As I write these words on the second night of Chanukah, a swirl of emotions vie for attention and expression. On the one hand, I am thrilled at the release of Alan Gross from Cuban prison, where he was arrested and accused of spying under the guise of bringing internet access to the Jewish community of Havana.

But I am rightly alarmed, in my humble opinion, at the craven collapse of Sony Studios in their withdrawing of the film The Interview, from theater release in the wake of terror threats from North Korea. Are we not under attack as a nation - not necessarily physically, but morally? Our way of life is impeded by just the threat of physical attack. Our privacy, such as it was, is no longer taken for granted as foreign governments wreak havoc with the release of our private emails, files and data. We will not live in fear. Americans do not live in fear!

And if that wasn’t bad enough, the Taliban massacre perpetrated against the Pakistani school children - murdering over 140 children and their teachers, defies any and all human comprehension. It is evil. Pure evil. There are no other words for it. Committed on virtually the exact anniversary of the New Town school massacre, it begs the question if radical Islam is not a form of mental illness?

Indeed, with the rise of the Taliban and Al Qaeda and Boko Haram and now ISIS or ISIL (yes, it is ill), with lone wolf copy cats erupting almost daily around the world to slaughter innocent passersby, it literally seems as if the world is going mad, simply insane. We are becoming unglued, or so it seems.

Now the miracle of Chanukah restores hope to the world. It serves to remind us that no matter how bleak things seem to appear, the light we light will dispel the darkness, the terror and the fear. Judaism was on the verge of being crushed and obliterated. We needed hope then, and we need it now. When children are slaughtered, targeted because of their very innocence, it seems that hope for a better future is eviscerated, because children represent a more hopeful and better future. But Chanukah arrives in the midst of the darkness - both literal as well as moral, and teaches us never to despair. Never despair.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ......

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year and the beginning of the winter solstice. Meteorologically today starts the lengthening of our days by a few minutes of light each day or so. But while that may be true of the weather it certainly is not true when we look at the eight days of Chanukah and the role of light in Judaism. We lit the sixth candle last night and those of you who attended our Chanukah celebration were filled with the bright glow of their flickering flames. So the onset of the solstice had little meaning for us.

It will be January when you read my message and you may wonder why I even wrote this. After all we are technically in deep winter and springtime and sunlight seem far away. But that is not true for Temple Israel. The renovation of our kitchen has begun and that like the proverbial robin is the harbinger of the approaching spring. Springtime means rebirth and that is what is happening at Temple Israel – but only on one level. It is the love and generosity of our greatest benefactor Lester Abeloff z”l which continues to ensure the renovation and rebirth of our building. But whose responsibility is it to ensure the growth of our Temple Israel family? In whose hands does the growth of membership reside?

This is why I am writing this message today – when we are at the beginning of the winter solstice but also of the lengthening of the days and the increase of daylight. Membership growth is the responsibility of each one of us. A renovated building without a renewed membership is only that – a renovated building. We invested a lot of funds in advertising for the High Holidays and the opening of Hebrew School. We implemented a policy of free Hebrew School for the children of Temple Israel members. We continue to follow up with those who expressed interest. But this is not enough. Each one of us needs to represent Temple Israel in the greater unaffiliated Jewish community. Each one of us needs to attend services and bring a guest. Each one of us needs to attend our events and bring a friend. Members with children and grandchildren need to spread the word about our policy of free Hebrew School for children of members. And finally I ask all of you to send me the names and contact information of individuals who are looking for a synagogue – whether for prayer or for a Jewish connection. This spring Rabbi Melman will start a new outreach program – a monthly Friday Shabbat Dinner at his home so that individuals in search of a Jewish connection and perhaps a synagogue can meet both the Rabbi and the President and feel wanted and welcome.

Our members are welcome and should feel welcome at services and at events. But feeling welcome depends upon one thing – attendance. There will be no interruption in services, celebrations or events because of our renovations. We will continue to hold our sponsored Kiddush luncheons and to observe every one of our holidays. This year we will hold – for the first time, the First Seder on Friday, April 3. We will celebrate Lag B’Omer, Yom Yerushalaim and Shavuot. And on Sunday August 9 we will have a major concert “From Shtetl to Broadway to Israel – A Festival of Jewish Music” to be held at the newly remodeled beautiful theater at Stroudsburg High School.

Watch our monthly newsletter for the calendar of upcoming events. Put the dates on your calendar and make a commitment to attend and to bring friends. Help us put out fliers and help us spread the word. This will be a major part of our Membership Outreach to bring new people into our renovated and renewed synagogue.

Dr. Sandra Alfonsi
DEVINE COMMUNICATION

by Norman Gebler

In an early scene in Shakespeare's tragedy, Hamlet, the brooding protagonist who has just experienced a traumatic visit and story from his slain father's ghost, says to his loyal friend, Horatio, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your Philosophy." Hamlet cannot be referring merely to the belief in the existence of human souls after death, for that belief was already an integral part of the Roman Catholic religion. So what "things in heaven and earth" could Hamlet have had in mind?

Whatever the answer, it probably refers to matters beyond the scope of the known philosophy and theology prevailing at that time. I suggest that it concerned the extraordinary event that Hamlet had recently experienced—the visitation and story of his father's ghost—that prompted him to refer to the mysteries that exist beyond the scope of philosophy or a university education.

The Torah is our primary source of information on this subject. In the Torah we learn that God speaks to Adam and Eve, to the Patriarchs, to Moses, to King David, to his son Solomon, and to His prophets. We speak to God in our prayers to Him, in our belief and faith in Him, and in our obedience to His commandments. The point is that communication between God and human beings may be in words or in the context of a seeming miraculous event. The Exodus, the division of the Red Sea, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the trek of the Israelites through the Wilderness to Canaan, the survival of the children of Israel despite enemy occupation, many years of exile and dispersion, attest to Divine intercession in behalf of His "Chosen People." In other words, these miraculous events do not need spoken words to assure the Israelites of Divine protection. Just as a picture is said to be worth a thousand words, so can meaningful events convey a message: if we take the time and make the effort to search for one.

Despite these modes of Divine communication, we are rarely aware of them today because of our busy involvement in the practical concerns of daily living. Besides, we tend to be skeptical and wary about experiences that we cannot weigh, measure, or actually perceive. Yet I believe that "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform," and that He communicates with us in non-verbal ways. For example, I have discovered that spending many weeks in the hospital and in rehabilitation was a blessing in disguise, for it gave me the opportunity to meditate on what seemed to be adverse experiences and to find their unexpected advantages.

The Biblical story of Joseph provides an instructive example of God's communicating with man by means of a prophetic dream-vision. When Joseph reveals his dream that he will become the leader of his family, his father Jacob and his envious brothers believe that his dream foretells the future. Their belief is vindicated when the story ends with Joseph's becoming the Pharaoh's overseer as a reward for his foreknowledge and advice on how to adapt to the impending seven years of drought that Egypt will suffer.

Most people today would probably describe a prophetic dream-vision as just anecdotal, nothing more than a personal experience or coincidence. Thus far, direct Divine communication with humans cannot be empirically proved or disproved!
HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

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We are delighted to officially announce that the new High School of Jewish Studies will be officially beginning this month.

David Brodsky will be heading it, volunteering his time as an alumnus of Temple Israel to give back to the community. He is a graduate student in history and is donating his time. David was born in the Soviet Union and his family moved to the Poconos. He has spent several years in Israel studying. He graduated from ESU and is now pursuing a PhD in History.

We will be meeting on Thursday evenings for one hour, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The first meeting will be held, God willing, on January 16. Those in attendance will help decide what subjects they wish to study among an array of choices.

The program is free of charge and is open to any Jewish young person who is in high school in our area. There are so few Jewish high school students in our local school system that it is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with other young Jews while reconnecting with our common heritage. Families do not have to be members of Temple Israel in order to participate. If you know of any eligible candidates, please refer their names to Rabbi Melman.

While this program is not officially under the Hebrew school, it will function as a continuation of our Hebrew school, and is under the guidance of the Rabbi, who happens to also be the principal of the Hebrew school.

This helps us to fulfill our mission to provide opportunities for lifelong traditional Jewish learning to the members of the Jewish community in the Poconos region, as a service to our membership. Bar or Bat Mitzvah should not be seen as an end to one’s Jewish study. Rather, it has always been seen as the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to study and greater involvement in the Jewish community. Just as one’s secular competence and knowledge does not end at the seventh grade, neither should one’s Jewish competence and knowledge.

Rabbi Baruch Melman, Principal  
Mrs. Debbie Smith, Administrative Director

"Shabbat Tidbit"

Did you know that the Kedusha portion of the service is so important that one is not allowed to walk around or to even sit down during its recital? Kedusha means "holy." It is the holiest part of the amidah, which is itself the holiest part of the service. Shabbat Shalom!
Dear Rabbi,

Recently I saw a film called, "This is Where I Leave You," about a family that was forced to sit shiva for seven days together in the same house as per their father's last wishes, to enable them to interact with one another, in view of the fact that they lived far apart from each other. In the film the family members objected, insisting that sitting shiva for three days is now a "thing," while the rabbi objected, and insisted that shiva is really seven days long, "because the word shiva itself means seven." Who is correct?

Thank you,
Wondering

Dear Wondering,

The rabbi in the film was absolutely correct. Shiva means seven. It was first found in the Torah in the story of Joseph, who mourned his father in Egypt for seven days. According to the Sages, Moses then formalized the mourning period as seven days. Indeed, the Prophet Amos said, "And I will turn your feasts into days of mourning." Just as festivals were seven days in duration, so too were days of mourning.

Judaism wisely acknowledges several stages of mourning as progressively important paths by which we express our grief, as validated by modern understanding of human psychology. The key is to express one’s grief, rather than to stoically suppress it. Talking out one’s grief with family and friends is a key to healthy expression and is the foundation by which to prepare one to reenter the stream of life.

There are really four stages or formal grieving periods. The first stage is called aninut, from the time of the death of a loved one until the burial. Here the person is not yet formally a mourner. Focusing on the task of burying a loved one, he is exempt from all positive commandments, save for burial of his or her dead.

Next comes shiva, which literally means seven days. There is a concept in Jewish law called, "miktzas yom kekulo," meaning "a part of a day is like a whole." So the seventh "day" of mourning is usually only observed for just the first hour of the last day.

So in effect, the seven days are really kept for only six days, which themselves are divided into two groups of three days. The first three days of mourning are understood as intense, too intense really for casual chatting with friends. Your world has been shattered. The first three days are usually reserved for visits from family members, relatives and one’s closest, dearest friends.

The last three days are traditionally reserved for members of the general community, friends and acquaintances, to offer their condolences and to show the mourners that they are not alone. The whole community supports them. It makes sense to gradually allow the mourners to express their grief first from among the intensity of family to then gradually reentering the community, even if it is the "community" which visits them.

The fourth stage is called Sheloshim, which overlaps with Shiva. Sheloshim means "thirty," and it is the first thirty days of mourning, with each level being slightly less intense than the previous one. Those mourning siblings, spouses or children are only required to mourn for thirty days. A twelve month mourning period is reserved for mourning a parent.

Islam takes this concept of the doubling of the three-day periods and conflates them into one set of three days of mourning. So under Islam, a period of just three days of mourning is actually a "thing." Not in Judaism. The rabbi was right. While some Jews arbitrarily decree for themselves a shorter observance of shiva, Judaism itself decrees seven.

We may try to understand why there are many who insist on observing just three days. They may have only experienced a shorter "shiva," and found the baring of one’s most intense feelings in a non-traditional party like atmosphere to be both psychologically jarring and uncomfortable. They may never have witnessed or experienced the gradual progressive stages of mourning as expressed by the wisdom of our tradition.

So we must try to be as compassionate as possible with those who have lost loved ones, and guide them towards as much tradition as possible, while yet being sensitive to their needs and desires.
SAVE THE DATES

April 3, 2015
1st Seder

April 16, 2015
Yom HaShoah

April 18, 2015
Yom HaAtzma’ut

May 17, 2015
Yom Yerushalayim
Entertainment/Program

May 24, 2015
Shavuot (dairy dinner)

June 26, 2015
Installation of Officers

August 9, 2015
“From Shtetl to Broadway to Israel
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TREE OF LIFE

In honor of Benny Trumpaitzky on his 90th birthday, from his friends.

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In memory of Saul and Hilda Schulman by their daughter Abbey Siciliano
In memory of Elsie Steltzer by son Leigh Steltzer
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Hessed is a Hebrew word meaning kindness and a reaching out to other people. It is the way you can express sympathy, warm wishes or celebrate simchas for anyone within or outside the Jewish community. If you would like something included here: Call Suzanne Tremper at 588-6148.

Please leave all the information on the machine so Suzanne doesn’t need to call you back.

**OR**

Better than telephone, is contacting Suzanne by e-mail at grand6ma@ptd.net. That’s the best!

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Reason: In memory of Howard – loving Husband, Father and Grandfather

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A sincere “thank you” to everyone who sent Chesseds or expressed their sympathy in other ways, on the passing of Howard.

Ruth Popkin
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The deadline for submissions will be the 15th of each month unless otherwise stated in an individual issue.
If you are celebrating a milestone year, whether it be birthday or anniversary, please let me know so others may celebrate with you.

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| January 19 | Tevet 28 | Isadore K. Dortort  
| January 20 | Tevet 29 | Sophie Pollan  
| January 21 | Shevat 01 | Maurice Cantor  
| January 22 | Shevat 02 | Leo Liebman  
| January 24 | Shevat 04 | Herman Berman  
| January 25 | Shevat 05 | Esther Zubow  
| January 26 | Shevat 06 | Mary Merkin  
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## February Yahrzeit List

| February 1 | Shevat 12 | Davora Ehrlich  
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| February 2 | Shevat 13 | Rebecca Lax  
| | | Leo Cabelly  
| | | Rose Rubin Glantz  
| | | Regina Brown |
| February 3 | Shevat 14 | Simon Krawitz  
| | | Miriam Cahn |
| February 4 | Shevat 15 | Julius Polinger  
| | | Bernard Postol  
| | | Ben Meyers  
| | | Lois Crawn |
| February 5 | Shevat 16 | Dorothy Reiter |
| February 7 | Shevat 18 | Gertrude Sommers  
| | | Harry Magnes  
| | | Esther Iskowitz  
| | | Kathryn Petic Cohen  
| | | Rachel Forster |
| February 9 | Shevat 20 | Morris Zimmerman  
| | | Barney Katon |
| February 11 | Shevat 22 | Julius Rabinowitz  
| | | Mamie Farber |
| February 12 | Shevat 23 | Isaac Yenofsky |
| February 14 | Shevat 25 | Sylvia Zacher  
| | | Benjamin Kimmel  
| | | Floyd Crawn, Sr |
| February 15 | Shevat 26 | Fannier Blick  
| | | Rose Beckenstein  
| | | Sarah Getz  
| | | David Vogel |
| February 16 | Shevat 27 | Marion Bornstein  
| | | Jacob Isaac |
| February 17 | Shevat 28 | Marilyn Margolies |
| February 18 | Shevat 29 | Florence Edelstein  
| | | Sarah Brown  
| | | Samuel Land |
| February 19 | Shevat 30 | Victor Taylor  
| | | Harry Krumper  
| | | Chaim Berlin  
| | | Harold Cheslow |
| February 20 | Adar 01 | Sadie Nadelman  
| | | Ruth Parish  
| | | Steve Philippsberg |
| February 21 | Adar 02 | Lillian Berkhof  
| | | Ruth Josephs  
| | | Meyer Woodnick  
| | | Myrna Levin |
| February 23 | Adar 04 | Gertrude Kimmel  
| | | Julius Kronitz  
| | | George A. Zussman  
| | | Theodore Cahn |
| February 24 | Adar 05 | Gertrude Bodenstein  
| | | Anne Tremper  
| | | Ida Jolley |
| February 25 | Adar 06 | Yetta Silverman |
| February 26 | Adar 07 | Irving Jacobs  
| | | Solomon Gabin  
| | | Rose Dwoskin |
| February 27 | Adar 08 | Rose Summers  
| | | Benjamin Wilkins  
| | | Samuel Libfield  
| | | Jack Goliger  
| | | Richard Moskovitz |
| February 28 | Adar 09 | Rose Berger  
| | | Bernard G. Levy  
| | | Milton Miller  
| | | Emil Hertz  
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Give Suzanne Tremper a call at 588-6148 or e-mail her at grand6ma@ptd.net and let someone know you’re thinking of them. For a small contribution to the Hessed Fund, Suzanne will send a card wishing a Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Mazel Tov, Get Well or Condolences. A notice will appear in this bulletin, as well. When you call, please leave all the information needed.

TREE OF LIFE AND MEMORIALS
Add a leaf to the Tree of Life to celebrate births, birthdays, marriages, bar and bat mitzvahs, or any other special event for a minimum contribution of $150. Remember loved ones with a Memorial Plaque at a minimum contribution of $600 for members, $850 for non-members. Contact Suzanne Tremper at 588-6148.

ENDOWMENT FUND
It’s always a great time to make a contribution. Make your check out to “Temple Israel.” Another thought to consider, remember Temple Israel in your will.
Call the Temple office at 570-421-8781 or tipoc@ptd.net

Honor or Remember Someone Special
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A bookplate can be placed in a Siddur, the weekly prayer book we use every Friday evening and Shabbat morning or in a machzor, the prayer book which is used on the High Holidays. Remember a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, bnei mitzvah or any other occasion you want to note for a relative or friend. You can also place a dedication in someone’s memory. A nameplate with the donor, recipient, and occasion will be inserted. The minimum donation is $50.

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Do you need a Mi Sheberach Recited?

When you can’t make services, but would like a prayer said on behalf of someone important to you, please don’t hesitate to call the synagogue and leave a message on the Temple answering machine for Rabbi Melman so that your prayers will be included in our services.
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We need everyone to help with this. Surely you know individuals and families who have no affiliation with a Synagogue. Encourage them to become members of our Temple Israel Family!

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At Temple events, be they regular Shabbat Services or a social occasion, introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. You'll make new friends and assist us in enlarging our family.

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