



January 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan. 1—Last Day of Chanukah

Tuesday, Jan. 3—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday, Jan. 6—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 7—Torah Study, 9:30am

Sunday, Jan. 8—“The Matchmaker,”
Film at 2:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 11—“Current Events”
with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Friday, Jan. 13—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 14—Torah Study, 9:30am

Friday, Jan. 20—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

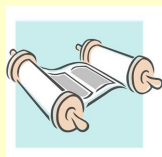
Saturday, Jan. 21—Torah Study, 9:30am

Sunday, Jan. 22—Torah Restoration
Program with Neil Yerman, 2:00pm

Friday, Jan. 27—Kabbalat Shabbat
Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Jan. 28—Torah Study, 9:30am;
Torah Service, 10:30am

Tuesday, Jan. 31—Lunch & Learn at
Shish Kebab, 11:30am



Sofer (Torah Scribe) Neil Yerman **Sunday, January 22** **2:00pm—5:pm**

To celebrate our Jubilee Year, Temple Isaiah is honored to have our Scholar-in-Residence, Sofer Neil Yerman present an interactive program January 22nd at 2:00pm. Sofer Yerman is a world-renowned authority on writing, repairing, restoring and beautifying Torahs. His work can be seen in local temples as well as in our home. He has a wealth of knowledge both in secular and religious art and he has spoken and worked throughout the world. We are delighted that he will be speaking and helping us restore the Torah.



The program will begin with a talk by Sofer Yerman entitled “The Living Torah—Time Traveler” which will cover the history of the Torah scroll over the many centuries and countries of its’ travels, the different writing styles, significance of shapes, sizes, methodology, parchments, writing utensils, inks and what makes a Torah “kosher”.

The second part of the program involves YOU. Members of our temple and the community will have an opportunity to have hands-on experience in cleaning our Torah. Over the years our Torah, while in very good condition, does require some maintenance. With your help and the tools that the sofer will provide, we will clean our Sefer Torah, from Genesis to Deuteronomy.



Please bring your children, grandchildren, family and friends to this most interesting program. (Of course, dessert and refreshments will be served.) We request a small donation of \$18 for the afternoon program, but the experience should truly be priceless and memorable.

CANTOR'S COLUMN

BY CANTOR LESLIE FRIEDLANDER

Dear Temple Isaiah Family,

In the Jewish tradition we pay particular respect to older people and in that same tradition - contrary to current pop culture where youth is prized – Judaism values its holiest artifact, the Torah. In fact, as early as the 4th century B.C.E., Ezra the scribe devoted his work to making sure the words of Torah were read publicly and that the holy letters would remain consistent throughout the generations.



Ezra's sacred work has been sustained by generations of scribes – *soferim* – who adhere to a rigorous protocol of laws and rituals for writing, maintaining and restoring Torah scrolls. For example, the sofer will not use any metal object when working on a scroll, since metal is a material used in warfare. The art of the sofer hasn't changed drastically in the past thousands of years even though his work would be made easier with the use of modern methods. In fact, the sofer will only use a turkey quill when writing a Torah, just as his predecessors have lovingly and painstakingly done for millennia.

On January 22 Sofer Neil Yerman, who has been maintaining and restoring our scrolls for many years, will join us for a hands-on restoration project when we will all have the opportunity to put pen to scroll. Temple Isaiah is both blessed and honored to carry on this tradition with our family of congregants taking an active role.

With many blessings,

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

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"VOICES OF ISAIAH"

What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?

By Meryl Menashe

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.

Temple Isaiah is a very special community. That was apparent when we moved to Great Neck in 1985. Our young family was putting down roots in Great Neck, not seeking a temple, but one kept finding us. Spending time at Parkwood Pool, I found myself gravitating toward Isaiah members, and joining Hadassah; it was the Isaiah members I seemed to have the most in common with. As our children grew and reached middle school, the bar and bat mitzvah circuit began. We were not members of a temple but found the services we attended at Isaiah were the warmest and most fitting with our family dynamic. Years passed and friendships grew as we settled into our Great Neck life. Parkwood Pool became our oasis and there I found a water class and began spending every summer with my water warriors. Additionally, many of our members enjoy the pool and through Terry Joseph and Rachel Greenwald we were introduced to more members. Terry was always inviting us to temple events, and we eventually took her up on her gracious offer. Time passes quickly and we found ourselves more and more drawn to Isaiah as our temple home. My parents were in Florida and were going to be spending the High Holidays with us and we would go to temple together. Terry generously invited us and, as they say, "the rest is history." The congregation embraced us all; we immediately felt at home and enjoyed many years together before my parents passed. I will be forever grateful for the time we spent together and for the warm embrace we always feel.

Becoming a part of a temple community is much more than attending services; I slowly, or maybe not so slowly, became involved in different temple events. My passion for Holocaust education came through and Rabbi Tsuruoka and Howard Israel asked me to work on programs with them. Over the years, we created many Yom HaShoah programs, community events and films with Holocaust themes. We proudly dedicated a memorial wall outside of our temple and created our Holocaust Memorial and Archive dedicated to recording the Isaiah community's experiences during the Holocaust and World



War II for future generations and to ensure that the Holocaust is never forgotten. My most special memory is one Yom HaShoah, my dear friend and survivor Werner Reich spoke of his experience, concluding with his liberation from Mauthausen. The event brought our founding President Bernard Rosenberg together with Werner, who thanked Bernie for his role in liberating the camp. Overall, I am looking forward to retirement and taking a more active role helping Terry with tag sales, our dinners and now doing my best as a trustee to bring adult programs to our congregation and our larger Great Neck community. We are truly blessed to have found Temple Isaiah and look forward to the next 50 years!!

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.

In Memoriam—Susan Bendor

If Temple Isaiah is a family, Susan was a favorite aunt. I met her and Edgar at a dinner about twenty years ago. Gary and I were so impressed with their intellect and their progressive politics, we knew we had joined the right synagogue.

As the years went on, I found that Susan did not just talk social worker talk. Although she taught social work, she did social work. Not only was she the conscience of Isaiah and its Board, but she actually did acts of kindness. Susan got me involved in a Long Island social action committee, got the temple involved in social action in Great Neck, encouraged the temple to adopt a family in need and listened and heard anyone who was lucky enough to sit next to her.

She gave honest advice when asked, but mostly listened nonjudgmentally. When Susan was needed to find help or to navigate the twisty road of bureaucracy, she, frail though she looked, marched in and made the calls, filled out the papers and called in favors when needed.

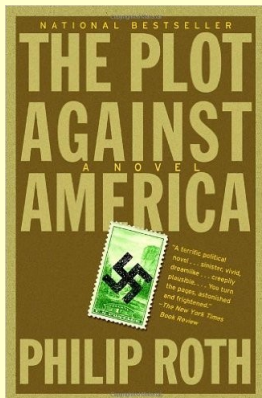
Although she had many experiences, book knowledge and moral integrity, Susan never acted in a superior way. As I said, she was a favorite aunt. Susan forcefully demonstrated her love of people; she was always progressive, proactive, always honest and fair and never condescending or two-faced.

Our whole family mourns the passing of our loving, fascinating friend, and moral compass.

Suzanne Branch

Read the Book & Save the Date: February 12 *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth

The Temple Isaiah Book Club is back in business! Join us on Sunday morning, Feb. 12th, for Bagels and Books at 11:00am. Our first book is *The Plot Against America*, a novel by Philip Roth published in 2004. It is an alternative history in which Franklin Delano Roosevelt is defeated in the presidential election of 1940 by Charles Lindbergh. Following is the opening paragraph of the NY Times Sunday review from 2004:



"Philip Roth has written a terrific political novel, though in a style his readers might never have predicted -- a fable of an alternative universe, in which America has gone fascist and ordinary life has been flattened under a steamroller of national politics and mass hatreds. Hitler's allies rule the White House. Anti-Semitic mobs roam the streets. The lower-middle-class Jews of Weequahic, in Newark, N.J., cower in a second-floor apartment, trying to figure out how to use a gun to defend themselves. ("You pulla the trig," a kindly neighbor explains.) The novel is sinister, vivid, dreamlike, preposterous and, at the same time, creepily plausible."

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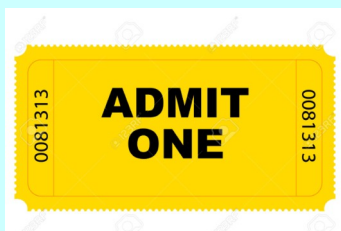


Wednesday, January 11
7:30pm
“Current Events” with
Helman Brook



**Lunch
&
Learn**

Tuesday, January 31
Lunch & Learn with
Student Rabbi Chase Foster
at Ayhan’s Shish Kebab
11:30am – 12:45pm



**“PICTURE FOR A SUNDAY
AFTERNOON”**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
2:00PM

**Let’s Start a Temple Isaiah
Tradition—A Monthly Sunday
Afternoon of Movies and a Nosh**

January Film:
“The Matchmaker”
An Israeli Comedy from 2010
\$10 Fee—Movie & Munchies



General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

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In Memory of Susan Bendor
 Temple Isaiah



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 those who hold it
 fast.*

*And all who cling
 to it find happiness.*

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 or loved one?**

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