

July Calendar of Events

Fri. July 4—First Summer Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka, 7:30pm

Sat. July 5—Torah Study and Service, 9:30am

Mon. July 7—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Fri. July 11—Summer Shabbat Service, led by Steve Fein and Richard Solow, 7:30pm

Mon. July 14—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Fri. July 18—Summer Shabbat Service led by Jonathan Wagner, 7:30pm

Mon. July 21—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Wed. July 23—Watercolor Class, 7:30pm

Thurs. July 24—Summer Film Series Begins, 7:30pm

Fri. July 25—Shabbat Service led by Gail Gordon and David Aubrey, 7:30pm

Mon. July 28—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Thurs. July 31—Summer Film Series (#2), 7:30pm

REMINDER:

**Our New Fiscal Year
Has Begun as of June 1st.**

**Please send in your
Membership Papers for
2014-2015 and consider signing up
for one of our committees.**

**Remember, Temple Isaiah
Depends On Our
Congregants to Maintain Our Very
Special Shul**

***Membership Sign-Up Form on
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Summer Services

Our Summer Service
schedule begins
on Friday, July 4th.

Please remember that
Shabbat Services for
July and August begin at
7:30 pm.



Our July Leaders will be:

July 4: Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

July 11 Steve Fein and
Richard Solow

July 18: Jonathan Wagner

July 25 : Gail Gordon and
David Aubrey

RABBI'S COLUMN

Summer Time, Summer Reading: 5774



Summer time is upon us, and as the song goes, “the living is easy.” This is the time of year to slow down a bit and enjoy even the little things, like lingering over breakfast with Linda and the Times and an extra cup of coffee. One of the things I love the most during the summer is to catch up on reading. I thought I’d share with you some of books I’m planning to read over the next few months. My selection is a combination of study, preparation and entertainment. I think it’s safe to say that most rabbis spend a lot of time studying biblical and religious texts and that continues over the summer. Summertime, is also time to read books in preparation for some the classes I’ll be teaching, for ideas for sermons, and for just plain fun. So here’s my list:

“No Joke: Making Jewish Humor,” by Ruth R. Wisse, 2013. Humor is said to be one of the most recognized response to modernity among the Jewish population. Jewish humor – spanning the modern era from Heine to Singer to Roth – has been our people’s way of dealing with the precarious conditions in which they had to live.

“The Great Partnership: Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning,” Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, 2011. Rabbi Sacks argues not only that science and religion are compatible, but that they compliment each other – and the world needs both. Moreover, religion and science are the two essential perspectives that allow us to see the universe in its three-dimensional depth and beauty: science is the search for explanation, religion is the search for meaning.

“Einstein’s Jewish Science: Physics at the Intersection of Politics and Religion,” Steven Gimbel, 2012. The Nazis denigrated Albert Einstein’s revolutionary theory of relativity calling it “Jewish science,” an accusation typical of the ideological excesses of Hitler and his regime. But is there *in fact* something inherently Jewish about Einstein’s approach to his mathematics and his perception of the physical world? Are there elements of Talmudic thinking in Einstein’s theory?

“Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation,” Yossi Klein Halevi, 2013. In 1967 Israel achieved a decisive victory against Egypt, Jordan and Syria in the Six-Day War. Most important to the 19 year old nation was the reunification of Israeli West Jerusalem and Jordanian East Jerusalem won at great cost by a group of paratroopers from the 55th Paratroopers Reserve Brigade. Halevi traces the life paths of seven paratroopers to the present who depict the diverse and conflicting directions Israel has traveled. A good companion book to “My Promised Land,” by Ari Shavit, 2013.



“The Frozen Rabbi,” by Steve Stern, 2010. This is a novel that recounts how a 19th Century rabbi from a small Polish town ended up in a basement freezer in a suburban Memphis home at the end of the 20th Century. It is a story of what happens when an impressionable teenage boy inadvertently thaws out the ancient man and brings him back to life! (I had this novel on last year’s list, but never got to it. Having kept it on ice, I hope to read it this year.)

So that’s my list. It is a well known distinction and a source of pride that Jews are called the “People of the book.” Somehow, we can’t keep from reading and studying. It is my wish that you take the summer months to pick up a book and enjoy. It need not be of Jewish content, although I hope at least one book you might read speaks about Jewish history, concepts or values. Read a book, expand your horizons, but mostly: Enjoy!

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



There is an old Yiddish saying, "It's never too early to plan for the high holy days". Ok, it's not an old Jewish saying, but it is true. And by planning we don't mean choosing what to wear to temple or what to serve at the break-the-fast! We suggest it's time to plan what your Jewish year will be. From where will I draw my spiritual sustenance? Which Jewish friends will need me and why? Who can I look to for support and consolation if I require it?



Summer is the "slow season" - days are longer, the pace of daily life seems more relaxed. So let's use this lazy time to plan for the temple year and to consider what each of us wants to give to the temple and what we want to draw from the temple.

Do you have any ideas for new programs or courses? Is there some change you would like to see in our programs? Any Jewish movie you would like to see in our film series? Any aspect of Jewish history, theology or philosophy that you are curious about? Let us know.

And lastly, do you have a special knowledge or expertise that you might share with the Isaiah community? For example, do you know how to frame a picture, select a fine wine, know about a Jewish athlete or artist? Do you do something in your life that you can share with all of us?

Think about it. Temple Isaiah is a community of friends. Friends help and share with one another. Plan to do so now and after the high holy days.

Helman Brook and Kathie Davis

A New President of Israel— Is It Good for the (Reform) Jews?

In early June, the Israeli Knesset elected a new president from among several candidates. While the role of president is ceremonial and not an official part of governance, he does have influence in Israel and beyond. Shimon Peres, the outgoing president has been an outspoken representative of Israel in many forums and has instituted opportunities for inclusiveness of all streams of Judaism as well as Islam and Christianity. I had the opportunity to meet with him a few days ago and found him still quite inspirational.



The new president is Reuben Rivlin and he brings with him a past which does not bode well for reform Jews. In 1989, he famously visited a reform synagogue in the US and concluded that what he experienced was not Judaism at all- in fact he referred to it as idol worship! Now this was a long time ago and he has learned a thing or two since then, and in his acceptance speech made a point of saying that he would be the president of all the people regardless of their religious practices. He purports to understand that he must work towards Jewish unity.



We know that ARZA will be watching and alerting us if there are problems in his attitude towards reform Jews. ARZA will lead us in actions that need to be taken to expand President Rivlin's understanding and respect for our stream of Judaism. This is one reason why we should all support ARZA.

Shelley Sherman

Watercolor Classes Return To Temple Isaiah on Wednesdays: *July 23 August 6 August 20 September 3*

For many summers, Kim Eng Yeo - a watercolor painter who has exhibited in shows within the United States, and in Thailand and Singapore – has taught students at Temple Isaiah.. If you have not yet tried your hand or are thinking of trying again, it is never too late to return to this form of visual discovery and expression.

Kim's artistic contributions have included international organizations such as UNICEF and UNIFEM and her paintings have been acquired both by private and corporate clients. She was born, raised and educated in Singapore and lived in Thailand for many years before moving to the United States in 1978. She has worked as a freelance artist for paper products and textile designs, taught art in public schools and in workshops for adults and seniors. Many of her paintings are culled from her travels to Europe and Asia, as well as from visits to gardens and arboretums within the Northeast USA. If you would like to see her work, please visit her website at: www.kimengyeo.com. Try it; you'll like it.



Classes will be held at the Temple, One Chelsea Place
Time 7:30 PM

Donation \$135 for 4 sessions, \$45 for 1 session

Call the Temple office for reservations or more information....516 487-5373



The Temple Isaiah Summer Film Festival is Back!

Jewish Biographical Films a la Hollywood

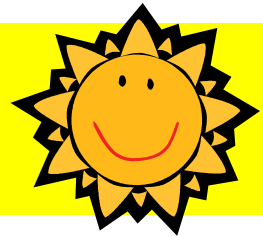
Biographies inspire us, touch our hearts. They offer us *tour de force* performances that garner Oscar nominations and sometimes they even get the facts straight. Hollywood has always loved the biographic film. Join us as local film expert and Temple Isaiah member David Aubrey presents a series of Hollywood/ Jewish biographical films made in the period from the 1930s to the 1980s, starring such notables as Claude Rains, Donna Reed, Laurence Olivier and our old favorite Alan Arkin.



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



**Thursdays, July 24 and 31
[August 7 and 21]**

July 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 First Summer Service, 7:30pm Leader: Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka	5 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
6	7 Spanish Class, 10:30am	8	9	10	11 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Leaders: Steve Fein and Richard Solow	12
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27	28 Spanish Class, 10:30am	29	30	31 Summer Film Series #2		Reminder: August Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 5th

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Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2014–May 31, 2015

Our Membership Dues policy is deeply rooted in the founding principles of our congregation which reflects an individual's financial responsibility to support the temple. *It is considered the moral obligation of members to pay dues to the Temple to the fullest extent of their ability.* Each member unit is routinely expected to pay as a minimum the full Sustaining Member amount. If, however, financial circumstances prevent this, your good-faith personal assessment will determine your dues obligation.

Please select from one of our membership categories below

- _____ 35 years old and under Sustaining Member \$ 995
- _____ Sustaining Member \$ 2,400
- _____ Mitzvah Member \$ 3,000
- _____ Rabbi's Circle \$ 4,000
- _____ Torah Member \$ 5,000
- _____ I am unable to pay my Sustaining Member dues this year.
I/we will pay \$ _____ plus \$50 for URJ dues for a total of \$ _____

Note: All membership categories are for each family unit.

- _____ Voluntary ARZA dues: I would like to support ARZA and have enclosed \$36

NAME

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Payment Options: (Please note new option – Online Banking)

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2014
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2014 and February 1, 2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	Credit card payments or Online Banking only**	10 Automatic payments billed on the first of each month, June through March (Your first payment must include any prior months from June through the date of payment)

**Credit card information must be provided below if you are not paying in full. All follow-on payments will be automatically charged to your credit card on the payment due date. All Credit Card payments will include a 3% surcharge

Credit Card Billing – Card Number	Credit Card Type: Visa/MasterCard/American Express
	Expiration Date:

Name: _____ Date: _____

I authorize Temple Isaiah to charge my credit card for the above dues amount.

Signature: _____

Please return Membership Pledge Form by June 30, 2014

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21st Century Building Fund:

Yvonne Roth
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Trees in Israel:

In Memory of Freda Cohen, Mother of Laurie
Fischer
Marcia Null

Future Book Discussion Selection: Tova Mirvis' *Visible City*

**An entertaining novel about
people's lives intersecting on the
Upper West Side, the story is
about life choices and the alien-
ation people feel in the city
(with Jewish themes).**

**The author will be coming to the
Station Branch of the Great Neck
Library on Tuesday, 9/16 at 2pm.**

**Our book discussion will be
scheduled for September or
October.**

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