



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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March 2019 Calendar of Events

Friday, Mar. 1—Shabbat Across America Dinner and Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Service, 6:30pm

Saturday, Mar. 2—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day

Tuesday, Mar. 5— Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 6—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Mar. 8—Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

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

Sunday, Mar. 10—Brunch & Learn and Assembly of Mishloach Manot Baskets, 11:00am

Wednesday, Mar. 13—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Rabbi's Class #1, 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 15—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 16—Torah Study, 9:30am

Sunday, March 17—*Goods & Services Auction*, 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 19—Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 20—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Purim—Megillah Reading and Purimspiel, 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 22—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, March 23—Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, Mar. 27—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Rabbi's Class #2, 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 29—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

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

March Highlights (Details Inside)

Shabbat Across
America-March 1



Women's Rosh Chodesh
Service—March 8

Brunch & Learn
(Mishloach Manot Bags)
March 10

Rabbi's Classes
March 13, 27, April 10



*Goods &
Services
Auction
March 17*

(Forms on Pages 7 & 8)

Brunch & Learn—March 10
Purim—March 20



RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

I live by a calendar. You may say, silly rabbi, we all do, and you would be correct, but mine has different time and date markers. When I looked at my calendar this week to check out the Torah portion, I noticed something that usually brings on a tinge of panic. It's Shabbat Shekalim (the Shabbat of Coins), and that means in about a month (or so), it will be Pesach. (and I'm just not ready for Pesach!)



You see, Jewish tradition has special Shabbatot (Sabbaths) that dot the Jewish calendar and gives hints as to the time of year. Just before Pesach there are 4 or 5 special Shabbatot (depending on how you count) and each represents a concept that in my understanding, helps us to live a more balanced life. These concepts are taken from the Torah or haftarah readings for these Sabbaths, and our Sages called them the *Arba Parshiyot*, or the Four (Torah) Portions.

In the maftir (the final) reading for Shabbat Shekalim, we reread Exodus 30:11, when the Israelites are asked to participate in a census that requires every Israelite man to contribute a half shekel to support communal sacrifices in the portable tent of meeting and later at the Temple. The egalitarian (well it was egalitarian for their society) nature of this contribution is emphasized saying, "the rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than half a shekel." The requirement that all individuals contribute equally to the community helped develop a sense of unity in a nation that was just released from many years of bondage. The lesson here is to support our community not only with money (don't get me wrong, that's really important) but with sweat equity as well. Participating on an egalitarian level keeps our communities, and us, alive.

During Shabbat Zachor, or the Shabbat of Remembrance, we are commanded to remember what Amalekites did to us in the wilderness. But the message is, there is always an Amalek (Amalek = evil) of some sort lurking in this world. We must always do our part in fighting hatred and evil throughout our community and world. By the way, Shabbat Zachor is a shout-out to Purim, because legend has it that Haman (BOOOO) is a descendant of Amalek.

The next special Shabbat is Shabbat Parrah, or the Shabbat of the (Red) Heifer. The maftir reading deals with the red heifer whose ashes were combined with water to ritually purify anyone who had been in contact with a dead person. The prophetic reading, for Shabbat Parah also deals with issues of being cleansed from contamination, but the impurity in this case symbolizes human sinfulness. But how do we as moderns even relate to these ancient purity laws? I believe we can all strive for a higher level of spiritual purity and that will show itself in our relationships at work, in our communities and especially at home with those we love. Ezekiel 36 says, "*I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness. And I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit into you.*" The message here is of renewal of spirit and of course reflects Passover's theme of redemption (both spiritual and emotional). I understand one's purification as more of a spiritual journey towards transcendence. The message of Torah and our tradition is to become better today than we were yesterday, and our sages teach that we always have the ability to build deeper relationships with the Divine and certainly, with others.

Shabbat HaHodesh occurs just before Rosh Chodesh (the new month) of Nisan. The maftir reading details eating the Passover sacrifice, with "your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand"; eating bitter herbs and unleavened bread; and putting blood on the doorposts; and it lists the Passover laws. The first day of Nisan is also important as the occasion for God's first commandment, sanctifying the new moon, which begins the Torah reading, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you." (Unrepentant commercial - listen for this at our Rosh Chodesh service lead by our women congregants on March 8' 2019.)

The last on the list is "Shabbat HaGadol" or the Great Shabbat (the 5th Shabbat). This is the Shabbat just before Pesach and it holds a significant place in our lore. Traditionally, the Shabbat before the Exodus from Egypt was the time the Paschal Lamb was put aside and made ready for the last plague and the coming Exodus. The name comes from the last line from the prophetic reading for that day which is Malachai 3:23, which says: "*Lo, I will send the Prophet Eliyahu to you before the coming of the great (Gadol), and fearful day of Adonai.*"

To me, each of these shabbatot hold special meaning beyond the traditional. They mark the passing of time and trigger memories of sweet (and not so sweet) moments in our lives. As we enter this holy season, I pray we find renewal of spirit within our traditions, our families and our holy communities. May we also make space in our hearts for the Divine, inspiring us towards doing acts of Chesed (loving kindness) in our community, our nation and our world.

Rabbi Jerry

CANTOR'S COLUMN
Our Own Celebration of Women
By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



We all know that this is an important time in history in terms of the advancement of women and gender balance all over the globe. Certainly, there are cultures that still have a long way to go but social consciousness has been raised everywhere. On March 8 the world celebrates the 110th annual commemoration of International Women's Day, a day set aside to honor the full spectrum of women's accomplishments and empowerment throughout the world.

March 8 is also Rosh Chodesh, a holiday that marks the beginning of the Hebrew month, in this case, the month of Adar II (yes, in some years we have both an Adar I and an Adar II). Rosh Chodesh not only marks the beginning of the month, but it has historically been considered a special holiday for women.

On March 8 throughout the world, thousands of events will be held to inspire women and celebrate centuries of achievements. And on March 8 here at Temple Isaiah, the women of our congregation will lead the service, compose the d'var Torah, and participate in what will certainly be a joyous night of prayer, study and celebration.

Please join us for a very special Shabbat evening service on March 8 and note that this service will begin at 7:30.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Classes Are Coming!

Did you miss out on becoming a bar or bat mitzvah when you were 13, or, did you ever want to re-live that moment again?

It's never too late to become a bar or bat mitzvah! (And it's always fun to re-live their celebration.)

The rabbi will be forming a new Adult B'nei Mitzvah class soon for those who never became or those who want to re-live that moment.

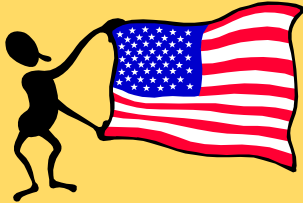
Please reach out to the rabbi (rabbi.jerry.isaiahgn@gmail.com) or the office (isaiahgn@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Information will be sent out soon.



Friday, March 1, 2019

Join tens of thousands of Jews across America as we come together to eat, drink, relax, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 19th annual

Shabbat Across America



Bring the family - bring your friends to an early Shabbat service at 6:30pm followed by a delicious kosher dinner at 7:30PM
(A Program of National Jewish Outreach)

Adults: \$36; Non-member guests \$18; Children under 13: Free
RSVP **REQUIRED**—487-5373 or isaiahgn@yahoo.com

Bakers wanted: for information
please call Kathie Davis at 487-1576 or Sheila DeFazio at 643-1459

**From Observance to Tradition—
Calling All Women
(Men Are Welcome Too!)
Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Service
Friday, March 8 at 7:30pm**



Rosh Chodesh has grown to be associated especially with women and we encourage everyone to come and learn, celebrate and participate. Please put the date into your calendar and plan to join us. We would love for everyone to be part of the celebration. There is something for everyone: hospitality, music, prayers and songs.

Contact Terry Birnbaum-Horton at 516-978-7408 and leave your name and number, or email her at tbahorton@aol.com.



**Current Events with Helman Brook on
Tuesday, March 19th and
Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30pm**



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Across America and Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 6:30pm	2 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day
3	4	5 Board Meeting 7:30pm	6 Tai Chi, 11:00am	7	8 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	9 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
10 Brunch & Learn and Mishloach Manot Baskets, 11:00am	11	12	13 Tai Chi, 11:00am Rabbi's Class #1 7:30pm	14	15 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	16 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
17 Auction 2:00pm 	18	19 Current Events, 7:30pm	20 Tai Chi, 11:00am Purim— Megillah Reading & Purimspiel, 7:30pm	21	22 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	23 Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am
24 31	25	26	27 Tai Chi, 11:00am Rabbi's Class #2 7:30pm	28	29 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	30 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	3 Tai Chi, 11:00am	4	5 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm	6 Torah Study & Service, 9:30pm Sunshine Boys, 7:30pm
7	8	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am Rabbi's Class #3, 7:30pm	11	12 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	13 Torah Study & Service, 9:30pm
14	15	16	17 Tai Chi, 11:00am	18	19 Passover First Night— No service at Temple Isaiah; Early Shabbat Service at Atria	20 Temple Isaiah Second Night Seder (Details to Follow)
21	22	23 Current Events, 7:30pm	24 Tai Chi, 11:00am	25	26 Yizkor Service, 10:30am Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15	27 Torah Study & Service, 9:30pm
28	29	30				



TEMPLE ISAIAH GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

ONE OF THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR AND OUR MOST EXCITING AFTERNOON IS FAST APPROACHING. PLEASE PLAN TO BE THERE.

BID ON: VACATIONS, THEATER TICKETS, JEWELRY, ELEGANT DINNERS, RESTAURANTS, SPORTING EVENTS, ART, TOYS, COMPUTER LESSONS & MORE

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RETURN THIS RSVP BY MARCH 3 AND RECEIVE 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET VALUED AT \$10.00

Raffle Tickets

\$10 per Ticket

3 Tickets for \$25.00

Auction Reservations

\$18 Adults,

\$5 Children 11-17, Under 10-Free

Raffle Drawing at Auction

Need not be present to win

No purchase necessary

TEMPLE ISAIAH GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

**MARCH 17, 2019
2:00PM**

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AUCTION RESERVATIONS @\$18 ADULTS, \$5 CHILD 11-17 \$ _____

RAFFLE TICKETS @\$10/TKT, OR \$25/3 TKTS \$ _____

(NO OTHER PURCHASE NECESSARY-NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

TOTAL ENCLOSED (CHECK PAYABLE TO TEMPLE ISAIAH) \$ _____

***OR PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD (3% FEE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS)
(MINIMUM FOR CREDIT CARD \$25.00)***

No. _____ TYPE: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER ON RAFFLE TICKETS AND
RETURN THIS FORM AND TICKETS IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO
TEMPLE ISAIAH, 1 CHELSEA PLACE, G.N., NY 11021
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CERTIFICATE OF GIFT

From: March 2019 Goods and Services Auction

To Highest Bidder: _____

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The bearer of this letter is entitled to:

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Collected by member _____

Note to Member: Please mail this Certificate to Cathy at the Temple office. It will be recorded in our catalog and put up for auction.



Purim! Purim! Purim!

Although Purim is a joyous holiday we still have three *Mitzvot* (commandments) to fulfill. But don't worry, Temple Isaiah is making it fun and easy to fulfill all three.

Mitzvah #1— Give Tzedakah— We are encouraging all of our members to give a donation of \$ 18.00 (or more— who are we to stand in the way of your philanthropy?) Easy!

Mitzvah #2— Give gifts of food— Join us on Sunday March 10th for our Brunch & Learn, where we will assemble Purim bags (*Misloach Manot*) filled with delicious Purim treats for every member of our congregation. We'll even make some chocolate covered pretzel rods to include! Fun and easy!

Mitzvah #3—Hear the Megillah of Esther— Come to services on Wednesday, March 20th to satisfy this last Purim Mitzvah. Wear a costume if you can; we'll supply the groggers and the Purimspiel, and of course some hamentashen! Always fun!

We hope to see you all there because Purim isn't just for kids— it is a story that resonates through every generation.

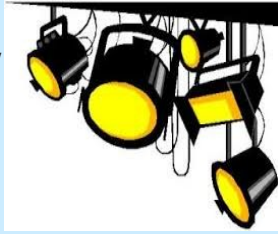
Brunch & Learn Admission—\$8.00 covers bagels, discussion and bag assembly.

*Donate \$18 and satisfy two mitzvots for Purim—
Tzedaka and the gift of food!*

Important—RSVP to the office so we can prepare!



***SPECIAL
REQUEST FROM
MERYL
MENASHE***



Temple Isaiah has a great deal of talent, as we have seen in Isaiah's Got Talent Show. Within our congregation are actors, singers, performers in many arenas. You all have special interests outside of our temple family and we would love you to share them with us. Planning programs takes time and thought; it is important to create programs that interest all of you and the greater community.



This is the time of the year where we start planning for the next. The

Auction, Sunshine Boys performance, Linda Marshak's talk and our Journal Dinner are all upcoming soon. If you have a program, talent, interest or friend that you feel would provide an interesting program for our temple please share them with Meryl Menashe at 516 395 9341 or merylmenashe@gmail.com

**Reminder: Soup
Kitchen Volunteer
Day is Saturday,
March 2.
Contact Denise
Miller for Details**



**Saturday, April 6th
7:30pm
An Evening of Theatrical
Fun
Plus Wine, Cheese and
Home-Baked Goodies**

**Scenes from Neil
Simon's
*The Sunshine
Boys***

***Featuring Richard Solow
Alice & Richard Weiner
David Aubrey
&
June Feldman***



***Admission:
\$25 in advance
or
\$30 at the door
RSVP***

Save
the
Date

Wednesday, June 5th
Gala Journal Dinner
At Port Washington Yacht Club



Rabbi's Classes

March 13, 27 & April 10, 7:30pm

**The Psalms: The spiritual and emotional poetry
of our lives.**

What the psalms say about us!



"Brunch & Learn" Plus Mishloach Manot

Join us on Sunday, March 10th at 11:00am
for a fun-filled Brunch & Learn about Purim and
the *mitzvot* of *tzedakah* and *mishloach manot*.
We will be putting together packages of goodies
for our friends and family while learning about
the tradition of *tzedakah*.



Brunch & Learn Admission—\$8.00 Suggested Tzedakah donation for Pruim Bags—\$18.00



**Purimspiel and
Megillah Reading
Wednesday, March 20
7:30pm**



***Please Join Us at the Temple Isaiah Family Seder
Second Night of Passover
Saturday, April 20
Details To Follow***

A Thriving Synagogue!

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy,,,, Busy analyzing the Profile of Thriving data from the confidential online survey that we all completed in the fall. First we met with our UJA contact and most recently with our coach provided by UJA for our first coaching session. We have learned much and are learning more.

We on the committee want to thank you all for participating in the survey. We did do it! Like I said on Rosh Hashanah, we are overachievers! The data was positive! The survey confirmed that we excel. There are many areas we can celebrate and there will be areas for action.

Over 70% of our congregation responded.

85% of us say that we are alive with activity.

95% of us say we feel like Temple Isaiah is their place, with strong connections to other members and a sense of feeling at home.

While the data was positive, we can take many areas to the next level. There are still more areas that we can build on for our future strength. Using the data we've compiled we hope to focus on actions to be our better self.

Stay tuned for more as we learn.

Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Committee Chairperson

Steve Warshavsky
Gail Gordon
Denise Miller

Rabbi Jerry Blum
Ron Gitelman
Lloyd Perell



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 Linda Marshak's 2nd Homerun Program and
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continue learning Spanish?
If there is enough interest
we might convince our won-
derful teacher Reva to re-
turn for more Spanish
classes, but we need to hear
from you!**

**Please contact Kathie Davis
or leave a message at the
temple office if you are in-
terested.**

*When the weather (or other
circumstance) threatens the
cancellation of services or a
temple event, if the office is
closed please call Kathie*

*Davis to check:
516-487-1576 or
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