



BULLETIN

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November Calendar of Events

Sat. Nov. 1—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am

Sun. Nov. 2—"Carmen" with Sina Kiai, 2:00pm (#3)

Mon. Nov. 3—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tues. Nov. 4—Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30pm; Board Meeting, 7:30pm; Last day to donate winter clothes/supplies for TANS

Thurs. Nov. 6—Kristallnacht Program: Guest Speaker Marty Brounstein, 7:30pm

Fri. Nov. 7—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm—*Bazaar Opens: 10am to 4:30pm*

Sat. Nov. 8—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sun. Nov. 9—*Bazaar, 10am to 4:30pm*

Mon. Nov. 10—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; *Bazaar open 10am to 4pm*; Basic Hebrew, 7:30pm

Tues. Nov. 11—"Current Events" with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 13—Rabbi's Class: "What the Bible Really Said-Part 2," 7:30pm (#3)

Fri. Nov. 14—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Sat. Nov. 15—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. Nov. 17—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn at Ayhan's Shish Kebab, 11:30am; Basic Hebrew, 7:30pm (First Class)

Thurs. Nov. 20—Rabbi's Class: "What the Bible Really Said-Part 2," 7:30pm (#4)

Fri. Nov. 21—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm with Guest Speaker Peter Kubicek

Sat. Nov. 22—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Mon. Nov. 24—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish, 10:30am; Basic Hebrew, 7:30pm; GNCA Community Thanksgiving Service (Details TBD)

Fri. Nov. 28—Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm

Sat. Nov. 29—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am

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Is a Busy
Month at
Temple Isaiah:**

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RABBI'S COLUMN

The Season for Thanksgiving



This time of year, as the days grow shorter and the trees turn golden in the chillier, windblown air, our thoughts turn from the intensity of the Days of Awe to quieter things. Fall ushers in the harvest in the northern hemisphere and thoughts of thanksgiving. The American day of Thanksgiving, originally designated as a national holiday by President Lincoln in 1863, is observed on the 4th Thursday of November. His initial purpose was to set aside a day of reconciliation during the Civil War to acknowledge “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” It is clear though that thanksgiving to God goes back to the time of the Bible and the early beginnings of humankind when people would offer animal sacrifices and gifts to God. Since the destruction of the second Temple in 70 C.E., prayers of the heart have replaced the sacrificial rite. Moreover, acknowledging thanks to God comprises a daily responsibility of every Jew and is inherent in our daily life and prayers. In fact, a Jew recognizes God in every aspect of his or her life from rising from sleep until retiring at the end of the day. Here are a few examples from our liturgy.

Modeh/Modah Ani: *“I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign, that You have restored my soul to me in mercy; How great is Your trust.”* – Upon opening one’s eyes after a long sleep, we express thanks for having preserved our body and soul while unconscious and unaware.

Hodaah: *“We acknowledge with thanks that You are Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors, forever... Let us praise You – for our lives which are in Your hands, for our souls which are in Your care, for Your miracles that we experience every day and for Your wondrous deeds and favors at every time of day: evening, morning and noon... Blessed are You, Adonai, Your Name is Goodness, and You are worthy of thanksgiving.”* – This prayer is part of the T’filah or Amida which is a set of prayers established by the ancient rabbis to be offered three times a day including Shabbat. It is said in the morning (*Shacharit*), afternoon (*Mincha*) and evening (*Maariv*).

Birkat Hamazon: *“Sovereign God of the universe, we praise You: Your goodness sustains the world...In Your great goodness we need never lack for food; You provide food enough for all. We praise You, O God, Source of food for all who live.”* – This is part of the prayers offered after the major meal of the day. Just as we thank God for providing physical sustenance daily, we need to offer thanksgiving to God for our spiritual well-being. We need both to live fully.

Adon Olam: *“... Into Your hands I entrust my spirit, When I sleep and when I wake; And with my spirit my body also; Adonai is with me and I shall not fear.”* – A suitable hymn upon retiring which concludes with words of thanks to God for entrusting our soul and being as we slip off to sleep and unconsciousness.

Shema: *“Listen, Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!”* – Often referred to as the watchword of our faith, the Shema articulates the central concept of Judaism: The total unity of God which includes everything knowable and unknowable. It is customary to say the Shema upon retiring for the night to sleep and when one approaches death (the ultimate sleep). Our thanks and gratitude is implicit by the capacity to call Adonai our God!

As you prepare for Thanksgiving with family and friends this year please bear in mind the miracles that fill our days and nights every moment of our lives. As our prayer book says: *“Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. Eternal God, fill our eyes with seeing and minds with knowing; let there be moments when Your Presence, like lightening, illumines the darkness in which we walk...”* Linda and I wish you a wonderful and thankful Thanksgiving.

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

CANTOR'S COLUMN

Our Shared Heritage



The history of the North American continent is one of immigration, starting with the first nomads who crossed the bridge between Siberia and Alaska and continuing with the most recent immigrants arriving in New York City. Each wave of immigrants was made up of people searching for something – new hunting grounds, new places to bring their families, new places to make a living.

The story of the Thanksgiving holiday really has its roots in immigration. There is an affinity between the pilgrims of the seventeenth century who landed on Plymouth Rock and the Jews of the twentieth century who landed on Manhattan rockbed. The pilgrims traveled the vast Atlantic Ocean on a small boat no bigger than the Staten Island ferry. Most Jews traveled in steerage across the Atlantic Ocean in the belly of a sea-tossed ship. When the pilgrims arrived at their destination they were greeted by a hostile environment. The Jews stepped off the boat from Ellis Island and were greeted by slums of dirt, depression and diphtheria. The pilgrims had to establish a rapport with the Native Americans, whose land they were “encroaching” upon. The Jews had to establish a rapport with citizens whose territory they were “proliferating” on.



When the pilgrims felt they had successfully passed over to a new land they sat down and gave thanks for making it through another year. The Jews also sat down around the table in four-story tenement buildings and gave thanks for surviving another year in a new and strange land.

Most Americans can find common ground to share their sentiments about Thanksgiving. We may have different religious beliefs but we share a common American heritage: a heritage of the immigrant. We are all strangers in a strange land who give thanks to a power greater than ours for the basic things in life: food, shelter, good health and happiness and the freedom to enjoy these gifts.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Great Neck Clergy Association Interfaith Thanksgiving Community Service

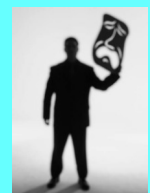
**This year's service will be held on
Monday, November 24th
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**Save the Date:
Saturday, December 13th, 7:30pm**

“Guess Who?” A Live-Action Trivia Contest

Richard Solow will be impersonating well known actors, comedians and even a few singers as the clues in this Hollywood/TV/Broadway trivia contest with a new wrinkle.



**Wine, cheese, noshes & coffee
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door**

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Temple Isaiah History—Part I

Temple Isaiah is now 47 years old. As every member knows, it was founded in June 1967 just as the '67 war broke out. And then, like the tribes of biblical Israel, the congregation was without a permanent home for the next 40 years. Isaiah was a tenant congregation in the long-established Community Church.

Temple Isaiah is now at "home" in its building on Chelsea Place. We are no longer "new" or viewed by some as isolated from the Great Neck Jewish community.



Isaiah is not the congregation that it was, nor is it now the congregation that it will be in the future. Like any community, it is constantly evolving, changing, adopting new programs and discarding some traditions that no longer seem appropriate. But as we move forward, we should also look back and remember where we have been and what in the past shaped our interests, attitudes and congregational character. Over the coming year this column will, from time to time, review past history and tell some of Isaiah's stories, so that its institutional memory is not lost.

So let's begin.

When Temple Isaiah was a tenant congregation, the annual negotiations with the Community Church evolved into a well-scripted ritual. Isaiah's representatives - 4 or 5 members - were invited into the church's "parlor," a room that any other time was "off-limits" to the temple. The church's representatives were invariably its oldest and most respected members, led by the educator Dr. John Miller, for whom Great Neck North High School is now named.

After introductions, the meeting began with a prayer that recognized the brotherhood of the two faiths that shared a holy space. There was quiet conversation and little of the adversarial tension that frequently exists in commercial transactions. The only real issue to be decided on was the dollar amount that the temple would pay as its "contribution in lieu of rent" and how the utility costs (mostly heating bills) would be allocated.

The rental "contract" was almost unchanged from year to year and was less than two pages long. Both congregations recognized the rights of the other to the use of the space, none of which required any detail in the written agreement. It was all very polite. The process had an almost "religious" atmosphere.

Over the years, by sometimes incremental, almost imperceptible changes, and sometimes by pronounced new attitudes the process changed - and Isaiah finally decided to leave the church and build "A Home of Our Own."

In the United States there are some shared congregational spaces. They represent something very special about our political and social culture, and are an often overlooked component of American "exceptionalism." In a troubled world where religions often are at war with another, it's a shame that the old example of the Temple Isaiah-Community Church relationship is so rare. When that relationship dissolved, Great Neck lost something important.

Helman Brook & Kathie Davis

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study 9:30am Torah Service, 10:30am
2 “Carmen” with Sina Kiai 2:00pm	3 Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish Class, 10:30am	4 Worship Comm. Mtg, 7:00pm; Board Meeting 7:30pm; Last Day of TANS Clothing Drive	5	6 Kristallnacht Program: Guest Speaker Marty Brounstein, 7:30pm	7 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm <i>Bazaar 10am to 4:30pm</i>	8 Torah Study & Service 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
9 <i>Bazaar 10am to 4:30pm</i>	10 Intermedi- ate Hebrew, 10:00am; Spanish Class, 10:30am <i>Bazaar 10-4</i>	11 “Current Events” 7:30pm	12	13 Rabbi’s Class: “What the Bible Really Said— Part 2” 7:30pm (3 of 4)	14 Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	15 Torah Study & Service 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
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30	 GNCA Thanksgiving Service 11/24 (Details to follow)	<div> DETAILS ON NOVEMBER EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE PAGES OF THIS BULLETIN </div>				

Temple Isaiah is pleased to sponsor and welcome
San Francisco Bay area speaker and
author Marty Brounstein.



***Two Among the Righteous Few:
A Story of Courage in the Holocaust***

Come hear the remarkable true story about a Christian couple in the Netherlands who, despite great risk and danger, help save the lives of over two dozen Jews from certain death during World War II and the Holocaust. The story also has a **meaningful personal connection** to Marty, which he reveals in his engaging storytelling presentation.

Books will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

"Fabulous Finds" Bazaar



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Friday, November 7—10am to 4:30pm
Sunday, November 9—10am to 4:30pm
Monday, November 10—10am to 4pm

Call Terry Joseph to donate or volunteer (516-466-2971)

Classes at Temple Isaiah

Rabbi's Class: "What the Bible Really Said – Part 2" Continues on Nov 13 & 20

The stories in the Torah we've read and reread since childhood are the product of hundreds of centuries of transmission, first orally and then in written form. Along the way subtle and even major changes have crept into the original narratives. This four-week class, Part 2 of the course offered last year, examines other well-known stories through the prism of the culture, beliefs and customs of the ancient world in which the Torah was transmitted. Close attention is placed on details and contexts often overlooked as clues to the true meaning of the text. The final two classes are on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 at 7:30 PM. All classes are on Thursdays.

New Beginners' Basic Hebrew Class Beginning Monday, 11/17 @ 7:30 PM

Now that the High Holidays are over, act on your resolution to learn basic Hebrew this year. A crash course will be offered beginning Monday, November 17th at 7:30 PM. This class is also good as a brush up course. If interested, please call the Temple Office or leave a message: 487-5353.

Guest Speaker at Friday Evening Services November 21 @ 8 PM

Holocaust Survivor Peter Kubicek Author of "Memories of Evil – Recalling a World War II Childhood"

From an idyllic childhood in Czechoslovakia with wealth, comfort and sheltered life in the Jewish community – Peter's life changed forever with the onslaught of the Holocaust. Peter Kubicek will present his story of how a young man of 14 somehow survived six concentration camps in his journey out of the darkness of Nazi persecution.



6th Annual Community Outreach Program

Volunteers and Donations Needed

New and gently used winter coats, blankets, sweatshirts, jeans, scarfs, hats, gloves and personal hygiene supplies.

**Wed. 11/5: Sorting & Organization
Thurs. 11/6: Distribution**

Bring donations to Temple by 11/4



NEWS FROM ARZA

The World Zionist Organization- We can have a say! (part 2)

In Part 1, we left off at the 7th Zionist Congress in 1905. The World Zionist Organization has continued to hold these congresses approximately every four years, representing the diversity of the Zionist world. The 37th Congress will be in October 2015 and when world Jewry meets at that time, the impact of the decisions taken will be felt for years to come. We all have the opportunity to vote for delegates who stand for plurality in Israel.

There are 500 elected delegates to the congress-190 from Israel based on Knesset elections, 145 from the United States based on elections and 165 from Zionists throughout the rest of the world also based on elections. We have the opportunity to vote in these elections and influence the outcome. This is important because whoever has the largest number of representatives in congress will set goals and policies and have access to the centers of decision making and funding. If there is a large number of ARZA delegates they will be able to prevent important funding from going exclusively to the more religious streams in Israel. Because we have had significant representation in the past we were able to pass three resolutions calling on the Israeli government to implement the establishment of egalitarian prayer at the Wall, to pass a marriage and civil divorce law and to prosecute Israelis who incite racism.

Make your voice heard, make a difference.

If you care about the Reform Movement in Israel, if you support egalitarian prayer, if you believe in freedom of religion, the right of Reform rabbis to conduct marriage, divorce, burial and conversion, if you believe that women should have equal status, here is your chance to make a difference. Join ARZA and vote in the World Zionist Congress elections. This is the best way for you to directly influence and impact the future of the Reform Movement in Israel and of the Jewish people around the globe.

Within the next few months I will provide more information about how to register to vote. ARZA advances the rights of Reform Jews in Israel to exercise freedom of religious practice and we must support that right to the extent possible.

If you have not already joined ARZA, please send your check for \$36 to the office and indicate to Cathy that you wish to join ARZA and position it to continue its significant work on behalf of Reform Judaism in Israel.

Shelley Sherman

Current Events with Helman Brook



**Tuesday, November 11
7:30pm**

**Come Join the Stimulating
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Sina Kiai Class: "Carmen" by Georges Bizet Concludes Sunday, 11/2 at 2:00pm



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