

TEMPLE ISAIAH BULLETIN

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Thank you to Cantor Friedlander for your service to Temple Isaiah.



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tep up over the summer to help lead our congregation in song and prayer. See schedule below. Please note that some services will be at Temple Isaiah and some services will be only over zoom. Watch your weekly emails for more information. (Interested in leading a service? Please contact the office to let us know)

July 2: Shabbat Service on Zoom led by Gail Gordon
July 9: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Belle & Elliot Gayer
July 16: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by by Judy Snow & Scott Schleifstein
July 23: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Claude Springer
July 30: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Rabbi Blum
August 6: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Claude Springer

August 13: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Jonathan Wagner August 20: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Rabbi Blum August 27: Shabbat Service at Temple Isaiah led by Belle & Elliot Gayer

We look forward to seeing you!

2021-2022 Membership Forms

Please mail back forms and payment ASAP

We ask that if you have an outstanding balance that you pay in full or contact the office.

Please see pages 9 and 10 for more information.

RABBI'S COLUMN

By Rabbi Jerry Blum



As I enter my seventh week since my surgery, I am reminded that the number seven is very significant in our Jewish tradition. The most familiar reference to the number seven is of course the Shabbat. In the words of Genesis chapter 2, verses 1 and 2,

"And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from He had made "(Genesis 2:1.2)

all His work which He had made." (Genesis 2:1-2)

On that seventh day, God rested from the work of creation and so too do we have our weekly respite from our work. We take the time to rejuvenate ourselves and take a break from our everyday responsibilities, even if it's just for a little while and not the entire day.

I am also reminded of the Sh'mita year otherwise known as the Sabbatical year, which is mentioned many times in the Jewish Bible, and in Leviticus, it lays out what this means for us and for the land.

"When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a sabbath of the LORD. Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a sabbath of the LORD: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard."

(Leviticus 25:2 - 4)

Even the land needed the rest, so that it could renew itself and become fertile once more.

And so too do I, in my seventh week of healing need to rest a little. Yes, don't get me wrong, I have rested, and I have taken some time to restore my body, but this coming rest is also to restore my spirit and soul. These next many weeks will be dedicated to preparing myself (and the temple) for the upcoming High Holy Day season, plus creating a new schedule of learning opportunities and holiday celebrations. I will also finally take some time away with my Eishet Chayil, my rock and my life partner, Arlyn who so deserves some time off. Much of my healing and care fell on her shoulders and she needs some time to reboot and renew herself as well.

I look forward to some R and R, but I won't be invisible either. I'll be around to lead Friday evening services a couple of times during the summer (stay tuned for an announcement regarding the July 30th service) and spending some time in the office working with the High Holy Day cantor and of course our ritual committee, plus sending out some relevant information regarding our services and observances.

I wish you all a safe and healthy and restful 4th of July and summer season and I look forward to seeing you at temple.

Rabbi Jerry

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Terry Birnbaum-Horton

Rest



We are breaking out, from the great outdoors of summer, to the great indoors of our sanctuary. We are breaking out, we are resilient, we have learned, we have grown and we are stronger. We are vaccinated, and we are meeting and worshipping together.

AND, we had our first Shabbat service in our sanctuary. It was also on Zoom! We were just shy of 40 participants. We even were able to say hi to our newly transplanted friends Alisa and Marty Secofsky; computer to sanctuary.

It was also a special yet poignant Shabbat service as we will now be honoring Cantor Friedlander as Cantor Emerita. We were able to thank her again in person for her Cantorial leadership.

And as I said after services, it felt wonderful to be enveloped in the service instead of looking in from the outside.... But comforting to know that those who couldn't be in the sanctuary could also be there.

I hope many again will be joining us through the summer as our members lead the Shabbat services; some will be held in the sanctuary, others may be on Zoom and some will be in the sanctuary & on Zoom. *Look for a weekly re-minder and links for the location*.

I look forward to seeing you at Shabbat services and I look forward to seeing you during the Holy Days which are only a couple of months away!

Enjoy the summer!

Terry Birnbaum-Horton

<u>GIVING AND WE DO!</u> Giving to thank, honor and commemorate, Family and friends; Bulletin, Tree of Life, Memorial Plaques.

Dear Friends,

I seem to spend a lot of my time thanking our members and friends for all that they do and that's a good thing; so many contribute so much.

It does take much to GIVE and much to GIVE back, yet we all do. Temple Isaiah does GIVE much back too, we know; I have often listed reasons.

Giving to TI and TI giving back is what keeps us vibrant and connected. Finding ways to THANK and to HONOR others, AND COMMEMORATE LIFE EVENTS is easier than you think.

Every Temple bulletin has a place to Thank & Honor others and Commemorate life's events. It is a Jewish tradition that a small or significant donation is made to the Temple to let people know that you are thinking of them.

Please remember in our bulletin your friends and family with a small donation while supporting TI*. We do send a card to those you've Honored.

Temple Isaiah thanks you in advance for your generosity,

Sincerely,

Terry Birnbaum-Horton President

* The Tree of Life and Memorial Plaques are available for something more permanent.

(The Tree of Life order form can be found below and Memorial Plaque order form on page 8.)



A note from Martin Secofsky;

At a small intimate non-Temple Isaiah lunch with some old and close friends, of course this means lots of TI friends, the Secofsky's met to say good-bye. Marty's words brought tears to many. <u>Here are some of his choice words that have to do with Temple Isaiah, in his spontaneous speech!</u>

I really didn't prepare a speech for today, but I like to practice spontaneity. To paraphrase Sister Sledge," "We are family, I got all my friends and Temple with me".

I don't know if you know our story, but when we were looking for a reform temple, my criteria were to find the closest temple to our home. If Isaiah wasn't on Stoner, friends from Temple Beth El would be sitting here. I never thought that something that started about 20+ years ago, would culminate in a day like today. When asked about this lunch, I had one question, would I have to pay for myself, I hope I was told the truth.

All friends and temples are special, but Isaiah is in a class by itself, this is a temple that in theory should have been out of business many years ago, so why are we still here?

Our members refuse to let it die, everyone contributes whether it's time or money or money, yes, I said it twice, where else could we sell diapers at a tag sale (I think they were new) and other chazerai that would be best left in the basement or trash, have Temple shows that give the word amateur new meaning, and allow me, who can barely blow up a balloon to blow the Sho-far. Isaiah is a great support system, whether showing up at a funeral or sending a meal to a family in need, which could even be a family we did not know.

I am proud of the trust you have shown in me from allowing me to be President, serving on the board, being on the committee to build a home of our own and so much that gave me more joy than any job I've had in my life. Even though we will be 800 miles away, we plan to stay involved in the Temple Isaiah family.

Last thing -The Bride and I will be donating to Temple Isaiah AND YES YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR MY LUNCH!

Go forward in strength.

Marty

*disclaimer; thank you to Barbara Feldman who hosted their goodbye lunch.

Meet and Greet

On Sunday, June 13th Temple Isaiah gathered together outside for a morning of breakfast and schmoozing, as we welcomed our new Administrator Jacquelynn Golub.

Everyone enjoyed seeing each other and being back at the temple after many months of gathering via Zoom. We look forward to the high energy, enthusiasm and creativity that Jacquelynn brings to Temple Isaiah.

To contact Jacquelynn, please email TempleIsaiahGreatNeck@gmail.com.





<u>Concealed: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter</u> <u>Caught between the Chador & America</u>

Our book group led by Shelley Sherman was a treat on June 14th . We read the book and memoir *Concealed* by Esther Amini. How special was it that we were able to have our discussion with the author herself? Shelley led the discussion with a series of well-prepared theme based perfect open-ended questions for Esther, followed up with questions from those that attended. Esther's responses helped us understand further what went into the writing of this unique and amazing book about her, her family and the Mashadi Persian Jewish people.

We hope you will support Esther Amini by writing a review about the book on Amazon or Goodreads' and purchasing the book for yourself or a friend. **Please see links below.**

We also hope that you will consider making a small donation to support Temple Isaiah of Great Neck so we may continue to provide interesting, educational and fulfilling programs & engagements along with our study of Torah and our spiritual Shabbat and holiday services.

Thank you again for attending this wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Sincerely,

Terry Birnbaum-Horton President of Temple Isaiah of Great Neck

CONCEALED:

Here's the link to Amazon...to purchase the book: <u>https://www.amazon.com/Concealed-Esther-Amini/dp/0990619427/ref=sr_1_1</u> keywords=concealed+by+esther+amini&qid=1580770335&sr=8-1

To post a 5 star review if you enjoyed Concealed at Amazon and Goodreads. Amazon's link: https://www.amazon.com/Concealed-Esther-Amini/dp/0990619427/ref=sr_1_1? keywords=concealed+by+esther+amini&qid=1580770335&sr=8-1 Goodreads' link: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/50486031-concealed?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=gIb5I7tFLf&rank=1





Author Esther Amini



Host Shelley Sherman

Konor your loved one in our Memorial Book

As the High Holy Days approach, we continue our tradition of publishing a Memorial Book to honor our departed loved ones that have made an imprint in our heart and been a part of our lives. As in past years, the booklet will contain the names of our loved ones and appropriate memorial prayer, which will be made available to you for Yom Kippur.

In order to be certain that the names of your loved ones are included in the Memorial Book, please complete and return the form no later than Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Please note that all information must be submitted in written form.

**For those that placed remembrances in last year's booklet, a copy of your entry will be sent for your review. If needed, please make the appropriate changes and send back to Temple Isaiah.

**For those that have not previously placed a list of remembrances in our booklet but would like to this year, please list below the names that you would like listed in the book. If they have departed during this past year, please indicate that below.

It is an old Jewish Tradition and Mitzvah to honor our loved ones that have departed, by making a contribution in observance of Yizkor. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

| \$18 | #^^ | | MZ O | \$108 | \$180 | ^ |
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| \$18 | \$36 | \$54 | \$72 | \$108 | \$180 | \$ |
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Please make checks payable to Temple Isaiah. All credit card transactions are subject to a 3% administrative fee and must be a minimum of \$25.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Order today in time for Yom Kippur

Remember your loved one in perpetuity with a solid bronze memorial plaque on our Illuminated Memorial Tablet in our Sanctuary.



Orders placed **by Monday**, July 12th will be received in time to be placed on our Memorial Board in time for Yom Kippur.

For more information contact the office at TempleIsaiahGreatNeck@gmail.com

ORDER AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE TO HONOR AND REMBEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE

It is deeply rooted in Jewish tradition to place in the sanctuary of the synagogue a plaque with the names of loved ones who have passed away. Once a plaque is dedicated, it becomes a permanent memorial. The Yahrtzeit lights will be illuminated on the yahrtzeits of your loved one's death and at Yizkor services throughout the year.

| Your Name: | Ph | Phone Number: | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Address: | | Email: | | |
| Cost per plaque - \$700 Name of deceased: | Date of Death: | Relationship: | Would you like to be notified on the Hebrew or English date? H or E | |
| Name of deceased: | Date of Death: | Relationship: | H or E | |
| Name of deceased: | Date of Death: | Relationship: | H or E | |
| I wish to reserve a space for use in the | e future to be grouped with currently | ordered plaques (# or | f spaces) | |

Please return form and payment to Temple Isaiah. Please note that all credit card charges have a 3% administrative fee.

Temple Isaiah's Jewish New Year's Card

Share the sweetness of the New Year and wish your Temple Isaiah family a L'Shana Tova by being a part of our Temple's New Year's Card.

A donation of \$36 is appreciated and your name or family name will be listed as one of the congregational well-wishers. Names will be listed alphabetically.

Please complete this form and drop off your check no later than Wednesday, August 4th to have your name included. (watch your email for more information)



I would like to be included in the Temple Isaiah Jewish New Year's Card. Please print clearly in order to have your name appear correctly. (Please remember one per family.)

Name(s)

Example: Dr. and Mrs. Hank Greenberg OR May Greenberg OR May, Hank, Jessica & Joe Greenberg OR Greenberg Family

Please check here if you would like to purchase a box of 10 personalized cards that you can send to your non-Temple friends and family. Cost \$25.

Form and payment must be received by Friday, August 6th for your name to be included.

Wish family, friends and business associates a Sweet & Happy New Year!

Send the sweetest of all Rosh Hashanah greetings!

FREE shipping through July 7th



Just in time for Rosh Hashanah, we will ship an 8 oz jar of Kosher clover honey with a personalized card reading:

> "Shana Tova - Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year." - signed with your name.

Cost is **\$14.00 per jar.** Order by July 7th for free shipping within the U.S. Additional fees apply for international orders.*



Ordering is quick and easy! Go to www.honeyfromtheheart.org/TIG

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Not able to order online, but still want to participate? Please contact the office and we will place the order for you.

For more information please email TempleIsaiahGreatNeck@gmail.com

July 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|-------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Online Shabbat Services led by Gail Gordon at 6:30pm | 3 NO Torah Study |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Board Meeting, 7:30pm | 7 | 8 | 9 In Person Shabbat Service led by Belle and Elliot Gayer at 6:30pm | 10 NO Torah Study |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 In Person Shabbat Service led by Judy Snow and Scott Schleifstein at 6:30pm | 17 NO Torah Study |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 In Person Shabbat Service led by Claude Springer 6:30pm | 24 NO Torah Study |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 In Person Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Blum at 6:30pm | 31 NO Torah Study |

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

Membership Dues Form: June 1, 2021–May 31, 2022

We're thrilled to have you join the Temple Isaiah family. As you review the membership categories below, remember that our founders mandated a voluntary dues system. While we provide recommended dues based on our budget requirements, the recommendations are always subject to your self-evaluation, and your pledge is entirely confidential.

\$ 995

\$ 3,600

Please select from one of our membership categories below.

- First year "check us out" membership
- \$ 995 35 and under Sustaining member \$ 2,500
- Sustaining member
- Mitzvah member

| Isaiah's Circle member | \$ 4,500 |
|---|----------|
| Torah member | \$ 5,400 |
| Gift from the heart pledge (see the FAQ) | \$ |
| Voluntary ARZA dues: I would like to support ARZA an enclosed \$50 | d have |

Payment Options

| Check One | Plan | Method (Circle One) | Billing |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | Full payment enclosed | Check, PayPal**, 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, PayPal**, Credit card*** | Second half due on December 1, 2021 |
| | 1/3 Enclosed | Check, PayPal**, Credit card*** | Subsequent thirds due on October 1, 2021 and February 1, 2022 |
| | 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) |

**To use PayPal go to the Temple Isaiah web page at https://templeisaiahgn.org (just type in templeisaiahgn.org in your browser and you will automatically get a secure connection) and click on Donate in the upper right hand corner. This will take you to a new page with a link to click on and instructions for using PayPal - it's easy. IMPORTANT - Please notify the temple office of the amount you are sending.

***Credit card information must be provided below if you wish to pay this way. 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.

If you are 72 or older, you can donate directly from your traditional IRA to Temple Isaiah and it will count towards your RMD but it will be nontaxable - We encourage you to discuss this with your accountant.

Temple Isaiah Building Maintenance Fund Pledge

In 2003 our Congregation implemented a Building Fund for the maintenance and/or improvement of our new home at 1 Chelsea Place. In line with our self-evaluation dues policy, this contribution is voluntary, but we suggest a minimum of \$1,800 payable over 5 years.

- I/We Pledge \$ to the Building Maintenance Fund. This Pledge will be paid at the rate of \$_____ over a period of years, by:
 - Check
 - Credit Card (3% surcharge applies, fill in information below)
 - PayPal (no surcharge; see the Dues Form for instructions or go to templeisaiah.org and click on Donate in the upper right corner.
 - I/We have fulfilled our commitment to the Building Maintenance Fund, by a payment of \$1,800 or more to the Building Fund of another URJ Synagogue. (please submit a letter from prior synagogue) Name of Synagogue

| Credit Card Billing - Card Number | Credit Card Type: Visa/MasterCard/American Express | | | |
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| | Expiration Date: | Security Code: | | |
| I authorize Temple Isaiah to charge my credit card for the above dues/building fund amount. | | | | |

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

Please return Membership Pledge Form by June 30, 2021

MEMBERSHIP DUES FAQ

Q. How is the Sustaining Member Dues derived?

A. Each spring the Board of Trustees prepares a budget for the coming fiscal year (June 1st to May 31st and decides what portion of our budgeted cost should be met from dues with the balance coming from fundraising. The Board then sets the Sustaining Member Dues level. Both the Budget and the Sustaining Member Dues are voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting in May.

Each year, members who have the means contribute more than Sustaining Member Dues through donations, fundraising and by pledging at the Mitzvah, Isaiah's Circle, or Torah levels. In this way they recognize their commitment to Judaism and Temple Isaiah. Through this structure, we seek to minimize fundraising activities and maximize the low and no-cost Temple activities that we value.

Q. What does "self-evaluation" and "gift from the heart" mean?

A. Self evaluation refers to the process by which a member determines how much they are financially capable of paying. In case they cannot pay full Sustaining Dues, we ask that they pay as close to the full amount as possible to reduce added financial burden on others. The self-evaluation process similarly leads some members to pay amounts above both the Sustaining Member Dues. This has been true during the entire existence of Temple Isaiah.

Our parent organization, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), references the Torah portion *T'rumah* in which Moses receives detailed instructions from God about how to build and equip the Tabernacle, and that it should be constructed by the Israelites with "gifts from the heart." Hence, following self-evaluation, we both suggest amounts for dues, as well as refer to any other amount as a gift from the heart.

Q. What if I/We join in the middle of the fiscal year?

A. We trust your integrity to pledge as much as you can to contribute to the maintenance of Temple Isaiah. The more that we raise directly through your pledges and direct contributions, the less fundraising we need to do. Our budget is "no frills" – your money goes to essentials.

Q. What if my/our financial circumstances change?

A. We value your voluntary desire to affiliate with a synagogue. Our philosophy recognizes everyone's financial cycles. You pledge what you can afford. In good times we hope that you will pledge generously. In difficult times we welcome your commitment to affiliate as a Jewish act.

Q. What if I/we only want to come to the High Holidays or to say Yizkor on Yom Kippur?

A. We need the support of our members. Our synagogue functions 365 days a year and incurs expenses throughout the year. Even those who only occasionally use the Temple should understand its needs and help provide for them, just as good citizens of Great Neck accept the obligation to contribute to our community even though we may not take advantage of all its programs. As members of Temple Isaiah, we ensure the future of this congregation through adequate financial support, just as those before us preserved this congregation for us.

Q. What is the Building Maintenance Fund?

A. Every member of Temple Isaiah is asked to make a voluntary payment to the Building Maintenance Fund, with a minimum suggested pledge of \$1,800 payable over 5 years. The purpose of the Building Maintenance Fund is for maintenance and improvement of our home at 1 Chelsea Place. Members are asked to submit a Building Fund pledge form with their membership application, which form details the amount of the building maintenance fund pledge and the proposed payment schedule. For historical perspective, 92 member families contributed on average about \$13,000 each to build Temple Isaiah. Members who previously contributed \$1,800 or more to a building fund of another URJ Synagogue are exempt.

General Donations

In Memory of: Rubin Drucker, Father of Susan Drucker Susan Drucker Louis Feldman, Father of Allan Feldman June & Allan Feldman Louise Ferguson, Mother of David Ferguson Susie & David Ferguson Franklin Greene, Partner of Omaira Enriquez Ruth Isaac Al Loew, Uncle of Mindy Israel Evelyn Israel, Mother of Howard Israel Mindy & Howard Israel Erica Kutcher, Daughter of Blossom & David Kutcher Blossom Kutcher Diane Tuchinsky, Sister of Belle Gayer Terry Birnbaum-Horton Judy & Helman Brook Kathie Davis June & Allan Feldman Gail & Robert Gordon Carol & William Hersh Mindy & Howard Israel Terry & Richard Joseph Denise Miller & Steve Fein Shelley Sherman Elaine Kaner, Sister of Paula Newman Terry Birnbaum-Horton Judy & Helman Brook Kathie Davis June & Allan Feldman Gail & Robert Gordon Carol & William Hersh Mindy & Howard Israel Denise Miller & Steve Fein Shelley Sherman Stanley Kristal, Brother of Evelyn Solow Evelyn & Richard Solow

In Honor of: Elliott & Belle Gayer Rachel Greenwald Temple Isaiah Johanna Hurwitz Alisa & Martin Secofsky The Speedy Recovery of Archie & Linda Abrams Dr. Liza Isaac Becoming a Doctor of Dentistry Ruth Isaac Barbara Feldman's Generosity and Good Luck to Alisa & Martin Secofsky Cathy Reibstein

21st Century Fund:

Judith Densky Sherri & Richard Roth

ARZA:

Terry Birnbaum-Horton Sheila & Victor DeFazio Judith Densky Diane Haber Carol & William Hersh Mindy & Howard Israel

Your donation could go here! Remember Temple Isaiah when you have a life cycle event to commemorate.

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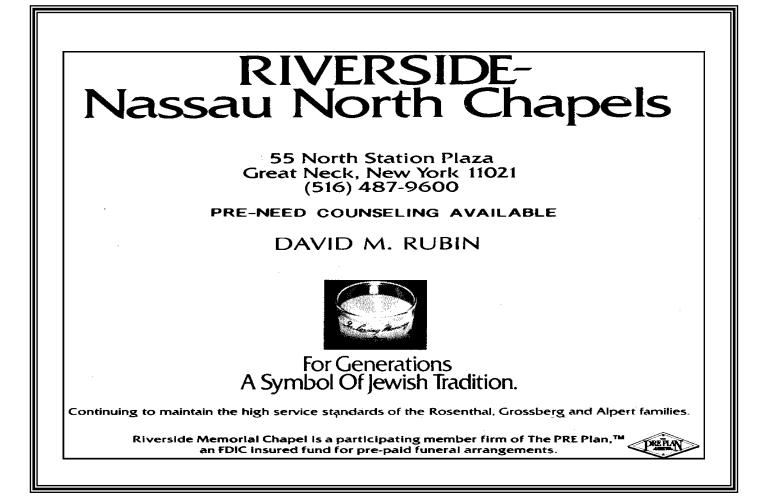
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For assistance, contact us at 516-484-1545 ext. 196. A licensed social worker will respond promptly to provide you with information and support.

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Deadline for submissions 10th of the Month

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