

## July Calendar of Events

Wed. July 1—Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am

Friday, July 3—First Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; led by Belle & Elliott Gayer

Mon. July 6—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. July 7—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wed. July 8—Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am

Fri. July 10—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; led by Steve Fein and Richard Solow

Mon. July 13—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Fri. July 17—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; led by Claude Springer

Mon. July 20—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Fri. July 24—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; led by Marsha Hochstadt and Jonathan Wagner

Mon. July 27—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Fri. July 31—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; led by Cantor Leslie Friedlander

## **REMINDER: Our New Fiscal Year Began on June 1st**

Please send in your membership papers for 2015-2016 (additional form on page 8) and consider signing up for one of our committees.

**Remember, Temple Isaiah depends on our congregants to maintain our very special shul.**

## Summer Services

Our Summer Service schedule begins on Friday, July 3rd.

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



Our July Leaders will be:

July 3: Belle & Elliott Gayer

July 10: Steve Fein and Richard Solow

July 17: Claude Springer

July 24: Marsha Hochstadt and Jonathan Wagner

July 31: Cantor Leslie Friedlander

## **RABBI'S COLUMN**

### **Some Old and New Thoughts on Tisha B'Av**



Tisha B'Av, the Fast of the Ninth of the month of Av, is a day set by the rabbis of the Talmud to commemorate the numerous tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which occurred on or close to the ninth of Av. This year it begins Saturday night, July 25 until nightfall July 26. It is considered the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. According to the Mishnah, five specific events occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av: Ten out of the twelve spies sent by Moses to scout out the land of Canaan returned with a discouraging report resulting in a 40 year delay in reaching the Promised Land. The First and Second Temples were destroyed in 587 BCE and 70 CE respectively. The Romans killed ½ million Jews in the city of Betar during the Bar Kochba revolt in 135 CE and went on to plow over the Temple site and surrounding area. Over time, Tisha B'Av has come to be associated with other calamities of the Jewish people, including the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Crusade (1096 CE), and the expulsion of Jews from England (1290), France (1306) and Spain (1492). The Nazis commenced the systematic killing of Jews as the "Final Solution" (1941), and the start of the mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto en route to Treblinka (1942).

Traditionally Tisha B'Av is observed as a day of mourning. As such there is no eating or drinking; no washing or bathing; no application of creams or oils; no wearing of (leather) shoes; and no marital relations. Even Torah study is forbidden, except for the study of distressing texts such as the Book of Lamentations, Job, and Jeremiah. The synagogue ark is covered in black cloth and people sit on low benches as one does during shiva. The three-week period prior to Tisha B'Av is observed with increasing mourning which includes prohibition of weddings and holding parties.

#### **Tisha B'Av**



Because the original focus of the day recalls the destruction of the First and Second Temples and the subsequent scattering of the Jewish nation into exile, the recent re-establishment of the Jewish state (1948) and the aftermath of the Six Day War (1967) has raised various new attitudes within Judaism as to the significance of Tisha B'Av today. Many belonging to the Conservative and Reform Movements view the day as more significant now having absorbed the memory of other national disasters. They have downplayed its original significance as having no appeal to the modern Jew who no longer prays for the restoration of the sacrificial cult in Jerusalem (building 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple).

Yet I believe our tradition may still have something to say. Traditional Jewish theology sees the destruction of Jerusalem as punishment for the people's sins – not for ritual sins but for hating one another without cause (*sinat chinam*) and for taking pleasure in another's downfall (*schadenfreude*). They were correct: When we hate one another without reason or take pleasure when another stumbles, we endanger ourselves and our civilization. This is a lesson and a warning we can take to heart today.

***Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka***

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

### Isaiah History Part VI

### Music On and Off the Bima

Music is and always has been an important part of Temple Isaiah's congregational life.

We have been blessed with a succession of talented cantors whose voices send our prayers soaring. And now Cantor Friedlander treats us to many new and different melodies for some of the liturgical standards. Yes--there are dozens of tunes for Adon Olam and every prayer need not be sung the same way it was at Grandpa's shul 50 years ago. We can explore new paths of song together.



For years our volunteer choir has raised its collective voice at the High Holy Days and at yearly festivals. And five of Isaiah's choir sing in the Great Neck Choral Society comprising 10% of its current members.



A highlight of each Yom Kippur is the beautiful violin solo performance by Susan Gellert of Bruch's Kol Nidre. No false vow could possibly remain binding against such a force.

But it is not just on the bima. Over the years we have enjoyed Linda Tsuruoka's witty musical parodies, and concerts by temple members singing opera, Broadway show tunes and popular hits. Local musicologist Sina Kiai has taught us about Gilbert and Sullivan, Carmen, and Italian grand opera.

While at the Community Church our organist was the late Richard Pretzer who was so good that the Catholic Church selected him to play for the Pope on his visit to New York. Richard loved the organ at Community Church but we were unable to move the mighty instrument to Chelsea Place!

Lastly, for years Isaiah had its own instrumental group started by founding member Norman Goldfarb. It was blessed by securing as its conductor the composer and arranger Angelo Musselino, who could arrange anything from Bach to bebop for an ever changing group of diverse instruments. And in case it is ever a trivia question, each concert ended with a rousing rendition of Temple Isaiah's anthem - *Lo Yisa Goy*.

So over the summer let's resolve to raise our voices together in prayer and song beginning with Rosh Hashanah and seek out new music to lift our spirits.

*Helman Brook & Kathie Davis*

## ARZA Election Result Information

**The results of the World Zionist Congress elections are in and ARZA was the clear winner. We secured 56 seats out of a possible 145 – almost 40% of the U.S. delegation which means that liberal Judaism will hold a solid majority in the World Zionist Congress this October.**



**We campaigned on important issues such as religious freedom, gender equality, and a two state solution. As a reminder, the results of this election help determine our influence in Israel's national institutions, the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish National Fund. Our team, led by the leadership of ARZENU (ARZA's umbrella organization of worldwide Reform Zionists), will now begin the process of negotiating with Israeli political parties and determining our positions based on the power that we, our voters, provided.**



**Thank you to all who voted in this election and those who paid their ARZA dues. With that support we can assure that Israel will not only be our homeland but also fully accept our practice of Judaism.**

***Shelley Sherman***

**[Please note: On some earlier Temple Isaiah Membership Dues forms that were sent out, the ARZA membership dues were listed as \$36. They have been raised to \$50 per family.]**

## *Summer Services*

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July and August begin at 7:30 pm.

*If you would be interested in leading a service, please call Helene Dorfman at 487-3395.*

# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am	2	3 First Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	4 Independence Day 
5	6 Conver- sational Spanish, 10:30am	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8 Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am	9	10 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	11
12	13 Conver- sational Spanish, 10:30am	14	15	16	17 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	18
19	20 Conver- sational Spanish, 10:30am	21	22	23	24 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	25
26 Tisha B'Av	27 Conver- sational Spanish, 10:30am	28	29	30	31 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	

## Calling All Congregants!

The Worship Committee wants your opinion concerning an earlier Friday night Shabbat service.



During the summer we meet at 7:30pm. The rest of the year we start at 8:00pm. Many congregations are starting earlier. The real question is: would you come to services more often if they began at 7:30 all year round?

Please let us know what you think. You can email us at [isaiahgn@yahoo.com](mailto:isaiahgn@yahoo.com) or call 516-487-5373.

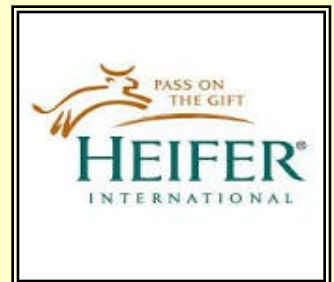


### Alan Birnbaum—Our August Bar Mitzvah Sunday, August 16, 2015

My name is Alan Birnbaum and I am going into 8th grade at South Middle School this fall. I like to learn about chemistry and biology and I enjoy playing baseball and soccer. I play tenor sax in the school band and volunteer for AHRC .

This year, my mitzvah project was for Heifer International. Heifer International provides animals or equipment to help people with basic needs like education , medicine and clothing. I have been raising money for a goat and an animal healthcare worker kit. I am still accepting donations to send to Heifer International to make someone's life better.

My torah portion is on Rosh Chodesh and Shabbat. My Bar Mitzvah is on a Sunday so that family members who do not drive on Shabbat can attend. It is acceptable to have your Bar Mitzvah on this particular Sunday because it will be Rosh Chodesh and Torah is read on that day.

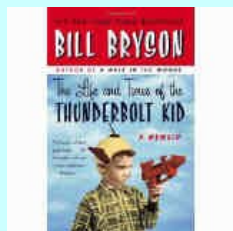




## Suzanne's Corner

### *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*

by Bill Bryson



They say you can't go home again. They're wrong. Bill Bryson's *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* brought me home to Plainview, which was planted over toxic potato fields in the 1950's. The neighborhood, school, movie theaters, childhood freedom, parental naivete, the boogers, the ingenious boys who blew things up, and even the guidance counselor, who, in my case didn't see the need for me to take chemistry and pushed for stenography, rang so true. I also remember the excitement of the first Wetsons, similar in taste to McDonalds, coming to Plainview. Bryson reminisced about jaunts with friends at age seven or eight. I walked to kindergarten with friends crossing three streets. Today, parents are arrested for abandonment if their nine-year olds are not within vision.

I would suggest that anyone under 90 or maybe 120 read this. Those of us who lived through the innocence of the 50's and then the violence of the 60's will be transported through their five senses, back home. Those of you who have only heard about the good old days will be able to feast on a well-drawn portrait of the past which lives in Boomers' and the Greatest Generation's hearts. (A mixed metaphor because this memoir speaks of cottage cheese as part of a salad and meatballs as exotic, and riding in station wagons on the tailgate.) I remember being told "New York is not America." Bryson's Des Moines was America!

*Suzanne Branch*

## Are you interested in saving money on your car insurance?



Do you want to save from about \$300-\$500 from your premiums for three years and remove points from your driver's license? Claude Springer has offered to teach another Driver Safety Course if we have a minimum of 12 students. A portion of the tuition will include a donation to the temple for each student.

Claude promises you will learn some important aspects of driving to make you safer and drive with less stress—and that it won't be boring!

Please call or write the office to let us know if you are interested and we will try to schedule a class. (Tell your friends and neighbors!)

# TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021

## Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2015–May 31, 2016

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 \$ 2,500

\_\_\_\_\_ Mitzvah Member \$ 3,600

\_\_\_\_\_ Rabbi's Circle \$ 4,500

\_\_\_\_\_ Torah Member \$ 5,400

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$50

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

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
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	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2015
	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2015 and February 1, 2016
	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-up payments will be automatically charged to your credit card on the payment due date. All Credit Card payments will include a 3% surcharge**

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

*Please return Membership Dues Form by June 30th*



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### *Tzedakah Fund:*

Micki Victor

### *Outreach Fund:*

Judy Snow & Scott Schleifstein



**Below are Instructions to Join the  
New Temple Isaiah Facebook Group  
[Thank You to Marsha Hochstadt for her hard work]**

Attention Facebook Users...

We're transitioning from our Facebook "Page" to a "Facebook Group"

To join the new Group follow these steps:

- 1) Sign onto Facebook
- 2) On the top of your screen type Temple Isaiah of Great Neck in the search box.
- 3) Select the option that says "Closed Group" *not* the option that includes Isaiah's address (that is the "Page" we are moving away from).
- 4) Request to join the Group.
- 5) Share your photos, ideas for programming, thoughts on the weekly Torah portion, etc.

Step

2



Step

3



Step

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For additional help please contact: isaiahgn@yahoo.com

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