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
Tribute & Dedication Honoring Rabbi Theodore Tsuruoka

At Temple Isaiah
1 Chelsea Place
Great Neck, NY 11021
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.
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.
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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.

Our annual Journal/Dinner is now planned for Thursday evening, September 8th. Save the date!

Temple Isaiah’s 2016-2017 Membership Year Has Begun!

Please send in your Membership Papers By June 30th.

If you need a new copy, call the office at 516-487-5373 or email isaiahgn@yahoo.com
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Co President: Kathie Davis
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Public Relations: Lloyd Perell, Jonathan Wagner
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Music: Cantor Leslie Friedlander
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Immediate Past Presidents:
Helman Brook Gail Gordon
Terry Joseph Martin Secofsky

Thank you to our hard-working volunteers.
If you would like to serve on a committee or have an idea for an interesting program, please call Kathie Davis or Bill Rosenberg. New ideas are always welcome!
General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:
Rabbi Theodore Tsuruoka, Husband of Linda
Tsuruoka, Father of Jeff & Amy and Son of
Haruno Tsuruoka
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Cantor Leslie Friedlander for Her Loving
Kindness on the Passing of My Husband
Stephen Grosberg
Amelia Grosberg

We extend our deep appreciation to the Temple Isaiah congregation for their support during a sudden crisis.
Evelyn & Richard Solow

Partners in Caring staff wishes you a happy summer season.
We are still available throughout the summer to help support you in addressing your various life stage needs.

Parenting – Caregiving - Marital Concerns - Separation/Divorce - Bereavement Geriatric Care - Cancer Wellness - Career - Legal - Financial

Our Warm Line is staffed by your caring, professional social workers.
CALL 516.484.1545, ext. 196
Barbara Goldstein, LCSW is the social worker dedicated to Temple Isaiah—bgoldstein@sjjcc.org
Phone calls are always free and confidential.
Did you know there is a Service Corps for Jewish Boomers on Long Island?

Join boomers (and beyond) from Sid Jacobson JCC, Friedberg JCC, The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC, Mid-Island Y JCC and Samuel Field Y in volunteer opportunities and create deep meaningful bonds through UJA-Federation of New York’s Engage Jewish Service Corps.

Call or email Susan Berman, Engage Community Organizer at 516-484-1545, ext. 202, sberman@sjjcc.org or complete an online application (see link below) to be matched with meaningful opportunities that use your skills, satisfy your interests and compliment your schedule.