

**B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH IN
OUR TEMPLE ISRAEL FAMILY**



Michelle Lalehzar

Michelle Lalehzar will be celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* on January 7. She is the daughter of Fariba and David Lalehzar and has two sisters, Deborah, 14, and Jessica, 11. Jamie is a seventh grade student at Great Neck North Middle School where she plays the viola in the school orchestra. She also enjoys reading. Jamie is currently attending the Waxman High School and plans to visit Israel in the near future.

TEMPLE ISRAEL IN ACTION

Thanking Terry Bernstein



In appreciation of his devotion to the success of the daily *minyan*, regular attendees of the Sunday morning *minyan* presented Terry Bernstein with a new *talit* and made a donation in his honor to Hatzilu last Sunday. "We feel that he deserves the thanks of all of the members of Temple Israel because he is the stalwart of the *minyan*," said Dr. Edith Robbins, an organizer of the group. "He insures that there is a *minyan* for all who are in mourning, observing a *yartzeit* or marking any momentous occasion. We want to say: "Thank you, thank you, thank you, Terry!" With Mr. Bernstein, trying on his new *tallit*, above, are Cantor Raphael Frieder and Patty Schneider, who made the presentation on behalf of the *minyan* group.

Photo by Dr. Edith Robbins

Hear

**Sgt. Benjamin
Anthony**

*Combat Veteran & Reservist
Israel Defense Forces*

Topic:

**"A War
Worth Waging--
The Fight for Israel
Within Our Borders
& Beyond"**

**at Temple Israel
Wednesday, January 4
7:30 P.M.**

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Congregations Comparing Notes



Rabbi Gustavo Suraszki of Temple Israel's sister congregation, Kehillat Netzach Israel in Ashkelon, Israel, spent a day at Temple Israel recently, exploring ways the two congregations can benefit from the work they each do. Kehillat Netzach Israel is a Masorti Conservative congregation with a membership with diverse backgrounds, much like Temple Israel. Rabbi Suraszki, who is also a Torah scribe, met with Rabbis Howard Stecker and Seth Adelson, Beth HaGan Director Rachel Mathless, Religious School Director Rabbi Tracy Klirs and Waxman High School Director Danny Mishkin. Plans are in place to facilitate mutual learning between the two congregations' schools. Temple Israel's trip to Israel next summer will include a visit to Kehillat Netzach Israel. The relationship between the two congregations was sparked by the efforts of Temple Israel Board Member Jackie Astrof and Vice President Rebecca Sassouni.