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HIGH HOLY DAY TIME SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Services	8:30PM
Collation	9:30PM

ROSH HASHANAH EVE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

8:00PM

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

10:00AM

Congregational Kiddush in Crystal Room immediately following service
All Congregants are invited.

TASHLICH — at the Lawrence Village Marina 4:00PM

ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2003

11:00AM

We have structured the service, in this way, to enable Rabbi Rosenbaum and Cantor Paliy to personally lead our children in worship during the High Holy Days.

We encourage you to reach out to your friends and neighbors and invite them to join you as ALL ARE WELCOME.

YOM KIPPUR EVE KOL NIDRE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

8:00PM

YOM KIPPUR DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Morning Service	10:00AM
Afternoon Service Continues	2:00PM
Yizkor and Concluding Service - Neilah	3:30PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joel Gerstel

I hope that you all had a great summer in spite of all the rain and heat.

As I begin my third year as President, I am pleased at what has transpired this past year. The addition of Rabbi Rosenbaum, Cantor Paliy and Mr. Mahfouda has given Temple Israel a firm foundation on which to begin a major renewal of our purpose.

Temple Israel has always catered to our spiritual as well as other needs. This year it promises to not only continue but also to expand its commitment to the congregation. We will inaugurate an expanded youth program led by Jonathan Shapiro. Our commitment to our youth is of vital importance as that is where our future lies. Please watch your mail for announcements of the new and expanded programs.

In addition to our Youth programs, Rabbi Rosenbaum has put forward plans for _____ starting our Temple Thursday program and to expand it not only for a limited time but to encompass it for an entire day on a regular basis. In addition to this the Torah Study group will be meeting regularly on Saturday mornings and we look forward to a good attendance at these meetings.

A most important addition to Temple Israel's plans for community service is the addition of Jewish Community Center's (JCC) Early Childhood Programs being housed in our building. This summer over 250 children participated in their camp program and we anticipated a large enrollment for this outstanding school program in the fall. In addition, we are exploring conducting joint programs with them at Temple Israel, which will provide our congregants a _____ to enjoy a whole variety of outstanding selections.

As the High Holidays are rapidly approaching, it is a season for reflection and renewal and also a time to inaugurate the celebration of Temple Israel's 95th year.

Temple Israel will not compromise its high standards. Our reputation as being the leader of the reform movement on Long Island is still in effect and our clergy will ensure that our standards will not diminish.

I thank you, our congregants, for supporting our ideas and can assure you that Temple Israel's future is a bright one. My wife, Deanne joins me in wishing you all a very happy New Year.

ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE FROM

Rabbi Joel Y. Zion, Rabbi Emeritus

At this season of the year, when we as individuals and as a people look forward prayerfully to renewed health and happiness, let us learn from our history. We were always a tiny people living in the midst of great majorities, but our strength lay not in numbers, but in the power of our intellectual achievement. The fact is that while we represent only a fraction of one percent of the world population, one out of every seven Nobel Prize winners are Jews.

And in the United States, while we are 5 to 6 million contrasted with 265 million, about 2% of the population, we are leaders in the fields of commerce, finance, entertainment, university teaching, and so many more fields of endeavor. We have indeed been a light unto the nation.

The story goes that the captain of a ship saw what looked like the lights of another ship heading toward him. He ordered his signalman to contact the other ship. The message was; 'change your course ten degrees to the south.' The reply was; 'change your course ten degrees to the north.' This exchange infuriated the captain, so he signaled back; 'I am a battleship—change your course ten degrees to the south.' Reply; 'I am a lighthouse, change your course ten degrees to the north.'

As we move through the rough seas of life, we need a compass to direct us to a lighthouse of faith and security. That lighthouse is Temple Israel, which calls upon us to search for meaning in our lives.

Harriett joins me, together with our entire family, in wishing you a year of health and joy.

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GREETINGS FROM CANTOR GALINA PALIY

Dear Congregants:

Our synagogue is already involved in a myriad of preparations for the High Holy Days as well as programming for the coming year. As you know this year we will celebrate the 95th anniversary of Temple Israel. It is my great pleasure to be involved in the celebration and to be a part of the temple that has a great musical tradition.

Our first music festival therefore will be dedicated to the works of the composers that were featured throughout the years.

I would like to announce the continuation of the Cantors Special Choir. Last year the choir's presence at family worship services enhanced our prayers greatly. It brought great joy to all who attended the services. The choir rehearsals will be held after Religious school on Thursday at 6 o'clock for 30 minutes and I cordially invite each student to become a member. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to become more literate in the prayers and will help prepare them for their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

I look forward to work with our B'nai Mitzvah students and wish them, as well as their parents, good luck and Mazel Tov. The program for our B'nai Mitzvah parents that began last year will continue. During those sessions we will gather together in my office to discuss the parents role during the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service, and work together on all the prayers and blessings that they are required to know. It will be a great success for all involved.

At this time I would like to say Shana Tova to everyone for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Yours in song,

Cantor Galina Paliy



WEEKLY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Services 8:00PM

Saturday, September 6—Services 10:30AM

KI TETZE

Torah Portion: Deut. 23:8-24:13

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Friday, September 12 -Services 8:00PM

The Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Robin & Jeffrey Brackman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jake.

Saturday, September 13 - Services 10:45AM

KI TAVO

Torah Portion: Deut. 26:12-28:6

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Friday, September 19 – Services 8:00PM

The Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Elise & David Epstein in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary.

Saturday, September 20 - Services 10:45AM

NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH

Torah Portion: Deut. 30:1-31:6

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Friday, September 26 - Services 8:00PM

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 27 - Services 10:00AM

ROSH HASHANAH

Torah Portion: Gen. 21:1-34

Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10



REED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mordechai Mahfouda

Monday, September 15, 2003

First day of classes for Kindergarten, First, Sixth & Seventh graders

Thursday, September 18, 2003

First day of classes for Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth graders

Friday, September 26, 2003

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Saturday, September 27, 2003

First day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 28, 2003

Second day of Rosh Hashanah

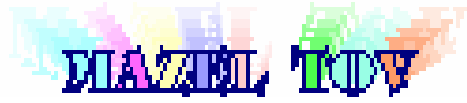
Dear Friends,

The school staff and I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to seeing your children once again in our school; rested, refreshed and ready for a most exciting and educationally productive year.

We have planned a year filled with marvelous activities of Jewish interest. It is important that we have the support of the parents if we are to succeed. We also request your cooperation as far as class assignments are concerned and ask that you not request any changes. A great deal of planning has gone into the arrangement of classes in order to insure that each child be given the opportunity to fulfill his or her maximum potential.

Class assignment cards are being mailed to all students registered in the Sunday School and Religious School. These cards will indicate the first day of school and the room assignment. These cards **MUST** be brought to class on the first day of school.

The school office is now open. If you wish any additional information, please feel free to call us on Monday through Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at (516) 239-9213. We will be delighted to help you.



Bar Mitzvah of Jake Brackman

September 13, 2003, son of Robin & Jeffrey Brackman, 5 years attending Temple Israel, has been on honor roll for a few semesters. Attends Lawrence Middle School, National Junior Honor Society. Plays football, baseball, basketball enjoys reading, playing video games, listening to CD's, spending time on computer and hanging out with his friends.



Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Epstein, son of Elise & David Epstein 3 years attending Temple Israel. Student at Woodmere Middle School, TAG High Honor Roll student, on Basketball and baseball teams also baseball travel team. His interests include sports collectables and spending time with friends.

Here are some highlights of last year at the
REED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



FIRST ANNUAL MATZOH BAKE



LATKE BAKE



MODEL SEDER



PURIM CARNIVAL



WACKY MACCABEES



GRADUATION & CONFIRMATION

**We are a Congregation
that is inclusive of our
Seniors, Singles and Interfaith Families**

- Sunday morning Adult Education Lecture Series
- “Temple Thursday” discussion groups, luncheons, guest speakers and visiting professor, will take place every Thursday beginning October 23 - 9:30AM-3:00PM
- Sabbath morning Torah Study and Breakfast Beginning, September 13 with special presentation in memory of Morty Haves.

OUR TEMPLE

Mission Statement—The mission of Temple Israel is to strengthen and enhance all of our lives through the practice of Reform Judaism. We aspire to attain these goals through Torah (study). Avodah (worship) and Ay-dut (community). We strive to fulfill *tikkun olam*, recognizing our responsibility for a better world through acts of loving kindness, justice and mercy. Our close congregational community is dedicated to Jewish growth and commitment, helping our members understand and live their unique Jewish identity, with a lasting involvement in Jewish life.

History—Temple Israel of Lawrence was founded in 1908 and was then known as Temple Israel of Far Rockaway. Meetings originally were held in rented quarters. A Temple was then built at the corner of Roanoke and State Streets in Far Rockaway. It was a lovely, white, colonial style building which is still standing and is now occupied by another Jewish Congregation. It is today known in our community as "The White Shul."

The present building of Temple Israel was dedicated in 1930, and it was then that we became Temple Israel of Lawrence. It was designed by S. Brian Baylinson, architect, winner of numerous awards in architecture in the United States and throughout the world. A member of

the New York Historical Buildings Committee, he created a Sanctuary for Temple Israel, which is acknowledged throughout the country as one of the most distinguished worship centers in the United States. The publication on Synagogue architecture, entitled, "Synagogues of New York City," highlighted Temple Israel of Lawrence as an outstanding suburban Synagogue structure.

In 1948, as part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Temple Israel, a School Center was created to better serve the needs of our large and expanding Religious School. The Center was dedicated in 1950.

In 1966, following a major fundraising campaign, a beautiful new Religious School, & magnificent new social facilities, was erected. In addition to a number of modern classrooms, the building contains areas for special enrichment programs, children's and adult library, school auditorium, a Chapel for worship and meetings, Kiddush Room, Banquet facilities for weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations, etc.

Our Temple today stands on the peak of its strength. Our Religious School has large enrollment. Our auxiliary bodies offer varied and interesting programs in which the entire Congregation, from the youngest child upward, are invited to participate.

We believe that no program can remain static and unchanging. We continue to seek new forms and new ideas in order to maintain the ideals of a creative and living Jewish faith.

Holidays and Community—At Temple Israel, our year is not based solely on the calendar year, but also on the Jewish liturgical year. The High Holy Days, Succot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Passover, Shabbat - these holidays give meaning to our synagogue life. At Temple Israel, we observe and celebrate these special times together, as a community and as a family.

Torah Study—Our Torah is the primary source for our history, our faith, and our Jewish understanding of the world. We rely on the ancient skill of the storyteller to bring the Torah to life, to engage us in the personal, ethical, and religious dilemmas of our people, to give us access to the times we have prevailed, the compassion with which we have faced adversity, and to provide a guide for the everyday decisions we all must confront in our lives.

FUNDS

GENERAL FUND

Marilyn Traub in yearzeit memory of **SADIE & NATHAN RINGLER.**

Harriet & Joel Laskey in yearzeit memory of **AUGUSTA K. LASKEY**

Sarajane & Geoffrey Giddings in memory of **DR. LEO SKLAR**, father of Patty Greenstein.

CHIZNER FUND

Babette Lipsky in yearzeit memory of **MIRIAM MILLER.**

PRAYERBOOK

Sidney & Phyllis Polsky in yearzeit memory of **IDA POLSKY.**

LILLIAN & MURRAY FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sarajane & Geoffrey Giddings in honor of the 35th Wedding Anniversary of **Donna & Thomas Lifland**

LIBRARY FUND

Geri & Alan Krim and Family in memory of **BYRON (Buddy) VAN RAALTE**, father of Polly Van Raalte.

CONDOLENCES

Arnold Kringsman on the death of his sister, **RITA MATICAN**

GET WELL

Irene Martin on recent knee surgery

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Elaine & Ira Katz in yearzeit memory of **GUSSIE & JOSEPH LEWIS.**

LASTER PULPIT SPEAKERS FUND

Leslie & Larry Chalson in memory of **JORDAN SATIN**, son of Barbara Minkoff

COMMITTEES

Temple committees provide programs that allow the Temple to serve you. These committees, for the most part, are open to all congregants. If you are interested in learning more about these committees and/or would like to get involved, call the temple office (516)-239-1140 and leave your name and number and a board member will call you. Some committees that can use your assistance are:

Adult Education -

The Adult Education Committee provides the Temple with a variety of interesting and successful programs. These include Sunday morning lecturers, Tuesday Talmud study, Introduction to Hebrew, participation in a six week Five Towns Jewish Council program, and a Scholar in Residence program. Adult education serves our congregants by providing stimulating programs which educates, enlighten and entertain.

The Pulpit Committee

All matters pertaining to the pulpit and it's music are of concern to the Pulpit & Music committee. This committee is constantly critiquing the service to best make it a meaningful & spiritual experience for all our congregants. We act as liaison together with the clergy to help satisfy the religious & secular needs of our temple members. Therefore we deal in the weekly services, family dinners, musical choral, special services, life cycle events, High Holidays, beautiment & adornment, aliyahs, decorum, etc. All interested congregants are welcome

The Religious School Committee

Temple Israel has every reason to be proud of the Religious School. Enrollment has increased to 263 students, including 52 children consecrated Simchat Torah Services. Director of Education, Mordechai Mafouda leads a strong faculty. Our clergy is also closely involved with the school, conducting weekly junior congregation services for our 5th - 7th grade students and teaching during classroom visits.

The Religious School Committee utilizes Parental Involvement creating a "Parent Association" with Chairpersons overseeing different areas. Knowledge of Hebrew, Bible, Ethics, Liturgy, Holidays and History continue to be the foundation of our curriculum and our commitment to our students and families. In addition, this year we included art, music and library in the program. Other special programs, such as Book Fair, Latke

Bake, the Purim Carnival and the Mitzvah Fair, and fundraisers such as the Nosh Nook, (the school store) gets everyone, young and old, involved in the religious school.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates

This committee is responsible for the calendar assignments and coordination of all Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates between congregants and Temple Israel. Working closely with the family, the committee recognizes both the religious as well as the social needs of our children.

Youth Activities

There were approximately twenty scheduled events throughout the school year averaging to once a month for the third and fourth graders and once a month for the fifth and sixth graders. Events were tailored to accommodate both Sunday/Wednesday and Monday/Thursday groups. Events are coordinated to track specific holidays as well as just social events.

Museum Committee

This committee chooses and installs three shows each year as well as acts as docents and fundraisers for the Museum. The committee also charged with maintaining and adding to the permanent collection of Judaica and sees it as its purview the enhancement of the Torahs and Arks in both the Sanctuary and Chapel.

Publicity

The committee is in charge with keeping Temple Israel in the spotlight of the 5 Towns and its environs. The committee's charge is to establish a line of communication between itself, the committees and calendar of the congregation as well as the media.

Fund Raising

Fund Raising is an integral part of the temple's life. Programs such as the Kol Nidre appeal, Journal Dinner, are some of the fund raising projects that are fund raising events that occurred this past year. Temple members are needed to organize, run and participate in these events. Fund Raising is a vital link to the community and members that keep people in our community in touch with the temple.

Budget/Finance:

Created under the auspices of the Treasurer and is charged with the responsibility of creating the temple's annual budget. Further, their responsibility is to meet with and monitor the budgets of each of the arms of the temple,

including but not limited to, the pulpit, cantor, museum, office, schools, etc.

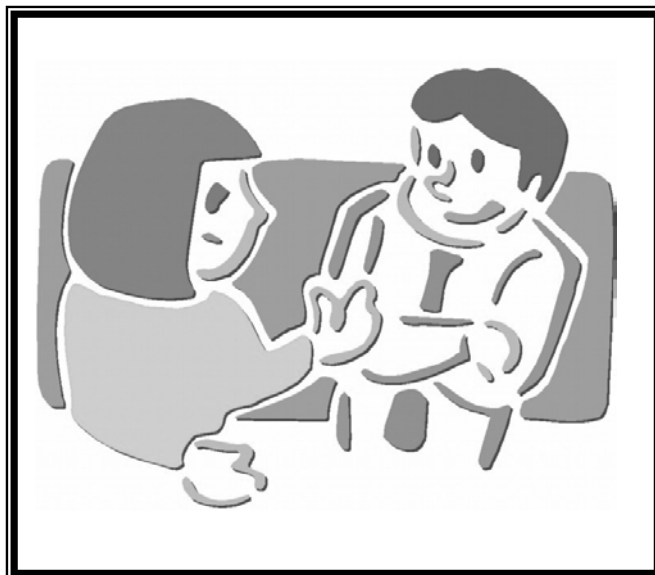
Shabbat Family Service/Dinner:

This committee organizes and coordinates the Family Shabbat Dinners.

Caring:

Provides support to our members who have suffered a tragic event in their lives, are isolated due to age and or health limitations, and to be there for those who need the touch of another to help them through difficult times. The strength of this committee will be in its ability to make people feel connected to the temple through the committee members' ability to reach out to our membership. We are always looking for those to help us provide this important and vital role to our members.

We would love to have you join us!



September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3 7:30PM WINE & CHEESE NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE AA Meeting	4	5 8PM Services	6 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 Services
7	8 Mens Group AA Meeting	9 7:30PM Officer's Meeting	10 AA Meeting	11	12 8PM Services	13 9:30 AM Torah Study Breakfast & presentation in memory of Morty Haves
14	15 Opening Day Religious School-Grades K, 1, 6, & 7 8PM Board Of Trustees Meeting Mens Group	16 1PM Parkinson's Support Group	17 AA Meeting	18 Opening Day Religious School Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5	19 8PM Services	20 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 Services 8:30PM Selihot
21	22 Mens Group AA Meeting	23	24 AA Meeting	25	26 8PM ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES	27 10AM ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES
28 11AM Rosh Hashanah Family & Children Community Service	29 Mens Group AA Meeting	30				

BUSINESS ADS—Original in temple office

Join the Temple Israel of Lawrence Family

Where children come first

- Religious School grades Kindergarten thru 12 under the direction of **MR. MORDHAI MAHFOUDA**, who has set a standard of excellence in Jewish Education for Religious Schools across the nation.
- Our Religious School has been recognized nationally for its personal hands on approach to meeting the needs of the individual student in a dynamic, engaging and creative classroom setting.
- State of the Art Computer Centre
- Fun filled music and art programs
- Religious School Choir, open to all students, that performs at monthly family Shabbat Services.
- Personalized Bar/Bat Mitzvah instruction by Cantor Galina Paliy and Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum
- Youth Groups from elementary – High School and special evening High School Program under the direction of Jonathan Shapiro, Assistant Director, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Crane Lake Camp.
- Discounted membership for new members and 2nd child discount

Come and see what a vibrant Reform Temple and Religious School can offer!

OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30PM —Wine & Cheese
To welcome and introduce new and prospective members to Temple Israel
Call Rabbi Rosenbaum to discuss becoming a member
and learn more about our warm, embracing and accepting Temple Family

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