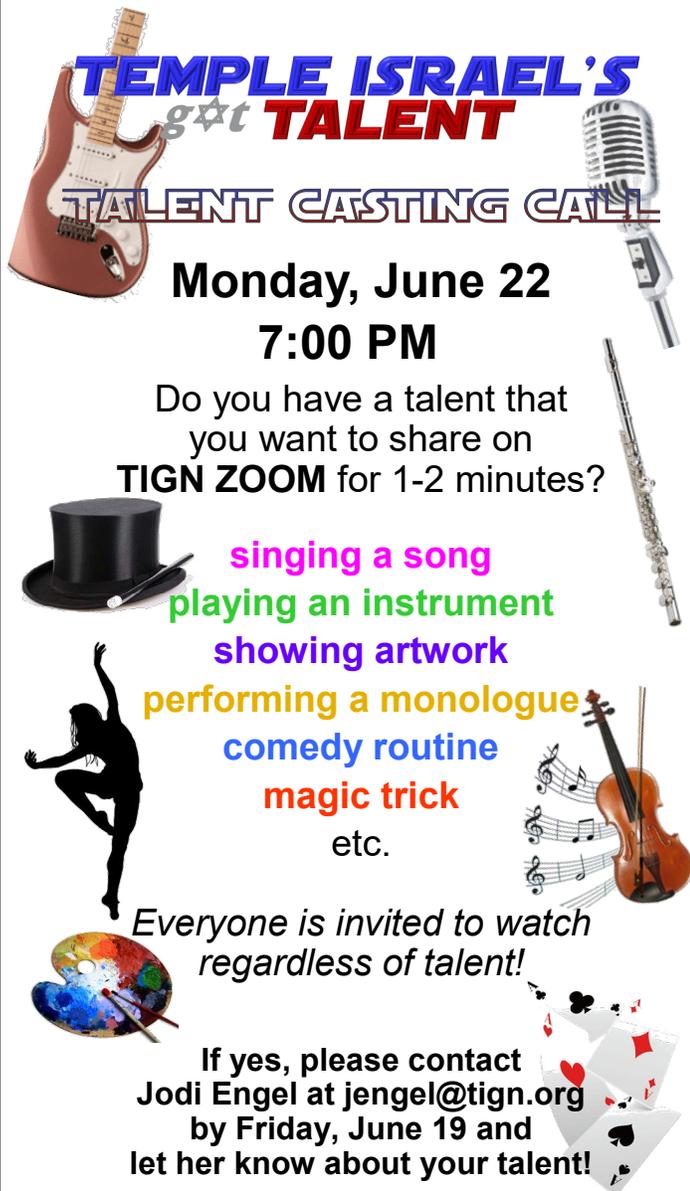
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May their memories be for a blessing.



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Monday, June 22
7:00 PM

Do you have a talent that
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- singing a song
- playing an instrument
- showing artwork
- performing a monologue
- comedy routine
- magic trick
- etc.

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on June 15. Details to follow.

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



Ethan Shirazi

Ethan Shirazi will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 13. He is the son of Michelle and Michael Shirazi and has a brother, Jacob, 14, and a sister, Eva, 6. Ethan is a seventh-grade honor student at Great Neck North Middle School. He enjoys sports, especially basketball, and is interested in software engineering. Ethan plans to visit Israel for the third time in the near future.

Mazal Tov To...

- **Ellen and Samuel Gottlieb**, whose daughter, Deena Joy Gottlieb, has been ordained as a rabbi.
- **Karen Lewkowitz-Miller, Monte Miller and Robert Shpuntoff** on the birth of their granddaughter, Elisheva Rachel Ruben.
- **Jacqueline and Hilbert Eshaghpour and Shohreh and Hillel Waxman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Michal Shayna Waxman.
- **Angela Jones and Jared Vazquez** on the birth of their granddaughter, Miley Rose DeAngelo.

Daily Minyan Times

Friday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

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& Thursday

7:30 A.M. 8:00 P.M.

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same is true of spirituality. It is not finite or fossilized, but a miraculous, living, wellspring of wisdom that continually brings forth new ideas and viewpoints, in every generation.

We, as people, have the unique ability to recreate ourselves, to shed the skin of yesterday's disappointments and create a bright new day. Like the spring season, we know that hopes and dreams, like flowers, may lie dormant for a time. But, ultimately, they will burst into bloom. Life in its fullest will not be denied or suppressed for long.

There is the story of scientists who told the world that in just three days the Earth would be engulfed by a massive,

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treasure. Husbands, dig deep and do the one thing your wife is likely to crave—color her hair. She'll feel better and I guaranty you you'll share some laughs in the process. Read that book that has been sitting on the night table, and perhaps suggest it to others and start a book club. Share a training session and work out with a group virtually. Plant the organic garden you always wanted to start and derive the benefit of eating healthy. Experiment in the kitchen, and if you don't cook, maybe start. That's one way to immediate gratification.

One of the richest things in life is to learn. Without the distractions we might otherwise have day-to-day, take the opportunity to delve deeper into something you have long wanted to explore. It doesn't have to be altogether serious; it can just be fun.

The point is, although cursed by the restrictions and confines of this pandemic, we are also blessed with opportunities for other freedoms. Breath, step back, try to embrace positivity, and most importantly, smile and laugh. Those two things are among the healthiest things you can do for yourself—proven by science.

global flood? What to do? How should one spend these last 72-hours? Some said they would intensify their relationship with their families, others said they would indulge in every conceivable pleasure. But spiritualists had a very different approach: "We have just three days," they declared, "to learn how to live underwater!"

On a personal note, I am learning to "live underwater" as I mourn my beloved bride of 34-years, Laurie Gingold Frankel, who died of cancer on May 27. I am doing my best to "practice what I preach," and I am grateful to all of the family, friends and fellow congregants who have reached out to offer comfort and to help me get up and continue life inspired by Laurie's memory. In conclusion, I urge all of us to cherish the gift of life every single day.

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obligations day after day.

The Torah commanded the ancient Israelites to let their land rest every seven years. No less important a *mitzvah*, however, was the injunction to till the land for the first six years. Along with the sacred rest of land and people, our tradition values work and sanctifies daily commitment.

As we continue to face this challenging time for our community, nation and planet, I want us to take the time to celebrate the ongoing dedication that we, our friends and our loved ones bring to each day. Especially when so much of our day-to-day has been disrupted, it's important for us to recognize the challenges we face and the resourceful efforts we bring to those challenges.

There is indeed holiness in special places and festive days. But let's not forget to recognize, and celebrate, the holiness that emerges from the dedication we demonstrate each and every day.

Beth HaGan Classes Hold Annual Torah Science Fair Learning Lessons That Combine Science and Torah

Just before Beth HaGan Nursery School classes ended abruptly due to the pandemic, Beth HaGan classes held their annual Torah Science Fair, combining lessons of the Torah with lessons in science. This page displays some classes and their projects.



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Pit Orchestra, and the Long Island Youth Orchestra.

She will be entering the Macaulay Honors Program at Baruch College in September. Emma is the recipient of the North High School Andrew Stergiopoulos Memorial Scholarship for being a scholar-athlete and mentor to others. She was named the Temple Israel "Men's Club Youth of the Year" and was scheduled to be honored at the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs annual dinner, which was not held this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

High School Activities Continuing

The Waxman High School had a prolific programming portfolio this past spring. They held twice-weekly Zoom meetings since mid-March, including a Lag B'Omer presentation on Israel and its historical relationship to the holiday. Also held was a community-wide antisemitism seminar with educators from the Anti-Defamation League discussing what can be done to better understand and combat antisemitism. A panel of speakers from the Great Neck Chinese Association presented an evening of cultural exchange and storytelling. The Youth House culminated programming with a Shavuot cheesecake bake-off.

During the summer the Youth House will continue to present programs and opportunities for teens. Both Rosh Brodesh and Rosh Hodesh groups are meeting virtually with Moji Pourmoradi and Avi Siegel, respectively. Also continuing are movie nights, game nights and chill sessions. In addition, when state restrictions change, there will be small, safe gatherings of teens on the Temple Israel grounds. All teens are invited to these programs. For more information and to keep informed about upcoming events, send a message to Avi Siegel at asiegel@tign.org.

Religious School

Religious School students participated in a school-wide zoom ceremony earlier this week because "we wanted students to end the year with a lasting good feeling," said School Director Rabbi Amy Roth. More than 140 students were recognized for completing religious studies from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

In addition, on Friday evening during Shabbat services, the school's 13 Mitzvot Club, Chai Club, and Torah Troupe will be recognized. On another Friday evening, recognition will be given to the school's vav class students who will be moving on to the Waxman High School. Avi Siegel, Waxman school director, will attend to "model" the Youth House t-shirt students will receive and welcome them to this new phase of their Jewish education. During a previous Friday evening service students in the gimmel grade participated in a *siddur* ceremony.

During this week's Zoom ceremony students participated in a "Ten Commandments Scavenger Hunt" at their home, teachers performed a skit for their students, Morah Sara let students in song, a slide show was presented highlighting activities during the school year, and Rabbis Howard Stecker and Daniel Schweber spoke to the students and their parents. Rabbi Roth congratulated the students on their accomplishments.

Members of the Chai Club are Noah Becker, Lily Becker, Abby Bernstein, Adriel Beroorkhim, Daniel Beroorkhim, Ian Bloom, Ari Bloom, Jacob Bloom, Penina Charry, Alexis Gelb, David Goldberg, Daniel Goldberg, Shoshana Goody, Ezra Juceam, Sarah Juceam, Aaron Kassin, Elliot Kassin, Jacob Kassin, Sarah Khoda, Shira Khoda, Josh Phillips, Ethan Phillips, Brandon Reed, Julia Reed, Sara Reed, and Nathan Tashkisi.

Students recognized for participating in the 13 Mitzvot Club were Sam Bagon, Max Covitt, Ella Covitt, Zach Dorf.

Emily Forst, Molly Forst, Elliot Ganjian, Jonathan Ganjian, Jacob Goldstein, Phoebe Hoffman, Lily Kase, Liana Kase, Grant Koza, Benson Kurpiel, Riley Kurpiel, Jackie Matalon, Simon Matalon, Matthew Nysenbaum, Brandon Nogreh, and Nathan Sarraf.

Torah Troupe participants include Daniel

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Beth HaGan Nursery School

The congregation's youngest students, in the Beth HaGan Nursery School, will participate in a "drive-by graduation" in Temple Israel's parking lot in late June.

The four-year old Dolphin Class students will receive a diploma and gifts from their teachers during the ceremony. "By having the presentation in the parking lot, students will be able to wave to each other," explained school Director Rachel Mathless. They have not been together in person since classes were suspended in mid-March.

Students completing their school studies are Liez Alvandi, Abigail Assaraf, Brandon Barzidah, Amelia Behnam, Sara Ben-Josef, Rachel Cohen, Benjamin Hakimian, Blair Hakimian, Ella Hakimian, Sofia Katz, Jacob Khalili, Liam Nassimiha, Joshua Rahimi, Shay Shamooil, Gabriel Shaoulpour, and Jacob Yerushalmi.

The class mother is Maxine Yerushalmi and the class teachers are *morah* Chaya Kaplowitz and Ruti Uzan.

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D'var Torah

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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 13**

In this portion the march to the Promised Land finally begins. 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.

Shelah **Saturday, June 20**

The Israelites approach the border of Canaan, and Moses sends 12 princes of the tribes to scout the land, in this portion. 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 indeed 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 27**

In this portion we find a major challenge to the leadership of Moses and Aaron. 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.

Hukat-Balak **Saturday, July 4**

In this double portion the 38 years of wilderness wandering are covered. The reading opens with instructions for preparing a mixture of water and ashes of a slaughtered red cow to

purify anyone who comes in contact with a corpse. Most of the events of the wilderness wandering are skipped over without comment. In the land of Moab, Moses produces water for his complaining people by striking a rock with his staff. God, however, has instructed him to speak to the rock, and because of this lack of faith neither Moses nor Aaron will be permitted to enter the Promised Land. In the second portion, Balak, King of Moab, is afraid that the Israelites will attack and defeat him. He summons the renowned prophet Balaam from Mesopotamia to curse the Israelites. God intervenes, and Balaam goes to Moab, but once there blesses the Israelites three different times as well as prophesying the destruction of Moab and the neighboring countries. The future of Israel now seems bright indeed, but the promise is immediately dashed when the people are enticed to participate in the idolatrous cult of Baal-peor. The unique relationship with God is still not firmly enough established.

Pinehas **Saturday, July 11**

In this portion we read that Pinehas, the grandson of Aaron, is rewarded for his zeal in dealing summarily with the idolatry of Baal-peor by having the priesthood become the possession of his descendants for all time. We now turn to the preparations for the conquest of the Promised Land. Moses takes a census of the generation born in the wilderness to determine the number of fighting men and the number of families who would share in the division of the land. God gives Moses instructions for apportioning the land, and we learn of a decision affirming the right of daughters to inherit property when there are no sons. Moses is told to ascend the mountain to prepare to die and to designate Joshua as his successor. The reading concludes with a calendar of the festivals of the year and the public sacrifices that are to be offered daily and on every Shabbat and festival after the Israelites have entered the land. Maintaining this calendar is to be a means of tying together God, the land and the People of Israel.

Shabbat Services and Candle Lighting Times

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Saturday, July 11

Shaharit Morning Service 9:30 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Pinehas

Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.

Ma'ariv/Havdalah 9:15 P.M.

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D'var Torah

by Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Naso **Saturday, June 6**

We continue the final preparations at Sinai for the resumption of the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land in this portion. 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

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Shabbat Services and Candle Lighting Times

Saturday, June 6	Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.	Weekly Portion: Korah
Shaharit Morning Service 9:30 A.M.	Ma'ariv/Havdalah	9:10 P.M.	Numbers 16:1 - 18:32
			Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22
Weekly Portion: Naso	Friday, June 19		
Numbers 4:21 - 7:89	Evening Service	6:30 P.M.	Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 - 25	Candle Lighting	8:11 P.M.	Ma'ariv/Havdalah 9:15 P.M.
Bar Mitzvah: Noah Ahdoot	Saturday, June 20		
son of Michelle and Allen Ahdoot	Shaharit Morning Service	9:30 A.M.	Friday, July 3
			Evening Service 6:30 P.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.	Weekly Portion: Shelah		Candle Lighting 8:12 P.M.
Ma'ariv/Havdalah 9:05 P.M.	Numbers 13:1 - 15:41		
	Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 - 24		Saturday, July 4
Friday, June 12			Shaharit Morning Service 9:30 A.M.
Evening Service 6:30 P.M.	Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.		
Candle Lighting 8:09 P.M.	Ma'ariv/Havdalah 9:15 P.M.		Weekly Portion: Hukat-Balak
			Numbers 19:1 - 25:9
Saturday, June 13	Friday, June 26		Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8
Shaharit Morning Service 9:30 A.M.	Evening Service 6:30 P.M.		
	Candle Lighting 8:12 P.M.		Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha			Ma'ariv/Havdalah 9:15 P.M.
Numbers 8:1 - 12:16	Saturday, June 27		
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7	Shaharit Morning Service 9:30 A.M.		Friday, July 10
Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Shirazi			Evening Service 6:30 P.M.
son of Michelle and Michael Shirazi			Candle Lighting 8:10 P.M.

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