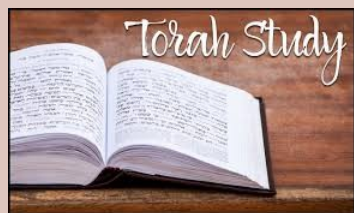


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## Torah Study

is on

Saturday mornings,  
 December 4, 11, & 18  
 on Zoom at 9:30am

Do You Know Where To Be On

## Sunday, December 5th?

Join the Party In-Person or on Zoom at Temple Isaiah's

## Goods & Services Auction

Previews begin at 2pm with the Live Auction from

**2:30 to 4:30pm**

Entrance Fee of only

**\$18**

Enjoy Sparkling Wine, Cheese, Fruit, Cookies & Ice Cream

Win Door Prizes

**Help us put the FUN in this  
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## Save the Dates

December 5 - Goods & Services Auction

December 12 - Book Club, *On the Landing*, by Yenta Marsh

December 16 - Adult Education 3rd class

December 19 - Bake Sale orders due for secular New Year

December 21 - Lunch & Learn

January 9 - Art Lecture with Dennis Raverty (3<sup>rd</sup> in 3-part series)

## RABBI'S COLUMN

As we quickly approach the winter solstice, with our days getting shorter and the darkness of our winter sky's feeling even darker, I often marvel that our holiday of light, **Hanukkah**, falls just when we need a little extra brightness and **light** in our lives. The cold and the loneliness of the winter months often has many of us shut in and kept separated from the rest of the world, especially in the last couple of years.



In our Jewish tradition, **Light** plays a major role on many levels, and is the nexus to all of creation. With one Divine utterance “**Let there be Light**” there was an immediate separation from darkness and a **spiritual light shone through the universe**, but this was no ordinary **light**. That first **light** did not belong to this world. Rather, it was an emanation of a different essence, from the other side of reality. According to our Torah commentators, **this light served as the symbol of all that is good, beautiful, and positive in this world and our lives.**

A few years ago, I asked myself, **how can I become the light?** How can I use this primordial light, created on the first day as my inspiration? What can I do in this world to shine **light** onto darkness and what is my role in bringing healing to this world? How do I become an effective leader of change, for my community, for my family, for me? And where do I ultimately find the strength and the will to carry on, even when this world we live in feels so broken at times. I found my motivation in the stories and traditions of Hanukkah.

Rabbi Adin Steinsalz wrote “the festival of **Hanukkah** is expressed by the ceremonial lighting of candles, which increase daily in number thus symbolizing exactly how **light exceeds darkness** in this festival of victory, purification and historic upheaval.” The message of Hanukkah is that we must become the bearer of **light** and shine that **light** on difficult issues. It is our responsibility to **become the light** and to carry the message of equality and fairness to all corners of this land. We must teach lessons of peace and understanding and engage with all people in the holy work of building a world that has a foundation of **Chesed – Loving kindness**. We must **believe in the sun, even when it is not shining**, because hope is in the **light**.

But the reality is, it's difficult to lead the charge against the darkness as just one single human being. What can I accomplish as an individual when the odds are stacked against me? This week, I found inspiration not from Torah, or our Sages, but rather in the words of a modern-day prophetess who was born in Palestine in 1911. Her name was Sarah Levi – Tanai and she was of Yemani-Jewish descent. After her studies, she became a teacher of music and dance and ultimately became Israel's foremost choreographer, songwriter, and lyricist. She wrote a Hanukkah poem that was put to music and became a mainstay of Israeli folkdance and inspired an entire nation of individuals to band together and become a light to the world.

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***Banu choshech legaresh, beyadeinu or va'esh.  
Kol echad hu or katan, vekulanu or eitan.  
Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor!  
Surah mipnei ha'or!***

*We came to drive away the darkness, in our hands is light and fire.  
Everyone's a small light, and all of us [together] are a firm light.  
Fight darkness, begone blackness! Fight because of the light!*

*(To hear the song, click [here](#).)*



This is the message of Hanukkah. We must come together as individuals, communities, and nations to shine a light on the darkness that can overshadow this world. We must all engage in acts of ***Tikun Olam***, repairing the world, so together we can bring peace, justice and healing to all, as the Prophet Isaiah says:

*I the LORD, in My grace, have summoned you, And I have grasped you by the hand. I created you, and appointed you A covenant people, a light of nations.*  
(Isaiah 42:6)

It is our obligation to become examples of light in this world. It is our goal to speak truth to power and become partners in the creation of a world that is built on ***Chesed***. And even though we all may have different jobs in this world, there is one that everyone of us is responsible for.... **#bethelight**

Wishing all a ***Chag Urim Sameach*** – A Joyous (and meaningful) Festival of Lights and may the coming year bring us calmness, peace and a world that will overflow with Chesed.

Rabbi Jerry

### **Donate to Temple Isaiah and save money at the same time? Tell me more!**

If you're 70 ½ or older, you're required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA each year. Those funds will count as income and be subject to income tax.

***But there is a tax-free exception you should know about.***

You can make a charitable contribution directly from your IRA account to Temple Isaiah without the gifted funds counting as income or being taxed. Not only will you save on federal income tax, but you may save on state and local taxes as well.

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Your financial institution will provide the necessary form. When you do this please let [Edith Goody](#) know that your IRA check will be coming.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact [William Hersh](#) at [williamhhersh@gmail.com](mailto:williamhhersh@gmail.com) or 516-395-5164.

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

### **Terry Birnbaum-Horton**



Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but it's always a shock to my system for a day or two, when we set our clocks back an hour. Is it for you too? Do you feel like hibernating? Maybe just a little or maybe a lot?

A minute ago, many of us did get out. We brightened our lives and celebrated the first night of Chanukah with candle lighting, latkes, sufganiyot, music and song. I'm feeling better already. Thank you to our sponsors for bringing this happiness to us.

**In a few days (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm), there is another reason to get out, this time during daylight. I hope to see everyone at THE AUCTION, (a very important event) that will brighten your day.**

There will be the usual and maybe not so usual items to bid on and enjoy. We all have to eat! There will be plenty of restaurants and dinners for that. *Isn't wine indispensable?* There will be lots of that too! There will be 'lessons' of all kinds – from card games, art, and skating, and books, baskets of goodies and chocolates, to mention a few worthy things to bid on.

**So, come spend an afternoon with friends, nosh and bid. You'll be happy and Temple Isaiah will be better for it. Oh! did I forget to say? Wine, Ice Cream and more will be served!!**

There is no time to hibernate. There is much on Temple Isaiah's calendar!

I look forward to seeing everyone at one, two, or three of our planned, events, engagements, programs and/or worship!

Sincerely,

Terry Birnbaum-Horton

**Virtual**



**Lunch & Learn  
with the Rabbi**

**Tuesday, December 21st**



Don't forget to order  
Goodies from the

*Bake Sale*

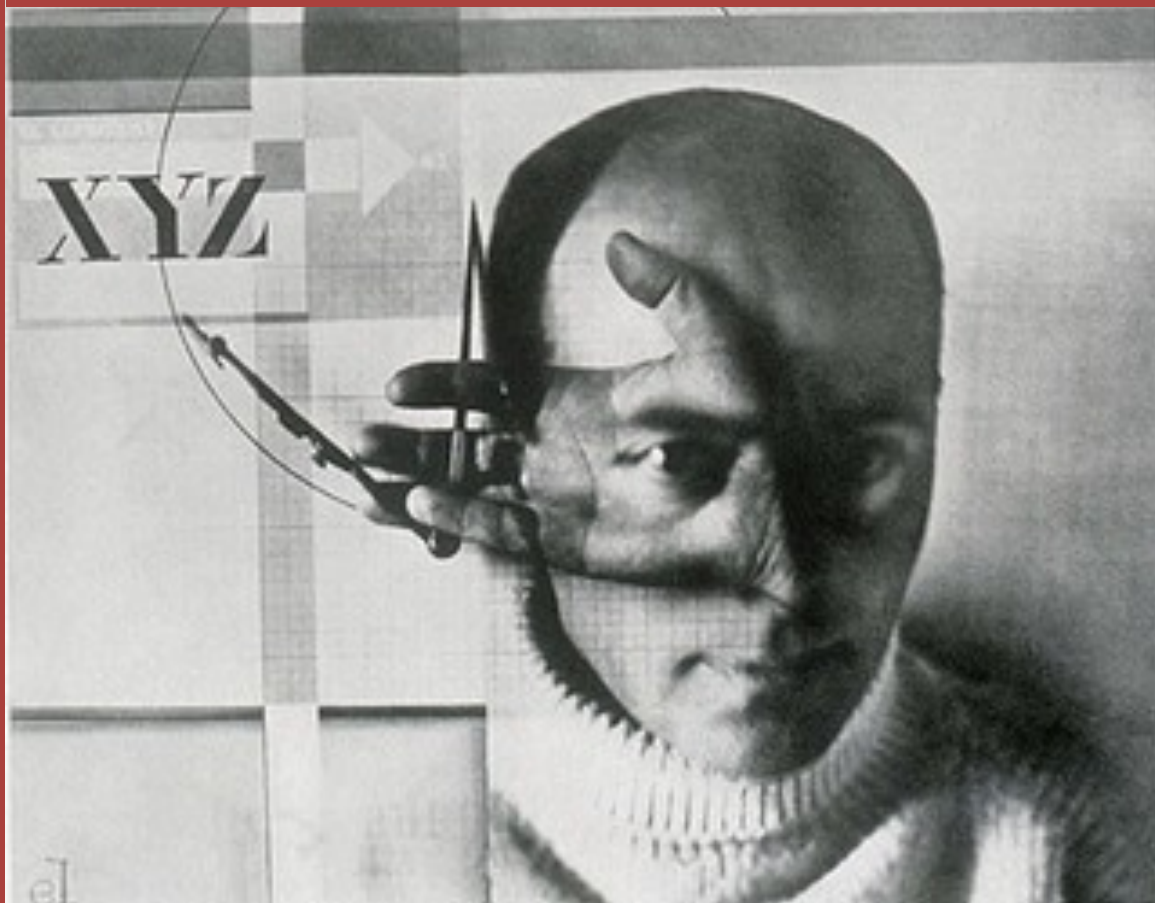


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El Lissitzky, *The Constructor* (self portrait), 1924



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

# Jewish Masters of 20th Century Art

Sunday, January 9 at 3:00pm

Lissitzky, Chagall and the Russian Revolution

Lissitzky and Chagall both rose to international prominence as a result of the Russian revolution, the only nation where modern art was the official art of the state. But the avant-garde was swept aside when Stalin rose to power and enforced his "Socialist Realism" policy on Russian artists, many of whom fled into exile.

Please join us as Rabbi Blum continues his 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

} Both very well received!

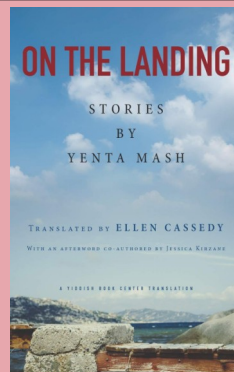
*\*Each session will stand on its own, but we encourage you to join all three.*

**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](mailto:seeshell98@yahoo.com).



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## **My Temple Isaiah Story – By June Feldman**

*Following the lead of the Kol Nidre Appeal of our President, Terry Birnbaum-Horton, we want to continue hearing the variety of reasons people feel a strong emotional connection to our Temple.*

*We hope that hearing Member stories will inform, entertain and strengthen ties to our Temple Isaiah. Many thanks for **June Feldman** who has lovingly contributed her Temple Isaiah Story.*

***This is now a monthly column in the Bulletin.** If you are interested in sharing your Temple Isaiah Story, please call, Amy Gorman at (516) 829-6856 or e-mail her at [gormanhoward@gmail.com](mailto:gormanhoward@gmail.com).*



I come from the North End of Winnipeg, Manitoba, where people like Monty Hall and David Steinberg (comedian and TV producer working with the likes of Larry David), also grew up. I believe it was David Steinberg's grandpa, a Rabbi, who lived in our building. Funny thing is, he looked like Santa Claus!

This was a poorer area of Winnipeg. Almost entirely Ukrainian and Jewish. Both groups were close knit, but especially the Jews. I remember seeing what I believe was the Forward being read by my neighbors. (Or this was the Canadian equivalent). Because I am sure almost everyone was Orthodox, at that point.

Around 1895 and later, Canada was advertising for homesteaders to come to Canada, and there was an exodus of poor peasant farmers from Ukraine, of which both my sets of grandparents were a part. Some farmers went to Alberta, and some to Saskatchewan, and a lot to Manitoba. Jews also came, but there also had been Jews who had come earlier, and that had to do with the fur trade, and then manufacturing in Manitoba. But Manitoba was wheat growing country, a hard wheat, which, after harvest, was later sent to Italy for pasta. Durum wheat. And both sets of grandparents were farmers. Indeed, I am a farmer's daughter, BUT have never lived on a farm. We lived in the city, but our land was about as far from us, as New York City is from Great Neck! 17 miles.

I became a teacher, loved it, but also loved to fly, and travel, so became an airline stewardess. Never call someone who was a stewardess, a flight attendant! World of difference, which I will not go into at this time. While I didn't love every aspect of being a stewardess, I had much to appreciate, as well, primarily because I had many special assignments with United Airlines, which I also will not go into at this time! United Airlines was the biggest airline in the world then, and I was proud to be a part of it.

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Allan got on the plane late one night, angry with United for being late. I felt that it was my place to mollify disgruntled passengers. I must have done a pretty good job, because he then offered me a job in what would be his office in Chicago, where he was moving to, from New York. I didn't like offices, and so I declined.

However, we ended up dating, and eventually marrying, living in Chicago. But, this was a monumental decision for me because I was raised Protestant, although Ukrainians are typically Ukrainian Orthodox (same as Greek Orthodox, really) or Ukrainian Catholic. My grandfather was a lay minister, and I grew up with a pretty solid background. Conversion was not an easy thing for me or was it easy on my family, either. In fact, some of them never really got over it.

We moved from Chicago when our kids were almost 4, and 2. Moved to our house that we still live in. When I felt that the kids should go to Hebrew school, I shopped around, like everyone else. But, I wasn't happy with most of the temples I saw.

Temple Isaiah was the guest congregation in the church on Stoner Ave. I liked the concept of two religions under one roof. It was a comfort for me. BUT, I also like the simplicity of what I saw in Temple Isaiah. I liked the people I met. Unfortunately, many of the people that Allan and I both looked up to have passed on, people we greatly admired, but still there are those here that we still enjoy. And, for me, to a great extent, I found a home in the temple. When I made my decision, to join, I felt a weight had been lifted.

As you must know, Temple Isaiah became a very important part of my life. I have learned a lot along the way. To some extent, it has replaced the family I lost in Canada.

## Bequests to Temple Isaiah

To leave a legacy for our Temple is both impressive and heartwarming, knowing that others can enjoy the gift you leave behind.

If you're not sure how to make a bequest, you can begin by writing out this sentence directing your attorney to modify your will:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath (a dollar amount, or all or a percentage of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate) to Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, now or formerly in the Village of Great Neck Plaza, 1 Chelsea Place, in the State of New York, for its general purposes."

For your reference our federal tax ID number is 11-2202208

For further information, contact the Steve Fein who has generously volunteered to provide a free consultation on the topic. You can reach him at [sfeinesq@gmail.com](mailto:sfeinesq@gmail.com) or at his office number, 718-261-1100



# HOLIDAY BAKE SALE OF TEMPLE ISAIAH

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**Check out the AMAZING MENU on the NEXT PAGE!!!**

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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		
Mini Pecan Pies	3	\$10		
Angel Food Cake with Lemon Curd (in separate container)	1	\$25		
Rum Cake	1	\$25		
<b>CAKES (2 WEEK ADVANCED ORDER)</b>				
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	
<b>COOKIES (1/2 Pound Portions)</b>				
Cookies - Hanukkah or other		\$12		
Oatmeal Cookies		\$12		
Chocolate Chip Cookies		\$12		
Chocolate Chip Cookies with Walnuts		\$12		
Snickerdoodles		\$12	2 week advanced order only	
Chocolate Chip Bark		\$30	2 week advanced order only	
<b>BREAD/LOAF</b>				
Banana Bread	9 Inch	\$20		
Zucchini Bread	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		
<b>OTHER SWEETS</b>				
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:

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 	3 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm 	4 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom 
5 Goods & Services Auction, 2:30-4:30 	6	7	8	9	10 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	11 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom
12 Book Club 11:30 on Zoom — Bake Sale Order Deadline	13	14	15	16 Adult Ed 7:30pm on Zoom	17 Shabbat Services, 6:30pm	18 Torah Study & Service, 9:30am on Zoom
19	20	21 Lunch & Learn 12pm on Zoom	22	23	24 Shabbat Services, Zoom ONLY 6:30pm	25
26	27	28 Bake Sale Pickup	29	30	31 Shabbat Services, Zoom ONLY 6:30pm	 Bring on the NEW YEAR!

## **Donations from November**

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Garry & Sharon Kain, in memory of Gloria Kain

### **In Honor of**

Dr. Stanley Turetzky, in appreciation of Helman & Judy Brook  
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### **Special Programming**

MIcah Raskin & Family, in honor of Chanukah  
Anonymous Donor, in honor of Chanukah

### **Yarzheits**

Rose Victorio DeFazio, Mother of Victor DeFazio  
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Abraham Berkowitz, Grandfather of Sheila DeFazio  
Louis Cohen, Father of Sheila DeFazio  
Sheila & Victor DeFazio

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Mindy & Howard Israel

Bessie Hamel, Grandmother of Denise Miller  
Norman Miller, Father of Denise Miller  
Celia Miller, Grandmother of Denise Miller  
Denise Miller and Stephen Fein

Lydia Sherman, Mother of Shelley Sherman  
Shelley Sherman

Audrey Goldberg, Sister of Harriet Shindler  
Harriet Shindler

Michael Tannen, Father of Susan Welkis  
Jerry and Susan Welkis

Erling Tholfsen, Father of Judy Brook  
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Judith Densky

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### **Memorial Plaque**

Annie Jaraslawski, Grandmother of June Feldman  
June & Allan Feldman

### **21st Century Fund**

Judith Densky

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- 4) Honor the Memory of a Loved one
- 5) Help members in the community who need assistance
- 6) Feel like you are giving back to your community

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