

## November 2016 Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, Nov. 1—Worship Committee Meeting, 6:45pm;  
 Board Meeting, 7:30pm**

**Friday, Nov. 4—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm; Guest Speaker  
 Dr. Lynn Levy (see page 5)**

**Saturday, Nov. 5—Torah Study, 9:30am**

**Monday, Nov. 7—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am**

**Tuesday, Nov. 9—Lunch & Learn at Ayhan's Shish Kebab,  
 11:30am; Student Rabbi Chase Foster will lead a discussion  
 on "Reconciliation"**

**Friday, Nov. 11—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm**

**Saturday, Nov. 12—Torah Study, 9:30am**

**Sunday, Nov. 13—Tag Sale, 10am—4pm**

**Monday, Nov. 14—Tag Sale, 10am—4pm; Conversational  
 Spanish, 10:30am**

**Wednesday, Nov. 16—Cantor's Class: "Genesis Stories  
 Across Cultures," 7:30pm**

**Friday, Nov. 18—Tag Sale, 10am-4pm; Shabbat Service,  
 8:00pm**

**Saturday, Nov. 19—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service,  
 10:30am**

**Sunday, Nov. 20—Tag Sale, 10am—4pm**

**Monday, Nov. 21—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am**

**Thursday, Nov. 24—Thanksgiving**

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

**Monday, Nov. 28—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am**

**Wednesday, Nov. 30—Cantor's Class: "Genesis Stories  
 Across Cultures," 7:30pm**



## ***Four Day Multi-Family Tag Sale***

**Sunday, November 13  
 Monday, November 14  
 Friday, November 18  
 Sunday, November 20**

***10am to 4pm each day***

- Artwork & Crystal
  - New & Gently Used Gift Items
  - Designer Scarves
    - Judaica
    - Jewelry
    - Collectibles
    - Adult Clothing
    - Children's Clothing
  - Toys & Children's Paraphernalia
    - Books
  - China and Glassware
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## CANTOR'S COLUMN

### INVITATION TO A MYSTERY

**BY CANTOR LESLIE FRIEDLANDER**

**I remember, as a small child, looking at the Hebrew letters I couldn't read or understand and they seemed like a jumble of doodle drawings. I thought that they looked like the burn marks on the top of matzah but I knew enough to know that they made sense to older people.**



**Even though they now have meaning to me, the letters still seem to hold a certain ancient mystery. It is truly remarkable that the Hebrew letters haven't changed since the fourth century B.C.E., when Ezra the Scribe declared them to be holy and therefore to remain unchanged.**

**We read in the Book of Ezra (7:10), "Ezra had dedicated himself to study the Torah of Adonai so as to observe it and to teach laws and rules to Israel." Because of this verse there are scholars who believe that it was Ezra who initiated the search for deeper meaning between and within the words and the letters of the Torah. For centuries afterwards people have followed Ezra's lead in the quest for new and relevant meaning in the Torah and in this way our ancient Torah has become the moral guide of the Jewish people and therefore called a *Torat Chayim*, a living Torah.**

**To protect its sanctity and safeguard the Torah as the centerpiece of Jewish life there are laws and customs that have developed not only around interpreting and questioning its contents, but also concerning the actual construction and art of creating a Torah.**

**In fact, there is an entire body of precise laws pertaining to the writing of Torah scrolls that specially trained scribes (who are also scholars and artists), known as *soferim*, maintain and put into practice while creating a Torah. The sacred work of a *sofer* is difficult, the artist must be meticulous and it can take up to a year just to write one Torah. The work of a *sofer* is a little-known art that carries a great deal of fascination and mystery, history, ritual, and holds supreme importance to the survival of Judaism.**

**This year, in celebration of our Jubilee Year, we are planning a Torah restoration project to be led by *sofer* Neil Yerman. We will all have the rare opportunity to study with him, work with him, to watch him practice his craft and learn about the mystery of writing a Torah. More information will be forthcoming... in the meantime, know that your Jubilee Celebration Committee is hard at work.**

## **“VOICES OF ISAIAH”**

### **What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?**

**By Claude Springer**

*In October, 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.*

When Marcia and I moved to Great Neck in 1962, there was a waiting list to join Temple Beth El. When we did become members there, we stayed for seventeen years. We liked the service but did not feel welcomed. We went to services every Friday night. A professional choir sang from a loft. The congregation seldom sang.

Then we had a small fire in our house, and used the basement as a make-shift kitchen. As a result, we did not attend services for three months. No one from the temple called to find out why we were not coming.

We had heard about Temple Isaiah but knew little about it. About three weeks before the High Holidays in 1979 we called and spoke to the then administrator Florence Levy, who told us we did not have to join now, but to see how we liked the temple after coming for the High Holidays. This welcoming approach was very appealing. The next Friday night we went to the temple (in the sanctuary of the Community Church) and sat down behind a couple, who turned around and said, “Hi, we’re Phil and Ruth Fried, welcome.” This lovely introduction to the congregation was particularly heart-warming, because the previous seventeen years we had never heard anything like it. The whole attitude of the members and their communal singing was very appealing.

That was the beginning: Rabbis Harold Spivack, Judy Lewis, and Bonnie Steinberg, the hamish congregation, an inclusive Reform service, then joining the board, and becoming president for three years, and then Rabbi Ted, and a building of our own. In between was the problem of hiding the cross up near the ceiling in the apse, that was finally solved by a mechanism devised by a physician friend of mine and father of one our congregants; the building of a new ark by a congregant which was supposed to be light enough to carry off the bima but turned out to be so heavy it required four men to carry it; the concept of the fair share versus a dues structure; whether all members or just those with yahrzeits should stand for the Kaddish—all of these problems resolved in good spirit, to bring about our present day temple and congregation.

So, now I look forward to a new era with Cantor Leslie Friedlander and Student Rabbi Chase Foster, our Torah study again led by a clergy member, and being together with my friends.



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.

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Worship Committee, 6:45pm; Board Meet- ing, 7:30pm	2	3	4 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm; Guest Speaker Dr. Lynn Levy	5 Torah Study, 9:30am
6	7 Conversa- tional Spanish, 10:30am	8 Election Day 	9 Lunch & Learn, "Recon- ciliation," 11:30am	10	11 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	12 Torah Study, 9:30am
13 Tag Sale, 10am to 4pm	14 Tag Sale, 10am to 4pm; Conversa- tional Spanish, 10:30am	15	16 Cantor's Class #1, "Genesis Sto- ries Across Cultures," 7:30pm	17	18 Tag Sale, 10am to 4pm  Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	19 Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am
20 Tag Sale, 10am to 4pm	21 Conversa- tional Spanish, 10:30am	22	23	24 	25 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	26
27	28 Conversa- tional Spanish, 10:30am	29	30 Cantor's Class #2, "Genesis Sto- ries Across Cultures," 7:30pm			

***Friday, November 4th***  
***Guest Speaker at Shabbat Service***  
***Dr. Lynn Levy, Ph.D. and MSW***



**“The Changing Jewish Family”**

**Dr. Lynn Levy is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University where she received both her Ph.D. and MSW with a concentration in social group work and a certificate in Jewish Communal Service.**

**Dr. Levy and her husband are the authors of a soon to be published book entitled “The Resilient Couple: Navigating Through Life.”**

**Join us to hear this very dynamic speaker on a very topical subject.**

**Cantor’s Class: November 16th and November 30th**  
**Genesis Stories Across Cultures: Parts I and II**



**Some of our biblical narratives have roots in ancient literature and although it may surprise (or even distress) some of us, there they are – “our” stories included in the writings of other cultures...or perhaps “their” stories are found in our Torah!**

**Join Cantor Friedlander for this insightful two-part series, Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Lunch  
&  
Learn**

**Wednesday, November 9th, 11:30am—12:45pm**  
**at Ayhan’s Shish Kebab**

**In the aftermath of the election, Student Rabbi Chase Foster will be teaching about different models of reconciliation in Jewish texts. After such a contentious election, we all need to come together to seek common ground and restore the public discourse around us.**



***Save the Dates***  
**Forbidden Texts: Stories Our Rabbis  
Tried to Hide**

**Learning Sessions with Student Rabbi Chase Foster  
Wednesdays, Dec. 14th, 21st & 28th—7:00pm—8:15pm**



**Based on a passage in the Talmud that proscribes portions of the Torah that are not to be translated or even read in public, join Student Rabbi Chase Foster, to explore parts of the Torah that are deceitful or salacious, known or unknown, confounding or eye-opening. These forbidden fruits are sure to provide a deep glimpse into our own understandings of censorship.**

*Save the Date—December 23  
Chanukah Dinner*



**SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016  
3:00 pm**

**Temple Isaiah welcomes Dr. Meryl Ain,  
*The Comfort Coach*.**

**Dr. Ain will lead the community in an interactive workshop to offer creative and meaningful ways to help us remember and celebrate lives and legacies of loved ones.**

## **General Donations**

### ***In Loving Memory Of:***

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### ***Memorial Plaques:***

In Memory of Alan Lichtenstein  
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### ***Cantor's Discretionary Account:***

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Leff  
Barri Leff

### ***Trees in Israel:***

In Memory of Bernie Weinberger, Father of  
Laurel Steinhertz  
Bill Rosenberg  
In Memory of Florence Waze-Fink, Mother of  
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### ***In Honor of:***

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### ***In Honor of (cont'd):***

The Warm Hospitality of Alisa & Martin  
Secofsky  
Shelley Sherman  
Belle & Elliott Gayer for Leading HH and  
Shabbat Services at the Atria  
Lorraine Smith

### ***Kol Nidre:***

Roslyn and Perri Bein  
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## Partners in Caring

Sid Jacobson JCC's annual **Care Day Symposium**  
will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016,  
8:30am.

This event is a valuable, educational and supportive day  
for caregivers who are caring for a loved one with  
dementia and/or chronic disease, as well as for  
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