

## July 2019 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 3—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, July 5—Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat,  
First Summer Shabbat Service,, 7:30pm, leaders:  
Belle & Elliott Gayer

Saturday, July 6—Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, July 10—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, July 11—David Aubrey Summer Film  
Series, 7:30pm (#1)

Friday, July 12—Summer Shabbat Service,  
7:30pm; Leaders: Jonathan Wagner & Marsha  
Hochstadt

Saturday, July 13—Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, July 17—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, July 18—David Aubrey Summer Film  
Series, 7:30pm (#2)

Friday, July 19—Shabbat Service, 7:30pm;  
Leaders: Belle & Elliott Gayer

Saturday, July 20—Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, July 24—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Book Club,  
7:30pm, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Friday, July 26—Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm;  
Leaders: Jonathan Kaminetzky & Jonathan  
Wagner

Saturday, July 27—Torah Study, 9:30am

Wednesday, July 31—Tai Chi, 11:00am

*Our New Membership Year Began on  
June 1st—Please Send In  
Your Papers!  
(Form on Page 10)*

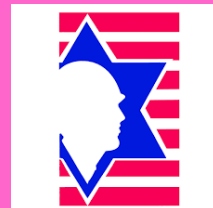
## *July & August Highlights*

*(Details Inside)*

**[No Board Meeting in July]**

**David Aubrey Summer Film  
Series**

**“Jews & the Military”  
Thursdays, July 11 & 18  
and August 1  
At 7:30pm**



**Wednesday, July 24, 7:30pm  
Book Club: *To Kill a  
Mockingbird***



**Wednesday, August 14,  
3:00pm  
Challah Baking with  
Alisa Secofsky  
at the home of Gail Gordon**

**Sunday, August 25, 3:00pm  
Temple Isaiah  
Open House  
(Details to Follow)**



## **RABBI'S COLUMN**

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

As I did last year, I started writing this article on the Summer Solstice, and it made me think about vacations and getting out of the city, and just letting my mind have a little rest after a busy and activity filled year in our community.



But as I began to write, something funny happened. I sat down at my computer and my mind went blank. Now before all the jokes and comments (and yes, they are pretty funny) I must say, I was a little taken aback at this apparent brain freeze (strange term for the summer months, but it works). Why now and what does it all mean?

The summer is a time for family fun, vacations and of course leisure time, and I always love how empty the city gets on summer weekends (maybe my favorite part). But something else happens during the summer months as well. There is a sort of lethargy that settles in and we often set things aside and forget about them. They can be trivial things, but some things, such as community and temple life are important not to forget about. Although this doesn't surprise me, it does make me think, how can we do things differently? How can we feel more engaged with our Kehillah (community) while enjoying the summer fun?

The first thing to do is to check out our calendar, which appears on our website ([templeisaiahgn.org](http://templeisaiahgn.org)) and in the monthly edition of the Temple Isaiah Bulletin. Special alerts will be sent out reminding you of our activities (and hopefully some surprises too). Our summer services begin at 7:30 pm each Friday evening (unless otherwise posted) with our lay leaders taking to the pulpit to inspire and teach us. There will also be game nights, challah baking lessons and a load of fun activities that will brighten your summer days.

Along with our lay leaders, the clergy will be leading a service or two in August, but I did want to talk about a special Shabbat. On Friday evening, August 9<sup>th</sup>, I will be once again leading a Tisha B'Av and Shabbat evening service. *Tisha B'Av* is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, commemorating not only the destruction of the Temple(s) in Jerusalem but remembering many other great calamities that have befallen our people.



As we did last year, I want to explore how the sadness of this day can become a moment of personal spiritual healing, through prayer, open discussion and of course music. I invite you all to join us for this Shabbat experience, and once again, I am looking for 3-5 people who will join me in leading this Shabbat service. I need your help with readings (both poetic and responsive readings) that will hopefully inspire our worshippers. 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.isaiahgn@gmail.com](mailto:rabbi.jerry.isaiahgn@gmail.com) if you would be willing to join me in this service.

Have a great summer, and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all.



*Rabbi Jerry*

# David Aubrey's Summer Film Festival is Back!



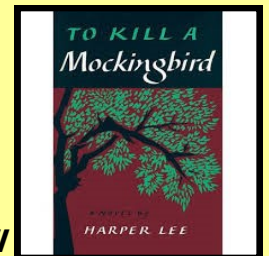
***This Year's Theme: Jewish Soldiers  
And the War Experience  
("Tobruk" will be one of the films)***

**\$10 charge per person includes film, refreshments, and lively discussion. (\$30/series)**



**Thursdays, July 11 and 18  
and August 1 at 7:30pm  
RSVP to the office**

## **Temple Isaiah Book Group Reads *To Kill a Mockingbird* Wednesday, July 24th at 7:30pm**



**This summer the Temple Isaiah Book Group will read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and consider its themes from a Jewish perspective. Gail Gordon will lead the discussion, which will take place on July 24, 2019 at 7:30.**

***To Kill a Mockingbird* is a novel told from the perspective of an adult recalling her childhood growing up as the daughter of a small-town lawyer in the Deep South during the Great Depression. The story puts front-and-center issues of moral character, racial justice, the progress of history, the acceptance of "the other" and a child's journey towards maturity. What could be more Jewish than considering those questions? Little remembered aspect of the book: there are Jewish characters and a discussion of Nazism that raises profound questions about how we, as Jews, consider injustices suffered by others. Take note and bring your ideas for a lively discussion.**

**All are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you. Enjoy!**

**BOOKCLUB**

**Questions and RSVPs to Gail Gordon  
At GJG916@aol.com**

## *Summer Service Leaders*



July 5 Belle & Elliott Gayer  
July 12 Jonathan Wagner & Marsha Hochstadt  
July 19 Belle & Elliott Gayer  
July 26 Jonathan Kaminetzky & Jonathan Wagner  
August 2 Cantor Leslie Friedlander & Shaina Millman  
August 9 Rabbi Jerry Blum  
August 16 Claude Springer  
August 23 Gail Gordon & David Aubrey  
August 30 Rabbi Jerry Blum



## Summer Torah Study

We are planning to hold an informal lay-led Torah discussion group on Saturday mornings in July and August to discuss the weekly parsha. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jonathan Wagner, Jonathan Kaminetzky or Barbara Feldman.



**Sunday, August 25  
3:00 to 5:00pm**

## Temple Isaiah Open House

**Bring a friend (or two) and  
introduce them to all that  
Temple Isaiah has to offer.  
Special program to be announced!**



# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>No July Board Meeting</i>	3 Tai Chi, 11:00am	4 	5 Birthday/ Anniversary Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; Leaders: Belle & Elliott Gayer	6 Lay-led Torah Study 9:30am
7	8	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am	11 David Aubrey Film Series #1, 7:30pm 	12 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; Leaders: Jonathan Wagner & Marsha Hochstadt	13 Lay-led Torah Study 9:30am
14	15	16	17 Tai Chi, 11:00am	18 David Aubrey Film Series #2, 7:30pm 	19 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; Leaders: Belle & Elliott Gayer	20 Lay-led Torah Study 9:30am
21	22	23	24 Tai Chi, 11:00am  Book Club, 7:30pm; <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	25	26 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; Leaders: Jonathan Kaminitzky & Jonathan Wagner	27 Lay-led Torah Study 9:30am
28	29	30	31 Tai Chi, 11:00am			

# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <b>David Aubrey</b> <b>Film Series</b> <b>#3, 7:30pm</b> 	<b>2 Birthday/</b> <b>Anniversary</b> <b>Summer</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Service, 7:30pm;</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Cantor Fried-</b> <b>lander &amp;</b> <b>Shaina Mill-</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Lay-led</b> <b>Torah Study</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Board</b> <b>Meeting,</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Summer</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Service, 7:30pm;</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Rabbi Blum</b>  <b>Tisha B'Av</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Lay-led</b> <b>Torah Study</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Challah Baking</b> <b>With Alisa</b> <b>Secofsky,</b> <b>3:00pm</b> <b>(at the home of</b> <b>Gail Gordon)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Summer</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Service, 7:30pm;</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Claude Springer</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Lay-led</b> <b>Torah Study</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Summer</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Service, 7:30pm;</b> <b>Leaders:</b> <b>Gail Gordon &amp;</b> <b>David Aubrey</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Lay-led</b> <b>Torah Study</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Temple Isaiah</b> <b>Open House,</b> <b>3:00—5:00</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Summer</b> <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Service, 7:30pm;</b> <b>Leader:</b> <b>Rabbi Blum</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Lay-led</b> <b>Torah Study</b> <b>9:30am</b>



# Challah Baking with Alisa

*Mixing, kneading, rising and shining and everything in between.*

**Join your fellow congregants and friends for an interactive, hands-on afternoon as we learn the fine art of making challah. Enjoy wine, tea, coffee and afternoon treats.**



**Guest Chef: Alisa Secofsky**

**Wednesday, August 14, 3 PM**

**Cost \$36.00, 100% of the proceeds will be donated to  
Temple Isaiah**

***Held at the Home of Gail Gordon: 10 St. George Road  
Great Neck NY 11021***

**RSVP's are a MUST; we need to purchase enough supplies for all to participate and refreshments for all. Minimum number of 10 participants needed.**

**RSVP to Meryl Menashe: 516-570-2394, 516-395-9341 or  
merylmenashe@gmail.com**

***Bring a friend and introduce them to the warmth of Isaiah.***

## SAVE THESE DATES IN SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 8th**  
**Luncheon in Honor of**  
***Rita Rubenstein***  
***(And celebrating her birthday too!)***  
**Location and time to be determined**



**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Robert Zimmerman**  
**Tuesday, September 17th**  
**"The Media's Impact on Our Opinions**  
**and the Presidential Campaign"**

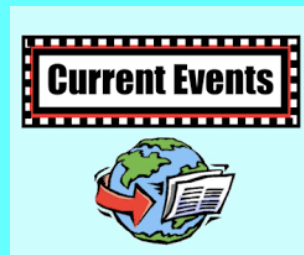
**Founder and Co-President of Zimmerman/Edelson Inc., a public relations, marketing and advertising firm based in Great Neck.**

**Bob Zimmerman is also a Democratic National Committeeman who appears on many different TV networks doing political commentary.**



**Lunch & Learn**  
**Thursday, September 19**  
**Details to follow**

**Save the Date for Our Next**  
**"Current Events"**  
**With Helman Brook**  
**Tuesday, September 24th at 7:30pm**





**Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30pm**

**Dr. Howard Israel  
Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine  
Touro College of Dental Medicine  
(and Temple Isaiah Past President)**

*Save  
the  
Date*

**"The Origins of a Classic Anatomy Book and the Role of  
Nazi Medicine in the Holocaust"**



**Presentation will be held at  
North Shore Towers**

## **High Holiday Choir Rehearsal Schedule**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 23</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>October 3</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>October 7</b>	<b>7:00</b>

**As Always, New Members are  
Needed and Wanted!  
Contact Cantor Friedlander or the  
Temple Office if you are interested.**

**[Erev Rosh Hashanah is on  
Sunday, September 29th]**



**Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2019–May 31, 2020**

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
_____	Sustaining Member	\$ 2,500
_____	Mitzvah Member	\$ 3,600
_____	Isaiah's Circle	\$ 4,500
-----	Torah Member	\$ 5,400
_____	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

**SIGNATURE**

### Payment Options:

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2019
	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020
	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. If paying with stock, please inform the temple office when you submit the transfer request to your broker.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return Membership Pledge Form by June 30, 2019**

## General Donations

### ***In Loving Memory Of:***

Peter Bokat, Husband of Mona Bokat  
Mona Bokat  
Louise Helen Ferguson, Mother of  
David Ferguson  
Susie & David Ferguson  
Irwin Israel, Father of Howard Israel  
Mindy & Howard Israel  
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### ***In Honor of :***

The Speedy Recovery of Steve Fein  
The Speedy Recovery of Ruth Mandelbaum  
Thank You to the Caring Committee for  
The Lovely Flowers and Warm Wishes  
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Carol Hersh for Winning the First Christa Fulton  
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Belle & Elliott Gayer for Their Support of  
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The Birthday of Steve Fein  
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Temple Isaiah  
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Micki Victor

### ***In Honor of (Cont'd):***

The Speedy Recovery of Steve Fein  
Micki Victor  
The Speedy Recovery of Bill Hersh  
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### ***ARZA:***

Rita Rubenstein

*It is a Tree of Life to those who hold it fast.  
And all who cling to it find happiness.*

Would you like to celebrate a joyous event? Honor a dear friend, relative or loved one? Purchase a leaf on our Tree of Life and think of the event or person whenever you are at Temple Isaiah.

Contact the temple office for details.  
(Information on Memorial Plaques is also available.)



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