



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

Office - 487-5373, email: isaiahgn@yahoo.com

Published Monthly

August, 2018

August 2018 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Aug. 1—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Aug. 3—Shabbat Service led by Jonathan Wagner and Marsha Hochstadt, 7:30pm

Monday, Aug. 6—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, Aug. 7—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Aug. 8—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Aug. 10—Shabbat Service led by Cantor Leslie Friedlander and her daughter Shaina Millman, 7:30pm

Monday, Aug. 13—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Aug. 15—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Aug. 17—Shabbat Service led by Belle & Elliott Gayer, 7:30pm

Sunday, Aug. 19—Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Jerry, 11:00am (\$10 -RSVP)

Monday, Aug. 20—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Aug. 23—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Aug. 24—Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Jerry Blum, 7:30pm

Monday, Aug. 27—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Aug. 29—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, Aug. 31—Shabbat Service led by Gail Gordon & David Aubrey, 7:30pm

**See Pages 8—10 for
Information on Our
Exciting Talent Show
and Reverse Raffle**

High Holy Day Schedule

2018-5779

Selichot

Saturday, September 1

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 9 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah: 1st Day

Monday, September 10

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah: 2nd Day

Tuesday, September 11

Program: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Tashlich: 12:30 – 1:30 PM

(Steppingstone Park)

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 18 – 8:00 – 9:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Day

Wednesday, September 19

Morning Service: 10:00 – 12:45 PM

Discussion 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Meditation/Moment at Ark—

2:45 – 3:15 PM

Afternoon Service - 3:30 – 5:15 PM

Yizkor: 5:15 PM

N'ilah: 5:45 PM

Break-the-Fast: 6:45 PM

Erev Sukkot: Sunday, September 23

Evening Service: 6:30 PM

Sukkot: Morning

Monday, September 24: 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah

Sunday, September 30: 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Simchat Torah: Yizkor

Monday, October 1 - 10:30 – 12:00 PM

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

As I begin writing this article, I am also working on the final draft of our Tisha B'Av commemoration service. Even though it's hot out and it looks like rain, this entire process made me think about how intense and complex this entire Hebrew month of Av (or in our case August) is.



Av in Jewish tradition has always been a month of dichotomies. It is the month that begins with Tisha B'Av – the 9th of Av, the saddest day of the Jewish year. It serves as a reminder of the destruction of both the First and Second Temple in Jerusalem. So deep is the sense of mourning, that our rabbis added other events to the list of calamities to be remembered during Tisha B'Av. One of the central lessons that Tisha B'Av teaches is that we must be mindful of the way we treat others. We are taught that only through understanding sadness and loss, we can truly know happiness and love. The moment Tisha B'Av ends, we are comforted by the words of the Prophet Isaiah as he says “*nachamu, nachamu ami, yomar eloheichem – (Be) comforted (be) comforted my people, says your God*” (Isaiah 40:1). We are taken from the darkest moment in the Jewish year and thrust into a moment of comfort, healing and renewal. Our Sages even name the month “Menachem Av – the Comforting month of Av” which is a play on words to suggest that the month can be like a comforting parent.

Six days after the 9th of Av we also celebrate Tu B'Av or the 15th of Av, which is the Jewish Sadie Hawkins day or Valentine's day. It is a day dedicated to the pursuits of love and it was a time when the maidens of Jerusalem would go to the fields and meet their beloveds. As you can see, this is the exact opposite of a day of mourning and sadness.



The month of Av has another significance that is for me the most important. Av becomes the portal into the High Holy Days. The month of Av leads us through a process of self-examination and introspection which brings us to the Hebrew month of Elul, a month that is all about renewal of spirit, refreshing of one's soul and ultimately, the feeling of being reborn again on Rosh HaShanah, and becoming spiritually cleansed on Yom Kippur.

This year, in addition to all that the month of Av (and August) brings us, we at Temple Isaiah of Great Neck have so much more to celebrate. As part of this coming year's theme of “5779 – Renew / Refresh / Reborn” (you'll hear more about this as we get closer to the Holy Days) we are excited to tell you that through the generosity of many of our dear friends in our holy community, we will begin using the new machzor (High Holy Day prayer book) published by the CCAR Press (the publishing arm of the Union of Reform Judaism) for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Machzor Mishkan HaNefesh is a two-volume set that brings the holidays to life with readings that are touching and relevant, translations that bring new meanings to our traditional prayers and insights into the complexities of the High Holy Day liturgy. Another feature that we have long been waiting for is that the machzor has full transliteration alongside the Hebrew text. This will make our prayer services more inclusive, participatory and hopefully, more inspiring. Both the cantor and I are looking forward to using these machzorim and believe that this will help us expand our understanding and renew our enjoyment of the “Yamim Noraim – the Days of Awe”.

To introduce us to the new machzor and some of the innovations and traditions of the High Holy Days, I will be leading a “Brunch and Learn” at the temple on Sunday, August 19th at 11 am. We will get our first taste of the new prayer books and also see how they are different, yet very familiar. We will discuss some of the traditions of the High Holy Days, the liturgy, the choreography of the services, and of course what it all means to us spiritually and emotionally. There will be lots of time for questions and answers so make your lists now and come hungry (there will be lots of good food for thought and our bellies too)

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the “Brunch and Learn.”

Rabbi Jerry

CANTOR'S COLUMN

By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



Inspiration Through Innovation

Although it may be a distant memory, many of us remember when we began using our new siddur eight years ago. It offered us more choice within our services and wove secular spiritual prayers within our tradition. Egalitarian language was introduced, and our matriarchs were included along with the traditional mention of our patriarchs. Transliterations were included for the first time, which allowed everyone to participate when reading Hebrew. At the time, these changes seemed monumental and thoroughly modern and yes, there was a learning curve when we first used *Mishkan T'filah*. It was our music that anchored us to our minhag – to our congregation's tradition – and allowed us to retain that familiarity to the worship service.

After more than 30 years, the Reform Movement felt it also necessary to modernize our machzor – the High Holy Day prayer book – with the same eye towards making navigating our prayers and the Hebrew more user friendly and giving us more choice. The result, as we will experience together firsthand in a few weeks, is not only a modernized version of our machzor, but a revolutionary transformation that is, at the same time, steeped in tradition. *Mishkan HaNefesh* not only uses some of the same approaches that were incorporated in *Mishkan T'filah* but goes beyond in its approach to inclusivity and creativity. It is even visually interesting and includes line drawings at the beginning of each service to stimulate the right side of our brains.

One of the biggest modifications is the shofar service, which will hopefully be an inspirational change. At the very least, it will lead to some thought and discussion about why the editors made the choice they did. Instead of the shofar service inserted as a separate element within the Torah service, as is the tradition, the shofar service is spread out and serves as an arch over the entire morning service. I visualize it as a rainbow encompassing the whole Rosh Hashanah morning, a daring change that now makes sense to me. The essential mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah is for each of us to hear the sound of the shofar. Its deeper meaning is its call for us to be introspective and work towards repentance. How much more powerful will that message be when the spectacular sound of the ram's horn is spread out over the entire morning!

But even with all the changes, new poetry, rich visuals and inspirational language, we will retain the most important emotional anchor: our familiar music. I promise very little musical change and a couple of beautiful additions.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

High Holiday Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesday, August 29—7:30pm
Wednesday, September 5—7:30pm
Monday, September 17—7:30pm

New Choir Members Needed & Wanted!



PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

By Steven Warshavsky

It is hard to believe that this fall will be our 10th Anniversary in "A Home of Our Own" at 1 Chelsea Place. It seems like only a few years ago that we walked through the streets of Great Neck from 2A Stoner Avenue carrying our Torah Scrolls with us to our new home. I hope you will join us as we gather together to celebrate this milestone and pay tribute to the many people who helped make our home a reality. Our celebration will take place at the temple on Saturday night October 27th and will include a talent show called "Isaiah's Got Talent" along with a reverse raffle drawing. We have a great line-up of your fellow Isaiah members who will be performing and are excited to entertain you for the evening. So please invite your family and friends to join you in what promises to be a fun-filled night. Look for more information about this event in this bulletin.



With the High Holy Days just around the corner I would like to thank both our Clergy and Ritual Committee for their tireless efforts this summer as they prepare for the upcoming services. I am also looking forward to our new *Mishkan HaNefesh* machzor and thank those of you who donated towards these new sets of books. Without your help this would not have been possible.

I hope you and your family enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Steven Warshavsky

Save the Date:
Thursday, September 13, 10am
Knit & Knosh
(Details to Follow)



Sunday, August 19 at 11:00am
"Brunch & Learn"
At Temple Isaiah

Bagels & Lox plus all the fixings
\$10.00—RSVP 516-487-5373 or
isaiahgn@yahoo.com



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tai Chi, 11:00am	2	3 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Jonathan Wagner & Marsha Hochstadt	4
5	6 Spanish, 10:30am	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8 Tai Chi, 11:00am	9	10 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Cantor Friedlander and her daughter Shaina Millman	11
12	13 Spanish, 10:30am	14	15 Tai Chi, 11:00am	16	17 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Belle & Elliott Gayer	18
19 Brunch & Learn, 11:00 at Temple Isaiah	20 Spanish, 10:30am	21	22 Tai Chi, 11:00am	23	24 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Rabbi Blum	25
26	27 Spanish, 10:30am	28	29 Tai Chi, 11:00am Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	30	31 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Gail Gordon & David Aubrey	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Please note: There will be NO Torah Study or Saturday services in September</i></p>						1 Selichot Program at 8:00pm Service at 9:15pm
2	3 Labor Day	4 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	5 Tai Chi, 11:00am Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm	6	7 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:15pm	8
9 Erev Rosh Hashanah, 8:00pm	10 Rosh Hashanah, 10:00am	11 Rosh Hashanah, 10:30am Tashlich, 12:30pm	12 Tai Chi, 11:00am	13 Knit & Nosh, 10:00am	14 Shabbat Service, 8:15pm	15
16	17 Spanish, 10:30am Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm	18 Kol Nidre, 8:00pm	19 Yom Kippur, 10:00 See Page 1 For full schedule	20	21 Shabbat Service, 8:15pm	22
23 Erev Sukkot: Sukkah Decorating, Service and Dinner	24 Sukkot Service, 10:30am	25 Current Events, 7:30pm	26 Tai Chi, 11:00am	27 Book Club, 7:30pm	28 Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15pm	29
30 Erev Simchat Torah, 7:30pm	Oct. 1 Simchat Torah Yizkor, 10:30am					

TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

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

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: _____

Isaiah's GOT **TALENT**

And \$2,000 Reverse Raffle Drawing

Saturday October 27, 2018

Doors open at 7:00 PM

Show begins promptly at 7:30 pm at Temple Isaiah

In celebration of our 10th Anniversary in a Home of our Own, please join us for 2 hours of non-stop entertainment along with a reverse raffle drawing. Light snacks and home made deserts included. Cash Bar.

Hosting for the evening will be Steven Warshavsky. Performances include singers, comedians, musicians, specialty acts, short skits and much more. Come join the fun as your fellow members show off their talent and we select a big winner. It promises to be an evening you won't want to miss.

This is a limited raffle with a maximum of 150 tickets sold. In a reverse raffle tickets are picked and the grand prize winner is the holder of the last ticket drawn. Many other prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. You have a 1 in 10 chance of winning a prize! You do not have to be present to win the Grand Prize.

Don't miss the most talked
about event of the Fall.



Early Bird Pricing

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$2,000. ENJOY THESE SPECIAL DEALS. EARLY BIRD PACKAGES END SEPTEMBER 4TH.

Gold Package - \$1,000 includes:

- Admission for 6 people with your own private table and your choice of 2 bottles of wine or 10 beers for the table.
- 10 Raffle Tickets, VIP Entrance, Priority Seating
- Full page ad in our PLAYBILL signed by the entire cast plus your picture taken with the cast.

Silver Package - \$500 includes:

- Admission for 4 people with your choice of 1 bottle of wine or 5 beers for the table.
- 5 Raffle Tickets, VIP Entrance, Priority Seating
- Half page ad in our PLAYBILL.

Couples Package - \$300 includes:

- Admission for 2 people along with 2 free drinks.
- 3 Raffle Tickets and Half page ad in our PLAYBILL

Early Bird Special - \$100 includes:

- Admission for 1 person along with 1 free drink.
- 1 Raffle Ticket and your name listed in our PLAYBILL

Talent Show & Raffle Order Form

Early Bird Packages (Valid until 9/4/18)



Tickets include admission to our variety show

Isaiah's Got Talent

Enjoy 2 hours of Non-Stop Entertainment

Light Snacks and Home Made Deserts

Reverse Raffle Grand Prize of **\$2,000**



Many other prizes awarded throughout the night. 1 in 10 chance of winning a prize.

Talent Show & Drawing to be held October 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 7:00 PM — Temple Isaiah — One Chelsea Place

Great Neck, NY 11021 - (516) 487-5373

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Package - \$1,000	_____	\$_____
Silver Package - \$500	_____	\$_____
Couples Package - \$300	_____	\$_____
Early Bird Special - \$100	_____	\$_____
Total Due		\$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like to be seated with _____

_____ Check here if you are unable to attend. Your raffle tickets will be included in the drawing.

Please enclose check for total amount made payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck.

Raffle Tickets will be given to you at the door the day of performance unless you have indicated above that you will not be able to attend.



General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

Robert Breakstone, Husband of Myra Breakstone
Myra Breakstone
David Brook, Brother of Helman Brook
Judy & Helman Brook
Leona Marks, Mother of Kathie Davis
Kathie Davis
Bernard Shiller, Father of Steve Fein
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Olga Gowryluk, Mother of June Feldman
June & Allan Feldman
Jacqueline Ferguson, Wife of David Ferguson
Kathryn Mayer, Mother of Jacqueline Ferguson
Susie & David Ferguson
Muriel Salzman, Mother of Amy Gorman
Amy & Howard Gorman
Evelyn Israel, Mother of Howard Israel
Mindy & Howard Israel
Erica Kutcher, Daughter of Blossom Kutcher
David Kutcher, Husband of Blossom Kutcher
Blossom Kutcher
Leon Beck, Father of Meryl Menashe
Meryl & Jack Menashe
Celia Stone Goldbas, Mother of Jacqueline Neumann
Jacqueline Neumann
Ruth Wagner, Grandmother of Jonathan Wagner
Ruth Isaac
Rona Levy
Jonathan Wagner
Ruth Koenig, Mother of Alice Weiner
Alice & Richard Weiner

Trees in Israel:

In Honor of Gloria Wagenknecht
In Memory of Murray Garfinkel
Anita Stein

In Honor of:

Rita Rubenstein's Hospitality
Myra Breakstone
The Engagement of Erica Blum & Brett Green
The Speedy Recovery of Phyllis & Donald Leibowitz
Ruth Isaac
The Good Health of Bill Mandelbaum
Ruth Mandelbaum

Tree of Life:

In Memory of Gary McTiernan
Ruth Mandelbaum
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Lloyd Perell

Machzorim (High Holiday Prayerbooks):

Judy & Helman Brook
Mindy & Howard Israel
Terry & Richard Joseph
Cathy & Gene Reibstein
Golda Shapiro

ARZA:

Sandia & Eric Tosky



Reminder:

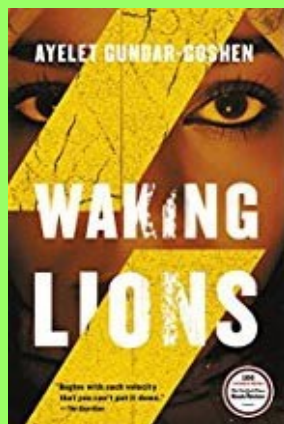
**High Holidays Begin
with
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9**

Complimentary tickets can
only be sent to those who
have returned their
membership papers.
(Page 7)



Coming Up Next in Book Club—Sept. 27

***Waking Lions* by
Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
A 2017 New York Times and
NPR Notable Book of the Year**



One dark night, Dr. Green, a prominent neurosurgeon banished to the Negev desert after discovering unethical behavior at his Tel Aviv Hospital, hits a man while speeding on what he thought was an empty road. Examining the man, he concludes it is a mortal wound and in a momentary lapse of judgement gets into his car and drives away. The man hit is an Eritrean refugee, and the accident has been observed. What follows is a book of clashing cultures, morality, corruption and redemption, all in an eloquently written novel.

**Temple Isaiah's next book club meeting, Thursday
September 27th at 7:30pm. RSVP to Shelley at
seeshell98@yahoo.com.**

RIVERSIDE- Nassau North Chapels

55 North Station Plaza
Great Neck, New York 11021
(516) 487-9600

PRE-NEED COUNSELING AVAILABLE

DAVID M. RUBIN



For Generations
A Symbol Of Jewish Tradition.

Continuing to maintain the high service standards of the Rosenthal, Grossberg and Alpert families.

Riverside Memorial Chapel is a participating member firm of The PRE Plan,TM
an FDIC insured fund for pre-paid funeral arrangements.



TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

1 Chelsea Place
Great Neck, NY 11021

www.templeisaiahgn.org

Affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism
Issue No. 176 Published Monthly

**Deadline for submissions
10th of the Month**

BULLETIN

President: Steven Warshavsky
Rabbi: Jerry Blum
Cantor: Leslie Friedlander
Production: Cathy Reibstein

PARTNERS IN CARING (PIC)

Sid Jacobson JCC's Partners in Caring offers an array of specialized services including support groups, counseling, information and community referrals, workshops, autism and Alzheimer's programs, as well as other social services. Together with UJA-Federation of New York and your synagogue, we are your partner in caring for you and your family.

PIC helps create a caring, responsive Jewish community by providing support for:

Bereavement Parenting Life Cycle Issues
Marital/Family Concerns
Caregiving Issues and more

For assistance, contact us at 516-484-1545 ext. 196.

A licensed social worker will respond promptly to provide you with information and support.

Partners in Caring is funded by a grant from UJA-Federation of New York and partnering synagogues



SJCC.ORG