

# TEMPLE JUDEA OF MANHASSET      NEWS RELEASE

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## TEMPLE JUDEA HOSTS AMERICAN LEGION'S REMEMBRANCE OF FOUR WWII CHAPLAINS

Temple Judea of Manhasset will be the first Jewish congregation in years to host the annual American Legion re-enactment of the famous "Four Immortal Chaplains" who came to symbolize interfaith cooperation during wartime. The community is invited to the tribute to the four WWII chaplains who made the supreme sacrifice and who are remembered and honored annually.

The Four Immortal Chaplains, a Jew, a Catholic, and two Protestants, were on the USS Dorchester when it was attacked in "Torpedo Alley" 100 miles south of Greenland during WWII. The Chaplains distributed all the life jackets on the ship and then gave their own, to panicked soldiers, regardless of race or religion. It took approximately 18 minutes for the ship to sink. They were the last men left on deck and were seen, arm-in-arm, each praying in their own way, as the ship sank into the freezing Atlantic. Almost 700 died, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the United States during World War II.

This sacrifice is reenacted every year by the American Legion in a different house of worship. This year, for the first time, Temple Judea has been selected for the program. Rabbi Todd Chizner will take the role of Rabbi Alexander Goode, while a Catholic priest and two Protestant ministers will enact the roles of Father John Washington, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Reverend George Fox (Methodist) respectively.

Following the program, coffee and cake will be served. There is no charge for this program and all are welcome. If you are interested in attending please call Temple Judea at 516-621-8049 by January 29, 2008.

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 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call (516) 621-8049 for further information and visit its website at **[temple-judea.com](http://temple-judea.com)**.

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