



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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February 2020 Calendar of Events

Saturday, Feb. 1—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

Sunday, Feb. 2—Crafts Party, 2:30pm (RSVP)

Tuesday, Feb. 4—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 5—Tai Chi, 11:00am

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

Saturday, Feb. 8—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, Feb. 9—Tu B'Shevat Seder, 12:00noon (RSVP)

Wednesday, Feb. 12—Tai Chi, 11:30am

Friday, Feb. 14—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

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

Sunday, Feb. 16—Musical Program featuring Richard Weiner & Richard Solow at the home of Bella Bekker-Silver & Jonathan Silver, 3:30pm (RSVP)

Wednesday, Feb. 19, Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Feb. 21—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 22—Lay-led Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Tuesday, Feb. 25—Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Feb. 26—Tai Chi, 11:00am; Dead Sea Program with Guest Speaker Noam Bedein, 7:30pm

Friday, Feb. 28—Shabbat Across America Dinner & Service, 6:30pm (RSVP)

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

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Crafts Party

Tu B'Shevat Seder

*Musical Program at the
Silvers'*

*Dead Sea Erosion
Program*

Current Events

Shabbat Across America

Plus:

Brunch & Learn

Purim Events

White Elephant Day

*Linda Burghardt BDS Program
& WZO Voting Information*

We're busy, busy, busy....

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

This past December, I had the honor and opportunity to participate in the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Chicago and I must tell you that each time I go, I am just so amazed at the massive attendance and the learning that goes on at this event. This year was no exception and I wanted to give you some of my reflections of Biennial and why we should be sending not only the Rabbi, but also some of our leadership.



The first thing you notice is the diversity of the crowd. There are Jews of every age, gender, ethnicity and race, all coming together under the OHEL (tent) of Reform Judaism. Not only was there diversity in the people attending, there was diversity in those who lead the sessions, and the sessions themselves. The planners of this event take on the monumental job of understanding the Reform Movement's diverse history, but also go even farther to understand the needs of the progressive congregation and how to reach out to the surrounding community to grow, and to stay vital in the lives of their congregants and community.



There were many sessions speaking about how to work with the “Boomers Plus” congregations (similar to ours), and how to reach out to interfaith families. They stress the need to have many people working as personal ambassadors of their temple and to spread the word, not only in social media, but in the written press. I was somewhat surprised by that, but they pointed out that many are still of the generation that like nothing more than to open a newspaper and read about what is going on around them.

Security was on the minds of many and of course there were experts upon experts to speak on the subject. The most interesting part was that the vast majority of the congregations (even the small ones) had the same fears and most want to do something about it. One of the big ideas they have, besides working with the various agencies that give out grants (and that is an important part of this process) is to have the local police come in to do a security audit and actually follow up on some of the suggestions. Cost of course came up, but surprisingly, many were willing to pay an extra few dollars for the comfort of some sort of security.

One thing that has always impressed me and is one of the biggest reasons I go to this event, is the worship and the music that goes with it. There is so much new and beautiful liturgical music (and the musical artists that write and perform the music) that is both memorable and meaningful, and of course so participatory. The Shabbat evening service was so moving, with close to 5000 people in attendance. You could just feel the entire room reverberate with song and prayer. The readings were touching, and the music had (as my mother would say) *taam*, which means it can touch your soul. Yes, I know, when you pray with so many people, the word intimate doesn't usually enter into the sentence, but I can tell you from my experience and those around me, the music made the prayer, and it brought me into Shabbat with a sense of belonging to a sweet and prayerful congregation.

So why do I write about this? Simply to say there are so many portals into our *kehillah* (community), and we have to take on the tasks of opening these doors to others. First as I mentioned before is to become an ambassador to our friends, family and neighbors. Get people to join you at temple events. The second is to become an Indian and not an Indian chief (please pardon my non-PC'ness), meaning there are jobs to be done at the temple that don't need you to become the next president, but rather to just help out with a program. And finally, join us at all our activities (and boy do we have a lot) and please, come on by on a Friday evening to join us in some meaningful and thought-provoking prayer with a warm and caring group of fellow seekers.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Rabbi Jerry

CANTOR'S COLUMN

AN INVITATION TO MEET RABBI AKIVA'S MUSICAL MANDATE

By Cantor Leslie Friedlander

In virtually every culture people have communicated through music and singing to intensify the meaning and dramatic impact of their words. In its own way, Judaism has developed a special form of chant that separates the sacred text from the secular. This method of chanting our sacred scrolls is one of the most ancient structured musical systems in any culture. In fact, as early as the second century, Rabbi Akiva demanded that the Torah be studied daily by chanting. Even more remarkable is the fact that its melodies have remained fairly consistent through oral transmission for thousands of years.



We call this special way of reciting our texts “cantillation,” a word derived from the Latin word *cantare*, “to sing.” The Yiddish word for cantillation is “trop,” most likely from the Latin *tropus* or the Greek *tropos*, which refers to an extended melody in church music.

This beautiful art of cantillation is now transmitted from generation to generation not only orally, but also through a wondrously ingenious set of graphic marks, or accents. It is a system of musical notation that I have been successfully teaching 12- and 13-year-olds for over 30 years, most of whom have marveled at the cleverness and beauty of the system.



In the next few weeks I will be offering an adult education class on chanting Torah trop, with the goal of creating a group of congregants who would like to learn to chant on Shabbat morning or the High Holy Days. We will discuss the history of the chant, how it evolved and how it was used in its earliest form. We will also learn how to read the accents and apply them to our sacred text.

Every participant will learn how to chant. The only prerequisite is a basic ability to read Hebrew and the desire to learn. I welcome all levels, including those who believe they can't sing.

Cantor Leslie Friedlander

RSVP—répondez s'il vous plaît

Dear Members:

The term "RSVP" comes from the French expression *répondez s'il vous plaît*, meaning "please respond." If RSVP is written on an invitation, flyer or email, it means the host has requested that the guest respond to say if they plan to attend the event (party, class, dinner or lunch).

It has come to our attention at Temple Isaiah that we are remiss in sending in our RSVPs. How often have we forgotten or procrastinated to respond to a program, class, dinner and more? Answer: Too Often.

This causes, at the least, anxiety to the organizer and, at the most, unpreparedness and unpredictable budgets.

It would be greatly appreciated by the organizer, committee or host that we respond, affirmative or not. *The result will be better organized events and happy hosts and guests.*

Sincerely, Terry Birnbaum-Horton

Your Vote is Essential in the World Zionist Congress

Please Vote the Reform Slate

The American Zionist Movement (AZM), an umbrella organization consisting of all the Zionist organizations in the US is charged with organizing the elections to the World Zionist Congress every five years. It started preparations a year ago to interview and hire electoral consultants, tech firms and other experts to create a user friendly and secure process online. The AZM has a very limited source of funding from the World Zionist Organization and incurs great expense in setting up these elections, including people who supervise them to make sure they are not compromised in any way. Therefore the individuals who vote are charged a modest fee to help defray some of the costs. Most adults are charged \$7.50 and younger people \$5.00. It is every five years and gives us an invaluable voice in the Zionist world.



See Page 11 for complete instructions on how to cast your vote, which can be done now through March 11th.

Shelley Sherman



Special Event:

Guest Speaker Noam Bedein

Israeli Photojournalist and Environmentalist

Wednesday, February 26th, 7:30pm



Noam Bedein is an Israeli photojournalist documenting the frightening erosion of the Dead Sea. He is currently in America speaking at various colleges with a fascinating visual presentation that should be of interest to all. Noam is working with the Dead Sea Revival Project, a non-profit group.

Non-members are welcome to attend.

Temple Isaiah has partnered with the Great Neck Lions Club to support its annual eyeglass donation campaign. Please help by donating used prescription glasses in the collection box in our lobby.
Thanks!

For information about the Lions Club, please contact Lloyd Perell at 466-3546.



Don't Forget:

Crafts Party on Sunday, February 2

2:30pm

Come create an elegant, decoupaged glass plate for serving or display!



Sunday, February 16th
An Afternoon of Good Music and Good Company

Join us at the home of Bella Bekker-Silver and Jonathan Silver on February 16th from 3:30 until 5:30 for a sentimental journey of song with Richard Weiner on the piano playing a medley of tunes from your childhood and youth (join in singing), plus show tunes, etc.

Richard Solow will be the guest singer, with tunes from Gilbert and Sullivan, cabaret, etc. This will be a special evening with wine, cocktails and of course, nibbles.

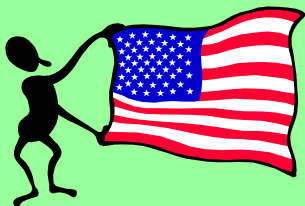
Space will be limited to the first 20-25 people, so please RSVP right away. (\$50 each)



Friday, February 28, 2020

Join tens of thousands of Jews across America as we come together to eat, drink, relax, enjoy, debate, worship 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

Tu BiShvat Community Seder

Celebrate Tu BiShvat on "The Jewish New Year of Trees" by attending a Community Seder at Temple Isaiah of Great Neck. It is a time of year when we celebrate and honor the sacred and unique connection which exists between Judaism, nature and social action; a time when we remember the biblical teaching that "the tree of the fields is our life" (Deuteronomy 20:19). Enjoy three different types of kosher wines with a gourmet vegetarian lunch featuring dishes containing the customary seven species.

Sunday Afternoon, February 9th 2020

Tu BiShvat Seder 12:00 p.m.

RSVP's and payment of non-member fees are mandatory and must be received by Tuesday February 4th 2020

RSVP to either: tubishvat.seder@gmail.com or call the Temple at (516)-487-5373

Members: A voluntary contribution will always be welcomed!

Non-Members \$36.00 adults; Non-Member Children \$18.00.

There is no charge for the seder for temple members but please remember to RSVP specifying the number of attendees. There will be six, seven or eight persons per table in prearranged seating. Seating is limited so be sure to reserve early.



Tu BiShvat Vegetarian Seder Menu

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| 1. Soup: | Organic Butternut Squash Soup |
| 2. Seder Offering: | Tu BiShvat Fruit and Nut Cups |
| 3. Salad: | Arugula Salad with Dates and Chevre |
| 4. Bread: | Sangak Bread and Hummus |
| 5. Seder Offering: | Fresh Figs with Goat Cheese and Honey |
| 6. Dessert: | Viennese Dessert Fantasy Table |
| 7. Wines: | Herzog Lineage 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon; Chateau Bordeaux 2017; Via Encino Rose 2018 |

Volunteer Table Captains are needed to assist with tray & food distribution.

I am reserving ___ adult seats and ___ children's seats for the following:

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study, 9:30am Shacharit Service, 10:30am
2 Crafts Program, 2:30pm	3	4 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	5 Tai Chi, 11:00am	6	7 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	8 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
9 Tu B'Shevat Seder, 12:00 Noon	10	11	12 Tai Chi, 11:00am	13	14 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	15 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
16 17 Musical Program at the Silvers', featuring Richard Weiner & Richard Solow, 3:30pm	17	18	19 Tai Chi, 11:00am	20	21 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	22 Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am
23	24	25 Current Events, 7:30pm	26 Tai Chi, 11:00am Dead Sea Speaker, 7:30pm	27	28 Shabbat Across America Dinner & Service, 6:30pm	29 Torah Study, 9:30am Shacharit Service, 10:30am

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Brunch & Learn— Mishloach Manot 11:00am	2	3 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	4 Tai Chi, 11:00am	5	6 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	7 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am Soup Kitchen Day
8	9 Erev Purim, Megillah Reading & Purimspiel, 7:30pm	10	11 Tai Chi, 11:00am	12	13 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	14 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
15	16	17	18 Tai Chi, 11:00am	19	20 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	21 Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am
22 White Elephant Event 2:30pm	23	24 Current Events, 7:30pm	25 Tai Chi, 11:00am	26	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	28 Torah Study, 9:30am Shacharit Service, 10:30am
29 Linda Burghardt BDS Program, 2:00pm	30	31 April Board Meeting, 7:30pm				

CURRENT EVENTS

With Helman Brook

**Tuesdays, February 25th & March 24th
7:30pm**



Save these Dates!

The White Elephants are Coming!

Sunday, March 22nd

Come to our fun event—bring something you were given that you don't want or need. Or bring a silly thing—Cathy Reibstein has a pair of clacking teeth that she wants to get rid of!

Or bring an article that you are no longer using.

Eric Tosky & Helman Brook are going to do their best to sell these items and it will be lots of fun!



Anyone bringing an item for sale receives free entrance; otherwise, you pay \$10.

Refreshments will be served at 2:30 before the sale begins. Bring your own bottle if you like.

***Sunday, March 29th at 2:00pm
Linda Burghardt lecture on
“The New Anti-Semitism and the BDS
Movement”***



Save
the
Date

Thursday, May 7th
Gala Journal Dinner
At the Swan Club



Passover Begins on Wednesday,
April 8th
Details on Temple Isaiah's
Seder To be Announced



"Brunch & Learn" Plus Mishloach Manot

Join us on Sunday, March 1st 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—\$10.00 Suggested Tzedakah donation for Purim Bags—\$18.00



Purimspiel and
Megillah Reading
Monday, March 9th
7:30pm

US ELECTION FOR 38TH WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

How to Vote

STEP 1

Go to: www.ZionistElection.org and click on the 'Register & Vote' button.

STEP 2

The registration form will now appear on your screen. Please fill out all the required information, then click 'Submit.'

STEP 3

A form asking for a verification number will now appear on your screen. Retrieve your verification number in your email or by text message. Enter the verification code and hit 'Submit.'

STEP 4

A payment page will then appear. Select your method of payment and complete the payment section. Once you have entered in your payment information click 'Submit.'

The acceptable payment methods are: American Express, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Debit Card, ACH/e-check, personal check (for paper ballots* only).

*Paper ballots are available at www.azm.org/elections.

STEP 5

You are now ready to vote for the Reform Slate! You will be asked to provide your email address and a 'Voting PIN Code.' You can retrieve your 'Voting PIN Code' by text message or email. Enter the information and click 'Submit.'

STEP 6

Select the "Vote Reform: ARZA Representing the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism" option! We will be listed 2nd on the ballot. Choose only one Slate. Click the 'Submit' button to confirm you are voting for the slate you want and click the 'Vote' button.

**YOU HAVE NOW VOTED FOR THE REFORM SLATE IN THE
WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION!
THANK YOU!**



Voting is Open Through March 11

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to our members and to the businesses that contributed to the success of our Goods & Services Auction in December. A list below will remind you who to thank and frequent.

We had a wonderfully successful auction, thanks to everyone who planned, organized and set up the auction and all the many donations secured - incredibly difficult & time-consuming jobs.

The good news is that with a small number of members and with some friends and family, we had a fun time and made a financial impact at one of our biggest and most important fundraisers, the other being the Gala Journal/Dinner (coming on May 7th).

As usual, fabulous dinners by members were offered and bid on, an incredible number of gift certificates were secured by members from local stores and restaurants, and baskets of food, wine and cookies were donated. We all have to eat and many will have a busy schedule fitting in restaurant reservations and dinner dates at the homes of members.

The bad sad news is that too many missed out on the offerings and of course entertainment and all the exceptional ways to contribute to Temple Isaiah. *As I mentioned, we all must eat!!*

On a more positive note...there are always other ways to take part in contributing to OUR PLACE; our place for spiritual, educational and social renewal.

Sincerely,
Terry Birnbaum-Horton

Here is a list of restaurants and stores that deserve our business and our thanks for their support. Please let them know that Temple Isaiah appreciates their participation.

Asian Xelight
Aunt Bella's
Bagel Hut
Ben's Delicatessen
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Cafe Kriza
Chattanooga
Colbeh
Cozymel
Dashing Diva
DeAl Salon
DeFranco Spagnola
DimSum Little Neck
Equinox
Everfresh
Gino's
Great Neck Diner
Great Neck Wine & Spirits
Gustav Rouff
Hagen Daz

Jassi Restaurant
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Limani of Roslyn
Manhasset Car Wash
Marine Fisheries
Metro Floral
Morton's Steakhouse
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North Shore Cleaners
Nu Fu Run
NuBest
Panera Breads
Petite Framboise

Poll Restaurants:
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the Bryant, Cipollini,
Hendrick's Tavern,
Majors Steakhouse,
Toku Modern Asian*
Poultry Mart
Rosa's Pizza
Roslyn Hotel
Rothchild's
Seven Seas Diner
Shalom Japan
Shop Delight
Spectacles
Stressa
Terracotta
V Strength & Pilates
Wild Ginger
Young's Liquors
Zen Garden



And of course we also extend much gratitude to the members of the auction committee for the hours of work they put into making the event so successful and to all of our temple members who worked so hard in collecting donations

General Donations

In Loving Memory of:

Lawrence Branch, Brother of Suzanne Branch
Suzanne Branch
Fred Feuerberg, Father of Linda Burghardt
Linda & David Burghardt
Richard Davis, Husband of Kathie Davis
Kathie Davis
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William Mandelbaum
Rose Mandelbaum
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Steve Fein
Charles Miller, Grandfather of Denise
Miller
Denise Miller & Steve Fein
Enid Rubin, Mother of Harold Rubin
Harold Rubin
Harold Schwartz, Husband of Barbara Schwartz
Barbara Schwartz
Nuhim Causanschi, Brother of Golda Shapiro
Golda Shapiro
Paul Eisenman, Father of Bella Bekker-Silver
Philip Silver, Father of Jonathan Silver

In Memory of (Cont'd):

Yakov Shmuel ben Israel Kustin, Father of Ira
Kustin
Bella Bekker-Silver & Jonathan Silver
Rita Rubenstein, Sister of Diane Silvey
Diane & David Silvey
Betty & Louis Bashkin, Parents of Arlene
Soifer
Arlene Soifer
Joseph Kristal, Brother of Evelyn Solow
Rita Rubinstein, Mother of Neil Rubenstein
Sophie Kristal, Mother of Evelyn Solow
Evelyn & Richard Solow
William Zimberg, Father of Shelley Willcox
Shelley & Robert Willcox

In Honor of:

The Birth of Mayako Israel, Granddaughter of
Mindy & Howard Israel
Terry Birnbaum-Horton
Suzanne Branch
Judy & Helman Brook
Kathie Davis
Sheila & Victor DeFazio
June & Allan Feldman
Gail & Robert Gordon
Carol & Bill Hersh
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Alisa & Martin Secofsky
Shelley Sherman
Clare & Steve Warshavsky
Arlene Soifer
Temple Isaiah
Barbara Feldman
The Auf Ruf of Karen Rosenthal &
Eric Vorschirm
Sue & Eric Rosenthal

Memorial Plaque:

In Memory of Ruth Mandelbaum
Rose Mandelbaum



*Thank You
to
Eric Tosky
and
Belle & Elliott Gayer
for hosting a terrific
"Karaoke" Night and
to
Judy Snow & Scott
Schleifstein
for donating the
delicious goodies!

(And a special thank you
to all of the terrific
performers.)*

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