

February Calendar of Events



Fri. Feb. 1—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Sat. Feb. 2—Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
 Tue. Feb. 5—Religious School, 4:00pm; Board Meeting, 7:30pm
 Thurs. Feb. 7—Rabbi's Class—Reform Responsa (#1), 7:30pm
 Fri. Feb. 8—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
 Sat. Feb. 9—*Temple Isaiah Retreat—Full Day of Activities*
 Mon. Feb. 11—Lunch & Learn, 11:30am; Film Series, 7:30pm
 Tues. Feb. 12—Religious School, 4:00pm
 Thurs. Feb. 14—Rabbi's Class—Reform Responsa (#2), 7:30pm
 Fri. Feb. 15—Shabbat Service Honoring Bernie Rosenberg and Harold Klein, 8:00pm
 Sat. Feb. 16—Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
 Tues. Feb. 19—Religious School closed; Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm
 Fri. Feb. 22—Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm
 Sat. Feb. 23—Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
 Sun. Feb. 24—Purim Service & Spiel, 2:00pm
 Mon. Feb. 25—Film Series, 7:30pm
 Tues. Feb. 26—Religious School, 4:00pm
 Thurs. Feb. 28—Rabbi's Class—Reform Responsa (#3), 7:30pm

Friday, March 1
Shabbat Across America
Dinner & Service

Upcoming Events at Temple Isaiah

Saturday,
February 9, 2013
Temple Isaiah Retreat
A full day of activities/discussions for
the entire family (See page 7)

Save the Dates
Shabbat Across America
Friday, March 1
(See page 6)

Goods &
Services
Auction
Saturday, March
16th



Vacations, Theater & Sports Tickets,
Elegant Dinners, Restaurants, Lessons &
More

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(Call the office if you need more forms)

RABBI'S COLUMN

A Rabbi, A Cantor, and a Temple President...



A rabbi, a cantor, and a temple president were driving to a meeting when they were kidnapped by highway robbers who demanded that they hand over all their money and valuables. When they replied that they hadn't any, the robbers told them that they would each be granted a last wish, and immediately after which they would be executed.

"My last wish," began the rabbi, "is to give a fascinating, complicated, long sermon that I have always wanted to give, but have never been allowed to give." The robbers replied: "We will grant your wish."

"My last wish," said the cantor, "is to sing a beautiful, Yemenite-style song – one of my very own compositions lasting two hours – that I've never been allowed to sing." Replied the robbers: "We'll let you sing it."

"And, what is your last wish?" the robbers asked the temple president: "Please, please shoot me now!!"

It's a fact that a joke must have an element of irony to make it funny, and so the joke about a rabbi, cantor and temple president stands out as an *exception* to that rule. It is a popularly held perception that a temple is governed by two *opposing* forces: the clergy (rabbi and cantor) on one hand, and the president who represents the interests of the dues-paying congregation. It is generally believed that the clergy is more interested in adding to the services and the religious aspects of temple life, while the president is more interested in budget and the day to day social needs of the community. *In reality*, the role and importance of temple president is far from that. The truth is that for a temple to thrive, it is vital that *both* the lay and religious leadership work hand in hand as one on all aspects of what defines the temple. As many of you might know, I was also a temple president before I was ordained rabbi. For that reason, I have an unique perspective on the vital role *both* clergy and lay leadership play in sustaining and energizing a congregation.

As a lay leader, I discovered that a temple was a place for people to get together, to socialize, to learn and to express their sense of Judaism. When I became president of Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook, I learned that the rabbi was the "spiritual glue" that put all we were doing as a congregation into a larger context: connecting us with Jews all over the world and with Judaism, giving us a strong sense of Jewish identity. I also learned being president of a temple was an *awesome* responsibility: chairing the Board of Trustees (making sure that vital votes had enough support), receiving assorted calls from temple congregants (usually on a Sunday evening), handling the needs of temple administration (who do we call when the copy machine stops working?), and keeping the rabbi and cantor in the loop. But mostly, it was maintaining a close working relationship with the clergy – a relationship that sometimes bloomed into a personal friendship.

This year, as Temple Isaiah celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding in 1967, we will be honoring our temple presidents. We are blessed to have among our past presidents our founder, Bernie Rosenberg. This makes our 45th anniversary celebration very special. There is a special reality, that I share with my fellow temple presidents, and no one other than a past temple president can fully appreciate. It is the realization that those who devote unlimited time and energy to support and sustain a temple are engaged in *holy work* – work as an instrument of God in this world. There is no calling more noble and demanding than this. In my 12 year tenure as your rabbi, I have been blessed with temple presidents who have worked tirelessly in helping to make Temple Isaiah a holy place, a place where God truly dwells among us. During Friday evening services, beginning in February, we will be honoring our past presidents individually, climaxed by our Journal Dinner on June 1st when all will be honored. I invite you to come to services to recognize our past and current presidents. You will find further information elsewhere in the bulletin.

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

Introduction to Jewish (Reform) Responsa: Or: How Judaism Makes Room for the Modern Age Begins February 7, 2013

Jewish tradition has developed a formal system of question and answer (Q&A) designed to derive Torah-based decisions on issues not directly taken up by the ancient texts. For example: what is the law regarding organ transplants or human cloning? Beginning on February 7th a three week series of class will be conducted that will explain the process of Responsa by which ancient Jewish laws and regulations address modern situations and ideas. Emphasis will be placed on Responsa of the Reform Movement. Classes will be held 2/7, 2/14 & 2/28.

CANTOR'S COLUMN

"Then Moses and the Children of Israel will sing this song..."

Jews in North America pay special tribute to our heritage of Jewish Music by observing Jewish Music Season, a celebration that runs from *Shabbat Shirah*, which this year fell on January 26th, until Passover. *Shabbat Shirah* (*Parashat Beshalach*) is one of the few Sabbaths that is given a special name.



Shabbat Shirah, "The Sabbath of Song," is the Sabbath on which the Torah reading is Exodus 14 – 17, which includes the Song of Moses and the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. Upon miraculously having been delivered from the Egyptians, the Israelites, all at once, burst into songs of praise and thanksgiving. Yes, the Children of Israel sang songs of praise to Adonai at this time of their redemption, but the idea of *shirah*, or song, has a deeper meaning than simply a musical expression.

There exists within each one of us infinite possibilities and potential. This is not to sound boastful on behalf of all humankind, but rather that when God created people, God endowed each of us with a spark of the divine, as we learn in Genesis, "...God created humankind in the divine image, in the image of God..." [Gen. 1:27]. Within these infinite possibilities each of us is unique and distinct, although we are all created in God's likeness. We each enjoy an individual and singular life experience that, along with our particular genetic mix, makes us the person we are. This uniqueness gives each person his or her own song to sing -- his or her individual accomplishments, a particular way of seeing the world, interpreting Torah and fitting into the larger world. In this way we are each partners with the divine in helping to continue the ongoing process of creation and re-creation, finding and expressing our own *shirah*.

May we each find our own *shirah* and at the same time be able to listen and deeply hear the *shirah* of each individual around us.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

"IF I WERE A RICH MAN"

Jewish Liturgical Music's Influence on Broadway & Beyond

In celebration of Jewish Music Season, Temple Isaiah will host an evening of music learning on Tuesday, March 12. Join me and learn about how synagogue melodies and Yiddish songs have influenced Broadway and popular music.



Save the Dates:

Winter Watercolor Classes

Join Our Wonderful Teacher Kim Eng Yeo

On Wednesday Evenings

March 13th and March 27th

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Our Founding Fathers (& Mothers)



There are many who consider a 45th birthday to be a depressing landmark, a reminder of the doldrums of middle age. There is even a popular film devoted to the supposed travails of being 40. For those of us at Temple Isaiah, the celebration of our congregation's 45th birthday is a moment to feel a sense of achievement. Just 5 years short of the 50 year mark, we believe it is a good time to thank the past presidents, to acknowledge all of the dreams, hard work, and sleepless nights that went into the years they dedicated to taking on the presidency of "The Little

Temple That Could."



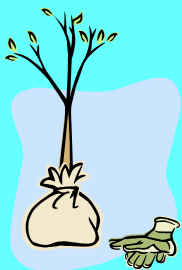
This month, we begin our "Thank You" process by taking time at Shabbat Services on February 15 to pay tribute to two of our very own Patriarchs: Founding President Bernie Rosenberg and Past President Harold Klein. In the months to come, we plan to do the same for other past presidents. Then, on Saturday, June 1st, our celebration will culminate at the Temple Dinner at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, which is dedicated to honoring them. But first, we would like to give thanks at our Temple home during Shabbat services and, like Noah, we plan to gather them two-by-two.

Of course, we begin with Bernie Rosenberg. The Founding Families of Temple Isaiah had their first organizational meeting at a local VFW hall on June 6, 1967, during the Six Day War. That energetic group soon rented space in the Community Church and elected their first president: Bernie Rosenberg. Then, they engaged a rabbi and a part-time cantor, established a religious school, and committed themselves to a "fair share" basis of collecting membership dues. A veteran of World War II and - by 1967 - a CPA in private practice, Bernie played a key role in turning the ideals of the initial group into reality. The "template" set during those years is one that Temple Isaiah continues to follow to this day. Our Moses, our George Washington, Bernie had the courage and faith to envision a future for that group of 30 families, while displaying the practical sense to make it a reality. We owe Bernie a very, very big thank you.

Fast forward almost 30 years, and Harold Klein is at the helm, becoming President in 1995. Attracted to the intimate size of the congregation, the Kleins had joined Temple Isaiah in the early 1970's. A Columbia Journalism School graduate, Harold had a long career in the fields of journalism and public relations. Harold's years of presidency were characterized by stability. During that period, our spiritual leader, Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg, was the first female leader of a Jewish congregation in Nassau County. Harold had a special bond with her, as she had previously worked as a Chaplain at Hofstra University, where he was a long-time employee. Harold's savvy in spreading the word about Temple Isaiah helped it to grow. His gentle but persistent style was one that Temple Isaiah members appreciated; it was a good "fit" for our congregation.

So, this is 45....Happy Birthday to us....come join the celebration beginning on February 15th and let Bernie and Harold know in person how much you appreciate all they have done. We know they will be happy to see you.

Gail Gordon and Terry Joseph



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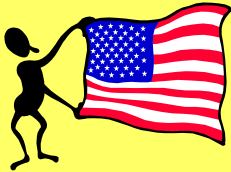
February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	2 Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
3	4	5 Religious School, 4:00pm Board Meeting, 7:30pm	6	7 Reform Responsa, #1 7:30pm	8 Shul Talk, 7:30pm Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	9 Temple Isaiah Retreat "Justice, Justice..." (see page 7)
10	11 Lunch & Learn, 11:30am  Canadian Film Series #1 7:30pm	12 Religious School, 4:00pm	13	14 Reform Responsa, #2 7:30pm	15 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm <i>Honoring Bernie Rosenberg & Harold Klein</i>	16 Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
17	18 <i>President's Day</i>	19 Religious School Closed <i>Helman Brook Current Events 7:30PM</i>	20	21	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	23 Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
24  Purim Service and Megillah Reading, 2:00pm	25 Canadian Film Series #2 7:30pm 	26 Religious School, 4:00pm	27	28 Reform Responsa, #3 7:30pm		<i>Save the Date: March 16 - Goods & Services Auction</i>

Friday, March 1, 2013

Join tens of thousands of Jews across America as we come together to eat, drink, relax, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the Annual

Shabbat Across America

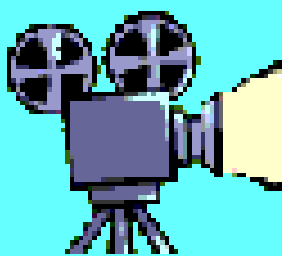


*Bring the family - bring your friends to a
Kosher delicious dinner at 6:30PM
followed by Shabbat Service at 8:00pm
(A Program of National Jewish Outreach)*

**Adults: \$20 in Advance; \$25 at the door; Children under 13: Free
RSVP REQUIRED!—487-5373**

Current Events with Helman Brook **Tuesday, February 19, 7:30pm**

Join the group when Helman Brook returns for an analysis and discussion of the important and interesting news of the day. (Bring your newspapers!)



The Temple Isaiah Winter Film Festival—Oy Canada!

Our resident film maven is back with a new series for the winter months. Join David Aubrey for three nights of Jewish film and television from our neighbor to the north, Canada. We will explore both the history of Jews in Canada and Canadian cinema with some rarely seen but entertaining features and sitcoms.

The series begins on Monday, February 11 with the uproarious comedy/drama “Joshua Then and Now”, starring James Woods and Alan Arkin. On Monday, February 25 we will explore the Jews and Indians of the Canadian west with “Isaac Littlefeathers”, starring Lou Jacobi.

\$10 charge per person includes film, refreshments, and lively discussion.

**Mondays, February 11, February 25 and March 4 at 7:30pm
Please call the office to reserve your seats—516-487-5373**



Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue...

A Day of Study, Reflection and Activities

Dedicated to the Theme of Justice

**Come in from the February cold to enjoy any or all
of the events planned for Temple Isaiah's
In-House Shabbat Retreat.**

Schedule

- 9:30am** Service and Torah Study focusing on theme
of Justice, led by Rabbi Tsuruoka*
- 11:30am** Post-Service Brunch*
- 12:00** Inter-age Mock Trial based on Jacob, Esau
and the leadership of the Jewish People:
Theft or Justice?*
- 1:30pm** 1000 Cranes Origami Project with hands-on
Instruction*
- 2:30pm** Linda Burghardt, Ph.D., presentation: "Last
Waltz in Vienna—Escape & Survival at the
Dawn of the Holocaust"
- 3:30pm** Temple Isaiah Holocaust Archive Project
Overview by Dr. Howard Israel
- 4:00pm** Cinema event: A Contemporary Israeli Film
- 6:00pm** Havdalah*

****Children Welcome***

Who is Invited: *Members, Guests, the Community, and You!*

When: *Saturday, February 9, 2013*

**Where: *Temple Isaiah of Great Neck*
*1 Chelsea Place, GN 11021***

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Website: <http://www.templeisaiahgn.org>

Cost: Free of Charge

Religious School News

What Is A Mitzvah?

Is it another chore we have to do like homework or cleaning our rooms? Is it something we do to get "points?" We've been working hard to promote Tikun Olam--making the world a better place. Doing Mitzvot because it feels good is helping to make our school & the world a better place.

If you walked into our class during our Tu B'shevat Seder, you would have smiled to see all of us dancing and singing and having a feast. What you might not have seen was our discussion of why trees are so important and why, too, protecting our environment is so important to all of us. As we talked about the effects of Hurricane Sandy we decided to make a birthday present for a child who is turning 2 in February. His family lost their home during the storm and we wanted to let him know we cared. The students wrote beautiful messages to him on puzzle pieces and collaged them onto a box that we'll fill with toys. This will be delivered to his father, a teacher at Great Neck North High School.

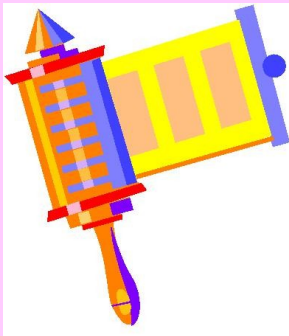
Next month our Mitvah will be holding doors for other people whenever we walk through a door ourselves. A smile and thank you for a Mitzvah or good deed goes a long way.



We have also been engaged in another long term project-- *You Be The Judge*. Each week one student takes a turn being the judge. Dressed in their special collar, they bang the gavel and call the court to order. We present a case and all the students give their opinions on how to rule. The judge, of course, keeps order in the court. After everyone comes up with their solutions we turn to Jewish Law to see how they would rule. If you have any issues you'd like to resolve, feel free to refer them to our legal scholars. We'll come up with our ruling. Lawyers and Judges--BEWARE!

*B'Shalom,
Sue Turek and Adam Turek-Herman*

Celebrate Purim with Temple Isaiah **Sunday, February 24 at 2:00pm**



- Reading of the Megillah
- Purimspiel by Linda Tsuruoka
- Songs & Merriment
- Hamantashcen & Refreshments
- Children of All Ages—1 to 100 are invited.

General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

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Rabbi's Chanukah Appeal:

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Rabbi's Discretionary Account:

In Honor of the Rabbi's Goodness
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Trees in Israel:

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 The Birth of Zoe Levine, Granddaughter of
 Sue Turek & Howard Herman
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 The Birth of Desmond Packer Israel, Grandson
 Of Mindy & Howard Israel
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