



# TEMPLE ISAH *BULLETIN*

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## September 2017 Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 1—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 5—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 6—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Sept. 8—"Meet & Greet" Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Monday, Sept. 11—Spanish, 10:30am

Tuesday, Sept. 12—Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 13—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, Sept. 14—Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, Sept. 15—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 16—Selichot— Program, 8:00pm; Service, 9:15pm

Monday, Sept. 18—Spanish Class, 10:30am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 20—Erev Rosh Hashanah, 8:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 21— Rosh Hashanah Service, 10:30am

Friday, Sept. 22—Rosh Hashanah Second Day Program, 10:30am; Tashlich & Tree Dedication (in memory of Rabbi Ted) at Steppingstone Park, 12:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Monday, Sept. 25—Spanish Class, 10:30am; Book Club, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 27—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm (note earlier time)

Friday, Sept. 29—Kol Nidre Service, 8:00pm

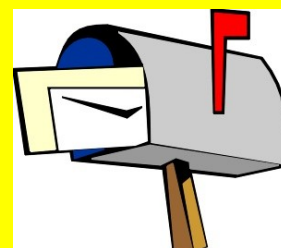
Saturday, Sept. 30—Yom Kippur—Complete schedule on page 7



## Important Information Inside:

- ♦ September Calendar
- ♦ Membership Pledge Form
- ♦ High Holy Day Schedule
- ♦ High Holy Day Ticket Order Form
- ♦ Details on September Programs and Events

Please watch the mail for an important packet from Temple Isaiah. You will be receiving your High Holy Day ticket order form (membership paperwork needs to be on file to receive your tickets), plus order forms for participation in our temple New Year's card and Memorial Book.



If you haven't received your packet by September 8th, please contact the office.

## CANTOR'S COLUMN

*With Humble Breath*



*Hin'ni he'ani mima'as...Behold me, of little merit, trembling and afraid, as I stand before You to plead for Your people...So intones the cantor, which begins the Erev Rosh Hashanah service.*

It is, for me, the most soulful, intensely personal moment of the entire year. I beseech God's acceptance of my prayers as representative of the congregation and acknowledge my own shortcomings, imploring God to find favor in my prayers. I plead with God to grant me a sweet and strong voice so that I am able to carry out my sacred task. It is a significant responsibility to carry the weight of an entire community through one's personal prayers, and particularly awesome at this holiest time of the year.

I choose to sing this prayer unaccompanied, without support of the piano or the choir, as vulnerable and revealed as I can be. It is a singular lonely and scary moment, as it is the one time in our entire liturgy that I implore on my own behalf and not on behalf of the congregation. It is the most personal prayer imaginable, yet it is articulated in the most public manner possible. Its moment comes at the beginning of all the services, when congregants are still fully focused on the bimah and when the thrill of what lies in the hours before us holds an edge that is thoroughly palpable in the air. I am aware that every ear in the sanctuary is attuned to me as I pray for God's ear.

Although I am not so presumptuous as to compare my role with that of Aaron's, still, I am reminded of a passage in Exodus 16:10 when Aaron first had to find atonement for himself before he could intercede on behalf of "the whole assembly of Israel."

It is with humility and a certain amount of healthy apprehension that I approach the High Holy Days and the sacred task with which I have been charged. As I ask for God's indulgence, I also ask for yours.

*L'shanah tovah.*

*Cantor Leslie Friedlander*

### *High Holiday Choir Rehearsal Schedule*

**Tuesday, September 12—7:30pm**  
**Thursday, September 14—7:30pm**  
**Monday, September 18—7:30pm**  
**Wednesday, September 27—7:00pm (note  
earlier time)**

*New Choir Members Needed & Wanted!*



## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Can it be September already? It seems like just a moment ago, it was getting warmer, everyone was going on vacation, and the days were getting longer. Where has the time gone? This is the eternal question that rabbis and cantors hear all the time. Mostly when we are talking about our golden years. But, this is also the existential question asked in the deepest recesses of our hearts when the *Yamim Noraim – The Days of Awe* are upon us. Where has the time gone?



Lately, I am reminded of the words of the beautiful and moving High Holy Day piyyut (Liturgical poem), *“Unetane Tokef”* – *“Let us speak of the great power of the day”*. This poem speaks to one of the most central liturgical questions of the High Holy Days, “what will this New Year bring to me”? There are many themes in this 4-part poem, but one that resonates with me is, *U’vashofar gadol Yitaka, v’kol d’mamah dakah yishamah – The great shofar will be sounded, and the still small voice will be heard*. I understand this to mean, the sound of the “Great Shofar” will spiritually awaken us and we will hear the still small voice within ourselves. It will open our hearts and minds and allow us to reflect honestly, and thoughtfully on the past year. It is not to trigger guilt, but rather to allow ourselves the room to grow both emotionally and spiritually.

On August 22, we began the Hebrew month of Elul, and it is a magical and profound month marked by the daily sounding of the Shofar. The shrill sounds of the shofar act as a spiritual alarm clock telling us Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are near.

Elul is a month of self-examination and returning to a godly path. It begins the season of holiness, and marks a time to re-boot ourselves. To cast away the old and perhaps toxic self-images we may be hiding, and to embrace self-healing.

Elul is a month of S’lichot- Forgiveness. It is a time when we both ask for forgiveness from God and our loved ones, but it is also a time when we forgive. We show compassion for other people’s errors, but often forget about compassion for ourselves. Elul reminds us that just as we forgive our friends and relationships, so too should we have “Rachmanut”-Compassion for ourselves.

Elul is also the month of love. Our rabbis explain that Elul begins with the Hebrew letter Aleph, and they say that it stands for a verse from King Solomon’s moving love poem *Shir HaShirim – Song of Songs* (6:3) which states: *Ani L’dodi v’dodi li – “I am to my beloved as my beloved is to me”*. To the rabbis, this is representative of our relationship with a loving and kind God. Elul is a month when we recommit ourselves to relationships both of Godly proportion, and to relationships between ourselves and the people in our lives.

Many who practice yoga, often set an intention. The intention becomes a focus in the yoga practice and ultimately in one’s life. In Jewish tradition, our intention is called Kavannah – Focus/Intention. Kavannah acts as a foundation of mindfulness and awareness in our journey through this month of holiness. With kavannah, we begin to pay attention to “the important things in our lives” that truly mean more than we can imagine, and we gain an understanding for the need of gratitude in our daily lives.

As we enter Elul, and the days before the High Holidays, let us remember to cultivate a sense of gratitude and focus on the important things in life through self-examination and mindfulness. May we release negativity and breath in forgiveness and grace, and may the “Great Shofar” awaken that inner “still small voice” so we may return to a space of wholeness, peace and love.

Arlyn and I wish you and those you love, a *Shanah Tovah U’metukah – A good and sweet year*, and we look forward to meeting you in the temple as we usher in 5778.

*Rabbi Jerry*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

*Gathering Together in Worship and Fellowship—5778*



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Temple Isaiah family, it is our honor and privilege to wish you and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year.

The High Holidays are a time of introspection, self-reflection, and celebration. “HOW GOOD IT IS, AND HOW PLEASANT, WHEN WE DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.” (Psalm 133). Let us reconnect to our founding ethos and principles. The love of Judaism and the spiritual beauty of our faith; fellowship in the Jewish community; and a traditional approach to Reform Judaism with the door of our synagogue wide enough to welcome all.

May the door of this synagogue be wide enough  
to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,  
thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out  
pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter,  
the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

*Mishkan T’Filah*, p. 124

We are proud to be part of such a warm, welcoming and inclusive community ... one that honors and cherishes our past and continues to embrace the future.

*L’Shana Tovah Tikatevu—Peace, Health and Happiness in 5778.*

*Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg*

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.

*The High Holidays Begin with Selichot: Saturday 9/16  
Program at 8:00pm, Service at 9:15pm*

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	2
3	4  	5  Board Meeting, 7:30pm	6  Tai Chi, 11:00am	7	8  Shabbat Open House, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	9
10	11  Spanish, 10:30am	12  Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm	13  Tai Chi, 11:00am	14  Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm	15  Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	16  Selichot Program, 8:00pm; Selichot Service, 9:15pm
17	18 Spanish, 10:30am;  Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm	19	20  Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 8:00pm	21  Rosh Hashanah Service, 10:00am	22 Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day: Program, 10:30am; Tree Dedication/Tashlich, 12:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	23
24	25 Spanish, 10:30am;  Book Club, 7:30pm <i>The Plot Against America</i>	26	27  Tai Chi, 11:00am  Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm	28	29  Kol Nidre Service, 8:00pm	30 Yom Kippur See full schedule on page 7

# TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021

## Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Our Membership Dues policy is deeply rooted in the founding principles of our congregation, which reflects an individual's financial responsibility to support the temple. *It is considered the moral obligation of members to pay dues to the temple to the fullest extent of their ability.* Each member unit is routinely expected to pay as a minimum the full Sustaining Member amount. If, however, financial circumstances prevent this, your good-faith personal assessment will determine your dues obligation.

### Please select from one of our membership categories below

- \_\_\_\_\_ 35 years old and under Sustaining Member \$ 995
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Member \$ 2,500
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mitzvah Member \$ 3,600
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah's Circle \$ 4,500
- \_\_\_\_\_ Torah Member \$ 5,400
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to pay my Sustaining Member dues this year.  
I/we will pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus \$50 for URJ dues for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All membership categories are for each family unit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary ARZA dues: I would like to support ARZA and have enclosed \$50

NAME

SIGNATURE

### Payment Options: *(Please note new option – Online Banking)*

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2017
	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018
	Monthly	Credit card payments or Online Banking only**	10 Automatic payments billed on the first of each month, June through March (Your first payment must include any prior months from June through the date of payment)

**\*\*Credit card information must be provided below if you are not paying in full. All follow-up payments will be automatically charged to your credit card on the payment due date. All Credit Card payments will include a 3% surcharge**

Credit Card Billing – Card Number	Credit Card Type: Visa/MasterCard/American Express
	Expiration Date:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Temple Isaiah to charge my credit card for the above dues amount.



# High Holy Day Schedule

2017-5778

Selichot

Saturday, September 16

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20: 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah: 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Thursday, September 21

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Friday, September 22

Program: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Tree Dedication/Tashlich: 12:30 – 1:00 PM

(Steppingstone Park)

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29: 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Day

Saturday, September 30

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:45 PM

Discussion 1:00 – 2:30 PM

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: Wednesday, October 4

Evening Service: 7:30 PM

Sukkot: Morning

Thursday, October 5: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Potluck Dinner in Celebration of Sukkot: Friday, October 6, 7:30pm

Erev Simchat Torah: Wednesday, October 11 – 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Simchat Torah: Yizkor: Thursday, October 12 - 10:30 – 12:00 PM

## HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET ORDER FORM

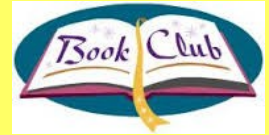
- Temple Isaiah members: Please remember that you must have a pledge form on file, and must have made at least an initial payment against that pledge in order to receive free High Holiday tickets.***

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Members/family members residing in your household</b>	<b>Charge</b>
<b>Charge:</b>	<b>None</b>	
<b>Names:</b>	_____	
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<b>Category:</b>	<b>Adult Children residing outside member's household</b>	
<b>Charge:</b>	<b>\$50 per ticket</b>	
<b>Names:</b>	_____	
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	_____	
	_____	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Category:</b>	<b>Other family members residing outside member's household</b>	
<b>Charge:</b>	<b>\$125 per ticket</b>	
<b>Names:</b>	_____	
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	_____	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Category:</b>	<b>Non-members</b>	
<b>Charge:</b>	<b>\$250 per ticket (Maximum\$750 per family)</b>	
<b>Names:</b>	_____	
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	_____	<b>\$ _____</b>
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	<b>Total Payment</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>



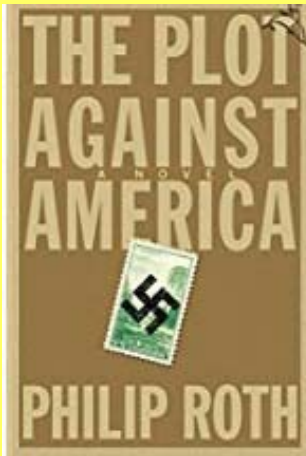
# **Temple Isaiah Book Club**

## ***The Plot Against America***



**By Philip Roth**

**Monday, September 25th, 7:30pm**



**I hope that you have all been reading this book in preparation for our next book group, which is going to be on Monday evening, September 25th at the temple. Any suggestions for future books will be greatly appreciated.**

***Shelley Sherman***  
***(seeshell98@yahoo.com)***

### ***A Note From the Ritual Committee (formerly known as Worship Committee) co-chairs...***

**As we prepare to welcome another year in our Jewish calendar, we want to add our voices to those of the co-presidents and the clergy to wish each of our congregants *Shanah Tovah*, and to invite you all to participate in our holiday and Shabbat services and celebrations.**

**We will be honoring our congregants with enhanced roles in the services and seeking to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other *simchas* with the Temple Isaiah family. When you are called to participate please say yes. We promise you that you will enjoy the opportunity to interact with our fabulous cantor and rabbi as well as your fellow Temple Isaiah members.**

**Looking forward to seeing you.**

***Ruth Isaac and Shelley Sherman***





# Everyone is Invited: Barbeque/Sukkah Decoration Party Sunday, October 1st at 3:30pm

The price of admission is a decoration that can be used to beautify our sukkah. Bring your pretty New Year's cards to be hung and some other seasonal decoration. Perhaps a gourd? or a plastic coated poster? or a hand drawn picture?

You bring the decorations- we'll bring the food! Invite your friends and neighbors and any potential members. **RSVPS ARE A MUST!** If it rains we will move the party indoors and hang the decorations when it stops.



**RSVP to the temple office!**

Special  
"Meet & Greet"  
Shabbat Service  
Friday September 8th,  
7:30pm

Temple Isaiah invites you to services on September 8th to meet our new Rabbi, Jerry Blum and Cantor Leslie Friedlander, and share a cup of coffee with us as well. Bring a Friend!

**Join Us!**

*Save the Date:*  
*Friday, October 6th*  
Potluck Dinner  
In Celebration of Sukkot

Join us at 7:30pm following our early (6:30pm) Shabbat Service for another wonderful potluck dinner.

Details to follow.



## General Donations

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### *Memorial Plaque:*

In Memory of Susan Bendor  
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The Hospitality of Judy & Helman Brook  
Kathie Davis

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### *In Honor of (Cont'd)*

The Speedy Recovery of Aaron Gitelman

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