



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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Calendar of Events

Monday, May 1—Spanish, 10:30am; First Day of Plant Sale at Santelli's

Tuesday, May 2—Worship Committee, 7:00pm; Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 3—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Cantor's Class #1, 7:30pm

Friday, May 5—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Monday, May 8—Spanish, 10:30am

Wednesday, May 10—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Cantor's Class #2, 7:30pm

Friday, May 12—Presidents' Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Monday, May 15—Spanish Class, 10:30am; Final Day of Plant Sale at Santelli's

Wednesday, May 17—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Cantor's Class #3, 7:30pm

Friday, May 19—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, May 20—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, May 21—*You Light Up My Life* Program with Sofer Neil Yerman, 2:00pm

Monday, May 22—Spanish, 10:30am

Tuesday, May 23—Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Chase Foster, 11:30 at Ayhan's Shish Kebab

Wednesday, May 24—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Congregational Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday, May 26—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, May 27—Torah Study, 9:30am; Schacharit Service, 10:30am

Tuesday, May 30—Erev Shavuot Service, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 31—Shavuot Yizkor Service, 10:30am

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS!

**MONDAY, MAY 1 THROUGH
TUESDAY, MAY 15
PLANT SALE AT
SANTELLI'S
(SEE PAGE 8)**



**FRIDAY, MAY 12
PRESIDENTS' SHABBAT
(SEE PAGE 8)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21
YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE
PROGRAM WITH TORAH
SOFER NEIL YERMAN
(SEE PAGE 5)**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(SEE PAGE 6)**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1
GALA DINNER CELEBRATING
TEMPLE ISAIAH'S
JUBILEE YEAR**



CANTOR'S COLUMN

JOIN ME ON A WALK THROUGH THE FOREST

One of the great miracles of Jewish history and – for that matter, world history – is the continuation and resilience of Judaism. Why is it that the Israelites have survived thousands of years while the rest of all those “ites” we encounter in the bible are merely ancient references? The Hittites, Perizites, Jebusites, Hivites, Canaanites, Philistines, Gergashites, Moabites, Anakites, Midianites, Amorites, Ammonites...well, you get the idea.



While the reason for our longevity does not have a simple answer, one important part of the equation is that we have maintained the connection to our traditions throughout every generation while adapting to the surrounding world. As a diverse people scattered throughout the globe, one of the most important rituals that defines us, unites us, connects us through time, and keeps us relevant is our tradition of prayer. Yet that very thing that defines us and gives us a platform for Jewish expression can be uncomfortable for some people. The language of prayer can be difficult to understand, its formality can sometimes be off-putting and perhaps even anachronistic, and the structure of the prayers (is there actually a structure?) may be impossible to ascertain. Put simply, it is difficult to see the forest for the trees...or the trees for the forest.

Join me on the first three Wednesday evenings in May at 7:30 for a walk through the prayer service. We'll talk about the history of the service, the basic structure of every service (the forest) and we'll even climb some trees.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

FINDING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays: May 3, May 10 and May 17

Whether you attend services once in a while or are a Shabbat regular, the worship service can often seem complicated, perhaps even confusing.

Join Cantor Friedlander when she presents a liturgy class that will demystify our services and Shabbat, festivals...even the High Holy Day services will make infinitely more sense.

Mark your calendars for the first three Wednesday evenings in May at 7:30.



“VOICES OF ISAIAH”

What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?

By Belle Gayer

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.

I am proud to present our family’s Temple Isaiah story.

How did the Gayer family come to Temple Isaiah?

The year was 2003. Elliott, Sheridan, Forrest and I had been members of the Little Neck Jewish Center for several years, but when Forrest was ready to prepare for his bar mitzvah, our special needs child was not well served there, so we set out to consider the local Reform temples.

Forrest had attended pre-school at Temple Emanuel and my best friend belonged to Temple Beth-El, so we were already very familiar with both of those, and were really not interested in either, so we attended a Shabbat service at Temple Isaiah, despite our reservations about a temple situated inside a church.

Both of our family histories were rooted in Orthodox Jewish backgrounds, so we came into Temple Isaiah with the usual trepidations of entering ‘a church’; however, we were pleasantly surprised by Rabbi Ted Tsuoruoka, whose warmth, *mentshlehkeyt* and humanity shone strong and bright, and the strength of community and caring we observed within the congregation. The school principal, Jill Kaplan, was also very reassuring about being able to help with Forrest’s special needs, and the people were friendly and warm, the services very enjoyable, and the history of the temple was impressive and uplifting, with the financial aspect of “fair share” being a real standout.

So we joined and have continued our journey with Temple Isaiah for almost 14 years now, sharing much joy and sorrow with fellow congregants. We have lost beloved family as well as friends from our temple family, but hope to gain more temple friends soon to reinvigorate our temple life.

One very special moment for Elliott was being the master of ceremonies for a public conversation at the Great Neck Library between Rabbi Theodore Tsuoruoka and Rabbi Moshe Yosef Firrouz, the Chief Karaite Rabbi of Israel, when he spent time with us several years ago. Their discussion involved the issues relating to their differences. This was the first time that any Reform rabbi had engaged in a public dialogue with a leader of the Karaite movement.

Most recently, I have enthusiastically enjoyed sharing time at the Women’s March in Manhattan with several of Temple Isaiah’s activist women (you all know who you are!), attending a Holocaust Museum speech, two baby namings and enlightening, enriching Torah study with a small circle of temple friends.

Many thanks to all of the committed, wonderful people who make attending services and events at Temple Isaiah something our family eagerly looks forward to on a consistent, continuing basis. Elliott and I share the hope that Temple Isaiah will continue to serve this community for many decades to come.

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* blessings 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.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Santelli's Plant Sale Runs from May 1—May 15</i> 	1 Spanish Class, 10:30am	2 Worship Committee, 7:00pm; Board Meeting, 7:30pm	3 Tai Chi, 11:00am Cantor's Class, 7:30pm	4	5 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	6
7	8 Spanish Class, 10:30am	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am Cantor's Class, 7:30pm	11	12 President's Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	13
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21 <i>You Light Up My Life</i> Program with Sofer Neil Yerman, 2:00pm	22 Spanish Class, 10:30am	23 Lunch & Learn with Student Rabbi Chase Foster, 11:30am	24 Tai Chi, 11:00am Congregational Meeting, 7:30pm	25	26 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	27 Torah Study 9:30am; Schacharit Service, 10:30am
28	29 	30 Erev Shavuot Service, 7:30pm	31 Shavuot Yizkor Service, 10:30am	June 1 		

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 2:00 pm

You Light Up My Life

***For the mitzvah is a lamp. Torah is a light.
Proverbs 6:23***



Temple Isaiah of Great Neck

1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021

Congregants, family members and friends in the community are invited to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime experience of fulfilling the mitzvah of writing a Torah scroll, with Temple Isaiah's Jubilee Year scholar-in-residence and world-renowned Sofer Neil Yerman. We will learn of the spiritual, mystical and Kabbalistic meanings of the special letters in the Torah. Participants will have a rare opportunity of holding a quill and creating a special crown on one of the sacred letters that may be written in blessing, memory or celebration of a person beloved by each individual writer.

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Tuesday, May 23
Lunch & Learn with
Student Rabbi
Chase Foster

at Ayhan's Shish Kebab
11:30am – 12:45pm



Temple Isaiah's
Annual

Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, May 24th,
7:30pm

Come Hear the Latest News
Vote on Our 2017/2018
Budget and
Board of Trustees



June 1, 2017
Temple Isaiah's Jubilee Anniversary
GALA DINNER DANCE



**Join us at the Pt. Washington Yacht Club as we celebrate
the past 50 years and look forward to many more!**

**Invitations will be in the mail soon, but in the meantime,
please send in your personal Journal ads and collect ads
from your friends, business contacts, stores with which
you do business, relatives, and anyone else you think
might like to advertise or send their good wishes.**

**Special attraction at this year's dance: Harvey Granat, former Great Neck
resident, singer, raconteur, friend to so many stars!**

(Additional Journal Ad Form on Page 7)



Shavuot Services

Erav—Tuesday, May 30—7:30pm
Yizkor—Wednesday, May 31—10:30am



*Temple Isaiah of Great Neck Proudly
Announces Its Gala Journal Dinner
Celebrating
Temple Isaiah's Jubilee Year*

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Presidents' Shabbat Friday, May 12th, 8:00pm

In every generation, a small group of leaders carries the heaviest load. The presidents of our congregation have led us through the excitement of our earliest days when this congregation was only a collection of interested families, to the building of our own sacred space, and every high and low point in between. The presidents forged meaningful relationships with our clergy and represented the congregation in the larger community, all the while dealing with the necessary daily chores and difficulties that make the life of a congregation what it is.



Please join us at the Shabbat evening service on Friday, May 12, when we will celebrate the dedication of our Presidents' Wall.

General Donations

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