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## Temple Judea Grows “Seeds of Peace” Program

On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 21, Temple Judea of Manhasset will have a speaker from the internationally recognized Seeds of Peace program to explain how they work to create understanding between children from regions in conflict, like Israel and its neighbors.

The programs are open to the community and will be held on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm and Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 am during the sermon portion of the Sabbath service. In addition, a light luncheon will be served on Saturday at which point the audience can address questions to the speaker.

Founded in 1993 by journalist John Wallach, Seeds of Peace is dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence. Basically they get kids together from countries like Israel, Jordan, Egypt, India and Pakistan and get them to talk about tolerance and finding the commonality in different points of view. They are challenged to form a bond with someone from “the other side” in an environment that is removed from the bloodshed and violence of their home countries.

The Seeds of Peace internationally recognized program model begins at the International Camp in Maine and continues through programming in regions around the world through innovative initiatives in the form of conferences, regional workshops, educational and professional opportunities, and an adult educator program. This comprehensive system allows participants to develop empathy, respect, and confidence as well as leadership, communication and negotiation skills — all critical components that will facilitate peaceful coexistence for the next generation.

This program will be held on Friday, March 20 in conjunction with Shabbat Across America, a program promoting the Shabbat tradition to over 600,000 people in the U.S.

Temple Judea of Manhasset was established in 1955 and has over 500 member families. One of the few temples that is completely handicapped accessible, Temple Judea is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. It is located at 333 Seasingtown 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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