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Elizabeth Kagan

Elizabeth Kagan is a proud member of Temple Gates of Prayer and will be graduating this year from the Schechter School of Long Island in Williston Park. Her extracurricular activities include: working as a lifeguard at the Central Queens YM & YWHA in Forest Hills, being a stage manager for the drama shows at school, and occasionally playing piano at nursing homes. Elizabeth has attended the Solomon Schechter School of Queens from Pre-k through 8th grade. She had her Bat-Mitzvah when she turned 12 in 6th grade at Temple Gates of Prayer, and since then has been an active participant in services. In order to stay actively involved in Jewish life, she tries to go to Shul every Shabbat and there she participates in the service by doing Gelilah or opening the arc. The year of her Bat-Mitzvah, she went on the Congregational trip to Israel which was her first time going there. In 8th grade, she went to Israel twice, since she loved it so much her first time, once with the Congregation, and once with her grade. Due to her love for Israel and Judaism, she decided that she wanted to further her Jewish education and go to high school at the Schechter School of Long Island. At the end of May of this year, she will be going to Israel yet again, only this time the trip will be for three weeks and she will be going with her Senior class. In the fall, she will be going to college and expects this trip to prepare her to continue to support Israel and embrace Judaism on campus. She is thankful that Temple Gates of Prayer has chosen to honor her as Youth of the Year and is eager to pass on her Jewish knowledge and education that she has acquired from Temple Gates & Schechter to her peers in college in the coming years!