

## June Calendar of Events

Mon. June 1—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. June 2—“Painful Hope” at Temple Israel, 8:15pm

Thurs. June 4—Rabbi’s Class: “Dead Sea Scrolls” #3, 7:30pm

Fri. June 5—Heifer Int’l Baked Goods Sale, 7:00pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm, Installation of 2015-2016 Officers and Board of Trustees

Sat. June 6—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sun. June 7—Gala Dinner Honoring Ruth Mandelbaum, 5:00pm

Mon. June 8—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. June 9—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Fri. June 12—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. June 13—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. June 15—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn at Ayhan’s Shish Kebab, 11:30am

Wed. June 17—Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am

Fri. June 19—Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. June 20—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. June 22—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Wed. June 24—Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am

Fri. June 26—Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm

Sat. June 27—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am

Mon. June 29—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

## *Gala Dinner*

*Sunday, June 7th*

*5:00PM*

*At Manhasset Bay Yacht Club*

*Join Us in  
Honoring*

*Ruth  
Mandelbaum*

*Please call the office  
right away if you  
haven’t sent in your  
RSVP yet.*



## **RABBI'S COLUMN**

### **Summer Time, Summer Reading: 5775**



In a few weeks summer time will be upon us. This is the time of year to slow down a bit and enjoy the little moments that make life pleasant, like lingering over breakfast with Linda, The NY Times and an extra cup of coffee. Another thing I love is to catch up on the books I've put aside for summer reading. I thought I'd share with you my list which is a combination of study, class preparation and entertainment.

**The Trolley Problem, or Would You Throw the Fat Guy Off the Bridge?** by Thomas Cathcart, 2013. A runaway trolley is racing toward 5 men who are tied to the track. Unless it is stopped, it will inevitably kill all 5 men. You are standing on a footbridge looking down on the unfolding disaster. However, a fat man, a stranger, is standing next to you on the bridge: If you push him off the bridge, he will freefall onto the path of the trolley and – although he will die – his chunky body will stop the trolley, saving 5 lives. Question: Would you throw the fat man off the bridge to save 5 lives? This philosophical conundrum challenges the deepest held notions of right and wrong and is a classic in the field of moral-ethical behavior.

**The Road to Character**, by David Brooks, 2015. David Brooks is one of the nation's leading writers and commentators whose regular columns in the op-ed section of the NY Times and elsewhere provide rich food for thought. His latest book blends psychology, politics, spirituality and personal experiences in a way that invites us to rethink our priorities to build rich inner lives marked by humility and moral depth.

**Being Mortal**, by Atul Gawande, 2014. Subtitled "Medicine and What Matters in the End," Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, reveals the struggles of his profession. He examines its ultimate limitations and failures – in his own practices as well as others' – as life draws to a close. He follows a hospice nurse on her rounds, a geriatrician in his clinic, and reformers turning nursing homes upside down. He shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life – all the way to the very end.

**Rebbe**, Joseph Telushkin, 2014. This book describes the life and teachings of Menachem M. Schneerson, arguably one of the most influential rabbis in modern history. Noted rabbi and widely published author, Joseph Telushkin offers a captivating portrait of the late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a monumental figure, who saw beyond the conventional boundaries of his Chabad-Lubavitch movement transforming it into the most dynamic and widespread organizations ever seen in the modern Jewish world.

**The Frozen Rabbi**, by Steve Stern, 2010. This is a novel that recounts how a 19<sup>th</sup> century-rabbi from a small Polish town ended up in a basement freezer in a suburban Memphis home at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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***

**Rabbi's Class:**  
**Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls**  
**Final Session—Thursday, June 4 at 7:30pm**



## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

### “What Do You Say?”

Temple Isaiah exemplifies the old adage - "two Jews, three opinions." Our congregants think about things and are eager to express opinions--about religion, politics, current events, history and the future. Discussion and the exchange of ideas has been an important part of Isaiah's past and remains one of the defining elements of our congregational life.



One discussion group existed even before Isaiah's founding and continued after its participants joined the then new congregation. The "Shabbat Fellowship" met monthly on a Saturday afternoon at a congregant's home. The meetings continued until about twelve years ago. It was a lay discussion group. The rabbi seldom, if ever attended. A topic to be discussed at the next session was selected at the end of each meeting, so the topic was known to all and members could think about what he or she wished to say, and even do research if so inclined. For whatever reason, the Shabbat Fellowship did not attract many new members or younger members who joined Isaiah over the years and it simply faded away.

But the desire to opine on a variety of subjects persists. Rabbi Tsuruoka leads a lively "Lunch and Learn" and an extensive schedule of evening classes on Tanach and contemporary Jewish subjects and offers a Torah study class each week. Class participation is encouraged and lively discourse is a frequent result.

Years ago, Isaiah had a book club and we have reestablished this stimulating endeavor. Since so many Isaiah members are ardent readers, the book club is an easy way to get to know fellow congregants while expanding your horizons. Helman likes to quote one of his grade school teachers, "We go to new places and meet interesting people through books."

Lastly, Helman's "Current Events" always involves a discussion of "views of the news" and hopefully reveals some new or less well known story that has eluded the headlines.

So, if you like to talk and listen, come participate and enjoy any of Isaiah's current discussions that have followed the example set by the former Shabbat Fellowship.

*Helman Brook & Kathie Davis*

**Installation of 2015-2016 Officers  
and Board of Trustees  
Friday Evening, June 5th,  
8:00pm**

*Please join us for this special  
occasion.*

### REMINDER:

**Our New Fiscal Year Begins as of 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.**

## ARZA Election Result Information

As you are all aware the voting period for the US delegation to the World Zionist Congress came to a close on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The results have yet to be announced and we would like to share the following statement from the AZM explaining the delay:



*"The 2015 elections to the World Zionist Congress is the first US Zionist election in which the process of creating a registration list and then voting was merged into one. Because the Area Elections Committee (whose job it is to determine and carry out the rules, regulations and procedures for the elections) decided to merge the registration and elections, the removal of duplicates has to now be done following the election.*

*On April 29 the AEC voted not to decrypt and calculate the results until it is satisfied that there is a valid list of voters. This was complicated by concern about potentially questionable registration practices (e.g. mass entry of registrations by list activists; credit card abuse). The Area Election Committee voted to create an independent panel (Election Commission) to review issues and complaints.*

*The target date for the AEC to hear from the commission is May 27. Once the AEC is ready to accept the voter registry as valid there will be remaining issues and challenges; however these can be adjudicated after we have election results. Our goal is to have results by early June."*



We promise to keep you informed and updated as to the progress and announcement of the results. Many thanks again for all of your help and work towards our success.

Rabbi Josh Weinberg President, ARZA

**[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

Our Summer Service schedule begins on Friday, July 3rd.  
Please remember that Shabbat Services for  
July and August begin at 7:30 pm.

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

# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am	2 “Painful Hope” Program at Temple Israel, 8:15pm	3	4 Rabbi’s Class: “Dead Sea Scrolls” 7:30pm	5 Heifer Int’l Baked Goods Sale, 7:00pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm; Installation	6 Torah Study & Service 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
7 Journal/ Dinner, 5:00pm 	8 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am	9 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	10	11	12 Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	13 Torah Study & Service 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
14	15 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn, 11:30am	16	17 Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am	18	19 Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	20 Torah Study & Service 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
21	22 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am	23	24 Bridge for Beginners, 9:45am	25	26 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	27 Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am
28	29 Spanish, 10:30am	30				

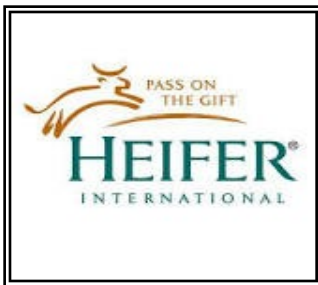


**“Painful Hope”**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2015 8:15pm**  
**at Temple Israel of Great Neck**  
**108 Old Mill Road, G.N. 11023**

Please welcome a most unusual and refreshing twosome to Temple Israel of Great Neck at 8:15 PM. Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger is an Orthodox rabbi and teacher, and a passionate Zionist settler. Ali Abu Awwad is today a leading Palestinian activist teaching non-violent resistance and the author of *Painful Hope*. On June 2, Ali and Hanan will tell their personal stories and the intertwining of their stories.

Please RSVP to Jodi Engel at the Temple Israel Office at  
[jengel@tign.org](mailto:jengel@tign.org) or 482-7800 ext. 1105

*This event is co-sponsored by Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, Lake Success Jewish Center, Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, Sid Jacobson JCC and the Long Island Board of Rabbis.*



**Alan Birnbaum's Mitzvah Project:**  
**Bake Sale for Heifer International**  
**Friday Evening June 5<sup>th</sup> Before Services**

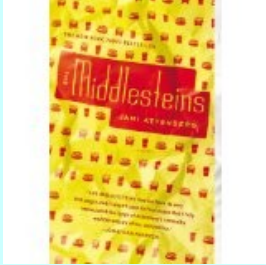
For my bar mitzvah, I am raising money to help end hunger and poverty through the organization Heifer International. Their goal is to help people become independent by giving them animals to raise and breed on their own. I will be selling delicious baked goods before services on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 PM. Money raised will be used for a family to have a goat and a healthcare worker kit. Donations of additional goods beforehand to sell would be greatly appreciated. Please leave word at the Temple Office or with Rabbi Tsuruoka: 487-5373.

Thank you, Alan Birnbaum (Bar Mitzvah 8/16/15)



## Suzanne's Corner

### The Middlesteins—by Jami Attenberg



This is a disturbing novel. Many readers look at it as the story of three generations of a dysfunctional family. If you look at three generations of any family, I'm sure you will find several oddballs. I believe this novel is speaking to us, the American people. Every day we are bombarded with ads about sinfully delicious food and diets which are sinlessly delicious. There are reality shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Runway Model". How many cooking shows are on tv each day? As a nation, we are obsessed with: health food, natural food, spicy food, gluten-free food, chocolate, fast food, snacks, etc. Juxtaposed to all this food are the size zero and less models and girls who are imitating them.

The Middlesteins are certainly a troubled family. Edie hides in her food. Her husband, Richard, uses her weight as a doorway out of a relationship he helped to create. Robin, their daughter, turns from food and uses alcohol for comfort. Her brother and sister-in-law seek solace in pot.

I can understand why many readers will be uncomfortable while reading this. Instead of reading should they be walking on the treadmill. Should they be having a cookie with that cup of coffee? Is their hair thinning due to age or stress? Can they fit into their attire reserved for funerals? Have they allowed friends and family to become invisible? Will they show up for the funeral feast?

*Suzanne Branch*



## Bridge For Beginners Starting June 17 at 9:45am

Claude Springer is offering to teach beginners on Wednesday mornings, starting punctually at 9:45am. (4-6 two-hour sessions, held at Temple Isaiah—\$25 contribution to temple.)

Bridge is an exciting fun game for all - no previous experience is needed. It offers an opportunity to have a challenging experience and to meet other interesting people.

A maximum of 10 players can be accommodated, and class is filling quickly, so contact Claude right away (466-9733 or [doclaude@optonline.net](mailto:doclaude@optonline.net)) and send him your email address.

(Also-if someone can contribute one or two bridge tables, let Claude know- bring them to the temple or he can pick them up. Thank you.)

# 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

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

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

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
	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**

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.

*Please return Membership Dues Form by June 30th*



## General Donations

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

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

Rita Rubenstein

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

In Memory of Carol Rubenstein  
 Rita Rubenstein

### ***Tree of Life:***

In Memory of Carol Rubenstein, Daughter of  
 Rita Rubenstein  
 Myra Breakstone

*I would like to thank everyone in my Temple Isaiah family for their love and support during the difficult time surrounding the death of my beloved daughter Carol. I will always be grateful.*

*Rita Rubenstein*

## 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 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**

For additional help please contact: isaiahgn@yahoo.com

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