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## A Message From Our Rabbi

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Dear Friends,



Rabbi William Siemers

I try to steer clear of whatever memes or clichés are current in society, so I would be a natural candidate to decry the coining of Thankgivnukkah – a combination of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. And I'm sure we will all have had our fill of it by the time it actually comes around. But in this

case I put my contrariness aside, because there is some real magic in how these holidays connect, as they do this year for the last time for 70,000 years. (So this will be one of those "single-use" messages.)

Hanukkah and Thanksgiving have a common religious heritage in that they both flow from the festival of Sukkot. The dependence of Hanukkah is clear: Hanukkah and Sukkot each have 8 days; and where

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**Shabbat Dinners Return November 8th—See Inside**

*(Rabbi—continued from page 1)*

Sukkot was the occasion for the dedication of the Temple, Hanukkah is the time of its rededication. The basis for Shammai's opinion that one should decrease the number of lights with each night is based on the decreasing number of bulls sacrificed over the course of Sukkot. Hanukkah is really Sukkot's colder, darker cousin. And it comes at the time of year when we are in need of a little festivity and lift.

The relationship between Sukkot and Thanksgiving is contested, though I think their connection is obvious. They are both holidays that celebrate harvest's end, when we give thanks for the bounty of the previous year. There are people who say that we can't describe the Puritans' observance of Thanksgiving as a celebration of Sukkot, because the date was later in the year. and in any case the Puritans didn't believe in fixed festivals. Both of those assertions are true enough, but they overlook the fact that in the Torah itself, the timing of Sukkot varies, depending on which part one is reading; some passages

prescribe a fixed date, while some say it should be whenever the harvest is over. We follow the former, but that doesn't mean that people following the latter are not basing their observance on the holiday of Sukkot! So I would lean to the camp which posits a historical connection between Sukkot and Thanksgiving.

And whatever the history, the American Thanksgiving captures the spirit of gratitude and rededication. We reflect on the year past with amazement for what God has brought out of the earth, and we look forward to the challenge of casting light into a vast land where even today the wilderness is never far. It is a gift to be able to come together as Americans and as Jews to give thanks for not only our land but also for this land, and the life which grows forth from it.

L'Shalom

Rabbi Bill Siemers

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**Drawing: Sunday, November 17, 2013**

during the Hanukkah Bazaar & Brunch.

**10:00 AM—1:00 PM**



**Join Us!**  
**Saturday**  
**November 30, 2013**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Community Menorah**  
**Lighting**  
**and Sufganiyot**  
**at Riverfront Park**

## Bar Mitzvah of Austin Gappelberg

On a beautiful Saturday morning in October, **Austin Gappelberg** became a Bar Mitzvah. With an impressive group of family and friends, together with some members of Temple Israel, he led the traditional prayers and performed the traditional rituals which transformed him from a boy to a man, in the eyes of the Jewish religion. He now takes his place among the adult males of TI.



Included in the morning's celebrations were Austin's grandparents, many aunts and uncles, numerous cousins and friends, and, of course, his parents, **Caroline and Evan Gappelberg**. His 2 siblings, **Grant and Chloe**, also featured prominently in the morning's events. With maturity and poise, Austin led the morning service,

chanted his Haftorah, and addressed the congregation as our newest adult male congregation member.

Afterwards, everyone adjourned downstairs to the social hall for a kiddush lunch, and a winding down of the morning's excitement. Congratulations go to Austin for a stellar performance, and mazel tov to him and his entire family on this momentous occasion.

## Inclement Weather Announcements

In the event of bad weather, call the Temple at 631-727-3191 for an updated message. You can also listen to WALK radio at 97.5 FM, or point your web browser to [www.walkradio.com](http://www.walkradio.com) to keep informed of closings and cancellations.

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Sunday  
November 17, 2013  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Find all your Hanukkah gifts, toys, candles, menorahs,  
and other fine Judaica items at the Bazaar from  
Temple Israel's Judaica Shop.

Breakfast: \$10 each adult; \$5 each child under 12.

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While you shop the bazaar and enjoy  
the delicious brunch  
at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual



## Hanukkah Gelt Raffle

Sunday, November 17, 2013

Cost of Tickets: \$25 each or 5 for \$100

at Temple Israel of Riverhead



# Temple Israel of Riverhead

## Winter Shabbat Dinners



Starting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
and  
continuing until March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Friday night Shabbat services begin at 5:30 PM,  
followed by a community dinner.  
It's a wonderful evening, and a great way to begin Shabbat.



Consider sponsoring a Friday night dinner for \$180.00,  
but whether you are a sponsor or not, please join us.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Temple Israel of Riverhead

### *Rededication/Ribbon-cutting*

### *Ceremony*

### *Saturday night*

### *December 7, 2013*



Celebrate with us  
at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony  
of our handicap-accessible addition.

Complete with music , food, and drink  
suitable for the occasion.

~ Details/Invitations to follow ~



# Save the Date!

Saturday,  
January 18, 2014



## New Member Shabbat

Services followed by a  
special luncheon to honor  
our newest members.

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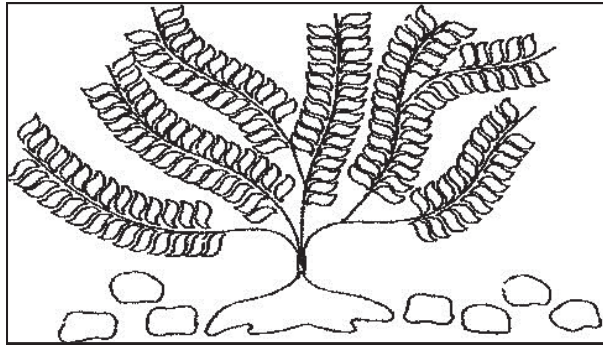
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### Kosher Food For Our Events



Bagel Patch, in Patchogue, frequently provides the food for our special events. The Best Yet Market on Route 58 carries pareve cookies and cakes. BJ's and Costco also have pareve cookies in their bakeries, and the Riverhead Waldbaum's bakery is kosher.

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**The Liars' Gospel**

by Naomi Alderman

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RSVP Cynthia at 727-3568 or [cynthia.schulman@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.schulman@gmail.com).

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November 2013

Heshvan/Kislev 5774

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11/2	Lena Berkowitz	Heshvan 29
11/2	Diane Richter	Heshvan 29
11/2	Harry Yurman	Heshvan 29
11/4	Florence Collins	Kislev 1
11/4	Samuel Greenberg	Kislev 1
11/5	Moe Goldstein	Kislev 2
11/5	Lena Mask	Kislev 2
11/5	Joe Moiseff	Kislev 2
11/7	Rubin Arnold	Kislev 4
11/7	Hinda Scheinberg	Kislev 4
11/8	Louis Brander	Kislev 5
11/8	Marie Gee	Kislev 5
11/8	Ruth Grubman	Kislev 5
11/10	Solomon Carasso	Kislev 7
11/10	Maurice Harding	Kislev 7
11/10	Frances Siegel	Kislev 7
11/10	Edda Wimpfheimer	Kislev 7
11/11	Edna Harris	Kislev 8
11/11	Alyse Sulitzer	Kislev 8
11/12	Abraham Horowitz	Kislev 9
11/13	Joseph Lehrer	Kislev 10
11/14	Della Eisenman	Kislev 11
11/15	Charles Hyman	Kislev 12
11/16	David Davidson	Kislev 13
11/16	Rose Katz	Kislev 13

11/16	Jennie Sacko	Kislev 13
11/16	Joseph Starkman	Kislev 13
11/17	Philip Willner	Kislev 14
11/18	Rose Goldstein	Kislev 15
11/18	Rose Lipetz	Kislev 15
11/19	Todd Cohen	Kislev 16
11/19	Vicki Cohen	Kislev 16
11/20	Maksha Maise	Kislev 17
11/21	Francis Brown	Kislev 18
11/22	Robert Benstock	Kislev 19
11/22	Leonard Cohen	Kislev 19
11/22	Tylda Trepel	Kislev 19
11/23	Sadie Oppenheimer	Kislev 20
11/26	Zackery Froehlich	Kislev 23
11/26	Herbert Wimpfheimer	Kislev 23
11/27	Sylvia Honig	Kislev 24
11/28	Rose Galitzer	Kislev 25
11/28	Rose Ritigstein	Kislev 25
11/30	Louis Crowitz	Kislev 27
11/30	William Turkel	Kislev 27
12/1	Joyce Talsky	Kislev 28
12/2	Louis Topal	Kislev 29
12/3	Sylvia Lightdale	Kislev 30
12/4	Sidney Saffer	Tevet 1
12/4	Mildred Louis Shapiro	Tevet 1



## **Kol Nidre Appeal**

As we move into 5774, we continue to need our membership and friends to preserve the health and well-being of our beloved temple. It is a tradition in congregations to establish a Kol Nidre Appeal Fund; at Temple Israel this fund is vital to help supplement the dues and thus cover our operating expenses. Therefore, we ask each one of you, if you have not already donated, to be as generous as possible, in order that our temple may continue to meet the growing needs of the Jewish community.

# SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evenings at 5:30 PM/7:00 PM\*      Saturday Mornings at 9:30 AM

## **November**

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg Shabbat Hosts
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/1	5:29 PM	Dr. & Mrs. Howard Gordon
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/8	4:21 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Collins
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/15	4:15 PM	Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Grubman
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/22	4:10 PM	Ms. Debby Bieling
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/29	4:07 PM	Mr. Richard Levinton
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	12/6	4:06 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Toby Lustig
*Note: On November 1, services start at 7 PM. Starting on November 8, services return to the 5:30 PM start time.			

### **Join us for Shabbat Dinner on November 22**

Please join us on Friday, November 22, when **Alice and Michael Ganz** will be sponsoring a Shabbat dinner in honor of Alice's birthday. The congregation extends thanks to Alice and Michael.



# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	2 9:30 AM Services
3 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	4	5 6:30 PM Book Club	6	7	8 New Time— 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	9 9:30 AM Services
10 No Hebrew School	11	12 7:15 PM Board Meeting	13	14	15 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	16 9:30 AM Services
17 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School; 10 AM-1 PM Hanukkah Ba- zaar, Brunch,	18	19 Bulletin Submissions Deadline	20	21	22 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	23 9:30 AM Services
24 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	25	26	27 First Night of Hanukkah	28	29 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	30 9:30 AM Services; 6:30 PM Commu- nity Menorah Lighting

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Hebrew School	2	3	4	5	6 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	7 9:30 AM Services; 10 AM Shabbat; Evening: Ribbon Cutting & TI Rededication
8 No Hebrew School	9	10 7:15 PM Board Meeting	11	12	13 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	14 9:30 AM Services
15 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	16	17 Bulletin Submissions Deadline	18	19	20 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	21 9:30 AM Services
22 No Hebrew School	23	24	25	26	27 5:30 PM Services and Shabbat Dinner	28 9:30 AM Services
29 No Hebrew School	30	31				

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## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- November 8**—Shabbat services and dinner return to 5:30 PM start
- November 17**—Hanukkah Bazaar, Brunch, and Raffle
- November 27**—First night of Hanukkah
- November 30**—Community Menorah lighting
- December 7**—Ribbon cutting & rededication of TI