

Temple Judea of Manhasset – 2008

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SHABBAT SERVICE BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK... **Temple Judea Opens Its Doors with “Learner’s Shabbat”**

On Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, Temple Judea of Manhasset will hold a special Shabbat service entitled “Everything You Wanted to Know about the Shabbat Service But Were Afraid to Ask”. The exciting and informational “Learner’s Service” is designed to make people feel more comfortable and welcome at the Shabbat services and answer questions they may have always had about Shabbat.

“We’re holding these services in an effort to reach out to more people and make the spirituality of Shabbat and Judaism more a part of their lives,” said Rabbi Todd Chizner of Temple Judea of Manhasset. “Many people come to services and wonder why we do what we do. We’re hoping to answer those questions”

Rabbi Chizner and Cantor Melissa Adleman will elaborate on the normal service with explanations as to the historical development of the Shabbat service and its connections with the mandates of the Torah. The literature and traditions of the most sacred Jewish holiday (Shabbat) will also be discussed along with the spirituality involved. The rabbi and cantor also plan on taking questions from the people at the service.

All questions are welcome, but the Rabbi anticipates queries such as:

- What are the differences between Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements when it comes to observing Shabbat?
- Why do some people bow, stand on their toes or close their eyes during the Shabbat service?
- I’m not sure what I feel about G-d; should I still pray?

“We have always tried to make people feel welcome in our congregation,” said Tod Groman, president of Temple Judea of Manhasset. “By taking away some of the mystery behind Shabbat, we’re anticipating that people will feel more comfortable with their understanding of the rituals and more at home in our synagogue.”

The “Learner’s Shabbat” will be held on Friday, January 25 at 8:00 pm and on Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 am. The entire community is welcome to attend.

Temple Judea of Manhasset was established in 1955 and has over 500 member families. Temple Judea, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is located at 333 Seasingtown Road, Manhasset.

Please call (516) 621-8049 for further information and visit its website at www.temple-judea.com.