

October Calendar of Events

Thursday, Oct. 1—Young Professionals Pizza in the Hut, 7:30pm; “Sukkah City” Film, 8:30pm

Friday, Oct. 2—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 3—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sunday, Oct. 4—Erev Simchat Torah, 7:30pm

Monday, Oct. 5—Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor, 10:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 6—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday, Oct. 9—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 10—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Monday, Oct. 12—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn at Shish Kebab, 11:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 13—Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Friday, Oct. 16—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 17—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Monday, Oct. 19—Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Thursday Oct. 22—Fall Bazaar Opens—10:00am to 4:00pm

Friday, Oct. 23—Bazaar, 10am-4:00pm; Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 24—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am

Sunday, Oct. 25—Bazaar, 10am-4:00pm

Monday, Oct. 26—Bazaar, 10am-4pm; Intermediate Hebrew, 10:00am; Conversational Spanish, 10:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 27—“Income Inequality” Discussion with Richard Roth, 7:30pm

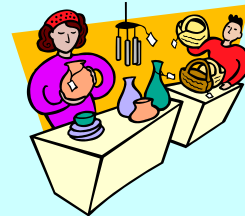
Thursday, Oct. 29—Rabbi’s Class, “Dead Sea Scrolls”, 7:30pm (#1)

Friday, Oct. 30—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Oct. 31—Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 10:30am

Save the Date:

Sunday, November 8th, Dead Sea Scrolls Expert Dr. Lawrence Schiffman



Temple Isaiah Fall Bazaar *Oct. 22-Oct. 26*

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Thursday, October 22
 Friday, October 23
 Sunday, October 25
 Monday, October 26
*10:00am—4:00pm each day
 (closed Saturday)*

RABBI'S COLUMN

On the Refugee Crisis in Europe & Syria



The refugee situation in The Middle East and elsewhere is the most pressing crisis in over 70 years. Presently, more than 60 million people worldwide are displaced from their homes. Many countries, particularly in Europe, have addressed this humanitarian need by taking in significant numbers of refugees. The U.S. currently caps the number of refugees for Fiscal Year 2015 at 70,000, and is raising the cap to 85,000 for 2016, and 100,000 for 2017. While I welcome Secretary Kerry's announcement that the US will increase the number of refugees in the coming 2 years, we must recognize that the new admission numbers remain insufficient considering the scope of the crisis at hand.

As Jews with deep connections to Israel we have long known of Syrian President Assad's barbarism, reflected in atrocities inflicted on his own people. The crisis of Syrian refugees is now adding to the growing numbers of persons displaced by violence in the broader region and in Africa as well. As Jews, we have our own deep memories as refugees in an un-welcoming world after the Shoah. Repelled often in times of greatest need, Jews recognize the necessity for havens for the persecuted. We are instructed by the Torah (Lev. 19:33) to take to heart the lessons of our own history by treating aliens in our midst with justice and compassion, as it is said: *"The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."* The Torah also admonishes us: *"Not to stand idly by the blood of your neighbor"* (Lev 19:16)

Though the circumstances then and now differ in many ways, the struggle to survive and provide a better life for one's children is universal and is incumbent upon each of us to do our part to address it. The nations of Europe and the international community must broadly respond with greater speed, compassion and efficacy to this crisis. And so must we. The U.S. can play a vital leadership role, urging European and other nations to accept more refugees, and by addressing the root causes of the crisis.

I ask you now to call upon Congress to work with President Obama to fully implement the increased number of refugees to be admitted over the next two years – as we urge the President and Congress to welcome even more refugees into our nation and fulfill America's tradition as a beacon of hope and refuge to those in need.

For further information, including ways to help, please go to the Religious Action Center's website:
www.rac.org/refugee-crisis-response

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka



CANTOR'S COLUMN

The Pope's Visit From a Different Perspective



It seems that the entire country was fascinated by Pope Francis' visit this past September. One would think that a visit by the Holy Father would be of interest only to Catholics but this pope's expression of universal spirituality and caring has touched the hearts of everyone. Pope Francis seems to have broken the mold – the role of ultimate authority isn't often connected with true kindness. And so it was that many of us watched the mass held at Madison Square Garden.

What was interesting to me about the mass is that there were so many aspects of the music and the worship rituals that are reminiscent of Jewish worship. The cantor led the choirs in a responsorial chant that was quite similar in style and melody to ancient Jewish psalmody. The cantor at Madison Square Garden chanted a short phrase and the choir responded in a simple unison melody - just as we do when we sing the *Bar'chu* – an ancient call-and-response style recalling the ancient Temple rite.

We also heard the singing of the *Sanctus*, which contains the same words as our *Kedushah* but sung in Latin instead of Hebrew: *Holy, holy, holy is God of hosts; the whole earth is God's Glory....*

We heard words of the prophet Isaiah spoken in Spanish – the same words we read.

In the entrance hymn we heard the word *Halleluyia* sung repeatedly by the choirs – a word of praise derived from Jewish liturgy that has been left untranslated by the Roman Catholic Church. This word – along with the words *amen*, *cherubim*, *seraphim* and *hosanna* – were brought to the church worship when early Christians in Jerusalem continued to attend Temple worship and brought Temple chant to the church, along with the Psalms.

In fact, it was early Christian theologians who were the first to acknowledge that the earliest church music had been brought from the synagogue by the early Christians, originally called Jewish Christians. What we heard at Pope Francis' mass at Madison Square Garden were Gregorian chants. Remarkably, there are hundreds of chants belonging to the Yemenite and other Near Eastern Jewish communities that are identical to the Gregorian and Byzantine chants. Jewish and Christian historians agree that since Jewish communities were never influenced by these churches, synagogue chant was undoubtedly the precursor of church chant.

Pope Francis' message of caring for the less fortunate and promoting social justice resonates with our Jewish tradition as much as it rings true for our co-religionists. And not only do we share a similar vision of religious expression, but we heard first-hand that we share many musical and ritual worship traditions as well.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

**“Current Events” with
Helman Brook
Bring Your Newspapers
and Join In the Discussion
Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 7:30pm**



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Isaiah History Part IV— “What Do You Say”

At Temple Isaiah we follow the old adage "two Jews, three opinions." Our congregants think about things and are eager to express opinions about religion, politics, current events, history and the future. The exchange of ideas has been an important part of Isaiah's past and remains one of the defining characteristics of our congregational life.



One discussion group existed even before Isaiah's founding and continued after its participants joined the then new congregation. It met monthly on a Saturday afternoon in a congregant's home. The "Shabbat Fellowship" continued until about 12 years ago. The group was a lay discussion; the Rabbi seldom if ever attended. A topic to be discussed at the next session was selected at the end of each meeting. The participants could think about what he or she wished to say and even do research if so inclined.

For whatever reason, the Shabbat Fellowship did not attract many new or younger members and it simply faded away. But the desire to opine on a variety of subjects persists.

Rabbi Tsuruoka leads a lively Lunch & Learn and conducts an extensive schedule of evening classes on Tanach and contemporary Jewish subjects. He offers a Torah study each week. Class participation is encouraged and lively discourse is a frequent result.

Years ago Isaiah had a book club and we are trying to reestablish this stimulating endeavor. Since so many members are ardent readers, the book club is an easy way to get to know fellow congregants while expanding your horizons. Helman loves to quote one of his grade school teachers, "We go to interesting places and meet new friends through books."

Isaiah has a bimonthly "Current Events" evening. It always involves a discussion of views of the news and hopefully reveals some new or less well known story that has eluded the headlines. We welcome different opinions and treat everyone with respect.

So if you like to talk and listen, come participate and enjoy any of Isaiah's current discussions that have followed the example set by the former Shabbat Fellowship.

Kathie Davis and Helman Brook



“Income Inequality” Program with Richard Roth Tuesday, October 27th, 7:30pm

Join us for a very topical program with Temple Isaiah congregant, labor arbitrator, and former Deputy Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Young Professionals Group Dinner in Sukkah, 7:30pm; "Sukkah City" Film, 8:30pm	2 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	3 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
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Special Speaker on the Dead Sea Scrolls: Sunday, November 8th @ 2PM



Temple Isaiah will have the honor of hosting an international authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls on Sunday, November 8th at 2 PM. Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman is the Judge Abraham Lieberman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University and Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies. He is a specialist in the Dead Sea Scrolls, Judaism in Late Antiquity, the history of Jewish law, and Talmudic literature. Please join us for this unique occasion.

In preparation for Dr. Schiffman's lecture, a two-session rabbi's class will be offered surveying the background, history and content of the Dead Sea Scrolls on 10/29 and 11/5 – Thursdays – at 7:30 PM.

Young Professionals Event Thursday, October 1, 7:30pm

Temple Isaiah's Young Professionals Group will hold its inaugural event, "Pizza in the Hut," at 7:30 pm, when 20-, 30- and 40-somethings will be invited to eat kosher pizza and shake the lulav and etrog in our sukkah. Feel free to invite any of your own young professional relatives and friends!



SUKKAH CITY – NEW FILM Thursday, October 1, 8:30pm

Did you ever wonder why most sukkahs look pretty much the same? Would you like to see sukkahs that surprise, fascinate and challenge you? Well, here's your chance. Join Rabbi Tsuruoka and David Aubrey as they present a short, new documentary, entitled "Sukkah City," about an architectural competition to design sukkahs for the 21st century.

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