



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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June 2019 Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 1—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am;
Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day

Tuesday, June 4—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 5—Tai Chi, 11:00am;
Gala Dinner Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky, 6:00pm
Note: Change of Venue to the Swan Club in Roslyn

Friday, June 7—Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat,
8:00pm

Saturday, June 8—Tikkun Leil Shavuot Service &
Program, 7:30pm

Sunday, June 9—Yizkor, 10:30 at the Atria Cutter Mill

Wednesday, June 12—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, June 13—Lunch & Learn, 11:30am at
Temple Isaiah

Friday, June 14—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 15—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Tuesday, June 18—Current Events with Helman Brook,
7:30pm

Wednesday, June 19—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, June 21—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, June 22—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Wednesday, June 26—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, June 27—“Extra Innings” Screening,
7:00pm

Friday, June 28—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, June 29—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit
Service, 10:30am



June Highlights

(Details Inside)

**June 1—Soup Kitchen
Volunteer Day**



**June 5—Gala Dinner at the
Swan Club in Roslyn, 6:00pm
Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky**

**June 8—Special Erev Shavuot Program
(see page 7)**

**June 13—Lunch & Learn with Guest
Speaker Beth Hamon**

**June 18—Current Events with
Helman Brook**

**June 27—“Extra Innings”
Private Screening &
Director Q&A
(See page 10)**

***Our New Membership Year Begins June 1st—
Please Send In
Your Papers!
(Form on Page 9)***

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

In just a few days, the Jewish community all over the world ushers in one of the most important holidays (and most forgotten), the holiday of Shavuot. As I said last year Shavuot commemorates Z'man Mattan Toratenu – or the Time of the giving of our Torah, but what does Torah actually mean?



Of course, when we speak of HaTorah – THE Torah, it seems implicitly clear that we're talking about the "Five Books of Moses". In addition to the "Five Books" there are also the Nevi'im, the writings of the Prophets, and the Ketuvim, the "Writings" and is considered wisdom literature (perhaps just one step below the words of the prophets, although divinely inspired). These all make up the TaNaKh (or the Tanach) and is considered the "Jewish Bible", but what about the rest? Meaning, what about the "Oral Law"?

Pirke Avot 1:1 says:

Moses received The Torah at Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua, Joshua to the elders, and the elders to the prophets, and the prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly. They said three things: Be patient in [the administration of] justice, raise many disciples and make a fence round the Torah.

But I do not read the text as is translated above. The Hebrew is a little different and in these small differences, we can begin to read and understand Torah through an entirely different lens. The Hebrew says, "*Moshe kibeil Torah miSinai u'm'sarah l'Yehoshua – Moshe received Torah on (Mount) Sinai and transmitted the tradition to Yehoshua*".

Notice the lack of the definite article in the word Torah. The Hebrew does not say HaTorah (The Torah) as does the translation above, but rather it points out a non-definitive understanding of what Torah they are actually talking about. It goes on to say that Moshe transmitted the tradition to Yehoshua saying that perhaps Moshe gave the Torah in a written form and an oral (and more interpretive) form to Yehoshua.

I have said many times before that translation is interpretation and thus, even in the most traditional forms, we are still interpreting text. So, what does that mean in terms of Shavuot?

On Shavuot, it is a tradition that we learn Torah. We gather insights and we study all night in something called a "Tikun Leil Shavuot" or (literally a Fixing of the Shavuot evening – or plainly a night of Torah learning). This year on Saturday evening June 8th (beginning at 7:30 pm) we will have our first Tikun Leil Shavuot in a very long time, and we will examine one of the most intricate of the Ten Commandments, number 6, "Thou Shalt Not Murder" (but can you kill?). We will look at this commandment critically through the lens of an Attorney, a Therapist and a Rabbi, and I hope through your eyes as well.

There will be a panel discussion with a question and answer period, and I invite you all to become part of our learning process, and of course, there will be cheesecake (because what would Shavuot be without it?)

Join us as we interpret and reinterpret our greatest source of wisdom, Torah! Become part of our ongoing tradition to continually see our Torah through many lenses and rejoice in the differences of opinion that is part of our Jewish tradition for ages and into the future.

Rabbi Jerry

CANTOR'S COLUMN
A SHAVUOT INVITATION
By Cantor Leslie Friedlander

This morning I happened to have been teaching a section from the Book of Leviticus that included the Holiness Code. Two of the verses deal with the rights of the needy at harvest time, which made me think of Shavuot. We are commanded to leave a part of our vineyard unharvested so that the poor and the stranger can either reap for themselves or gather the gleanings left on the ground.

We read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot, and this morning, as we read those two verses about leaving gleanings on the ground, I recalled a scene from the Book of Ruth when Ruth happens to arrive at the field of Boaz, who just happens to be Ruth's kinsman and a truly gracious man. Boaz deliberately leaves grain in his field for Ruth to glean and we watch a beautiful story unfold – a story of romance, familial lineage, and divine providence. The verses are chanted to a biblical melody so lovely and haunting and the narrative is so compelling and rich that it has more in common with contemporary drama than with a traditional bible story.



Join us on Shavuot as we celebrate the story together.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

Sunday, June 9th
10:30am

**Yizkor Service at
the
Atria-Cutter Mill
96 Cutter Mill
Road**



Thursday, June 13th at 11:30am
**A Special Lunch & Learn With Guest
Speaker Beth Hamon**

In the Information Age, where do we get our information? How do we know if it's accurate, or true? And how do we trust the source?



In this fun, engaging session, Beth Hamon will invite us to examine these questions through the lens of Pirke Avot, the "Sayings of the Fathers," with an eye towards improving our own sense of discernment. As we sift through the morass of information, opinion and spin, how do we know when something is true, rather than merely "truthy"? Let's examine, discuss and even argue about it, in truly Jewish fashion over bagels and coffee at Temple Isaiah.

Beth Hamon is a Jewish songwriter/educator who works extensively with the Reform movement.

Brunch is free, but we need RSVPs.

PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

By Steven Warshavsky

Looking back at this past year I'm very proud of the many new initiatives that took place at Temple Isaiah. We started our year off purchasing new prayer books for our High Holy Day services. We initiated our Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Services which are now held on the first Friday night of each month. Simchat Torah was celebrated in conjunction with Temple Beth El. Our Czech Torah (on loan to us) was brought into NYC as we participated in the Gathering of the Scrolls event where over 80 Czech Torahs were on display. Rosh Chodesh was observed with services led by the woman of Temple Isaiah. We also restarted our tradition of assembling Mishloach Manot bags to distribute to our members for Purim. These new initiatives would not have been possible without the leadership and guidance from both Rabbi Blum and Cantor Friedlander and I thank them both.



Our calendar was also filled with so many programs throughout the year. There was always something for you to participate in and we are so lucky to have so much talent amongst our membership. There were timely presentations from our members Linda Marshak, Johanna Hurwitz and Linda Burghardt. You were invited to participate in our film series, current events, book club, knit & nosh, Spanish class, Tai Chi and lunch and learn. We were entertained with a production of the Sunshine Boys and everyone enjoyed themselves at Isaiah's Got Talent. You also shopped till you dropped at our fall bazaar and our Goods and Services Auction. Our Journal Dinner will wrap up the year as we honor Sandia and Eric Tosky. All these programs and events happen because so many of you volunteer your time to make them happen. I am so thankful to be surrounded by so many wonderful and caring people here at Temple Isaiah.

We have already begun planning for this upcoming year and I'm excited about the year ahead, but we need your help. Currently, the contributions we receive from membership dues cover less than 50% of our operating budget. The rest comes from general donations and fundraising activities held throughout the year. To help lighten the load on fundraising, I am asking everyone to increase their membership pledge this year with an additional pledge of \$250 over what you pledged last year. Please join me in making the year ahead another great year at Temple Isaiah.

Steve Warshavsky

Summer Services Start Soon....

Summer is almost here, and you know what this means. We have to schedule our summer services at the temple while the rabbi and cantor are on vacation and preparing for our fall services. We need leaders and singers to help the leaders on the following dates.:

July 5	August 2 (Assigned)
July 12	August 9
July 19	August 16
July 26	August 23 (Assigned)
	August 30




Please let Kathie Davis know ASAP. Please call at 516 - 487 - 1576 or e mail to: katkat581@gmail.com. It's a real mitzvah to lead a summer service.

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 6:00pm</i>	6	7 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm	8 Tikkun Leil Shavuot Service and Program, 7:30pm
9 Yizkor Service, 10:30am at the Atria	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
23	24	25	26 Tai Chi, 11:00am	27 "Extra Innings" Screening & Director Q&A, 7:00pm	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	29 Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Ser- vice, 10:30am
30			<p><i>Our Summer Service Schedule Begins on Friday, July 5. Shabbat Services start at 7:30pm</i></p>			

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>No July Board Meeting</i>	3 Tai Chi, 11:00am	4 	5 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	6
7	8	9	10 Tai Chi, 11:00am	11	12 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	13
<div> <p>Another David Aubrey Summer Film Series is "in the works" for July. Keep your eyes peeled...</p> </div>			17 Tai Chi, 11:00am	18	19 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	20
			24 Tai Chi, 11:00am	25	26 Summer Shabbat Service, 7:30pm	27
28	29	30	31 Tai Chi, 11:00am			



Temple Isaiah
of Great Neck

Please Join Us for a

Tikkun Leil Shavuot
and
Cheesecake Reception
Saturday Evening, June 8th 7:30

As we explore the 6th Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Murder
As seen through the eyes of a Rabbi, Psychologist
& Lawyer

Musical Service 7:30

Panel Discussion: 8:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Q&A and group discussion: 9:15 p.m.

Dairy Reception

**RSVP to the Temple Isaiah Office at 516-487-5373 or
isaiahgn@yahoo.com**

**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



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

**“Current Events”
With Helman Brook
Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30pm**



**Last Chance! Call the office right away to RSVP to the
June 5th Gala Dinner at the Swan Club
Honoring Sandia & Eric Tosky**

TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK
1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021
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

_____ NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

Payment Options:

Check One	Plan	Method (Circle One)	Billing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full payment enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Make check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic Online Banking Payment	As scheduled	Monthly/quarterly/semi-annually scheduled with bank
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Second half due on December 1, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/3 Enclosed	Check or Credit card**	Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	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



Temple Isaiah
of Great Neck

1 Chelsea Place
Great Neck, New York 11021
(516) 487-5373

The Schiller-Tuchinsky Tikkun Olam Foundation in conjunction with Temple Isaiah is proud to present a private screening of **Extra Innings**. Join us at Temple Isaiah on Thursday June 27th at 7:00 p.m. and have an opportunity to meet Albert Dabah, the director of the film and participate in a Q & A session following the screening.



Baseball. Family. Religion: Set against the enchanting backdrop of 1960's Brooklyn, *Extra Innings* tells the story of David Sabah, a young man who is caught between pursuing his dream of playing baseball and staying devoted to his Syrian Jewish family which is afflicted with mental illness, but a tragic loss makes reconciling the two worlds impossible. Based on the true story of writer/director Albert Dabah.

Albert Dabah has been in the video production business for 35 years, owning and operating Simba Productions in New York City. Albert oversees the company's production of documentaries, training videos, promos, music videos, and commercials, spearheading the creative meetings and brainstorming sessions integral to Simba's success. Albert's theater and film background include acting in off-Broadway theater productions, and several film roles that lead him into the world of video production. He's had the opportunity to work with notable directors and actors, including Martin Scorsese, Ron Howard, Ridley Scott, Meryl Streep, John Travolta, Diane Keaton, and Tom Cruise.

Running Time: 1 hour 56 minutes

Refreshments and Q&A with the Director immediately following film.

Thursday June 27th. Start time is 7:00 p.m. at Temple Isaiah
RSVP Required via the link below or call the office at (516) 487-5373
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/extra-innings-tickets-61524646875>

All donations towards this event will be matched 1 for 1 by our Sponsor. Donations of \$100 or more will be matched 2 for 1. Please make your check payable to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck. **

Admission for Temple Isaiah members is with a voluntary donation. Non members are asked to make a donation of at least \$10.00. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**** Matching Fund generously provided by The Schiller-Tuchinsky Tikkun Olam Foundation of up to \$1,800.**

General Donations

In Loving Memory Of:

Judy Ensler, Sister of Sheila DeFazio
Sheila & Victor DeFazio
Merill Goldman, Life Partner of Barbara Feldman
Barbara Feldman
Norma Jagendorf, Stepmother of Bill Hersh
Carol & Bill Hersh
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Shelley Sherman
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Robin Tosky
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Clare & Steven Warshavsky
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Susan & Jerry Welkis

Memorial Plaque:

In Memory of Richard M. Schleifstein, Father of
Scott and Sharon Schleifstein
Judy Snow, Scott Schleifstein, Sharon
Schleifstein

The Sunshine Fund:

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The President's Wall:

Clare & Steven Warshavsky

Clergy Discretionary Account:

With Appreciation for a Beautiful and Meaningful
Wedding Ceremony for Evan & Amy
Judy & Helman Brook

In Honor of :

The Speedy Recovery of Steve Fein

Terry Birnbaum-Horton
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Kathie Davis
June & Allan Feldman
Gail & Robert Gordon
Carol & Bill Hersh
Ruth Isaac
Terry & Richard Joseph
Rona Levy
Ruth Mandelabum
Alisa & Martin Secofsky
Shelley Sherman
Clare & Steven Warshavsky

The Speedy Recovery of Ruth Mandelbaum

Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Judy & Helman Brook
Kathie Davis
June & Allan Feldman
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Gail & Robert Gordon
Carol & Bill Hersh
Terry & Richard Joseph
Alisa & Martin Secofsky
Shelley Sherman
Clare & Steven Warshavsky

The Birth of Naomi Malka Baker, Great-
Granddaughter of Arlene Soifer

Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Judy & Helman Brook
Kathie Davis
June & Allan Feldman
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Gail & Robert Gordon
Carol & Bill Hersh
Terry & Richard Joseph
Ruth Mandelabum
Alisa & Martin Secofsky
Shelley Sherman
Arlene Soifer
Clare & Steven Warshavsky

Thank You to Shelley Sherman for the
Donation of a New Coffee Urn

In Honor of (Cont'd):

The Wedding of Amy Brook, Daughter of
Judy & Helman Brook, and Evan Schwartz
Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Kathie Davis
June & Allan Feldman
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Gail & Robert Gordon
Carol & Bill Hersh
Terry & Richard Joseph
Ruth Mandelabum
Alisa & Martin Secofsky
Shelley Sherman
Clare & Steven Warshavsky
Belle & Elliott Gayer for Organizing and
Preparing the Lovely Seder
Helene Dorfman
Sheila DeFazio for Providing Hospitality
At Linda Burghardt's Presentation
Terry Joseph's Wonderful Mother's Day
Program
Steve Warshavsky for His Excellent
Congregational Meeting
Belle & Elliott Gayer for the Lovely
Collation at the Congregational Meeting
Bill Hersh's Excellent Presentation at
The Congregational Meeting
June & Allan Feldman

*Thank you to
everyone for all
the good thoughts
and good wishes.
Steve Fein*

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