

## June Calendar of Events

- Sat. June 1—Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am;  
 Dinner Dance at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club,  
 7:00pm
- Tue. June 4—Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- Fri. June 7—Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm;  
 Installation of Officers and Board of Trustees
- Sat. June 8—Torah Study, 9:30am
- Mon. June 10—Lunch & Learn, 11:30am
- Tue. June 11—“Current Events” with Helman Brook, 7:30pm
- Wed. June 12—Watercolor Class, 7:30pm
- Fri. June 14—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
- Sat. June 15—Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
- Fri. June 21—Healing Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm
- Sat. June 22—Torah Study, 9:30am; Coffee House Tribute to  
 Woody Guthrie, 8:00pm (RSVP)
- Wed. June 26—Watercolor Class, 7:30pm
- Fri. June 28—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm
- Sat. June 29—Torah Study, 9:30am; Service at 10:30am (Light  
 lunch following service)

**REMINDER:**  
 Our New Fiscal Year  
 Has Begun as of June 1st.

Please send in your  
 Membership Papers for  
 2013-2014 and consider signing up  
 for one of our committees.

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 Congregants to Maintain Our Very  
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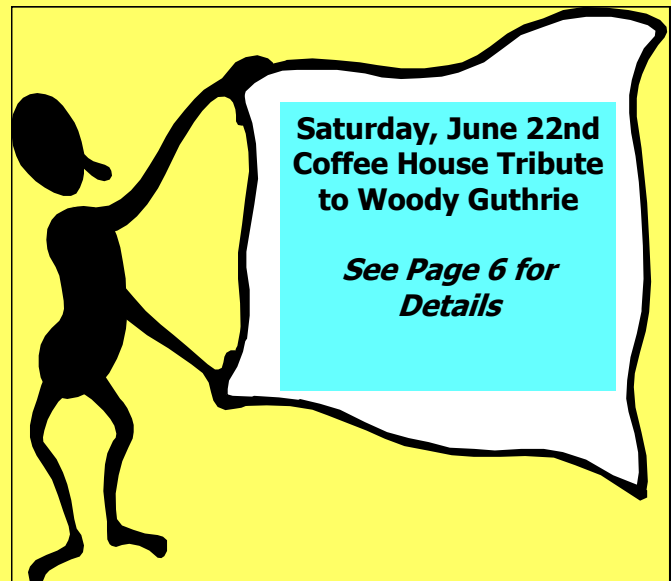


## *Gala Dinner Dance*

*Saturday, June 1st  
 7:00PM*

*At Manhasset Bay Yacht Club*

*Join Us in Honoring  
 All of the Past Presidents*



**Tuesday, June 11th  
 7:30pm**

**“Current Events”  
 With Helman Brook**

**Bring your newspapers for  
 another stimulating  
 discussion.**



## **RABBI'S COLUMN**

### **Learning for 5774: Rabbi's Classes**



It's proverbial to say that the Jewish holidays arrive either too early or too late – but hardly ever on time (which is to say we're never quite ready for them). This year, we will begin Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday evening September 4<sup>th</sup> only a few days after the Labor Day weekend! My rabbi used to say that all events open up opportunities, and the High Holy Days coming so early is no exception. By the end of September, we will have completed the Days of Awe and will be recharged to engage a new year of learning and exploring. We look forward to a full year of Adult Education, discussions on current events, special speakers as well as our Friday evening Shultalks and Saturday morning Torah Study. In addition, the rabbi's series of classes will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday at 7:30 PM. A brief description of the classes follows below.

1. ***What the Bible Really Said*** (starting 10/3 – 4 weeks):
  - a. The Bible is the product of hundreds of centuries of transmission – often oral – during which subtle and major changes have occurred in the plain narrative.
  - b. A close look at well-known bible stories through the prism of the culture, beliefs and customs of the ancient world.
  - c. Revealing the “back story” and hidden meanings of the narrative.
2. ***Reform Judaism: How We Differed – A Brief History and Concepts*** (3 weeks)
  - a. Born out of the Age of Enlightenment of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe, Reform Judaism was a response to the need to find ways to harmonize Jewish tradition and the modernity of the secular world.
  - b. The ideas that gave birth to Reform Judaism out of Orthodox Judaism.
  - c. How Reform Judaism addresses modern-day issues while preserving tradition.
3. ***Introduction to the Christian Bible*** (4 weeks)
  - a. A survey of the early history and fundamental concepts of Christianity.
  - b. Close examination of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.
  - c. Major Christian denominations – how they compare.
4. ***The Book of Samuel*** (3 weeks)
  - a. The Book of Samuel describes the life of Samuel, Saul and David – a critical period in Jewish history that established monarchy as the form of a united government of the Jewish people.
  - b. Special attention will be paid to David and his life.
  - c. Close reading of selected chapters.
5. ***Yiddish and Yiddishkeit*** (3 weeks)
  - a. A look at Yiddish culture and its contribution to Jewish living and thinking
  - b. Samples of Yiddish literature, jokes and epithets
  - c. Yiddish as a spoken language – its origins, development and future.
6. ***Jewish Humor – Part II*** (3 weeks)
  - a. Continuation of Jewish Humor series with emphasis on the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
  - b. American Jewish Comedians, Composers, Writers and Entertainers
  - c. Film and DVD clips will be shown.
7. ***Subject TBD*** (3weeks)

The exact dates after the first set of classes will be announced when the calendar is set.

*Rabbi Ted Tsuruoka*

## **CANTOR'S COLUMN**

### **Honoring Our Fathers and Forefathers**

In the United States we celebrate Father's Day annually, this year on June 16, a time set aside to honor our fathers and grandfathers for their position in the family and for the personal role they played in our lives. In Judaism, however, we honor our fathers, *avoteinu*, every time we worship.



At the beginning of the *Amida*, the main prayer section of every service, we speak to The Eternal One directly and refer to God as *Eloheinu veilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu*, "our God and God of our fathers and our mothers." Here, we remind ourselves of our proud lineage - our *yichus* - the chain of ritual and belief that links us with our ancestors. We recall our connection with them, repeating this bond over and over throughout the prayers. In this blessing we praise God and in order for us to receive God's attention, we must respect ourselves. Our ancestors are our role models, teaching us about self-respect and integrity.

Certainly, one reason we refer to the patriarchs in our prayers is because they are believed to have been the initiators of prayer. A *midrash* speaks of Abraham as the originator of morning prayer (*Shacharit*), Isaac of afternoon prayer (*Mincha*) and Jacob of evening prayer (*Ma'ariv*). Abraham is also thought to be the father of monotheism, which is arguably the Jews' greatest gift to Western civilization. As Jews we value the merits of our patriarchs and by remembering them in our prayers we acknowledge that we are the link between our ancestors and their ideals.

Our forefathers, although they were human with imperfections of their own, are nonetheless people who maintained the highest spiritual character, who served the greater cause of Judaism and put aside their own desires for their beliefs. These are our spiritual fathers.

As our fathers are honored this month on their special day, let us remember everyday as it is established in The Ten Commandments that we should honor our mothers and our fathers and that Judaism has a special place of esteem for all of our special fathers – both spiritual and earthly.

*Cantor Leslie Friedlander*

### **Start Searching for Treasures!**

**We're planning a Summer Bazaar, so start collecting your new and gently used items to donate to this popular event.**



**Details and dates will be provided soon.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

### Honoring Our Future



Temple Isaiah's 46<sup>th</sup> year has been dedicated to honoring its Past Presidents. The journey has been filled with emotion and pride. It reconnected us with the ideals of our founding members and the personal bonds formed over the years. Sunrise, sunset.....what could be more Jewish than taking time to reflect on the continuity, challenges and accomplishments of our congregation during its 4 and a half decade history?



The template created by our founding families in 1967 was unique and continues to define us. We were, and remain, a small and village-like Reform congregation, offering an alternative to the large suburban model.

Yet, as we look around, we see that many other once-vital congregations have not survived, or have transformed beyond recognition. At Temple Isaiah, we scarcely need reminding that the world is evolving at a dizzying speed, creating opportunities as well as pitfalls. These are hardly times of growth for congregations in the Reform and Conservative movements, indeed, for houses of worship of many religions. Even older and larger institutions can no longer take the future for granted. Like them, we need to address fundamental issues about who we are and how we will attract, engage and retain members in the decades to come.

And so, your Co-presidents would like to focus the second year of their term to an initiative called "Honoring our Future." We plan to engage the congregation in a conversation on strategic planning on every level, from the nature of our style of worship to the way we use our facility to the way we connect with each other. Our approach is an open one; nothing is off the table for discussion, and everyone's views are worthy of consideration.

Internal change is not easy, nor is it always the answer. Yet, we do a disservice to the vision of our founders and the hard work of the Past Presidents if we cling to ways of doing things that are no longer relevant. We need to build on our strengths, and make the adjustments that are needed to have relevance and purpose. After many years of hard work, we realized the dream of a Temple building that fits us. It will define our identity for years to come. Now, another big job awaits us: to continue filling that home with spiritual, social, and intellectual activities that have meaning for our community. It's a tall order, but one that must be filled. So put on your thinking kippahs, and let the strategizing begin.

*Gail Gordon and Terry Joseph*

**Summer Watercolor  
Classes are Back!**



**Wednesday Evenings: June 12, June 26,  
July 10 and July 24 at 7:30pm**

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# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am; <i>Dinner Dance,</i> 7:00pm
2	3	4 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	5	6	7 Shul Talk, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm with <i>Installation</i>	8 Torah Study, 9:30am
9	10 Lunch & Learn, 11:30am	11 Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm 	12 Watercolor Class, 7:30pm	13	14 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	15 Torah Study, 9:30am; Cantillation, 11:00am
16 Father's Day 	17	18	19	20	21 Healing Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	22 Torah Study, 9:30am  <i>Coffee House At Isaiah,</i> 8:00pm 
23	24	25	26 Watercolor Class, 7:30pm	27	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	29 Torah Study, 9:30am; Service, 10:30am
30  Watch for Information on Temple Isaiah's Summer Film Series With David Aubrey					July 5 First Summer Service, 7:30pm	

Saturday, June 22nd at 8:00pm  
Woody Guthrie Coffee House....  
An Evening of Song and Entertainment Honoring the  
Spirit of Woody Guthrie

**Join Student Rabbi Peter Levy and Amy Dattner Levy  
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## **ARZA News: Historic Day at the Kotel**



Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of IRAC, reported the following: "Last Friday (5/10) was a historic day at the Western Wall. It was the first test of Judge Sobel's ruling allowing women to pray at the Western Wall in a manner they see fit. Despite strong opposition the ruling held and hundreds of women prayed with their tallitot, tefillin, and in a strong full voice. We entered the plaza to the sounds of thousands of ultra-Orthodox men screaming insults and throwing garbage. The difference this week was that instead of the police dragging women off in handcuffs they made a barrier of blue uniforms holding back a sea of men trying to fall upon us... Friday was an important step forwards in the process of making the Western Wall an inclusive home for all Jews. The court ruling, along with the Sharansky plan to create a third and equal section of the Western Wall for egalitarian prayer, is the correct formula for respecting the rights and feelings of all Jews."

*The new Diaspora and Religious Services Minister, Naftali Bennett from the Bayit haYehudi party, is threatening to turn back the clock and reverse the process. We need to tell him the Kotel belongs to all Jews and not just one extremist minority. You can contact him at: [nbenet@knesset.gov.il](mailto:nbenet@knesset.gov.il).*

### **JOIN ARZA**

All Temple Isaiah members are encouraged to support ARZA, the Israel arm of our American Reform movement. Your ARZA membership helps fund the on-going struggle for Reform Jewish values in Israel. This includes advocacy for the right of non-Orthodox rabbis to perform weddings and conversions, the right of women to pray at the Kotel without harassment, and full equality for all streams of Judaism in the Jewish State. For more information about the work of ARZA in Israel, please visit: <http://www.arza.org>. You can join by checking off ARZA on your membership form.

## **General Donations**

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### ***In Honor of :***

The Birth of Harper Sage Elias, Granddaughter  
 Of Terry & Richard Joseph  
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 The Hospitality of Evelyn & Richard Solow  
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 Temple Isaiah and The Birthday of Franklin  
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### ***In Honor of (cont'd):***

The New Home of Terry & Richard Joseph  
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### ***In Honor of (cont'd):***

The Graduation of Granddaughter Taylor Isaac  
 From Florida State University  
 The Speedy Recovery of Audrey Isaac  
 Ruth Isaac  
 The Bat Mitzvah of Cameron Most, Grand-  
 daughter of June & Allan Feldman  
 Kathie & Richard Davis  
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 Shelley Sherman  
 The Speedy Recovery of Hannah Diamond  
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