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March 2020 Calendar of Events

Sunday, Mar. 1—Brunch & Learn, Mishloach Manot, 11:00am

Tuesday, Mar. 3—Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 4—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Thursday, Mar. 5—Purimspiel Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Friday, Mar. 6—Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 7—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am; Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day

Monday, Mar. 9—Erev Purim, Megillah Reading & Purimspiel, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 11—Tai Chi, 11:30am

Friday, Mar. 13—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 14—Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Tuesday, Mar. 16—Book Group, *The World That We Knew*, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 18, Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Mar. 20—Shabbat Service, 8:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 21—Lay-led Torah Study & Service, 9:30am

Sunday, Mar. 22—White Elephant Event, 2:30pm

Tuesday, Mar. 24—Current Events with Helman Brook, 7:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 25—Tai Chi, 11:00am

Friday, Mar. 27—Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm

Saturday, Mar. 28—Torah Study, 9:30am; Shacharit Service, 10:30am

Sunday, Mar. 29—Linda Burghardt BDS Program, 2:00pm

Tuesday, Mar. 31—April Board Meeting, 7:30pm

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Upcoming Events at
Temple Isaiah



*Purim Activities:
March 1 &
March 9*

*White Elephant
“Sale”
March 22nd*



Book Group—March 16

*Linda Burghardt BDS Program,
March 29*

*World Zionist Congress
Voting Information*

& Much More

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum

The other week we celebrated the first of the four special Shabbatot prior to Pesach (Passover) meaning that we had 45 days until the first seder (AHHHHH!). Yes, that's right, it's that soon, but never fear, because there is so much that happens before we take a bite of that first yummy morsel of matzah (you don't seem excited).



Don't worry, we have plenty of time before we celebrate the exodus from Egypt, because we have to celebrate (and I do mean celebrate) the Hebrew month of Adar, and as the old Talmudic saying goes "*MiShe'nichnas Adar, marbim b'simchah* – When one enters into (the Hebrew month of) Adar, they shall increase their joy". Adar is truly a month of joy, and the centerpiece of this month is Purim, the holiday that celebrates the victory of good over evil as played out in the capital city of Shushan in the time of King Achashveros (more than a few years ago). Our main characters were Mordechai, and his niece Esther (Haddasah in Hebrew) who saved the Jewish population from annihilation at the hands of the sinister Haman (boooooo!)



The story of Purim is of course the (silly) textbook definition of a Jewish holiday; they tried to kill us, we won, and we "Nosh on Hamentaschen" (or, we eat), but something is missing in the mix. You guessed it, the story of this miraculous victory over the forces of evil is missing ... God! As a matter of fact, Megillat Esther is one of two books in the entire Jewish Bible that does not mention God explicitly (extra credit if you can tell me the other book). "*Hester panim*" or "the concealed face [of God]" is central to the theme, but in reality, God is not that concealed in the story. In the case of Purim, hester panim is intimidated by the name of our heroine, Esther. The Babylonian Talmud tractate Hullin 139B states, "From where does the Torah bring the name Esther? From the verse 'But I [God] will surely conceal my face [*haster astir panai*'] on that day for all of the ill that they have done—for they turned to other gods. (Deuteronomy 31:18)." The name Esther is interpreted as an extension of the phrase for a "concealed God [astir/Esther]." The story of Esther is about how our heroine "conceals" her identity in order to save her Jewish community and the Biblical commentator Ibn Ezra wrote that the story of the Jews in Shushan and their perils were brought on because of how the Jews assimilated into the non-Jewish community, thus hiding their identity and ultimately forgetting their heritage, and all it took was someone who wanted to destroy the Jews. Haman (boooooo) was the creator of the plot against the Jews and in the end of our story, Esther came out of hiding, persuading the king to save the Jews and of course his Jewish Wife Esther. (Or was that Haddasah?)

You see, in a time of assimilation, where the Jewish community of Shushan lived in relative peace, all it took was one hater to define who the Jews were. Jean Paul Sartre said in his essay "Anti-Semite and Jew", "if the Jew did not exist, the anti-Semite would invent him", and thus in Shushan and in countless Shushans over the world, (think present day Europe and America and Nazi Germany) the Jew had been called out and exposed by those who would hate us, even though we hid behind the mask of assimilation. In the Megillat Esther, we find ordinary people doing godly work. We see how the actions of an individual could change the course of history and save an entire nation. We learn that all it takes is for someone to take a stand against hate and miracles can happen.

As it turns out, the story of Esther and Mordechai may be something of a midrash (a textual interpretation of a Biblical story) that gets us to understand that even though God does not always seem present, we have the gift of godliness within us. All we have to do is to channel our inner Esther or Mordechai and we can again partner with God, taking a stand against hatred, and making real change in this world.

As we celebrate Purim this year, let us believe in our own inner strength, and our inner godliness and let us together bring around a time of peace for our nation, for our global Jewish community, "*v'al kol yoshvei teivel*" and for all who inhabit this earth, and may we all become "*marbim b'simchah* – spreaders of joy through the land".

Rabbi Jerry



Purim! Purim! Purim!

Although Purim is a joyous and somewhat raucous holiday we do have three Mitzvot (commandments) to fulfill.

But don't worry, Temple Isaiah is making it fun and easy to fulfill all three.

Mitzvah #1- Give Tzedakah- We are encouraging all of our members to satisfy this mitzvah by donating to Temple Isaiah in an amount of your choice in celebration of Purim. In return donors of \$18 or more will receive a Mishloach Manot bag full of holiday goodies. Fun and Easy!

Mitzvah #2- Give gifts of food- join us on Sunday March 1st for our Brunch and Learn, where not only will we learn about some of the little known (and some lurid) facts about Purim but also join in assembling Purim bags (Misloach Manot) filled with delicious Purim treats for distribution to members of our congregation. We'll even make some chocolate covered pretzel rods with sprinkles and M&Ms to include! Your donation of \$18 or more will include the brunch and a Mishloach Manot goodie bag. A bargain! Fun and easy! (\$10 for Brunch & Learn only)

Mitzvah #3- Hear the Megillah of Esther- Come to services on Monday, March 9th to satisfy this last Purim Mitzvah. Wear a costume if you can, we'll supply the groggers and the Purimspiel, and of course some hamentashen! Fun and easy!

We hope to see you all there because Purim isn't just for kids- it is a story that resonates through every generation.

*RSVP for Brunch & Learn
March 1st*



White Elephant Fast Approaches

Sunday, March 22nd, 2:30pm

An afternoon of fun and laughs will be had by all, especially with MCs Helman Brook and Eric Tosky. These guys are very droll, and hilarious. I have been told they can sell anything,

Your entrance will be covered by the item you bring with you. If you don't think you can find an item, come to bid on some treasure that one of your friends wants to rid themselves of---for various reasons.

So what shall you bring? A wonderful gift that your aunt gave you from her hoard of knickknacks. Something that you had treasured from a previous time, but basically are now trying to divest yourself of. Or something funny that you bought specifically for the day. Cathy Reibstein has some clacking teeth which she believes are so special that she is willing to part with--for a tidy sum.

I am just giving you some ideas, now you should start thinking about what you can bring, but if you can't, your entrance will be covered by the costly amount of \$10.

So what do Eric and Helman do? They are well known auctioneers in the circuit, and are offering their services to our temple out of the goodness of their hearts.

Be prepared to laugh, we certainly need something to laugh about these days!

June Feldman

P.S. If, by chance you can possibly bring your item to the temple in advance of the day, our professional auctioneers will begin to do research on the "provenance" of the item. Sometimes not so easy to sell, but, then, they are professionals.

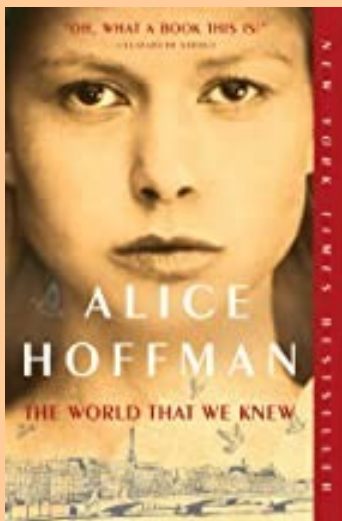
We will look forward to seeing you there, and as usual, we will have refreshments to warm the cockles of your heart. I don't know, maybe even wine.



(Please RSVP to the Temple Office)

Monday, March 16th, 7:30pm

The World That We Knew



This instant *New York Times* bestseller and longlist recipient for the 2020 Andrew Carnegie Medal takes place in 1941, during humanity's darkest hour, and follows three unforgettable young women who must act with courage and love to survive.

"[A] hymn to the power of resistance, perseverance, and enduring love in dark times...gravely beautiful... Hoffman the storyteller continues to dazzle." —*THE NEW YORK TIMES*



The New Anti-Semitism and the BDS Movement

A lecture presentation by
Dr. Linda F. Burghardt
Scholar-in-Residence, Holocaust
Memorial & Tolerance Center

An Important
Event for All:
**Sunday,
March 29th
2:00pm**

The international movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel – known as BDS – has once again raised old questions about the legitimacy of Zionism and even the right of the State of Israel to exist.

Is this a call for social justice, as its Palestinian leaders claim, or a new form of the virulent anti-Semitism that ultimately led to the Holocaust?

Location: Temple Isaiah of Great Neck
1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, New York

Open to the public. Light refreshments.

RSVP: Space is limited. Please rsvp to Cathy:
isaiahgn@yahoo.com or 516-487-5373

ABOUT OUR

DISTINGUISHED LECTURER:

Dr. Linda Burghardt, the Scholar-in-Residence at the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center, is a journalist and author from Great Neck, N.Y. She worked as a freelance reporter for The New York Times for 20 years and is the author of three non-fiction books. Her articles and essays have appeared in newspapers across the U.S., and she has lectured to both national and international audiences. She holds a Ph.D. from LIU Post and is the daughter of Holocaust survivors from Vienna.



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April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tai Chi, 11:00am	2	3 Birthday/ Anniversary Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	4 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
5	6	7 No Board Meeting - See March 31	8 First Night of Passover	9 Second Night Seder Details to Come	10 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
12	13	14	15 Passover Yizkor Service, 10:30am	16	17 Shabbat Service, 8:00pm	18 Lay-led Torah Study, 9:30am
19	20 Yom Hashoah Film: <i>The Power of Good</i> , 7:00pm	21	22 Tai Chi, 11:00 AJR Honor- ing Cantor Friedlander, 4:00pm	23 Lunch & Learn	24 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15pm	25 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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CURRENT EVENTS

With Helman Brook

**Tuesdays, March 24th & April 28th
7:30pm**



Save these Dates!

A Special Honor for Our Cantor

The Academy for Jewish Religion is pleased to announce that Cantor Leslie Friedlander will be honored at this year's Ordination and Graduation ceremony.

Cantor Friedlander, who was the first cantor ordained by AJR, is being honored as one of our Mehadrin, in recognition of at least 25 years of outstanding service to the Jewish community.



The Ordination and Graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 22 starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library, One Larkin Plaza. We invite you to join us in honoring Cantor Friedlander.

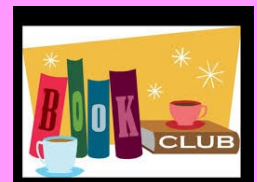
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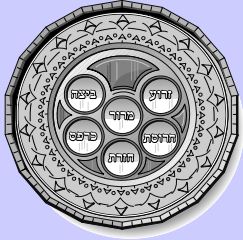
***Thursday
April 23rd***

***May Book Group will
be reading
Beneath a Scarlet Sky
By Mark T. Sullivan***





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



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

**Please join us on Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm for our
Yom Hashoah Program in honor of Sir Nicolas Winton**

**We will be viewing the film *The Power of Good*,
which tells the story of this man's heroic efforts to
save hundreds of children by transporting them
out of Prague, stopping only when forced to by the
Nazi invasion of Poland. Despite the cessation of
transports, Winton and his committee managed to
save 669 children!**

"Save One Life, Save the World"



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

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



Save These Dates:

**May 7—Gala Journal/Dinner at the
Swan Club**

May 9—Soup Kitchen Volunteer Day

May 13—Congregational Meeting

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

General Donations

In Loving Memory of:

Hilda Feuerberg, Mother of Linda Burghardt
Linda & David Burghardt
Rose Greenberg, Grandmother of Mindy Israel
Jack Roth, Uncle of Mindy Israel
Mindy & Howard Israel
Al Maller, Husband of Connie Maller
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In Honor of:

Belle & Elliott Gayer for the Wonderful
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June Feldman's Work for the "Musical"
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A Bequest to Temple Isaiah
The Estate of Ruth Mandelbaum

In Honor of (cont'd):

The Speedy Recovery of Johanna Hurwitz
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Judy & Helman Brook
Kathie Davis
June & Allan Feldman
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*Many thanks for the
kind good wishes for
my recovery of
Rabbi Jerry, Cantor
Friedlander, Kathie
Davis, Jean Lesser
and so many Temple
friends.*

*Shalom to all,
Lia Hans*



**Do you have an idea for an interesting
program, or something to put the "fun" in fund-
raising?**

**Maybe you've attended an event through
another organization that would work well at
Temple Isaiah.**

**If so, please contact Meryl Menashe or June Feldman and share
your ideas. (Or contact the temple office.)**

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Sid Jacobson JCC's Partners in Caring offers an array of specialized services including support groups, counseling, information and community referrals, workshops, autism and Alzheimer's programs, as well as other social services. Together with UJA-Federation of New York and your synagogue, we are your partner in caring for you and your family.

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