

April 2019 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Apr. 2— Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 3—Tai Chi, 11:00am

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

Saturday, Apr. 6—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am;
 “Sunshine Boys,” 7:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 10—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Rabbi’s Class,
 “Psalms” #3, 7:30pm

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

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

Sunday, Apr. 14—Brunch & Learn, 11:00am

Wednesday, Apr. 17—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 19—First Night of Passover; Early
 Shabbat Service at the Atria (no service at Temple
 Isaiah)

Saturday, Apr. 20—Temple Isaiah Second Night
 Seder at Temple Beth El, 6:30pm

Tuesday, Apr. 23— “Current Events” with Helman
 Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Apr. 24—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Apr. 26—Yizkor Service, 10:30am; Kabbalat
 Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, April 27—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am



*Plant Sale at Santelli’s
 Entire Month of May
 See Page 8*

April Highlights (Details Inside)

**Sunshine Boys
 April 6
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Rabbi’s Class—April 10

**Brunch & Learn
 April 14**



**Second Night Seder
 (April 20 at Temple
 Beth El)
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Current Events—April 23

**&
 Save the Date:
 June 5th
 Journal/Dinner**

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

When I was a kid, my favorite holiday was Pesach (Passover). I loved all the preparations and cooking. It meant going down to the Lower East Side, to Shapiros wine, to get that heavy sweet Passover wine, and of course some Slivovitz for my nana and dad (I think they were in competition). The best part was that I got a special white grape juice (they told me it was) made especially for me. It felt special to be a kid and part of such a family tradition. We would then head over to the fish monger for the freshest carp for my nana's gefilte fish, and then on to the matzah factory.



It felt as if my mom and grandma, aunts, and even dads and uncles got into the cooking act an entire month before the holiday. The nut cakes, flourless chocolate cakes and then the home-made macaroons just made the day sweeter, and there was nothing like my mom's chicken soup with the lightest k'neideloch in the world (yes, she did use seltzer). Between the brisket and chickens and chopped liver and the matzah farfel, it would be a feast for both stomach and soul. The singing would go on for hours, and the joy of family and friends lasted even longer. If I close my eyes right now, I can smell my mom's and nana's delicious meal, and I could almost feel the sweetness of the family, singing, praying, and just being together. It is such a strong memory, and each year, as Pesach rolls around, I can't help but remember, and tell all our kids (new additions to the family too) about those days, and how much they meant to me, and that retelling of all these memories fit right into the entire holiday of Pesach.

One of the great mitzvot for Pesach is to retell the STORY of Y'tziat Mitzrayim, the coming out of Egypt. The Haggadah (the seder service book) in the Magid (the retelling) section of the seder service says,

"and even if we were all sages, all knowing, all elders (in understanding), all knowledgeable about the Torah, it would [still] be a commandment upon us to (re)tell the story of the exodus from Egypt. And anyone who adds to the retelling the story of the exodus from Egypt (by being creative or spending extra time), behold, they are praiseworthy".

The entire seder ritual is a retelling and reenactment of the story of our enslavement and ultimate exodus from the bonds of slavery in Egypt. Each part of the seder reminds us of the sanctity of that freedom and how we must always be reminded never to fall into that false sense of security, that just because we live today in relative safety (and I do mean relative), that sadly, there isn't hatred and evil in this world. We as a Jewish community have an obligation to remember all that is hateful and evil because it specifically happened to us as a people. Our obligation in this world is to recognize this evil and continually retell the story of our experiences so that it does not happen again to anyone. So that all people can feel safe going to school, going to a concert, playing in a park, and worshiping in a church, synagogue, temple, mosque or any other holy space.

Pesach is a reminder that we as a Jewish community can bring light and hope to this world. To sing out Avadim Hayinu – We were once slaves to Pharaoh, but we were taken out of that dark and narrow place to become free people. To shout out Dayenu – Enough to hatred and evil in this world, and to remember that we must always love the stranger, for we were once strangers in Egypt ourselves.

May this Pesach bring you and those you love, new stories to tell future generations, and may these stories bring a renewed feeling of unity, love for our fellow human being, and a quest for justice in this world.

Chag Pesach Sameach – Wishing you all a very Happy and sweet Passover.

Rabbi Jerry



CANTOR'S COLUMN

MAKING COUNTING COUNT

By Cantor Leslie Friedlander



Judaism is filled with ritualized counting of things. We count the four cups of wine at the Passover seder and the seven ordered days of creation. God tells Abraham to “count the stars, if you can count them.” We count eight days to the bris when a baby boy is born; we count 9 months during a mother’s pregnancy. We know how many people are in the sanctuary by counting occupied seats or counting how many prayerbooks are in use. And we count the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot, the counting of the Omer (an ‘omer’ being a sheaf of barley).

Remember that the festivals, in the time of the Bible, were not connected to historical events – the festivals were solely related to the agricultural cycles. Historic events became linked with holidays later in the Rabbinic period and added to the holiday observances long after the Bible was written. Passover marked the barley harvest, a springtime festival, and a time to bring sacrifices to the Temple in Jerusalem. Shavuot, in the Bible, was connected to the wheat harvest, again, a time to bring agricultural gifts to the Temple. So now that the Temple no longer exists and we aren’t connected to the land with the same intimacy, why would we bother to count the Omer?

One of the reasons people count is to prepare for something. People who celebrate Christmas countdown the days to December 25th on an advent calendar, which often has cute little windows that open and reveal a saying or a little gift. We sometimes countdown the days to a birthday or anniversary; we also countdown to a rocket launch: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6...blastoff. My students always countdown the days before their bar mitzvah service, starting months before. I think it probably increases their anxiety.

In Leviticus 23:15-21 we read: “From the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering the day after the Sabbath you shall count off seven weeks...You must count until the day after the seventh week fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to Adonai...On that same day you shall hold a celebration...This is a law for all time in all your settlements, throughout the ages.”



In Bible times, the counting of the Omer served to keep track of the two harvests – the one at Passover, the barley harvest, and the one at Shavuot, the wheat harvest. God instructs Moses to instruct us to count 49 days from the barley harvest, and on the 50th day we were to celebrate the next grain harvest.

Those harvest festivals of Passover and Shavuot are now connected to the Exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Torah, respectively. Counting the Omer for us means counting the days between Passover to Shavuot, or counting the days from our first taste of freedom from slavery to seven full weeks later, when we were given the Torah on Mt. Sinai in the wilderness. Each day that we count is one more day - one more step - away from the impurities of Egypt and our narrow existence of bondage to the appreciation of freedom and the responsibilities that freedom requires. As we count the Omer, we are given the moment to reflect on spiritual liberation and the freedoms we now enjoy.

Let each day of the 50 days bring us a moment of meditation to work on our best selves and ready ourselves for receiving rules to live by (Torah) on Shavuot. May we learn how to make our lives more meaningful as we count each day.

Chag Sameach

Cantor Leslie Friedlander



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***

Admission:
\$25 in advance
or
\$30 at the door
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Featuring Richard Solow
Alice & Richard Weiner,
David Aubrey &
June Feldman



Rabbi's Classes—Final Session
April 10, 7:30pm

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

What the psalms say about us!

“Current Events”
With Helman Brook
Tuesdays, April 23 & May 21 at 7:30pm



Wednesday, June 5th
Gala Journal Dinner
Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky
(Early Journal Form on Page 10)

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, 9:30am <i>Sunshine Boys, 7:30pm</i>
7	8	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am Rabbi's Class #3, 7:30pm	11	12 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	13 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
14 Brunch & Learn 11:00am	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 (6:30 at Temple Beth El)
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, 9:30am
28 <i>Tentative Date for Books & Bagels</i>	29	30				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Plant Sale at Santelli's— May 1st to May 31st! See page 8</i>			1 Tai Chi, 11:00am Linda Burghardt Yom Hashoah Program, 7:30pm	2	3 Yom Hashoah Service; Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm	4 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
5	6	7 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	8 Tai Chi, 11:00am	9	10 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm Bat Mitzvah of Mollie Wurzel	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
12  <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15 Tai Chi, 11:00am Congrega- tional Meeting, 7:30pm	16	17 Renewal Service, 7:30pm Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	18 Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Bergman, 10:30am
19	20	21 Current Events, 7:30pm	22 Tai Chi, 11:00am	23	24 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	25 Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29 Tai Chi, 11:00am	30	31 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	



***Please Join Us at the Annual
Temple Isaiah Family Seder
This year held at Temple Beth El
5 Old Mill Road, Great Neck
Second Night of Passover
Saturday, April 20th, 6:30PM***

Temple family and guests are invited to join us for this joyous occasion. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Jerry Blum and Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Space is limited—reservations and payment MUST be made in advance by April 12

Passover Dietary Rules Observed

Adults: \$65.00

Children under 17: \$30.00

Please Mail Checks and This Form to Temple Isaiah—1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021

Sign me up for the Second Night Seder:

Name _____ Phone _____

Number attending—Adults @\$65.00 : _____ Children: @\$30.00 _____

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**Temple Isaiah's Annual
Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30pm**



**Come Hear the Latest News
Vote on Our 2019/2020 Budget and
Board of Trustees**



**Reminder: The next Soup Kitchen
Volunteer Day is Saturday, June 1.
Contact Denise Miller for Details**

Temple Isaiah Yom HaShoah Lecture Presentation by
Dr. Linda Burghardt,

"On the Road to the Holocaust: Moses Mendelssohn and the Jewish Enlightenment."

**Wednesday, May 1, 7:30pm
Erev Yom HaShoah**



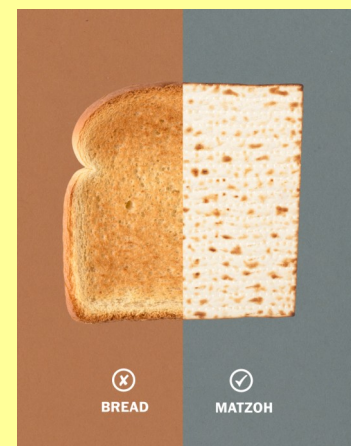
When the Jewish Enlightenment or Haskalah movement swept across Europe in the late 18th century, it greatly advanced the lives of Europe's Jews by catapulting them out of the ghetto and into the modern world through its leader, the educator and philosopher Moses Mendelssohn.

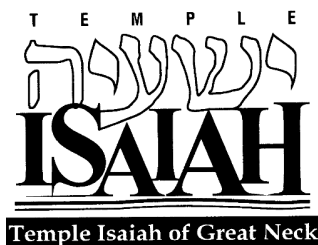
But along with this huge success came a powerful backlash that paved the road to the Holocaust with a virulent revival of "the hate that would not die." How did this happen, and why?



**Sunday, April 14
Special Brunch & Learn
11:00am**

***We'll nosh, we'll talk,
we'll finish off
the chametz before
Passover begins!
(RSVP to the office)***





*Temple Isaiah of Great Neck Proudly
Announces Its Gala Journal Dinner
Honoring
Sandia & Eric Tosky*

*Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:00pm
Port Washington
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We are self aware and know who we are and do not need to reinvent ourselves, but expand it, from empty nesters to retired community members.

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Stay tuned for more as we learn.
Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Committee Chairperson



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