



# TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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Thank you!

For all who helped make this holiday season exceptional this year, Thank you!

From Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur to Simchat Torah ... and Sukkot in between ...

From communications to set-up,  
From ushering in our members and guests at our front door,

To the clementines as we left Yom Kippur  
and the yummy pizza and dessert in the sukkah,

And the decorators of our Sukkah, jobs well done...

Our essential technical crew who streamed our services for our stay-at-home members and guests. To those who read Torah, those who carried them and others who brought their musical talents to our services...

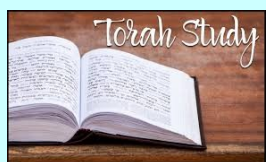
We thank you! All volunteers with smiles and talents!

And Thank you, Thank you to those who were able to make a Kol Nidre donation - you heard me.

Thank you to our accompanist Chuck Sachs on keyboard and our moving and mood setting cellist Yi Qun Xu and violinist Sammy Weber.

Thank you to our Guest Cantor, Cantor Lori Weber, who helped bring the holiday melodies to us. Thank you Rabbi Blum for bringing everything and everyone together, for another 'exceptional' & beautiful holiday season - you both helped sooth our souls.

Sincerely, Terry Birnbaum-Horton



Torah Study  
Resumes  
Saturday  
October 23  
9:30am

## *Long-Term Save the Dates*

November 14—Second In a series with  
Art Lecturer Dennis Raverty, 3:00pm

November 28—First Night of Chanukah

December 3—Chanukah Dinner (tentative)

December 12—Goods & Services Auction (tentative)



## RABBI'S COLUMN

This early afternoon, as the last moments of our holiday season wane, I sat in our temple sukkah one last time for the year and took in the sweetness and the tranquility of the moment. Simchat Torah was just ending, and my mind turned to the coming Hebrew month of Cheshvan which is characterized with absolutely NO Jewish holidays. Certainly, a respite for both congregants and the clergy alike, but this also leaves me some time to reflect on the past few weeks of services as well as everything else that occurred this past year, and how they affected me spiritually. [It was that kind of moment]



For me, this past year has been life-changing on so many levels, both physically, spiritually and on a familial level. I have been afforded so many blessings (even blessings that come from not so happy moments) and I wanted to take some time to practice the Jewish concept of **Hakarat haTov**, literally meaning, recognizing the good, or as is better known, **gratitude**.

I'll begin with giving a shout out to everyone who brought this High Holy Day season to fruition, hoping that I don't leave anyone out, and if I do, I apologize in advance.

Let's start at the top with our leadership. Terry Birnbaum-Horton has once again led our temple community through another year of *Pandemic worship*, taking on roles that were not in the Temple President's manual, stepping up to the plate without hesitation. I thank you for your leadership and your commitment to our TI family, especially in times like these.

What would holidays be without our Ritual Committee. Both Shelley and Ruth contributed many hours to making sure the clergy had everything needed to make our services run smoothly and I am so grateful to you both and to the entire committee for your help.

A sub-committee of the Ritual Committee is the Festivals Committee, which under the leadership of Belle and Elliott Gayer made sure that our Sukkah was put up in time for Sukkot. Thank you!! Along with Belle and Elliott, many thanks go out to Devon and many of our hearty congregants who woke up early on a Sunday to build our Sukkah and to Shelley (and Elliott and Belle) who made sure not only our hearts were nourished, but so too our tummies as we decorated the Sukkah. Special thanks go out to all who joined in to decorate the Sukkah this year.

This year we embarked on an aggressive yet necessary and successful quest to upgrade our ability to deliver our services (High Holy Day and Shabbat) to those who could not join us in the temple. As many know, this year was extraordinary in that we did not have as much clarity as to how we should proceed with health precautions, and many decisions were made in the last weeks, days and even minutes before the holiday. We are happy to say that although there were some glitches (that can be fixed), the use of our live stream technology was a huge success and, in many ways, simplified something that would have been daunting to do by ourselves. I want to personally thank Lloyd Perell, Bill Hersh and June Feldman (among others who were part of this decision) who worked tirelessly to bring this to fruition. Without your help, I am sure we would never have been able to reach out to our community as we did this year.

Special thanks go out to Cathy Reibstein, Edith Goody and Devon Shuriah, who are tasked with making sure our little Temple runs like the well-oiled machine that it is. Especially when we had a small (ok, not so small) flood that soaked our robing room, rabbi's office and bimah, in what seemed like hours before our holidays began.

I am eternally grateful for my **bimah partners** this year, who were able to communicate the sweetness, the beauty and the solemnity of our High Holy Days services and made my experience (and the experience of many of our congregants) one of the most joyful, in many years. I want to thank our music director, **Charles Sachs** for his masterful accompaniments and insights and who helped shape our worship into a meaningful experience. I was so happy to introduce our new cellist **Yi Qun Xu** (pronounced – Yi Chun Shu) to our congregation as she brought to life the haunting melody of Kol Nidre. If you get a chance, check out her website. Her performances are world class, and

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# ***A Message From the President***

## **Terry Birnbaum-Horton**



A Sense of Purpose;

My Kol Nidre appeal this year was about a Sense of Purpose. I was inspired, having just listened to *The Hidden Brain* on NPR and a discussion featuring Victor Frankel, author of 'Man's Search for Meaning' and a holocaust survivor. A man who learned the meaning of life through his extraordinary experiences. They spoke about our 'senses' and added a new one, Sense of Purpose, a sense that we need to thrive as human beings, to have a meaningful life.

**Do you have a sense of purpose? What gives you purpose? What fills your days? What makes your life meaningful?**

My most important purpose other than my family is my meaningful involvement at Temple Isaiah: my weekly reset at Shabbat services on Friday night, stretching and flexing my brain at Torah study Saturday mornings as well as at book discussions, current events, engagements run by our congregants, attending pot luck holiday dinners and volunteering wherever I am needed, especially at our Bazaar fundraiser.

On Yom Kippur, I reminded us what a sense of purpose can do for us, individually and collectively. How Temple Isaiah can give each of us a sense of purpose, making for a more beautiful, rich, meaningful life.

**I appeal to you again: attend, volunteer and donate to our many programs, events, engagements and fundraisers. Take a deep breath and sing and pray at Shabbat services. Connect with others, learn, have fun, reset, refresh. Give yourself a purpose!**

**Terry**

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you will be soothed by her subtle and moving interpretations. Finally, I want to thank my dear friend, classmate, performance partner and Hazzanit extraordinaire, **Lori Weber**. The joy that Lori brought to our bimah and to the *t'filah* (prayer) was palpable as was the enjoyment of all who sang along. I can't thank her enough for the way she crafted the services, bringing meaning to all.

I also want to thank my Eishet Chayil, my wife, my life partner, and the coolest grandma ever, Arlyn, for her understanding and patience with me over the last many months. You are a life saver, a best friend, and the best mom and grandma anyone could have.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who joined us at services, sat at the door and checked vaccination cards, introduced new visitors to other fellow worshipers (yes, we did get a new member or two, thank you Terry J) and all who came to pray, either in the temple or who watched and sang along at home. This kehillah is made up of people who are the lifeline of Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Chodesh Cheshvan Sameach – Happy Hebrew month of Cheshvan  
Rabbi Jerry

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Sunday, October 3

Amedeo Modigliani's Lush Sensuousness

Sunday, November 14

Chaim Soutine and Jacques Lipchitz

Sunday, January 9

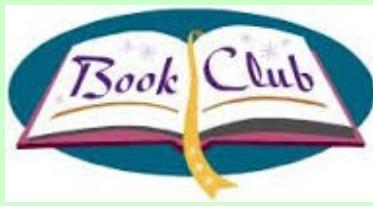
Lissitzky, Chagall and the Russian Revolution

Programs at 3:00 PM at Temple Isaiah  
1 Chelsea Place, Great Neck, NY 11021  
(516) 487-5373 \$15 donation requested

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	2
3 Art Lecture 3:00pm 	4 Book Group, “The Yellow Bird Sings,” 7:30pm	5 Board Meeting, 7:30pm	6	7 Final Film In David Aubrey Series, 7:30pm	8 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	16
17	18	19 Lunch & Learn	20	21	22 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	23 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
24 Pizza & Bingo 5:00pm 	25	26	27	28	29 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	30 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am
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**Monday, October 4th, 7:30pm**  
**"The Yellow Bird Sings"**  
**By Jennifer Rosner**

**Written in beautifully understated prose and tinged with magical elements, The Yellow Bird Sings is about the bonds between mothers and daughters, and the enduring power of music and storytelling even in the most devastating of times."**

**—Chronogram**

**Discussion led by Meryl Menashe**



**Lunch & Learn by ZOOM**  
**Tuesday, October 19th**  
**"Jesus & Us Jews"**  
**12:00 Noon**



**Join Us for the**  
**Final Film in**  
**David Aubrey's**  
**Series!**



**Thursday, October 7**  
**7:30pm—In Person**

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**Partners in Caring is funded by a grant from UJA-Federation of New York and partnering synagogues**



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# Bingo & Pizza Dinner

**Sunday, October 24th**

**5:00pm In-House**

**6:00pm On-Line**



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Italian Waiters, Atmospheric Music and Prizes!**

**Bring Your Friends to Add to the Fun!**



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**Price for On-Line: \$15.00 (includes one Bingo Card)**

**[Additional cards are available for purchase]**

**RSVP to Temple Office to Register  
isaiahgn@yahoo.com or 516-487-5373**

## **My Temple Isaiah Story**

**By Amy Gorman**

**The date.....September, 2003. Howard and I were looking for a place to hold Jacob's Bris. New to Great Neck, I called around to Temples in the neighborhood. When I called Temple Isaiah (then located on Stoner Avenue) I spoke with our Dear Cathy Reibstein. After speaking with her, I remarked how friendly and down-to-earth she was. Through a colleague and friend of mine, we ended up having the Bris at Young- Israel of New Hyde Park.**

**Fast forward to 2016.....Our family was looking for a Temple to attend Friday Night Shabbat Services. I saw the lively advertisement created by Sherry Wallack in a Great Neck newspaper. It said something like "Come join our warm, friendly Congregation".**

**This time, when I spoke to Cathy Reibstein she said she remembered our family from when I called back in 2003, and that she still had our name and phone number in her records. I was very impressed with her organizational skills, and of course, with how friendly she was. She immediately said "Here is Cantor Friedlander's phone number, why don't you give her a call". I thought how open and accessible the Temple and Clergy must be, if I was able to call the Cantor myself and reach her. When I spoke with Cantor Friedlander she was very open and inviting.**

**When we came to Friday Night services, Terry Joseph went out of her way to welcome us. She was very warm, outgoing and made it her business to come over and talk to our family. She made a very strong member connection at Services. She also reached out to me and asked if I would like to help with the Temple Bazaar. I thought it was a great opportunity to get involved and help in a real, concrete manner. At the Bazaar, Terry made sure to introduce me to members and gave me specific jobs to do in conjunction with other members. That helped me feel connected.**

**Soon after we joined the Temple, the New Members' Dessert Party at the home of June and Allan Feldman was especially personal, welcoming and of course delicious.**

**When Shelley Sherman and Ruth Isaac of the Ritual Committee called to see if I would like to read at High Holiday Services, I was honored. After reading, as I walked off the Bimah, I was exhilarated with a spiritual connection to Temple Isaiah and all of our Ancestors.**

**During the pandemic, Kathie Davis and her Caring Committee, and the Bake Sales were excellent vehicles to help Temple members stay connected and maintain the sense of a strong and caring Temple Isaiah family.**

**Temple Isaiah is small enough so that "Everybody Knows Your Name". This allows members to get involved and impact the Temple in very direct and meaningful ways. After all, we can all share and benefit from the personal touch of individualized phone calls, cards and e-mails and the relationships that forge in our small, yet mighty Temple Isaiah.**

**Stay tuned for more Members' Stories. Yours might be next. (If you would like to share a Temple Isaiah memory, please contact Amy Gorman at 829-6856.)**



## General Donations (July & August)

### ***In Memory of:***

Susan & Edgar Bendor  
Cathy Bendor and Jane Bendor  
Louis Brook, Father of Helman Brook  
Judy & Helman Brook  
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LP Coe  
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Susie & David Ferguson  
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Terry Birnbaum-Horton  
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Kathie Davis  
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Nina Koss  
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Rita Weissman, Mother of Jean Lesser  
Jean Lesser  
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Meryl & Jack Menashe  
Edward Neumann, Son of Jacqueline Neumann  
Jacqueline Neumann

### ***ARZA:***

Kathie Davis  
Jonathan Wagner

### ***In Honor of:***

The Birth of Juliette Claire Dwyer, Grandchild of  
Nina Koss

Terry Birnbaum-Horton  
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Kathie Davis  
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Shelley Sherman

The Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Finger, Grandson of Linda & Martin Marshak

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Mindy & Howard Israel  
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Denise Miller & Steve Fein  
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Shelley Sherman

Belle & Elliot Gayer  
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Terry Birnbaum-Horton  
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### ***Clergy Discretionary Account:***

In Honor of the Wedding of Jenny Hersh and Matt Golumb  
Carol & Bill Hersh

### ***Kol Nidre:***

Hattie Abbey  
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Kathie Davis  
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Judith Densky  
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10th of the Month***

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