

January Calendar of Events

- Fri. Jan. 4—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
- Sat. Jan. 5—Torah Study, 9:30am
- Tue. Jan. 8—Religious School, 4:00pm; Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- Thurs. Jan. 10—Rabbi's Class—Introduction to Mishnah (#1), 7:30pm
- Fri. Jan. 11—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
- Sat. Jan. 12—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
- Sun. Jan. 13—Family Program, MLK Jr. Social Action
- Mon. Jan. 14—Lunch & Learn, 11:30am
- Tues. Jan. 15—Religious School, 4:00pm
- Thurs. Jan. 17—Rabbi's Class—Introduction to Mishnah (#2), 7:30pm
- Fri. Jan. 18—Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm
- Sat. Jan. 19—Torah Study, 9:30am;
"Jeopardy" Night, 7:30pm
- Sun. Jan. 20—Great Neck Clergy Association Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service, 4:00pm at St. John's AME Church
- Mon. Jan. 21—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tues. Jan. 22—Religious School, 4:00pm
- Thurs. Jan. 24—Rabbi's Class—Introduction to Mishnah (#3), 7:30pm
- Fri. Jan. 25—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
- Sat. Jan. 26—Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Butchen, 10:30am at the Inn at Great Neck
- Tues. Jan. 29—Religious School, 4:00pm



Upcoming Events at Temple Isaiah

Saturday, January 19:
"Jeopardy" Night
Exciting Team Games
Plus Music from
Sina Kiai
(See page 6)

Saturday,
February 9, 2013
Temple Isaiah
Retreat



"Justice, Justice
You Shall Pursue..."
A full day of activities/discussions for
the entire family

Save the Date
Saturday, March 16
Goods & Services
Auction



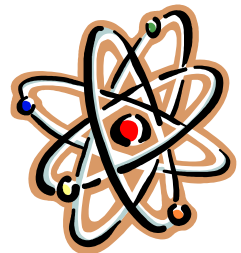
RABBI'S COLUMN

Genesis 2013



I am writing my rabbi's column a few days before the end of the secular year 2012. I would have to say for many of us this has been a year that we are glad to see end – with hopes of 2013 being a better one. Among the issues we faced in 2012: the continued unrest in the Middle East, the controversial elections, widespread drought in middle America, a Mayan prediction of the end of the world, the horrendous effect of hurricane Sandy on the eastern coast, and then – the indescribable massacres of innocent, young lives in a school in Newtown, Connecticut and in a Colorado movie theater!! It seems as though the world was caught up in both natural disasters and man-made evil.

The year 2012 also happened to be the year that provided concrete confirmation of the existence of the Higgs-Boson Particle – up to now a theoretical sub-atomic particle that endows things with mass. How –for heaven's sake – does this have to do with the every-day world we exist in? And how does it compare in any sense to the other events of 2012? As a physics-math dropout – who has become a rabbi – I'd like to suggest a connection. First a little background. The 1950's and 60's were the time when major changes were occurring in the field of atomic science, the science that was reformulating the theory of how the universe came into existence. Earlier on, a fellow Jew, Albert Einstein, totally revolutionized our understanding of matter and energy that led to the theory of the Standard Model describing the building blocks of the physical world. The Standard Model totally revised the idea of how elementary elements of the universe – atoms and sub-atomic particles – reacted, and had predicted the existence of sub-atomic particles that had not been already discovered. One by one, those particles were discovered, adding validity to the theory. The very last particle, predicted by the Standard Model, was the "Higgs Boson," named after the physicist who predicted its existence. This particle would complete the complement of necessary particles/elements that would validate the "Standard Model." In effect, humanity would have attained a glimpse of what physicist Stephen Hawkins calls, "the mind of God."



The apparent validation of the Standard Model is unquestionably a supreme triumph of the human mind. *This raises an important question:* if humans can achieve such heights in the realm of scientific knowledge, can't we also achieve advancement in how we treat each other and the world we live in? I'm convinced that we have the capacity to improve the world in so many creative ways – but we need the will to do it. When first I read about the discovery of the Higgs particle, I was reminded by these words from Psalms: "*When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have established; What are we that You are mindful of us? ... Yet you have made us but little less than the angels... You have given us dominion over the works of Your hands, You have put all things under our feet...*" (Pslam 8:4-7)

As the secular year 2012 comes to a close, and a new year begins, let us rededicate ourselves to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world so that we can truly say: "*O Eternal One, our Eternal One, How glorious is Your name in all the earth!*" (Ps 8:10). Linda and I wish you a good year.

Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka

New Rabbi's Class Begins Thursday, January 10th "Introduction to the Mishnah"

The Mishnah, sometimes referred to as the Oral Law, is a compilation of detailed laws based upon the Torah (The Written Law). It was put into its current form by Judah Hanasi in the 2nd Century, C.E. and forms the basis for the Talmud. The 3-week course will examine selections from the 6 Orders of the Mishnah ranging in subjects including: blessings and liturgy, ritual laws, family life, civil and criminal law and sacred things. Classes will run on three consecutive Thursday evenings: 1/10, 1/17, and 1/24 at 7:30 PM.

CANTOR'S COLUMN

A SCRIPTURAL RECIPE FOR THE WINTER DOLDRUMS

Now that all the major holidays have passed, the party season is over and we brace ourselves for a cold winter, many of us look forward to spending more time at home. This seems like the perfect time to offer you a challenge – a kind of Biblical scavenger hunt, whose reward is delicious and only slightly sinful.



In years past, people were expected to know the Bible inside and out, and this recipe for Scripture Cake gave measurements for ingredients that were unnamed – the cook was referred to the appropriate section of the Bible to find out what was actually being measured. Your task, should you choose to break your secular New Year's resolution and forgo your diet, is to find the citations for the recipe's ingredients and bake this delicious cake. It is a fun way to learn your way around the Bible and is a challenging activity for all ages.

<i>1 1/3 cups</i>	<i>Judges 6:19</i>
<i>1/2 cup chopped</i>	<i>Song of Solomon 7:7</i>
<i>1/4 cup softened</i>	<i>Genesis 18:8</i>
<i>2/3 cup</i>	<i>Genesis 43:11</i>
<i>1/3 cup</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:22</i>
<i>1 teaspoon</i>	<i>Leviticus 23:17 (leavening powder)</i>
<i>1/2 teaspoon</i>	<i>Ezra 6:9</i>
<i>1/2 teaspoon ground</i>	<i>II Chronicles 9:9</i>
<i>1/8 teaspoon</i>	<i>Leviticus 23:17 (leavening soda)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 22:6</i>
<i>Powdered</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:24</i>

Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a square pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches. Beat all ingredients (except the last one) on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping the bowl constantly. Beat on high speed 1 minute, scraping the bowl occasionally. Pour into pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; sprinkle with the last ingredient. Serve warm or cool.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander



**GREAT NECK CLERGY ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY INTERFAITH SERVICE HONORING
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Sunday, January 20th at 4:00pm
St. Paul AME Zion Episcopal Church
119 Steamboat Road,
Great Neck**

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

A Table and Chairs



When trying to schedule their busy lives this past autumn, the Co-Presidents had to beg off certain events because they were busy “cooking.” A sensible response might have been: don’t you cook everyday...or why is this night different from all others? Yes, cynics, we actually do cook many nights. But, we assumed our meaning was well understood: in the Jewish idiom, “cooking” means crowds would soon be descending on our homes for holiday meals.



Why have your Co-Presidents willingly become “go-to” households for these dinners? Because of the payback: the obvious enjoyment of family and friends as they pull up a chair to our dining room tables. Sure, the food provides a focus for the gatherings, but the reason that our guests brave the Cross Bronx Expressway is not our latest “take” on turkey-making. It is, instead, the pleasure of sitting around that table.

An anthropologist would undoubtedly agree that all religions, nationalities and cultures have variations on this theme of gathering around a table. At Temple Isaiah we do it every day at Torah study, Committee meetings, pot-luck dinners, cantillation practice, religious school, adult education courses, Board Meetings, current events discussions, Passover Seders, oneys, auction dinners...you name it. Temple Isaiah is fortunate to have an intimate space that gives us ample room for us to sit together around a table. In contrast to the isolation of staring at a computer screen –the increasingly common way of learning and communicating - our multi-purpose room tables encourages dialogue and interaction, an opportunity to get to know each other better. So come pull up a chair at the Temple Isaiah table. We may not be serving brisket on every occasion, but you may just learn something new and become closer with the friendly-looking souls all around you.

In the words of Irving Berlin, a Jewish composer who knew how to write a good Christmas song, during this season of gatherings, “May your days be merry and bright...” And may 2013 bring you peace, love and, of course, many moments together around the tables of Temple Isaiah sharing ideas, concerns, stories and laughter. There is no better way to light up the January nights.

Gail Gordon and Terry Joseph

Save the Date!
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Temple Isaiah Retreat
“Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue...”



A full day, including Torah study and services, family-friendly mock trial, discussions on the Holocaust with Linda Burghardt, and many more activities for adults and children.

January 2013

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		1 	2	3	4 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	5 Torah Study, 9:30am
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Chanukah Potluck Supper a Super Success

The menorahs shone brightly at the multiple tables of our annual Chanukah potluck dinner on December 14th. We had almost 80 in attendance with members, family, friends, new members and even prospective members. It was glorious!

We were treated to musical delights performed by our newly-expanded choir, sweet melodies by our fabulous Cantor Leslie Friedlander and the unique talents of our wonderful student rabbi Peter Levy. Our much-admired and well-liked Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka led an outstanding Chanukah service. Our terrific schoolteacher Sue Turek offered fun and excitement to the kids with menorah and candle making and dreidl games.



I would like to deeply thank ALL who divinely cooked and baked, wisely purchased and caringly attended as well as those who greatly assisted me – Sheila DeFazio, Ruth Mandelbaum, Kathie Davis, Kathie's daughter Jennifer, Terry Joseph, Belle Gayer, Alisa Secofsky, even some non-attendees, Cathy Reibstein and Bea Aubrey, and Al Graham (who I called my "Guardian Angel"). Many others additionally assisted in the clean-up (I apologize for not knowing all your names); even kids offered help (they've been trained so well), and, of course, the incredible and untiring Devon.

We all secretly applauded the attendance and healthy glow of Linda Tsuruoka and enjoyed the company of Rabbi Ted's sweet mom.

I truly believe a great culinary experience and entertaining evening was had by all.

- Marcia Null, Event Chair



Category: Fun & Exciting Events
Answer: January 19, 2013, 7:30pm
Question: When is "Jeopardy" Night at Temple Isaiah?

Join us for a fun-filled evening of "Jeopardy" and trivia hosted by our own "Alex Trebek", Richard Joseph, plus live music provided by Sina Kiai.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams and refreshments are included!

\$20 admission—please RSVP to the Temple Office so we can prepare!

Our students reached out to the Newtown, CT families

Love, Noah
Baruch Atah Adonai
blessed are you oh God

I am very sorry for what happened to you
I hope you get better
I was very scared
I hope you have a good rest of the year.
Happy Holidays!



Baruch Ata Adonai I am sorry
for your loss and hope you
recover from this horrible time.
I am sure your child loves you
and wants you to be happy. Even
though your child isn't there
next to you but your child will
always be with you in your heart
I hope you can recover from this
event. Make the best of your life
and know that your child will always
be with you. I wish you the best.

From,
Josh



It's going to be alright



Baruch ata Adonai....
I'm so sorry about the shooting at Sandy Hook
Elementary. I feel very upset that all
of the kids (that did nothing to deserve this) died.
All of the teachers tried to keep all the
kids safe. I hope that this will
never happen again.

Love,
Rachel

Baruch atah Adonai we salute
you. I'm so sorry for your
loss. I hope everyone else is okay.
I am astonished that this
happened.

Yours truly,
Alan

Baruch Ata Adonai
I hope you can get
better from the tragedy that
happened. I feel scared after
what happened from the massacre
plus I hope all the children that
survived have a great life, and that
god can bless them. I hope everyone
that is family of this massacre
will heal in time for the holiday, and
that they will forget this massacre
Love,
Brendan

Religious School News

As we approach the end of 2012, we reflect upon the events of the year and we look ahead to a new beginning. We have been very busy in Religious School sharing both good times and bad. Our "One Room Schoolhouse" is a warm, loving, and supportive environment. The students learn together, help each other, and support each other.

Last week we shared feelings and fears about the tragedy in Sandy Hook. Although we wouldn't lie to the children by telling them this would never happen again, we assured them that we were here to keep them safe and to listen to them when they wanted to share their feelings. We told them they had the power to make a difference by sharing their thoughts and feelings with the victims and their families. When you read their thoughts in this bulletin, you, too, will see how special these children are. (Their projects are seen on page 7.)

We are looking forward to 2013 when we can get back to learning Hebrew prayers, celebrating holidays (making potato latkes and sufganiyot was a delicious hit for Chanukah), and continue Tikun Olam--making our world a better place.

We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

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

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***We Welcome
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Betty Kagen

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