

### BULLETIN

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### March 2017 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 1—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, March 2— "Current Events" with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Friday, March 3—Shabbat Across America: Dinner, 6:30pm; Service, 7:30pm

Saturday, March 4—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Tuesday, March 7—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 8-Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, March 10—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, March 11—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Erev Purim—Purimspiel and Megillah Reading, 7:30pm

Sunday, March 12—Goods & Services Auction, 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 14—David Aubrey Film Series, #3, 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 15—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, March 17—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, March 18—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, March 19— Picture for a Sunday Afternoon, 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 21—Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Chase Foster at Shish Kebab, 11:30am

Wednesday, March 22—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, March 24—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, March 25—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

Monday, March 27—Spanish Class, 10:30am;

Wednesday, March 29—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, March 31—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

### **MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA
DINNER & SERVICE



THIS YEAR-BRING A
FRIEND
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(More info on Page 10)

PURIMSPIEL &
MEGILLAH READING
SAT. MARCH 11TH
7:30PM
(SEE PAGE 10)





TEMPLE ISAIAH
GOODS & SERVICES
AUCTION
(PURIM EDITION)

Sunday, March 12, 2:00pm (Additional Certificates for Printing are on Pages 6 and 7)

## CANTOR'S COLUMN DESTROYING THE ENEMY WITH NOISE

Believe it or not, not all the sounds in our services are meant to be beautiful, prayerful or even pleasant. In fact, one sound is downright ugly.

The observance of Purim in the sanctuary is truly unique in that all sense of decorum is ignored and pandemonium seems to be the order of the evening. It is also unique in that the story we read, Megillat Esther, whose contents comprise most of the service, probably never even took place! One of the fascinating customs that happens during the service is the incoherent noise that interrupts the reader's attempts to mention the name of the story's villain, Haman.

While Haman is certainly the evil character in the story of Purim, he also embodies more than just one government administration's threat to extinguish the Jewish people. In fact, Haman is evil personified.

In the bible, in Exodus 17, at the very end of the portion Beshalach, we read about a battle in the desert between the Children of Israel and Amalek and his people. After having received the Torah at Mt. Sinai, the Israelites, wandering weak and weary, were attacked without provocation by the Amalekites. Remarkably, Joshua and the Israelites overwhelmed the soldiers of Amalek and after the battle God said to Moses, "Inscribe this in a document as a reminder...I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven!" In Deuteronomy 25:17-19 we find another reference to the evil Amalek, "Remember what Amalek did to you...how, undeterred by the fear of God, he surprised you...you shall [therefore] blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!" Clearly, according to God's statement to Moses, the descendants of Amalek will forever be the enemy of the Israelites.

And what does this have to do with Haman?

Even before the Israelites' battle with Amalek, the struggle began with those famous warring twins, Esau (also known as Edom) and Jacob (also known as Israel), whom we read about in Genesis. Many years later, King Saul, a descendant of Benjamin, one of Jacob's sons, fought a battle with King Agag, a descendant of Esau, leader of the Amalekites. Although the prophet Samuel directed Saul to kill Agag and his people, Saul, after having won the battle, spared Agag's life. Saul lost his throne because he disobeyed the prophet and ultimately Samuel executed Agag and the memory of Amalek was blotted out once more.



In the story of Esther, Haman is referred to as "Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite," thus a descendant of Amalek. In both Exodus and Deuteronomy we are commanded to blot out the name of Amalek, which we do during the reading of the story of Esther not with physical violence, but with raging, ugly noise, by drowning out the sound of Haman's name.

When we celebrate Purim we proclaim not only our victory over our enemies, but victory over evil itself. We express it with raging noise - ugly sounds that have enough power to blot

out the enemy.

As always, our biblical narrative teaches us more than just history. In most cases, the story also helps to establish our moral roots and moral compass.

Explanation of "Shacharit" service terminology???

With many blessings, Cantor Leslie Friedlander

### "VOICES OF ISAIAH"

### What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue? By Ruth Mandelbaum

In October 2016, the Isaiah family gathered together in prayer and fellowship for our 50th High Holiday Season and the start of our Jubilee Year. It is a time to reflect on our past and look forward to the future.

About 18 years ago, at the first yahrzeit of my brother-in-law, I wanted to say a prayer for him. We did not belong to a temple then and I was invited to attend a Conservative synagogue. I did not like the service nor did I understand it.

About the same time I received a membership package from Temple Isaiah. As I knew Else Gluckauf and Edna Hersh, Herb and I joined Isaiah. Bonnie Steinberg was the rabbi at the time.

I was asked to join the board and became very active. I chaired the membership and worship committees. With the URJ's suggestion, we started a d'Var Torah at every board meeting. We still continue this practice.

I studied Hebrew with Hadassah so that I could read from our prayer book and led several summer services.

When Rabbi Ted came to Isaiah, he started an adult bat mitzvah class. I joined the class. There were four of us and it was most enjoyable. A few years later I joined an adult confirmation class, even though I was confirmed at age 14. These were marvelous learning experiences. I always enjoyed studying and learning.

My efforts were much appreciated as the temple honored me on my 90th birthday. It was a great joy for me.

We welcome and solicit your personal story and experience in our "Voices of Isaiah" column. Tell us your story ... the unique path to the door of our synagogue. The *Shehecheyanu* moments that connect your family to our Temple Isaiah family. Raise your voice, sing out in joy and share your Isaiah experience. Please contact either Kathie Davis or Bill Rosenberg to share your story.



"PICTURE FOR A SUNDAY
AFTERNOON"
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2:00PM
(TITLE OF FILM TO BE ANNOUNCED)

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

The Little Shul that Could...

For 50 years, Temple Isaiah has been an important part of the Great Neck community. The door of our synagogue has always been open as we share our ethos, values and the spiritual beauty of our faith; fellowship in the Jewish community; and a traditional approach to Reform Judaism. The idea that originally breathed life into Temple Isaiah continues today as a reality.

The past several months mark a confluence of events and dates in the history of Temple Isaiah. Our temple family is approaching the first yahrzeit of our dear esteemed Rabbi Theodore "Ted" Tsuruoka ... the unveiling to be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Rabbi Ted was unique in so many ways. He loved Judaism and all things Jewish. His passion and love for Temple Isaiah was an inspiration to all. In December, 2016, we laid to rest our beloved member, moral compass and social conscience, Dr. Susan Bendor. In January, 2017, we experienced further loss with the deaths of founding members Faith Marshall and Dr. Norman Goldfarb. In 1967, it was Faith who suggested the name, Temple Isaiah, after the prophet of peace. Norman was our fourth president, resident dermatologist and "world-renowned" mandolin player. We stand on the broad shoulders of our founding members and each succeeding generation of members and clergy. In the same time period, our temple family has also shared in the beautiful baby naming ceremonies for two new grandchildren, Skylar Blumenthal, granddaughter of Rachel Greenwald; and Adina June Diamond, granddaughter of Shelley Sherman. This is the cycle of life.

Time goes by very fast ... it is hard to believe that we have been gathering together in worship and fellowship for 50 years. The foundation of Temple Isaiah remains firmly based in our core values and principles and we remain "forever young" in spirit. Our Temple Isaiah family has always been there to build a bridge that honors and cherishes our past and continues to embrace the future—a link in the life of our congregation. In our Jubilee Year, *Lech L'cha*, we continue to "go forth" in our journey and remain steadfast in heart and spirit. May our Temple Isaiah family always go from strength-to-strength. *L'dor vador* – from Generation to Generation.

Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg



Spanish Class Returns! Monday, March 27th 10:30am

Reva Levy is back in town and our Spanish class can continue.

Call the office for details.

Tuesday, March 21st
Lunch & Learn with Student
Rabbi Chase Foster
at Ayhan's Shish Kebab
11:30am—12:45pm



# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tai Chi, 11:00am	2 Current Events, 7:30pm	Shabbat Across America Dinner, 6:30pm; Service, 7:30pm	Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
5	6	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8 Tai Chi, 11:00am	9	Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Erev Purim— Purimspiel & Megillah Read- ing, 7:30pm
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Picture for a Sunday Afternoon, 2:00pm	20	Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Chase Foster, 11:30am	22 Tai Chi, 11:00am	23	Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	25 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am
26	27 Spanish Class, 10:30am	28	29 Tai Chi, 11:00am	30	Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	April 1  Torah Study & Service, 9:30am



# It's Purim! Come in costume (or not) and win a prize! Eat delicious hamentashen (or not)! Place your bids on great merchandise and services!



ONE OF THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR AND OUR MOST EXCITING AFTERNOON IS FAST APPROACHING. PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE.

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Great Raffle Prizes! Best Costume Prize!

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**BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!** 

[WEAR YOUR TEMPLE ISAIAH SWEATSHIRT AND PAY ONLY \$15 AUCTION ADMISSION]

Raffle Tickets
\$10 per Ticket
3 Tickets for \$25.00
Auction Reservations
\$18 Adults,

\$5 Children 11-17, Under 10-Free Raffle Drawing at Auction

Need not be present to win No purchase necessary

# TEMPLE ISAIAH GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION PURIM EDITION!

MARCH 12, 2017 2:00PM

Name(s):	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
AUCTION RESERVATIONS @\$18 ADULTS, \$5 CH	ILD 11-17 \$
RAFFLE TICKETS @\$10/TKT, OR \$25/3 TKTS (NO OTHER PURCHASE NECESSARY-NEED NO	
TOTAL ENCLOSED (CHECK PAYABLE TO TEMPLE	ISAIAH)\$
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From: March 2017 Goods and Services Auction

be recorded in our catalog and put up for auction.

### Temple Isaiah of Great Neck 1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021

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### CERTIFICATE OF GIFT

he bearer of this letter is entitled to:	<u> </u>



For decades, the bipartisan policy of the US is to support a two state model for Israel and a potential Palestinian state. In a surprising statement, President Trump said the U.S. is not committed to two states and will accept either one state or two states, whatever Israel and the Palestinians can agree to. Following is the statement by ARZA, the Zionist arm of the Reform movement.

#### ARZA, CCAR STATEMENT ON TWO-STATE SOLUTION, U.S. POLICY

New York, NY, February 16, 2017 ... The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) emphatically restate our support for the two-state solution. We continue to envision Israel thriving as a Jewish State, living in peace and security alongside a Palestinian State that would fulfill the legitimate national aspirations of its people.

Reform rabbis and Reform Zionist leaders are dismayed that President Trump has backed away from decades of bipartisan US policy supporting the two-state solution. The President opined that a one-state solution might also bring peace. However, given demographic realities in the region, one democratic state between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River would eventually bring an end to Israel's character as a Jewish State. The alternative, Israel's rejecting democracy, should be unthinkable.

We urge the President to return to decades of bipartisan US policy supporting and working to achieve peace through the two-state solution.

Rabbi Denise L. Eger Rabbi Steven A. Fox President, CCAR Chief Executive, CCAR

Rabbi John Rosove
Board Chair, ARZA
Rabbi Joshua Weinberg
President, ARZA

The Association of Reform Zionists of America, founded in 1978, is the Zionist arm of the North American Reform Movement, working to strengthen the connection of million and a half Reform Jews to Israel and to supporting the Reform Movement in Israel.

The CCAR, founded in 1889, is the oldest and largest rabbinic organization in North America. The CCAR's unique contribution to a continued vibrant Jewish community and Reform Movement lies in its work fostering excellence in Reform Rabbis; enhancing unity and connectedness among Reform Jews; applying Jewish values to contemporary life; and, creating a compelling and accessible Judaism for today and the future.

### Save the Date: Temple Isaiah Book Club—Sunday, April 23rd, 11:00am Second Person Singular by Sayed Kashua

Part comedy of manners, part psychological mystery . . . Issues of nationalism, religion, and passing collide with quickly changing social and sexual mores." —Boston Globe

A Palestinian who writes in Hebrew, Sayed Kashua defies classification and breaks through cultural bar-



riers. He communicates, with enormous emotional power and a keen sense of the absurd, the particular alienation and the psychic costs of people struggling to straddle two worlds. Second Person Singular is a deliciously complex psychological mystery and a searing dissection of the individuals that comprise a divided society. It is also a gripping tale of love and betrayal, honesty and artifice, which asks whether it is possible to truly reinvent ourselves, to shed our old skin and start anew.

"[Kashua's] dry wit shines... with each of the main characters offering windows into the prejudices and longings of Arabs and Jews..." - Los Angeles Times

(The Plot Against America discussion is postponed until June or July.)



### Final Film in the David Aubrey Winter Film Series on Tuesday Mar. 14 at 7:30pm

# Documentaries on Notable Women Who Helped Change the World

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\$10 per Film Includes Snacks & Soda

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### Thursday, March 2

"Current Events" with Helman Brook 7:30pm



What's the Latest?

New Program at Temple Isaiah *Tai Chi Club* 

Meeting Every Wednesday at 11:00am

(\$5.00 per session)

(Ask Sheila DeFazio for Details)



### **More March Events**

### Friday, March 3, 2017

Join tens of thousands of Jews across America as we come together to eat, drink, relax, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 18th annual

### Shabbat Across America



Bring the family - bring your friends to a delicious kosher dinner at 6:30PM followed by Shabbat service at 7:30pm (A Program of National Jewish Outreach)



Adults: \$36; Non-member guests only \$18; Children under 13: Free RSVP *REQUIRED*—487-5373

Bakers wanted: for information please call Kathie Davis at 487-1576 or Sheila DeFazio at 643-1459



### Saturday, March 11 7:30pm

Erev Purim: Megillah Reading and Purimspiel by Linda Tsuruoka



Come in Costume to Our Goods & Services Auction on March 12 and You May Win a Prize!

### **General Donations**

In Loving Memory Of:

William Rosenberg, Father of Roslyn Bein Roslyn Bein

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Micki Victor

#### In Honor of:

The Speedy Recovery of Brian Horton Suzanne Branch & Gary McTiernan Belle & Elliott Gayer for Their Wonderful Gift Of the Tu B'Shevat Seder

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Ruth Isaac

Shelley Sherman

With Gratitude for Everyone's Good Wishes for Brian's Recovery

Terry Birnbaum-Horton & Brian Horton The Birth of Adina June Diamond, Granddaughter of Shelley Sherman

Suzanne Branch & Gary McTiernan

Judy & Helman Brook

Kathie Davis

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Rachel Greenwald

Carol & Bill Hersh Terry Birnbaum-Horton & Brian Horton

Ruth Isaac

Mindy & Howard Israel

Terry & Richard Joseph

Willa Lewis & Ed Moulin

Ruth Mandelbaum

Bill Rosenberg

Rita Rubenstein

Alisa & Martin Secofsky

Shelley Sherman

Micki Victor

Ruth Isaac's Help at Adina's Baby Naming

Shelley Sherman

### Tu B'Shevat and Tree Planting in Steppingstone Park to Honor Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

Michelle & Rod Birnbaum

Mona Bokat

Judy & Helman Brook

Kathie Davis

Sheila & Victor DeFazio

Barbara Feldman

June & Allan Feldman

Belle & Elliott Gayer

Harriet Gellert

Agnes & Alan Goldschlager

Rachel Greenwald

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Jacqueline Neumann

Bill Rosenberg

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Rita Rubenstein

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Golda Shapiro

Shelley Sherman

Harriet Shindler

Shelley & Robert Willcox

### Cantor's Discretionary Account:

Terry Birnbaum-Horton & Brian Horton

### Tree of Life:

In Honor of the Birth of Adina June Diamond Shelley Sherman

#### Tree Certificate in Israel:

In Memory of Alma Berne, Mother of Sherry Wallack

From Temple Isaiah

#### To my temple family,

Please accept my regular family's sincere thanks for all of your caring thoughts, visits, cards, donations to the temple in my mother's memory and for the trees planted in Israel. Everything you did and said and just listened, with the volume of all your efforts, was truly consoling.

I must express special thanks to Elliott and Belle Gayer and Cantor Friedlander who stayed in constant communication throughout the recent snowstorm, every day that we agonized over which days the funeral and shiva would take place, offering to lead every kind of home minyan service possible, as the time stretched into Shabbat and the weekend.

Our Cantor ultimately led our home service and a caring circle in which we all shared memories of my mother. We were all truly honored and grateful to have her level of quality in every way, in my own home. Her caring, warm voice and even soft laughter in speaking and in song were truly consoling and made what was a standard service feel very personal.

Finally, thanks are also due to Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg who jumped into action when I called late Sunday to find out to whom we could donate our extra food and Bill came out in the cold night with my husband Paul, to deliver to the family that our beloved Susan Bendor had cared for, for so long. A very gratifying ending to a difficult week.

Best wishes and thanks to you all for truly "being there" for me and my family, in every way.

Sherry Wallack

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