



Second Night Seder Sunday, March 28th

Join Rabbi Blum & Cantor Friedlander for a
 Joyous and Participatory
 Second Night Seder on Zoom
 (Links to be sent just before Pesach)

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Order RSVP deadline; Thursday, March 18th
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 REQUIRED: Pick-up at Temple; Thursday, March 25th (no exceptions)



RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum



Hello Dear Temple Isaiah Family,

This month I am excited to announce that we will be offering three educational opportunities to our community beginning in April. These courses will be open to our Temple family and the entire community. If you know of someone who would like to join us in our journey of study and self-awareness, please tell them to get in touch with us.

Offering 1 – “Adult B’nai Mitzvah Group”. This will be a yearlong journey of study culminating in a B’nai Mitzvah ceremony in the Spring of 2022. We will study Jewish history, Torah, Jewish Ethics, Prayer and how we as modern thinkers relate to our Jewish identity. If you have never become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or perhaps you want to recreate your original ceremony through a different lens, please join us as we journey through the texts and philosophical dilemmas that have challenged Jewish thinkers for generations. There will be textbooks and a journal required for this course. This course will be free for Temple members (plus the cost of textbooks) and \$750 for non-Temple members (plus textbooks).

We must have a **minimum of 3** committed learners to begin this class.

Our class will meet every other week on a Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, beginning Wednesday evening, April 7, 2021. Each class will last about 90 minutes.

Offering 2 – “Hebrew Reading for Prayer”. This will be a beginners/advanced beginners’ class for students interested in learning prayerbook Hebrew. We will learn how to read from the siddur (prayerbook) and begin to familiarize ourselves with liturgical concepts, words recognition and the meanings of some of our favorite prayers. A textbook, siddur and notebook will be required.

This will be a 10-session class with a **5-person minimum** to run this class. This class will be free for Temple members (plus the cost of the textbooks) and \$250 for non-Temple members (plus textbooks)

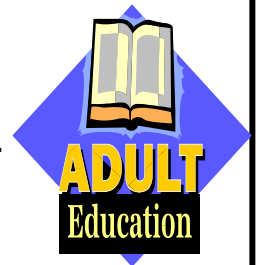
Our class will be held once a week on Monday evenings, for about an hour, beginning April 12 and ending June 21st (we will skip May 31st, for Memorial Day)

Offering 3 – “Mussar Self Exploration Group”. This will be a spin-off of our popular “Taste of Mussar” series in December. Mussar is a thousand-year-old Jewish tradition that can help us make changes in ourselves that last. The path of Mussar focuses on the development of character traits as a means of spiritual growth. This group (**Vaad**) will meet monthly on an ongoing basis to discuss texts and how we can find balance in our lives through the study of these holy texts and the practice of life affirming ritual. This group will be **limited to a maximum of 8 people (minimum of 4)**, who are committed to learning about one’s personal characteristics and Jewish texts (No knowledge of Hebrew needed). This will be free for Temple members and \$5 (per session) for non-Temple members, plus the cost of texts.

We offer this ongoing group experience in self-awareness and spiritual growth, once a month for about 90 minutes. If at all possible, we would like to have this group meet during the day, on the first Thursday of each month.

Please email me at rabbi.jerry.isaiahgn@gmail.com to tell me which learning opportunity you would like to participate in or if you have any questions.

Rabbi Jerry



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Terry Birnbaum-Horton



Not so Good & Very Good: The Pandemic Year!

Do we celebrate the anniversary of the pandemic year? Do we say happy anniversary pandemic? Is there a prayer or an action we can take for surviving this year? Do we make resolutions?

Looking for the bright side of life this year is a full-time job, where in the past I would say it was more a part-time or an occasional job, that is, looking at the bright side. Being a list person, I periodically force myself to list the good & bad in things, **and the good & not so good in life.**

Well, there has been lots of **not so good** this past pandemic year:

Meeting with friends, mostly not,
Celebrating with family and friends, not much,
Shopping outside the home, mostly just necessities,
Learning, worshipping, only at a distance.

A grey area though, online shopping, **good** and **not so good**? ... no need to leave the house for nearly anything. Gifts can arrive daily - credit cards are building points.

Ah! but then there was Zoom and it **was good**; more people than ever participated in:

Zoom gatherings with family we rarely ever saw before,
Zoom educational programs and entertainment from around the world,
Zoom meetings, engagements, book group, Torah study and services and we are hitting records for attendance. **Now that's very good.**

Yet we can do better! Come join us for one of the many events in our calendar; something can be found for everyone—worship, study, art, book discussions, music, comedy, history, and food to name a few, **and if you don't see it, call me and let's make it happen!**

So, as we head towards the celebration of Passover and our liberation from slavery and journey out of Egypt, we can also celebrate and acknowledge that we are exiting from this pandemic very soon and this is Good.

Chag Pesach Samech,

Terry Birnbaum-Horton

Dear congregation,

THANK YOU!

Thank you doesn't seem enough for your support for the recent Appeal. The Appeal was a great success. We reached our goal of using all of our matching donor's funds.

Remember, our budget is a big part of the equation, yet we are nothing if not together in supporting activities, programs and spiritual pursuit, from creative ideas, the heavy lifting and being present, and of course engaging in what sparks fulfillment, peace and happiness for each of us.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,
Terry





**JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR A SERIES OF ENGAGEMENTS,
AFTERNOONS & EVENINGS**

Wednesday, March 17th - 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

JOKE NIGHT

"Nothing is better than a good chuckle or laugh,
To heal our souls,
Forget our sorrows,
Boost our immune systems,
And to bring us together."

Bring a joke or two!

Bring a short funny tale!

BOTTOMLINE: Bring something to Zoom to make us laugh!!

FREE ADMISSION WITH A STORY, JOKE, TALE.

Preferred topics: Jewish

Banned topics: partisan politics, racism,

ADMISSION PRICE: ATTEND AND LAUGH

**Important to note;
2 minute preferred time
limit per joke or tale.**

*Speak into your mic clearly
and slowly, to help those of
us who are hard of hearing.*

*We won't mute everyone
but only laughter is per-
missible noise!!!!*

COOKING ENGAGEMENT

**Let's Talk: Passover Cooking Tips, Tricks & Secrets Passed on
for Generations and Related Ideas**

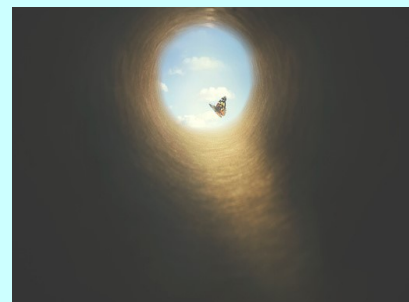


**Join Alisa Secofsky on Monday, March 8th at
4:30pm for an hour of ideas and fun!**

Coming in April:

**"Exploring Jewish Views of the
Afterlife:
Contemporary Implications"**

**Presented by Reb Simcha Raphael,
Ph.D.
Details to Follow**



March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	3	4	5 Online Shabbat Services, 6:30pm Refugee Shabbat	6 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
7	8 Engagement Series, "Cooking Tips with Alisa Secofsky," 4:30pm	9	10	11	12 Online Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	13 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
14	15	16	17 Engagement Series, "Joke Night," 4:30	18 Deadline for Bake Sale Orders	19 Online Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	20 Torah Study & Service, 9:30
21 Book Group, 11:30am	22	23 Lunch & Learn, 12:00Noon	24	25 Bake Sale Pickup	26 Online Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	27 No Torah Study Passover Begins: First Night Seder
28 Passover: Second Night Seder (Details to Come)						

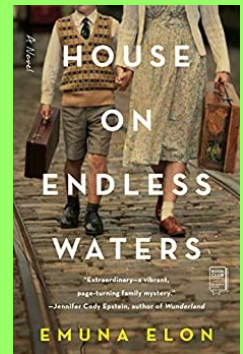
Lunch & Learn
March 23rd, 12:00 noon

**"Are We Really Free?
What Pesach Teaches Us About Freedom"**



**Please join us on Sunday March 21st at 11:30 when the Temple Isaiah
Book Group discusses
House on Endless Waters by Emuna Elon**

Renowned author Yoel Blum reluctantly agrees to visit his birthplace of Amsterdam to promote his books, despite promising his late mother that he would never return to that city. While touring the Jewish Historical Museum with his wife, Yoel stumbles upon footage portraying prewar Dutch Jewry and is astonished to see the youthful face of his beloved mother staring back at him, posing with his father, his older sister...and an infant he doesn't recognize.



This unsettling discovery launches him into a fervent search for the truth, shining a light on Amsterdam's dark wartime history—the underground networks that hid Jewish children away from danger and those who betrayed their own for the sake of survival. The deeper into the past Yoel digs up, the better he understands his mother's silence, and the more urgent the question that has unconsciously haunted him for a lifetime—*Who am I?*—becomes.

RSVP to Shelley Sherman at seeshell98@yahoo.com

Help to Fight Food Insecurity by Buying a Mask Chain

Temple Isaiah is embarking on a project to do our part in the fight against food insecurity. We are selling handmade mask chains, made by a temple member, with all proceeds going toward the project. These chains will sell for \$15 each, and make for nice gifts, as well as being useful for everyone. Similar to eyeglass chains, they hold your facemask around your neck when not in use. Please make a contribution toward this worthy cause (whether you make a purchase or not).

Please contact the co-chairs of this project if you want to place an order, be on the committee or need more information.

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Trees in Israel

In Memory of Howard Kimmel
Marcia Null

*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?**

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for details.**

**(Information on
Memorial Plaques is also
available.)**



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