

May Calendar of Events

Fri. May 2—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. May 3—Torah Study and Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. May 5—Yom Hazikaron; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. May 6—Yom Ha'atzmaut; Religious School, 4:00pm

Wed. May 7—Congregational Meeting, 7:30pm

Fri. May 9—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. May 10—Torah Study and Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. May 12—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn, 11:30 at Ayhan's Shish Kebab

Tues. May 13—Religious School, 4:00pm

Thursday, May 15—Rabbi's Class: *Preparing for the High Holy Days*, #1 of 3, 7:30pm

Fri. May 16—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. May 17—Bar Mitzvah Service of Josh Wigler, 10:30am

Mon. May 19—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. May 20—Last Day of Religious School, 4:00pm

Thurs. May 22—Rabbi's Class: *Preparing for the High Holy Days*, #2 of 3, 7:30pm

Fri. May 23—Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. May 24—Torah Study and Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Wed. May 28—Yom Yerushalayim

Thurs. May 29—Rabbi's Class: *Preparing for the High Holy Days*, #3 of 3, 7:30pm

Fri. May 30—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15

Sat. May 31—Torah Study and Service, 9:30am
Dinner Dance at 7:00pm

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RABBI'S COLUMN

Three Days in May



Three Israeli holidays take place in May this year. They have come into existence since the founding of the modern State of Israel in 1948. Because Israel follows the lunar calendar dates for holidays, the Gregorian date changes from year to year (which is also why the High Holy Days seem never seem to arrive on time but either early or late). All three take place in the month of Iyar, the month after Pesach. Please refer to the calendar on page 5 for the secular dates.

Yom Hazikaron (5 Iyar): Day of Remembrance. It's full name is "Day of Remembrance for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism," and is recognized as Israel's official Memorial Day. It was enacted into law in 1963. While the original purpose of the holiday was dedicated to fallen soldiers, it has now been extended to civilian victims of political violence and victims of terrorism. It takes place right before Yom Ha'atzma'ut – Israel Independence Day – and is intended to remind people of the price paid for Jewish independence and what was achieved by the sacrifices of Israel's soldiers and citizens. The day involves the sounding of sirens throughout Israel at designated times, when its citizens stop activity for a minute and the country comes to a standstill. An official ceremony takes place at the Kotel.

Yom Ha'atzmaut (6 Iyar): Independence Day. This national holiday commemorates the Israeli Declaration of Independence on 6 Iyar 5708 (May 14, 1948), led by the future Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Independence was declared in Tel Aviv 8 hours before the end of the British Mandate of Palestine was due to conclude on May 15, 1948. Hours after the Declaration, the new state was recognized by the Soviet Union, the United States and by many other countries. The surrounding Arab states did not follow suit and invaded the newly formed State as an act of war. An official ceremony is held on Mount Herzl, Jerusalem on the evening of the holiday. Besides speeches, the day is marked by artistic performances and an award ceremony recognizing a dozen Israeli citizens who have made significant contributions in the arts, sciences and social services.

Yom Yerushalayim (28 Iyar): Jerusalem Day. This is the newest of the modern-day holidays in Israel. It commemorates the re-unification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June, 1967. It marks the Israel's military victory in the Six Day War and symbolizes the answer to the 2000-year old prayer that ends every Pesach seder: "Next year in Jerusalem!" On 28 Iyar 5727 (June 7th, 1967) Israeli military paratroopers captured the Old City. Later that day, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared famously: "This morning, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) liberated Jerusalem. We have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour – and with added emphasis at this hour – our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other peoples' holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety, and to live there together with others, in unity."

Much has happened since the establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 and even more has happened since the end of the Six Day War on June 11, 1967 when Jerusalem was re-united. In significant ways, the Israel of 1948 is very different from the Israel of 2014. The basically secular kibbutz movement that put down deep roots into the arid soil with single-minded attention to create a home for all Jewish people, now co-exists with winds of change blowing in different directions. We now speak of political Zionism and religious Zionism. There are also distinctions of class and lifestyle that separate rather than unite. May the words of the former Defense Minister come true – that we come "... to live there together with others, in unity."

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

Shavuot

Study Session: June 3 – 6:00 - 7:15pm, Evening Service: 7:30pm, Yiskor: June 4—10:30am

You are warmly invited to attend a study session in honor of Shavuot Tuesday evening, 6/3. It is traditional to study a part of Torah on this occasion. Accordingly, we will take a close look at the land of Israel through the eyes of the patriarchs and matriarchs.

Erev Shavuot services will begin at 7:30 PM immediately after the study session. Yiskor service will be held on Wednesday, June 4th at 10:30am.

CANTOR'S COLUMN

THE NOTION OF GOD'S FEMALE SIDE



On the 11th of May we celebrate Mother's Day and as I thought about how I would juggle a family Mother's Day celebration on top of all my Sunday b'nei mitzvah students, I started thinking about what could possibly be Jewish about an American Mother's Day. It led me to think about an aspect of Judaism that isn't often discussed.

Judaism, like most cultures and religions, has been dominated by male images throughout its liturgy and texts. And although the prayer book we now use was edited by clergy who are open-minded and forward-thinking and stress that God is equally male and female, traditionally - and in all of our individual pasts - we learned to address God as a male in our prayers. Hebrew, unlike English, is a gender-specific language, having parts of speech with masculine or feminine endings. Since there are no neutral pronouns in Hebrew, we constantly refer to God as *atah*, which means you (masculine): *Baruch atah Adonai*, Blessed are You, *Adonai*. Similarly, until a few short years ago, our printed prayer book spoke of the "Kingship" of God and the God of our fathers - all male models. The *machzor* we still use - the High Holy Day prayer book - still includes these male-only references to God. Since much of Judaism is expressed through prayers and the medium of words, we have learned to visualize God as male, even giving God anthropomorphic male features.

In traditional Jewish liturgy, because the limitations of language require choosing a masculine or feminine gender, we clearly address God as male. But in the Jewish mystical tradition, God's divine presence, the *Shekhinah*, is thought to be the feminine aspect of God. There are Jewish mystical sources that feel the reason Jews are still living in exile is that the male and female aspects of God have been alienated from each other. Either She absented Herself from the Jewish people when the First Temple was destroyed or She exiled Herself at the time of the destruction of the Second Temple. In either case, there are those (men included) who believe She is waiting to be redeemed by the Messiah, or the Messianic Age.

The *Kabbalistic* mystical system and its complicated, sometimes contradictory, descriptions of the ten *sefirot*, or emanations of God, is a study unto itself. From *Kabbala* comes an important idea: that the *Shekhinah* is a female part of God that was somehow sadly separated from God and is thus in exile, just as the Jews are in exile. According to another Kabbalistic theory, the original divine unity was fractured during Creation so that God's feminine and masculine aspects were separated. It is the purpose of the Jewish people to reunite God and the *Shekhinah* through prayer, as "She-who-dwells-within" each of us instead of a mystical female presence who comes and goes in this world.

Author Aviva Cantor, in her book *Jewish Women/Jewish Men: The Legacy of Patriarchy in Jewish Life*, theorizes that the Kabbalists invented the idea of a female element of God to give a nurturing, approachable and ever-present dimension of God, who up until the High Middle Ages had been depicted as male. Placed within an historical perspective, this was a time when fathers and sons were sometimes away from home for long periods. Could this male God also leave His people?

Jewish mothers have traditionally been seen as doting, loving, faithful parents, never abandoning their children, no matter what. A mother's love is unconditional and abandonment would never be used as a form of punishment. Could a male God's love be unconditional? Could a male God threaten abandonment as a tactic for His people to shape up? Is this a God whose presence is conditional upon the behavior of His people? These Jews needed a stay-at-home-Mom-Dad. Aviva Cantor feels that if the Jewish God had been matriarchal rather than patriarchal perhaps Jews would not have felt so unprotected through the ages. Perhaps they would not have been so troubled by the thought of God's abandonment. She sees that the Jews' psychological need for a compassionate, caring divine presence during a troubling time in history was certainly the motivation for developing the concept of a female aspect of God.

Perhaps these thoughts will put a new spin on your Mother's Day celebration!

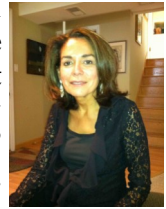
Cantor Leslie Friedlander

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

The Gratitude of the Thankers-in-Chief



The Founding Fathers of the United States wisely created a system in which the president also serves as the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces. It is just one way - among many - that serving as president of this congregation is a job quite different from that currently held by Barak Obama. Presidents of Temple Isaiah are hardly “commanders.” Consensus builders? We try. Problem spotters? Yes, if we are alert. Building openers, budget worriers, meeting attenders? Yes, yes, and yes.



Yet, there is one aspect of temple presidency that the office holders can say they truly “command.” Presidents of Temple Isaiah are most definitely the thankers-in-chief. And there is good reason for that. Our congregation is a cooperative effort, with so many individuals who give so much beyond the “expected,” keeping the congregation moving in the right direction.

Who are the intrepid souls who make Temple Isaiah work? Of course, we are blessed with a professional staff that performs their jobs with efficiency and grace. Our spiritual leader Rabbi Theodore Tsuruoka provides inspiration with his scholarship and love of all things Jewish. Cantor Leslie Friedlander’s beautiful voice and sunny energy speaks to our souls. Cathy Reibstein keeps us organized, with a sense of humor that is much appreciated. Our creative religious school teachers, Adam Turek-Herman and Sue Turek, transmit to our students both the joys and responsibilities of living a Jewish life. And Devon Shuriah makes us feel at home, in the most important sense of the word, by keeping our building beautiful and comfortable.

As for the many volunteers who give their time to perform tasks that paid staff would do at bigger congregations, there are too many names to list. And thank goodness for that. Their energy and creativity is the backbone of temple life. One of the pleasures of being president of Temple Isaiah is seeing how readily people say “yes” when asked to help out. But there are two individuals who must be singled out: Helman Brook and Kathie Davis. They have agreed to be the next co-presidents of Temple Isaiah, a task that can only be described as a labor of love. We are so grateful that such able and thoughtful people will be taking the helm ...maybe not commanding, but certainly steering us in the right direction.

But the biggest thanks of all goes to the Temple Isaiah family. If you are reading this column, that means you. Like the skylight in our sanctuary, Temple Isaiah resembles a big tent. Some of us chose to hold up the poles. That would have no purpose, however, without the congregants and friends of Temple Isaiah. In a time when we usually communicate with our “contacts” and “friends” through digital means, Temple Isaiah continues to keep it “real” by offering a place where we can come together to pray, to learn, to ask questions, to enjoy life, to find support, to listen and to express ourselves. In a world in which there are so many options competing for our attention, we truly appreciate that you have chosen to be part of Temple Isaiah in a way that is meaningful for you.

Shalom Chaverim,
Terry Joseph and Gail Gordon.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH CLASSES

Mondays: 10:30-11:30am

Classes will run every Monday, except holidays, through June 2.
A basic knowledge of Spanish is necessary. Call Kathie Davis for more information (487-1576)



May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>Plant Sale at Santelli's to benefit Temple Isaiah May 3 through May 12</div> 			1	2 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	3 Torah Study and Service, 9:30am Cantillation, 11:00am
4	5 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> Spanish Class, 10:30am	6 <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i> Religious School, 4:00pm;	7 Congrega- tional Meet- ing, 7:30pm	8	9 Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	10 Torah Study and Service, 9:30am Cantillation, 11:00am
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25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28 <i>Yom Yerushalayim</i>	29 Rabbi's Class: <i>Preparing for the High Holy Days, #3 of 3</i> 7:30pm	30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	31 Torah Study, and Service, 9:30am <i>Dinner Dance</i>



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Hello from Hebrew School:

Spring is here, and in Hebrew School we can't be happier. With the arrival of spring, we celebrate several Jewish holidays. We are excited to be approaching holidays like Israeli Independence Day and Lag Ba'Omer. With Lag Ba'Omer coming up, we are all looking forward to going outside and celebrating the weather. On a less enjoyable note, this is also Yom Ha'Shoah, where we remember those who were killed during the Holocaust. In Hebrew School we remember the tragedy of those who died, and turn it into a mission to never forget and to keep our Jewish heritage alive.

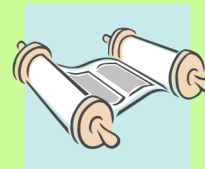
On a lighter note, we are delighted to wish a *yom huledet sameach*, a happy birthday, to our art teacher *extraordinaire* Sue Turek, who celebrated her birthday on April 28th.

Fondly,
Adam Turek-Herman and Sue Turek

Rabbi's Class for May:

May 15, 22 & 29

Preparing for the High Holy Days



A three-session class on the High Holy Days will be offered on consecutive Thursday evenings beginning May 15th at 7:30 PM. The Days of Awe comprise a series of interrelated services, rituals and observances that often prove difficult to understand and obscure to the average temple-goer. Even the regular Friday evening participant may find themselves in unfamiliar territory because the prayer book is not the usual one.

The class will present the basic themes and concepts that comprise the High Holy Days. Attention will be placed on the special elements of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services not usually found in Jewish worship at other times of the year. All classes are on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 PM. Ample time for questions and answers will be provided.

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