

March 2016 Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, Mar. 1—Worship Committee Meeting, 7:00pm;
 Board Meeting, 7:30pm**

**Friday, Mar. 4—Shabbat Across America: Dinner, 6:30pm;
 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm**

Saturday, Mar. 5—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sunday, Mar. 6—Goods & Services Auction, 2:00pm

Monday, Mar. 7—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am

Thursday, Mar. 10—Rabbi's Class: "Esther, Purim and Anti-Semitism" (1 of 2), 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 11—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 12—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Monday, Mar. 14—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Lunch & Learn at Ayhan's Shish Kebab, 11:30am

Thursday, Mar. 17—Rabbi's Class: "Esther, Purim and Anti-Semitism" (2 of 2), 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 18—Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 19—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sunday, Mar. 20—"World of Wine" with Ed Moulin, 2:00pm

Monday, Mar. 21—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am

Wednesday, Mar. 23—Purim: Megillah & Spiel, 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 25—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Mar. 26—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am followed by luncheon

Monday, Mar. 28—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am

MARCH EVENTS:

Shabbat Across America

Friday, March 4th

6:30pm

**Reservations
 Required**



TEMPLE ISAIAH GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION



Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm

PLUS:

**World of Wine with
 Ed Moulin**



Sunday, 3/20 2:00pm

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Erev Purim—3/23

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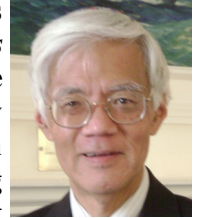
New Rabbi's Class—3/10

See Inside for Details on All

RABBI'S COLUMN

WANT TO BE HAPPY? THINK ABOUT YOUR DEATH

It is the custom of Buddhist monks to meditate on the photos of corpses in various stages of decay. The Buddha taught of our physical body: *"This body too: such is its nature, such is its future, such its unavoidable fate."* Arthur C. Brooks points out in a recent Opinion article in the Sunday New York Times, "Paradoxically, this meditation on death is intended as a key to better living" because it makes the individual aware of the ephemeral nature of our own physical, earthly existence. It makes us ask of the time we have allotted to us: "Am I making the right use of my scarce and precious life?" He calls for "stimulating a realignment between momentary desires and existential goals." Field studies suggest that there's significant misalignment between these two states of being – a vastly disproportionate use of time watching TV or on the internet compared to spiritually uplifting activities such as spending time with loved ones or religious activities. Brooks thinks that it is about distracted living.



Our days are filled with distractions. We think about the past and future more than the present – holding on to the present is like catching a leaf off a tree as the train you're on races by. We are mentally in one place and physically in another – how often have I find myself pulling up to Temple having driven from home with scarcely any recall of the 30 minute trip? The fact is, "without consciousness, we mindlessly blow the present moment on low value activities... It is to find a systematic way to raise the scarcity of time to our consciousness." One way to the present is the idea of mindfulness – which has attracted considerable attention lately. Mindfulness: a state of active, open attention to the present. This ancient concept is enjoying renewed interest especially among the Millennial generation. Judaism has long been a proponent of mindfulness as many of its rituals and the words of Tanakh show.

Shabbat is a set period of time devoted to free people from their daily routines of labor, and most importantly, when others can share the time and space as a family or community. Shabbat blesses us with the opportunity to share the moment with our souls and with others. The many blessings we are commanded to offer before partaking of food, drink, or witnessing the wonders of nature or fulfilling a mitzvah are "time bumps" that are designed to make us pause and enjoy the present moment. When we bless the Torah before reading it we say: "Blessed are You, Adonai, who is giving the Torah" – as though God is giving the Torah right now!



Our Scripture is a rich source of inspiration of the preciousness of the present. Psalm 90 reads in part: "Lord, You have been a refuge in all generations. Before the mountains were born, or earth and universe brought forth, from eternity to eternity You are God. For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or a watch in the night... The number of our years may be many or few; yet vain toil fills their span, for it is soon ended, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may grow wise in heart..."

The Talmud quotes Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai: "If you are planting a tree and you hear that the Messiah has come, finish planting the tree – then go and inquire..." Among the ways this story has been expounded, it is to teach that the most important thing is to concentrate on the job you are presently engaged in – no matter how small or big. The present is only a fleeting moment in time, whereas the past piles up like logs and the future is reduced immeasurably – immeasurably because we don't know how much time is left. Let us learn to treat the present as though it is the only future we have available.

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

CANTOR'S COLUMN

A Long-awaited Compromise



The remarkable recent compromise that was reached in Israel regarding egalitarian prayer at the Kotel made me think of that iconic Virginia Slims Cigarette ad in the late 1960s that reminded us, "You've come a long way, baby!"

Briefly, as I'm sure all of us have heard about it, an agreement was made by the Israeli government in collaboration with Women of the Wall, representatives from the Reform and Conservative movements, the Western Wall's Haredi Orthodox leadership and the Jewish Agency for Israel to enlarge the Western Wall's egalitarian section and allow women to pray as they wish. The expanded area will be governed by a pluralistic committee, which is probably the biggest gain for liberal factions, since this is the first time that the Israeli government has officially recognized the traditions of Reform and Conservative prayer.

Like all real negotiations, all sides get a little and give a little and no one wins or loses. Having the freedom and space to pray as one wishes is still a victory for the Women of the Wall and non-Orthodox families who want to pray and celebrate together. And although they didn't get everything they hoped for, it is a big step towards formal legitimacy.

Cultural perspective takes time to change – sometimes generations - and although these reforms will be mandated in the near future, liberal Judaism may never truly be accepted by the Ultra Orthodox in Israel. But real progress often is driven by a series of compromises made over time. It's taken a long time to make this much progress and now that this breakthrough has occurred we hope progress will happen at a faster pace.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander



Erev Purim Service

Wednesday, March 23,

7:30pm

Megillah Reading & Spiel

The Purim spiel will be called "Star Wars: Saving the Jewdi", written by Linda Tsuruoka. If you'd like to participate in the Spiel, please call Linda (516-791-6689)

**Happy
Purim**

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

History of Temple Isaiah: The Unresolved Question

Last spring we wrote about questions at Temple Isaiah that had been raised, debated and resolved over the past years. We discussed whether the congregation would remain at the Community Church or seek "a home of our own"; whether we would continue to operate a full Hebrew school or become a congregation geared to empty nesters; and whether we should stand as a congregation for Kaddish, or as traditionally observed, only recognize individual mourners. All of these questions have been answered.



But one last debate remains and it is passionately argued now and will continue with no resolution in sight. It is a question that affects our congregation, indeed most congregations, like no other. Both sides of this debate are motivated by a sincere love for Isaiah and a desire to see it succeed. The disagreement is how best to ensure that success.

As Tevya would say, on one hand, some people believe that the temple is a business, or at least must be run as a business. But on the other hand, there are those who maintain that the temple is not a business, and to even think of it as a business diminishes it as a religious community.

What is the effect of this disagreement? Isaiah has financial obligations, as well as spiritual and religious ones. We must pay salaries, a mortgage, utility costs and insurance. Our income is limited; dues, fundraisers and contributions.

Those who argue the business position say that reality demands that we aggressively seek to raise money while closely monitoring our expenses. Over the years, this has led many to argue that we should jettison the fair share dues structure; that we should require at least some evidence of financial necessity to justify a pledge of less than the fair share; and that no one should expect or ever get a "free ride". Some members, it is said, take advantage of us!

Yes, the not-a-business advocates respond, that is all true. If some are not fair to the congregation, that is their shame. One should never embarrass anyone over their pledge or failure to meet a pledge commitment. As a Jewish ethical and moral community, we have an obligation to provide a place, a home, a setting for all Jews and their families to come and satisfy their religious needs.

Oh, the "business model" group says; that's a noble sentiment, but it is self-defeating. If we go out of business there will be no temple for any of us.

Maybe so, the "not-a-business" group responds. To paraphrase Christian gospel, what does it benefit a congregation that it should gain the whole community, but lose its own soul. (See Mark 8:36.) At what point do we cease to be the unique congregation to which we wish to belong?

Yes, this is a hard question. Do you have an opinion? What would satisfy everyone? Should we even seek a compromise? Let us know what you think.

Kathie Davis and Helman Brook

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March 2016

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20 World of Wine, 2:00pm	21 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am	22	23 Erev Purim, Megillah Reading and Spiel, 7:30pm	24	25 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	26 Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am; Luncheon
27	28 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am	29	30	31	<div> Save the Dates: <i>April 3— "The Exodus Decoded" with Elliott Gayer</i> <i>April 23—Second Night Seder</i> </div>	

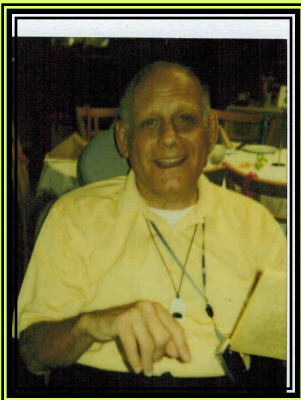


Sunday, March 20, 2:00pm World of Wine with Ed Moulin

Spend a fun and informative evening with our resident wine aficionado Ed Moulin, a second-generation wine expert whose father was a California wine pioneer.

\$20 fee includes wine and cheese
RSVPs required so we can properly prepare

With a Smile on his Face, and a Twinkle in his Eye



We remember Richard Davis barreling down Cutter Mill Road, or tackling Middle Neck Road, hurtling along on his scooter. He had no protection on his head, even though he had crashed so many times, but he had some small gratification in at least being able to travel around town "His Way".

We remember his phone calls, insisting on something being done for the temple, or arguing that something must not be done.

He was full of spirit - stubborn, but a fighter, and maybe that was what he had to be.

Richard was not given a good hand. But he felt immensely lucky to have married the love of his life. And he had the daughter that he cherished as well. In later years, you could not always understand what he said, but how could you forget that smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye?

June Feldman



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2:00PM

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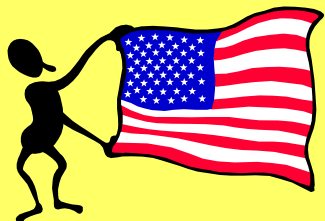
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Friday, March 4, 2016
Shabbat Across America



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(A Program of National Jewish Outreach)*

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**New Rabbi's Class: *Megillat Esther, Purim and
Anti-Semitism***
Thursdays, March 10 & 17



This year, the holiday of Purim begins on Wednesday evening, March 23rd. A two-part class will be offered on consecutive Thursdays (3/10 and 3/17) during which a close, guided reading of Megillat Esther will be offered. The connection with the holiday of Purim and the origins of modern-day anti-Semitism will be discussed. Of all the more widely observed holidays in the Jewish calendar, Purim is arguably the least understood beyond its superficial elements. You are invited to learn more; please join us at 7:30 PM on 3/10 and 3/17.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 10th, 2:00pm
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Memorial Plaque:

In Memory of Richard Davis

Kathie Davis

In Memory of Abraham (Al) Maller

Connie Maller

Rabbi's Discretionary Account:

In Memory of Phyllis Eyl

Jacqueline Eyl

In Honor of:

The Birth of Eli Burghardt Muehlbauer, Grandson
Of Linda and David Burghardt

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