



TEMPLE ISAIAH *BULLETIN*

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November 2021

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To all of you who contributed to the **Bingo & Pizza** evening, Some lots, some a little, you were all important in making the evening fun and successful!

All the hard work definitely paid off...

Happily, everyone left with a smile on their face and a nice thing to say. I heard many joyful whispers of "that was fun" and "when can we do it again?"!

Special thanks to June, Lloyd, Shelley, Terry J. (and even me) for planning and implementing the event from beginning to end; ideas, shopping, serving and clean up. Thanks also to Judy D. for shopping too!!

Thanks to Cathy helping at the door and Edith for various surprise tasks, as well as Devon for having the strength to carry up every table we own from the basement.

Thanks to Jonathan as master of ceremony, entertaining us with his ability to read letters & numbers while streaming humor.

Thank goodness for Lloyd and his technical skills, which helped us keep those at home in the game.

Thanks to Judy D. for shopping for dinnerware as well as her remarkable finesse as hostess at the board!

And our bingo official, Shelley.

And Terry J. for counting all those candy corns.

And Marcia who slices a mean cucumber and tomato.... Perfect for my homemade dressing.

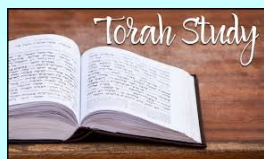
And thanks to guest waitress and bus-woman Denise for pitching in, and Steve for sticking by her side with clean-up help.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT FOR
PIZZA, WINE, SWEETS & BINGO!**

WE HAD FUN AND OUR TI BENEFITED TOO!

Keep your eyes and ears out for the next Pizza and Bingo night. You won't want to miss it!

Sincerely, Terry Birnbaum-Horton



Torah Study
is on
Saturday mornings,
November 6, 13, & 20
on Zoom at

November Save the Dates

November 14 - Art Lecture with Dennis Raverty (2nd in 3-part series)

November 14 - Bake Sale orders due for Thanksgiving/Chanukah

November 18 - Adult Education 3-part series begins

November 23 - Lunch & Learn

November 28 - First Night of Chanukah event

December/January Save the Dates are on Page 12

RABBI'S COLUMN

Welcome to the Hebrew month of Kislev, the Hebrew month of Hanukkah and this year, the Hebrew month when Thanksgiving once again coincides with Hanukkah. Sometimes, because of the magic of calendars and numerical sequences, a small miracle happens, and the festivals of Hanukkah and American Thanksgiving fall out on the same day. This last happened just a few years ago in 2013, when Jewish communities throughout the US renamed this holiday, “Thanksgivikah”, and what a joyous time it was. Rabbis, along with entire Jewish communities had a field day with it making it a time for Turkey and Latkes, instead of the traditional stuffing (or was that latke stuffing... OK, now I’m getting hungry). Interestingly, this occurrence was not as rare as it sounds. According to Chabad.com, this had happened quite a few times before and will happen next in 2070. (I can’t wait!)



Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday for so many reasons, most importantly to me because it is the ultimate reminder that I have so much in my life to be thankful for, but I don’t believe for a moment that gratitude is a one-day-a-year thing. In Hebrew, the concept of gratitude is called *hakarot hatov*, which literally means **recognizing the good**, and this must become a daily ritual to search out the blessings, miracles and **good** that are in our lives.

The most famous story about **Hanukkah** is the miracle of oil that lasted 8 days. Whether this story is real or not, the festival of **Hanukkah** is a reminder that miracles happen all the time and we must work on recognizing the good in our lives and in the world we live in. We must focus on the *nisim b’chol yom*, the small (and maybe hidden) everyday miracles that surround us, yet often go unnoticed.

This year, the first Hanukkah candle is lit on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, and for me, the message of this convergence of my two favorite holidays is that we must look in every corner, turn over every stone and seek out all the blessings and miracles that happen around us each day. Let us begin to recognize the good, even if there is a considerable amount that is not so good happening around us. Spend a few moments acknowledging that even though we may have many hardships and stressors, there are still small miracles that abound.

A few years ago, I suggested trying a small mindfulness practice. Maybe it’s time to try it again. Spend three minutes every day quietly noticing the blessings and miracles in your life and write them down each day for a month (or more). Next Kislev revisit the list and feel the gratitude of all the gifts left for you. And if you feel so inclined, I’d love to talk to you about them. As the poet Everett Ruess said, *“Help us to see ourselves in all creation, and all creation in ourselves, ourselves in one another.”*

May we all be blessed with a multitude of miracles, and may we give ourselves the gift of time to recognize the good in every one of them.

From my family to yours, I wish you a meaningful Thanksgiving and Chag *Urim Sameach*, a happy Festival of Lights.

Rabbi Jerry

A Message From the President

Terry Birnbaum-Horton



Participate!

In a perfect world,
we wouldn't have to do the things we don't like, find distasteful, or don't agree with.
Can we twist these things to a more positive?
We often do.

We go to the gym to be healthier, feel good (after), and look better,
We participate,
We pay taxes for the overall betterment of our world.
We pay tolls even after taxes because we use the roads more.

So, it goes...

We pledge, pay our dues, contribute our fair share to make our lives richer.
To maintain our organizations and be able to participate!

This past 18 months has taken a toll on all of us and every organization, yet we maintained!
We worked hard and did the best that we could, knowing maybe, we could have worked even harder and done even better.

We know we have had many losses, friends and family, who have moved to be near family or sadly passed on. We lost our ability to feel safe and be with friends and family. Our routines were in a shamble. *TI lost out by having to eliminate, cancel or not schedule vital events such as delicious Onegs, our 2nd night Seder, our Bazaar,,, social and fundraising.*

So, I encourage you to; participate, contribute, volunteer to be with friends... and now especially, to send in your pledges and come to our programs, events, gatherings and engagements, festivals that range from no shekels to a few and more..... and soon Our Auction (Dec. 5th) where we all walk away with something (many yummy homemade meals) while supporting TI.....

All this to enable us to continue our; reach out, study, movies, book group, current events, conversations, social action, social gatherings, special programs, celebrations and worship.

Remember, we are starting to gather and meet for worship and activities even though some are not totally there yet. We aren't back to business as usual but hope to be real soon.

So, join us – the calendar is filling up,,, Committees are working – say yes to helping out, and please be generous to TI because.... TI is you & me!

P.S. If there is something missing from our calendar, you have a special talent or interest contact me.

TEMPLE ISAIAH OF GREAT NECK

Jewish Masters of 20th Century Art

-with Dennis Raverty, Ph.D., Art Historian



Explore the world of 20th-century Modernism through the eyes of Jewish artists living and working across Europe, from Prewar Paris to Early Soviet Russia.

Sunday, October 3

Amedeo Modigliani: Eros and 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

Presented In Person at Temple Isaiah
or via Zoom (requires RSVP)

Please join us as Rabbi Blum presents a three-part series:

“Getting Good at Getting Older: What Judaism has to say about aging”

Come listen, learn, and engage in discussion, as we delve into the texts and techniques of Jewish Aging and Saging. Our three-part series* will examine how our Sages and our Biblical characters all entered the age of maturity and what we can do to gain new perspectives and live our (spiritual) lives to the fullest.

All sessions will be held on Zoom at 7:30pm

Thursday, November 18th

Tuesday, November 30th

Thursday, December 16th

**Each session will stand on its own, but we encourage you to join all three.*

DECEMBER Book Club ***On The Landing* by Yenta Mash**

Join the Temple Isaiah book club on Zoom on Sunday morning December 12th at 11:30am, as we discuss ***On The Landing***, a volume of short stories by acclaimed modern Yiddish writer Yenta Mash.

"Yenta Mash mined her own extraordinary experience to create powerful and poignant stories of people whose lives have been turned upside down by world events. Whether it's women struggling to survive after being deported to Soviet Siberia for reasons they don't understand or Eastern European Jews searching to find their place in an alien Israeli society where they have sought refuge, Mash crafts characters and situations that engage our emotions and illuminate our world."

The Great Neck Library has a copy and the book is available on Kindle and from other sources. For more information contact Shelley Sherman at seeshell98@yahoo.com.



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My Temple Isaiah Story – By Marcia Null

During this year's Kol Nidre Appeal, our President, Terry Birnbaum-Horton, shared her Temple Isaiah Story: how, when and why she came to Temple Isaiah. She mentioned that many people knew her story. I did not, and thought it was very personal and conveyed a strong emotional connection to our Temple.

We hope that hearing Member stories will inform, entertain and strengthen ties to our Temple Isaiah. I thought it only fair that I went first in sharing My Temple Isaiah Story in last month's Bulletin. Now, I hand the baton to Marcia Null and thank her for enthusiastically sharing her Temple Isaiah Story.

This will be a monthly column in the Bulletin. *If you are interested in sharing your Temple Isaiah Story, please call me, Amy Gorman at (516) 829-6856 or e-mail me at gormanhoward@gmail.com.*

When I was a kid my parents didn't join a temple even though they instilled many Jewish customs in me. It wasn't until I married my second husband that he shared with me his strong Judaic beliefs, including joining a Reform Temple and participating there.

I was even a Bat Mitzvah, part of a B'nai Mitzvah group, in 2000, but unfortunately my husband died a few months before my service. He did know that I was studying for it. When I moved to Great Neck in 2005, I wanted to join a temple. I first attended a Friday night service at Temple Emanuel (where my late husband, who brought up his kids in Great Neck, was a member and had been active). They had a different Rabbi then, who has since passed on. I found myself uncomfortable with the unusual prayer book they used.

I then went to a Friday night service at Temple Isaiah (at the old location on Stoner Avenue). That night there was a B'nai Mitzvah going on which was to be continued on Saturday morning. While I rarely attended Saturday morning services, I wanted to see the end of the B'nai Mitzvah. After the service everyone was so very friendly. I especially remember Meg Grass and a few other ladies.

It still wasn't enough to convince me to join, although I attended services on my personal yahrzeit dates and I bought tickets for the High Holy Days. After about two years, Cathy Reibstein convinced me to join, and I've been extremely happy here ever since.

I owe a big "Thank You" to Meg Grass and to Cathy Reibstein.

Dear New Friends,

Some of you have heard a different voice on the end of the line when you call the office, or seen a new face sitting at the desk when you come by to drop off or pick up some papers. As you know, **Cathy** happily earned her retirement in March this year, surrounded by love and laud, honoring her 21 years of working with Temple Isaiah. But G-d had different plans for her and TI, and her retirement was put on hold. In September, I began learning and working with her as the **new Office Manager**, and boy, do I have some big shoes to fill!



My name is **Edith Goody** and I've worked in administration off and on for over 20 years. My educational background is actually as a physical therapist, but I needed a radical change in pace and when I saw the opportunity for this position I responded as quickly as possible. I've been part of the Great Neck community since 2008 and have a 10 year old daughter who is in 5th grade at Saddle Rock Elementary. I grew up in Memphis, TN, where my family belonged to Beth Shalom (Conservative) synagogue. I attended Orthodox Jewish day school until 7th grade, and in high school, I was active in BBYO, as well as MeFTY (the local NFTY chapter), because my father was the Executive Director at Temple Israel, one of the largest Reform congregations in the US. As a young adult, I remained active in the Jewish community wherever I lived, including St. Louis, Colorado Springs, and Stony Brook (where I graduated from PT school). ***I feel so blessed*** to be able to continue my involvement in the Jewish community through Temple Isaiah with this wonderful opportunity.

For those of you I haven't met, I look forward to it, whether in person or virtually. For those of you I have met, I look forward to the next opportunity to offer a smile and happy greeting. Please feel free to reach out if there is ever anything I might be able to help with

B'Ahava (With love),
Edith

virtual

**Lunch & Learn
with the Rabbi**

**Tuesday, November 23rd
12:00 Noon**



**Don't forget to order your
Holiday Goodies
From the Temple Isaiah**

Bake Sale

**Information and
Order form on the
next 2 pages**



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE OF TEMPLE ISAIAH

Another round of holidays is heading our way! It's time to indulge and the Temple Isaiah Bakers are

going to help you make it happen! Whether a gift to others or something to enjoy with your coffee... your friends are at the ready to bake.



It's Better than the Bakery!!!!

Check out the AMAZING MENU on the BACK of this page!!!

Baked goods available for the following dates:

Order Deadline
Thanksgiving/Chanukkah: November 14th
New Years: December 19th

Pick-Up Date
November 23rd
December 28th

**please note that some items need to be ordered 2 weeks in advance*

Contact: Amy Gorman 516-829-6856 gormanhoward@gmail.com
Terry Joseph 516-238-5981 zippyjo99@yahoo.com



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Assorted Cookies, Assorted Cakes, Pumpkin & Banana Bread Loafs, Lemon Squares, and more!!!



Place your orders early – before we run out!

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ITEM	Quantity	PRICE	SPECIAL NOTES	Your Order
CAKES				
Purple Plum Cake	1	\$25		
Coffee Cake	1	\$25		
Apple Torte	1	\$25		
Lemon Poppy Bundt Cake	1	\$25		
Apple Cake	1	\$25		
Almond Bundt Cake	1	\$25		
Chocolate Cake	1	\$30		
Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake	1	\$30		
CAKES (2 WEEK ADVANCED ORDER)				
Whipping Cream Pound Cake	1	\$30		
Super Moist Chocolate Cake	1	\$30		
Chocolate Chunk Pound Cake	1	\$30		
Orange Bundt Cake	1	\$30		
Chocolate Mousse- Pot Luck Signature Dish 	1	\$30	Thanksgiving/Chanukah only	
COOKIES (1/2 Pound Portions)				
Cookies - Hanukkah or other		\$12		
Oatmeal Cookies		\$12		
Chocolate Chip Cookies		\$12		
Snickerdoodles		\$12	2 week advanced order only	
Chocolate Chip Bark		\$30	2 week advanced order only	
BREAD/LOAF				
Banana Bread	9 Inch	\$20		
Zucchini Bread	9 Inch	\$20		
Banana Bread duplicate	9 Inch	\$20		
Banana Bread/whole wheat-	9 Inch	\$20	Add \$2 for Nuts & Chocolate Chips	
Zucchini Bread-Whole Wheat-	9 Inch	\$20	Add \$2 for Nuts & Chocolate Chips	
Mini Pumpkin Loaves	5 Inch	\$10		
OTHER SWEETS				
Brownies	4 2-inch sqs	\$12		
Lemon Squares	4 2-inch sqs	\$10		
Peanut Butter Balls	12	\$12		
Rum Balls* 	12	\$12		
Chocolate Truffles**	12	\$12		

 Contains alcohol

* Choose covering of cocoa, powdered sugar, chocolate sprinkles, or shredded coconut

** Choose covering of cocoa, chocolate or rainbow sprinkles, or crushed peppermint

Name:

Number:

Notes for your order:

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Shabbat Services, 6:30pm</i> Rosh Chodesh Kislev	6 <i>Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom</i>
7	8	9	10	11  <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>Shabbat Services, 6:30pm</i>	13 <i>Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom</i>
14 <i>Art Lecture 3pm</i> — <i>Bake Sale Order Deadline</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Adult Ed 7:30pm on Zoom</i>	19 <i>Shabbat Services, 6:30pm</i>	20 <i>Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom</i>
21	22	23 <i>Lunch & Learn 12pm on Zoom</i> — <i>Bake Sale Pickup</i>	24 	25	26 <i>Shabbat Services, 6:30pm</i>	27
28 <i>First Night of Chanukah</i> — <i>TI Event TBA</i> 	29 	30 <i>Adult Ed 7:30 on Zoom</i> 				

TEMPLE ISAIAH'S GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO SAVE THE DATE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021
2:30-4:30PM, WITH ITEM PREVIEWS AT 2:00PM

SUPPORT TEMPLE ISAIAH WHILE HAVING **FUN!**

**WITH YOUR \$18 ENTRANCE FEE, YOU CAN ENJOY SPARKLING WINE,
CHEESE, FRUIT, ICE CREAM & OTHER GOODIES.**

AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 3-day Weekend Getaway•Special Food Delivery•Art•Jewelry•Baskets of Sweets or Wine•
- Gift Certificates from Local and Online Stores•And So Much More!

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3 Tickets for \$25.00

&

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All TI Members should have received a packet in the mail with:

- 3 Raffle Tickets
- Materials for Vendors, and
- An RSVP form

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY FOR A GREAT AFTERNOON!

Donations from October

In Memory of:

Leon Epstein, Father of Irwin Epstein
Irwin Epstein & Mary Morella
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Irwin Epstein & Mary Morella
Selma Dechter, Grandmother of Irwin Epstein
Irwin Epstein & Mary Morella
Ida Haber, Mother of Diane Haber
Diane Haber
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Renee Hessel
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Evelyn & Richard Solow
Hyman Solow, Father of Richard Solow
Evelyn & Richard Solow
Betty Tannen, Mother of Susan Welkis
Jerry & Susan Welkis

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Terry Birnbaum-Horton
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Kathie Davis
Howard & Mindy Israel
Denise Miller & Stephen Fein

Kol Nidre:

Ann & Blake Abrash
Sandy & Richard Abrash
William & Carol Hersh
Denise Miller & Stephen Fein
Martin & Alisa Secofsky
Shelley Sherman



First Night of Chanukah

Join your friends and TI family
in celebrating Chanukah with
Music and Delicious Food

November 28th

Time and additional details will be sent out via email

December/January Save the Dates

December 5 - Goods & Services

Auction

December 12 - Book Club, *On The Landing* by Yenta Mash

December 19 - Bake Sale orders due for secular New Year

January 9 - Art Lecture with Dennis Raverty (3rd in 3-part series)

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***Deadline for submissions
10th of the Month***

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