



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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July 2018 Calendar of Events

Monday, July 2—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Friday, July 6—Shabbat Service led by Belle & Elliott Gayer, 7:30m

Monday, July 9—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, July 10—Summer Film Series with David Aubrey, 7:30pm (RSVP)

Wednesday, July 11—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 13—Shabbat Service led by Steve Fein & Richard Solow, 7:30pm

Monday, July 16—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, July 17—Book Club, 7:30pm

Wednesday, July 18—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 20—Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Jerry Blum, 7:30pm

Monday, July 23—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 25—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 27—Shabbat Service led by Claude Springer, 7:30pm

Monday, July 30—Spanish Class, 10:30am

***Our New Membership
Year Began June 1st—
Please Send In
Your Papers!
(Form on Page 7)***

**Our Summer Service
schedule begins
on Friday, July 6th**

**Please remember that
Shabbat Services for
July and August begin at
7:30 pm.**

Our Summer Service Leaders will be:

July 6: Belle & Elliott Gayer

July 13: Steve Fein & Richard Solow

July 20: Rabbi Jerry Blum

July 27: Claude Springer

August 3: Jonathan Wagner and
Marsha Hochstadt

August 10—Cantor Leslie Friedlander and
Her Daughter Shaina Millman

August 17—Belle & Elliott Gayer

August 24—Rabbi Jerry Blum

August 31—Gail Gordon and David Aubrey

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

Ahhh, the Summer Solstice (as of today's writing). It's time once again for our thoughts to turn towards vacations, barbecues, family fun, time spent at the beach, or just plain old relaxing (I can feel that water on my toes already). I can't think of a better way to spend the hot summer months, and I can almost hear the "Beach Boys" playing some of my Summer favorites in the background.



So, you might ask, why am I even writing this article? Shouldn't I be researching the best place to vacation? Besides the fact that my research is already done (thanks Arlyn), the summer has always held a very different fascination for me, and it has nothing to do with vacations.

During the summer months, when most people are relaxing, our Jewish tradition commemorates one of the saddest days of our calendar, the fast day of "*Tishah B'Av*" or the 9th of (the Hebrew month of) Av. Our tradition tells us *Tishah B'Av* is significant because on the 9th of Av, the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple (586 BCE) and on the very same day, some 6 and a half centuries later (70 CE), the Romans destroyed the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Twice, on the same date, the Jewish people found themselves in exile, our sovereignty and government overthrown, and our land overrun by oppressive enemies. Our sages also tell us of many other calamities that had befallen the Jewish people on that date, so as to add to the severity of *Tishah B'Av*.



Indeed, traditionally speaking, *Tishah B'Av* is observed as a day of mourning and sadness for the Jewish People. Many fast on this day, and Jewish communities all over the world cry bitterly as we read the words of *Eichah* or the *Book of Lamentations*, and sing the dirges *Kinot* – or *Elegies*, (mournful poems of lament). The music, strangely enough (yes there is music) is as beautiful as it is haunting. I would venture to say that the trope for the *Book of Lamentations*, is perhaps the most beautiful of all the tropes for our holy texts.

Tishah B'Av, is by far the saddest day of the year for the Jewish people, but so much has happened since those times. The State of Israel is a reality for us now. Israel stands as a shining example of survival through the ages, so shouldn't we be celebrating during the 9th of Av instead of crying? Shouldn't we be proud of Israel's accomplishments or should we live in the past, and spend our day sitting in ashes and fasting? Why should *Tisha B'Av* even be significant to the modern Jew? The State of Israel is a world power and we no longer fear that the Jewish People won't have a home.

I see *Tishah B'Av* less as a day of mourning, and more as a day of renewal and personal growth. It can offer us much value, both emotionally and spiritually. Although the day does remind us of loss, destruction and the precariousness of life, it also reminds us that through all the turmoil in our lives, through all the upheavals in our history, through all that has befallen us personally, and as a people, we are still alive and flourishing. And, the moment *Tishah B'Av* ends, we begin the season of reflection and re-birth leading us into the High Holy Days.

On Friday evening, July 20th, the Shabbat just before *Tishah B'Av*, I would like to try a small experiment. We do not generally commemorate a day of mourning and fasting on Shabbat (with the rare exception of a random Yom Kippur), but this summer, I would like to begin our service on that Friday evening with some reflections on *Tisha B'Av* and some contemplative prayer, and for that I will need some help.

I am looking for 3-5 people who will join me in leading this pre-Shabbat service, beginning at our regular starting time of 7:30 pm. We would meet once during the week, just prior to the service (We'll figure out some good times for everyone), and together, we will choose some relevant and creative readings (in English) that will communicate the lessons that *Tishah B'Av* can teach us about crossing from darkness to light. I do hope this will be a moving and engaging experience for all.

Please reach out to me via email at: rabbi.jerry.isaiahqn@gmail.com if you would be willing to join me in this service.

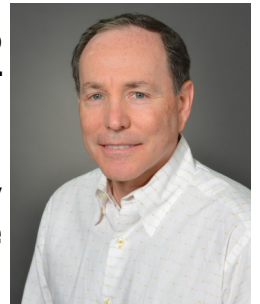
Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Rabbi Jerry

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN

By Steven Warshavsky

The 4th of July marks the official start of summer for many. It also marks the beginning of our summer services at Temple Isaiah. Our summer services differ from the ones during the year as they are led by a different congregant each week. I hope you will come join us for a shabbat service this summer and support your fellow members as they lead us in prayer and add their own uniqueness to the service. Please remember that Friday night shabbat services will begin at 7:30 during the months of July and August.



I would also like to continue with the column entitled "Voices of Isaiah", started by Kathie Davis and Bill Rosenberg a few years back. Share with us your own personal story and unique path that brought you to the doors of our synagogue. The *Shehecheyanu* moments that connect your family to our Temple Isaiah family. I invite you to send your story to me so that I can share it with our membership in a future bulletin.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer.

Steven Warshavsky

Summer Love: Final Film July 10 at 7:30pm

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



Temple Isaiah Book Group Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30pm

The Temple Isaiah Book Group will be reading *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish.



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)

High Holy Day Prayerbook Opportunity

Many months ago, the clergy, along with us, as the Ritual Committee chairs, began to explore ways to enhance our High Holy Day experience for the congregation. We looked at different music, reading and prayer options and came to understand that we were in need of a new High Holy Day prayer book that engages us spiritually, intellectually and emotionally.



We have found a new set of Machzorim (prayer books) for this fall's High Holy Days but need your help to make this a reality. We are hoping that you will consider a donation to help acquire these books and in gratitude are offering you a naming opportunity. Each donation will be recognized with a book plate personalized in the name of the donor. The books may also be donated in honor of or in memory of an individual of the donor's choice, or to commemorate an occasion. In this way you will participate in enhancing our High Holy day services while providing a legacy to Temple Isaiah. Your donation can be to acquire any quantity you wish, but we are suggesting the following:

1 set \$36	2 sets \$72	5 sets \$180	10 sets \$360	20 sets \$720
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or any number of sets you wish to donate

Please let Shelley know if you wish to make a gift to help us purchase these books by emailing her at seeshell98@yahoo.com. We hope you will consider a donation for at least 1 set of books. Below is a message from Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander explaining why they feel these new prayer books will enhance our High Holy day services.

Thank you for your consideration,
Shelley Sherman and Ruth Isaac, Ritual Committee Chairs
Steve Warshavsky, Temple Isaiah President

Message from Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander:

Gates of Repentance has served the Reform Movement well for many years. When it was first published in 1978, it represented an exciting and progressive liturgical innovation. However, today it is beginning to feel dated. Congregations that use *Mishkan T'filah* are ready for a *machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book) that serves as a companion to the approach of the new siddur. The fact that *Gates of Repentance* does not include transliteration is a stumbling block for many in our community. So too, many of today's Jews feel disconnected from prayer and from theological and ideological concepts that do not seem consistent with a contemporary sensibility.

Like *Mishkan T'filah*, *Mishkan HaNefesh* makes strides to offer different approaches for the various prayers. Through updated translations, rich commentary, and a moving selection of poetry, *Mishkan HaNefesh* provides an environment for those of all backgrounds to find meaning in the High Holy Days.

Gates of Repentance was a wonderful innovation in its time. Incorporating more Hebrew and traditional liturgy allowed for a feeling of renewed tradition in the High Holy Days. Adding gender-neutral language addressed many of the contemporary needs of the Reform world, but today, our needs go beyond gender neutral language. The basic meaning of the holidays needs to be addressed and updated. *Mishkan HaNefesh* gives both the prayer leader and the community a wealth of resources for finding new meaning in the High Holy Days, breathing new life into our services

It is our opinion that we move forward with the new two-volume set of *Mishkan HaNefesh* machzor (one book for Rosh HaShanah and one for Yom Kippur). It is innovative, engaging and written in contemporary language. We believe it will be a welcome change for Temple Isaiah.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander

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 Book Club, 7:30pm	18 Tai Chi, 11:00am	19	20 Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Led by Rabbi Jerry Blum	21
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29	30 Spanish, 10:30am	31				

August 2018

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

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

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_____ Mitzvah Member \$ 3,600

_____ Isaiah's Circle \$ 4,500

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_____ 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: _____

Save the Date
Sunday, August 19
11:00am



"Brunch & Learn"

At Temple Isaiah



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isaiahgn@yahoo.com**

Save the Date: "Current Events"
With Helman Brook

Tuesday, August 21, 7:30pm



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

**Complimentary tickets can only be sent to those who
have returned their membership papers.**

General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

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Edward Moulin
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