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May 2019 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 1—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Linda Burghardt Yom Hashoah Program, 7:30pm

Friday, May 3—Yom Hashoah; Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm

Saturday, May 4—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Tuesday, May 7— Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 8—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, May 10—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm; BatMitzvah of Mollie Wurzel

Saturday, May 11—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day at Temple Isaiah, 12:30pm

Wednesday, May 15—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Congregational Meeting, 7:30pm

Friday, May 17—Renewal Service, 7:30pm; Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, May 18—Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Bergman, 10:30am

Tuesday, May 21—Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 22—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Book Group, 7:30pm

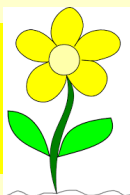
Friday, May 24—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, May 25—Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, May 29—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, May 31—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

*Plant Sale at Santelli's
Entire Month of May
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May Highlights

**May 1—Linda Burghardt
Yom Hashoah Program**

**May 12—Mother's Day at
Temple Isaiah**

**May 15—Congregational
Meeting**

May 17—Renewal Service

May 21—Current Events

May 22—Book Club

***Wednesday, June 5th
Annual Journal
and
Gala Dinner Honoring
Sandia & Eric Tosky***



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RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum



I finally got a moment to sit down and write my monthly article for the May Bulletin. Pesach and finals were behind me and I had a few moments set aside after Torah study and working with a student, to begin the task at hand. I had a theme at the ready and some resources picked out, when the news of another mass shooting at another synagogue hit the airwaves. I was sickened and knew I would have to change my article. The rage, angst and sadness was seeping through every pore and I had to somehow find a way to gather my thoughts and feelings, and find a way to come to terms (at least in my mind) with another act of hate and violence that has become almost a daily occurrence in the world that we live in. I wrote these words in hope that we finally come to the point that we turn our prayers into action.

Once again, we are shocked and heartbroken at another act of hate and violence in a house of worship, as people gathered together to pray and celebrate the final moments of Passover, the festival that commemorates the Jewish people's freedom from slavery in Egypt, and just 6 months after another attack on a Jewish community at prayer in Pittsburgh. I want to say let us pray for peace. I want to say let us all stand together in support of this holy community in Poway, CA. I want to say that the power of prayer will guide us through this act of violence.... but I can't. Yes, we all do stand with the community and we all pray for peace and healing, but now more than ever.... we need much more than just prayer. We need action. We need to speak with every official that we know, to outlaw these semi-automatic weapons that are only used to kill people. (They do not need to be in the hands of the public). We need to fight these so-called Nationalist/Supremacist Hate groups and call them what they really are...."TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS". We need to refocus ourselves on making this country the United States, as opposed to the Divided States of America. Start tomorrow morning. Call officials, write letters, postcards and emails and make your voice heard. Do it now, before we have another act of hate and violence. Do it NOW, before everyone just forgets about this. Do it now, before news like this becomes normalized. Do it before someone you know does not come home after going to their house of worship, or to school, or to a mall, or a movie theater, or a park, or a concert, or.....

This past Friday evening, I spoke about the Torah reading for the last day of Pesach. It is the story of the Israelites crossing the "Yam Soof" – the Sea of Reeds (aka the Red Sea), and it speaks about the moments leading up to the crossing. The Israelite Nation was just days out of captivity in Egypt when the mighty Pharaoh once again pursued them. They all came to Moses and cried out saying: *"Was it for want of graves in Egypt that you brought us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt?"* (Exodus 14:11)

Moses turned to the people and told them to have faith in God, for Adonai will save them. Then something very strange happens. God rebukes Moshe for saying this. God says to Moshe: *"Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to move forward"* (Exodus 14:15)

What God wanted was not for the Israelites to sit back and pray and wait to be saved. God wanted the Israelites and Moshe to ACT! Adonai wanted the people to take some action rather than just wait!

My friends, we have come to that point. Prayers are no longer the (only) thing to do. Now is the time to act. Now is the time to raise our voices. Now is the time to attack all the hate in this world with acts of love (a thousand-fold), and acts of conscious. Now is the time to call, write, protest and make our voices heard, and let it start with us.

May the words of Isaiah inspire us to acts of Love, Peace and Change!

"and WE shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."
(Isaiah 2:4 - the word they was replaced by We)

Rabbi Jerry

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Steven Warshavsky

May marks the end of our fiscal year at Temple Isaiah. It is a time for us to reflect on the past year and begin to plan for next year. To help us plan for the upcoming year, please let us know if you have a special skill that we are not utilizing or if you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer on one of our many committees. We would love to hear from you. Please reach out to either Cathy Reibstein, Terry Birnbaum-Horton or me and let us know what you are interested in doing. I hope you will also join us on Wednesday, May 15th for our annual Congregational Meeting at 7:30 pm. This is a great time to meet and greet our officers and board members and share your thoughts about Temple Isaiah.



One of my favorite events of the year is our Gala Journal Dinner. It is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow congregants and an opportunity for us to honor one of our own members for all they do for our temple community. This event is also our biggest fundraiser of the year. As you know our membership dues only covers about 2/3 of our annual expenses and we rely on fundraising and general contributions throughout the year to fill the gap. This year's Gala Journal Dinner is on Wednesday June 5th honoring Sandia and Eric Tosky. I hope to see you at this event.

My first year as your President has flown by for me. I am excited about using the information we have learned from the survey you participated in last fall to help steer the direction of TI in the coming years. I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of our findings. If you missed it please go back and read our March and April Bulletin. Past copies are available on our website at <https://templeisaiahqn.org>.

Steve Warshavsky



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

Come Hear the Latest News
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Board of Trustees

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

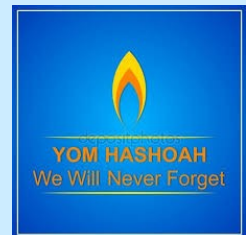
"On the Road to the Holocaust: Moses
Mendelssohn and the Jewish Enlightenment."



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?



**Are you over 70 ½? Here's a way to save on taxes and benefit
Temple Isaiah**



If you or your spouse are 70 ½ or older and are taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from your taxable retirement accounts such as an IRA, there is an often overlooked provision in the tax code that you may not be taking advantage of. This provision, which the IRS calls a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), allows anyone aged 70 ½ or older to donate money from their IRA account directly to a charitable organization (like Temple Isaiah) without the gift counting as income to you, and without paying tax on the distribution.

Even better, any money you donate via one of these distributions reduces that amount you must take in required distributions that year.

A further benefit of using this strategy is it helps reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Your AGI determines how much of your Social Security is subject to income taxes. Most brokerage firms can assist you with making these donations directly to the charity of your choosing.

I hope I have not left your head spinning. If you want to learn more, I encourage you to discuss your own personal tax situation with your tax preparer or accountant.

Steve Warshavsky

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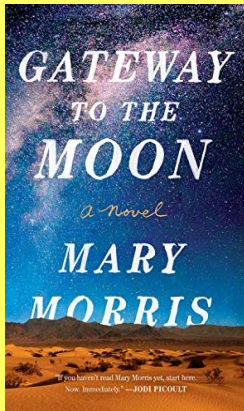
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June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day
2	3	4 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	5 Tai Chi, 11:00 am <i>Gala Dinner Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky</i>	6	7 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm	8 Erev Shavuot Service
9 Yizkor Service, 10:30am	10	11	12 Tai Chi, 11:00am	13 Lunch & Learn, 11:30am	14 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	15 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
16 Father's Day <small>Happy Father's Day</small> 	17	18 Current Events, 7:30pm	19 Tai Chi, 11:00am	20	21 Shabbat, 8:00pm	22 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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Temple Isaiah Book Club—May 22nd

Join us at 7:30pm on Wednesday night, May 22nd when the Temple Isaiah book group discusses *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris.



Gateway to the Moon primarily takes place in current days in a small town in New Mexico where some members of its Catholic population light candles on Friday night and don't eat pork. Are they Crypto-Jews, descendants of Jews who settled in the New World fleeing the Inquisitions in Spain and Portugal?

The novel travels back to the days of Ferdinand and Isabella who expelled Jews and used their assets to finance the voyage of Columbus and ties it all together.



All are invited- please RSVP to Shelley at seeshell98@yahoo.com

Friday, May 17
7:30pm
A Service of Renewal



“Current Events”
With Helman Brook
Tuesdays, May 21 and June 18 at 7:30pm



Send In Your RSVPs to the
June 5th Gala Dinner at the Port Washington Yacht Club
Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky

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Friends and Local Businesses (Ad Form on Page 10)

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LET'S GET TOGETHER:

**For those of us who are alone on Mother's Day, let's
spend the afternoon together. We can have lunch,
schmooze, or play games.**

**Where: Temple Isaiah
When: May 12th, 12:30
Cost: \$15
RSVP by May 9th**

**Please email Terry Joseph at zippyjo99@yahoo.com
or call her at 516-466-2971**



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

Our May 10th Bat Mitzvah—Molly Wurzel

Temple Isaiah of Great Neck is pleased to open its doors to the Schoenfeld/Wurzel family as they proudly present their daughter, Molly Rebecca Wurzel, for Bat Mitzvah on Friday evening, May 10th.

Molly Wurzel was born in November 28, 2005 in New York City. She currently attends middle school at the Birch Wathen Lennox School on Manhattan's Upper East Side, where she has served on the Yearbook Committee and has played on the Middle School's Volleyball team. Molly spends her summers at Camp Mataponi on Lake Sebago in Maine.



Molly also attended Hebrew school at the 92nd Street Y, where she received instruction from Rabbi Blum. The Schoenfeld/Wurzel family celebration continues a long-standing relationship with Rabbi Blum, who not only prepared Molly for tonight's ceremony, but also prepared and officiated over her brother Ben's Bar Mitzvah in May 2015.

Molly will be accompanied at the evening's blessed event by her proud parents, Pamela Schoenfeld and Marc Wurzel, her brother Benjamin, and her grandparents, Jay and Renee Schoenfeld, and Barry and Barbara Wurzel, and by other family and friends.

Gabriel Bergman—Our May 18 Bar Mitzvah



Gabriel "Gabe" Bergman was born on May 12, 2006.

Gabriel is in seventh grade at Great Neck North Middle School. He is an avid ice hockey player as well as a lacrosse player. Although Gabe enjoys his sports, he also can be found at Muse Art Bar working on paintings.

Gabriel will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 18, 2019 and will follow in the footsteps of his sister Jillian who also was a Bat Mitzvah here at Temple Isiah several years ago.

Gabriel has been traveling to other countries learning of their cultures and experiencing new foods.

Gabriel will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his family Miriam, Brian, and Jillian.

Mazel Tov to the Wurzel & Bergman Families!



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Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:00pm
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And all who cling to it find happiness.***



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