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**TEMPLE JUDEA TO HOLD 14th ANNUAL SHABBAT
ACROSS AMERICA/CANADA PROGRAM**

**Participants Join Over 70,000 North American Jews
in Major Effort To Revitalize Sabbath Observance**

On Friday night, March 5, 2010 members of Temple Judea of Manhasset will gather to celebrate Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath, with a meal and service. Scheduled to start at 6:00pm, Temple Judea is one of approximately 700 synagogues across the continent that will simultaneously open its doors to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they can enjoy a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal.

“This program was developed to bring people back to the warmth and unity and spiritual revitalization that Shabbat inspires,” said Rabbi Todd Chizner. “Temple Judea is excited to offer this program to the community at large so people can share to a modern version of a practice that has unified our people for over 3,300 years.”

Conceived and organized by the National Jewish Outreach Program (NJOP) in 1997, Shabbat Across America/Canada represents a united effort by the entire Jewish community to renew interest in the fourth of the Ten Commandments – observing a weekly day of rest (Shabbat in Hebrew). Over 700,000 people have participated in Shabbat Across America/Canada in the past.

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Led by Rabbi Todd Chizner and Cantor Abbe Sher, attendees will experience an interactive Friday night Explanatory Service and a traditional Shabbat dinner. A junior service will also be offered at 5:30. The dinner will cost \$20 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Designed to teach a generation of Jews about the beauty and significance of the Jewish Sabbath, Shabbat Across America/Canada is the first nationally orchestrated program to appeal to members of all major Jewish denominations. Shabbat Across America/Canada will take place in every city where there is a Jewish presence – from major Jewish geographical centers, such as New York, Los Angeles, and Toronto, to cities with smaller Jewish populations such as Lexington, KY, Portsmouth, NH, and Tacoma, WA.

The National Jewish Outreach Program was established in 1987 by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, and has become one of the world's largest and most successful Jewish outreach organizations. NJOP offers free programs at more than 3,665 locations across North America and in 36 countries worldwide.

Temple Judea of Manhasset was established in 1955 and has approximately 500 member families. One of the few temples on Long Island that is completely handicapped accessible, Temple Judea is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. It is located at 333 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. Please call (516)621-8049 for further information and visit its website at **temple-judea.com**.

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