



TEMPLE ISALAH *BULLETIN*

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November 2017 Calendar of Events

Thursday, Nov. 2—Tag Sale, 10am-4pm

Friday, Nov. 3—Tag Sale, 10am-4pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

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

Sunday, Nov. 5—Tag Sale, 10am-4pm

Monday, Nov. 6—Tag Sale, 10am-4pm

Tuesday, Nov. 7—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Thursday, Nov. 9—Rabbi's Class: *Pirkei Avot*, 7:30pm

Friday, Nov. 10—Shabbat Service, Kristallnacht Observance, 8:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 11—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, Nov. 12—DACA—Immigration Program, 3:00pm

Monday, Nov. 13—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Nov. 15—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, Nov. 16—Rabbi's Class: *Pirkei Avot*, 7:30pm

Friday, Nov. 17—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Nov. 18—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

Monday, Nov. 20—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, Nov. 21—“Current Events” with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 22—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, Nov. 23—Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 24—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 25—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, Nov. 27—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Nov. 29—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Lunch & Learn with Cantor Leslie Friedlander, 11:30am at Mediterranean Seafood Grill

Thursday, Nov. 30—Rabbi's Class: *Pirkei Avot*, 7:30pm

We Have a
Busy
November!

. *Super Tag Sale*

. *Adult Ed*

. *Immigration Programs*

See Inside for Details
on
Upcoming Events
and
Save-the-Dates

CANTOR'S COLUMN
A Thanksgiving Remembrance
By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



While I was growing up – actually, my entire life until a few months ago – my father was a powerful force. Although not a big man, he was physically strong and fit. He was exceptionally smart and read physics and science books for enjoyment – while watching a game on T.V. He loved classical music and could remember melodies and stories behind the music and the composer after one hearing. When you've known someone so well it's sometimes difficult to untangle all the details, but what stands out most about my father was his down-to-earth, practical approach to life.

On the Shabbat during Sukkot we read from the Book of Ecclesiastes and every year its philosophical search would make me think of my father. Ecclesiastes, also known as Kohelet, is really one man's quest for confirmable evidence of God's workings in this world, which he ultimately does not find. What he does conclude, however, is that it is the daily, seemingly mundane, earthly pursuits that ground us and give us purpose in our lives. Our relationship with our spouse, our job, our home and our children – these are the things that should give us ultimate pleasure since we don't know if there is anything more beyond our earthly life. Kohelet insists that we enjoy every moment, while we can.

My father died the day before Sukkot, something I at first felt to be terribly ironic. But with the passing of these few weeks, it makes sense, or at least I made it make sense for me. Our extended family will observe Thanksgiving this year with a memorial service for my father, just as we did last Thanksgiving for my mother. It may seem like an uncanny coincidence, but for two people who were genuinely in love for 73 years, it does make sense.

This Thanksgiving I will be giving thanks for having had my father in my life in a full way, a father who was always levelheaded and taught me to balance my creativity with pragmatism and to always appreciate the seemingly ordinary that isn't at all ordinary.

And the Book of Ecclesiastes will never be the same for me.

Kristallnacht Service—November 10

Henryk Ross (1910-91) was a sports photographer in Poland before the Germans invaded in September 1939. When the Nazis walled off the city of Lodz and incarcerated tens of thousands of Jews, including Ross, Ross began working for the ghetto's Department of Statistics, where he was assigned to photograph identification-card photos. Secretly, he also photographed the devastating realities in the ghetto, which he buried in 1944 as the Germans began liquidating the ghetto. Ross survived the Holocaust, rescued the buried negatives that survived and shared some of the images in the years since. Until recently, most of his photographs have remained unseen.

Join us on November 10 at 8:00 for our Kristallnacht service, when Dr. Howard Israel will share Henryk Ross' moving images of the Lodz ghetto.

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum



It's the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, and it's a very interesting month, in that it's the only Hebrew month we don't have some sort of Jewish holiday. As a matter of fact, the Sages even called it MarCheshvan, using the Mar, meaning bitter because of the lack of holidays. But there are other interpretations as well.

The Hebrew word Mar can also be translated as a "drop" (as in water), and Cheshvan is when (at least Biblically) the story of Noah and the floods take place. In addition, Cheshvan began the agricultural season in ancient Israel where we pray for rain. (Notice the extra words, "Mashiv HaRuach, U Morid HaGashem – You cause the wind to shift and the rain to fall" in the T'fila, our Amidah prayer next time you're at services). Today, because of scientific advances, Israel manages water supply for agriculture and electricity (among other things), but that was not always the case, and thus our rabbis saw the need to pray for rain.

I realize that this can easily fall under the heading of *"too much information"*, and I really wanted to show that although there are no holidays in the month of Cheshvan, it is certainly not a month that it is bitter for modern day rabbis and cantors. On the contrary. It is a very productive and busy time for Jewish clergy and congregations, specifically because there are no holidays. We just completed a long and arduous High Holy Day season and we all needed a rest to rejuvenate ourselves and begin in earnest the business of temple life.

During the month of Cheshvan, we also read the weekly Torah portion Lech Lechah, which speak about Abram (before he was called Abraham) being commanded by God to leave his land, his birthplace, and his father's home to a land that God will show him. Cheshvan is a month of moving forward. New beginnings, new adventures, and new things to be learned. We began our Torah study (although technically, that was last Hebrew month), lunch and learns, adult education and many more projects (Yes....Don't forget our Annual Tag Sale). Cheshvan is also the month when the clergy begins to look forward. During lunch and learn, I asked that you submit some subject matter that interests you, and would like to understand more about. I encourage you all to send these subjects to the cantor and me. This will help define some of the topics we will discuss with you in future learning experiences. I would also like to ask you to do the same for adult education.

Cheshvan as you can see is not at all bitter, but full of growth, activity and a sense of moving forward. I hope and pray that this Cheshvan is a productive and meaningful month for you and those you love. That when it rains, let us not just see rain, clouds, and gloominess overhead, but see the potential of new projects we begin together as a community, and that together, we will continue to learn, support and build on the foundation that makes up the community we love and care for so much.

Rabbi Jerry

“VOICES OF ISAIAH”

What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?

By David Aubrey

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.

It is a paradox worthy of pilpulistic pondering that I am simultaneously one of the youngest members of Temple Isaiah, yet have been here longer than nearly everyone else. Over the last 48 years, I have worshipped with 6 rabbis, 7 cantors, and more presidents than you would find at an Al Smith dinner.



It all began in 1969. My mother's cousin's husband was an old friend of Temple Isaiah's first rabbi, Harold Spivack. My mother, Beatrice Aubrey, got a job teaching at the Hebrew school and I was enrolled in Myra Breakstone's second grade class. After a year's hiatus, we formally joined in 1971 and have been here ever since. My siblings and I became bar-mitzvah here. My father served on the board and built the sukkah every year with Lou Marshall. My mother sang in the choir, performed in shows, worked on the dinner dance journal, and wove the ark covering that we still use. My brother, Jonathan, played flute in the temple's mandolin ensemble.

I remember going to Hebrew school in the basement of our original home on Stoner Avenue. Led by the formidable Esther Raviv, Mr. Amnon from Israel, Dr. Jack Lichtenthal, and Ron Howard with his slightly off-color stories and Chico Marx style piano tricks. I recall the elaborate system we had of shielding Christian iconography at the Community Church which involved pullies and placards by member Sam Fink. I remember Purim carnivals and street fairs in the Grace Avenue parking lot, field trips to Garvies Point and the Poconos.

There were many changes over the years – from a “Classical” Reform service to one with more Hebrew, the first female cantor and rabbi in town, new niggunim, the “Stone” Room becoming the “Shalom” Room and the biggest of all – parading our sacred Torah scrolls through the streets to our new home on Chelsea Place. Through it all, from the philosophy group discussing Emil Fackenheim over bialys to the annual Purimspiel, the auctions and progressive dinners, Rabbi Spivack's archeology slides and Linda Tsuruoka's musicals, the often sublime and periodically ridiculous, Temple Isaiah has always been both a second family and a second home to me. A place where you knew everyone—not just because it was small enough to do so, but because its heart was big enough to make that knowledge worth the effort.

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.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Collect Donations/Gifts for Our Annual Good & Services Auction On December 10 See Pages 9 and 10			1	2 Tag Sale 10am—4pm	3 Tag Sale 10am—4pm Immigrant Justice Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	4 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
5 Tag Sale 10am—4pm	6 Tag Sale 10am—4pm URJ DACA Phone Campaign	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8	9 Rabbi's Class: <i>Pirkei Avot</i> , 7:30pm	10 Kristallnacht Shabbat Ser- vice, 8:00pm Henryk Ross Photographs	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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Super Tag Sale



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Jewelry Judaica
China & Glassware Artworks
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Thursday, November 2—10am to 4:00pm

Friday, November 3—10am to 4:00pm

Sunday, November 5—10am to 4:00pm

Monday, November 6—10am to 4:00pm

Rabbi's Class for November/December

November 9, 16, 30

December 7, 14 and 21

7:30pm

***Pirkei Avot*—Ethics of the Fathers (Sages)**



Come join us as we explore one of the most cherished and accessible rabbinic texts, the *Pirkei Avot* - Ethics of our Father's (Sages).

The *Pirkei Avot* is a collection of insights on ethics and interpersonal relationships by our most revered sages of the *Mishnah*.

Over six weeks, we will explore all six chapters of *Pirkei Avot* through different lenses, so we may get a better understanding of ethical living as seen through the eyes of our sages.

Each class will stand on it's own and no prior knowledge of Hebrew or Bible is needed.

Looking forward to learning with you all.

Rabbi Jerry

**Sunday, November 12
3:00PM**

**DACA:
A Community
Forum on
Immigration.**



**Join Assemblyman Charles Lavine
and Nelson Melgar to learn how their
common bonds of immigration unite them
as colleagues and friends.**

**After remarks by our guests, we will have
an open discussion of issues and actions
we can take towards a safer America
for all.**

This event is open to the community.



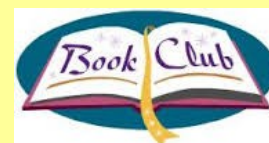
Save the Dates:
Friday, December 15—Chanukah
Potluck Dinner



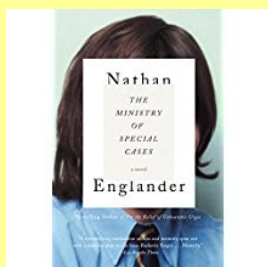
Sunday, December 24—Chinese Food & A

Book Club

Monday, December 18



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Contact Judy Snow to see if the Great Neck Library can acquire additional copies of the book.

RSVP to Shelley Sherman at seeshell98@yahoo.com

November Lunch & Learn Wednesday, November 29, 11:30am

**Mediterranean Seafood Grille
132 Middleneck Rd.
(Formerly Ayhan's Shish Kebab)**



November session led by Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Project with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC)

Temple Isaiah supports the RAC's position concerning our Dreamers and other immigrants seeking the American dream.

Join us at Shabbat services on November 3d as we join the URJ and Reform Synagogues across the country in focusing on the injustice in the proposed immigration policy. Then make calls to your congressional Representatives and Senators on Monday November 6 urging them to block the inhumane and discriminatory policy.

Then, on Sunday, November 12, we will be hosting a special program on DACA featuring guest speakers Charles Lavine and Nelson Melgar at 3:00pm. Details are on page 7.

Our series continues on Shabbat eve December 1st when we commemorate International Human Rights weekend with guest speaker to be announced.



Annual Goods & Services Auction in December...Donations Needed!

On Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm, Temple Isaiah of Great Neck will be holding its Annual Goods and Services Auction. This event is one of our LARGEST fundraisers of the year! Temple Isaiah has served the Great Neck community for 50 years, and now, as we wind up our Jubilee Year, we will continue to do so with your help.

Please support this vital event by donating an auction prize or service and asking stores and service professionals to donate also. All contributions to Temple Isaiah are tax deductible. Merchandise or services will be acknowledged in our auction program and you will be given a tax receipt confirming your donation and its value. Also, we invite you to join us for the afternoon's festivities, which will include champagne, hors d'oeuvres and delicious desserts.

Soon you will be receiving donation certificates and raffle tickets in the mail and we urge you to begin working to make this a great auction! An early copy of the sign up sheet is on the next page.



Temple Isaiah Goods & Services Auction

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Need not be present to win

No purchase necessary

TEMPLE ISAIAH GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

**DECEMBER 10, 2017
2:00PM**

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AUCTION RESERVATIONS @\$18 ADULTS, \$5 CHILD 11-17 \$ _____

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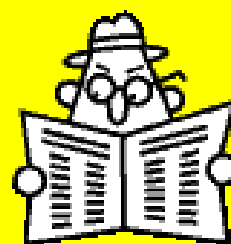
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In Memory of Roslyn Bein, Aunt of Bill Rosenberg
In Memory of Brian Horton, Husband of Terry Birnbaum-Horton



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