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June 2018 Calendar of Events

Friday, June 1—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 2—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day—see page 9

Monday, June 4—Spanish, 10:30am

Tuesday, June 5—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 6—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, June 8—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 9—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, June 10—“JFK in Crisis—The Musical” 3:00pm

Monday, June 11—Spanish, 10:30am; Lunch & Learn, 11:30

Wednesday, June 13— Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, June 15—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 16—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, June 18—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, June 19—First Film in Summer Film Series with David Aubrey, 7:30pm (RSVP)

Wednesday, June 20—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, June 22—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 23—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, June 24—Memorial Service for Gary McTiernan, 1:00pm

Monday, June 25—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, June 26—Second Film in Summer Film Series with David Aubrey, 7:30pm (RSVP)

Wednesday, June 27—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, June 29—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, June 30—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

*Our New Membership Year Begins June 1st—Please Send In Your Papers!
(Form on Page 8)*

For Your Long-Range Planning: Save These Dates

High Holidays Begin with
Erev Rosh Hashanah on
Sunday, September 9, 2018



A Home of Our Own
10th Anniversary Celebration
Featuring
Isaiah's Got Talent
(See Page 10)
Saturday, October 27, 2018

Goods & Services Auction
Sunday, December 9, 2018



Annual Journal Dinner
Sunday, May 5, 2019



(June and July Calendars on Pages 5 & 6)

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

I was speaking with one of our members the other day and we got on the subject of grandchildren. She had been visiting with her grandchildren that day and had the great joy of accompanying them to school. At school, the teachers and administrators addressed the parents (and grandparents) about their teaching philosophies and how the school builds confidence in their young learners. Their philosophy was simply stated. A child's creativity and receptiveness are based on their "*Happiness Quotient*". If the child has less stress, and is essentially happy, they absorb more information. As many of the teachers in our community know, a happy learner is an eager learner. This makes so much sense. Make the learning experience kind, sweet, experiential and fun and it becomes part of their lives, thus the learners internalize life's lessons more easily.



Our Sages had the same idea. From birth, we were always teaching in an experiential way. That's how children pick up all those good habits (and a couple of our bad ones too...woops) Learning began at birth and at 3 years of age, our sages said that it was time to learn Torah, and it was done in the sweetest way. Each child would have a little chalk board and the Hebrew letters were written on these chalkboards in honey. The children were encouraged to lick up these letters thus taking in the sweetness of Torah, Jewish lore and traditions.

If we are able at times to close our eyes and think back to the sweetest times in our lives, they were often time spent with those we loved, and doing something together. There was no stress, and we felt (somewhat) safe. Many have wonderful memories of good and loving times as a child, but some of us don't. There are many who did not have all those sweet memories of family or even of learning. There were higher stress levels and so learning came in different forms and not always with the same results.



All this reminds me of the story behind one of our greatest Hassidic sages, Rebbe Nachman of Breslov. Rebbe Nachman lived in a time spanning great cultural and intellectual growth in Europe and his teachings inspired generations of scholars and everyday people for many years to come. He is credited with the words "*Kol haOlam kulo, gesher tzar meod, V' haikar lo lifached klal* - *The whole world is a very narrow bridge and the main thing is to have no fear,*" which came from his personal magnus opus "*Likutei Moharan*" which I call Rebbe Nachman's "*Little book of Life's Wisdom*".

Rebbe Nachman would preach love, understanding, balance in life and of course **HAPPINESS**. You would think that such a great sage and scholar, with such insight into life and happiness would have lived many years and taught thousands, but in fact, Rebbe Nachman's life was not an easy one. His life was filled with sadness, stress, hateful talk and death. He lived a short life of 38 years, but his profound understanding of life and love and the need for happiness in one's life to add balance was so very right on for his generation and for countless generations to follow. As you can see, I too am a fan, both educationally and emotionally. In order to learn life's lessons, we must temper the "not so good" with a big dose of happiness when we can get it. Make sure we notice all those life's blessings we were given and hold them in a very special place in our hearts. These moments will bring some important balance to our lives.

With all this happiness talk in mind, I want to tell you about something we will be (re)instituting in our Shabbat services. We will be raising our "happiness quotient" each month by celebrating "*Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat*" the first Friday of every month beginning in September of this year. We will give ample notice to those who are celebrating, so you can join your temple community as we celebrate happy occasions together. Of course, there's gonna be cake, but most important, we will say a special blessing (a misheberach – and no, it's not only for those in need of healing) to mark this happy time. Starting in June of this year, we will be asking those who join us for services if they had any simchas (small happinesses) in the past week, so we as a community can kvell along with you. Finally, I encourage you all to seek more happiness in your lives by being with those you love, and by engaging with our supportive and caring temple family.

Rabbi Jerry

CANTOR'S COLUMN
A Spiritual Loudness
By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



According to a Chassidic teaching, you will only sing as loudly in the world to come as you sing on this earth, so decide right here and now how loudly you want to sing in heaven.

Ecclesiastes, perhaps one of my favorite prophets because of his down-to-earth-yet-still-spiritual way of considering life and death, reminds us that since we don't know if there is anything beyond this earthly life, we should appreciate what we have and live life fully, which I take to mean, "sing loudly." And by that I don't necessarily mean "sing loudly" in decibels, but that we should express ourselves spiritually with full intent, with all of our kishkes... and how better than by singing?

Each of us has felt a sense of wonder and magic by the sounds of singing, either having heard a glorious voice or maybe a unified, well-trained choir. As someone who has had a lifetime of experience as both the listener and the music maker, I can attest that although I feel moved when I listen to singers, there is an even greater emotional connection when I sing with others and the music making creates community. Authors Liz Hill and Ruthie Rosauer, in their book *Singing Meditation: Together in Sound and Silence*, note that "...joined in song, our emotions are not merely stirred; they merge and dissolve with the emotions of others, deepening our human connection. Singing in community provides a tangible power that doesn't exist when we sing alone."

I can't think of a better way to fully immerse oneself in the Holy Days than to join in the community of singers that knows the musical prayers so well they can sing with full unity and intent. And so, the High Holy Day choir and I invite more of you to join us on the bimah to help create full emotional connection to fill the sanctuary with glorious loudness – a loudness not of decibels but a loudness of spirituality.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

*Sunday, June 24, 2018, 1:00pm
at Temple Isaiah*

*Memorial Service for Our Member and Friend
Gary McTiernan
Husband of Suzanne Branch and
Father of Meryl McTiernan*

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

By Steven Warshavsky

I am extremely honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve Temple Isaiah as your new President. I am optimistic about our future and look forward to working with our Board of Trustees in the coming years.



I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg for their leadership and tireless efforts these past two years as Co-Presidents (Kathie for four years!). I would also like to thank Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander for their spiritual guidance and teachings throughout the year. Most importantly, I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Trustees for volunteering their time to serve our temple family. It is their ongoing efforts and contributions that make Isaiah truly a wonderful community to be a part of.

As we begin planning our events for the upcoming year we look forward to continuing with many of your favorite programs along with adding some new ones. Our hope is that both our temple family and our surrounding community will find Temple Isaiah to be a place where one can learn, be entertained and find inspiration. We look forward to you joining us for a class, hearing a speaker discuss a topic of interest, watching a movie, participating in a current events discussion or simply joining us for a Shabbat service.

The month of June not only marks the beginning of summer, it is also the beginning of a new fiscal year for Temple Isaiah. Please return the membership forms along with your financial pledge for the coming year. It is your generous donations that enable us to provide all the great programs and events that you have come to enjoy.

Steven Warshavsky

*Summer Love:
Jewish Films About Romance
Tuesday Evenings,
June 19, June 26, and July 10*



Join Temple Isaiah's Resident Film Maven David Aubrey for this Summer Tradition
Come for the film—stay for the discussion!
\$10 includes admission and refreshments

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	2 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am Soup Kitchen (See page 9)
3	4 Spanish, 10:30am	5 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	6 Tai Chi, 11:00am	7	8 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	9 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
10 “JFK in Crisis—The Musical” 3:00pm	11 Spanish, 10:30am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Blum 11:30	12	13 Tai Chi, 11:00am	14	15 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	16 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
17 Father’s Day 	18 Spanish, 10:30am	19 Film Series #1, 7:30pm	20 Tai Chi, 11:00am	21	22 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	23 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
24 Gary McTiernan Memorial Service, 1:00pm	25 Spanish, 10:30am	26 Film Series #2, 7:30pm	27 Tai Chi, 11:00am	28	29 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	30 Torah Study, 9:30am Shacharit Service, 10:30am

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Spanish, 10:30am	3	4 	5	6 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Belle & Elliott Gayer	7
8	9 Spanish, 10:30am	10 Film Series #3, 7:30pm	11 Tai Chi, 11:00am	12	13 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Steve Fein & Richard Solow	14
15	16 Spanish, 10:30am	17	18 Tai Chi, 11:00am	19	20 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Rabbi Jerry Blum	21
22	23 Spanish, 10:30am	24	25 Tai Chi, 11:00am	26	27 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Claude Springer	28
29	30 Spanish, 10:30am	31				

Where were you when.....



***JFK in Crisis:
From the
Bedroom to the
War Room***



An original musical comedy about JFK's affairs of state and the state of his affairs! Join us for a staged presentation and discussion with authors Philip B. Becker and Abraham Becker followed by a fun Q&A session.

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 3:00pm
Admission: \$25.00 includes Refreshments
Doors open 2:30pm
RSVP 516-487-5373 or isaiahgn@yahoo.com**



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Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2018–May 31, 2019

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:

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: _____

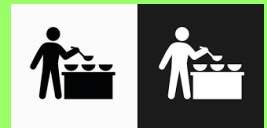
I authorize Temple Isaiah to charge my credit card for the above dues amount.

Signature: _____

Volunteers Wanted

As some in our congregation are already aware, our synagogue has been volunteering at a “soup kitchen” for the past several years. I purposely used quotation marks because the organization is much more than just a typical soup kitchen and because it is just a handy way of referring to the facility. Several Saturday mornings each year we are asked by Ladles of Hope to join them in preparing and serving breakfast and lunch for people in the Hempstead area who are in need. Additionally, others of us sort and distribute seasonal clothing to those who patronize the soup kitchen. Still others of us prepare shower kits to be distributed to those who need to shower at the facility.

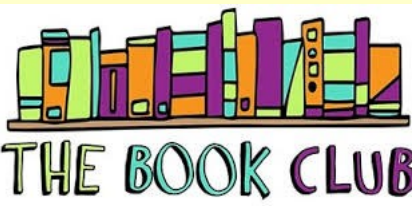
During the course of the morning we have the opportunity to interact both with the people coming to the soup kitchen for services and with other dedicated volunteers. As any of those who have previously participated will attest, the entire experience is enriching on many different levels.



Of course, we are always looking for and welcome new volunteers. We are scheduled for several more dates this year: June 2, Sept. 15 and Dec. 8. The soup kitchen uses the facility at the Salvation Army Community Center, 65 Atlantic Ave. Hempstead, NY. Generally, volunteers arrive by 9:00 a.m. and stay until approximately 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. Carpools can be arranged. Additionally, donations of seasonal clothing, towels, sheets and toiletries are needed.

If anyone is interested in participating in this rich and rewarding opportunity, please contact Denise Miller at 516-828-5758.

**Monday, June 11th, 11:30am
Lunch & Learn with
Rabbi Jerry Blum
Shiraz, 770 Middleneck Road**



The Temple Isaiah Book Group will be reading *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish in July on a date to be determined. My copy just arrived and I am looking forward to reading this very well reviewed book. PLEASE, get it soon as it is pretty long and might take us all awhile to finish. However, a good book is never too long as usually one

doesn't want it to end!

Happy reading and let me know if you have heard of a book that would be a great read for our group.

ALL ARE WELCOME at our book group discussions, even friends and neighbors (and especially potential members).

Shelley (seeshell98@yahoo.com)



VARIETY

A man in a black suit, white shirt, and black tie is wearing dark sunglasses and holding a vintage-style silver microphone. He is looking down at the microphone. The background is a solid red color. The word 'VARIETY' is written in large, black, stylized letters across the top, with the man's head partially visible through the letters.

Open Casting Call!

Isaiah's Got Talent

Announcing a casting call for our talent show taking place on Saturday night October 27th. Producers are looking for people who are interested in performing any type of act; singers, dancers, comics, magicians, jugglers and other entertainment. If you have a talent or think you have a talent we encourage you to apply.

Open to All. Members, friends and family.

Contact Executive Producers for more information
June Feldman at (516) 993-1180 or june.feldman@gmail.com
Steven Warshavsky at (516) 482-0229 or steve@warshavsky.net

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Shelley Sherman
Clare & Steven Warshavsky

Summer Services Begin Friday, July 6th

Please Note:
All Summer Services
Begin at 7:30pm

Our July Leaders are:

July 6
Belle & Elliott Gayer

July 13
Steve Fein and
Richard Solow

July 20
Rabbi Jerry Blum

July 27
Claude Springer

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