

## April 2017 Calendar of Events

Saturday, Apr. 1—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, Apr. 3—Spanish, 10:30am

Tuesday, Apr. 4—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 5—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 7—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Apr. 8—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, Apr. 10—Passover begins at sundown

Tuesday, Apr. 11—Passover Morning Service, 10:30am; Second Night Seder, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 12—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 14—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Apr. 15—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, Apr. 17—Yizkor Service, 10:30am

Tuesday, Apr. 18—David Aubrey Film #3, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 19—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 21—Yom Hashoah Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Saturday, Apr. 22—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, Apr. 23—Bagels & Books, 11:00am

Monday, Apr. 24—Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn, 11:30am

Wednesday, Apr. 26—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 28—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

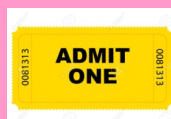
Saturday, Apr. 29—Torah Study, 9:30am; Schacharit Service, 10:30am; *Prisoner of Second Avenue* with Richard Solow, 7:30pm

## APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS!

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**  
**SECOND NIGHT SEDER**  
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**  
**DAVID AUBREY'S**  
**WINTER**  
**DOCUMENTARY**  
**SERIES**  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**  
**YOM HASHOAH OBSERVANCE**  
 (SEE PAGE 7)



**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
**TEMPLE ISAIAH BOOK**  
**CLUB**  
 (SEE PAGE 8)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
**THEATRICAL EVENING WITH**  
**RICHARD SOLOW**  
 (SEE PAGE 8)



## CANTOR'S COLUMN

### SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING

As our ever-changing weather of March flows into April, we are reminded that spring has finally arrived. Much like the teenager who lives simultaneously in a children's and an adult's world but who, we hope, eventually becomes a "grownup," the coming of April signals our readiness to move to the next season. Not only does our internal clock push us forward with expectation, but also we are constantly bombarded by the media, making us aware of the opportunities that await us by virtue of a more friendly and hospitable climate. Thus is born the season of spring-cleaning, a term that has come to symbolize a full stem-to-stern refreshment of all that surrounds us. Of course, in our secular society, this turning outward assumes the focus of enjoying the outdoors while we also, literally, clean house.



Our Jewish tradition has much to teach us about spring cleaning, although the focus is different. Rather than looking outside for new fulfillment, the Jewish harbinger of spring, Passover, leads us to look inward by providing a series of rituals that promote spiritual cleansing and renewal. This is not an exercise in isolation, but quite the contrary, we are *commanded* to perform this spiritual renewal within the context of family and community, even so far as inviting non-Jews to join us at our seder table.

The special Passover "diet," which begins by removing all traces of leaven from our homes and within our midst, serves the symbolic purpose of joining with our ancestors in learning about our history and redemption. More importantly, we are required to actually relive the journey as we read the *haggadah*. This entire experience conveys very clearly the often repeated concept that to be Jewish is to live a Jewish life, connecting our past with our future, using the glue of an active present in order to lend vibrancy to our tradition. Once again, this teaches us that Judaism is an active practice, not simply an intellectual idea.

And so, let us participate in these holiday rituals, not only to be reminded of an historical lesson, but as is true to our heritage, let us also embark upon our own, unique season of spiritual spring cleaning, not alone, but together with all who are close and dear to us. I look forward, as your cantor, to joining with you in this enriching process.

*With many blessings,  
Cantor Leslie Friedlander*

### FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Whether you attend services once in a while or are a Shabbat regular, the worship service can often seem complicated, perhaps even confusing.

Join Cantor Friedlander when she presents a liturgy class that will demystify our services and Shabbat, festivals...even the High Holy Day services will make infinitely more sense.

Mark your calendars for the first three Wednesday evenings in May at 7:30.



## **"VOICES OF ISAIAH"**

### **What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?**

**By Mindy Israel**

*In October 2016, the Isaiah family gathered together in prayer and fellowship for our 50th High Holiday Season and the start of our Jubilee Year. It is a time to reflect on our past and look forward to the future.*

Howie and I moved into our house in Great Neck the day after Thanksgiving, November 1986. Our sons, David and Aaron, were little boys and we wanted to join a synagogue right away so they could attend religious school.

My Great Uncle Al Loew z"l, who was very learned and a prominent Jewish educator on Long Island, directed us to Temple Isaiah. He gave us reasons why he did not think the other Reform synagogues in Great Neck were the right fit for us. He said, however, don't be concerned that Isaiah meets in a church and that the Rabbi is a woman! You will get over it! (He was right about that, as it took about ½ minute.)

So I called the temple office and spoke with Florence Levy in late summer and she invited us to High Holiday services in a few weeks. When the four of us arrived in the big sanctuary at the Community Church filled with congregants, Florence saw us and greeted us warmly. She immediately seated us with the Greenwalds, as she thought this was a good fit for us!

I guess the rest is history, as they say. The next thing I knew we were attending services and the boys were in the religious school. I was chairing committees and serving on the board. Not only was I chairperson of the Religious School Committee, I also taught a class for several years.

David and Aaron became bar mitzvah. I became bat mitzvah and took many, many courses over the years with our fabulous clergy. Temple Isaiah became our second home, and when it was time for the temple to move, Howie and I focused our efforts on having a home of our own. After years of effort, frustration and hard work by many members of Isaiah, our new home became a reality. Howie was president while we were building our very own Temple Isaiah. I just realized we have been in our "new" home at 1 Chelsea Place for almost 10 years.

While making many great friends at Temple Isaiah, we have gone through all of life's ups and downs over the past thirty years together.

So getting here was just the beginning of a great decision we made a long time ago.

**We welcome and solicit your personal story and experience in our "Voices of Isaiah" column. Tell us your story ... the unique path to the door of our synagogue. The *Shehecheyanu* moments that connect your family to our Temple Isaiah family. Raise your voice, sing out in joy and share your Isaiah experience. Please contact either Kathie Davis or Bill Rosenberg to share your story.**

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
2	3 Conversational Spanish, 10:30am	4 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	5 Tai Chi, 11:00am	6	7 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	8 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
9	10 Passover - First Seder	11 Passover Service, 10:30am  Second Night Seder, 6:30pm	12 Tai Chi, 11:00am	13	14 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	15 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
16	17 Yizkor Service; 10:30am	18 David Aubrey Film Series #3, 7:30pm	19 Tai Chi, 11:00am	20	21 Yom Hashoah Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	22 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
23 Bagels & Books, 11:00am	24 Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn, 11:30am	25	26 Tai Chi, 11:00am	27	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	29 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am; <i>Prisoner of Sec- ond Avenue,</i> 7:30pm
30	 <div> <b>SAVE THE DATE:</b>  <b>Thursday, June 1—Jubilee Year Dinner Dance and Journal</b> </div>					



## Save the Date: Sunday, May 21 You Light Up My Life

*For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is a light...Proverbs 6:23*

*Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you... (it) is to be holy for you. Lev. 25: 10, 12*

Join us on Sunday, May 21 as we celebrate Temple Isaiah's Jubilee Year with the truly inspiring program, *You Light Up My Life*. Congregants, family members and friends in the community are invited to take part in the once-in-a-lifetime experience of fulfilling the 613<sup>th</sup> commandment (contributing to the writing of a Torah scroll.) In Jewish literature, the Torah is understood to be the guiding light for one who wishes to lead a righteous life. The Torah literally "lights up" our lives because of the wisdom it contains. By helping to reinvigorate the Torah through the work of our hands, we not only make the Torah more beautiful but we sustain and sanctify our Torah scroll for future generations. We rekindle this eternal light so that it can project its glow into the future.

Participants will perform the mitzvah of helping to write a Torah scroll in a unique way. They will adorn the most sacred letters in the Torah – those letters which are connected to God's most holy attributes - by creating new crowns. The crowns symbolize the highest human and divine spiritual values, those which help to form the fundamental basis of Jewish behavior and ethical action. The creation of a second and even third layer of crowns on these holy letters is a time-honored tradition. This is a visual way of expressing the love, prayer and blessing with which we bequeath this Torah to future generations.

This special event will open with a presentation by world-renowned Torah Whisperer Sofer Neil Yerman, a master teacher and scribe. He will lead a lively interactive discussion about the spiritual, mystical and Kabbalistic meanings of the special letters in the Torah that will be getting the new crowns.

Participants will have a sponsorship opportunity of a Torah portion and of holding a quill and creating a special crown on one of the sacred letters that may be written in blessing, memory or celebration of a person beloved by each individual writer. There is no more intimate and spiritually expressive hands-on experience in Judaism than the performance of this mitzvah.



## Spanish Class Has Returned!

### Mondays at 10:30am

(No class on 4/10)

Reva Levy is back in town and our Spanish class can continue.

Call the office for details.



***Please Join Us at the Temple Isaiah Family Seder  
Second Night of Passover  
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30PM at Temple Isaiah***

**Temple family and guests are invited to join us for this joyous occasion.  
The seder will be led by Cantor Leslie Friedlander and Student Rabbi Chase Foster**

***Space is limited—reservations and payment MUST be made in advance***

**Adults: \$60.00  
Children 14-18: \$30.00  
Children under 13: Free**

**New Caterer This Year!**

**Please Return to Temple Isaiah—1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021**

***Sign me up for the Second Night Seder:***

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number attending—Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Monday, April 24  
Lunch & Learn with  
Cantor Leslie Friedlander  
at Ayhan's Shish Kebab  
11:30am – 12:45pm**





**Final Film in the David Aubrey  
Winter Film Series on  
Tuesday April 18 at 7:30pm**

**Documentaries on Notable Women Who  
Helped Change the World**

**“FEAR NO FRUIT”**

**Join our Resident Film “Maven”**

**David Aubrey for Another Wonderful Evening**

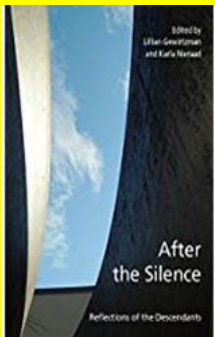
**\$10 per Film Includes Snacks & Soda**

**Sunday, April 2, 2:00pm**

**Holocaust Memorial &**

**Tolerance Center**

**Glen Cove**



**Reception celebrating the publication of**

***After the Silence***

**an anthology of essays by 2nd & 3rd generation descendants  
of Jews and Germans, including Temple Isaiah member  
Meryl Menashe.**

**Join Us at Shabbat Services on  
Friday, April 21  
7:30pm  
As We Observe Yom Hashoah**

**(Please note earlier time for  
this service)**





**Saturday, April 29, 7:30pm**



**Neil Simon's**  
***The Prisoner of Second Avenue***

**Mel and Edna, residents of the Upper East Side in Manhattan, are beset by junkies, criminals and unemployment. Mel is rapidly heading toward an emotional breakdown. Will he succumb and, if he does, will he recover?**

**Starring Richard Solow and Alice Weiner and the Temple Isaiah players.**

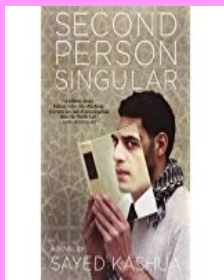
**Tickets: \$20.00 in advance; \$25.00 at the door**

**Temple Isaiah Book Club—Bagels & Books**

**Sunday, April 23rd, 11:00am**

***Second Person Singular* by Sayed Kashua**

**Part comedy of manners, part psychological mystery . . . Issues of nationalism, religion, and passing collide with quickly changing social and sexual mores." —*Boston Globe***



**A Palestinian who writes in Hebrew, Sayed Kashua defies classification and breaks through cultural barriers. He communicates, with enormous emotional power and a keen sense of the absurd, the particular alienation and the psychic costs of people struggling to straddle two worlds. *Second Person Singular* is a deliciously complex psychological mystery and a searing dissection of the individuals that comprise a divided society. It is also a gripping tale of love and betrayal, honesty and artifice, which asks whether it is possible to truly reinvent ourselves, to shed our old skin and start anew.**

**"[Kashua's] dry wit shines... with each of the main characters offering windows into the prejudices and longings of Arabs and Jews..." - *Los Angeles Times***

**Please RSVP to Shelley Sherman so that she can bring enough bagels for everyone! (seeshell98@yahoo.com)**



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