

September 2016 Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 2—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, Sept. 3—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
 Monday, Sept. 5—Labor Day
 Tuesday, Sept. 6—Board Meeting, 7:30pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 7—Bridge Classes with Claude Springer, 11:30am (minimum of 3 people)
 Thursday, Sept. 8—Dinner Honoring Meryl Menashe and Lloyd Perell, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, 6:30pm
 Friday, Sept. 9—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, Sept. 10—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
 Monday, Sept. 12—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am
 Thursday, Sept. 15—Film Series with David Aubrey, Film #1, 7:30pm
 Friday, Sept. 16—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, Sept. 17—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
 Monday, Sept. 19—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
 Thursday, Sept. 22—Film Series with David Aubrey, Film #2, 7:30pm
 Friday, Sept. 23—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Saturday, Sept. 24—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Selichot Program, 8:00pm; Collation at approximately 8:55pm; Service, 9:15pm
 Monday, Sept. 26—Conversational Spanish, 10:30am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
 Wednesday, Sept. 28—Tentative Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
 Thursday, Sept. 29—Film Series with David Aubrey, Film #3, 7:30pm
 Friday, Sept. 30—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm



Gala Dinner

Thursday September 8th
6:30pm
At Manhasset Bay Yacht Club

Join Us in Honoring
Meryl Menashe and
Lloyd Perell

The High Holiday
 Season Opens with
 Selichot on Saturday,
 September 24th.

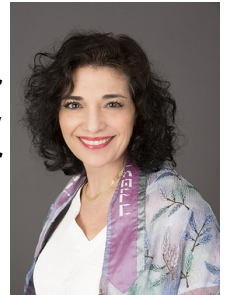
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 the complete
 High Holiday Schedule



CANTOR'S COLUMN

Dear members of the Temple Isaiah family,

We are delighted to welcome rabbinical student Chase Foster to our temple family and we look forward to a year of inspiration, new perspectives, fellowship and some surprises. It is my hope that together Chase and I will inspire, motivate, console, support and teach...always with warmth and often a sense of humor.



This is a year of new beginnings in so many ways for our congregation. Most new seasons begin with the High Holy Days and this year, with the holidays not until October, we have the opportunity to begin with our festive gala that in the past we have celebrated in the spring. Honoring our two well deserving recipients, Meryl Menashe and Lloyd Perell, is a wonderful way to launch our new year.

Beginnings allow us to perceive things in a different way and can give us a chance to improve upon ourselves, both as a community and as individuals. This year we are fortunate to have an extra month before the Holy Days begin, which allows us the extra time to study and reflect and prepare ourselves spiritually. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are really about repentance and renewal, and focusing on the renewal part gives us a chance to reinvent those aspects that we consider valuable about our past – again, as a community and as individuals.

This is a time to reflect on our relationships and consider what we want to change in terms of what we bring to the relationship. The same is true for the institutions with which we are affiliated. What habits and practices do we want to continue? What do we find valuable in these relationships and what do we want to reinvent that already exists? What new investments do each of us want to bring to the relationship to make it even stronger?

New beginnings also often are accompanied by anxious moments and new opportunities also test us in ways that are unfamiliar to us. The best way to move beyond our anxious moments is to affirm our commitment to act.

It is my wish and prayer that all of us who are part of the Temple Isaiah family can begin the new year with our faith and conviction leading the way.

All blessings,
Cantor Leslie Friedlander

High Holy Day Tickets for Members

Please help the office by sending in your membership papers NOW if you haven't already done so. Complimentary High Holy Day tickets will only be issued to those who have submitted their papers.

“VOICES OF ISAIAH”

What Brought Us to the Door of Our Synagogue?

By Linda Burghardt

In October, the Isaiah family will gather 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 David and I decided to get married, we started calling temples in Great Neck to find a rabbi who was warm, funny, friendly and easy to listen to. We'd planned the wedding for a Sunday afternoon in January, the 13th, to be exact, and we had the venue – the Hampshire House on Central Park South – and the invitations – brown ink on cream paper, as befitted the style of the year, 1979. But we couldn't find a rabbi.

It's not that the date was so popular. On the contrary, January has the fewest weddings of any month of the year, and the 13th the least of all. The problem was much deeper. My husband-to-be wasn't Jewish.

We were planning to create a Jewish household and to raise Jewish children. I come from a Holocaust family, and this was very important to me. But all this made no difference to the rabbis we called.

Years later, David would convert, but we didn't know that yet – it was too far in the future. For now, all we had was the present, and in the present every single rabbi was saying no. As it turned out, it was every single rabbi except one: Harold Spivak, the spiritual leader of a little synagogue we stumbled upon just as we were approaching despair, a little synagogue called Temple Isaiah.

As you can imagine, we were ecstatic to find Rabbi Spivak, and when he told us he had to omit one line from the ceremony -- he would not marry us “according to the laws of Moses” – I squelched my misgivings. Did this matter? I didn't know. But I did know that David was the man of my heart. I wasn't about to let someone's rules put a wall between us.

We celebrated our wedding with 75 guests and a four-layer chocolate cake with doves on the top. Rabbi Spivak blessed us, but did not invite us to join the congregation.

It was David who suggested, months later, that we become members so that we would have a community of friends, and a rabbi to call on if trouble found us.

But trouble did not find us then; happiness did. Two years later our twin daughters were born, and Rabbi Spivak had been replaced with Rabbi Judith Lewis, who gave our girls their Hebrew names in a very moving ceremony at the temple. By the time the girls neared bat mitzvah age, Rabbi Lewis had been replaced by Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg.

Rabbi Spivak might have brought us, indirectly, to the door of the temple, but it was Rabbi Steinberg who kept us inside. While the girls were studying with her for their bat mitzvah, David brought up a very tender issue.

“I think it's time for me to convert,” he said one Friday night, as he unpacked the challah he had brought home from Bruce's, as he did nearly every Friday now.

I asked him if he was sure.

“No, of course not,” he said. “Let's go talk to Bonnie.”

David studied with her for a year, and I went to the lessons along with him. The Friday night before the girls' bat mitzvah, Bonnie led a ceremony in which David formally converted to Judaism. At the end she wrapped us both in a tallis.

“Now,” she said, “you are married according to the laws of Moses.”

Trouble, of course, eventually did find us. My mother died. My father died. But by then we had Rabbi Ted to turn to. At my father's burial he directed all the mourners to make two long lines facing each other and had me walk down the row between them.

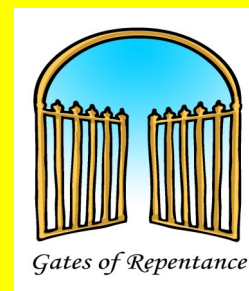
“Look to the left, look to the right,” he instructed me. “See that you are not alone in your grief. These people will support you.”

And they did. Because somehow or other, whatever has happened in our lives for all these thirty-plus years, Temple Isaiah was always there.

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.



High Holy Day Schedule 2016-5777



Selichot

Saturday, September 24

Program: 8:00PM, Service: 9:15-10:30PM

Erev Rosh Hashana

Sunday, October 2 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Rosh Hashana: 1st Day

Monday, October 3

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:30 PM

Rosh Hashana: 2nd Day

Tuesday, October 4

Program: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Tashlich: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

(Steppingstone Park)

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 11 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Day

Wednesday, October 12

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:45 PM

Discussion 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Meditation/Moment at Ark– 2:45 – 3:15 PM

Afternoon Service - 3:30 – 5:15 PM

Yizkor: 5:15 PM

Neilah: 5:45 PM

Break-the-Fast: 6:45 PM

Erev Sukkot: Sunday, October 16

Sukkah completion—5:00pm

Potluck Dinner—6:30pm

Evening Service: 7:30 PM

Sukkot: Morning

Monday, October 17 – 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 23 – 7:30 PM

Simchat Torah: Yizkor

Monday, October 24 - 10:30 – 12:00 PM

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				1	2 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	3 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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11	12 Conversational Spanish, 10:30am	13	14	15 Film Series #1, 7:30pm 	16 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	17 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
18	19 Conversational Spanish, 10:30am Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm	20	21	22 Film Series #2, 7:30pm 	23 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	24 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Selichot Program, 8:00pm; Service, 9:15pm
25	26 Conversational Spanish, 10:30am Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm	27	28 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (tentative)	29 Film Series #3, 7:30pm 	30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	Oct. 1 Torah Study, 9:30am; Torah Service, 11:00am, Light Lunch



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Everyone will soon be receiving a packet containing High Holy Day Ticket Order forms, New Year's card order forms, and Memorial Book order forms as well as additional membership forms to those who still have not submitted their forms from May.

PLEASE, send in your replies to these forms right away and fill out the paperwork! For every form that is not filled out, Cathy has to do it. For every reply that is left to the last minute, Cathy has to call or email or otherwise “nudge” someone. And when everything comes in at the deadline, the work is twice as stressful.

So please be considerate when you receive invitations or order forms from the temple—we don't have a large staff of office workers. Do your part and fill in your own name and send the papers back in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance.

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In Memory of John Lesser, Husband of Jean
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Trees in Israel:

In Memory of Anne Lesser Abeles
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Lloyd's Outstanding Job as Chair of the
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Bill's Driving, from His Front Seat/Back Seat
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Susan Bendor
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TODA RABA

I wish to thank all the
Friday Night
Shabbat Summer Service
volunteer Worship
Leaders and Temple
Participants for a very
well attended and
joyful summer. Thanks
also to Kathie Davis and
Ruth Mandelbaum for
helping to set up and
clean up.

Helene Dorfman
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