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“Some enchanted evening” so well describes the Magnificent Musicians and Melodies Concert held at our Temple on Saturday, May 5, 2018. What a glorious concert it was! The sanctuary was filled, and everyone who attended, congregants and visitors alike, were swept away by the music. Our own Cantor David Katz was joined by soloist Deanna Verone and the 12-year-old wonder (and Annie star), Amanda Swickle, a native of Jericho. The 32-piece Concert Pops of Long Island performed right from our Bima, (yes, they all fit, despite those who said it couldn't be done!) and were led by the spirited and marvelous Maestro, Dean Karahalís.

There was electricity in the air as everyone settled into their seats. The Cantor's rich and melodious voice filled the sanctuary, along with the other performers who accompanied him on many of the pieces and sang solos of their own. We heard selections from West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and a Rodgers and Hammerstein medley. There was a special surprise as songs from Annie were sung by Ms. Swickle. It was a varied and wonderfully conceived program. Everyone in attendance swayed to the music, clapped and sang along. The music was well known by all, including so many songs from Broadway, as well as Israeli and other Jewish melodies we have come to love.

The Temple Choir joined in the Irving Berlin Salute and with song sheets in tow, were joined by everyone in attendance. The finale was a heart thumping rendition of the well-known and beloved Jewish melody, Romania, which brought everyone to their feet in appreciation and applause. As people exited the sanctuary, they had an opportunity to extend the evening with friends and to spend time with all the evening's stars as they enjoyed an array of sumptuous desserts.

As Steve Finkelstein posted on Facebook, “It was just an amazing night of music for the TOE family.” What a glorious night it was.

Congratulations Cantor David. You dreamed the concert. You made it happen. We are so proud of you and our Temple.

If you missed the concert.... there are always lots of events planned throughout the year and we hope to see you in attendance. Please follow the Temple on Facebook and look out for e-mail blasts and the local newspapers for other events. Should you have additional questions, call our Temple Office: (516) 433-9888.

Join us and become a part of our larger Temple Or Elohim Community. We look forward to your involvement with all we offer.

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NOTE:

At the time of this Shofar's printing, the calendars for July 2018 and August 2018 had not been finalized. Therefore please refer to our website www.TempleOrElohim.com for further information as it becomes available.

Thoughts & Prayers:

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Kail, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee with any requests that you may have.



From Our Rabbi:

On May 22, a phenomenal event occurred, as eighth to twelfth grade congregants gathered together for an interfaith event with other Jews, Muslims and Christian friends. It was the first of a multi-series event aimed to create dialogue and understanding between teens of different faiths.

The past several years, Anti-Semitism rose at alarming rates. According to the Anti-Defamation League, Anti-Semitic hate crimes rose fifty-seven percent in 2017 from 2016, which is the largest increase on record for a single year. Because of acts of terrorism done in the name of Islam, even good faithful Muslims across the world have been targeted by acts of hatred. Churches have faced gun violence and hatred in recent years as well.



Hatred is not new. We even have evidence of it in our sacred texts. At the start of the book of Exodus, the Torah teaches that there was a Pharaoh who not only did not know Joseph. He did not know who the Jewish people were or what they stood for. Rather than getting to know them, this Pharaoh saw them as a threat. He chose to enslave and torment the Jewish people.

This text teaches us how easy it is to hate. It teaches us that hatred ensues when we choose not to understand one another, but to see “others” as threats. If only the Pharaoh had led with curiosity and love. How different our story might have been!

I was overjoyed when I found out that Imams, Rabbis, Reverends, Ministers and Priests wished to create an opportunity for our teens to have meaningful conversations about the ways in which our faiths are so similar and so wonderfully unique. Rather than relying on the two-dimensional news reports we hear, these teens were able to explain what was so powerful about their religious identity and to learn about the beauty of their neighbors. It is thrilling when Jews and Muslims sit together and realize the profound similarities that bring us together, from similar sacred texts, to a book of law, to dietary practices, dress, language, and even food.

In his book *I and Thou*, Martin Buber speaks of the relationships we have with others. In some relationships, we look at others at only the surface level, failing to see their humanity and wholeness. When this happens, we have an I-It relationship with them. When we connect on a deep level and appreciate another person for who they are, we begin to develop an I-Thou relationship. There is a divine spark in every I-Thou relationship that comes to be.

As teens gather to get to know one another, I-It relationships transform into I-Thou relationships. Few moments are this profound. In an instant we move from caricatures to real people, from “others” to friends.

On May 22, teens learned about the Muslim month of Ramadan and broke the fast together. Ask anyone who attended. It was an event to remember.

If you missed the event on May 22, please know that this was just one event in a larger series. In October, teens will be invited to take part in an Interfaith Sukkot event. Come December, there will be an interfaith Christmas event as well. I am confident that if the congregation chooses to partake, this partnership will prove to be enlightening and inspiring.

L'shalom,

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From Our Cantor:

As we start to get into the Summer mindset and weather, it's hard to imagine a whole year of temple and events has already gone by. If you really think about it, it's incredible how much happens and what we do in only a year.

Starting with our Shabbat Under The Stars and ending with our 7th Grade and Teacher Recognition Shabbat then into Shavuot, we really do have an amazing, vibrant and FUN Temple.

This year, we had many beautiful Bar and Bat mitzvah kids leading services and reading from the Torah. Our kids lead the entire service. They train and study for 9 months to a year. I enjoy working with all our kids and getting to know them. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them.

In addition, I want to thank ALL of our B'nei Mitzvah families from this year who really gave their time and energy to make their children's services special. Your commitment to your children and their becoming a vibrant and vital part of our community is appreciated more than you know. We take pride in knowing that not only have our kids learned and grown through the Bar and Bat Mitzvah process, but I believe the entire family benefits and grows as well.

Throughout the year our students from 3rd grade to 7th grade lead services. Under the guidance and leadership of our amazing teachers and of course, our incredible Director of Education, Deborah Tract, these services get better and better each year. The kids lead the entire service from start to finish. It is really a joy to watch and see how they grow and develop, as well as have fun doing it.

If you have been to our band services, then you know what fun and joy our band services are. If you have not been to a band service yet (and I cannot imagine why!) then you need to attend at least one time to truly have the experience. Dancing and singing in the aisles is a requirement at these services. The band is made up of all volunteers from our Temple. I must thank all these people as well for their continual support and being there for our musical celebrations.

Next we had our annual concert, which was last month. A first for any temple on the entire North Shore - a 32 piece orchestra plugging away on our Bima bringing us glorious sounds and magnificent melodies. What a huge success this concert was for the whole community. I also must thank each and every person who helped to make this concert a success. The entire sanctuary was filled and everyone was singing along. What a joy it is for me to be able to be part of such a supportive and musical Temple. Thank you all for helping me make each concert happen.

And of course we cannot forget all of our Men's Club and Sisterhood programs, as well as carnivals, seders, Mets games and the list goes on! All of this in one year - WOW!

Well... as summer creeps in on us, I wish you all a safe and fun summer with your families and friends. Enjoy the time together and make sure you have fun. But don't disappear altogether because we still have Shabbat services each Friday night. It's a nice break in the routine and you can relax with others for a while.

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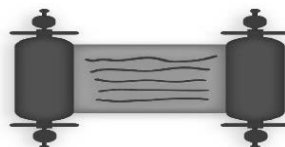


B'nei Mitzvah:

June 2, 2018
Samantha Sternick
Daughter of Kim and Daniel

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Son of Jodi and Robert

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Son of Alison and Gary



President's Message:

Greetings once again to all our Temple congregants friends and families.

The month of May finally warmed up letting us see that glimpse of Summer right around the corner, as pools were opened, flowers were planted and gardens were blooming getting ready for the beauty of our summer months.



I hope everyone had an opportunity to kvell and enjoy our yearly concert extravaganza on Saturday, May 5th as "Magnificent Musicians and Melodies" led by Maestro Dean Kalaharis and his 32 piece orchestra the "Concert Pops of Long Island" entertained us with an exemplary array of Broadway hits coupled with Judaic musical influences that had us all mesmerized. Our own Cantor David blew us all away with his rendition of "EXODUS." The entire sanctuary was in tears with awe. Soprano Deana Verone, a well-known vocalist, has performed with Maestro Kalaharis numerous times. She is also an active music educator teaching Chorus, Voice and Piano to future stars right here in our own neighborhood.

If that wasn't enough, we even had a surprise vocalist, 12 years old Amanda Swickle who is in the 7th grade in our own Jericho Middle School. She is touring the country as "ANNIE". We were enamored with her performance of several songs from that Broadway hit of the same name. Personally, for me this was the best concert yet with a sanctuary packed to standing room only as the musical genius of the evening - Cantor David, Deana Verone, Amanda Swickle, and Maestro Dean Karahalis and his 32 piece Concert Pops of Long Island Orchestra impressed us with their talents. How do you top this?

The following week was filled with Men's Club and Ritual Committee meetings, as we looked forward to Friday night 5/11, as Nishamah led us in another Erev Shabbat inspired musical service, for our 7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Staff Appreciation Shabbat. The students led us in prayer with an air of sophistication that exemplifies what our Religious School and our Director of Education, Deborah Tract, strive to achieve.

Happy Mother's Day to all. The following week was the last day of Religious School, and then another week was filled with meetings and discussions.

The Bat Mitzvah on 5/19 was another coup for our school and Cantor as Ryan Hudzik led us in service with rabbinical sophistication and graced us with her Bat Mitzvah aura of Judaic knowledge with her D'var Torah. Great job Ryan.

Chag Someach and Happy Shavuot as we embraced the acceptance of Torah on Sunday 5/20/18. We celebrated Shavuot and partook in the Yizkor service which was preceded by a nice light dairy Kiddush. I hope you all felt a new closeness to Hashem. Kudos to Rabbi and Cantor.

We closed out the month of May with another outstanding testament to our Religious School and Deborah Tract as Sydney and Michael Sabesan shared the Bima as brother and sister, BOTH BECAME BAR & BAT MITZVAH TOGETHER... They led the service with such Rabbinic professionalism and poise. The D'var Torah's bringing out two different aspects as to the Parsha of the week made us all revel in admiration as Sydney and Michael now enter into B'nei Mitzvah Torah responsibility. You guys were AWESOME! How cool is that!

Parents of these prodigies, Alana and Peter Sabesan, are part of the benchmark of our heritage going forward as Jews. Their parental commitment to their children's Judaic education is the future of all future Reform Jewish generations. Thank you for being so involved and a huge Yasher Koach.

Let me not forgot our Men's Club sponsored Mets game outing on Thursday, 5/31. A good time was had by all, not to mention how excellent the seats were...Great job Men's Club.

To all our friends and from my family to yours, may the summer bring all good things to everyone we know and love and may Hashem keep our loved ones safe...AMEN.

Respectfully,

Michael Wilner, President

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Religious School:

Shalom Friends! As you are reading this article, our school year has come to an end. First, I want to thank all our families for bringing your children to our school and trusting us with them each week.

Our school is filled with wonderful children, who bring their inquisitive minds to class, to learn, ask questions and to form their own Jewish identity. All of this first begins in the home. We thank you for being active partners with the TOE Religious School and value your continued support.



On Friday, May 11th we celebrated the 7th grade Moving Up Ceremony and Staff Appreciation Shabbat. Our students, teachers, teen assistants, Goldie, clergy and band Nishamah all participated in a very heartfelt service.

As I reflect on where our 7th grade students were 4-5 years ago, I recognize that it has been a remarkable journey. I watched the students grow up to be fine young adults. Our teachers taught our students the fundamentals needed for lifelong Jewish learning. Our students also taught all of us. They showed us what true leadership is all about and what it takes to be a leader. Our students demonstrated kindness, acceptance, willingness to do things and perseverance. Our children took responsibility. As we all know, the journey to become a young adult is not an easy one. In fact, it is filled with growing pains. As our 7th graders approached their Bat/Bar Mitzvahs, they proved that anything can be accomplished with determination. I am proud of our 7th graders and hope they will continue with our Hebrew High School Program that will focus on current issues, changes and visions.

I would also like to thank our teachers. Each day our teachers come prepared to educate our children. They nurture each and every child, paving the way for a child to learn and embrace Judaism. They inspire our children to become successful and develop their own unique potential. Our community is blessed to have a group of dedicated, compassionate and exemplary teachers.

As our school continues to grow, many thanks to Goldie and Nancy who go above and beyond to ensure our synagogue runs smoothly. They too are vital components of the everyday "happenings" in our Religious School.

Rabbi Kail, thank you for teaching our Kindergarteners-2nd Graders awesome songs this year. Cantor Katz, you instill confidence in all our children and inspire them to learn and excel on the day of their Bat/Bar Mitzvah. You role model true leadership, trust and excellence in all that you do.

We had the privilege of having eight remarkable teenage Teacher Assistants volunteer weekly in our school. They are stellar students and are committed to supporting the school's effort in instilling Jewish ethics and values into our children. A huge Mazal Tov to our 12th Grade student Melanie Roth, whom I have known since kindergarten. She successfully went through 8 years of Religious School, became a Bat Mitzvah and remained active in our Temple community by volunteering in our school for the past four years. She will be attending Hofstra University this fall in pursuit of a music education degree. Go Melanie, your TOE family is very proud of you!

Thank you to our terrific President, Michael Wilner, who is committed 24/7 to our Temple, its congregants, students and the everyday happenings of Temple Or Elohim. Thank you to our awesome Susan Bloomberg, Religious School President, who is always there for me, our school and synagogue. Thank you Laurel Fried who continues to be my partner in welcoming all our new members into our school. Our Executive Board, Board of Trustees, thank you. Each and every dedicated member of our Temple's Board volunteers their time to ensure our synagogue continues to flourish and remain strong. Our own Cliff, Greg and Rich, thank you for all your hard effort and dedication to our school. A special thank you to Esther Reich, a member of our BOT for her beautiful and personal presentation to me this past Friday evening. I will cherish the generous sentiments for a lifetime.

On behalf of our clergy, faculty, Board of Trustees and the TOE staff, a huge thank you is extended to our TOE families, including the Men's Club, Sisterhood, Familyhood and our band Nishamah for all your support and generosity to our children.

I am blessed and humbled to be a part of our sacred community. Wishing all of you a safe, fun-filled and peaceful summer.

B'Shalom,

Deborah E. Tract

Director of Education

Men's Club:

Recently, I started a new job. I really liked my old job a lot. The work was fun, the people with whom I worked were very nice, the pay was good and I had a ten minute commute. This new job has a much longer commute but offers more opportunity. It has left me wondering, is taking the new job a product of thinking things through clearly or is it the latest manifestation of my wanderlust?

I've seen the same thing happen with people when they question their faith in God. I've seen people give in to the need to roam and try new religions. Perhaps it's just the impulse to try new things and experiences. Perhaps it's the need to fill a void that they believe Judaism cannot fill. This has made me ask myself, what is it about being Jewish that keeps me from wandering? The answer is both simple and complicated. On the surface, it's the illustrious history of our people. Going deeper, it's the seriousness of how we take the responsibility which Hashem has bestowed upon us of bringing His law unto the people and how, consequently, we are the stewards of humanity.

Going deeper still, it is a unique connection to the Universe. When one sees how Hashem has connected everything around us and choreographed it all into this great cosmic dance, one can't help but want to be a part of it.

This is why I stay and I couldn't be happier.

Onto the Men's Club news!

First up, a mitzvah! Men's Club is fielding a team to walk in this October's Autism Walk at Jones Beach. We are very excited to be a part of this and would love to have as many people as possible to come out and join us for this most worthy cause. For those who can't join us, please donate and be part of the mitzvah.

We are working on some really cool events for the summer and fall to get families involved in our Temple. This has admittedly been very difficult. We think we have coming up fun things which parents and kids will both like. Stay tuned for more details!

So folk, this concludes this month's installment. Summer's coming and I think I will entitle next month's article "Burnt Offerings" and share some barbeque recipes.

Until we meet again, be kind, patient and tolerant to one another.

All The Best,
Mark



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What is Mishkan T'filah

By Paul Adler

Since our Temple has had an updated prayer book for several years, there are many congregants who are unaware of its importance to Reform Judaism. I have done research on the book and have provided a summation of its history and its effect on 21st century Reform congregations.

Mishkan T'filah—A Reform Siddur is a prayer book prepared for Reform Jewish congregations around the world by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). *Mishkan T'filah* is Hebrew for "Dwelling Place for Prayer" and the book serves as a successor to *Gates of Prayer, the New Union Prayer Book*, which was released in 1975.

Gates of Prayer was criticized as being a non-cohesive collection of prayers, resulting in a prayer book that was too large and for its retention of masculine pronouns. To address these issues, some congregations prepared their own prayer materials (often with edits to neutralize gender) or continued use of the *Gates of Prayer*.

A new siddur was needed to address the needs of a diverse population, have a clear and uncluttered presentation and increase the use of traditional, as well as new liturgy.

A three-year study called "Lay Involvement and Liturgical Change" started in 1985 as part of an effort to better understand the changing spiritual needs of Reform worshipers. Volunteers were asked to keep journals regarding their experiences in prayer services as part of gaining insights into what worked well in the existing "*Gates*" prayer book, to prepare standards for evaluating new options and to start preparations for creating a revised siddur. Feedback showed that congregants wanted accurate and meaningful translations of prayers, accompanied by a transliteration and commentaries that would provide additional insights into the text without distracting from it.

The CCAR received 18 submissions in response to requests for proposals to meet the standards that it specified. In the selected proposal, each pair of pages features the Hebrew text with a translation and transliteration on the right page and additional readings on the left. This allows those seeking a more traditional God-centric prayer service to stay on the right side of the book, while others could choose to focus on readings and meditative style poetry on the left. All would end with a common *chatimah*, a one-line conclusion, before moving on to the next page. Of particular note is the *Shema*, which is laid out in a half-circle over two pages.

Mishkan T'filah's modifications include elimination of references to God in the masculine pronoun "He". Mentions of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are paired with the Matriarchs: Sarah (wife of Abraham), Rebekah (wife of Isaac), Rachel (wife of Jacob) and Leah (another wife of Jacob).

Mishkan T'filah facilitates singing. Cantors and music leaders now have more musical choices and possibilities than ever before. This is nowhere more evident than in the large selection of songs in the back of the siddur. Deciding which songs were in and which were out took many hours of meetings, emails and phone calls. The material had to be collected, checked, translated, categorized, typeset, re-checked, formatted, indexed and proofread.

Musical changes included a shift away from certain traditional melodies and an increase in combined English and Hebrew tunes. There are close to 300 songs in *Mishkan T'filah*, many of which have never appeared in a siddur. Some of these are notable, if not historic. The book includes many songs from the great Jewish singer Debbie Friedman (*Mi Shebeirach*, *L'chi Lach*, *Aleph Bet Song* and *The Latke Song*), as well as an entire section of contemporary songs from Israel, several songs in Yiddish, one in Ladino plus songs for every Jewish holiday.

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and

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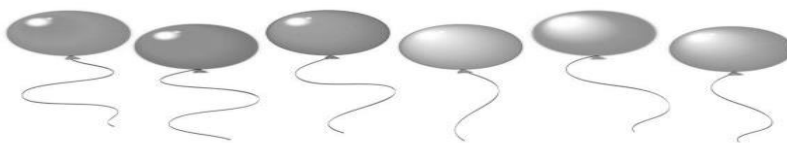
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Nishamah:

Over the past several weeks we have enjoyed the music of Nishamah at our Friday night services, but due to the listing of the names of all our students, there was no room to list the names of the band members in our service booklet. So here is a special thank you to the wonderful members of our Temple Band as listed below:

Dave Berg on guitar

Len Gerschitz on trumpet

Heather Rosenblatt, the newest member and what a great addition, on violin

Michael Wilner on drums

Ed Stolarz on piano/organ

And of course Cantor Katz!

Thank you all for adding that special something to Friday night, and for sending us home singing!

Yahrzeits – June - August 2018:

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Week of August 24, 2018

Sharon Altman, Gussie Antosofsky, Lewis Aronowitz, Annie Battino, Samuel Bramen, Sadie Derechinsky, Martha Deutschman, Henry Doernis, Rose Feldman, Selma Flax, Jack Geller, Sophie Hauptman, Rebecca Hersh, Mollie Jacobs, Dorothy Kaufman, Jerome Kerner, Philip Kipness, Helen Kislik, Sylvia Korenge, Rose Kornfeld, Rebecca Langman, Sarah Linsky, Ruth Lucas, Lillian Marcus, Menachem Muhlstein, Abraham Ratner, Albert Richman, Barbara Sabot, Shirley Schachter, Erich Schatzki, Irene Schultz, Paul Topper and Morris Weiss

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Tidbits from Larry Jacobs

This is a fascinating story about Haym Solomon that is not taught in our schools because our teachers are not fully aware of this.

During our first Continental Congress George Washington asked a group of men, including Benjamin Franklin and Haym Solomon (a wealthy Philadelphia Jew) to create a Seal for the United States. It took the group 4 years to accomplish this task and another 2 years to get it approved. Solomon had given \$25 million to support the Continental Army. This money was sorely needed to help realize our freedom and independence from England. In return, George Washington asked Solomon what he would want as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said that he wanted nothing for himself. However, he wanted recognition of his people. The Star of David was the result.

On the back of the \$1 bill there are 2 circles that make up the Seal of the United States. Although there is an old fashioned belief that the number 13 is unlucky, it is a common theme in the United States' history. The right side of the back of the \$1 bill, you will see a circle above an eagle with 13 stars representing the 13 original colonies shaped as the Star of David. You will also see 13 stripes on our flag, 13 bars on the seal, 13 leaves on the olive branch and 13 arrows. On the left side of the back of the \$1 bill, you will see a 13 stepped pyramid with the words "Annuit Copetis" that is 13 letters that means "God has favored our undertaking." Another 13 letter phrase located in this area of the \$1 bill is "E Pluribus Unum", meaning "from many - one." There were also 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Inside the capstone is an all seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numerals for 1776 (MDCCLXXVI).

Torah Notes:

May 27- June 2 Beha'alotecha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)

God instructs Moses about the menorah for the Tent of Meeting (Unlike the Hanukkah, this Menorah has 7 lights). The Torah portion explains that the Levites are to act as assistants under the priests, Aaron and his sons. Anyone who was unable to celebrate Passover in the month of Nisan is invited to observe a "second Passover." As the Israelites wander through the desert, they feel God's presence over the Tabernacle. When the cloud lifts from over the Tabernacle, they move with it, in effort to follow God's presence. The Israelites complain that there is no meat in the desert, to which God responds by giving them so much meat "it comes out of [their] nostrils." Miriam and Aaron talk about the "Cushite woman" married to Moses. In a fit of jealousy, they complain that God speaks through Moses and not through them. Miriam comes down with leprosy, Moses prays for her health, and she recovers.

June 3-9 Shlach Lecha (Numbers 13:1-15:41)

God asks Moses to send out emissaries to the Land of Israel, to scout out the land. Of the twelve scouts appointed for this mission, ten come back with anxiety-producing tales of a land filled with giants. Caleb and Joshua are the only two who have faith that they will be able to enter the Land of Israel. They will be rewarded for this faith. After this momentous narrative, the Torah portion discusses sacrifices, challah, inadvertent communal wrongs, Shabbat violations, and lastly of the commitment to wear tzitzit.

June 10-16 Korach (Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Korach challenges Moses' leadership and the Aaronite priesthood. In effort to claim the priesthood for himself, Korach gathers a community of 250 distinguished members of the community, and Moses' foes, Datan and Abiram. They offer sacrifices to God to prove their worthiness for the priesthood. God responds by opening the earth and swallowing some of the rebels. A fire consumes others. A subsequent plague kills still more before Aaron stops it with his own offering. Aaron's staff blossoms miraculously, and brings forth almonds, proving the divine ordination of his role as high priest.

June 17-23 Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1)

This portion discusses the laws of the red heifer to purify a person who had contact with a corpse. It continues with People Israel's arrival in the wilderness of Zin, where Miriam dies. Their mourning process includes wailing about the lack of water in the desert (One of Miriam's major gifts was supplying the people with water). A grieving Moses replies to their complaints by striking the rock to get water for them. God tells Moses and Aaron they will not enter the land of Israel. Aaron dies, and Eleazar becomes chief priest. The people mourn for 30 days. The Israelites are punished for complaining about the lack of bread and water. After they repent, are successful in political negotiations and military victories.

June 24-30 Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)

King Balak of Moab enlists the sorcerer Balaam to curse the Jewish people, but rather than cursing them he finds that he is only able to utter blessings. Moabite women entice Israelites to sin, which results in a plague among the Jews. The plague comes to an end when Pinchas kills two of the most well-known offenders.

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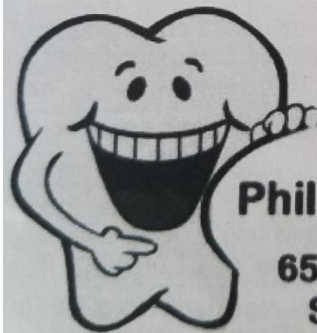
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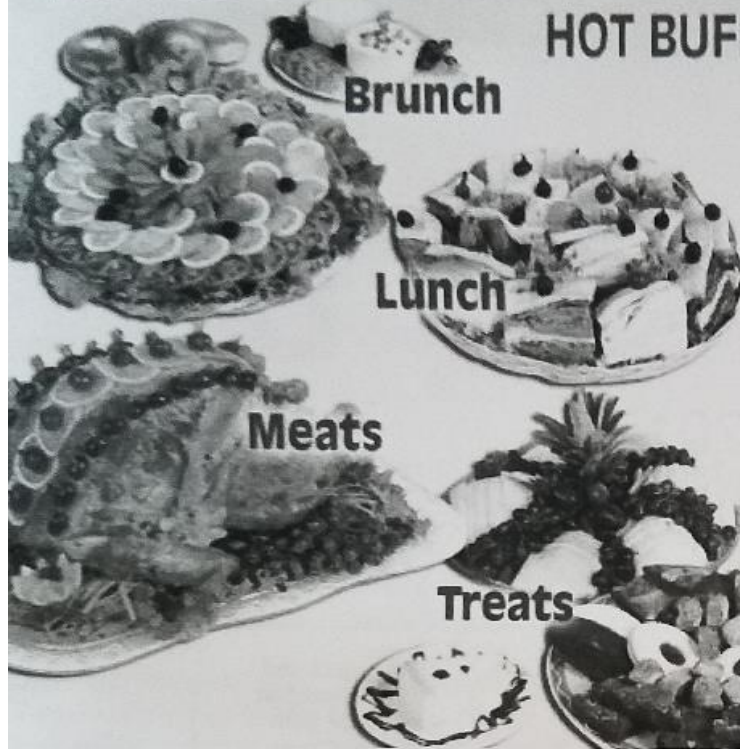
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					1 Men's Club/Sisterhood Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	2 Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Samantha Sternick
3 Celebrate Israel Parade	4	5 Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	6 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	7	8 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	9 Havdalah Service 6:30 PM Bar Mitzvah Alex Goodman
10	11	12 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	13	14 Ritual Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	16 Bagels & Torah 8:45 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Bar Mitzvah Ethan Goltzman
17 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	18	19	20	21	22 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	23
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