

## August Calendar of Events

Fri. Aug. 2—Choir Rehearsal, 6:00pm; Shabbat Service led by Cantor Friedlander, 7:30pm

Mon. Aug. 5—“Concerto” Class #3, 7:30pm

Tue. Aug. 6—Potluck Supper Board Meeting, 6:45pm—Email Gail Gordon to coordinate your dish (gjjg916@aol.com)

Thurs. Aug. 8—“Think Yiddish—Act British” Film #3, 7:30pm

Fri. Aug. 9—Shabbat Service led by Claude Springer, 7:30pm

Thurs. Aug. 15—“Think Yiddish—Act British” Film #4, 7:30pm

Fri. Aug. 16—Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Tsuruoka, 7:30pm

Wed. Aug. 21—Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Thur. Aug. 22—“Take Me Out to the Ballgame”, 7:30pm

Fri. Aug. 23—Shabbat Service led by Belle & Elliott Gayer, 7:30pm

Tues. Aug. 27—Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Wed. Aug. 28—Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Fri. Aug. 30—Choir Rehearsal, 6:00pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. Aug. 31—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Selichot Picnic in the Park, 6:00pm; Selichot Program & Service, 8:00pm (at Temple Isaiah)

*Complete High Holiday Schedule on  
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Watch the mail for your High Holiday packet containing ticket order form, Memorial Book order form, New Year's Card order form and additional Fair Share Pledge Form if needed.

In the meantime, a ticket order form can be found on page 6.

## Summer Services

Our Summer Service Schedule  
 Continues through 8/23

Please remember that  
 Summer Shabbat Services  
 begin at 7:30 pm.



Our Leaders will be:

August 2: Cantor Friedlander

August 9: Claude Springer

August 16: Rabbi Tsuruoka

August 23: Belle & Elliott Gayer

Friday, August 30th  
 Return to Regular Shabbat  
 Schedule—8:00pm

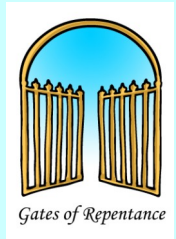
## **RABBI'S COLUMN**

### **The Torah of Summer: Doorway to the Days of Awe**



It is Jewish tradition to read the Torah annually in weekly portions so that the five books of Moses are read from the beginning of Bereishit to end of Devarim. The annual cycle of readings conclude and begin again at the end of the High Holy Days – on Simchat Torah. This calendar of readings always places Devarim being read during the summer months – months when even the temple goes into “summer mode” and activities slow down. For this reason Devarim is arguably the least familiar of the five books as people go on vacation or take a break from the daily temple routine. Content-wise, it is Moses’ farewell discourse to Israel as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. It is an inspired formulation of the story of the Israelites and their relationship to God and God’s commandments. Devarim contains the Shema – the fundamental tenet of the Unity of God from which all Jewish belief turns, goes back to it and flows from it. We hear a second recounting of the Ten Commandments and the laws governing and guiding the Israelites toward an existence that pursues justice, equity, the protection of the weak, life and peace. It is in Devarim where we are told repeatedly to choose life over death.

Devarim concludes with the death of a man: Moses. By contrast, The Torah begins with God alone. It then is followed by the story of Creation, the evolution of human behavior and the revelation of the Torah. But it is Devarim that holds the key to the Days of Awe – the most important set of holidays in the Jewish calendar – because it is these Days where we consider how we act towards other humans, weigh our merit and failings, and set our path anew towards a life that’s God-inspired. In other words, Devarim provides us a road map to evaluate our behavior towards our fellow human beings, the natural world, and our commitment to God who cares for us. As much as our High Holy Day liturgy discuss the power of God the King, Judge and Father, it is also time to re-frame our behavior towards other humans. In fact, I daresay that the High Holy Days is mostly about human relationships.



We begin with Selichot, which brings up the concept of Transgression and Forgiveness through the special liturgy and musical themes of the High Holy Days. We admit being subject to human weakness, we transgress Torah’s precepts not infrequently and, in the process, have offended other human beings Yet like God, we have the capacity to forgive offences committed against us. Selichot begins that process of self realization and self assessment.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the birth of the world. With three sets of shofar blasts we stand in awe of God who is Omnipotent King, The One Who Remembers Us, and promises the future redemption of the world. We come to understand we are partners with God in Tikkun Olam – shaping the world according to Torah’s life affirming precepts.

On Yom Kippur we seek changes from the unhealthy paths in life we have followed; we seek the courage to ask forgiveness from those we have offended, and the ability to forgive those who have offended us. We strive to come closer to a life that includes awareness of God in daily living. If we take the words of our High Holy Day liturgy to heart, we can come away with a sense of renewal and starting afresh, with a lighter soul and a brighter future.

We begin contemplating sin at Selichot, and we conclude Yom Kippur with forgiveness. The Days of Awe is a personal journey that has transformed many a Jew in positive ways over the centuries, bringing the promise of a new and better day. May your journey be fulfilling.

*Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka*

## A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR LESLIE FRIEDLANDER



I invite every Temple Isaiah congregant to join our High Holy Day choir and experience the beneficial and healthful effects of group singing. You do not need to know how to read music or Hebrew to sing with us – I will teach you everything you need to know. And in addition to the benefits you will derive from singing, you will receive an assigned seat on the bima close to “the action” and the great satisfaction that you are contributing in an important and necessary way to the spiritual life of our congregation.

Rehearsals are as follows:

Friday	August 2	6:00	Wednesday	August 28	7:00
Wednesday	August 21	7:00	Friday	August 30	6:00
Tuesday	August 27	7:00	Tuesday	September 10	7:00

Please speak with me or send me an e-mail\* if you have questions, if you need a little nudge in the right direction or would consider joining the choir if you were given extra help beyond the scheduled rehearsals. And I will see you on August 2!

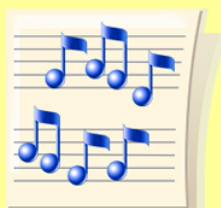
*Cantor Leslie Friedlander*

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### Selichot Picnic in the Park Saturday, August 31 at 6:00pm Firefighter's Park on Grace Avenue

*Bring Your Own Picnic Supper to the Park and Welcome in  
the High Holiday Season with Your Temple Family*

*Return to Temple for Selichot Program & Service at 8:00pm*



**Final Class:  
Monday  
August 5th at  
7:30pm**

### “The Concerto” with Sina Kiai

The concerto is a dynamic form of classical music usually featuring a solo instrument and orchestra. Through its almost four-century history the form changed as musical styles and tastes changed, producing much music that is now standard repertory. This short course will look at masterpieces of this exciting genre.

Donation \$15 per class



## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

### 42 + 24 = 2 Baseball Greats, Plus an Evening of Isaiah Fun



During the lazy, hazy days of this summer, sports news has been filled with tales of baseball players who used steroids to enhance their performances. It is a good time to lift our spirits by turning our thoughts to two authentic heroes of the sport who happened to wear numbers that were mirror images of each other.



As the title of a recent popular film biography reminded us, Jackie Robinson broke racial barriers with grace, wearing a Dodgers uniform bearing the number 42. Willie Mays said “hey” to legions of fans while playing a superb game of ball and wearing the number 24. Perhaps some knowledgeable person reading this column will let us know if Mays chose that number because it was a variation of the numerals worn by Robinson. It is just the kind of question that fans of the sport love to speculate about as they engage in their favorite activity: talking baseball.

The world of baseball is one filled with wonderful players and characters, as well as some who are less than stellar role models. What aficionados share is a fascination with the people and performances that make the sport a story that unfolds every night during the time of year when anything can happen: baseball season!

On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Temple Isaiah will hold an event called “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” that pays tribute to all things baseball. Activities include a baseball trivia contest, baseball humor and history, and a discussion of baseball issues of the day. The price of admission is \$ 10, which includes light baseball-appropriate refreshments and prizes for those who know their baseball facts. So come share the camaraderie “out with the crowd” at Isaiah’s baseball celebration.

*Gail Gordon & Terry Joseph*

## 5774 NEW YEAR’S CARD

Once again, you can send everyone in the Temple Isaiah family a beautiful watercolor card created by a temple member. For \$18, or a voluntary double *chai* of \$36, your name or family name will appear on our list of congregational well-wishers.

Personalized cards are also available for \$25 per 10-card box so you can send greetings to your non-temple friends and family.

Watch the mail for your order form, which is in the High Holiday mailing being sent out shortly.



# August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00pm; Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Cantor Friedlander	3
4	5 Sina Kiai “Concerto” Class, 7:30pm	6 Potluck Supper Board Meeting, 6:45pm	7	8 David Aubrey Film Series, #3 7:30pm	9 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Claude Springer	10
11	12	13	14	15 David Aubrey Film Series, #4 7:30pm	16 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Rabbi Tsuruoka	17
18	19	20	21 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	22 “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”, 7:30pm	23 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Belle & Elliott Gayer	24
25	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	28 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	29	30 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	31 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Picnic in the Park, 6:00pm Selichot Pro- gram & Ser- vice, 8:00pm At Temple

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### **HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET ORDER FORM**

- ♦ You will be asked to show your tickets at the door
- ♦ There is no charge for members and family members residing in your household (including children away at college)
- ♦ There is a \$50 per ticket charge for adult children residing outside member's household
- ♦ There is a \$125 per ticket charge for other family members residing outside member's household
- ♦ There is a \$250 charge for tickets for all other non-members (maximum of \$700 per family)

***Please remember that you must have a pledge form on file, and must have made at least an initial payment against that pledge in order to receive free High Holiday tickets.***

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## **Temple Isaiah Summer Film Festival “Think Yiddish—Act British”**

Join our resident film expert David Aubrey for the final two movies in a series of British films involving Jews and/or Jewish themes.

**You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, you’ll learn!  
(And you’ll have fun....)**

**\$10 charge per person includes film, refreshments, and lively discussion. (\$40/series)**

**Thursday Evenings at 7:30  
August 8, August 15**

## **“Take Me Out to the Ballgame” Thursday, August 22, 7:30pm**



**Join us for an evening celebrating all things  
baseball, including trivia contests, history, humor,  
and memories.**

**Our organizers are long-time baseball fans  
Bob Gordon & Scott Schleifstein**



**The cost is \$10 per person—baseball  
appropriate refreshments included.**

**Please RSVP to 487-5373**

## High Holy Day Schedule 2013-5774

Selichot

Saturday, August 31

Program: 8:00PM, Service: 9:15-10:00PM

Erev Rosh Hashana

Wednesday, September 4 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Rosh Hashana: 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Thursday, September 5

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:30 PM

Rosh Hashana: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Friday, September 6

Program: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Tashlich: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

(Steppingstone Park)

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Friday, September 13 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Day

Saturday, September 14

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:45 PM

Discussion 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Personal Moment at Ark – 2:30 – 3:00 PM

Afternoon Service - 3:00 – 4:45 PM

Yizkor: 4:45 PM

Neilah: 5:15 PM

Break-the-Fast: 6:15 PM

Erev Sukkot: Wednesday, September 18

Complete Sukkah Decoration: 5:00

Evening Service: 7:30 PM

Sukkot: Morning

Thursday, September 19 – 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 25 – 7:30 PM

Simchat Torah: Yizkor

Thursday, September 26 - 10:30 – 12:00 PM



## ARZA News

### *Rosh Chodesh AV: Women of the Wall Blocked by Ultra-Orthodox Protestors:*

For the first time in its 25 year history, the Women of the Wall were prevented from entering the women's section at the Kotel (Western Wall). The women's section was filled with thousands of Haredi young women who had been bused in by the Ultra-Orthodox political party United Torah Judaism. Jerusalem police cordoned off a section for the Women of the Wall's Rosh Chodesh Av prayer service at the rear of the outer section, far from the Wall itself. The women, who were not deterred, were surrounded by Haredi men, who shouted insults at the women and threw eggs and water bottles at them.

### *ARZA Chooses Joshua Weinberg as New President:*

Joshua Weinberg has been unanimously approved by the Board of ARZA to serve as the next President of the organization.

### *Israel to Fund Non-Orthodox Rabbis:*

Israel says it will move ahead with the funding of non-Orthodox rabbis. If it happens, this will be a landmark achievement for Reform and Conservative leaders who have long chafed at their second-class treatment by the Israeli government.

### *Still Time to Send in ARZA Dues:*

\$36 per year to support the Reform Movement's programs in Israel.





## **General Donations**

### ***In Loving Memory Of:***

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### ***Tzedakah Fund:***

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### ***ARZA Membership:***

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### ***Memorial Plaque:***

In Memory of Stanley Kirshenbaum  
 Richard & Dana Kirshenbaum and  
 Robert and Susan Kirshenbaum Perry

### ***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:***

June & Allan Feldman

### ***In Honor of :***

The 95th Birthday of Bernard Rosenberg  
 Kathie & Richard Davis  
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 In Honor of Ruth Mandelbaum  
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 The Speedy Recovery of Betty Kagen  
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 Terry & Richard Joseph  
 Ruth Mandelbaum  
 Denise Miller & Steve Fein  
 Rita Rubenstein  
 Alisa & Martin Secofsky  
 Shelley Sherman  
 The Birth of Harper Sage Elias, Granddaughter  
 Of Terry & Richard Joseph  
 The Marriage of Aaron Israel & Sawa Okochi,  
 Son and Daughter-in-Law of Mindy & Howard  
 Israel  
 The Speedy Recovery of Linda Tsuruoka  
 Ruth Isaac  
 The New Home of Arlene & Hank Soifer  
 Willa Lewis & Edward Moulin

### ***In Honor of (Cont'd):***

The Marriage of Franklin Greene's  
 Granddaughter  
 Kathie & Richard Davis  
 Sheila & Victor DeFazio  
 June & Allan Feldman  
 Gail & Robert Gordon  
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*Terry Joseph would like to  
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 donations of merchandise  
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 very successful event.*

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