

TEMPLE ISAIAH BULLETIN

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October 2018 Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct. 1—Simchat Torah Yizkor, 10:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 3—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Oct. 5—Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 6—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Wednesday, Oct. 10—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Elder Law Program with Linda Marshak, 7:30pm

Friday, Oct. 12—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 13—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Monday, Oct. 15—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 16—Talent Show Cast Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 17—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Knit & Nosh, 12:00 noon

Thursday, Oct. 18—Lunch & Learn, 11:00am

Friday, Oct. 19—Refugee Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Beth Lilach, 7:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 21—Talent Show Rehearsal, 10:00am

Monday, Oct. 22—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Tuesday, Oct. 23— "Current Events" with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 24— Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Oct. 26—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Oct. 27—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am; *Isaiah's Got Talent*, 7:00pm

Monday, Oct. 29—Spanish Class, 10:30am

Wednesday, Oct. 31—Tai Chi, 11:00am

See Inside for Details on These Upcoming Events at Temple Isaiah

Elder Law Program October 10

Refugee Shabbat October 19

Current Events with Helman Brook October 23

"Isaiah's Got Talent" October 27



Tag Sale November 1st—5th

Genealogy Program November 29th

Reminder: Sunday, September 30 at 7:00pm Erev Simchat Torah Joint Service at Temple Beth El

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

We just finished our Yom Kippur services a couple of hours ago and although a little tired, I must tell you how exhilarated I feel. This High Holy Day season was not only spiritually moving and beautiful, but it was just so exciting to see all the working parts come together as if by Divine miracle. Many believe that God does work wonders (at least we hope so), but I'm not sure doing spreadsheets, dividing up honors, decoding a new machzor, singing beautiful music, and making sure everything runs well is in the G.O.D. job description.



Many people have contributed generously to the High Holy Day effort, not only in their contributions to the purchase of our beautiful new machzorim (High Holy Day prayerbooks), but also to the nitty gritty hands-on work making sure services run smoothly and looking like a well-oiled machine. A great deal of hard work goes into making the High Holy Days a success and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some people who deserve mention because of how much work they do to make all this look so easy.

In lists like this, I know I will certainly forget a name or two (possibly more) and for that I apologize in advance and hope you will forgive me. I may not be able to name everyone, but please know your effort and contribution to this holy community is so appreciated.

I need to first thank our Ritual Committee. Chaired by Shelley Sherman and Ruth Isaac, this committee parsed the services and new machzor, and both Shelley and Ruth sat for weeks making sure that all the aliyot (honors) were handed out, the speaking parts for the services were being handled and all the moving parts of the services were seamless. They were also responsible (along with Cathy Reibstein and a team of volunteers) for making sure all the bookplates were printed and placed in the new machzorim. I also want to thank our ushers, Aliyah wranglers, speakers and everyone (too numerous to mention) who helped with small details in order to make these Holy Days so special (flowers, silver polishing, chair placement, new members, collation, break-fast arranging, shofar blowing, Torah readers, and the list goes on and on).

I want to note, there seemed to be many more new faces in the crowd this year. I know that some of us brought friends, relatives and neighbors to join us in prayer. I am so grateful that you thought enough about the temple to introduce these visitors to our Temple Isaiah family, and hope they come back, soon. We are the best ambassadors to those who don't know about our community. Please, keep on telling everyone about Temple Isaiah.

One group of individuals, who deserve recognition, and thanks, are the members of our Temple Isaiah choir. There are no words to sufficiently tell you all how much you are appreciated, and how much spirituality you bring to our services. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav said, "A holy melody has the power to bring one to the level of prophecy. Music is the foundation of true attachment to God." Your gifts of holy music enhance our prayer experience, and we are forever thankful for your hard work and dedication. Special thanks also to our accompanist Richard Whitten, cellist Nan-Cheng Chen, flautist Judy Brook, and of course Shaina Millman (Cantor Friedlander's daughter) and our own Sandia Tosky.

Many thanks to Devon for all his hard work in preparing our temple for our holiday services, plus all the work he does year-round. Another person who needs to be recognized is Cathy Reibstein. Cathy is the backbone of Temple Isaiah and her hard work and dedication is so appreciated, especially this time of year. Thank you both for making Temple Isaiah run so flawlessly. (At least it feels that way).

Thank you also to Steve Warshavsky and Terry Birnbaum-Horton, plus the entire board and "Strategic Planning Committee". You all dedicate your time and worldly experience to Temple Isaiah and we are grateful for the many hours of hard work you put in to making Temple Isaiah a small, but powerful force in the surrounding Great Neck area.

Finally, I am grateful for my bimah partner, Cantor Friedlander for leading us in inspiring prayer. Her extraordinary kavannah and her beautiful music made our services spiritually meaningful.

We look forward to Sukkot and to participating with our friends at Temple Beth El for Simchat Torah on September 30th, at 7 pm., and, on Saturday, October 6th, we have our first Torah study session of the year. (Can't wait)

Misheberach Avotenu v Imoteinu – May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless those who support Temple Isaiah of Great Neck in all her endeavors. May they all continue this holy work, and may the coming year bring us together for many more celebrations and most importantly, blessings.

Rabbi Jerry

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CANTOR'S COLUMN By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



It is true that music has the ability to create a mood – it even has the power to transport our entire sanctuary into a spiritually connected group of worshipers. We all experience moments of this power during the High Holy Day services, whether we sense this as a divine presence or simply as the timeless, mystical ambience that the ancient prayers and their melodies induce.

For many of us, the Torah reading is the high point of the service, as reading the ancient scroll connects us to the generations before us and to the very core of our heritage. As for our musical tradition, the practice of cantillation – the chanting of the bible – is the most ancient and distinctively Jewish musical practice. This musical system was specifically designed to accurately communicate the meaning of our fundamental texts while preserving the integrity of the Hebrew language.

Although it takes a degree of language proficiency and some musical skill to learn to chant the ancient *tropes* (the different melodic motives that are used to chant the bible), we are privileged to have several congregants who have worked hard to master the art of cantillation and have shared their skill with us during the High Holy Days. Their clear and intelligent chanting enhances the beauty and solemnity of the readings and allows us to experience the deeper meaning of the texts.

On a purely practical level, I am aware that in order to learn their verses our chanters had to study at the pool, on planes to exotic places, even while walking the dog or on the elliptical. Each of the chanters spent a great deal of time and concentration learning a few verses and we all benefit from their hard work.



On behalf of the entire congregation I thank the following Torah chanters who enhanced our services, personalized the worship and delighted us: David Aubrey, Belle Gayer, Elliott Gayer, Gail Gordon, Bill Hersh, Eric Tosky, and Jonathan Wagner.

These "pioneers" have paved the way and prepared the path for all of us. We look forward to more of our congregants joining this dedicated group, and you don't have to wait until the next High Holy Days for a chance to chant Torah – we read Torah throughout the whole year. Let me know your interest; I'll teach you and we can work on a few verses together.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

If you appreciated our new accompanist for the High Holy Days as much as the choir and I did, you might want to attend one of his concerts. Richard Whitten, organist-pianistconductor extraordinaire (also a tenor and an attorney), will be giving a concert with two other organists on Sunday October 21 at 3:00 PM at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11 Ogden Court, Huntington Station. The fee is a free-will offering. For information, 631-423-1013 and the website is stpetersli.com

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN By Steven Warshavsky

With the busy month of September almost behind us, I want to wish you a sweet and peaceful New Year filled with health and happiness. I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy both before and during our High Holy Day services. Your contribution, both on the bimah and off, helped make our services so special and meaningful this year. Special thanks to Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander for leading us so beautifully with our new High Holy Day Machzorim – prayerbooks.



I would also like to thank each of you who completed our on-line survey this past month. I am pleased to report that we currently have a participation rate of over 50% of our membership. Another example of our *Small* congregation being *Mighty* in spirit! If you have not participated in the survey yet there is still time. The survey will be open until October 2. Please visit http://bit.ly/TempleIsaiahSurvey to have your voice be counted and help us reach 100% participation! Our Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting with consultants from the UJA Federation later this year to learn about their findings from our survey. We can't wait to share the results with you as well.

September 7, 2018 marked our 10th anniversary at 1 Chelsea Place. A decade in a Home of our Own. We moved in three weeks before Rosh Hashanah that year. In celebration of this anniversary I hope you will join us on October 27th for Isaiah's Got Talent. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward paying down our mortgage, helping us get a little closer to a Home of our Own that is Owned by our Own. More information about this event can be found in this bulletin.

As we come to the end of September and the end of our busy High Holy Day schedule, I hope you will join us on Sunday night September 30th as we celebrate Erev Simchat Torah with Temple Beth El. Our celebration will take place at Temple Beth El at 7:00 pm. Next year we will celebrate with them at our synagogue.

A warm welcome to all of our new members. We hope you find Temple Isaiah as special as we do.

Steven Warshavskv

Long-Term Planning—Save These Dates

Sunday, December 9th—Annual Goods & Services Auction

Sunday, May 5th—Journal/Gala Dinner

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Simchat Torah Yizkor, 10:30am	2 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	3 Tai Chi, 11:00am	4	5 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm	6 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
7	8	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am; Elder Law Program with Linda Marshak, 7:30pm	11	12 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	13 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
14 Great Neck Plaza Auto Show— Temple Isaiah Table	15 Spanish, 10:30am	16 Talent Show Cast Meeting, 7:30pm	17 Tai Chi, 11:00am; Knit & Nosh, 12:00pm	18 Lunch & Learn, 11:00am	19 Refugee Shabbat Service— Guest Speaker Beth Lilach, 7:30pm	20
21 Talent Show Rehearsal 10:00am	22 Spanish, 10:30am	23 Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm	24 Tai Chi, 11:00am	25	26 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	27 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am <u>Isaiah's Got</u> <u>Talent,</u> <u>7:00pm</u>
28	29 Spanish, 10:30am	30	31 Tai Chi, 11:00am			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tag Sale Opens	2 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm <i>Tag Sale</i>	3 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tag Sale	<i>Tag Sale</i> Spanish Class, 10:30am	Board Meeting, 7:30pm (Election Day)	Tai Chi, 11:00am		Shabbat Service, 8:00pm Kristallnach Observance	Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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25	26 Spanish Class, 10:30am	27	28 Tai Chi, 11:00am Rabbi Class #2	29 Lunch & Learn Genealogy Program, 7:30pm	30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	December 1 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

Message from your Strategic Planning Committee



Dear Friends,

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we reflected on our past year and prepared to renew for the coming year. We introduced the Thriving Synagogue Learning Tool Survey to do the same; reflect, repair and renew for the coming year.

We are moving along,,, and have had a good response to the project and survey thus far.... But we are only half way there to 100% of responses to the survey. <u>The Strategic Planning Committee</u> has completed their assignment, preparing the "fact sheet" about our Temple to be used to help evaluate the Survey.

If you haven't done so already please take 10-15 minutes of your time to compete the **THRIVING SYNAGOGUE LEARNING TOOL SURVEY; it is confidential and anonymous.** All members in each household over age 18 and guests of our congregation who have attended services or a program event are welcome to complete the Survey. The Survey asks you to reflect on our leadership, sacred purpose, programming and other important areas of Temple Isaiah.

The Survey is completed on the computer using a web-link that goes directly to the analysts at UJA's partner the Social Research Lab at the University of Northern Colorado. The link will be available from September 4th through October 2nd. At the conclusion, the University, along with the program directors at UJA-Federation of NY will share the results with our congregation, help us direct our path, and help us thrive through their many tools for Synagogues.

http://bit.ly/TempleIsaiahSurvey

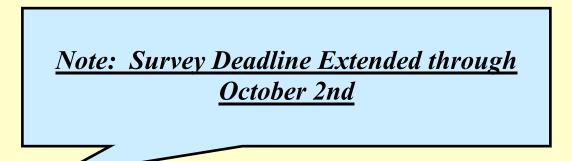
We are excited for the opportunity to have available UJA's experience and resources. We look forward to 100% participation because we want to know how you feel. The Strategic Planning Committee will be available to answer your questions and to provide computer assistance, if you would like.

Shalom, Terry

Strategic Planning Committee:

Terry Birnbaum-Horton, Steven Warshavsky, Rabbi Blum, Gail Gordon, Ron Gittelman, Lloyd Perell and

Denise Miller



& \$2,000 Reverse Raffle Drawing



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EXLENT



October 27 at 7:00PM, Show starts at 7:30

Temple Isaiah — One Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021

Tickets are on sale until October 19th. Advance ticket purchases only!

No tickets will be sold on the day of performance. Order form below.

Enjoy over 2 hours of Non-Stop Entertainment, Light Snacks and Home Made Deserts

Along with our Reverse Raffle Grand Prize of \$2,000

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

Hosting for the evening will be Steven Warshavsky. Performances include singers, comedians, musicians, specialty acts 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 the grand prize winner is the holder of the last ticket drawn. You do not have to be present to win the Grand Prize.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	Ľ	<u>Total</u>
Admission to show with 1 Raffle ticket	\$100		\$	
Admission to show w/o Raffle ticket	\$36		\$	
Pre-paid drinks (Wine or Beer) 3 drinks	s for \$10		\$	
(Drinks are \$5 day of performance)	Tot	al 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 mail order form along with check for total amount due to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck. Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, 1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck NY 11021 Raffle Tickets will be given to you at the door the day of performance.

Come join us as we celebrate 10 years in a Home of Our Own



Linda Marshak to Speak on Elder Law Issues Wednesday, October 10th

As the population ages, issues of estate and long term care planning have become more important and more difficult for people to navigate, and have spawned an entire branch of the legal profession known as elder law. On Wednesday, October 10th at 7:30 PM, attorney (and long-time Temple Isaiah member) Linda

Faith Marshak will present a lecture on critical issues of elder law at Temple Isaiah.

A partner in the law firm of Brady & Marshak, LLP, which she co-founded in 2005, Linda specializes in estate planning, long term care planning and preservation of assets, and Medicaid planning. She frequently lectures on those subjects before groups of middle class seniors and organizations.

The community is invited to attend this informative program. There is no admission fee and there will be opportunities for questions following the lecture. For further information, please call the Temple office at 487-5373.



Wednesday, October 17 12:00noon





Temple Isaiah has started a new "club" for those who would like to knit (crochet, etc.) in a communal setting. Newcomers are welcome!

Our October session will again be in the daytime, but we will discuss whether the group prefers day or evening for future sessions.

Please let the office know if you are interested so we can prepare.

RSVP 516-487-5373 or isaiahgn@yahoo.com

Refugee Shabbat, Friday, October 19 7:30 (Note earlier time as we have a guest speaker)

According to the UNHCR there are 68.5 million refugees, driven from their homes due to wars, violence and persecution. The Rohingya, who numbered around one million in Myanmar at the start of 2017, are one of the many ethnic minorities in the country. Rohingya Muslims represent the largest percentage of Muslims in Myanmar, with the majority living in Rakhine state. But the government of Myanmar, a pre-



dominantly Buddhist country, denies the Rohingya citizenship and even excluded them from the 2014 census, refusing to recognize them as a people. The latest exodus began in August of 2017 after Rohingya Arsa militants launched deadly attacks on more than 30 police posts. Since then their situation has deteriorated further.

Beth Lilach, Senior Director of Adult and Community Affairs of the Holocaust and Memorial tolerance Center of Long Island will give us an inside look into the current genocide of the Rohingya. Beth was invited to Bangladesh to visit the refugee camp and has since met with the State Department to share her experience and plead for help.

Our Refugee Shabbat will shine a light on the Rohingya tragedy and call attention to the millions of others in need of safe havens.

Thursday, October 18th 11:00am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Jerry (Location to be Announced)





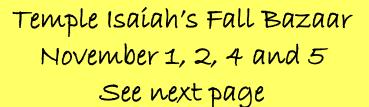
"Current Events" with Helman Brook Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with your Temple Isaiah family on the first Shabbat eve of the month in which they occur and receive a special blessing - and of course some cake!





Temple Isaiah is co-sponsoring an Aftercare Community Transition (A.C.T.) Program for addiction recovery. The kick-off event features "Sarge" the comedian, performing a comedy routine and Q&A session covering his personal journey to recovery. *Monday, November 5th at Sid Jacobson JCC*





Kristallnacht Observance at Shabbat Service, November 9th

Rabbi's class—Nov 14 and 28 and December 12 "Reform Judaism, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow -A Pluralistic look at Who we Are as a Movement and a People"

Genealogy Workshop Thursday November 29, 7:30 PM



"JGSLI was founded in 1985 to encourage and assist the pursuit of Jewish family history. Our goal is to bring together people interested in tracing their Jewish family roots. We work to educate members and the public regarding the "how to" of finding one's roots."

Debra Wang will share her journey in uncovering her family story and the process of how the Jewish Geneology Society of Long Island leads workshops to help

you uncover your family history. More info to follow in next month's bulletin.

Save the Dates: Temple Isaiah Fall Bazaar November 1—November 5



Books Clothing Collectibles Designer Scarves Jewelry Judaica China & Glassware Artworks Toys & Games Swarovski Crystals



Thursday, November 1 10am to 4:00pm Friday, November 2 10am to 4:00pm Sunday, November 4 10am to 4:00pm Monday, November 5 10am to 4:00pm

Volunteers Needed—Contact Terry Joseph (516-238-5981)

General Donations

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In Gratitude to Cantor Friedlander for Teaching and Officiating at the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Anthony Jessica & Jason Anthony In Appreciation of Rabbi Jerry Blum for A Beautiful High Holy Day Experience Sandy & Richard Abrash

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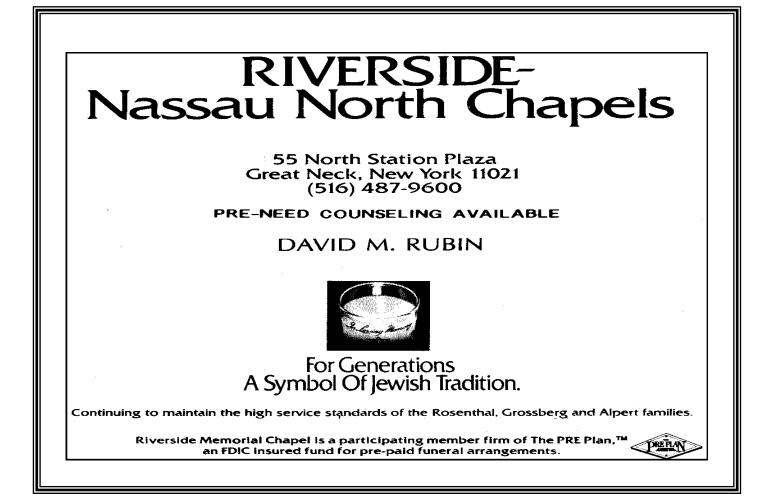
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