



TEMPLE ISAAH *BULLETIN*

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July 2017 Calendar of Events

NOTE: There is NO Board Meeting in July

Wednesday, July 5—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 7—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Monday, July 10—Spanish, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 12—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 14—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Sunday, July 16—Memorial Service for Haruno Tsuruoka, 10:30am

Monday, July 17—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 19—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, July 20— “Design Your Own Notecards” with Richard Weiner, 7:30pm

Friday, July 21— Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Monday, July 24—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 26—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 28—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Monday, July 31—Spanish Class, 10:30am

REMINDER: Our New Fiscal Year Began on June 1st

Please send in your membership papers for 2017-2018 (additional form on page 5) and consider signing up for one of our committees.

Remember, Temple Isaiah depends on our members to maintain our very special congregation.

Our Summer Service
schedule begins
on Friday, July 7th

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

Our Summer Service Leaders will be:

July 7: Rabbi Jerry Blum

July 14: Gail Gordon and
Jonathan Wagner

July 21: Cantor Leslie Friedlander

July 28: Evelyn & Richard Solow

August 4: Rabbi Jerry Blum

August 11—Marsha Hochstadt and
Jonathan Wagner

August 18—Claude Springer and
David Aubrey

August 25—Belle & Elliott Gager

CANTOR'S COLUMN

Summertime Means More Than Vacation

For many people, July and August signify some leisure and vacation time. However, for Jewish clergy, it has a very different meaning. I like to call July and August the “season of preparation.” The rush of the High Holy Days and the autumn festivals that quickly creep up on us at the end of the summer demand that we orchestrate the many moving parts of the holiday cycle. Just as a conductor of a philharmonic orchestra needs to make vital musical decisions in advance of a headline performance, so too do our Jewish clergy and congregational leadership need to immerse themselves as they prepare for the most demanding season of the year. The creative use of liturgy, the rehearsals of the choir and accompanist, and important decisions about what prayers and topics to emphasize fill our summer days with serious demands that live in partnership with whatever vacation time we can carve out of the summer months.



As you think about these words and your own participation in the upcoming High Holy Day season, take some time to evaluate your own spiritual priorities. You are, after all, the spiritual leader of your own soul.

I look forward to sharing our spiritual journey together.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Thursday, July 20th at 7:30pm
Create Your Own Notecards:
Painting Class with Richard Weiner
\$25 admission fee

Set your creativity loose by painting personalized notecards—greeting cards, thank you notes, special occasion cards—whatever you like. Richard will be here to offer guidance & help if needed.



Please register with the office so we can prepare!

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome Rabbi Jerome (“Jerry”) Blum



With the advent of summer, we are very excited to welcome to our Temple Isaiah family, Rabbi Jerome (“Jerry”) Blum. In our Jubilee Year, we are blessed to have Rabbi Blum join with Cantor Friedlander on the bimah to ensure our stability and continuity as a special and unique Reform temple in Great Neck. The foundation of Temple Isaiah remains firmly based in our ethos, love of Judaism, and spiritual beauty of our faith. When we are united as a community, wonderful things can happen.

Please join Rabbi Jerry and the congregation in prayer and fellowship in our summer Shabbat services on Friday, July 7 and August 4. We are planning an open house for later in the summer to officially welcome Rabbi Jerry to our temple family.

Please see a synopsis of Rabbi Jerry’s biography below. The full biography will be posted on the temple website.

Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg

RABBI JEROME (“JERRY”) BLUM

Jerry is a dad, husband, teacher, cantor, student rabbi, prayer leader, business consultant and occasional rock and roller. He lives in Manhattan with his wife Arlyn, and between them they have two daughters and one son.

Rabbi Jerry loves working with children and adults and sharing his love for all things Jewish. He is a graduate of the Davenen Leader’s Training Institute (DLTI VII) - a part of the ALEPH Association for Jewish Renewal’s Ordination Programs, and is currently a fourth-year rabbinical student at the Academy for Jewish Religion - a pluralistic seminary.



Rabbi Jerry has also served as a cantor and prayer leader for synagogues in Staten Island, Long Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Curacao (in the Caribbean). He is an accomplished and creative educator who taught in many synagogues in the NY/NJ area, and was a lead educator for United Synagogue Youth. Recently, he served as the Cantor and Director of Community Engagement for Congregation Beth Israel of the Palisades in Cliffside Park, NJ.

In his former life, Jerry held senior management positions at major financial services firms, and brings a different perspective to the pulpit. He believes the rabbi and cantor are more than just the voice of prayer. The clergy team must come with vision and ability to help grow a holy community (*K’hillah K’doshah*).

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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3		Tai Chi, 11:00am	6	Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	8
9	Spanish Class, 10:30am	11	Tai Chi, 11:00am	13	Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	15
16 Memorial Service for Haruno Tsuruoka, 10:30am	Spanish Class, 10:30am	18	Tai Chi, 11:00am	20 Create Your Own Card Painting Class with Richard Weiner, 7:30pm	Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	22
23	Spanish Class, 10:30am	25	Tai Chi, 11:00am	27	Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	29
30	Spanish Class, 10:30am	 <p>SAVE THE DATES: Tuesdays, August 15th, 22nd & 29th Summer Film Series with David Aubrey</p>				

TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

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

Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

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
- _____ Isaiah'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

NAME

SIGNATURE

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, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018
<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-up 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: _____

“INTERSECTIONALITY”

A Term To Which We Should Be Paying Attention

By Shelley Sherman



While the term “intersectionality” has been around since 1989, it has relatively recently become a concept growing in popularity on college campuses and in social justice movements. We should be aware of it because to put it bluntly—it is often not good for the Jews— or at least those who express any tie to Israel.

In its original theoretical sense it addresses the commonality of people who hold multiple marginalized identities and therefore share a similar experience of oppression. (Think women of color as opposed to white women or men of color.) At the same time, the movement recognizes that all people who have been marginalized or oppressed should band together to speak out and advocate for social justice.

This sounds fine, right? Especially for liberal Jews who have historically been in the forefront of all movements on behalf of oppressed people from the labor movement to the civil rights movement.

However, when it leaves the theoretical world and enters the actual world it has become a strategy to reject Jews who may have any positive attitude towards Israel from participating in any social justice movement. There is a perceptual and a political reason for this.

First, while American Jews view ourselves historically and even currently as a minority which has been marginalized and discriminated against, the society at large does not see us that way. American Jews are largely not without power, success, access to education and to professional careers. Because of our disproportionate visibility in high profile positions our numbers appear far greater than they are. Therefore we are not recognized as a minority or as disadvantaged in society.

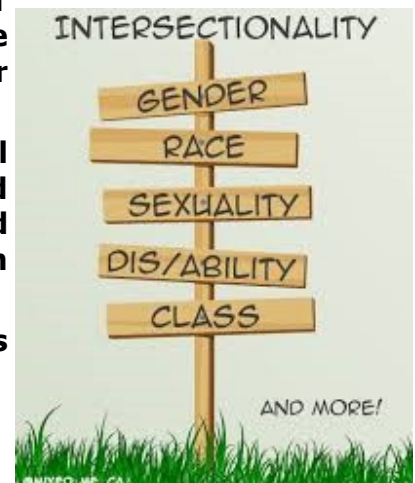
Second, politically, intersectionalism has been used to exclude Jews, particularly ones with ties to Israel, from partnerships with organizations advocating for women’s rights, immigrant rights, and basically all other social justice movements.

The argument in very brief terms goes “you support an apartheid state, and therefore have no right to speak out about other oppressors or social justice issues.” Many of us have been following the story of the invitation to Linda Sarsour, one of the organizers of the wildly successful womens’ march in January to speak at CUNY. She wanted to exclude from the activities following the march any Jewish woman who did not reject Israel. She was given a platform at CUNY and presumably espoused her view of legitimate partners for banding together to fight oppression and injustice. I don’t dispute her right to speak, but am concerned about the message that people are not free to self select which causes they want to devote their skills and energies to.

This is not an isolated attitude. Student after student tell stories about being forced to reject Israel before being allowed to participate in a social justice event on campus. Some have told of “spies” at Jewish events noting who has participated and then excluding them from social justice tables.

Lets discuss these issues together and see where that leads us.

Shelley Sherman



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Tree Certificate in Israel:

In Memory of Richard Schwimmer
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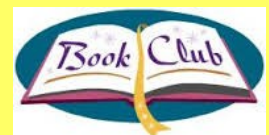
Tree of Life:

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thanks and gratitude to the
many Temple Isaiah
members who offered good
wishes and contributions
on behalf of our grandson
Jeremy Malaga becoming a
bar mitzvah.*

*Richard and
Evelyn Solow*

**By popular request the
book club session on *The
Plot Against America* by
Philip Roth will be held in
the fall, probably in mid
September. This gives
everyone more of a
chance to read (or reread
it) and join the
discussion.**



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