

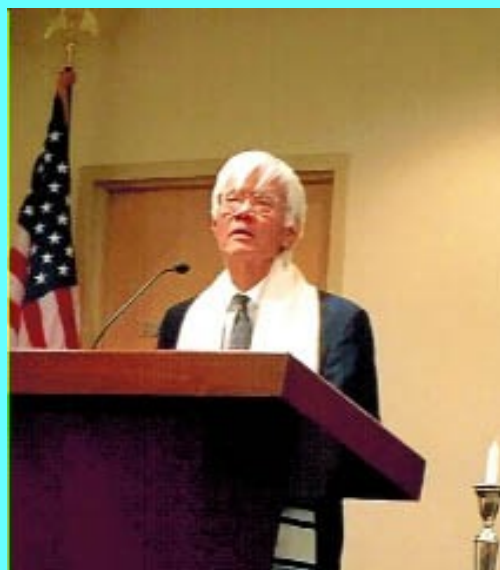
June 2016 Calendar of Events

Friday, June 3—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, June 4—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
 Monday, June 6—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am
 Tuesday, June 7—Board Meeting, 7:30pm
 Friday, June 10—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, June 11—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Erev Shavuot Service, 7:30pm
 Sunday, June 12—Shavuot Yizkor Service, 10:30am
 Monday, June 13—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am
 Tuesday, June 14—Cantor's Class: "Myth Busters" #1, 7:30pm
 Friday, June 17—Shabbat Renewal Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, June 18—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
 Monday, June 20—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am
 Friday, June 24—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm
 Saturday, June 25—Aaron Gitelman Bar Mitzvah, 10:30am
 Sunday, June 26—Tribute & Dedication to Rabbi Theodore Tsuruoka, 2:00pm
 Monday, June 27—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am
 Tuesday, June 28—Cantor's Class: "Myth Busters" #2, 7:30pm



**SUNDAY,
JUNE 26TH, 2:00PM**

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CANTOR'S COLUMN

A SPIRITUAL CLIMB, IN HONOR OF SHAVUOT

Immediately before Moses presents the Ten Commandments to the Children of Israel, we read in Exodus 19:24, "God said to him [Moses]: Go, get down, and then come up, you and Aaron with you, but the priests and the people must not break through to go up to Adonai, lest Adonai send destruction among them."



The process of learning is invariably down and up again -- or up and down and up again, just as God indicated in the Divine caution to Moses. Our ascent is not a continuous, forward straight line, but a collection of starts and stops, of advances alternating with slipping back.

Often a student will protest to me that he or she knew how to chant the assignment the night before, and now in the lesson he/she cannot remember how to chant what had been done so perfectly only the day before. I remind them that most people do not learn in an even, straight line and that no discovery is uncovered without a lot of digging, sometimes even in the wrong place.

What is true about learning to chant a Torah portion or learning anything, for that matter, is also true for the way we discover holiness. It is a personal climb in which we can expect ups and downs and perhaps never even reach the peak.



This reminds me of the image of the ladder in Jacob's dream, when the "angels of God were going up and down on it." (Genesis 28:12) There are many interpretations of what is meant by the angels going up and down, but in the context of our spiritual climb to holiness, the movement of the angels mirrors what each of us individually must go through to grow towards holiness. It makes us realize that just as the image of the angels climbing up and down on the ladder is never-ending, so is our climb to holiness, or at the very least, our quest for learning.

So, in the end, any meaningful growth process requires more than dedication. Also, the speed with which one learns does not always lead to deep learning. Indeed, there is a Chassidic saying that states: Whether one is successful in reaching the top of the mountain does not depend on how fast one climbs, but rather on when and where one chooses to rest.

May we all remember that receiving the Torah is a personal, lifelong process.

Chag Same'ach,

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

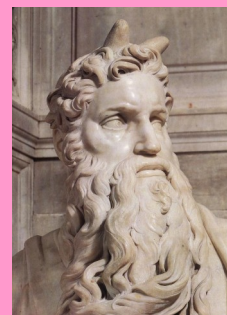
The Cantor's Class

Tuesdays, June 14 and June 28 at 7:30pm

Mythbusters

We are all familiar with some of the myths surrounding Judaism, in fact some of them are hinted at right in the Torah...but we might not know how these stories flourished and why they endure. Do all Jews have horns – or only Moses? What about heaven and hell – doesn't Judaism teach that we should lead righteous lives without the need for incentives?

Join Cantor Friedlander on two Tuesdays in June at 7:30 pm – June 14th and 28th - for what will be an interesting and perhaps a little provocative learning.



CO-PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

June 2016 our congregation welcomes a new co-president and a new slate of Board of Trustees. Our Temple Isaiah family says “Shalom”—goodbye and “Toda raba”—thank you very much to Helman Brook for his dedication, leadership and tenure as co-president. Kol HaKavod (Well done!)



Temple Isaiah was characterized from its inception by the spiritual beauty of our faith, fellowship in the Jewish community, support of Israel, and a commitment to social justice. The foundation of our congregation is not in the brick and mortar of the building; rather in the strength, support and commitments to each other and to the temple community. To paraphrase JFK's inaugural address:

Our fellow Temple Isaiah members, ask not what your temple can do for you, ask what you can do for your temple.

At a first reading, the words might seem counterintuitive for a temple trying to increase membership, however, not really. Like a family unit, a member is an individual as well as an integral and important support and connection to the larger community. Members of the congregation and the future of our Temple Isaiah family are inexplicably linked ... to embrace, support, and care for one another in times of joy and sadness.

In October 2016 our congregation will gather in prayer and fellowship for Temple Isaiah's 50th High Holiday season. As we approach our Jubilee year there are many serious issues we will face. We are small in number and graying around the edges, however, our commitment to each other and to our founding principles remain steadfast. The belief in our uniqueness is strong and resolute. When our temple members are united as a community, wonderful things can happen.

May the summer months bring with them the promise of warm weather, joy and happiness.

Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg

Summer Service Leaders Wanted

Anyone who would like to lead a service in July or August should contact Helene Dorfman at 516-487-3395 or heledo@oponline.net.

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	4 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
5	6 Spanish, 10:30am	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8	9	10 Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; <i>Erev Shavuot</i> Service, 7:30pm
12 <i>Shavuot</i> Yizkor, 10:30am	13 Spanish, 10:30am	14 Cantor's Class, 7:30pm "Myth Busters"	15	16	17 Shabbat Renewal Service, 8:00pm	18 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
19	20 Spanish, 10:30am	21	22	23	24 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	25 Aaron Gitelman Bar Mitzvah, 10:30am
26 Tribute to Rabbi Tsuruoka, 2:00pm	27 Spanish, 10:30am	28 Cantor's Class, 7:30pm "Myth Busters"	29	30		

Our June 25th Bar Mitzvah

Aaron Gitelman



Hello. My name is Aaron Gitelman. On June 25, 2016 I will become a bar mitzvah here at Temple Isaiah. My Torah portion is *Beha'alotecha*. I currently attend New Hyde Park Memorial High School.

One of my biggest passions is baseball. I have been playing baseball since I was 5 yrs. old and am currently playing competitive travel baseball.

Temple Isaiah has been the biggest experience so far in my religious life and I cannot wait for it to continue as I become a bar mitzvah. Thank you all for reading this and I hope to see you on my special day.

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